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OUR first two games have produced two draws, both 1-1 and both hard-fought and demanding games. Most people expected us to beat Walsall and the outcome may have been a disappointment for those optimists, but we realists knew that it was a tough fixture and in the end were pleased to fight back and take the point. Pleased, but not satisfied; we need to win as many home games as possible and endeavour to make Craven Cottage a difficult venue for visiting teams. Having seen Walsall twice now this season, I can confirm what people in the game have been telling me; that they will be up and around the promotion places when spring breezes in, in '95.

The second 1-1 draw of our first week in action was an improved performance, full of character and courage and a great boost for the team spirit. We defended well for most of the game and managed to create a few chances when the Luton pressure relented.

Those first two games also provided a stark contrast in the way the action was handled by the referee. In our home game against Walsall the referee cautioned seven players and sent one off. It was never a dirty game and there were very few, if any, dangerous or malicious tackles, yet the referee applied fully the FIFA edicts, with little or no room for common sense or discretion.

At Luton the action was similarly fast and furious and the physical element in the game was no less than that against Walsall, yet the referee chose to caution no-one. I would like to think that was because he did use common sense and discretion. I would also like to think that the Luton referee will get a pat on the back from the FA and the Walsall referee will get reprimanded, but it may just be the opposite.

Unnecessary cautions and sendings off annoy players, managers and, more importantly, the paying customers will see a lot less of the players they pay to watch, and the referees will be wearing tin helmets and riot gear!

Prior to our opening game against Walsall there were some frantic goings on behind the scenes, notably in the dressing rooms. During the pre-season period we had enormous help offered to us to upgrade and decorate our dressing-room area. Paul Kenny and the GMB, our main sponsors, did a great job in a very limited time and they eventually finished about five minutes before the Watford game. The Supporters' Club assisted tremendously by donating the costs of a posh new "plastic grass" carpet throughout the whole area. Thank you to the GMB and the Supporters' Club and particularly Paul Kenny and Melvin Tenner for their help and support. It was and is very much appreciated by all the players and staff.

Tonight we have to capitalise on our excellent fighting performance at Kenilworth Road. It will not be an easy task, but we are ready for it and the prize for the winner could be another big occasion game. Your support at Luton was fantastic and the players really appreciated your help. Get behind them again tonight and lift them to a victory. Enjoy the game.

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Those of you who remember our lengthy stay in Division Two during the 1970s may recall how we almost always got off to a good start only for our form to take a turn for the worse around October time. The 1978/79 campaign started encouragingly, in fact we were still as high as 3rd place around mid November before a run of seven games without a victory began to dampen our expectations.

A 5-1 home victory over Cambridge on Boxing Day meant that we went into our final game of 1978 against Luton in ninth place. Luton had four points fewer than ourselves. The Matchday Magazine as the programme was now called contained sixteen pages and cost 20 pence. The overall colour was gold both on the cover and as a trim on many of the inside pages.

The inside cover contained a profile of John Evanson, a bustling midfielder who played 107 times for Fulham between 1976 and 1979. Oddly, Evanson wore the No. 6 shirt against Luton – the only time he ever did so. Cottage Comment on Page 3 went into statistical overdrive to inform those present that we were about to witness the 2,514th Fulham League game – the purpose of all this was to remind fans that 1979 was the club's centenary year.

Luton were managed, as they are today, by David Pleat and contained in their side the current Chelsea defender Mal Donaghy. Also in the side was "have goals will travel" merchant Bob Hatton; Luton was the seventh of his nine clubs. The normal Manager's column from Bobby Campbell was missing but the programme did contain an up-to-date team picture. "Lookback" by Dennis Turner recalled the Second Division promotion clash between our clubs in October 1954 – a game won 3-1 by Fulham and witnessed by a gate of no less than 33,000. What odds against any Division One fixture pulling that sort of crowd nowadays? Though poor by today's standards the programme was as good as any around in 1978.

The game itself wasn't particularly inspiring but it did produce another Fulham win courtesy of an own goal from a harassed Luton defender. A crowd of 8,591 witnessed the game – a good gate considering the bitterly cold weather. Within 24 hours a nationwide freeze had begun which caused fixture chaos over the next two months (Fulham played only one away match between December and mid-March) and ultimately helped wreck our promotion chances. Fulham finished the season in 10th place while Luton survived only by virtue of a 2-0 success against Fulham on the final Saturday of the season.



