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PLEAT'S PERSPECTIVE

TONIGHT WE MUST BE WARY OF AN EARLY-SEASON SHOCK

TONIGHT we welcome Fulham, their manager, directors, supporters and players. It seems a while now since we met each other in the old Division Two, although we compete regularly at reserve level in the Football Combination.

Recently they have traded our ex-front player Sean Farrell to Peterborough under freedom of contract and there is a possibility, if he plays a certain number of games, we may receive a further small payment.

Last Thursday, the chairman and I travelled to Lytham to represent the club in

Andy Petterson's tribunal case, following his departure for Charlton in the summer.

Although we came away disappointed at our return, we have always understood and accepted the tribunal's decision.

Over the years we have both signed and sold several players under the freedom of contract scenario. However I am now firmly of the opinion that the league clubs should push for the pendulum system as operated in America.

In this way both clubs make representations with a figure, and the nearest to the tribunal's decision wins the case.

It's always an exciting time when the Coca Cola first round comes so quickly at the start of a season. Sometimes clubs

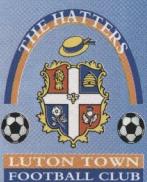
are ready, some are uncertain, and some fall victim to an early season shock.

How must Glasgow Rangers have felt last week having been forced to play a European Cup preliminary round game prior to even a league workout?

Tonight is only the first half of a task in which we give our visitors the utmost respect. They have changed their management in the close season, and Ian Branfoot, whom we wish every success, has brought in players from Southampton, Millwall and Sheffield United.

It was Ian Branfoot who was sincere enough to allow Kerry Dixon to leave on a free transfer when things were not working out at The Dell.

Fulham supporters have seen the fortunes of several London neighbours like Wimbledon, Chelsea and Brentford rise over the last two seasons, and I'm sure that their patience and sense, dictated by their chairman Jimmy Hill not to get involved in the wildly escalating transfer



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Kerry Dixon (9) congratulates Scott Oakes after Saturday's equaliser in the 1-1 draw with West Bromwich Albion

fees and salaries, will eventually pay off.

We have found that although it is a little wearying and one gets impatient, there is more satisfaction in seeing your own developers progress.

This is an opportune time to welcome the new members of our backroom staff.

Clive Goodyear has returned after being sold (rather cheaply!) to Plymouth several years ago where he got a championship medal, to add to his 81/82 Luton medal. He then had the magnificent achievement of an FA Cup winner's medal with Wimbledon, and has put his spare time to good use in training to handle treatment of injuries.

We welcome him back as we do another old friend John Sheridan who will act as our consultant in the physiotherapy room.

We have some lovely new facilities with our rehabilitation weight room re-sited, and a well equipped recovery area.

Also, we welcome our new Programme

Editor and Club PR appointment Simon Oxley, and we have a new shop manager Angie Riley. We hope we have a long and happy association.

Once again I remind supporters that both a phone into Clubcall and a visit into the shop is a help to the finances.

We are hoping that with a good start we can make our all-seater arrangements exclusive and elusive enough to get some full houses. Remember to get behind the team, the players appreciate your support.

David Pleat

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TALK OF THE TOWN



Pictured in the new shop, from l to r: Daniel Hirst, Lesley Skinner, Angie Riley (manager) and Clare Hansell.

As ever the Bobbers Travel Club are organising coach trips to Luton away matches, and will be pleased to hear from members old and new.

To book a place on the coaches, which pick up from a variety of points in Luton and Mid-Beds, visit the club's ticket kiosk in the Kenilworth Road turnstiles, and see Travel Co-ordinator Paul Deason before any Saturday first team home match between 2.15 and 2.45pm.

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MATCH DAY MASCOT



Name: Katie Bryson

Date of Birth: 24/7/86

School Attended:

Icknield Lower School

Hobbies: Swimming and roller skating

Favourite Luton player:

Kerry Dixon

Who accompanies you to Luton matches: Auntie Wendy

THE club shop has reopened with a wide range of souvenirs and leisurewear, including replica jerseys of the new first-team kit.

