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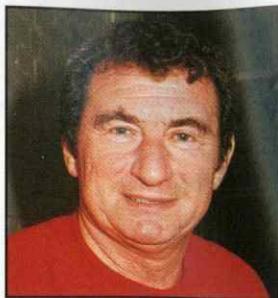


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Old acquaintances renewed this afternoon



ON THE BALL WITH DAVID PLEAT

A very warm welcome to all supporters and staff of Sunderland. It is no coincidence that their revival this season came about when Trevor Hartley joined the staff with coaching responsibilities. Trevor is a very thorough and organised man who was successful both here at Luton and at Tottenham.

Mick Buxton, the manager, is an old adversary of ours and there was a time, which many people will not know, when he scouted for us in between management appointments.

We also welcome Philip Gray back to Luton. We invested a considerable sum by our own standards when we purchased him from Spurs for £275,000, plus various payments for caps, appearances and goals, all of which, to his credit, he achieved. A warm welcome too for Alec Chamberlain, who will always be respected here as an excellent keeper and a gentleman.

Our show in the snow was enough to bring a smile to our faces last Tuesday evening. Coming so close after the cup-tie at Cardiff, the fixture against Portsmouth filled me with reservations. I should not have worried. The application of the players and the camaraderie on the field was excellent. It was a pity that the unwelcome weather meant we had a crowd of only just over 6,000. But we appreciated the warm applause you gave the players when they entered the field and when they left. It was another step in the right direction and another performance that filled me with confidence that we are turning the corner.

My staff and I have been debating the advantages and disadvantages of a couple of days away after the now rearranged Middlesbrough game on March 8, and before the West Ham cup-tie, now being scheduled for a Monday evening when we can hopefully impress another Sky TV audience. We are grateful for the projection and we hope that if we are to take a

three-day break after the Middlesbrough game, it will be both refreshing and advantageous.

There are added complications, of course, which are likely to have arisen within hours of my completing these notes. I am confidently predicting that Ceri Hughes will be selected for the full Wales squad to play Norway a week on Wednesday. I am delighted for Ceri because he has had a long fight to emerge from the shadows of injury and the progress that his Welsh chum Mark Pembrige made. Ceri has won the battle and is playing with all the skill and deter-

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mination that makes him such an exciting player when his application is 100 per cent. Well done, Ceri!

The other cogs in our progressive midfield have been also moving in the right direction. Scott Oakes has picked up five goals in seven appearances — an exceptional return. It is quite possible that Terry Venables will appreciate that the son of Showaddywaddy member Trevor was born five days in time for further under-21 qualification.



Ceri Hughes lets fly to score the Town's fourth goal against Pompey on Tuesday night.

With Paul Telfer making continued strides, we are looking better equipped as an attacking force. In recent weeks, the knowledge shown in Kerry Dixon's play has rubbed off on John Hartson. John, of course, has another full three years of under-21 football with Wales ahead of him and it is no surprise that Mike Smith, John Toshack's assistant, has seen our two most recent performances.

It is a shame that David Preece is English, but there is hope in the big heart yet because, all of a sudden, 'Minnie' has become goal-conscious and with his fine left foot is not only passing to others. We may find ourselves with some more

unexpected future goals in our locker.

I make no apology for going against my grain and writing about a few individuals. It is their industry and approach which has helped to make the club buzz. I hope it may continue for some considerable time and we can manage to secure a semi-final place. Nothing is impossible.

Enjoy the game.

International hopes for Welsh lads



AROUND THE TOWN

SCOUT IN THE CROWD

The assistant manager of the Welsh national team, Mike Smith, was in the crowd at the Cardiff City FA Cup tie last Sunday, to form-check the Town's cluster of Welsh players. He also travelled to Tuesday night's fixture against Portsmouth to take another look, after returning from a flying visit to Spain to report to John Toshack, the new manager of Wales.



The latest Town player to receive international recognition by Wales is associate schoolboy Ian Jones. He is pictured with the cap he gained after representing Wales under-15's against the Republic of Ireland under-15's earlier in the month. He also featured in the side which played England, live on Sky TV, at Highfield Road on February 11.

His recent inclusions have capped a remarkable recovery from injury. Ian broke his pelvis playing for the Town under-15's against Norwich City back in August. "I went in for a tackle, twisted back and broke it," he said. "I didn't even know at the time that I had broken it." Looking back at his two performances, he said: "I was frightened at the beginning, but you have just got to get on with it. I have been pleased with the way things have gone.

REES LOAN SPELL ENDS

Jason Rees' second month on loan at Andy King's Mansfield Town finished last Saturday. Mansfield have won their last two games, beating second-placed Wycombe Wanderers 3-0 and then winning 3-2 at Scunthorpe where another former Hatter, Richard Money, is in charge.

MCLAREN SIGNS PROFESSIONAL FORMS

Paul McLaren, the captain and centre-back in the Town's youth team, has signed a professional contract, despite being only a first-year apprentice. He is regarded as one of the club's most outstanding young players and is presently recovering from a cartilage operation. Three other young players have been less fortunate and the club are preparing to release second year apprentices Neil Butler, Darren Gibb and Lee Campbell. Campbell was due to play for Mansfield reserves on Monday evening.

WEARISIDE LINKS

Today's visitors from Sunderland have a strong Luton link with Trevor Hartley coaching their team. Hartley was with David Pleat at Luton during the 1980's and moved with him to Tottenham. Sunderland boss Mick Buxton was also a part-time scout for the Hatters. Today also sees the return of Alec Chamberlain and Philip Gray to Kenilworth Road.

YOUNGSTER OUT FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON

Liam George, a promising talent in our schoolboy side, has had a knee operation and will be out for the rest of the season. Liam, from Marsh Farm, Luton, will be hoping to get back to training in the summer and continue the long line of local talent to have made it at Kenilworth Road.

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Coaches for the trip to Nottingham Forest will cost adults £6.50 and children/OAP's £5.20. Departure time from Cranfield is 10.30 am and 11.30 am from Luton, with the normal pick-up points en route.

Bookings, for our trip to West Ham United in the FA Cup, can be made by popping into the Bobbers Club kiosk in Kenilworth Road tonight or by calling Paul Deason on (0234) 750996. See page six for further details.

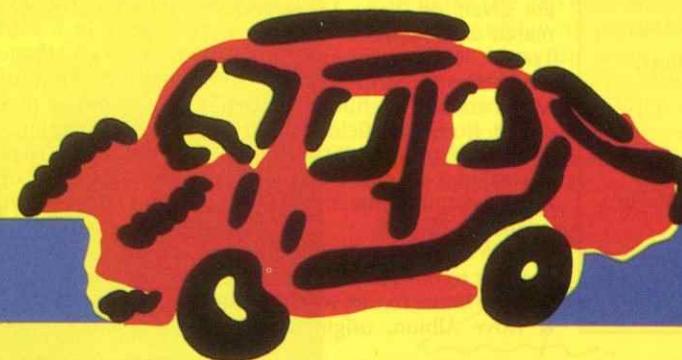


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New dates for a number of matches



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■ Our two outstanding Endsleigh League home fixtures have now been re-arranged. The new dates are:

Middlesbrough - Tuesday, March 8, kick-off 7.45pm.

Millwall - Tuesday, April 26, kick-off 7.45pm.

■ Of the two away fixtures to be dated, Bristol City has now been arranged for Tuesday, April 19, kick-off 7.45pm. Our game at Bolton Wanderers remains undated. Once a date has been agreed, an announcement will be made.

■ Following our successful FA Challenge Cup fifth round trip to Cardiff City last Sunday, we have been drawn away to West Ham United in round six. The game will be played on Monday, March 14, kick-off 8.00 pm and will be shown live on Sky Sports. Full ticket details are given on page 15 of today's match day magazine. The Bobbers Travel Club have informed me that prices for the trip will be £4.80 adults and £3.50 children. Coaches depart from Cranfield at 4.00 pm and from Luton at 5.00 pm with the normal pick-up points en route. For further details contact Paul Deason on (0234) 750996.

