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ON THE BALL WITH DAVID PLEAT



Awarm welcome to our friends from Peterborough United. I have always taken a keen interest in their fortunes since spending a season there at the end of my playing days.

Now, Peterborough have a chairman in Chris Turner who has been through all areas of football: a colleague as a player at London Road (where he was a very promising centre-half), signed from Posh via the Boston Teamen for Luton, and then being most successful as a coach/manager at Cambridge United, Barnet and Peterborough. He is also now a chairman who adds personality and knowledge to his club's affairs.

Today's game is crucial. Both sides need points and we need a performance to put us in good heart for the FA Cup semi-final with Chelsea.

Almost predictably, the game against Barnsley last Saturday seemed insignificant after being instructed to play a game at Wembley. Between now and next Saturday we must not fall into the trap of believing that we have reached the ultimate game because of the venue. It is very much a semi-final and for 101 different reasons I would have preferred the lower profile of a Villa Park or a Highbury.

Barnsley's early momentum on a sunny afternoon gave us problems that we weren't bright enough to counter. Juergen Sommer had some fine practice but in the end, no-one achieved success because our efforts were only fitful.

We have to hope our injuries will clear and we can have a clean bill of health during the last few weeks of the season. David Greene, who gave a commanding performance at West Ham recently, was badly cut in the anaemic performance against Birmingham City; David Preece is finding a heel injury rather troublesome; and Des Linton, who has

attacked the game so well from right-back recently, received a nasty injury in the West Ham replay. With fixture congestion, it is a little worrying.

It is partly for that reason that I hope Mark Burke, on loan from Wolves, will continue his stay and prove to us that he is worthy of a contract. Also, we welcome back Mitchell Thomas, who our supporters remember well for his tremendous approach to the game when he hit the first-team in the mid-eighties. We hope Mitchell, with more first-team opportunities, will regain all his vitality.

The club has become a hive of activity in the last ten days. It is most exciting but we must keep our feet on the ground and treat all

"TODAY'S GAME IS CRUCIAL. BOTH SIDES NEED POINTS AND WE NEED A PERFORMANCE TO PUT US IN GOOD HEART FOR THE SEMI-FINAL"

situations as calmly as possible. We all know there is a marvellous goal beckoning.

After our semi-final defeat at Villa Park against Everton in 1985, I was emotionally upset because our young team were undeservedly knocked out and lost the chance of a Cup Final appearance.

The Final is a marvellous world-wide projection and next Saturday I hope all support-



Scott Oakes and Peter Butler tussle for possession in the exciting quarter-final replay at Kenilworth Road.

ers of our 'lovely Luton' will support in harmony a most wonderful day and project our good sportsmanship in the best possible manner.

Like I said in my last notes against West Ham, should Chelsea defeat us, we will wish them every success in the final and we will be rooting for them. We hope it will be us.

Enjoy today's game and get behind YOUR team.

Mitchell signs for a second time

AROUND THE TOWN

THOMAS SIGNS FROM HAMMERS

Prior to last Thursday's transfer deadline, the Hatters signed Mitchell Thomas on a free transfer from West Ham United until the end of the season. Thomas, who started his career with the Hatters in the mid-eighties, had spent a loan spell at Kenilworth Road earlier this season, in which he made nine league appearances and scored one goal. "I am delighted to finally sign again," he said last week. "I had stated earlier in the season, when I was on loan, that I wanted to come back. Luton will always be my first club."

Moving in the other direction that day were Justin Gentle and Y.T.S. trainee Neil Butler. Both have joined Colchester United on a permanent basis.

McALLISTER THE TOP TIPSTER

Scott Oakes' hat-trick against West Ham made him a national headline maker. But one player who knew he would go all the way was his former Leicester colleague, and now Leeds captain Gary McAllister. Said David Pleat last week: "When I made the move for Scott I asked Gary what he thought, because I value other peoples' opinions. He said 'you can't go wrong with Scott' and that is absolutely right." Scott's three goals was the first hat-trick of his career. The match ball was duly signed after the game. Trevor Peake scrawled: 'you've made an old man very happy' and Kerry Dixon added: 'I am sure it will be the first of many for you'. The most puzzling message came from John Hartson who wrote: 'super Bob Taylor'. Would you like to enlighten us further John?!



Scott, with ball, joins in the post match celebrations.



REES BACK IN TOWN

Jason Rees has returned to Kenilworth Road following a three-month loan spell at Mansfield Town. His boss at Mansfield, Andy King, came back to Kenilworth Road for the cup tie last week and wished the lads all the best for the semi-final. He expressed his disappointment at missing the big game though. Mansfield are at home to Torquay United that day.

YOUNGSTERS SIGN PRO FORMS

Matthew Woolgar and Andrew Jukes have both been offered professional contracts by the club. Matthew has been regularly scoring from midfield, while Andrew is our youth team captain.

THE BETS ARE ON FOR THE FINAL

The Hatters are third favourites behind Chelsea and Manchester United to win the Cup. Quoted at 15/2, they must be worth a bet of anyone's money. Remember, you can bet with Ladbrokes at Kenilworth Road at every home match until the end of the season. They have two stalls: one at the Kenilworth Road end, and one in the Executive Box stand.

THE WEEKEND'S OTHER FIRST DIVISION GAMES

Birmingham v Stoke; Bristol City v WBA; Charlton v Southend; Crystal Palace v Oxford; Derby v Barnsley; Middlesbrough v Nottm Forest; Notts County v Grimsby; Portsmouth v Millwall; Sunderland v Bolton; Watford v Leicester; Wolves v Tranmere.

THE MAN IN CHARGE

Today's referee is Peter Jones from Loughborough in Leicestershire. An account executive, he is married with two children. He commenced refereeing in 1975 and progressed via the Central, Vauxhall Conference, Southern and Combination Leagues, to the full league list in 1988. His hobbies include golf and horse racing.

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The club's primary responsibility through the Safety Officer, Officials, Staff and Stewards will be to ensure the reasonable safety of those attending the stadium.

League campaign should not be forgotten

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN BY TREVOR PEAKE



We all know it has been a great couple of weeks, beating West Ham and reaching Wembley, but we must not forget our league campaign. Securing our First Division status as soon as possible will help us relax a little and start to try different things.

With our backlog of fixtures, it is not going to be easy, but we are confident that two or three wins will make us safe this season. What we do have to watch, however, is the injury situation. With so many games in such a short space of time, injuries do occur, so we need a little bit of luck along the way.