The opening hours are: Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm; Evening games 12 noon to 10pm; Saturdays -match days 10am to 5pm, non-match days 10am to 1pm.

THE club are organising a Mini-Soccer Centre at Luton Rugby Club over the next couple of months to allow young players between six and nine-years-old the opportunity to play football.

Players will enrol on a five-week course, with one hour per week on Saturday mornings, and play six-a-side football under supervised conditions.

The venue is the Electrolux Training Ground, Oakley Road, Luton, from 10am to 11am for U6 and U7 age groups, and 11.30am to 12.30pm for U8 and U9 groups.

The dates are September 3, 10, 17 and 24, and the cost for four sessions is £8. Contact Paul Lowe on (0582) 411622 for more details.

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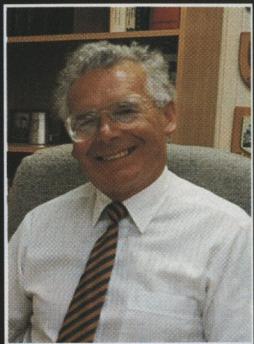


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FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



with JOHN SMYLIE

AS ever we continue to help various charities and groups with donations for raffles etc, and I would like to take this opportunity to mention several events which took place over the summer months.

We have assisted The Paul O'Gorman Foundation for Children, the Houghton Regis Lower School, and the St Joseph's Parish Centre to name but a few.

Their events raised over £12,000 for charity, and we are always delighted to play a part. If you have a fundraising event then please write to either myself, or Simon Oxley, at the club.

Of course there will be a number of charity collections here at the ground during the course of the season, co-ordinated by Luton Lions.

LEADING THE LINE

by TREVOR PEAKE



SUCH an early start to a cup campaign of course brings back many happy memories from last season and our FA Cup triumphs, and if we can reproduce the form we showed on those occasions we can be a match for anyone.

But that was the FA Cup and sadly our form in this competition hasn't been too hot in recent seasons.

Last year we went out at this stage to Cambridge, and the year before we fell at the first hurdle against Plymouth.

So we are well aware that opposition from lower divisions cannot be under-estimated, they invariably rise to the occasion.

Many times last season we were under-dogs in cup matches, and this was often to our advantage.

Fulham may have slipped down into Division Three, but Ian Branfoot has invested in plenty of experience, and a team with the likes of Terry Hurlock

and Alan Cork in its ranks knows what cup football is all about.

Once again we are without Mitchell Thomas and John Hartson through suspension, although some of the injuries which kept players sidelined on Saturday against West Brom may have eased.

But one person's loss is another person's gain, and on Saturday we were able to give a debut to Aaron Skelton and Scott Houghton was also given a chance.

The young players always have a chance of first-team football at Luton, and don't be surprised to see the likes of Kelvin Davis and Paul McLaren pushing for a senior place.

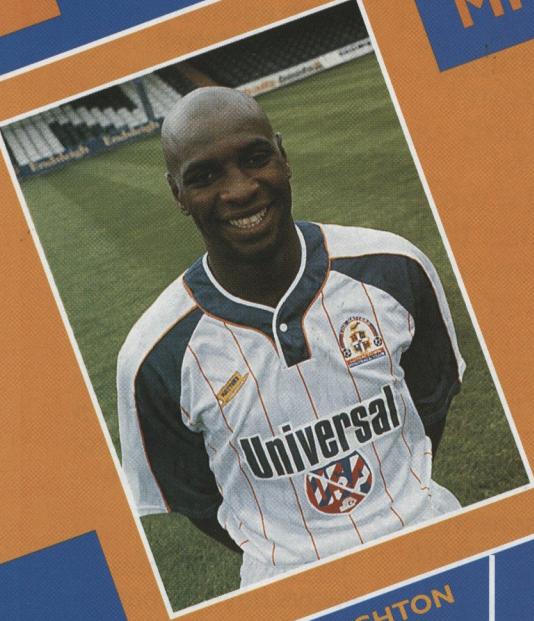
I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome goalkeeper Fred Barber to the club.