■ We also have a number of changes to our reserve team fixture list. The home fixture with Brighton & Hove Albion, originally sched-

uled to be played here at Kenilworth Road, will now be played at Borehamwood FC's ground on Wednesday, March 2, kick-off 2.00pm.

■ The Neville Ovenden Football Combination away match at Bristol City has been changed from Tuesday, April 12 to Monday, April 11, kick-off 7.30pm. Our outstanding home fixture with Chelsea has now been arranged for Thursday, April 28, kick-off 2.00pm.

■ Following the so-called 'controversy' surrounding David Preece's winning goal at Cardiff City, the following directive sent to all clubs puts the issue, without doubt, to rest. In the eyes of the Football Association, the goal was certainly valid:

Recently, Referees have been reminded to insist that their Linesmen should indicate with the flag only for offside offences and Linesmen themselves have been reminded not to raise the flag merely because a player is located in an offside position. Their roles are not easy ones. They have the onerous responsibility of deciding quickly and fairly whether a player is interfering with play or with an opponent or is seeking to gain an advantage, specifically at the precise moment the ball is passed to a colleague of the attacker.'

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It's important to keep our league run going



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN BY TREVOR PEAKE

Tuesday night's impressive win proved how far we have come in recent weeks. However, we only moved one place up the league table, so it is important to take maximum points on a regular basis from now until the end of the season.

In difficult conditions, our passing game remained solid and consistent against Portsmouth, who are by no means a push-over. All four of our goals were quality strikes and those loyal supporters, who turned up in bitterly cold weather, were treated to a good match. We weren't sure how much the Cardiff City game had taken out of us prior to the visit of Pompey, and although we tired towards the end of the match, the hard work had already been done.

I hope you all enjoyed yourselves, with the performances on the pitch anyway, at Cardiff last Sunday. Our mental toughness matched the way we played on the pitch and I think that is important in the FA Cup, especially at partizan grounds like Ninian Park and St James' Park when you have to cope with the crowd as well as the team. West Ham's Upton Park will no doubt be the same, but we believe we have the experience to deal with anything now. We are confident.

Today's game gives us a good opportunity of making further strides up the league table. Although there is breathing space between ourselves and the bottom placings, we want to make the gap even wider and even possibly push for a play-off place. We have shown promotion form in recent weeks and in this league, anything is possible.

Welcome back to Alec and Phil this afternoon. Both players enjoyed successful spells at Kenilworth Road. Hopefully John Dreyer and myself will know how to cope with Phil, but on the other hand, Alec knows our forwards pretty well.

It should turn out to be an exciting game.



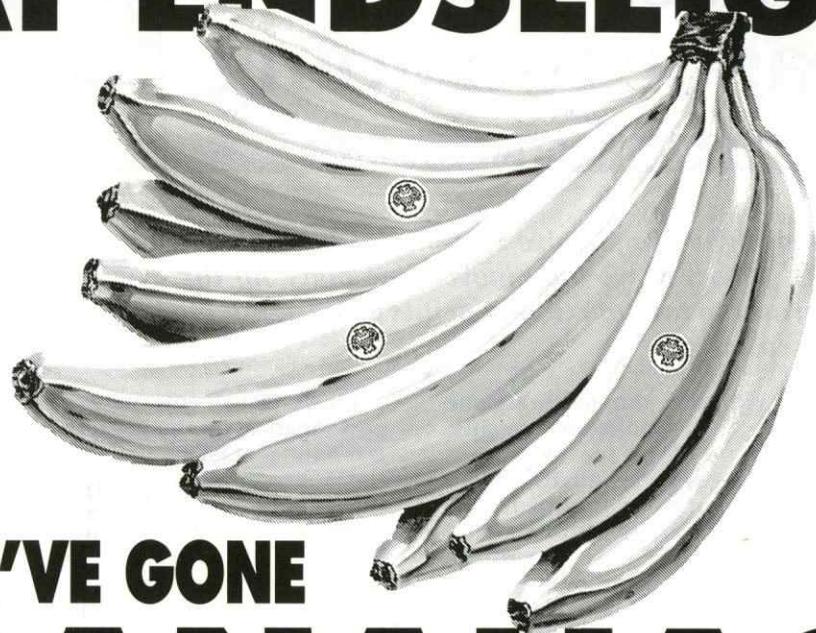
Scott Oakes meets Luton's British and Commonwealth Lightweight boxing champion, Billy Schwer, following his successful title defence against Sean Murphy recently. They are pictured holding up the Lonsdale Belt which is now Billy's for keeps after three successful championship fights.



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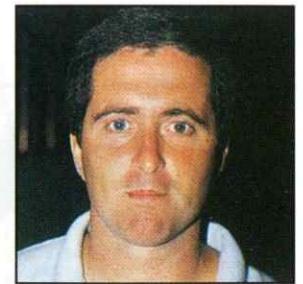
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The Town stars of the future take their first steps



LTFC/ VAUXHALL SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE WITH PAUL LOWE

It is a wet Monday night in Luton. Most people are at home, warm and comfortable....but not everyone. Luton Town's stars of the future are busy, training and improving their skills, at the LTFC Vauxhall School of Excellence. For them, a chance to learn and develop with qualified coaches is too good to miss, as our Youth Development Officer Paul Lowe explained....

"Thanks to Vauxhall's sponsorship, we are able to run a very healthy scheme which I am sure will produce several outstanding young players for the future of the club," said Paul. "And it is very important for the boys, in the under-14 and under-15 age groups, in particular, to have a regular pattern of training and friendly games to prepare them. We provide that in both groups."

"Our Vauxhall School under-14 squad play every Sunday in games at the Electrolux ground against all the other professional clubs like Spurs, Arsenal, QPR, Millwall, Watford, Oxford United, Charlton, Wimbledon, Brentford, West Ham and Ipswich. They are invaluable for the boys, but they are not competitive."

"They play about 25 of these games in a season with the games all being broken down into three 25-minute periods instead of two longer halves. And they are played on a friendly basis with no results ever being published. An unlimited number of substitutions are allowed too."

"The priority is to help coach the players in the correct way. We want them to develop and the results are not a priority. We are able to see things in the games which we can work on when training resumes the following day, Monday. All our local players who live within one hour's travelling time of of the Vauxhall School of Excellence centre at Lealands High School train there every week under the guidance of Gary Hooper and myself."

The current squad for the under-14's is made up from the following players! Damien Provencal, Gary Doherty and Karl Nugent (all from Luton Schoolboys), Simon James (Bedford), Adam Barrett (Southend), Clint Dowsing (Ipswich), Aaran Lester (Welwyn Garden City), Paul Beverstock (Waltham Cross), Chris Brown and Chris Davies (Milton Keynes), Emerson Boyce (Aylesbury), Nicky Mullen (Kettering), Danny Jackson (Wellingborough) and Andrew Groates (Winslow).

"The team are now two-thirds of the way through their season and have performed very well," explained Paul. "It always takes some time for them to get used to each other and also to playing at a higher grade of course than in their local Sunday leagues. And it is much the same for the under-15's, although of course they are a year older and more used to things."

"Like the under-14's they play regularly in similar 75-minute games, divided into three, and against the same opposition. Our under-15 squad are still learning the game, learning all of its arts, and we do not believe winning is paramount at this age."

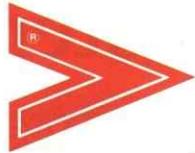
The Vauxhall School's under-15 squad consists of the following this term: Roger Jenner (St Ives), Jason Quince (Bedford), Andrew Barr (Leighton Buzzard), Matthew Upson (Diss), Lean Thrussell and Liam George (Luton), Ian Jones (Merthyr Tydfil), Tommy Sneddan (Corby), Gary Flinn (Milton Keynes), Nick Webb (Stevenage), Lee Kelly (Hemel Hempstead), David Cook (Bedford), Mathew Kester (Benfleet), Grant Bedford (Milton Keynes).

