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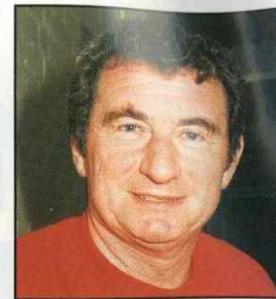
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Defending with ease but labouring in attack



ON THE BALL WITH DAVID PLEAT

Awarm welcome to all our supporters and our friends from Millwall for tonight's game. As the season draws to its ultimate excitement there will, inevitably, be some tense affairs.

We hope that we are able to sleep soundly at the season's end, and our opponents tonight will also achieve their ambitions of Premiership football.

Saturday's game at Wolverhampton highlighted our present problems. We have tightened up considerably in defence and have conceded the tenth least amount of goals in our division. It is in the scoring stakes where we are failing.

The game at Molineux was also spoiled because the playing surface there is inferior to last season when Wolves' groundsman - Mr Philibin - was voted Groundsman of the Year. A poor pitch is a handicap to a passing side.

The thrusts of Bull and Whittingham were well contained and I have been delighted with the progress of David Greene since his recent introduction to the first-team. Julian James again caught the eye. He has given so much sterling service to our club.

In disappointment, one seeks out the wisdom of a neutral. Billy Wright - a marvellous hero of the fifties - who now sits in the Wolves boardroom will not need reminding that since he became England's most capped player, the game has changed dramatically. The finances required to help accelerate progress are considerable. Every player in the Wolves line-up on Saturday was 'signed in' for money. We matched them for everything, with nine players coming through our system. Quite a remarkable difference. But as Bill Nicholson used to say: 'That is your team. You know the rules and if you want to compete, you have to choose which path you want to take'.

We now need the opportunity to make one or

two purchases. They don't have to be million pound buys. Three players currently holding up well in the Premiership were signed by Luton from Cardiff, Wigan and Larne. It is important that we get to that position again so we can put some muscle around our fine, young players.

The most significant result last Saturday was our reserves' win against Tottenham at Kenilworth Road. This followed another good footballing performance against Swindon when only the wile and guile of McAvennie and Mutch defeated us. It has proved again that we are on the right lines. At this time, Jamie Woodsford and Paul McLaren are looking

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towards the possibility of England youth honours, and goalkeeper Kelvin Davis should also get an opportunity.

This is a big week for all of us and nothing should detract from the excitement that win-



Paul Telfer and Eric Young battle for possession during our game with Crystal Palace on April 16.

ning can bring. We have strived manfully since the disappointments at Wembley, but we need the run of the ball and a continued, massive effort. At Wolves we should have hit the net three times. Mick Stowell, in the opposing goal, won the visiting scouts' man-of-the-match award and he is to be complemented in his two recent performances against Luton.

This evening we may still be without Scott Oakes and Trevor Peake, both influential players for us this season. Scott is our leading goalscorer this season, although still short of double figures in the league, while Trevor has inspired us all with his leadership qualities.

Soon we will have played 60 senior games - a massive amount for players to maintain quality performances. Some clubs carry this burden comfortably with 19 or 20 senior players. We have found it more difficult to compensate with the norm of injuries and suspensions.

The support at Wolves was tremendous and we trust that all our genuine supporters will still be backing us to the final whistle. We have enjoyed a taste of glory this season but we are in a 'muck and nettle' affair and it would be a travesty if some of our improving youth get sucked into an uncompromising finish.

Finally, a big thank you to our joint match Sponsors tonight. We appreciate your support.

Enjoy the game and let's hope it is in the truest of sporting traditions.

Member of Parliament our guest this evening



AROUND THE TOWN

EDWINA COME TO TOWN

Conservative Member of Parliament Edwin Currie will be the club's guest of honour for this evening's game. Mrs Currie is the Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes Euro Constituency this year and is looking forward to her visit to Kenilworth Road. "The match will give me the ideal opportunity to meet Bedfordshire people and to enjoy watching the region's top football club," she said. "I know the Hatters put the local community first and it is a view I share fervently."

JAMIE ON INTERNATIONAL DUTY

Our first-year YTS trainee Jamie Woodsford was last week called into the England under-18 squad for a training session at Lilleshall. It was a pleasing boost for Jamie, who has only recently recovered from a bad ankle injury, his second of the season.

INJURY UPDATE



Our two recent injury worries have concerned Trevor Peake (knee) and above Scott Oakes (ankle). Trevor picked up his knee problem in the semi-final with Chelsea, while Scott suffered a badly-bruised ankle.

HUGHES IN NEED OF A REST!

It has been a busy week for midfielder Ceri Hughes. Following our game at Bristol City last Tuesday he joined up with the Wales squad for their friendly against Sweden the following night. It was then back to league action on Saturday at Wolves and a quick rest before tonight's game. I am sure he'll sleep well tonight!

HATTERS RATED HIGHLY

It was interesting to read in '90 Minutes' last week that three Town players, namely Paul Telfer, Scott Oakes and Trevor Peake are in their First Division top-ten ratings for the season so far. Telfer leads the way with 7.37 out of ten, Oakes has 7.31 and Peake has 7.20.

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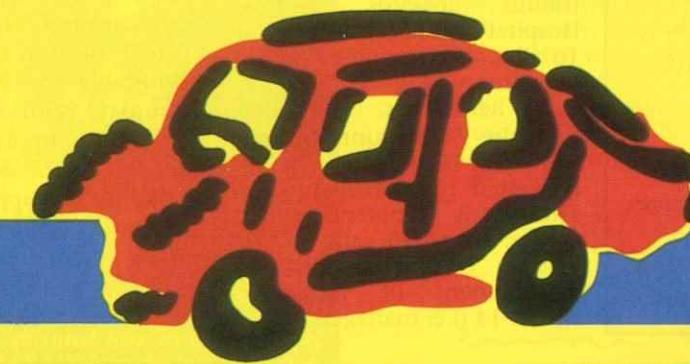
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TONIGHT'S REFEREE

Martin Bodenham, from East Looe in Cornwall, commenced refereeing in 1966 and progressed via the Sussex County and Football Combination Leagues, to the full League list in 1981. Away from football, he lists his hobbies as cricket and golf.