Fulham and Luton have not met since February 1980 when a 4-0 Hatters win completed their third double over us. Luton had won 3-1 at the Cottage earlier that season. In all the two clubs have met on 44 occasions in the Football League and four times in the FA Cup. It was in fact against Luton that we recorded our biggest ever FA Cup scoreline back in January 1908 when a crowd of 7,000 saw us win by an incredible eight goals to three at Kenilworth Road.

Luton were then members of the Southern League. The two sides did not meet in League action until December 1928 when two Jimmy Temple goals

helped Fulham to a 4-2 home win. In November 1930 Luton recorded their biggest

win over Fulham scoring five times without reply at Kenilworth Road.

One game which you won't find in the Official Records is that played on the 2nd September, 1939. The 1939-40 season had opened a week earlier but few expected it to be completed. As the world waited for Adolf Hitler's answer to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's ultimatum and the last chance to avoid World War Two, Fulham and Luton drew 1-1. Making his first appearance in black and white that day was Ernie Shepherd. The 20-year-old striker was to wait another seven years for his official debut. Ironically when the game was replayed in 1946 Shepherd scored the winning goal in a 2-1 victory, the other scorer, none other than Ronnie Rooke, the man who had hit the last pre-war goal for Fulham against Luton.

The only post war hat-trick against Luton was scored in February 1954 by Johnny Haynes as Fulham recorded their biggest League victory (5-1) over the Hatters. Current Fulham Chairman Jimmy Hill was on target in both games in 1959/60 season – the only First Division clashes between the clubs. We won 4-2 at Craven Cottage but went down 4-1 up in Bedfordshire.

Kenilworth Road will always hold a special place in the heart for this writer. For it was there that I saw my first Fulham away game back in September 1971 – a less than memorable 2-0 defeat. Our recent form there has left much to be desired, the only win since 1953 coming in September 1976 during the Best-Marsh era. Rodney himself was on target along with Les Barrett in a 2-0 win.

We have fared rather better at the Cottage, winning four of the last six encounters. The best of the victories coming in March 1974 when a Barry Lloyd double earned a 2-1 win over a Luton side which went on to clinch promotion to Division One.

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get anything in
life without a
bit of pain.”**

On the Spot



AUTOGRAPH

Politicians and the press rank pretty low in the eyes of the public, but for Fulham fans, property developers and their side-kick surveyors are firmly rooted at the bottom of the division. The time may have come, however, for a major re-think. Journalist TIM MILLER reports...

KEVIN MOORE, goal-scoring debutant, equalising hero at Luton and charming centre-back, is also a fully-qualified surveyor. Following his gallant efforts in the club's Division Three opener, repeated three days later at Kenilworth Road, it seems that Fulham fans will have to return to the drawing board. Surveyors (provided they are wearing white shirts) belong to a Premiership profession.

The moment his 82nd minute header crossed the line against Walsall, Kevin knew that he had at least won the hearts of his fellow Fulham players.

"I was amazed at the reaction. I don't think of myself as lazy but when one of my team-mates scores I don't waste my energy running over to congratulate him. But when that goal went in against Walsall, it only needed Jim Stannard to jump on my back and that would have been the whole team. Mind you, I'm glad he didn't because I think it would have killed me off!"

"Seriously, I'm not used to that sort of adulation but I see it as a good sign. It shows that the lads are really keen to get a goal." It is perhaps also a sign that in recent times goals have been far too few. Kevin is well aware of what his team-mates have endured and believes that the relegation hang-over may have contributed to a rather disappointing first performance in the 1994/95 season.

"I think some of the players were a bit nervous on the ball but hopefully that should all change when we start winning a few games."

Grabbing a point will certainly have helped. It will also serve as an additional injection of confidence for Kevin who played that first match with a shot of pain-killer in an injured heel.

"I have scored about 40 goals in my career but then I have played a lot of games and what's more, that's the first time I have scored on my debut."

His career so far has spanned nearly two decades (taking in spells at Grimsby, Oldham and Southampton) and it is difficult for Kevin to recall if he has ever put one past the Cottagers. But he does remember some superb performances by the Black & Whites.

"I was playing for Grimsby in the early 1980s when we lost 4-0 to Fulham and it was at about that time that I watched them on Match of the Day beat Newcastle by a similar margin."

Presumably then, it was the past glories that lured Kevin to the Cottage? "To be honest, Ian Branfoot and Southampton were the main links. It wasn't quite Hobson's Choice, but there weren't that many clubs coming in for me."