We welcome Peterborough this afternoon, who will give us yet another stern test. They, like Birmingham and Barnsley before them, are in a scrap to avoid relegation. That makes



Juergen Sommer is pictured after the West Ham game. He is one of the younger generation who will need some guidance next Saturday.

games for us even tougher because we know these teams are fighting for their lives and we have to match them all the way for 90 minutes.

I hope you have all bought your Wembley tickets for next week. It is going to be a great occasion for us all. Chelsea will obviously start as the favourites, but I am sure their players and staff are more than wary of us. We have a point to prove. We are the underdogs. We are a small club and we are carrying the Endsleigh League flag.

For players like myself, Alan Harper and Kerry Dixon, it could well be our last chance of glory. For players like Scott Oakes, Paul Telfer, Juergen Sommer and Ceri Hughes, it is their first step on the ladder. They will be looking for guidance next week, so it is up to us 'old-ens' to help them.

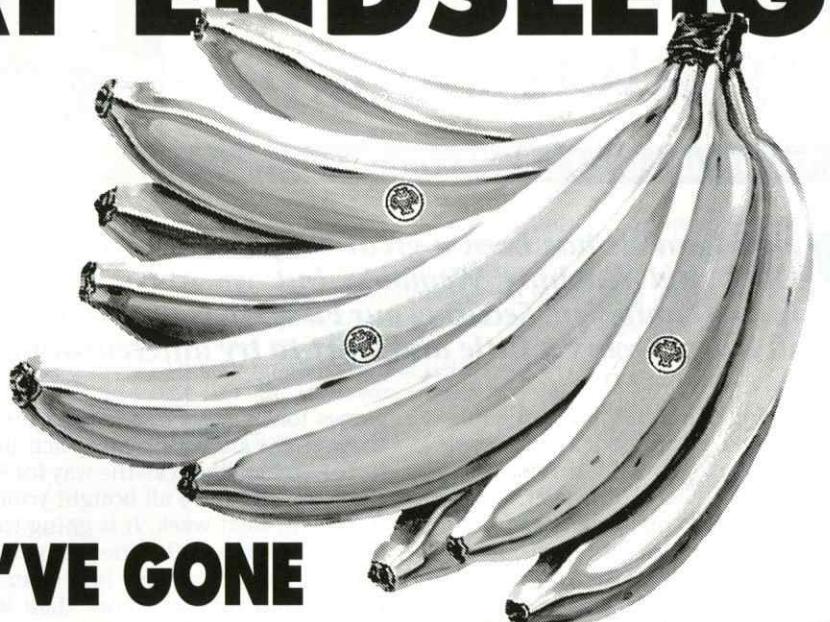
It goes without saying that your support and voices will be vital next week, but we would like to see them in practice this afternoon.

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The Hatters are on their way to Wembley!



LUTON TOWN V WEST HAM UNITED: WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

A night of pulsating action and high drama ended with the Hatters securing a trip to Wembley in the FA Cup semi-finals. A 3-2 victory against West Ham was helped in no small part by a Scott Oakes hat-trick. Inevitably, he grabbed the headlines the following morning...

Most papers centre on the fact that Oakes is son of Showaddywaddy member Trevor, whose hits include 'Under The Moon Of Love' and 'Three Steps To Heaven'. The latter title appeared across a number of tabloids including *The Mirror*, whose reporter Harry Harris said: 'Old stager Kerry Dixon has got a dream FA Cup semi-final against his old club Chelsea thanks to a wonder hat-trick from new kid on the block Scott Oakes'. With regards to the game itself, Harris added: 'Fortunes fluctuated in one of the best FA Cup ties of the season for pure energy and excitement'.

Today focused on the fact that the Hatters are representing the underdog in the semi-finals. Alex Montgomery stated: 'Scott Oakes raised the flag for the underdogs with the goals which put little Luton within one step of their FA Cup final heaven. Oakes hit all the goals in an extraordinary quarter-final replay at Kenilworth Road... In the end we can only applaud Pleat's ability as a miracle worker – and of course the brilliance of Oakes'.

'OAKES SMASH HIT' was the headline in the *Daily Mail*, where Brian Scovell wrote: 'The FA Cup turned yet another unknown into a national hero. Scott Oakes scored the first hat-trick of his brief career to end West Ham's hopes of an all-London semi-final. No-one should think that Chelsea are on a good thing. Their manager, Glenn Hoddle, was present and will certainly not think that way'.

'DESTROYER OAKES INSPIRES LUTON' led the headlines in *The Times*. 'Luton deservedly outscored as well as, for the most part, outplayed West Ham United', was reporter Rob Hughes' assess-

ment. 'Scott Oakes was like a whippet and scored a thrilling opportunist hat-trick'.

'OAKES TREBLE HAS LUTON ROCKING TO CUP GLORY' said *The Sun*, who ran a three page spread on the Hatters' triumph. Oakes was tagged 'The Showaddywaddy Kid' by Martin Samuel who went on to state: 'It was three steps to heaven for his father Trevor, but for Scott it was three goals to Wembley. On this evidence, there is no reason why David Pleat's side cannot pass the toughest test of all – the semi-final'.

'Luton will meet Chelsea after winning a match that was as fluctuating as the wind it was played in' said Mike Rowbottom in *The Independent*. 'The action got underway to plenty of chanting and the British version of Continental firecrackers – in this case the popping underfoot of the numerous orange, blue and white balloons which had accompanied Luton onto the pitch... There was still enough of the counterfeit footballs bobbing about

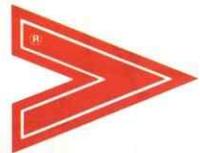
after ten minutes to confuse Tim Brecker, who gave away a throw-in, which led to the opening goal'.

But it was Oakes who, quite rightly grabbed all the attention. 'HATTER-TRICK' was the *Daily Star*'s page headline, where reporter Cathal Dervan said: 'Showaddywaddy have finally made it to Wembley... well their second generation at least. Before last night's incredible scenes at Kenilworth Road, Oakes was only famous in football for being the son of one of the members of the 1970's pop group. Now he's famous in his own right'. How very true.



Scott receives the adulation of the crowd and media after the game.

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Fans' Forum



ON THE MEND AND BEHIND THE HATTERS

Dear Sir,

My father, Jack Nash, has been an ardent Luton supporter since 1948 when he moved to the town. At the Newcastle Cup game he collapsed during the first-half when Barry Venison cleared John Hartson's header off the line. When I turned round he had stopped breathing and his heart had stopped.