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Excitement against the Lions always assured



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN BY TREVOR PEAKE

There's no doubt about it. We have suffered the after-effects of our Cup run in recent weeks. Injuries, tiredness and a loss of form have all taken their toll, so tonight's game gives us a great opportunity to get back on track.

Our league position suggests that we are still in relegation trouble, but you will not hear any talk like that in the dressing room though. We all know that we have the ability to secure our status and are confident that with our games in hand, we can do it. But we must not get complacent. We know a victory tonight, against one of the top teams in the division, will put our season back on track. We all want to end with a flourish, to thank all you loyal fans for your continued support this season.

Hopefully I will be in the starting line-up tonight, but David Greene has continued to be a pillar in my absence.



David Greene, pictured here in commanding action against Middlesbrough, has been outstanding in Trevor's absence.

I'm starting to worry about my place in the side! We all know at Kenilworth Road that our future is in good hands.

Tonight's opponents Millwall have gone from strength to strength this season, so we are anticipating yet another tough end-of-season battle. An interesting statistic is that they have lost only one game at home all season. Their away form is more inconsistent, so we will be looking to capitalise on that tonight.

But one thing you can be assured of is an exciting game of football tonight. Matches against Millwall always seem to be end-to-end, with good football and a number of goals. The match at The New Den last month was a prime example, and we will be hoping to build on that draw and make the three points ours. Hopefully three points that will make us safe for next season.

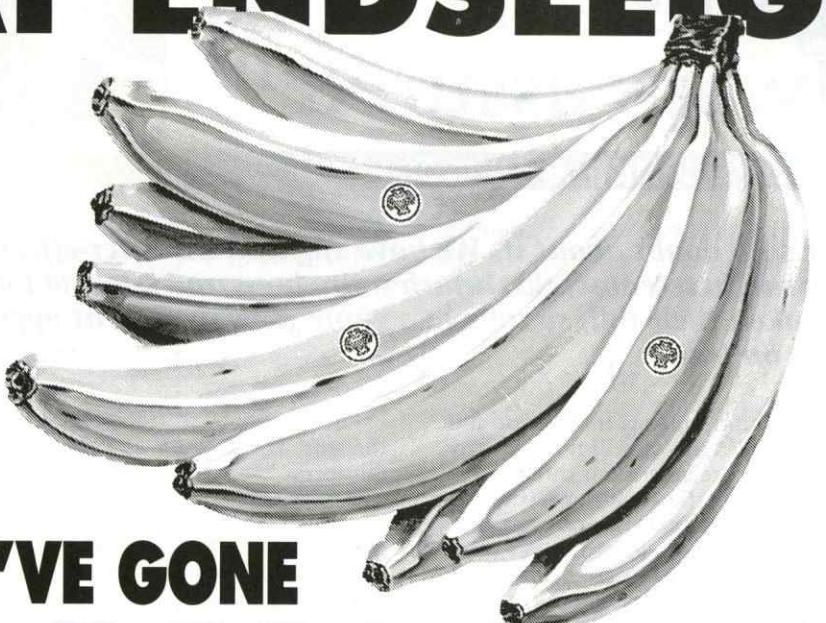
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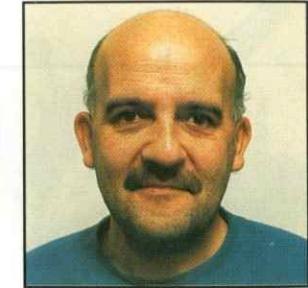


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Andy McDade: the father figure!



BEHIND THE SCENES AT KENILWORTH ROAD

The Hatters have been fairly lucky with injuries this season but, following the recent injury to Trevor Peake and the more longer term problems of Marvin Johnson and Martin Williams, our manager David Pleat admitted his squad was going to be stretched for the final few weeks of the season.

The man who has to ensure the injury problems do not become a crisis is club physio Andy McDade. He has been in charge of injuries at Kenilworth Road for 18 months now and admits that it is a full-time job getting players fit in time for vital Endsleigh League games. "There is no doubt this is a full-time job," he said. "I need to be at the club at 9.00 am every morning and have to make sure that I am fully aware of every injury problem we have at the club."

Andy explained that it was sometimes hard, with such a youthful squad, to keep spirits up when the injuries begin to set in. "It's hard for the young lads when they get injured," he added. "It is up to me to act like a father to them, try to console them and, of course, get them back as quickly as possible."

"The most important thing about this job is knowing your players and knowing how their minds work. It is vital that when they need our help we know how to handle them. I am the last person anyone here at Luton wants to see because seeing me means 'injury' and maybe not playing."

"Players get so depressed when they pick up injuries. After all, they are away from their team-mates and out of training, when they just want to be involved."

McDade does not work alone in the Luton physio room these days and his

side-kick, former Town player Clive Goodyear, looks after the long term injuries to leave Andy free to get the squad fit for the manager. "Clive works on the longer term injuries such as the two lads we have got at the moment, Darren Salton and Richard Harvey. That leaves me with the opportunity to work on the more immediate bumps and bruises."

Injuries that are a problem need to be discussed with Mr Pleat regularly and, in times of crisis, on a frequent basis. "I normally speak to the manager once every couple of days and explain to him the problems for the week. During the cup run it was particularly important that we kept in close contact. We did try to nurse players through some knocks to ensure they played in the cup ties."

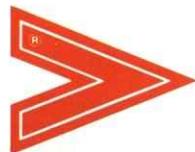
Andy, a former physio with Barnet, joined Luton back in December 1992 and looks back on his time at Underhill with great enthusiasm. "I was there working under Barry Fry and Stan Flashman so it was never boring at Barnet. That was a great time for me and I am sad to see the problems the club has endured in recent years."

"But now I am a Luton man and thoroughly enjoying myself here. We have a great bunch of lads, a great team spirit and it is a pleasure to be associated with them, even if they don't like coming to see me!"



Andy attends an injured Ceri Hughes

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The club made me and the presentation as important as anything else and it will be a day I will always remember when I am standing behind the goal at Kenilworth Road.

Thanks to everyone at the club.