Most of these boys will have been recruited by the LTFC Vauxhall School of Excellence from local Sunday teams, district teams or county schools teams. They are coached also on Monday evenings, at the Lea Manor Sports Centre, by our reserve team coach Wayne Turner and youth team coach Terry Westley. And on Sundays, they travel to away games in the Vauxhall-sponsored club mini-bus driven by Chris Ellis. The team is coached by Colin Cardines and Paul Lowe.

"The standard is high and we feel we have some exceptional players," said Paul. "They are for the future, of course, but these matches give them a chance to express their talents and to develop. And they give everyone a chance to become acclimatised to life with an organised club — thanks again to Vauxhall's generous sponsorship."



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Andy Melvin, Executive Football Producer,
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Dear Sir,

I would like to thank Luton Town for letting me be mascot against Newcastle United on January 22. Thank you for my kit. That would have cost me a lot of money.

It was great to meet the players and have my picture taken with them. The scoreline was brilliant!
James Stevens, Junior Hatters member.

AN ODE TO DAVID PLEAT

Dear David,

As I watch matches of League and Cup football,
The thing which fills me with great gall,
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To a range of more coothe and gainful uses.
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Register my total and abject disgust
At this practice which not only sullies the grass,
But portrays the players as actors in a farce.
If spitting has to be done by these buffoons,
Insist that they do it in touchline spittoons.
The spitters are causing the game to be marred
And I suggest you give them the yellow card.
This filthy habit of sniff then plop
Really has to be brought to a stop.
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J.K. Fanthorpe, 28 Castlemaine Avenue, Ewell,
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Ceri Hughes, back on home soil, breaks free to launch another attack.



John Dreyer and Des Linton keep the Bluebirds' attack firmly in check.

David Preece nets the all-important winner which sends the Town into the quarter-finals against West Ham United.



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West Ham United v Luton Town

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Monday, March 14, 1994 - kick-off 8.00 pm

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Spotlight on today's visitors



SUNDERLAND F.C. 1993-94

Following a nail-biting climax to last season, Sunderland appear to be enjoying an improved 1993-94. Along with the Hatters and a host of clubs at the foot of the First Division table, Sunderland went into the final Saturday of last term uncertain of their future at this level with relegation snapping at their heels. Although they lost 3-1 at Notts County that day, results elsewhere helped their cause and they survived by the narrowest of margins - just one point.

The Roker Park faithful - constantly reminded of the success story at nearby St James' Park - demanded much more from Terry Butcher's side this season and with goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain and proven goalscorer Phil Gray signed from Luton Town, there appeared to be an air of optimism as 1993-94 approached.

However, a dismal opening month to the season saw the Rokerites back where they had ended the previous season. It sounded the end of Butcher's turbulent reign and saw Mick Buxton instated as first-team boss.

Looking to impress their new manager, events have since began to change round for the side and, at the time of writing, they have rallied to 15th in the league table. With only 17 points separating themselves from the leaders Crystal Palace, a play-off place is not out of reach. "Our away form had not been that bad since I took over and we need to build on that," said Mr Buxton. "Our forwards are always capable of scoring goals. As always in football, it's in our own hands."

Sunderland FC were formed in 1879 by a Scottish schoolmaster named Allan. In those days they were known as The Sunderland and District Teachers' Association FC. Due to financial difficulties members were allowed to join from outside the teaching profession and so became Sunderland AFC in 1880. In their formative years, Sunderland were extremely successful, winning the Division One championship in 1892, 1893, 1895, 1902, 1912 and 1936. They also won the Second Division title in 1976 and the Division Three crown in 1988.



Back row (left to right): Anthony Smith, Don Goodman, Anthony Robinson, Richard Ord, Lee Howey, Gordon Armstrong, Ian Sampson, Gareth Cronin, Gary Owers.
Middle row (left to right): George Herd, Jimmy Montgomery, Ian Atkins, Ian Rogerson, Alan Harding, Sean Musgrave, Andy Melville, Alec Chamberlain, Gary Bennett, Tony Norman, David Rush, Martin Gray, Stephen Brodie, Terry Butcher (former manager), Mick Buxton (manager), Steve Smelt.
Front row (left to right): Martin Smith, Phil Gray, Brian Atkinson, Michael Gray, Kevin Ball, Shaun Cunningham, John Kay, Craig Russell, Derek Ferguson.

VISITORS ON PARADE

ALEC CHAMBERLAIN (goalkeeper) - Alec joined Sunderland from the Town last summer after becoming a free agent. He joined the Hatters from Everton for £150,000 in 1988 and has also served Ipswich, Colchester, Everton and Tranmere Rovers (loan).

GARY BENNETT (defender) - Recently returned from suspension, Gary began the season with a testimonial against Glasgow Rangers. He started his career with Manchester City, before joining Cardiff City. He signed for Sunderland for £65,000 in 1984 and scored against Peter Shilton within two minutes of his debut.

ANDY MELVILLE (defender) - Andy joined Sunderland last year after a three-season spell at Oxford United. A full Welsh and under-21 international, Andy started his career with Swansea City, a club where he made over 100 appearances.

GARY OWERS (defender) - Gary is a versatile player who can also play in midfield. He has often played at full-back - as he did in the 1992 FA Cup final - and has been a regular in the side since he made his debut v Brentford in 1987. Gary is a former England under-21 international.

KEVIN BALL (defender) - Club captain and current supporters' player-of-the-year, Kevin started his career with Portsmouth. He moved to Sunderland for £350,000 in 1990 and instantly became a crowd pleaser with his total commitment and will to win.

MICHAEL GRAY (defender) - Michael made an immediate impression last season, scoring from outside the box on his debut, within 45 seconds. A skilful and quick player, he was voted last season's player-of-the-year.

MARTIN SMITH (midfield) - 19-year-old Martin made a name for himself in the reserve and youth teams at Roker Park. He went on to feature in the

England under-17 side before making the grade in the Sunderland first-team this season.

BRIAN ATKINSON (midfield) - Brian played at Wembley while still in his teens against Swindon in the 1990 play-offs, and again in the '91/'92 season in the FA Cup Final against Liverpool. An England under-21 international, he was a regular in the side last season.

DEREK FERGUSON (midfield) - A close season signing for £750,000 from Hearts, Derek was signed by former manager Terry Butcher, when the pair were part of Graeme Souness's successful Glasgow Rangers side of the late 1980's.

CRAIG RUSSELL (forward) - Craig scored over 40 goals in the reserve and youth teams last season. He made his debut as a 17-year-old last term, but has had to wait until recently for another run in the first-team. Craig is a former Sunderland fan - being the club's mascot against Liverpool on his tenth birthday.

PHIL GRAY (forward) - Luton's top scorer last season, Phil joined Sunderland for £800,00 during the summer. A Northern Ireland international, he started his career with Tottenham, and has also served Barnsley and Fulham on loan.

DON GOODMAN (forward) - Sunderland's record buy, Don cost £900,000 from West Bromwich Albion in late 1991. Top scorer in his last two seasons at Roker Park, he has scored over 100 goals in a career which started at Bradford City in 1984.

LEE HOWEY (forward) - Steve started his career with Ipswich Town, but joined the ranks at Sunderland towards the end of last season. A traditional target man, his younger brother Stephen plays at centre-half for Newcastle United.