Fred is a vastly experienced player, and his knowledge will be invaluable to the likes of Kelvin in particular.

Enjoy the game, and thanks for your continued support.

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CENTRE SPOT

LUTON goal-keeper Juergen Sommer could be back at Wembley next month!

The giant American fulfilled a lifetime's ambition when he played at the famous stadium in his first full season, as the Hatters reached the FA Cup semi-final in April.

And he could be back in September - this time in a full international.

The USA are visiting for a prestige friendly against England, as Terry Venables looks for vital match practice ahead of the 1996 European Championships.

Juergen is in line for a place, after a patient wait with the American World Cup squad.

With Tony Meola skippering the host nation from between the sticks, Sommer's chances of a starting place were always slim, but now Meola has given soccer the boot, and joined American Football side New York Jets as a place-kicker, which leaves the Luton number one and Brad Friedel battling for the safe-to-say multi-coloured jersey.

Despite spending the World Cup on the bench, Juergen was able to savour the atmosphere and occasion which American sporting success generates.

"It was an amazing spectacle to be involved in, and the enthusiasm and atmosphere at the games was an experience of a lifetime," he said.

"The experience that I have gained from that gives me a great deal of confidence for the forthcoming season.

"We weren't as lightweight as many



people predicted, we have a lot of players who are playing at high levels throughout the world, and the combination proved to be a very strong side.

"Americans always seem to bond together with a tremendous feeling of national pride when their team do well, and it was a chance for a lot of people who have supported soccer for a long time to come out and enjoy it."

America's World Cup started with a 1-1 draw with Switzerland, and Eric Wynalda's memorable free-kick, followed by a 2-1 win over Columbia which secured a second round place. Defeat by Romania followed, but set up a meeting with the favourites, and eventual champions.

The 1-0 defeat by Brazil was the end of the American dream, but what of the future for soccer in the States. Juergen is confident it will succeed, and hopes one day he may play a part in the professional league currently taking shape across the Atlantic.

"There is a big election in the autumn for key posts in the soccer federation," he said, "and we have shown there is a lot of support for the game.

"We need a well structured league, with a lot of resources behind it to carry it through the first few years.

"But there is a great opportunity to sustain a professional league as Japan has done.

"I would like to play in the States one day, but there is still a lot to accomplish here and I am looking forward to another season with Luton."