Kevin is sure that the new manager will do wonders

for the current squad. "He's a very good coach. I'm not saying that he

made Alan Shearer into the player that he is, but he certainly had a big part to play. He's particularly good with forwards."

As Fulham wait for Branfoot to work his magic on Gary Brazil – presumably we can expect a £4 million price tag by the end of the season? – Kevin will go on sharpening up the skills he picked up at the Dell.

It was during his spell at Southampton that Kevin completed his other training as a surveyor. The profession's governing body usually insists that candidates devote themselves full-time to their studies and work experience, but a special dispensation was made for a professional footballer who convinced the authorities that he had more spare time than most. But dividing that time meant that the whole process took about eight years, rather longer than the usual five.

"It was difficult. I remember coming back on the coach from Old Trafford and the lads were having a laugh while I had my head buried in the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954."

One might assume from the obvious effort involved that it will be the inevitable next career when the legs finally fail. But Kevin, like any good centre-back, is not committing himself too soon.

"I'd like to give management a go, but the jobs tend to go to the Bryan Robsons of this world. We'll have to see."

His brother Dave has recently taken over at Scunthorpe, from former Fulham favourite Richard Money. His father Norman was also a professional, so it will obviously be hard to give up football completely. Nor is it likely that his 11-year-old son Tom will carry on the tradition.

"I deliberately didn't want to force him into football, and it has meant that he is now more interested in other things."

Nine-year-old daughter Sophie looks like she will be a better athlete, says Kevin.

If management doesn't work out it is likely that surveying will be the second career after all, and the long hours will have paid off.

"It was hard doing the training but you don't get anything in life without a bit of pain."

If that philosophy spills over into his football, Fulham fans can expect some more gritty, heroic, performances from their latest recruit.



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from the dressing room with Len Walker



“LUTON are a First Division side, and we played well – if a little naively – against a good team. They reached the semi-final of the F.A. Cup last season and we were relegated. We scrapped well and got a draw, and of course, that’s a major confidence boost.

Walsall proved a tricky team to play for our first game of the season. They are good side at this level – they thrashed Plymouth 4-0 last Tuesday – and they’ve signed one or two good players. Kevin Wilson is a very useful man to have up front, and I think they were very unlucky to have Watkiss sent off although they scrapped very well, and in the end I think that decision made it more difficult rather than easier for us.

Against Walsall we had one or two half chances where we could – and probably should – have scored, but we didn’t. In the end, we did well to get a draw.

Against Luton we kept the same basic plan, although obviously we’ve continued to work on certain aspects of our game. Jim Stannard had a great game, he made some excellent saves, and certainly deserved to win his Man of the Match award.

As for Kevin Moore – our joint leading goalscorer is a centre-half. There’s something wrong here! He took both goals very well, but hopefully some of the forwards will get their names on the score sheet tonight as Alan Cork did on Saturday.”

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News and Gossip

THE PREMIERSHIP SEAL OF APPROVAL

Shoot! magazine asked six Premiership players for their pre-season predictions – judging from their responses, the bookies must be taking a lot of bets on the Cottagers. Palace's Darren Pitcher, fresh from a pre-season altercation with the new-look Fulham side, was certain that we would end up champions, while Wimbledon 'keeper Hans Segers has so much faith in colleague Jim Stannard that he has already pencilled us in for the Third Division title. Chelsea's Gavin Peacock is also expecting to pop into his lower league neighbours come the end of the season – to congratulate us on our automatic promotion, while lanky Niall Quinn has also staked his reputation on our success.

MAXIMUM PUBLICITY

Our list of celebrity fans just keeps on growing. In an interview on Radio Five, publicist Max Clifford – the man who brought us Antonia de Sanchaz, as well as the Alan Clarke affair – waxed lyrical about Johnny Haynes, George Best, and afternoons spent down by the river at Craven Cottage. No wonder self-confessed Fulham nut David Mellor MP suddenly chose to support Chelsea instead....

MIXED EMOTIONS

Defender turned goal-scorer Kevin Moore must have struggled with his emotions during our game against Scunthorpe United. Brother Dave has just been appointed manager of the northern side.

NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY.

While we were scraping a draw against Walsall at the Cottage ten days ago, some of our former players were getting into scrapes of their own at their new clubs. Former Fulham midfielder Udo Onwere almost made a full debut for his side Lincoln City, until he was sent off in the 83rd minute. And striker Phil Stant, now at Cardiff City, also saw red – in the dying stages of their game against Stockport.