MEET THE BOSS

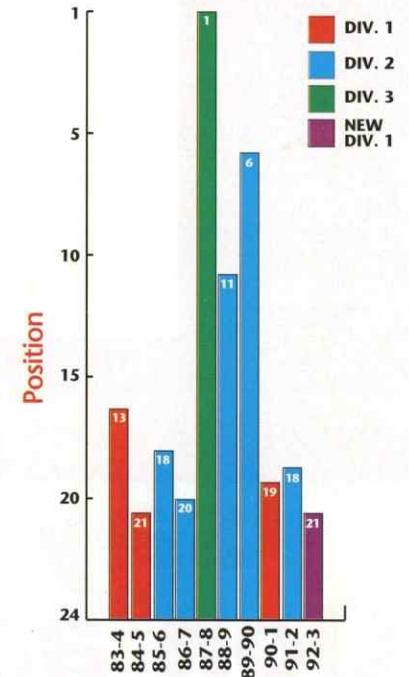


Mick Buxton had a brief Football League career, playing 19 games for Burnley and 35 times for Halifax Town. He is better known as a manager. His first post was at Huddersfield Town in 1978 where, in his first full season, he led The Terriers to the Fourth Division championship. The following season the club missed promotion again by only three points, but finally moved up in 1983.

In 1986 he took over from caretaker manager Richard Money at Scunthorpe and guided the side to the Fourth Division play-offs in 1988 and 1989, but they failed to win promotion again by only three points. Two years later he departed company with the club, and later joined Terry Butcher's backroom staff at Roker Park.

He was appointed first-team manager following Butcher's dismissal earlier in the season.

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JUNIOR HATTERS

A warm welcome to all the junior supporters of Sunderland, who have made the long trip down from the north-east to be with us today. I hope you all have a pleasant time at Kenilworth Road and have a safe journey home.

I would also like to say 'welcome back' to two former Hatters - Alec Chamberlain and Phil Gray - this afternoon. Let's hope they don't perform as well today as they did when they wore the colours of Luton Town!

Remember to note in your diaries that on March 16, we will be holding a 'Meet the Players' night at the Pizza Hut in Park Street, Luton. All Junior Hatters are invited along to meet the likes of Scott Oakes, Juergen Sommer, Kerry Dixon and the rest of the lads who have been making national headlines recently, with their wonderful performances

against Newcastle United and Cardiff City in the FA Cup. Let's cheer the lads on all the way to Wembley!

Remember, the Saturday Club takes place before every Saturday home match. The club is fully supervised and includes football coaching, 5-a-side, snooker, video, a ticket to the match and much, much more. For further details, please call the Ticket Office on (0582) 416976.

It has been pleasing to hear so many Junior Hatters singing at home matches this season. Keep it up. 'Come on you Hatters!'

MATCH DAY MASCOT



Name: Thomas Brown
Date of Birth: 12.5.81
School Attended: Lea Manor
Hobbies: Football
Favourite Luton player: Scott Oakes
Local team you play for: Celtic Youth

Who accompanies you to Luton matches: My dad

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JUNIOR HATTERS TRAVEL

Travel arrangements for the away games at Nottingham Forest and Barnsley are as follows:

5.3.94 Nottingham Forest - depart Kenilworth Road forecourt: 10.00 am. Arrive home approximately 7.00 pm.

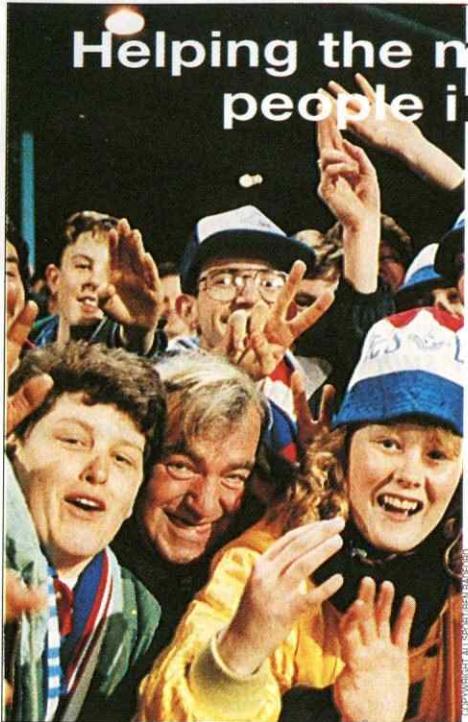
26.3.94 Barnsley - depart Kenilworth Road forecourt: 11.00 am. Arrive home approximately 8.15 pm.

The price for all matches this season has been fixed at £5.00 for Junior Hatters and £8.00 for accompanying adults (price includes tickets for the match). Booking and payment can be made via the Ticket Office up to four days prior to the match.

JUNIOR HATTERS' BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

February 26 - March 10: Oliver Yates, Nicholas Culver, Hayley Francis, Thomas Cardwell, Sarah Cooper, Stacey Green, Daniel Hall, Robert Malewicz, Emily Parsons, Natasha Lilley, Emma Pringle, Mark Coleman, John Cobb, Gemma Radford, Brett McKee, Kevin Taylor, Jonathan Finer, John Burrows, Adam Reid, Patrick Wiper, Kevin Kelly, Stephen Holmes, David Bibby, Amy Brannan, Darren Gillick, Michael Vice, Elizabeth Hartnett, Alan Craig, Richard Jenkins, Peter Sprately, Daniel Bruen, Matthew Coupland, Jacob McHugh, Scott Morgan, Peter Coote, Ian Nagle, Daniel Brown, David Gates, Brett Hunt, George Curry, Robert Mahoney, Christopher Keeling, Paul Wright, Dean Ayres, Christopher Barton, Francis Mattingley, Louis Newman, Andrew McMulkin, Stuart Robertson, Adrian Jones, James Dixon, Philip Brooks, Kevin Crawley, Paul Ayre, Daniel Neal, Gavin Radford, David White, Michael Southerden.

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The corresponding fixture last season proved a sterile affair as both clubs, in desperate need of the points, battled out a 0-0 draw. The Town had their best spell in the first half-hour when Ceri Hughes (left) and Paul Telfer provided a number of dangerous crosses from the sand-free parts of the pitch.

However, we could not penetrate the Wearsiders' net and with Alec Chamberlain saving close range efforts from Michael Gray and David Rush, and with Brian Mooney missing a golden opportunity following a Marvin Johnson slip (below), the score-line remained goalless.

"We found it hard to create chances and Sunderland were as strong physically as there is in the league," said David Pleat after the game.

"We put in a very good team performance," said then Sunderland boss Malcolm Crosby. "Terry Butcher was my man-of-the-match. He had a tremendous game and kept Luton's forwards in his pocket."



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|-------------|------------------------|-----|
| Wed 18 Aug | West Ham United | 4-1 |
| Wed 25 Aug | Queens Park Rangers | 4-2 |
| Wed 1 Sept | Watford | 5-1 |
| Wed 8 Sept | Wimbledon | 1-1 |
| Thu 16 Sept | Norwich City | 2-3 |
| Wed 22 Sept | Tottenham Hotspur | 1-2 |
| Mon 27 Sept | Langford (BPC) | 2-1 |
| Wed 29 Sept | Oxford United | 4-3 |
| Wed 6 Oct | Portsmouth | 4-2 |
| Wed 13 Oct | Swindon Town | 2-1 |
| Tue 19 Oct | Watford | 2-4 |
| Wed 27 Oct | Southampton | 1-3 |
| Mon 1 Nov | Queens Park Rangers | 1-3 |
| Wed 10 Nov | Southampton | 1-1 |
| Wed 17 Nov | Arsenal | 1-1 |
| Wed 24 Nov | Portsmouth | 0-1 |
| Mon 29 Nov | Oxford United | 0-4 |
| Fri 3 Dec | Crystal Palace | 0-1 |
| Mon 6 Dec | Stotfold (BPC2) | 1-0 |
| Tue 14 Dec | Arsenal | 3-2 |
| Fri 17 Dec | Norwich City | 1-4 |
| Mon 17 Jan | Barton Rovers (BPC3) | 1-0 |
| Wed 19 Jan | Bristol Rovers | 1-0 |
| Mon 24 Jan | Chelsea | 1-5 |
| Wed 2 Feb | Ipswich Town | 2-2 |
| Wed 9 Feb | Brighton & Hove Albion | 1-1 |
| Mon 21 Feb | Millwall | 1-2 |
| Wed 2 Mar | Brighton & Hove Albion | |
| Tue 8 Mar | West Ham United | |
| Wed 16 Mar | Bristol Rovers | |
| Wed 23 Mar | Millwall | |
| Mon 28 Mar | Charlton Athletic | |
| Tue 5 Apr | Crystal Palace | |
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| Wed 4 May | Charlton Athletic | |

T.B.A. Wimbledon and Ipswich Town (both away).