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Dear Sir,

I am trying to find an old friend of mine who I served in the army with back in 1952. His name is Trevor Rose and he was in the Army Catering Corps,

but we stayed together at Long Marston near Stratford Upon Avon.

Trevor was a big Hatters supporter and may even have been a season ticket holder. We played football together in the army and I have medals from those days that bring back many happy memories.

I believe he would be about 59-years-old now and I would love to meet up with him again.

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Spotlight on tonight's visitors

MILLWALL F.C. 1993-94

■ Despite an indifferent start to the season which yielded just two victories in their opening nine matches, Millwall now find themselves in the thick of the promotion battle. At the time of writing, the Lions lie in a play-off position and will be hoping their new stadium will play host to Premiership football next season. Having lost as few games as any in the First Division, it is the draws column that has kept the Lions out of an automatic promotion place.

+ Following last season's performances in the league, it is no surprise to see Mick McCarthy's side pushing for a place in the top-flight. Players such as Moralee, Rae, Keller and Goodman burst on to the scene and a play-off place looked assured. However, a run of four defeats in their last five games ensured that Millwall finished in a disappointing seventh position, six points behind Leicester in a play-off place.

■ Like many of the sides in our division, Millwall's success has been built around their youth and they are a club who were FA Youth Cup winners back in 1991 and Southern Junior Floodlit Cup winners last season. This success is now paying dividends for manager McCarthy's side, as a number of these young players burst into the first team arena.

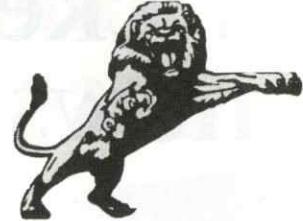
■ This season has seen experienced players



Back row (left to right): Paul Holsgrave, Etienne Verveer, Jamie Moralee, Mark Foran (now Sheffield United), Tony McCarthy, Lee Luscombe, Richard Huxford, Tony Dolby.

Middle row (left to right): Keith Johnstone (physio), Paul Manning, Keith Stevens, Jon Goodman, James Saddington, Kasey Keller, Carl Emberton, John Byrne, John Kerr, Kenny Cunningham, John Humphrey, Peter Melville (physio).

Front row: Andy May, Andy Roberts, Ian Bogie, Alex Rae, Ian McDonald (reserve coach), Mick McCarthy (manager), Ian Evans (first team coach), Phil Barber, Gavin McGuire, Ian Dawes, Malcolm Allen (now Newcastle United).



VISITORS ON PARADE

KASEY KELLER (goalkeeper) - Born Washington, USA, Kasey is a highly-rated American goalkeeper who joined Millwall in January 1992. Along with our own Juergen Sommer, he is pushing for a place in the US World Cup squad for this summer's tournament. Last year Kasey was voted Millwall's Player of the Year.

KENNY CUNNINGHAM (defender) - Kenny became the Lions' regular full-back last season and has held his place in the side since. Last season's form earned him a place in the Republic of Ireland B and U-21's sides. He signed for Millwall from Tolka Rovers back in 1990.

PAT VAN DEN HAUWE (defender) - Signed from Spurs earlier this season, Pat has forced his way into the side in recent weeks. In his time with Everton he scored the goal that won the title for the 'Toffees' back in 1985. He also has an FA Cup winners medal from Spurs' win against Nottingham Forest in 1991.

NEIL EMBLEN (defender) - Neil joined Millwall from non-league Sittingbourne, along with full back Michael Harle, in November 1993. Within a fortnight he was playing in the First Division, making his league debut in the 3-1 home win over Tranmere Rovers.

IAN DAWES (defender) - Signed from Q.P.R. in 1988 for £150,000 Dawes has made over 150 appearances for the Lions. Has been at Millwall long enough to see many changes in personnel and, of course, venue.

GREG BERRY (midfield) - Greg signed from Wimbledon on transfer deadline day for a fee of £200,000 and made his debut against Luton, a game in which he managed to score. He previously had a spell with Leyton Orient.

ETIENNE VERVEER (midfield) - Surinam born, Etienne joined Millwall from Swiss club F.C. Chur in 1991. Has made an impact in the side this season when he has come on from the bench.

ALEX RAE (midfield) - A Scottish U-21 international, Alex moved south from Falkirk to sign for Millwall for £100,000 in 1990. Top scorer in 1991/92 with 11 goals, he has performed well again this season on the right wing.

TERRY HURLOCK (midfield) - Terry signed for the Lions - for a second time - from Southampton earlier this season. In a much-travelled career, he has had spells with Leyton Orient, Brentford, Reading and Glasgow Rangers.

CLIVE ALLEN (forward) - Clive signed for Millwall on transfer deadline day for £75,000 from West Ham. Has enjoyed spells at Q.P.R., Arsenal, Crystal Palace, Tottenham, Chelsea, West Ham, Manchester City and Bordeaux.

JAMIE MORALEE (forward) - Jamie came to The Den in part of the deal which took Chris Armstrong to Crystal Palace and quickly proved himself by finishing as the club's top goal scorer last season with 15 goals.

DAVE MITCHELL (forward) - Dave is challenging new team-mate Clive Allen and Terry Hurlock in the number of clubs they have played for! Spells in Germany, Holland, Turkey and in England with Swindon, Newcastle and Chelsea, have earned Mitchell international recognition playing for Australia.

JOHN KERR (forward) - USA international John returned to England in 1992 after previously playing for Portsmouth. Despite being born in Toronto, he is fighting for a World Cup place along with team mate Kasey Keller.

MEET THE BOSS

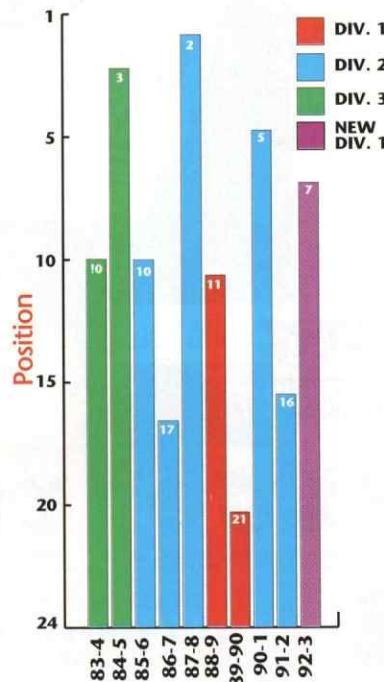


Mick McCarthy started his footballing career as a raw 18-year-old with Barnsley in 1977. Performing at centre-back, he went on to play 46 times in his first season at Oakwell and become a firm crowd favourite. He went on to make nearly 300 appearances for Barnsley before joining Manchester City in 1983.