Juergen Sommer

Juergen Sommer



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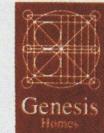
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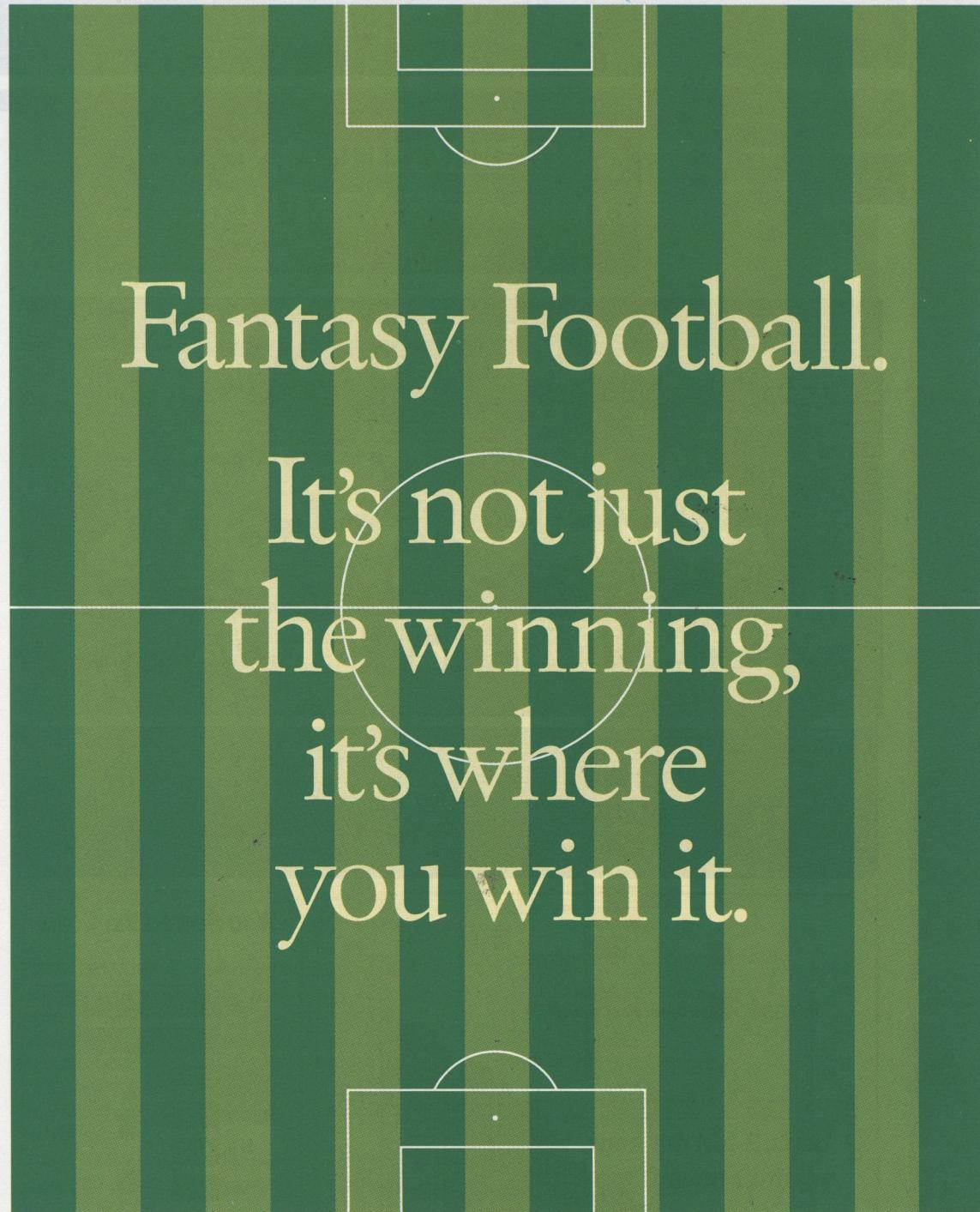
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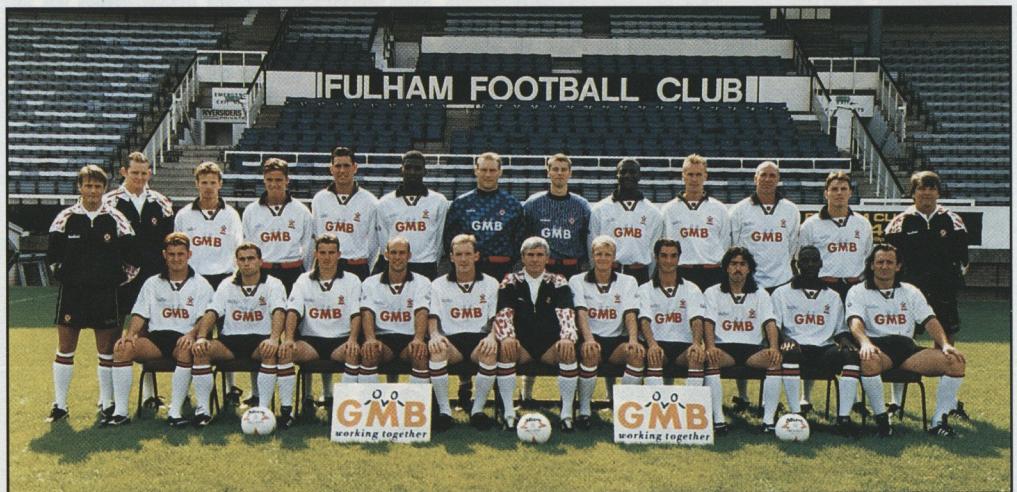
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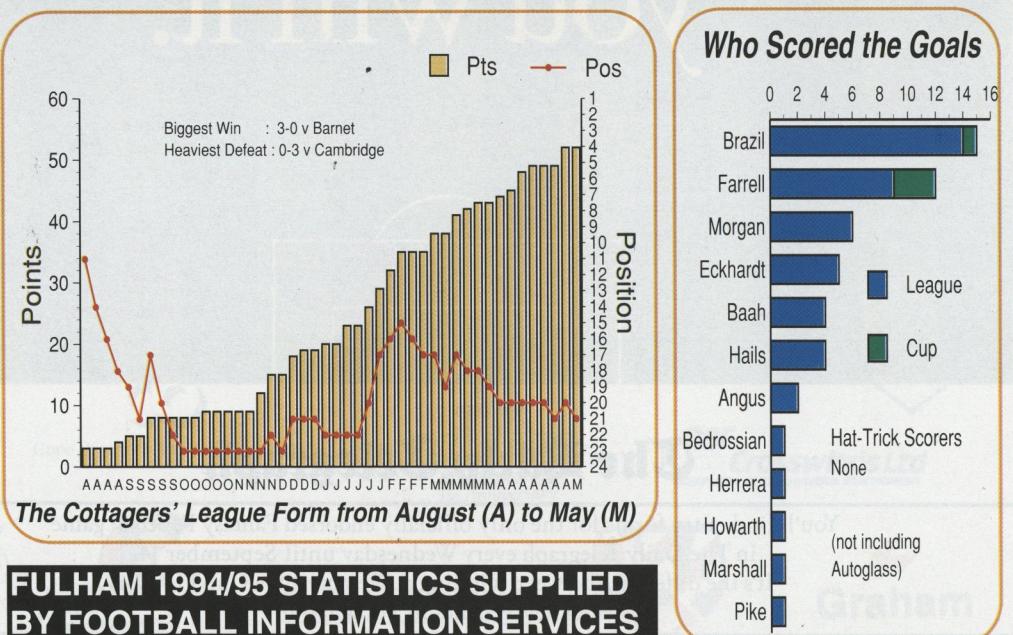
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SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS



Back row: M Adams, C Smith (physio), J Hails, D Jupp, R Haworth, M Mison, J Stannard, L Harrison, T Angus, G Thomas, A Cork, M Ferney, L Walker (assistant manager).

Front row: D Bolt, M Thomas, G Brazil, J Marshall, K Moore, I Branfoot (Manager), S Morgan, A Bedrossian, R Herrera, N Andrews, T Hurlock.



VISITORS ON PARADE

MICKY ADAMS - Attracted to Fulham at the end of the close season, filling the role of player-coach having played for Ian Branfoot at Southampton. Former clubs also include Coventry, Leeds and Stoke.

TERRY ANGUS - Tall central defender who lead Northampton to a surprise FA Cup win over Fulham in 1992 and subsequently joined the Cottagers a year later.

ARA BEDROSSAIN - One of the few professional footballers to have a club fanzine named in their honour, the Cypriot international midfielder joined Fulham last season.

GARY BRAZIL - Last season's top scorer with 19 goals, but it wasn't enough to prevent relegation. The Kent-born striker has also played at Crystal Palace, Sheffield United and Preston.

ALAN CORK - The veteran striker returned south in the close season, after proving a handful for many Premiership defences last term with Sheffield United.

MARTIN FERNEY - Midfielder hampered by injury, and looking for a good season.