The St John Ambulance Brigade and paramedic crew were quickly on the scene and managed to revive him. It is thanks to their speed of action and expertise that my father was given the chance to live.

I am pleased to say that after a three week stay in the Luton and Dunstable Hospital my father was discharged and is now back home. Unfortunately, he is not well enough to return to Kenilworth Road but he continues to follow the fortunes of Luton Town closely.

Through your match day programme, my mother, myself and all of our family would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all the people at the ground that night who helped to revive my father and extend his life. We would also like to thank everyone at Luton Town Football Club for their good wishes and the flowers they sent to my father whilst he was in hospital.

Trevor Nash, 7 Brinsmade Road, Ampthill, Bedford MK45 2PP

PROGRAMMES WANTED

Dear Sir,

I would like to hear from any supporter who would like to part with any Luton Town home League, League Cup or FA Cup programmes from the 1956/57 and 1961/62 seasons. I am willing to pay a fair price, plus postage and packing for the programmes, providing they are in 'mint' or 'near mint' condition. I do hope one of your loyal supporters may be able to help me.

With most grateful thanks in anticipation.

Les Smith, 70 Cockney Hill, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks RG3 4E.

FURTHER GREETINGS FROM AFRICA

We have received yet another letter from our friends in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe:

Dear Sir,

I am a Hatters fan and my favourite player is Scott Oakes. I have heard that the team have reached the FA Cup semi-final, thanks to Scott's goals.

I would like to have a pen pal who is a Luton fan and who lives in England. I need to be kept in touch with the latest news from my favourite team. I am hoping my pen pal could send me a few match programmes, a picture of Oakes and a Luton poster. Hope to hear from you soon.

Stanley Maodza, 379 9th St, Makokoba, PO Mzilikazi, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

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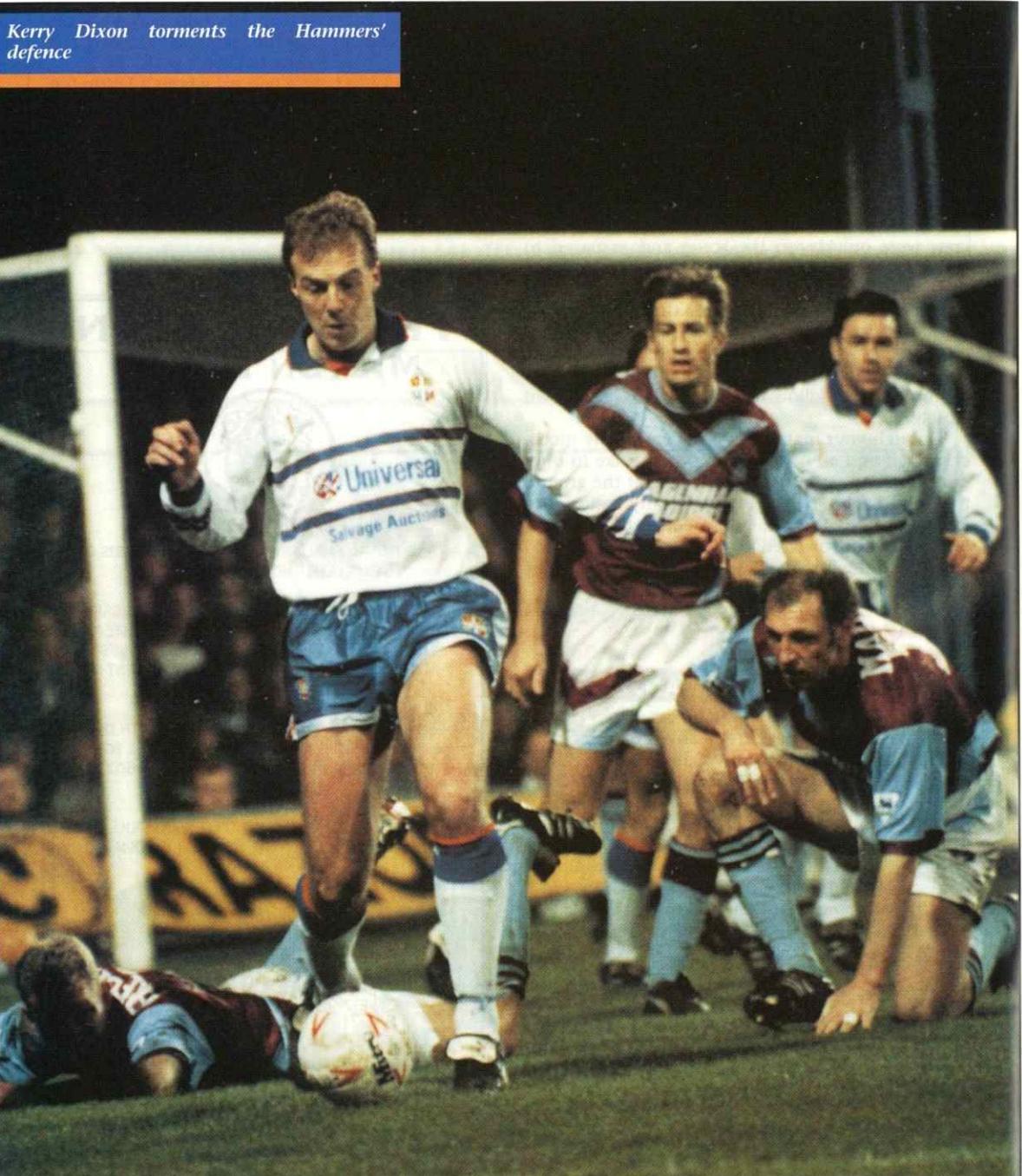
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Kerry Dixon torments the Hammers' defence



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BY CHERRY NEWBERY

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Monday, April 4, 1994 - kick-off 3.00pm

Tickets for this match are only available on the day at Grimsby. Luton supporters have been allocated the Osmond Stand. Seats are priced at £11 (no concessions), standing £7 (no concessions).

Luton Town v Wolverhampton Wanderers

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tuesday, April 12, 1994 - kick-off 7.45pm

THIS MATCH IS SUBJECT TO AN F.A. CUP SEMI-FINAL REPLAY
Tickets for this match are now on sale. Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply.

Luton Town v Crystal Palace

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, April 16, 1994 - kick-off 3.00pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale. Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply.