He helped the Blues into the top-flight and became club captain before moving north of the border, to Celtic, in 1987 and later joining Lyon. He was officially appointed player/manager of Millwall F.C. in April 1992 after a period as player, then caretaker boss.

Mick led Millwall desperately close to the play-offs last season, and will be looking to go one step further in this, his second full season as manager.

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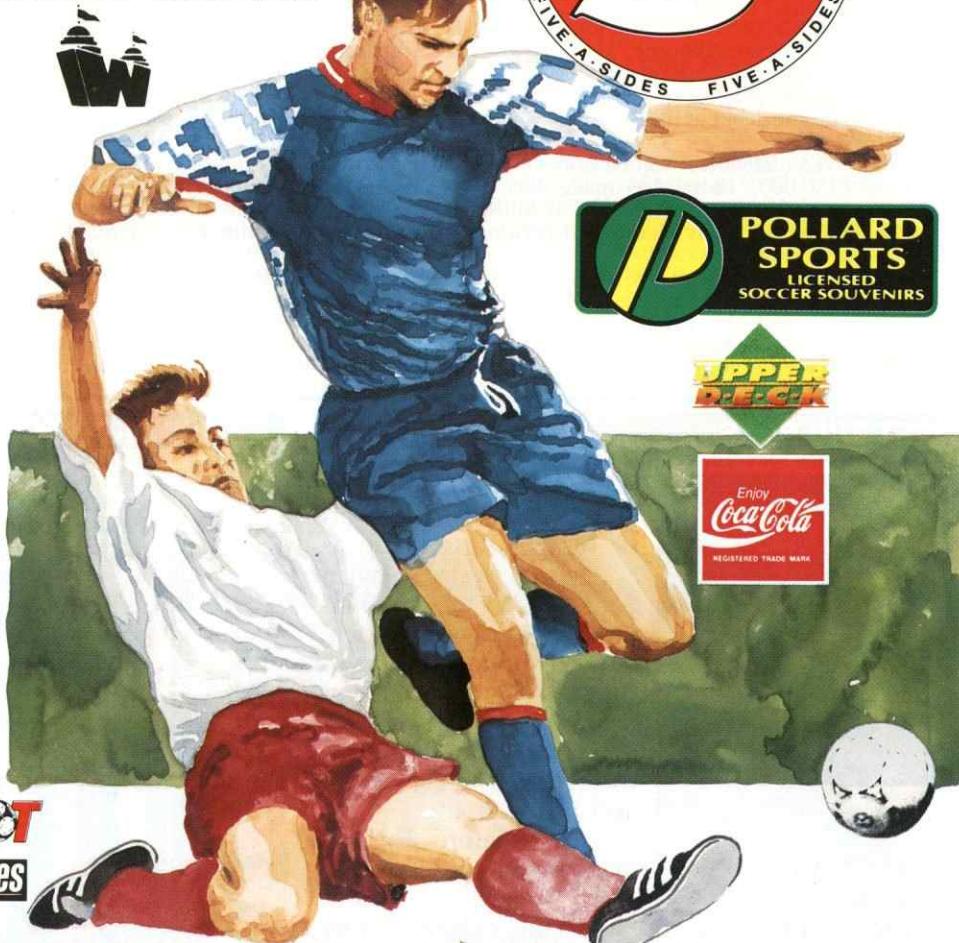


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HARRY OF THE HATTERS

JUNIOR HATTERS



Awarm welcome to all the junior supporters of Millwall who have travelled to be with us tonight. After two postponed games with the Lions this season, it is pleasing to finally see you all at Kenilworth Road!

Remember, this Saturday's game with Southend United sees our final Saturday Club of the season. Tickets are already selling well for the day, which will include 5-a-side games, football coaching, table tennis, snooker, lunch and a ticket to the match. The club runs from 11.30 am - 5.00 pm and is fully-supervised. The cost is only £5.00 or £3.00 for season ticket holders, so book now on (0582) 416976!

As you may have read in our last match day magazine, we are hoping to organise an end-of-season trip to the American Adventure Theme Park in Derbyshire. So far we have had a positive response from Junior Hatters, but if you have not already

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Date of Birth: 16.3.83
School Attended:
Leighton Middle School
Hobbies: Football, swimming and karate
Favourite Luton player:
David Preece
Local team you play for:
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Who accompanies you to Luton matches: My Dad and brother
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Although the season ends in a couple of weeks, life at Kenilworth Road goes on, and we still enjoy organising events for the Junior Hatters. We have a few places left on our mini-soccer course which will run throughout May, June and July on Saturday mornings for under 6's-under 9's. The cost for ten sessions will be £20, so contact Paul Lowe on (0582) 411622 for an application form.

Finally, look out for the next issue of 'Harry of the Hatters' newsletter which will be coming soon, and please write in with your comments and suggestions.

JUNIOR HATTERS TRAVEL

Travel arrangements for the away game at Stoke are as follows:

8.5.94 Stoke - depart Kenilworth Road forecourt 9.30 am
Arrive home approximately: 7.00 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 ticket to 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

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THE LAST TIME WE MET AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Despite playing some of their best football of the season, and ending the game 1-1, the Town finished the day propping up the First Division table on November 22, 1992. In a first-half dominated by the Town, Millwall goalkeeper Kasey Keller needed to be in top form to keep Luton's half-time lead down to just 1-0. The goal Luton had been threatening arrived after 27 minutes when Phil Gray glanced a header home from a Paul Telfer cross. Little was then seen of Millwall as an attacking threat, but that was to change after the break. As the game progressed, Millwall's 2,000 strong band of visiting fans were given something to cheer about as a long Ian Dawes free-kick was headed in by John Byrne. Keller continued his inspired form, denying Dreyer and Gray with great saves late on and Millwall held out for a point even their manager admitted was somewhat fortunate.