Neville Ovenden Football Combination League Table

(up to and including 19.2.94)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Chelsea | 23 | 15 | 6 | 2 | 54 | 23 | 51 |
| Southampton | 24 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 40 | 35 | 40 |
| Swindon Town | 21 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 30 | 24 | 37 |
| Norwich City | 26 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 46 | 44 | 37 |
| Ipswich Town | 21 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 41 | 34 | 34 |
| Millwall | 24 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 43 | 41 | 34 |
| West Ham United | 20 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 30 | 23 | 33 |
| Q.P.R. | 22 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 36 | 33 | 33 |
| Arsenal | 26 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 48 | 51 | 32 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 22 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 38 | 27 | 30 |
| Bristol Rovers | 22 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 29 | 28 | 30 |
| Oxford United | 25 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 40 | 43 | 29 |
| LUTON TOWN | 23 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 42 | 48 | 29 |
| Wimbledon | 23 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 25 | 32 | 28 |
| Crystal Palace | 23 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 28 | 30 | 27 |
| Brighton & H.A. | 20 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 24 | 19 | 26 |
| Portsmouth | 24 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 26 | 41 | 23 |
| Bristol City | 20 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 23 | 43 | 21 |
| Watford | 21 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 32 | 44 | 20 |
| Charlton Athletic | 16 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 16 | 28 | 14 |

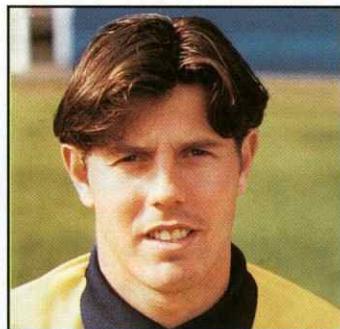
RESERVES

'TIRED DISPLAY' ENDS IN NARROW DEFEAT

Millwall 2 Luton Town 1
Neville Ovenden Football Combination,
Monday, February 21, 1994

A goal five minutes from time cost Wayne Turner's reserve side a share of the points at Millwall earlier in the week, after the side had battled their way back into the game via a Geoff Auger strike. A number of players had been on first-team squad duty the previous day at Cardiff, and had not played a competitive game for a while, which proved a decisive factor in the final outcome. "We started in a sloppy fashion and looked tired for periods of the game," said Wayne. "Geoff Auger did well to equalise on the stroke of half-time and I was hoping for better things after the break.

"We started the second-half very positively and the passing, which I know we are capable of, crept back into our play. Unfortunately, the tiredness came back too and we lost the game in the final min-



Andy Petterson....singled out for praise.

utes of the match which was very disappointing. I must, though, single out Andy Petterson for praise. He kept us in the game at times with a number of fine saves."

Another disappointment to come out of the afternoon was the news that Aaron Skelton broke down during the match. The good news, however, is that the problem is not connected with his previous injury. "It looks to be just a thigh strain," continued Wayne. "As I know from personal experience, these things tend to happen after you have been out for a long spell with a serious injury. It takes a while for the mechanics to all work at once again."

Team: Petterson, Philp, Greene, Johnson, Rioch, Houghton, Skelton, Campbell, Gentle, Auger 1, Dixon. Subs: Williams, Ryan.

Youth team players Jamie Woodford, Kelvin Davis and Paul McLaren have all been selected for the England under-17 squad which is due to play an Independent Schools XI at Marlow FC on March 7. The game is a build up to England's participation in the European Under-18 Championships next season.



Aaron Skelton.....back on the injury table.

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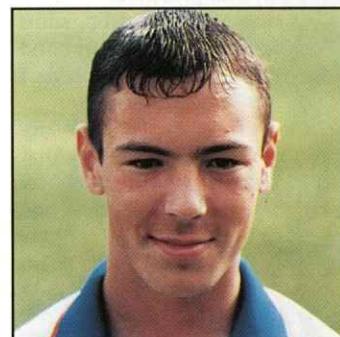
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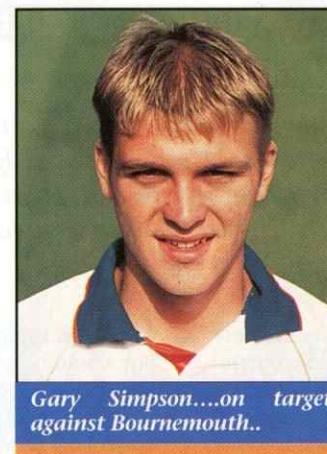
Brentford 4 Luton Town 1
South East Counties League Division Two,
Saturday, February 12, 1994.

Terry Westley's youth side made a confident start against a direct Brentford side, but a lack of concentration in defence cost the side two goals and made their task very hard indeed. "The goals were down to bad defending," said Terry Westley. "It was very frustrating after starting so brightly." The young Hatters included a number of school-boys, in preparation for next season, and they found it hard against the pressure game played by Brentford. "For some reason, we started panicking when Brentford pressed us with their long-ball game. Instead of passing our way out of trouble, we started to kick it anywhere, which is not how we like to play at Luton." After earlier missing a penalty, Jamie Woodford netted a fine consolation for the Town, although this was the only bright point on an otherwise disappointing morning.

Team: Davis, Simpson, Thomas, Wilmott, Chenery, Gibb, Power, Woolgar, Woodsford 1, Butler, Goodridge. Subs: Issott, Campbell.



Jamie Woodford....netted in both games.



Gary Simpson....on target against Bournemouth..

A GOOD RESPONSE AFTER BRENTFORD GAME

Luton Town 3
Bournemouth 2
South East Counties League Division Two,
Saturday, February 19, 1994.

After the Brentford result, Terry's side made an immediate return to winning ways against a very physical Bournemouth outfit. Terry had the half-term week to work with the school-boys in the side and that paid dividends in a close game. "We kept our heads and passed well in this game," he stated. "Sometimes we even overplayed, which was in total contrast to our last game! Our defending was solid, with Jay Thomas improving all the time, and our second-year boys gave us stability throughout the game. Schoolboy Sam Turner gave a creditable performance when he came on and Jamie Woodford had another impressive game."

Team: Davis, Simpson 1, Jukes, Thomas 1, Wilmott, Chenery, Power, Woodsford 1, Issott, Woodsford, Douglas. Subs: Turner, Goodridge.

South East Counties League Division Two Season 1993-94

| | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Sat 14 Aug | Swindon Town | 1-1 |
| Sat 21 Aug | Crystal Palace | 1-1 |
| Sat 28 Aug | Reading | 1-2 |
| Sat 4 Sept | Wimbledon | 1-0 |
| Sat 11 Sept | Tottenham Hotspur | 0-1 |
| Wed 15 Sept | West Ham United (SJFC1) | 1-1 |
| Sat 18 Sept | Charlton Athletic (SECLC1) | 3-1 |
| Sat 25 Sept | Brighton & Hove Albion | 2-3 |
| Sat 2 Oct | Oxford United | 1-1 |
| Mon 11 Oct | West Ham United (SFJC1R) | 3-1 |
| Sat 16 Oct | Brentford | 1-1 |
| Sat 23 Oct | Chelsea (SECLC2) | 2-5 |
| Tue 26 Oct | Derby County (FAYC1) | 1-1 |
| Sat 30 Oct | Bournemouth | 2-1 |
| Thu 4 Nov | Cambridge City (EJC1) | 4-1 |
| Sat 6 Nov | Southampton | 2-1 |
| Sat 13 Nov | Colchester United | 5-3 |
| Tue 16 Nov | Derby County (FAYC1R) | 1-1 |
| Sat 20 Nov | Bristol Rovers | 1-0 |
| Tue 23 Nov | Arsenal (SJFC2) | 1-2 |
| Wed 1 Dec | Derby County (FAYC1, 2R) | 0-1 |
| Sat 4 Dec | Bristol Rovers | 0-5 |
| Sat 11 Dec | Swindon Town | 2-0 |
| Sat 18 Dec | Crystal Palace | 2-1 |
| Sat 1 Jan | Reading | 2-1 |
| Sat 22 Jan | Brighton & Hove Albion | 1-4 |
| Sat 29 Jan | Oxford United | 1-4 |
| Sat 5 Feb | Bristol City | 4-0 |
| Mon 7 Feb | East Thurrock (EJC2) | 2-1 |
| Sat 12 Feb | Brentford | 1-4 |
| Sat 19 Feb | Bournemouth | 3-2 |
| Sat 26 Feb | Southampton | |
| Sat 5 Mar | Colchester United | |