The F.A. Challenge Cup Semi-Final at Wembley Stadium

Saturday, April 9, kick-off 5.00pm

Prices £26, £20 - £12

Members who did not have tickets for the West Ham United match can, after today's match, claim two semi-final tickets on production of today's match ticket. Subject to availability. (cash only accepted).

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Members and season ticket holders will be able to purchase additional tickets from 10.00am on Tuesday, April 5. The number each member or season ticket holder may purchase will depend on how many tickets remain unsold. (cash only accepted on Tuesday, April 5).

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Wembley

FA Cup semi-final v Chelsea

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Directions courtesy of the
Automobile Association.

Spotlight on today's visitors

PETERBOROUGH UNITED F.C. 1993-94

■ Two months ago, it looked likely that by the time Peterborough United visited Kenilworth Road, they would already be well on the way to the Second Division. However, a recent vein of form suggests that they will not take relegation lying down. They have a recently installed determination in the side and it is thanks to one man...Chris Turner.

■ For much of this term 'Posh' have failed to live up to the expectations placed on them, when, last season, they finished tenth in the First Division. Manager Lil Fuccillo led them to their highest ever league placing, and everything looked ready for a determined push for a play-off place this season. However, football is never that straight forward. Injuries and a subsequent lack of form ended any hopes they may have had, and by October last year, the club had plunged to the foot of the table.

■ By the turn of the year, Fuccillo had departed from the club, paving the way for chief executive Chris Turner to take the reins as manager for a second time. Players were playing for places under Turner and this has,



Back row (left to right): Jason Brissett, Tony Adcock, Marcus Ebdon, Chris Greenman, Detsi Kruszynski (no longer with club), David McDonald, Ian Carter.

Middle row (left to right): Gary Hackett, Dominic Iorfa, Lee Howarth, Scott Cookset, Mark Peters, Ken Charlery, Darren Edey.

Front row (left to right): Andy Curtis, Steve Welsh, Fred Barber, Darren Bradshaw, Tony Spearing.



VISITORS ON PARADE

FRED BARBER (goalkeeper) – Fred lost his place in the Posh line-up last season, following the emergence of Ian Bennett. However, Ian's departure to Birmingham City earlier in the season has meant a recall for Barber, who has also had spells with Darlington, Everton and Walsall. He signed for Peterborough two seasons ago after a spell on loan with the club.

DAVID MCDONALD (defender) – David served his apprenticeship at Tottenham under Terry Venables. Unable to gain a first-team squad place, he joined Posh last August and has been a regular feature at right-back ever since.

TONY SPEARING (defender) – Signed on a free transfer from Plymouth Argyle last season, Tony made his debut in January 1993. He started his career at Norwich City, had loan spells with Stoke and Oxford, before permanent moves to Leicester and Argyle.

CHRIS GREENMAN (defender) – Chris signed for Posh on a free transfer from Coventry in March 1993. He impressed enough in his first few games to warrant a regular place in the side this season.

STEVE WELSH (defender) – Club skipper, Steve was a free transfer signing from Cambridge United two seasons ago. He was given his chance in league football by Chris Turner at the Abbey Stadium and since his arrival at Peterborough, he has missed only five games in two seasons.

DARREN BRADSHAW (defender/midfield) – Signed on a free at the start of last season from Newcastle United, Darren is a versatile performer and has played at right-back, in the centre of defence and in midfield since his arrival at London Road. He started his career at Chesterfield and has also played for York City.

BRIAN MCGORRY (midfield) – Brian is a recent signing from Bournemouth. He started his career

with non-league Weymouth, before joining The Cherries in a £30,000 move in August 1991.

MARCUS EBDON (midfield) – A Wales under-21 international, Marcus was signed from Everton on a free transfer from Everton two seasons ago. He spent most of his first season with Posh on loan at Redbridge Forest, but staked a regular claim for a place last season.

LEE WILLIAMS (midfield) – Lee signed for Peterborough on a free transfer from Aston Villa last week. He has recently featured from the bench for Posh, but made his league debut on loan at Shrewsbury last season.

DOMINIC IORFA (forward) – A Nigerian international, Dominic started his career with QPR, but joined Posh from Turkish football in 1992. Last season he spent much of the time on the bench, but this season he has been a regular in the forward line.

TONY ADCOCK (forward) – Peterborough's top-scorer last season with 16 league goals, Tony joined Posh – with Bobby Barnes – in a £60,000 deal from Northampton Town. He has previously enjoyed spells with Colchester, Manchester City and Bradford.

KEN CHARLERY (forward) – Now in his second spell at London Road, Ken started his league career with Maidstone before joining Peterborough for £20,000 in 1991. A big money move to Watford in October 1992 followed, but he could not settle and returned to Posh earlier this year.

JASON BRISSETT (forward) – A former Arsenal trainee, Jason joined Peterborough from the Gunners during the pre-season on a free transfer. He came to prominence by scoring the goal which nearly gave Posh an FA Cup third round victory against Tottenham in January.

MEET THE BOSS



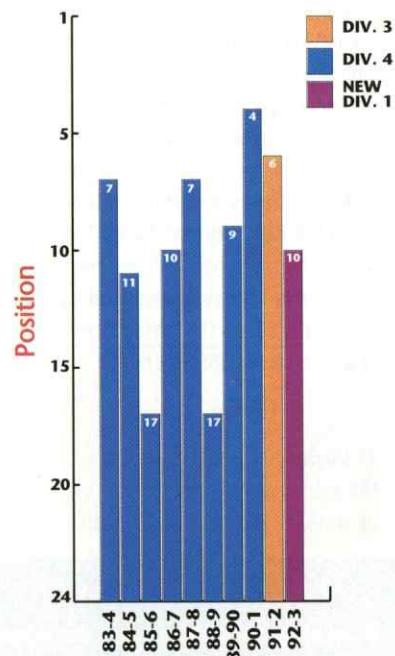
Chris Turner enjoyed a full Football League career based mainly in the East Anglia region. He started out with Posh in 1969 and also played for the Hatters, Cambridge United and Southend United, as well as spells in the United States with the New England Teamen.

He cut his managerial teeth with Cambridge in January 1986, a club who had been relegated to Division Four. They struggled to make an impact under Turner and when it looked as if they would miss out on a play-off place in 1990, he resigned.

He took over as Peterborough manager in January 1991 and led the club to the Third Division championship in his first season in charge. Posh were promoted again the following season after beating Stockport County 3-1 in a play-off final at Wembley.