Pictured in action is David Preece pulling away from Malcolm Allen, now a striker with Newcastle United.

Town team: Chamberlain, James, Salton, Peake, Dreyer, Telfer (Oakes 84), Rees, Preece, Hughes (Johnson 79), Benjamin, Gray.

Lions team : Keller, Cunningham, Cooper, Stevens, Dawes, Rae (Roberts 68), May, Allen Barber, Byrne, Moralee.
Attendance: 8,371

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	Stoffold (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
Thu	3 Mar	Ipswich Town	2-3
Tue	8 Mar	West Ham United	0-1
Wed	16 Mar	Bristol Rovers	1-2
Wed	23 Mar	Millwall	2-0
Mon	28 Mar	Charlton Athletic	0-0
Tue	5 Apr	Crystal Palace	0-0
Tue	12 Apr	Bristol City	1-3
Mon	18 Apr	Swindon Town	2-4
Sat	23 Apr	Tottenham Hotspur	
Thur	25 Apr	Wimbledon	
Thur	28 Apr	Chelsea	
Mon	2 May	Bristol City	
Wed	4 May	Charlton Athletic	
T.B.A.		Bedford Town (BPCF)	

Neville Ovenden Football
Combination League Table
(up to and including 16.4.94)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pls
Chelsea	33	22	7	4	71	33	73
Ipswich Town	32	16	7	9	62	45	55
Bristol Rovers	33	14	12	7	48	42	54
Southampton	35	15	9	11	58	50	54
Tottenham Hotspur	29	14	6	9	52	30	48
Swindon Town	32	16	2	15	42	46	47
Crystal Palace	32	12	10	10	47	38	46
Norwich City	32	13	7	12	56	49	46
West Ham United	29	12	9	8	43	32	45
Q.P.R.	30	13	5	12	43	42	44
Wimbledon	32	10	13	9	35	40	43
Millwall	33	11	10	12	51	58	43
Oxford United	34	11	9	14	50	54	42
Arsenal	32	11	5	16	53	59	38
Portsmouth	33	9	11	13	39	49	38
Charlton Athletic	29	10	4	15	46	48	34
LUTON TOWN	31	9	7	15	49	59	34
Bristol City	31	8	8	15	39	65	32
Brighton & H.A.	30	7	8	15	29	37	29
Watford	30	6	7	17	38	63	25

DOMINATION COUNTS
FOR NOTHING
AGAINST ROBINS

Luton Town 2
Swindon Town 4
Neville Ovenden Football
Combination,
Monday, April 18, 1994

Despite enjoying their best opening 25 minutes of the season, Wayne Turner's reserve side lost an exciting encounter at Kenilworth Road. For Wayne, victory was conceded due to two basic errors. "We could not find the target, and we gave away naive goals," was his assessment. "That was a great shame because we dominated the game from start to finish, and created countless opportunities in front of goal."

The Hatters took the lead through Scott Houghton but with a defence with an average age of only 18, they fell behind to two goals in quick succession. "Both goals were sucker-punches," added Wayne. "Our youngsters have got to learn to keep tight in all situations, but it will come in time. Against Swindon they had to cope with the experience of

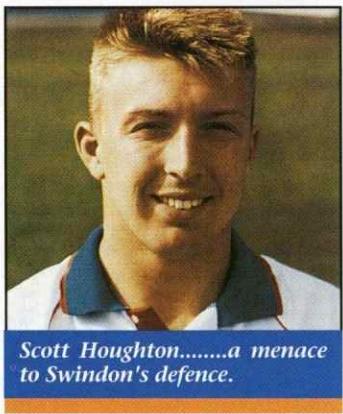
Frank McAvennie and Andy Mutch, so they will have learned from that.

"At the other end, I think we created ten chances to Swindon's four, but look at the result! From that point of view, I was very disappointed.

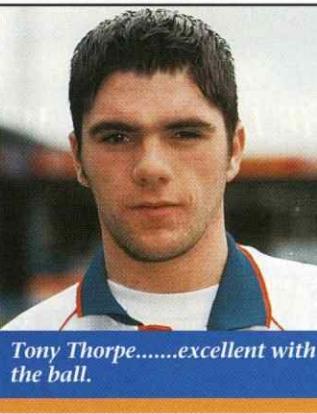
"What we need to do is take a leaf out of the books of Manchester United and Blackburn. They both play football the way it should be played - like we try ourselves - but they also have steel and determination in both 18-yard boxes, with a man running the show in the middle. They have found the balance between passing and winning and that is what I am trying to achieve here with my side."

Tony Thorpe scored the Town's other goal last Monday, and Wayne singled him and Houghton out for praise. "Tony produced some excellent things with the ball and scored a good goal. What he must now concentrate on is his work when he hasn't got the ball. Scott was also a menace to their defence. He gave them plenty of problems."

Team: Petterson, Jukes, Riach, Philp, Simpson, McLaren, Rees, Skelton, Campbell, Houghton 1, Thorpe 1. Subs: Woolgar, Ryan.



Scott Houghton.....a menace to Swindon's defence.



Tony Thorpe.....excellent with the ball.

RESERVES



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AND TERRY WESTLEY



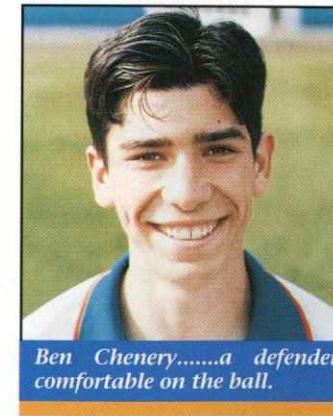
.....along with fellow centre-half Paul McLaren.

VICTORY OVER
HORNETS AS YOUTHS
WIN ANOTHER
FRIENDLY

Luton Town U-17 1
Watford U-17 1
Friendly,
Saturday, April 16, 1994.

With yet another Saturday without a competitive game Terry Westley's first-year trainees, and schoolboys who will be joining in the summer, won their third consecutive friendly - this time against South East Counties Division One side Watford. For Terry, it was another chance for the youngsters to gain experience. "The game gave the schoolboys another taste of what to expect next season," he explained. "Following three friendlies, they will now have a good idea about the discipline involved and what is expected from a Luton Town trainee."