T.B.A. Bristol City, Wimbledon, Tottenham (all away)

South East Counties League Division Two Table

(up to and including 19.2.94)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Crystal Palace | 19 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 41 | 26 | 25 |
| Swindon Town | 19 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 36 | 20 | 24 |
| Brentford | 20 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 32 | 22 | 24 |
| LUTON TOWN | 21 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 34 | 36 | 24 |
| Wimbledon | 20 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 49 | 36 | 23 |
| Oxford United | 18 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 37 | 25 | 22 |
| Bristol Rovers | 21 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 35 | 39 | 20 |
| Reading | 16 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 29 | 24 | 19 |
| Brighton & H.A. | 21 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 32 | 39 | 19 |
| Colchester United | 22 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 30 | 47 | 17 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 20 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 39 | 16 |
| Southampton | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 22 | 15 |
| Bournemouth | 20 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 32 | 42 | 15 |
| Bristol City | 17 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 18 | 36 | 9 |

Cyril's proteges shine in the Cup on home turf



BEHIND THE SCENES AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Cyril Beech, our experienced Welsh scout, has been responsible for the names Hughes, Hartson, Rees, Pembridge and Nogan all taking centre stage at Kenilworth Road. Last Sunday, two of 'his lads' returned home to contribute to the Town's hard fought win at Cardiff City in the FA Cup.

'A man who takes his job seriously', is the best way to describe Cyril Beech. Although he was invited to the Cardiff City game to watch the Hatters at first-hand, he instead opted to watch a couple of local games - looking for more youngsters to send to Kenilworth Road.

"If I go and watch a professional game, I feel I should be elsewhere," said 68-year-old Cyril from his Merthyr home. "I may be missing out on someone and I don't want others to take advantage. I know it's greedy, but you can never tell."

Originally a scout with Coventry City, the former Hoover employee was signed up as a talent spotter by the late Harry Haslam. That was some 14 years ago. Since then he has steadily increased his profile, and his success rate has increased in recent seasons. There are always those who get away, but we Hatters must be pleased with his work so far. Ceri Hughes and John Hartson are the latest to shine, and Cyril knows that the boys he sends to Kenilworth Road have a great chance of going all the way.

"Luton cannot spend hundreds of thousands of pounds on players and it means that there is an opportunity for the youngsters who come through their youth policy. They get their opportunities and their presence is more felt than if they were at a 'big club'. They are not just put to one side. The youngsters at Luton mix with the professionals - and Luton is a family club."

Dedication is the key word with Beech and he is pleased that the Hatters triumphed against Cardiff. West Ham United are the next obstacle, but it still doesn't stop Cyril dreaming of Wembley again. "I am delighted for the club and it would be quite a good day out if they went all the way. I managed to go to Wembley when they won the Littlewoods Cup by beating Arsenal in 1988. There is still a long

way to go though, and a lot of work to be done." But would he go to the final? "It would all depend on what other games might be on that day!"

One man who rates Cyril's value very highly is Town boss David Pleat. He is full of praise for his 'number one scout'. "Cyril is a splendid, humble and pleasant man," he enthused. "He looks for very little in return for what he does. Football is his hobby. He has been a marvellous friend to our club for many years."

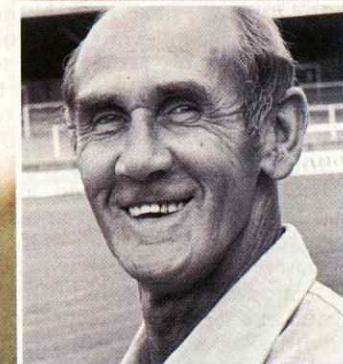
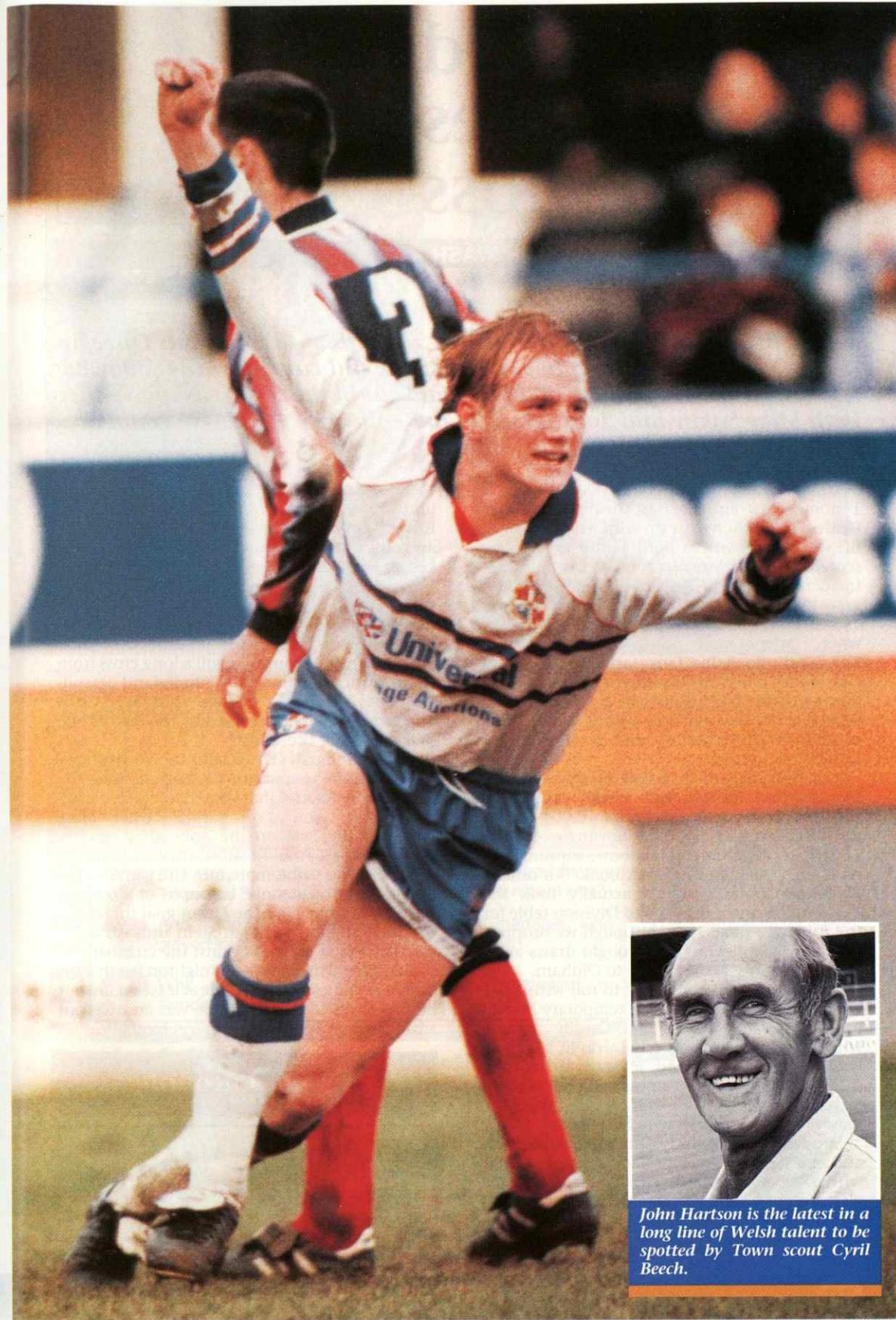
"The Welsh connection goes back much further than Pembridge, Hartson and Hughes. Luton has a great affinity with Wales and we want to keep it. If I had six Cyril Beeches on my books, there is an outstanding chance that we would be much higher in the league."