Mr Turner was also part of the consortium which bought the club in 1992. He was appointed chief executive, while another former Town man Lil Fuccillo took over as manager. Lil led Posh to tenth position in the First Division, but could not repeat such a performance this season. He resigned to join Barry Fry at Birmingham as chief scout, and Turner took charge of team affairs again.

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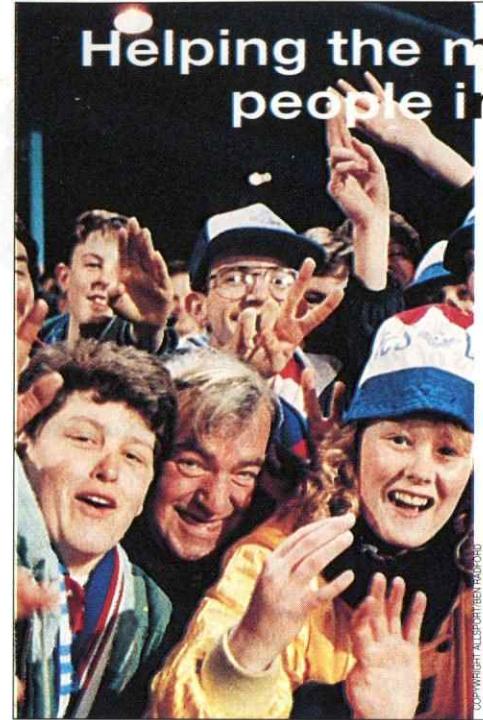
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The Town, in need of the points to secure First Division survival, battled out a tense 0-0 draw at Kenilworth Road against Posh last May.

In front of 10,011 fans at a sun-baked Kenilworth Road, the Hatters had the lion's share of possession, but could not penetrate in the final third of the pitch. David Pleat recalled Scott Oakes to inject more pace into the side, and it was Oakes who provided Kerry Dixon (top) with the best chance of the game, only to see his header hit the outside of the post.

Other notable efforts came from Paul Telfer, who lashed a volley wide and Phil Gray, who was playing his last match at Kenilworth Road in Town colours and David Preece (bottom). Said David Pleat after the game: "We were not sharp enough, and did not have the guile to get through. Peterborough defended deep, but we had enough half-chances to win."

Town team: Chamberlain, James, Peake, Dreyer, Johnson, Telfer, Kamara (Williams), Preece, Oakes, Dixon, Gray.

Posh team: Bennett, Retallick (Greenham), Welsh, Howarth, Spearing, Sterling, Ebdon, Bradshaw, Philliskirk, Cooper, Adcock.



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Wed	29 Sept	Oxford United	4-3
Wed	6 Oct	Portsmouth	4-2
Wed	13 Oct	Swindon Town	2-1
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Wed	24 Nov	Portsmouth	0-1
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Fri	17 Dec	Norwich City	1-4
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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
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Neville Ovenden Football
Combination League Table

(up to and including 12.3.94)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	27	18	6	3	60	26	60
Ipswich Town	25	14	4	7	55	37	46
Southampton	28	13	7	8	48	47	46
Bristol Rovers	27	11	10	6	39	33	43
Swindon Town	24	13	1	10	34	28	40
Norwich City	28	11	7	10	48	45	40
Millwall	26	10	8	8	45	42	38
Arsenal	29	11	5	13	52	54	38
West Ham United	22	10	7	5	31	23	37
Q.P.R.	25	10	4	11	38	38	34
Crystal Palace	26	8	9	9	32	33	33
Wimbledon	25	7	11	7	26	32	32
Portsmouth	27	8	8	11	35	43	32
Tottenham Hotspur	23	8	6	9	39	29	30
Oxford United	27	7	9	11	42	46	30
Brighton & H.A.	22	7	8	7	27	22	29
LUTON TOWN	26	8	5	13	45	54	29
Bristol City	24	5	6	13	27	56	21
Watford	23	5	5	13	33	49	20
Charlton Athletic	22	5	2	15	22	41	17

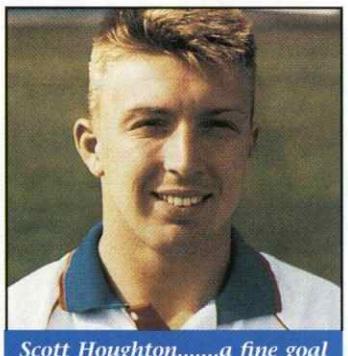
RESERVES

Luton Town 2 Millwall 0
Neville Ovenden Football
Combination,
Wednesday, March 23,
1994.

Following their encouraging performance at Bristol Rovers the previous week – in which they experimented with only one attacker – Wayne Turner's reserve side employed similar tactics against Millwall last week. The ploy worked to perfection against a team mixed with experienced professionals and promising youngsters.

"We were impressive from the goalkeeper through to our lone attacker," enthused Wayne. "We kept the 4-5-1 formation because it worked well at Bristol and the players felt comfortable with it. It also gave Aaron Skelton the chance to just sit in front of the defenders again and get another 90 minutes under his belt."

Both the Town's goals were scored in the opening half, which had the crowd at Borehamwood rising to their feet. The first came from Scott



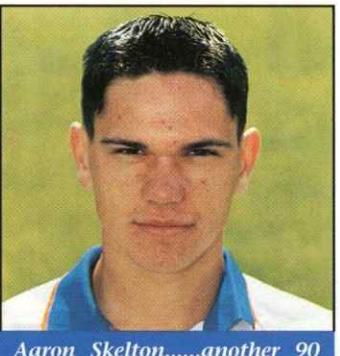
Scott Houghton.....a fine goal against the Lions.

Houghton, who ran half the length of the field before unleashing an unstoppable shot, while the second was finished off by Mark Burke, following a five-man move.

"Both goals were sheer quality," continued Wayne. "and they ended what was a fine team performance. What also pleased me was the fact that the older boys played with a tremendous attitude, and that spurred on the younger lads, who gelled perfectly with them.

"We have a very congested fixture list coming up and it is important that we try and continue our good form, and end the season on a high. It is also vital that we steer clear of injuries to give us a chance. Our last four games have also clashed with the first-team, which has depleted our squad but, hopefully, that should only happen once more, which will also help us."

Team: Davis, Jukes, Philp, Campbell, Rioch, Burke 1, Rees, Skelton, Houghton 1, Woolgar, Aunger. Subs: Chinery, Issott.