The game itself saw



Ben Chenery.....a defender comfortable on the ball.

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 (SJFC1R)	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
Thu 21 Apr	Cambridge United (EJC0F)	
T.B.A.	Tottenham	

South East Counties League
Division Two Table

(up to and including 26.3.94)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pls
Swindon Town	25	14	6	5	48	22	34
Crystal Palace	24	13	5	6	48	30	31
Wimbledon	25	14	1	10	59	44	29
Oxford United	26	11	6	9	46	38	28
Brentford	26	10	8	8	40	34	28
Reading	23	9	9	5	33	31	27
Brighton & H.A.	25	10	6	9	37	40	26
LUTON TOWN	25	11	4	10	40	45	26
Bristol Rovers	24	9	5	10	40	43	23
Southampton	25	7	7	11	27	29	21
Colchester United	26	6	7	13	33	55	19
Bournemouth	24	8	2	14	36	49	18
Tottenham Hotspur	24	7	4	13	32	45	18
Bristol City	24	6	12	30	44	28	18

John Dreyer: 'Harper's arrival has been our spur'



PLAYER INTERVIEW

As an almost ever-present, John Dreyer has seen the highs and lows of the 1993-94 season. Thankfully, there have been more highs, and 'Tumble' pinpoints the arrival of Alan Harper as the turning point in the Hatters' 1993-94 campaign.

The pre-season hope was to build on last year's relegation battle and ensure that a similar rearguard action would not have to be fought again this season. The former Fulham, Torquay and Oxford defender admits his early optimism looked unfounded after the disappointing first few weeks of the 1993/94 campaign.

"Unfortunately we started very badly and we were conceding far too many goals," said John, who has recently recovered from a flu bug at the club. "However, the arrival of Alan Harper was a big reason why we have been able to turn things around."

Harper's first game was back in September against Tranmere on his native Merseyside. Although that game ended in a 4-1 defeat for the Hatters, the results soon began to turn Luton's way and the confidence followed the good results.

"It wasn't until after Christmas that things really began to pick up and that coincided with the great run in the FA Cup," he added. "Alan gave the team a good shape. We all knew that we were good going forward, but the problems were at the back. The recovery was so good that at one stage many people were saying that the play-offs were a possibility."

"We could have pushed for a promotion place, but I think the cup run has meant that our minds have been elsewhere in recent weeks."

John says the Chelsea FA Cup semi-final was an occasion to remember, but admits that the Town failed to perform on the day. "I thought Chelsea were excellent and stopped us from playing, which meant our attacking ideas were not able to develop," he pointed out. "Even though the result was dis-

appointing, I would say that the game was the highlight of my career.

"I think the cup run has to be looked at as a big bonus. When we went up to Newcastle back in January, 99 per cent of the public thought we had no chance.

"The run has been great for the youngsters because, after all, they are the future of the club. It put their name up in lights and now there are big prices being put on the heads of a few of them.

"Players like Thorpe, Campbell and Greene have not let anyone down, but they have all come into the side when the team was doing well. It will be interesting to see how they now respond because it is always very hard for youngsters to fit into a team that is starting to struggle a little."

John believes the confidence gained from the cup run will inspire the team to steer well clear of the relegation dogfight, but does add a word of caution: "I have heard people saying in recent weeks that we are too good to go down. They said that about Forest last year and look what happened to them."

"But I believe we can beat anyone on our day, we proved that this year in the FA Cup, and if it comes to the crunch, we will pull through no problem. No one at the club is talking about relegation."

Dreyer also paid tribute to his defensive partner Trevor Peake on what he described as an outstanding season. "He would certainly win my vote in the player of the year awards. He has been outstanding and you need the award to go to a player that has played well all season, not just in certain games."



A light shines through the gloomy days



BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH

With the Town suffering from missing out on promotion in 1970/71 and then losing top scorer and terrace hero Malcolm Macdonald to Newcastle, the following season was always going to be an anti-climax.

Out of all the gloom that surrounded that campaign, the two games against today's opponents, Millwall, stand in the memory. Whether it was because the Town raised their game against a very good side that only narrowly failed to win promotion at the end of the season, or whether time dulls the memory, it is hard to say, but I hope that all the supporters of both sides who are here today, and who saw both games, will agree with me!

The Town started off the season with five draws from the first six games and with only four goals scored in this period it was fairly obvious where the problem lay. Manager Alec Stock, in an attempt to boost the attack, signed Vic Halom from Fulham and he made his debut in a 0-0 home draw with Birmingham - hardly a shining start.

The following week the Town were away at Millwall, the scene of a severe thrashing the previous season, and a crowd of 12,422 turned up to see if the Lions could maintain their early surge up the table.

Millwall took the lead in the second minute, with Derek Possee taking advantage of slack marking to glance home a header. This would normally have signalled the end for the Town, in view of their shot-shy attack, but with Halom taking the weight off the other forwards we started to look dangerous. An equaliser came in the ninth minute when Peter Anderson dived full length to get on the end of a cross from Don Givens.

Millwall regained the lead on the half-hour when full-back Harry Cripps went down in dramatic fashion following a tackle

from John Ryan. He picked himself up and scored from the spot.

The second-half opened with the Town taking the game to their opponents and with the home supporters getting restless, stole a second equaliser out of nothing. Anderson picked up a long clearance from goalkeeper Tony Read, rounded Brian Brown and smashed home a tremendous shot that beat King all ends up.

By the time of the return, on January 1, we were chugging along in mid table while the Lions was challenging the leaders. A crowd of 15,113 were present at Kenilworth Road to see if the Town could extend their six-game unbeaten run, which included three draws.

Showing uncharacteristic free-flowing football, the Town went further ahead 15 minutes later when Givens fought for possession of the ball on the by-line and sent over a hard cross, which Anderson met with a bullet header to send the crowd into raptures.

Stung by this set back to their promotion aspirations, Millwall came more into it in the second-half and reduced the arrears after 53 minutes through Possee. Both sides had their chances after that in a thrilling finale, but the Town held on to take the points.