JULIAN HAILS - The maths graduate made an impressive debut two seasons ago, but disappointed last term with just four goals from 45 appearances.

ROBERT HAWORTH - Scored on his first team debut, and at great rivals Brentford, so can do no wrong with the Fulham faithful.

ROBERT HERRERA - On loan last season from QPR, before a mystery benefactor provided the money to sign him.

TERRY HURLOCK - Another former Southampton player linking up again with Branfoot. Terry Hurlock has joined Fulham from London rivals Millwall.

DUNCAN JUPP - His efforts in the battle against relegation were rewarded with a Scottish Under-21 place last term.

JOHN MARSHALL - Fulham stalwart who has signed a new contract this year.

KEVIN MOORE - Experienced centre-back, again ex-Southampton, who made over 200 appearances for the Dell club.

SIMON MORGAN - Fulham skipper for two seasons, and a former England Under-21 international when at Leicester.

MICHAEL MISON - Skipper of last season's junior side, who made his first-team debut at the end of the campaign.

JIM STANNARD - The goalkeeper is celebrating his seventh year at the club with a benefit season.

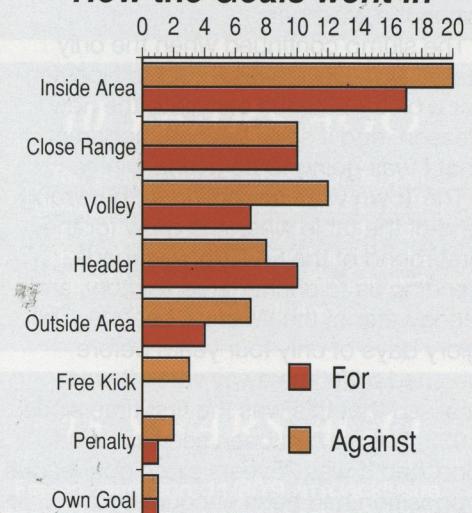
GLEN THOMAS - Defender who has been a regular in the side for five seasons.

MARTIN THOMAS - Snapped up by Ian Branfoot from the Southampton reserves.

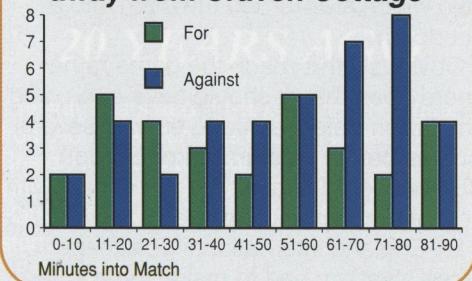
MEET THE BOSS

IAN BRANFOOT was appointed Fulham manager in the close season, taking over at Craven Cottage just in time for the club's first campaign in the bottom division. His playing career took him to Sheffield Wednesday, Doncaster and Lincoln, and he made his managerial debut at Reading. He joined Crystal Palace's management team in 1989, before taking charge for two torrid seasons at Southampton in 1991.

50 For, 63 Against - How the Goals went in



.. and when the Net Bulged away from Craven Cottage



CURTAIN COMES DOWN ON TOWN'S CUP DREAM AT THE COTTAGE

ALTHOUGH we have not met Fulham before in the Football League Cup, or its various incarnations, the FA Cup has produced many clashes between the sides with the names being drawn out of the hat five times before the war. Tonight, we look back to the last time we were paired together.

1963 was not a good time to be a Luton supporter with the team putting up a stream of dismal displays and almost accepting relegation from Division Two without a whimper.

The slump continued when the only asset, Ron Davies, was sold to Norwich for a paltry £35,000 early into the new season, and it soon became apparent that it was going to be a long winter.

The Town were struggling at the wrong end of the table when the draw for the first round of the FA Cup was made, sending us to uncharted territory, and Bridgwater of the Western League. The glory days of only four years before seemed a lifetime away when it was realised that this was the first time since 1932 that we had been seen in round one, and it was 25 years since non-league opposition had been encountered.