Aaron Skelton.....another 90 minutes under his belt.

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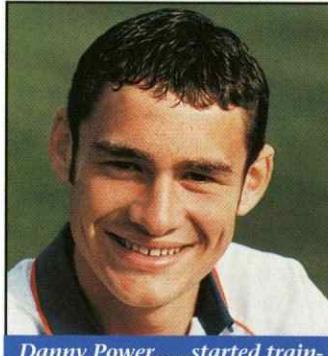


FREE WEEKEND STILL
MEANS WORK FOR
TERRY

Luton Town 1 Middlesex
County Under-18's 2
Friendly, Saturday, March
19, 1994.

With a free Saturday in our youth team's calendar, a friendly was organised by Roger Perry (a scout for the Town), who put together a Middlesex county side to face a much-changed Town team at the Luton Rugby Club.

The Town side included the six schoolboys who will be joining the Hatters as first-year trainees next season, plus boys who had recently been released from Blackburn, Oxford, Chelsea and Southampton. Considering it was a team who had never played together before, against an experienced County side who were two years older, the performance pleased Terry. "The boys all performed well against a strong, powerful outfit," he stated. "At this time of year,



Danny Power.....started training again.

YOUTH

BY WAYNE TURNER
AND TERRY WESTLEY



Paul McLaren....hoping for a quick return to the side.

clubs release young players, so this game gave me a chance to look at a number of boys. Unfortunately, they were no better than the lads we already have."

Sean Evers scored the Town goal and Robert Sharpe, who had been with the club on a trial basis, had another encouraging game. He has been rewarded with a YTS apprenticeship for next season and will be joining Evers, Chris Wilmott, Sam Turner, Stuart Douglas and Steven Palmer as newcomers at the club.

With only two league games of the season left to play, Terry is pleased to report that Paul McLaren (knee) has started training again and could be back before the end of the campaign. Danny Power (knee) started training on Monday, while Steven Palmer has seen a specialist this week for a back problem. Jamie Woodsford is also making good progress after his ankle injury.

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	1-2
Sat 5 Mar	Colchester United	3-0
Sat 12 Mar	Bristol City	1-5
Sat 26 Mar	Wimbledon	1-2
Sat 9 Apr	Tottenham	
Thu 21 Apr	Cambridge United (EJCQF)	

South East Counties League Division Two Table

(up to and including 19.3.94)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	22	11	6	5	40	22	28
Brentford	24	10	8	6	39	28	28
Crystal Palace	21	11	5	5	44	28	27
Wimbledon	23	13	1	9	57	42	27
Oxford United	22	11	5	6	44	32	27
LUTON TOWN	24	11	4	9	39	43	26
Brighton & H.A.	24	9	6	9	35	40	24
Bristol Rovers	24	9	5	10	40	43	23
Reading	19	7	8	4	30	25	22
Colchester United	26	6	7	13	33	55	19
Southampton	22	6	6	10	22	26	18
Bournemouth	23	8	2	13	36	47	18
Tottenham Hotspur	23	7	3	13	31	44	17
Bristol City	21	5	4	12	27	42	14

Scott Oakes: Three steps to Wembley for Town hit-man



PLAYER INTERVIEW

Scott Oakes, the Town's hat-trick hero against West Ham United last week, has secured the Hatters a trip to Wembley in the semi-finals of the FA Cup. Although the 21-year-old took much of the credit for the fine victory, he is quick to point out it was a real team effort.

Headlines such a 'Great Scott' and 'Luton Do The Oakey Cokey' were splashed across the tabloids the following morning, with pictures of Scott hogging the back pages. He has come a long way since his move from Leicester City in October 1991 and his goals this season have been the reward for much perseverance and hard work.

Scott, however, is the first to admit that you cannot score goals on your own. This was particularly evident last Wednesday against the Hammers, when fellow striker Kerry Dixon had a big part to play in his goals. As Scott says: "You do not get through thanks to one man. It is a real team effort.

"From the defence through to the midfield players, the whole team played their part in supplying the forwards with quality balls and, thankfully, I was able to tuck my chances away. We deserved to win on the night no question.

"I have got Kerry Dixon to thank for my hat-trick. He set up two of the goals and was always encouraging me to try things. If it wasn't for him, I think we would have struggled to score.

"It's great playing in attack with him. He may have lost a bit of pace, but he is still a sharp player as everyone saw last week."

So, Chelsea are the only obstacle stopping the Hatters reaching the FA Cup final for the first time since 1959. Following their display against the Hammers, Scott believes the Town have a great chance of going all the way.

"If we can play like that again, I see no reason why we cannot reach the final. It will very tough, every player will need to be on top of his game, but we can do it. We will be asking Kerry a few questions about Chelsea, how they play and what they are capable of. I'm sure he will be very important to us in the build-up to the game.

"When you look at the Cup run, we seem to do very well against teams who also like to play foot-

ball. First Newcastle, then West Ham. Chelsea are a similar team, now Glenn Hoddle is in charge, and we are hoping for a similar result."

Scott's hat-trick last week was the first of his career. He has now scored 12 goals this season, the vast majority coming since his switch from left wing to centre-forward. He is enjoying life at Kenilworth Road, but states there is much more to come from a player who, as a youngster, studied the goalscoring prowess of Gary Lineker at Filbert Street.

"I used to watch Gary a lot from the touchlines at Filbert Street. I used to be a ball-boy there, so I saw him at close quarters. Players like Alan Smith and Gary McAllister were also around at the time, and I learnt a lot from seeing them week in, week out."

He added: "Earlier this season I was out on the wing not enjoying myself as much, but since I've moved into this new position I seem to be getting on the end of most things. It has also helped having Kerry up there to guide and also having a settled side. We are all enjoying ourselves at the moment."

It has been well documented since last Wednesday's sixth round victory that Scott's father Trevor is a member of the pop band Showaddywaddy. 'Three Steps To Heaven', one of the groups biggest hits was banded across the tabloids' back pages following the game, and it appears that Trevor is Scott's number one fan.

"Dad is a loyal supporter of me and he loves his football," added Scott. "At every opportunity he will ring me up and ask me how I am doing and wish me well. Unfortunately he can't watch me as much as he would like because he is often touring abroad.

"But I am sure he will try his hardest to watch me at Wembley. I'm sure my parents are already overwhelmed about what happened against West Ham, but they will be behind me all the way to Wembley."