MONEY FOR JAM – INVEST IN THE COTTAGE

Dear Editor

Since the miserable end of last season, we have had an empty jam jar (coffee, actually) in the hallway, into which unwanted coppers (coins, not matchday police) and other inconvenient tokens (5p – the Cliff Carr of the numismatic world) have been chinked. The money will go to FULHAM 2000. It was a nice way of focusing on the future over the summer.

So why don't all Fulham supporters start such a savings scheme for the 1994/95 season? You don't need a jam jar either – any piggy bank will do. Those of you with a creative bent (or even better, with children) can create your own receptacle. And think how much lighter you can walk without unwanted coinage.

Accordingly Fulham 2000 will award two prizes at the end of the season:

1. For most money collected (from home, work, or whatever).

2. For the best piggy bank/cottage/jam jar.

So start saving now, and start making boxes. Those of you who like winning will twig that all you need to do is write the biggest cheque. That's fine – so long as everyone provides their savings as well (preferably by cheque). Details of the prizes etc. will appear in a later programme.

Yours sincerely,
Olivia Woodward

Dear Editor

I love watching Fulham with my dad and we try to see as many games as we can. I want to help Fulham stay at Craven Cottage, so I asked my Mum to make some Fulham Humpties to sell. We sold them all and raised £30 to help the Fulham 2000 Fund.

Yours sincerely,
Martin Harris, Age 11.



SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING BORROWED... AND SOMETHING BLACK & WHITE!

A picture of sartorial elegance: Fulham fan Jonathan Taylor spared no expense for his wedding day garb when he got married in New York City. He took his vows resplendently turned out in his Fulham shirt! Talk about devotion....

Congratulations and best of luck to Jonathan and his bride, Kate – from everyone at Fulham F.C..

THEY SAY ABOUT US...

The press box was packed for our game against Walsall, and Capital Radio chose to broadcast live commentary of our Cup-tie at Kenilworth Road. And now this, from THE GUARDIAN....

ONE TO WATCH

Terry Hurlock: Fulham's first season in the Third Division has prompted the purchase of this storm-tossed midfielder with a tackle like a dropped anchor.

At the moment he has an injury but will be missing for the opening two games of the season anyway because of a suspension picked up in his last life at Millwall.

Glamour is certainly relative. The minute it was known that Fulham were coming down, Third Division clubs had stars in their eyes, pencilling in the graven Cottagers as certainties to go back up immediately. This, presumably, was based on an image of Fulham as a glamorous London club have appointed Ian Branfoot as manager, someone with a healthy CV at this end of the league. As a result the revamped squad has acquired Alan Cork, Micky Adams, Kevin Moore and Terry Hurlock. They do lack a bit of firepower upfront, but watch out for a spidery young midfielder called Michael Mison. But in the Third Division talent is relative. Half a season of good performances and he will no doubt be off to higher things.

CALLING ALL EXILED LUTON FANS...

If you have access to the information superhighway, otherwise known as the Internet, you may be interested to know that an electronic newsgroup called WHOSH ie. World-wide Hatters On the SuperHighway exists to keep you up to date with all the latest happenings involving Luton Town. Members from the USA, Holland, Germany, Scandinavia and many parts of the UK can exchange news and views, without charge, through the newsgroup.

There are also ftp and WWW services dedicated to Luton which you will find out about through the newsgroup.

If you would like to subscribe to WHOSH simply send your e-mail address to:

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(and no, Fulham fans, this item is not littered with typing errors. That's how it should read!)

Dear Emma Hawkey

The Fulham programme which you produce is magnificent – a wonderful achievement – thank you.

The team statistics 1994/95 unfortunately doesn't show whether the matches are home or away, which is awkward when working out future journeys. Anyway I'm sure this will be sorted.

Best wishes to you.

Yours sincerely

Dennis Bailey.

Thanks for your letter, Dennis. I know that you weren't the only fan to notice that howler in our first edition. I'm sorry for any inconvenience caused – we have put it right now.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To John Enticknap – from all his family, friends and everyone in the team.

Quiz

Fulham's weekly quick quiz

HE PLAYED IN BLACK AND WHITE

After failing to command a place at a top club, he started his Fulham career in fine style, and certainly showed no signs of a hangover as he impressed the new boss. He has since become upwardly mobile. (Answer in the next programme.)

(Answer from Walsall Programme: Leroy Rosenior.)

OBITUARY

After an extraordinary 74 seasons of football at Craven Cottage, we are sad to have to report that long-time Fulham supporter Thomas Stewart passed away in July. Thomas was the first in a long line of Cottage regulars. The youngest, eight year old Paul, along with his father Roger, will continue to visit their favourite club, but Thomas will be sadly missed. Our deepest sympathies to the Stewart family.