Despite all this a good crowd of Luton supporters made its way to Somerset to swell the attendance to 4453, which would have been higher but for torrential rain which also turned the pitch into a mudbath.

Obviously this made the game rather more open than it should have been, and the Luton defence had to survive several scares before veteran striker Gordon Turner scored against the run of play with a shot from an acute angle.

Ex-England international goalkeeper Ron Baynham had to make some smart



Gordon Turner scored some vital FA Cup goals in 1963/64

saves in the Luton goal, before extra fitness told as the game drew to a close and Tom McKechnie scored a couple of opportunist goals to give the scoreline an unrealistic look.

The reward for this victory was a home tie with Reading, who would not have looked on their trip to Kenilworth Road with pleasure as they were one of the few clubs to regard Luton as a 'bogey' side.

As it turned out Reading had all the early play with Doug Webb (father of Neil) leading the Luton defence a merry dance, while at the other end the Town forwards seemed unlikely to force a breakthrough.

It was Webb who gave Reading a well-earned lead in the 65th minute, but shortly afterwards Turner was fouled in the area and then equalised from the spot to seemingly earn an undeserved replay at Elm Park. With the game petering out,

and the crowd of 9,090 starting to drift away, a shot out of the blue from winger Mike Fairchild put the Town into a shock lead which they managed to hold on to until the end.

League form continued to dip, but cup hopes gave Luton supporters something to cling onto, and it was like the old times of Wembley fever when the Town were drawn away to first division Fulham in round three.

On a murky day, a crowd of 18,089 gathered at Craven Cottage and they watched incredulously as the first half saw a Luton display which totally belied their lowly league status.

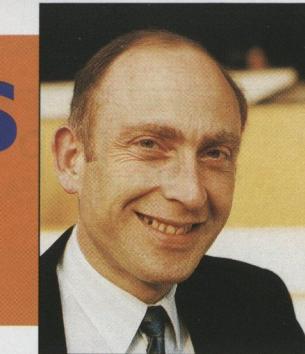
Winger Harry Walden hit a post, and it was only a miraculous save from Fulham goalkeeper Tony Macedo that prevented McKechnie from scoring with a fierce shot. It was difficult to tell which was the First Division side, and the Fulham supporters were not slow to voice their frustration at half-time.

But whatever was said in the Fulham dressing room worked, as within 60 seconds of the restart Alan Mullery had put Fulham ahead, with goal number two following shortly afterwards when Graham Leggat hit home a rebound off Baynham's body.

The lead was reduced when Ray Smith raced through to score a solo goal on the hour, but two corners taken by John Key and Johnny Haynes were converted into goals by Bobby Howfield and Maurice Cook in quick succession, thus ending our cup dreams for another year and leaving us free to fight out the relegation battle ahead.

Luton: Baynham, Morton, McBain, Pacey, Fincham, Bramwell, Walden, Smith, O'Rourke, Turner, McKechnie.

Fulham: Macedo, Cohen, Langley, Mullery, Keetch, Robson, Key, Cook, Leggat, Haynes, Howfield.



by ROGER WASH

5 YEARS AGO

Five years ago: 19/9/89: The Town opened their Littlewoods Cup campaign with a trip to Mansfield, winning 4-3 in an incredible game which saw us go in 3-2 down at half-time. Lars Elstrup and Roy Wegerle each scored twice.

10 YEARS AGO

Ten years ago: 25/9/94: Another four goals away from home but this time the opponents, Orient, only scored once. The Luton scorers in this Milk Cup tie were Mal Donaghy, Gary Parker and Brian Stein with two.

15 YEARS AGO

Fifteen years ago: 11/8/79: In a lacklustre display the Town were well beaten 3-0 at Gillingham in a first round League Cup tie, despite a debut from Tony Greasham.