The dream of all Cyril's lads who make it into professional football is eventual representation at international level. All the Welsh boys at Luton Town have tasted international football at one level or another. One outstanding attribute which comes through in all their play is the undoubted skill, allied by a strong physical presence.

Cyril's latest success story, John Hartson, sums this up perfectly. "Both qualities go hand in hand at this level," he states. "Mick Harford is a player I look up to and he had them in abundance."

"It has always been my dream to play for Wales so, hopefully, I am on the road to achieving that goal. I cannot begin to imagine what it must feel like to play in front of a packed crowd at the Cardiff Arms Park. It must be electric."

It is likely that at some stage in the future John will get his big chance. But the man who put him on the road to glory will probably be there in spirit only...his presence will be at a park - with one man and his dog - finding another Luton Town star of the future.



John Hartson is the latest in a long line of Welsh talent to be spotted by Town scout Cyril Beech.

Sunderland fall to the wiles of David Moss



BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH

After narrowly missing out on relegation to Division Three in 1979, we had high hopes of a successful campaign the following season. Large sums had been paid out in the close season to entice both Mike Saxby and Tony Grealish to Kenilworth Road...we could also look forward to a fully fit David Moss.

Unfortunately, we started off poorly with a 1-1 home draw against a lacklustre Cambridge United, and followed it up with a 3-2 defeat at Bristol Rovers, where both Luton goals were scored by David Moss in the last five minutes. Incidentally, two of the Rovers' goals were put away by Steve White who later joined the Town.

The first win came the following Saturday when Orient were narrowly seen off at Kenilworth Road, but fans started to sit up and take notice when we travelled to Leicester and returned with both points in a 3-1 win. The 'Match of the Day' cameras were at Filbert Street to see Moss clinch victory with a stunning shot in the final minute.

A combination of attractive, newly-promoted Swansea and the previous week's exploits at Leicester meant that a crowd of 10,004 turned up at Kenilworth Road the following week. The Town put on a tremendous show, winning 5-0, with every goal out of the textbook. An unusual combination of results actually took the Town to the top of the Second Division table for the first time since 1970, although we dropped back a place following hard-fought draws away at Notts County and at home to Oldham.

The bandwagon continued to roll with a 3-1 win at Fulham, followed by a temporary hiccup in a 2-1 defeat at Ninian Park, Cardiff - a game which the Town should have won at a canter. Back at Kenilworth Road, a first-half hat-trick from Bob Hatton set up an easy win over Bristol Rovers leading up to one of the highlights of the season: the home clash with Sunderland.

Sunderland were always attractive opposition and the cameras were present again, together with a best-of-the-season crowd of 13,504. This was seen by manager David Pleat to be the toughest test of the season so far and he was soon proved right. Sunderland dominated the

early exchanges and put the Luton defence under extreme pressure. Both John Hawley and Barry Dunn hit the woodwork for the visitors and only a stream of fine saves from Luton goalkeeper Jake Findlay kept the scoreline level.

With the Luton supporters hoping to go in at the interval without conceding a goal, an opportunist strike from Moss turned the game on its head and gave the scoreline an unrealistic look. Showing instant control to kill a long cross from Hatton, and surrounded by Sunderland defenders, Moss chipped a delicate shot over Chris Turner for what was regarded by the BBC as one of the 'goals of the season'.

The second half started with the Town showing far more commitment and it was the Sunderland defence that started to take a battering and it came as no surprise when Moss increased the lead on the hour after cleverly side-stepping Turner to stroke the ball home.

Sunderland came more into the game in the final quarter and only a couple of excellent saves by Findlay kept the Luton goal intact but the final action saw Brian Stein unleash a 20-yard drive that crashed against the crossbar.

Sunderland manager Ken Knighton felt that his side were unlucky not to secure at least a point but he had to agree that the game was an excellent advertisement for Second Division football.

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| Home | 19 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 44 | 34 |
| Away | 20 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 15 | 36 |
| Total | 39 | 11 | 8 | 20 | 59 | 70 |



David Moss: hit top form against the Wearsiders.

DOWN THE YEARS

- 5** Second-half goals from Perry Groves and Alan Smith secured the points for Arsenal at Highbury in front of a crowd of 31,012. (25/2/89).
- 10** The Town went down 2-1 at Southampton in front of a crowd of 17,947. Mal Donaghy was the Luton goalscorer. (25/2/84).
- 15** With one of the most flattering scorelines, West Ham won 4-1 at Kenilworth Road in front of a disbelieving crowd of 14,205. (26/2/79).
- 20** Only 2,600 spectators were present at the County Ground, Swindon, to see Barry Butlin score two first-half goals to secure the points. The game was played on a Tuesday afternoon because of the power problems during the 'three day week'.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LUTON TOWN

- ? Phil Gray is not the only striker who has played for the Town and Sunderland later. Who is the other recent one?
- ? And a top winger, later an international manager, who played for the Town after being at Sunderland?
- ? Why were Luton Town particularly interested in Sunderland's historic FA Cup win over Leeds?

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Jim Pemberton: The original utility man



WHERE ARE THEY NOW? – BY ROGER WASH

Jim Pemberton holds some kind of record in having played in all positions for the Town, except for right-wing and goalkeeper. He spent ten happy years with the Hatters, although he made less than 100 league appearances for the club.

Jim, born in Birmingham, started his football career during World War II with West Bromwich Albion but as soon as hostilities ceased, he stepped down to non-league football with Stourbridge.

"I was playing regularly for West Brom in the first-team, but was only receiving five shillings a game and that was meant to just cover expenses," he said. "After one match, my father and I had to walk back from the Hawthorns to our home in Brierley Hill, a distance of 12 miles, and my father thought it was madness. I signed for Stourbridge which was a whole lot nearer."

Jim signed on for Stourbridge at £2 a game, which was good money in those days, and gleefully recalls that in one particular week he played in six matches which made him wealthy when compared to the average man in the street.

"Having spent two happy years at Stourbridge I was ready for a move back to league football," he added. "Although I heard rumours that clubs, notably Everton and Aston Villa, were after me, it was Luton chairman Charles Jeyes who was the first to offer me a contract. I accepted without delay and it led to ten tremendous years at Kenilworth Road."

Jim started off his Luton career as captain of the 'A' team as well as appearing in the reserves. It was three years before he made his league debut, probably because manager Dally Duncan did not know which was his best position.

"My debut came in a 4-1 defeat at Coventry in December 1950 and the only thing I remember about that day is that an aunt, who I had not seen for years, came up to me after the game to say 'hello!'"

Over the next couple of seasons, Jim turned out in a variety of positions without making any of

them his own. He then suffered two serious knee injuries that effectively took years off his career in the days before keyhole surgery. The big breakthrough eventually came mid-way through the promotion-winning season of 1954/55. He was handed the number four shirt in place of Bob Morton, who was moved to the forward line in an attempt to increase the firepower and act as a foil for Gordon Turner.



Luton Town 1956/57- Back row (left to right) Mike Cullen, Jim Pemberton, Seamus Dunne, Bernard Streten, Syd Owen, Wally Shanks. Front row (left to right): Jim Adam, Gordon Turner, Bob Morton, Reg Pearce, Bud Aherne.