Scott and Trevor perform their own version of Three Steps To Heaven!

FA Cup glory, mixed with FA Cup tears

BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH



Next Saturday will see Luton Town players step out for the fourth time at the semi-final stage of the FA Cup. To supporters of my generation just a shade too young to appreciate the first occasion, we are hoping it will be a case of third time lucky!

That first time, back in 1959, had seen the Town fight their way to the semi-final where their opponents were Third Division Norwich City. The Canaries were the country's popular choice as they had put out Cardiff, Tottenham, Manchester United and Sheffield United in an incredible run. A large part of the 63,500 crowd at White Hart Lane were rooting for the underdog.

In truth, the Town should have sewn the game up in the first-half but all they had to show, for all their superiority, was a 35th minute headed goal from Allan Brown. Norwich perked up a shade after the break and gained an equaliser from ex-Luton forward Bobby Brennan who was celebrating his 34th birthday. Guess who won all the headlines the following day!

If Luton were unlucky at White Hart Lane then they were extremely fortunate in the replay at St Andrews the following week. This time Norwich took the game to their First Division opponents and probably had too much of the ball as they swamped each other in their efforts to score. Completely against the run of play a cheeky back-heal from Town's Bob Morton found Northern Ireland international Billy Bingham who flashed the ball into the roof of the net in the 56th minute. It was then 'backs to the wall' stuff as the Luton defence, ably marshalled by skipper Syd Owen, manager to hold out to send us to Wembley for the first time.

Over the next 26 years the Town went down to the Fourth Division and back again to the First before arriving again at the semi-final stage of the Cup where their opponents were all-conquering Everton at Villa Park. A crowd of 45,269 (with around 19,000 from Luton) gathered more in hope than expectation that the Town could see off an Everton side that was marching on towards an anticipated treble of the League Championship, FA Cup and Cup Winners' Cup.

The Luton performance that day surprised most of us and certainly shocked the national press. We had by far the better of the first-half and deserved-

ly took the lead after 36 minutes with a screamer from Ricky Hill before allowing Everton to equalise with five minutes of normal time remaining. If we thought we were hard done by with that blow, the unthinkable happened when Everton stole the winner in extra-time, shattering our Wembley dream. The look of utter dejection from players and supporters alike at the end of that game will remain with me forever.

The final part of the trilogy happened three years later during our epic season when Wembley beckoned on three fronts. On the FA Cup trail the Town had beaten Hartlepool, Southampton, QPR and Portsmouth to set up a clash with Wimbledon at White Hart Lane. This time we were on the rack in the first-half as the Dons forced the play and it was only heroics from Andy Dibble in the Luton goal that prevented a goal avalanche.

Two minutes after the restart, however, the Town took the lead following the only decent passing move of the game with Mick Harford taking advantage of a clever flick from Mark Stein. Unfortunately the lead was short lived when John Fashanu equalised from the spot soon after and there was an air of inevitability when Dennis Wise, who will be facing the Town again next Saturday, poked home the winner with ten minutes left to play.

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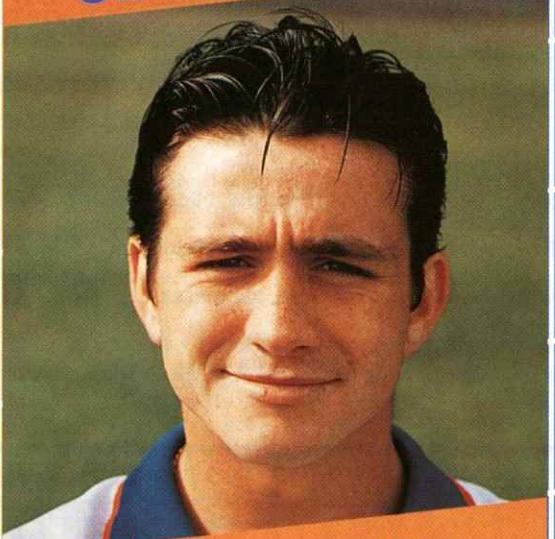
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Kerry's delight as those Twin Towers beckon

LUTON TOWN AT WEMBLEY

We all know that Scott Oakes grabbed the headlines last week against West Ham, but one man whose performance received glowing credit was Kerry Dixon. He now faces his old pals from Chelsea in the semi-final, and he is looking forward to the challenge which lies ahead next Saturday.

Kerry set up two goals for Oakes against the Hammers and his all-round touch and control took us back to the days when he wore the three lions of England across his chest. Dixon was determined, some would say desperate, to succeed last Wednesday. He has reached his first FA Cup semi-final in a long and illustrious career and against Chelsea, the club where he enjoyed his most productive period.

"It is a dream come true," stated Kerry. "A very special day has been created for me, for Luton and for everyone at Chelsea. I have some great memories of my time at Stamford Bridge, particularly during the era in which I played with David Speedie. Chelsea are a big club starved of success and I am sure they will be just as determined to make the final as we are."

Looking back at the West Ham game, Kerry states that the Hatters fully deserved to progress and the win was for the whole town, and not just for the players and staff at Kenilworth Road.

"We played and won with style," was his assessment of the electric evening. "Scott took his goals very well and I am sure it will be the first of many hat-tricks he scores. People have been saying it was my best performance for the club since I came here, but that is not for me to make judgement on. I am just pleased to have played my part in our

biggest game in years." He added: "We are all looking forward to the big day at Wembley and I'm sure it will be a great day out for our fans. We are hoping that the whole town will get behind us at Wembley. I am sure they will. There has been great interest in the team these past few weeks and I'm told that in the first game against West Ham, all the pubs and clubs which showed the game live were absolutely packed. This time they can all come along and help us into the final."

So what of the semi-final itself? Kerry is hoping for a Town win, but has no doubts that it will be a quality match. "It will be an open semi-final, between two teams who play good football, thanks to two managers of the highest calibre.

"It is ironic that one of the best footballing sides in the First Division has reached Wembley. There is a big trend in the game now – with these bright young managers – to play attractive football, but our boss has been preaching those ideas for years. He now has another chance to show it at Wembley.

"I think it was tongue in cheek when Kevin Keegan wished us all the best after we had beaten Newcastle and hoped we would get to Wembley. He is a shrewd judge of character. He knows our qualities. Let's just hope we do ourselves justice and make it to the final."

Roll on Manchester United...