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WHAT A GREAT SHOT.



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THE YOUNG lads who have been signed up to join the Fulham Youth Team this season know that they have to be ambitious; last year's crop set a formidable precedent. EMMA HAWKEY spoke to Manager John Yems about his new-look side...

At the end of May, the South East Counties League Tables made interesting reading. The Fulham Juniors finished the season well above much bigger – and much richer – clubs like Arsenal, West Ham and, best of all, Chelsea.

Three months later, the Fulham first team are enjoying the rich rewards of that success – at the expense of their younger colleagues. Rob Haworth, Danny Bolt, Michael Mison and Nicky Andrews have all made a positive mark on the pre-season campaign – but they will be missed during the South-East Counties competition.

New Youth Team Coach John Yems knows that he's got his work cut out, but he reckons we've signed up enough new talent to replace the old.

"Obviously, if we're half as successful as we were last season, then we will have done very well. As far as the new kids go, it took a long time to sort everything out, but I'm very pleased with the lads we've signed up. We're almost complete now, although I'm still looking for another forward, and someone for the defence.

"Last year's triumph was down to four to five years, hard work involving a lot of different people. Now we've got to start all over again – but the feeling is that we can do it all over again.

“young gifted in black & white”

"There's a few kids who really stand out – I won't mention any names. Let's just say that they have all adapted well."

The preliminary round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup against Southend was the first big test for the new-look Juniors. John Yems is cautious in his assessment of the game.

"We should have won it in the first half but by the end we were lucky to draw. I think it was just naivety.

Now we should just be looking forward to the replay – then we can finish the job off."



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Bob Cain reports on what's happening in the Endsleigh League.

CAIN'S WORLD



A week last Sunday I was a little disillusioned. No it had nothing to do with our failure to beat Walsall. I thought a draw a fair result against what was probably one of the better sides in Division Three. The disquiet in the Cain household was caused by ITV's failure to bring back the "Sunday Match" in time for the new season. Whilst viewers in both Central and HTV regions saw Swindon beat Port Vale 2-0 we had to put up with yet another boring old film! Rumour has it that London viewers may have to wait several weeks for our first showing of live Endsleigh League action. The London area has no fewer than seven teams in its catchment area in Division One alone. Additionally there are many fans of provincial clubs living in London. So come on ITV – do the job properly and ensure the whole country gets its share of Sunday afternoon action.

On a brighter note, a little bit of soccer history was made last Saturday when Housewife Wendy Toms became the first woman ever to officiate at a Football League match. Mrs. Toms who has been a referee at non League level for some years now ran the line at the Third Division fixture between Torquay and Carlisle at Plainmoor.

The opening day of the Endsleigh League season saw some good crowds and lots of goals. The day's biggest attendance was the 27,012 who saw Wolves struggle to beat newly promoted Reading, a first-half goal from Steve Froggatt separating the sides. Over 23,000 were at Ayresome Park to see the much awaited debut of former England skipper Bryan Robson as the new Player-Manager of Middlesbrough. Robbo failed to score himself but was well satisfied with his team's start, John Hendrie scored both goals in the 2-0 win over Burnley.

Oldham were the day's joint highest scorers along with Brentford, taking advantage of some sieve-like defending by Charlton to grab a 5-2 win. Joint Charlton boss Alan Curbishley said after the game, "I don't know whether we have been played off the park or mugged." Neighbours Millwall will be much happier. Three points and no hint of crowd trouble along with a Southend defence catching the

spirit of Christmas four months early as the Lions won 3-1. Best Endsleigh League performance of the day was Brentford's 5-1 win at Plymouth. Star of the show, Nick Forster, the Bees, new £100,000 signing from Gillingham. Wycombe put on the "Goalden Oldie" show as strikers Cyrille Regis and Simon Garner combined to destroy the Cambridge defence. Garner got on the scoresheet himself along with Tony Hemmings and a Jason Cousins penalty. Patience was in short supply at Rotherham where angry fans reacted to the 4-0 home defeat by Shrewsbury by staging an after match demonstration against the board. Architect of the Millers, despair was Shrewsbury's Dean Spink converted from central defender to striker. Birmingham fans were also none too happy as their team crashed 2-1 at Leyton Orient. Former Preston and Millwall striker Ian Bogie netted the O's winner.