Jim said: "I was lucky to get my chance just as the side was about to win promotion to Division One for the first time in the club's history. There were so many good players in the team that it made my job easy, although I am proud to say that I was one of the scorers in the 3-0 win at Doncaster that clinched promotion. We certainly had a party on the way home that evening."

As the Town took the First Division by storm, Jim was a regular in the side. Certainly a case of 'better late than never'. He rubbed shoulders with all the top players of the day, including Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney. At the end of the 1956/57 season, by now 32, he was told he could move on if he wished and took up the offer of joining his old team mate Bernard Streten at Kings Lynn.

After two years there, Jim quit the game and continued to work at the docks from where he retired a few years ago. Only an occasional football spectator these days, he prefers bowls but does keep an eye out for the Luton result. He is also looking forward to the reunion of the 'class of 1955' being arranged by Seamus Dunne this summer.

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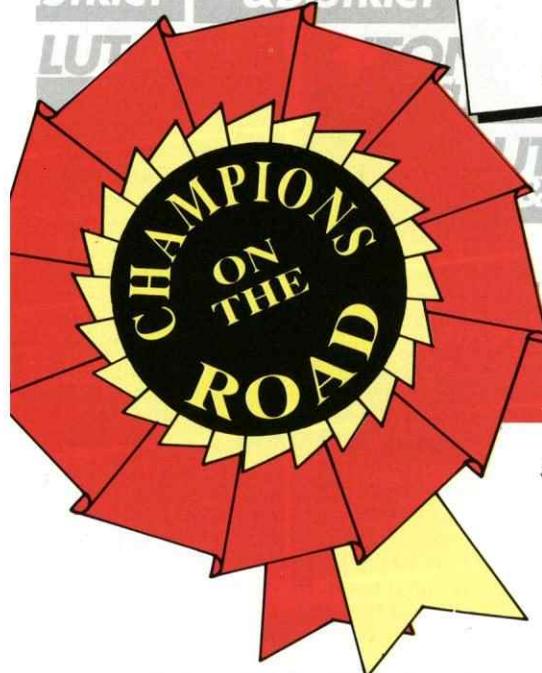
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NEWS ON ONE BY TIM COLLINGS

What is it about our division this year that is making it so difficult to predict? Only 15 points separated the sixth-from-top club from the sixth-from-bottom club after last weekend's league action and only one out of the six home teams managed to turn ground advantage to their favour. Could it be everyone is chasing a place in the play-offs?...

The only home winners, of course, were our visitors last Tuesday night, Portsmouth. They overcame Grimsby 3-1 while Notts County, Derby County (what a result at Vicarage Road!) and Leicester City all won away and the other two games were drawn. So, what does it prove?

Are we all as good as each other in this division with, maybe, only two or three teams showing a little extra flair or consistency? Or is it a much more open and interesting league with more pure football played than in competitions where speed and athleticism overwhelm creativity?

It is hard to say. But if I was pushed to pick the champions, I would have to say that Crystal Palace and Nottingham Forest stand apart as contenders for the prize and promotion. Both clubs were relegated last season, but have reacted to their misfortune by continuing to think big with big crowds behind them (Forest have been attracting 26,000 and more on a regular basis).

Palace have also moved swiftly to reinforce their team before the final long furlong of the season arrives by bringing in Paul Stewart, from Liverpool on loan, and Damian Matthew — remember him? — from Chelsea. Both men, like their club, need a quick return to the top flight.

David Phillips, the versatile Forest midfielder, said after the two clubs had shared a 1-1 draw at the City Ground last Saturday that "I can sense a resurgence here...But promotion won't be easy because we are the biggest name in this league and everyone wants to beat us. Teams are packing their defences and leaving happy with a point."

While the two 'big guns' were cancelling each other out, there was another match in the Midlands which captured the headlines — the war of the sexes at Birmingham where Notts County were the visitors. According to one national daily,

the toughest confrontation of the afternoon took place not on the pitch — where Barry Fry's Blues were beaten 2-3 — but in the boardroom.

Birmingham's managing director Karren Brady took on the County chairman Derek Pavis and, as The Sun put it 'hit him where it hurts'....No, not there, silly — his ego. Apparently, Mr Pavis has old-fashioned views on women and football — he was quoted talking about tarts in the boardroom — and so upset Brady that she demanded an apology.



Derby County's Paul Kitson: sent the Hornets packing last Saturday.

The Notts County chairman declined her request and a predictable feud ensued. In the end, it all rather overshadowed Birmingham's plight as they slipped to their fifth defeat in seven games in front of directors' guest Frank Bruno. He must have wondered what 'arry would have made of it all.

Perhaps, Bruno would have been happier down at Pompey where Gerry Creaney, Jim Smith's £500,000 signing from Celtic, hit a hat-trick in a 3-1 win over Grimsby. It was Portsmouth's first win of 1994. Also happy was the lanky Ian Ormondroyd, now with Leicester. He hit their winner in the 2-1 victory at West Brom (thanks, Ian) and admitted that an unexpected call-up on the left of midfield has revitalised his career.

"The pressure is not on me to score goals anymore," he said. "The manager has switched me and it has given me a new lease of life. I jumped at the chance as I thought it was the only way I could get in the team."

Another striker who has bounced back is Paul Kitson. Fined and dropped by Derby for criticising the club's discipline or lack of it, he scored the best goal in a thriller at Watford which the Rams won 4-3. "We have conceded 62 goals in the league," said Watford boss Glenn Roeder. "It is easy to see where our problems are."

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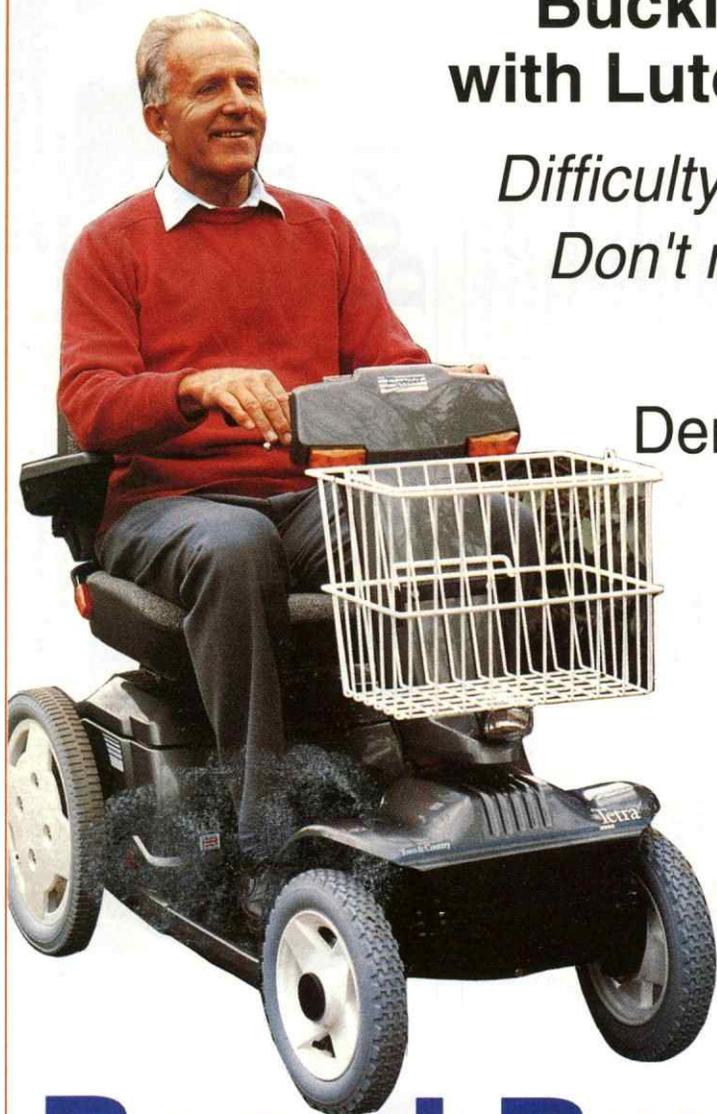
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