20 YEARS AGO

Twenty years ago: 11/9/74: A first-half goal from Adrian Alston was enough to see off Bristol Rovers in a second round League Cup clash at Kenilworth Road. This was the Hatters' first win of the season from seven starts.

Those were the days

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TEAM STATISTICS 1994-95

Date	Opponents	F-A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	GK
Sat Aug 13	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	1-1	8,640	-	Sommer	James	Johnson	(Skelton)	Greene	Peake	Telfer	OAKES	Dixon	Preece	(Houghton)	Marshall	Linton	Barber
Tue Aug 16	FULHAM CCC 1 (1)																	
Sat Aug 20	Derby County																	
Tue Aug 23	Fulham CCC 1 (2)																	
Sat Aug 27	SOUTHEND																	
Tue Aug 30	Tranmere Rovers																	
Sat Sep 3	Port Vale																	
Sat Sep 10	BURNLEY																	
Tue Sep 13	BOLTON WANDERERS																	
Sat Sep 17	Watford																	
Wed Sep 21	CCC 2 (1)																	
Sat Sep 24	Millwall																	
Sat Oct 1	BRISTOL CITY																	
Wed Oct 5	CCC 2 (2)																	
Sat Oct 8	Stoke City																	
Sat Oct 15	MIDDLESBOROUGH																	
Sat Oct 22	Sheffield United																	
Wed Oct 26	CCC 3																	
Sat Oct 29	BARNSLEY																	
Tue Nov 1	GRIMSBY TOWN																	
Sat Nov 5	Wolverhampton Wanderers																	
Sat Nov 12	Oldham Athletic																	
Sat Nov 19	PORTSMOUTH																	
Sat Nov 26	Swindon Town																	
Wed Nov 30	CCC 4																	
Sat Dec 3	SHEFFIELD UNITED																	
Sat Dec 10	DERBY COUNTY																	
Sun Dec 18	West Bromwich Albion																	
Mon Dec 26	Reading																	
Tue Dec 27	SUNDERLAND																	
Sat Dec 31	Notts County																	
Mon Jan 2	CHARLTON ATHLETIC																	
Sat Jan 7	FAC 3																	
Wed Jan 11	CCC 5																	
Sat Jan 14	Barnsley																	
Sat Jan 21	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS																	
Sat Jan 28	FAC 4																	
Sat Feb 4	OLDHAM ATHLETIC																	
Sat Feb 11	Grimsby Town																	
Wed Feb 15	CCC S/F 1																	
Sat Feb 18	SWINDON TOWN (FAC5)																	
Wed Feb 22	Portsmouth (CCC S/F 2)																	
Sat Feb 25	Bristol City																	
Sat Mar 4	MILLWALL																	
Tue Mar 7	PORT VALE																	
Sat Mar 11	Southend United (FAC6)																	
Sat Mar 18	TRANMERE ROVERS																	
Tue Mar 21	Burnley																	
Sat Mar 25	WATFORD																	
Sat Apr 1	Bolton Wanderers																	
Sun Apr 2	CCC Final																	
Sat Apr 8	NOTTS COUNTY (FAC S/F)																	
Sat Apr 15	Sunderland																	
Mon Apr 17	READING																	
Sat Apr 22	Charlton Athletic																	
Sat Apr 29	Middlesbrough																	
Sat May 6	STOKE CITY																	
Sat May 20	FAC Final																	
CCC	Coca-Cola Cup																	
FAC	FA Cup																	

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The reserve team kick-off their Avon Insurance Combination League season here tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2pm, against Watford.



TEAM CHECK

LUTON TOWN

Manager: David Pleat

Juergen SOMMER

Julian JAMES

Marvin JOHNSON

Aaron SKELTON

David GREENE

Trevor PEAKE

Paul TELFER

Scott OAKES

Kerry DIXON

David PREECE

Scott HOUGHTON

1 Jim STANNARD

2 Simon MORGAN

3 John MARSHALL

4 Michael MISON

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