Previous Encounters

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	25	10	11	4	43	24
Away	26	5	8	13	27	52
Total	51	15	19	17	70	76



Peter Anderson: a menace to the Millwall defence.

DOWN THE YEARS

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In a bid to pull away from the foot of the table, the Town secured three points in an emphatic 3-0 home win over Derby. Danny Wilson, Mick Harford and Kingsley Black were the Luton goalscorers. (29.4.89).

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In a bad tempered clash, both Paul Elliott and Watford's Wilf Rostron were sent off as the Hornets won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road. A crowd of 12,594 saw Paul Walsh score the sole Luton goal. (23.4.84).

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Another relegation battle saw the Town return from Preston with a vital point following a 2-2 draw. "My best ever" said David Moss, referring to the second equaliser. (23.4.79).

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A goal from Barry Butlin earned the Town a point at West Bromwich, at the same time clinching promotion to Division One for the first time since 1960. (27.4.74).

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What is the Bruce Rioch connection between Luton Town and Millwall?



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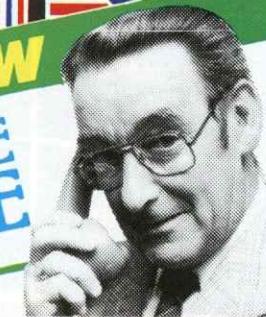
How did Luton Town make a little bit of history in their most recent match against Millwall?

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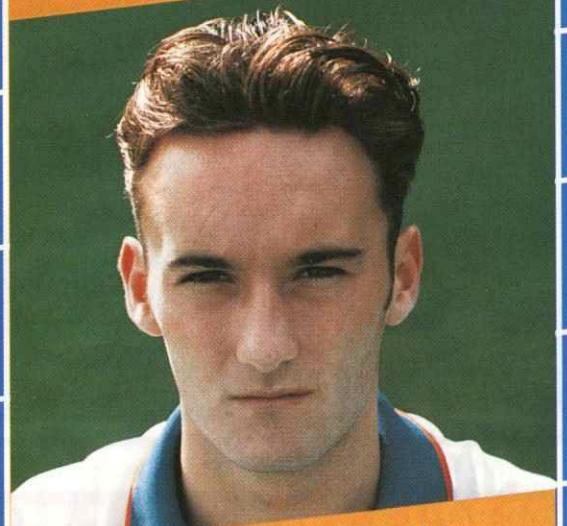
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THE VISITORS' VIEWPOINT WITH TERRY HURLOCK

When you're gunning for promotion, you need a winner in midfield to guide you through those final, vital steps of the season. Millwall appear to have found the perfect example in Terry Hurlock. His ball-winning attributes are once again packing them in at The New Den, where he is a re-vitalised player under Mick McCarthy.

There is no doubt that 35-year-old Hurlock enjoyed the best years of a chequered career in the blue of Millwall. An inspirational leader, he led the Lions into the old First Division with a style of his own. A side containing the likes of Sheringham, Carter and Cascarino were built around his midfield dominance and the successful formula saw the south Londoners hit the top of the league. Although he has only been back a month or so, Hurlock believes those glory days could be on the way back.

"The successful days could well be just around the corner," said Terry. "Everybody is working hard, and there's a nice, confident atmosphere around the place. That has helped ease the pressure on us and has helped build up the team spirit which is vital to any successful side."

Terry's role is very similar to our own experienced midfield king-pin Alan Harper. Sitting just in front of the back-four these old campaigners have the chance to run a game with a precise pass or a timely interception. For Terry, he is revelling in the role as he settled back into his number four shirt.

"Having not played for a while I wasn't too sure how I would fit into the new role," he admitted. "But the position just in front of the back four, where my job is to make tackles and give the ball easy, has suited me quite well.

"It cuts my running down, not having to

keep charging up the field and getting in the box, which at my age is quite a relief."

Terry's last port of call was in the Premiership with struggling Southampton. Known for their somewhat direct style of play, Terry has been pleased to get back to his roots at The New Den with a side whose emphasis is on the passing game.

He added: "At Southampton it was all about smashing the ball over the top and closing people down, whereas here people are looking for passes, getting little one-twos going and everyone seems to want the ball, which makes my job easier. Sometimes you do need to play a final ball over the top, but it's a question of choosing when to play it.

"There's not been a lot of time to find my feet as it were, because we are at a critical stage of the season where every game is vital. Mind you, I prefer playing in big games, that's what it's all about, and I'd far rather be fighting for promotion than battling against relegation. In my time at The Dell we are always struggling and because the style of play was so different, it's hard for me to judge between the top teams in this division and those in the Premiership. If we can get up this season then I might be able to tell you."

And the message most Lions' fans will enjoy hearing is: "I'd like to think I can play for another season or two yet and I'd love to finish my career with Millwall at the top."



The Eagles have soared, but who will join them?

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NEWS ON ONE BY KEVIN PALMER

Crystal Palace are one team sure to be entertaining the Premiership sides in England next year, but of the other challengers, who are the most likely to secure the last automatic place or at least get into the play-offs?

Nottingham Forest look the likely bet to join Palace in the FA Premiership next season, if only for the fact that they currently lie in the final automatic place up for grabs in a tight promotion race. Two million pound summer signing Stan Collymore is in great form with 22 goals to his name this season and as goals are all-important in these final few games of the season, Forest look set for a return to the top-flight - like Palace - at the first time of asking.

Of the opposition to the men from the City Ground, tonight's opponents Millwall look well placed to challenge for that final automatic place. A victory in the game against Nottingham Forest at The New Den nine days ago would have put the Lions within touching distance of Forest, but a late Steve Stone goal gave Forest a point that may be crucial come the middle of May.

Lions manager Mick McCarthy was keen to ensure his side did not lose heart after the disappointing result and stated that he believed automatic promotion was still a possibility.

"We have to believe that we can still go up and we want to avoid the lottery of the play-offs at all costs," he stated.

Others in search of a play-off place include Leicester City and Derby County, who are both confident that promotion can finally become a reality. City have been to Wembley two years in succession, losing in both the play-off finals they have reached, and it is a credit to Brian Little's side that they have come back from those two disappointments to be challenging again this season.