Kerry prepares to meet his old pals

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NEWS ON ONE

The form-book was turned on its head last weekend, when the bottom clubs made a determined effort to improve their chances of staving off relegation. The irony being, that the victories were against those teams in with a definite chance of promotion this season.

Judging by manager Barry Fry's comments after the recent draw with Luton Town, Birmingham City face an uphill battle to stay in Division One next season. I wonder if he still believes such a statement after the Blues' 1-0 win against Middlesbrough last Saturday. After all, Boro had won their last three games and were lying seventh in the table.

One man who is determined that Birmingham will survive is leading striker Andy Saville. He believes that lightning will strike twice in their bid for survival. "I helped rescue the club last year, and I am sure I can do it again," he said after his goal secured all three points on Saturday. "I'm sure I can get the goals as long as we keep creating chances. That goal has to be as important as any I've managed to score in my career and it was probably our best performance since Barry Fry came here."

Barnsley's win against the Town has also spurred them on to greater things. Although they are by no means safe, they also have 'the bit between their teeth' as we enter the final few weeks of the campaign. Brash statements were also the order of the day as Barnsley youngster Andy Liddell said: "This is not the sort of form for a team going down, it's more like promotion form. It might sound crazy but if we carry on like this, we could end up in a play-off spot." We all live in hope, I suppose.

Watford put all their off-field troubles behind them with a win against high-flying Watford at Vicarage Road. The victory, however, was not the main talking point after the game, but the brawl which erupted in the second-half. Lions' skipper Keith Stevens was accused of 'doing a Cantona' on Hornets midfield man Andy Hessenthaler. "He put the boot in and he knows it," stormed Andy after the game. "I've got stud marks on my chest. He was lucky to stay on the pitch."

Referee Ian Hemley ignored the incident, which left Hessenthaler needing lengthy treatment. "The ref said he didn't see it. But we had the best answer - we won."

The victory came via a Gerard Lavin strike, after only 12 seconds, and a Hessenthaler goal. Lavin put a fiver at 50-1 on himself to score, so he was a happy man at the final whistle. "The boss said I was wasting my money, so it was nice to prove him wrong," he said.

Portsmouth are still not out of the woods, but their fine 2-1 home win against second-placed Nottingham Forest will have given them the incentive to go even higher. They owed the victory to pint-sized Paul Hall, who gave England full-back Stuart Pearce a torrid time. Hall netted one and helped Gerry Creaney to Pompey's first goal. He was obviously delighted after the game, and earned the plaudits of the media in the following day's newspapers.

Said Paul: "It was a dream to play against someone of Stuart's standard. He's got such a notorious reputation, but I wasn't scared about facing him. I wanted to take liberties with Pearce. If you do, you either get kicked to death or you get some respect. I think I got some respect today."

All the aforementioned results left a small area of south London very happy on Saturday night. League front-runners Crystal Palace extended their lead to eight points with a 2-0 win at Stoke City. Their cause was helped by a fine display from goalkeeper Nigel Martyn, who made three spell-binding saves at the Victoria Ground. Said manager Alan Smith: "As the reality of promotion comes closer, we can draw a parallel with last year when we thought we were safe in the Premiership. The players who went through it are determined not to experience it again. It hurt them going down."



Has Barry Fry changed his mind?

Interest is intense as we prepare for Wembley

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At half-time today we will be holding a draw on the pitch to see who will be the mascot for the FA Cup semi final against Chelsea. All Junior Hatters season ticket holders and those who attend today's game are eligible for what will be a fantastic day to remember.

We would like to welcome to today's game Pizza Hut UK and Murtagh Construction. Both are companies who have joined us for the remainder of this season and for 1994-95.

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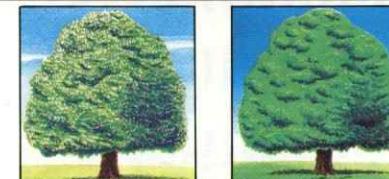


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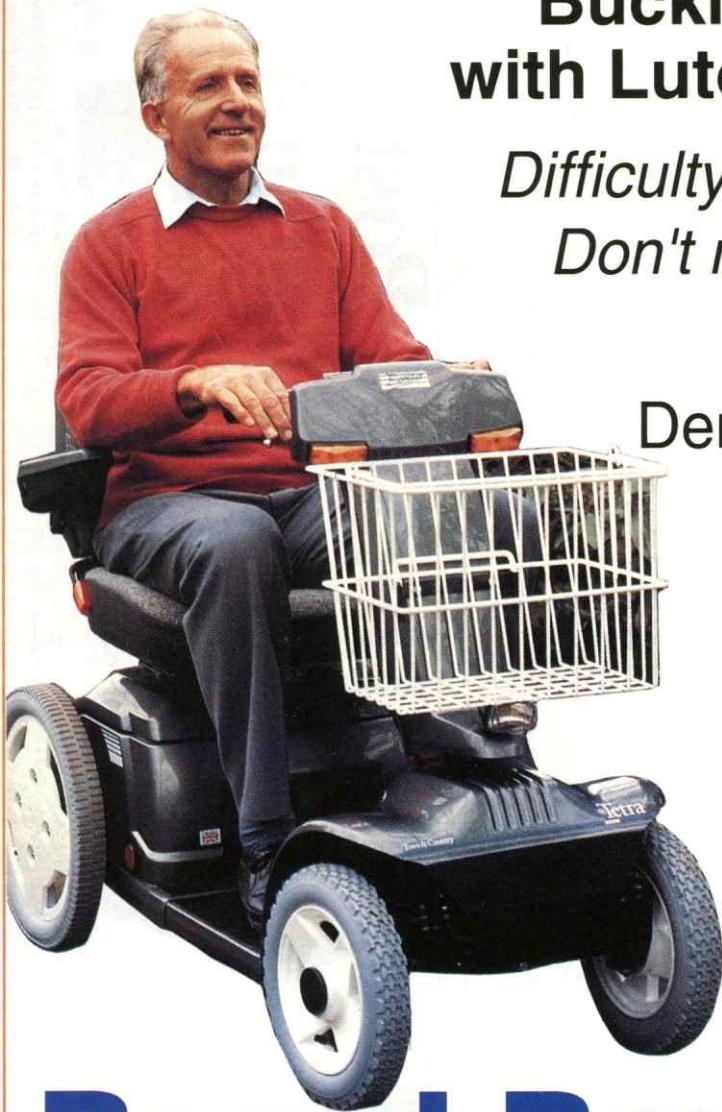
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