Assistant manager Alan Evans admits his team are not playing to their full potential at the moment, but is satisfied with the season overall. "We are not playing as well as we can

at the moment, but we have not been out of the top six all season and that has to be a good sign," he claimed.

Big-spending Derby on the other hand, have enjoyed recent good form and striker Tommy Johnson believes the automatic promotion place is still a possibility. "We have only lost one of our last ten games and confidence is bubbling. If we can win the game

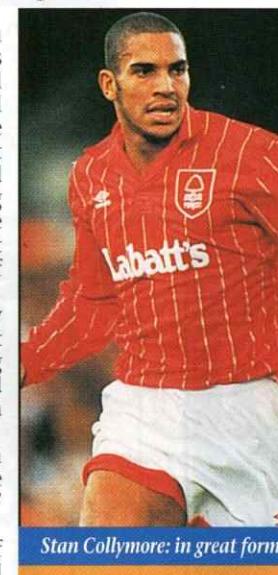
against Nottingham Forest in a few weeks time, I think we can still claim second spot," he said optimistically.

For Tranmere, Notts County and Wolves, a place in the play-off's would be a great achievement after mid-season slumps. County's recent defeat against Wolves has put a dent in their challenge and boosted Graham Taylor's Wolves side. The former England boss admits his side have a mountain to climb to claim sixth spot and in doing so a play-off place. "We are going to need a lot of luck between now and the end of the season. I do not know how many points we need, it doesn't interest me, but finishing sixth does," he explained.

For Tranmere, League Cup glory is in the past and the chance is there for them to win a place in the top league for the first time in their history. John Aldridge's 25 goal haul has put the Merseysiders on the brink of promotion and his goalscoring side-kick Ian Muir believes he and his partner can fire Tranmere into the Premiership. "I can score goals and so can he and I think that we complement each other," claimed Muir.

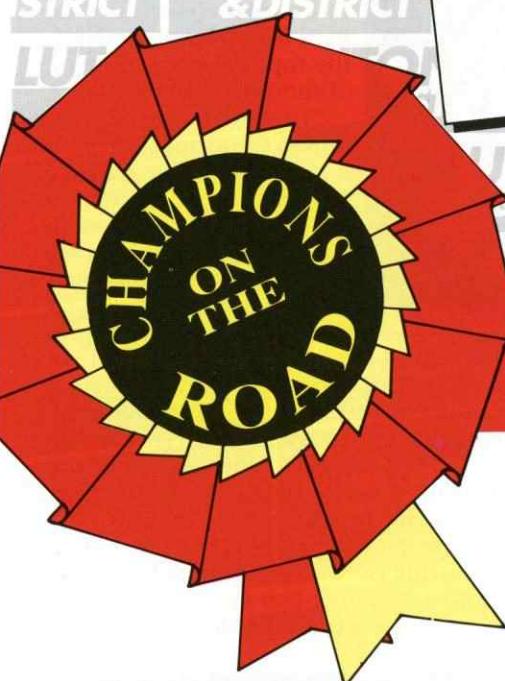
It would be ironic if Tranmere were to replace their famous neighbours Everton in the Premiership next season.

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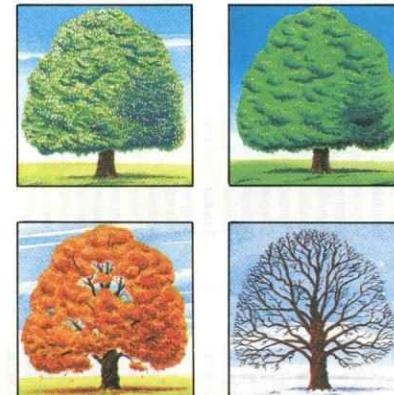
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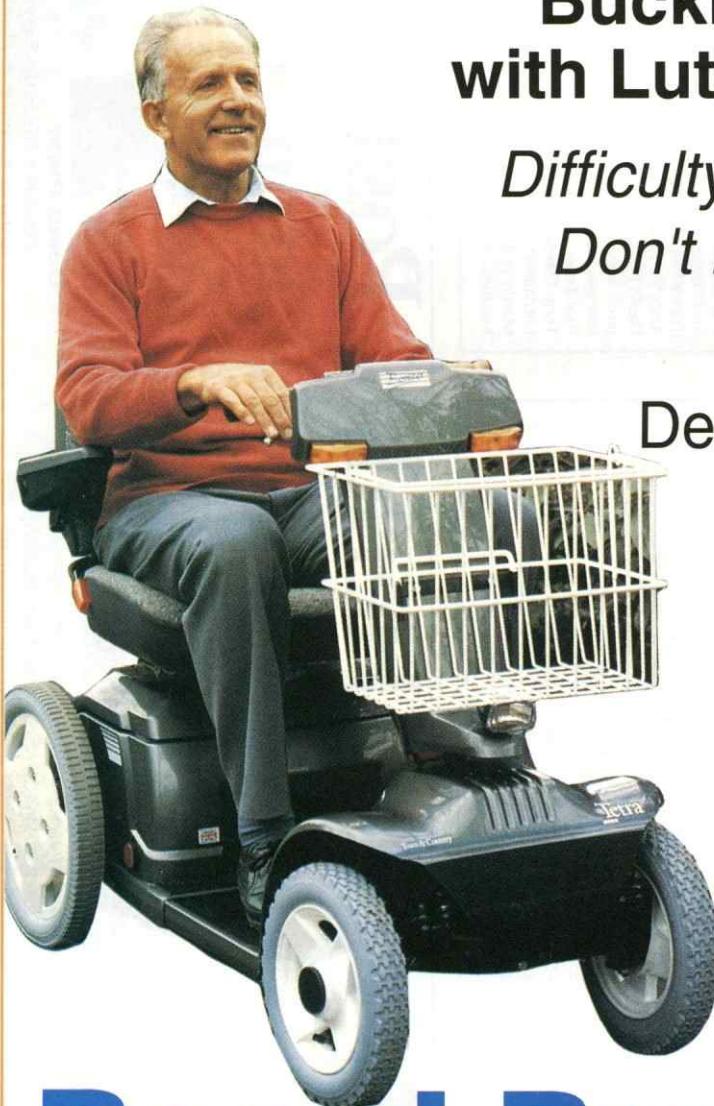
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