League tables are of course meaningless at this time of the season but at least Torquay fans could rejoice at being top of Division Three after the first game thanks to a 3-1 win at Colchester for whom Steve Whitton missed a penalty. Lincoln were in second place following a 2-0 win over Exeter but the celebrations at Sincil Bank were dimmed by the dismissal of former Fulham midfielder Udo Onwere sent off after 79 minutes for a second bookable offence. Carlisle had an additional reason for celebration after their 2-1 success over Wigan at Brunton Park, it was their first home win on the opening day of the season since 1965.

In all nine Endsleigh League players were dismissed as referees followed the new FIFA guidelines. Personally I would be all for "cleaning up the game" if I felt it needed it. The truth is that football is a contact sport and should be allowed to remain so. Penalise dangerous challenges by all means but don't turn it into a game for pansies. Walsall's Stuart Watkiss must have been amazed when he was dismissed at Craven Cottage ten days ago. One notable fact about the dismissals was that almost all were made by officials with under two, years League experience. It does not bode well for the future, does it?

FULHAM FORUM

The players aren't the only stars at Craven Cottage on a Saturday afternoon. DAVID ROODYN investigates our celebrity connections...

Although there has yet to be a Fulham video (Dennis Turner please note), our appearances and references in the world of arts are quite disproportionate to our league position. I recently read a Leslie Thomas novel "Dangerous by Moonlight" in which one character blames his depression on Fulham's league form (fiction?) whilst Mel Stein's latest racy thriller features a dishonest book-keeper whose two obsessions in life are pornography and Fulham.

Artists Peter Blake and Carel Weight were frequent visitors to the Cottage. Although Carel Weight painted many football pictures none were of the ground, although Ruskin Spear memorably did.

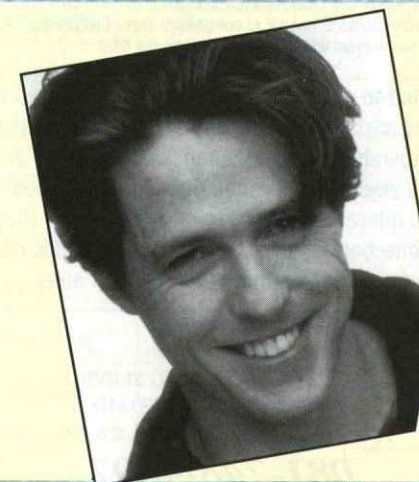
In the acting world, if a personality is a likeable cockney loser he invariably supports Fulham, Terry McCann in "Minder" and Budgie spring to mind. The singing detective follows Fulham because he wants to be alone and bolshie Citizen Smith supported the Cottagers.

Although Hugh Grant's support for us could not be more conspicuous he has yet to make his cinematic

debut in our colours. Coming back from the States recently, I noted how popular an actor he has become "across the pond". A dedicated name-dropper and Fulham supporter like myself was able to revive and redirect many a tedious dinner conversation to Craven Cottage via Four Weddings and a Funeral. He joins a distinguished cast of Sharon Duce, Dominic and Chris Guard, Mike Redfern, Jonathan Coy, James Villiers and Honor Blackman – all of whom were or are fanatically Fulham. There must be something about the individualism of acting that is attracted to a very individual football club.

It was often said in the sixties you could cast a movie from the Enclosure at Fulham and sometimes the stars were on the pitch. Johnny Haynes' advertisement was featured in BBC 2's recent football celebration. Even Craven Cottage can be an attraction as our pretty ground is regularly used for location work, John Mitchell was here last season for an MTV video.

The curtain call must go to the droll stopper of the seventies, Paul Went, who was asked to complete a typically bland favourite meal questionnaire. His favourite actor? Keeper Peter Mellor.



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people, as well as a cable TV audience! The team is sponsored by Adidas, who supply the girls with tracksuits, trainers and football boots. They play teams as far away as Texas, California and Florida, with flights, hotels and expenses all met by the university. I hope Tina will give us a thought as we trek north on glamour trips to Scunthorpe and Hartlepool!

Pre-season training has already begun and it involves 6 hours a day (fitness and tactical work), 6 days a week. Beware first team Ian Branfoot knows about it!



Tina Lightning ponders the great American dream.



By Gary Mulcahey

Tina flew out last week and she is only the second English girl to be invited. It's a tremendous feat, but as manager of Fulham Ladies, I just have to worry about finding a replacement. Never mind, we wish her all the luck in the world. Well done.

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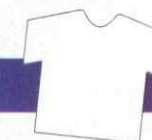
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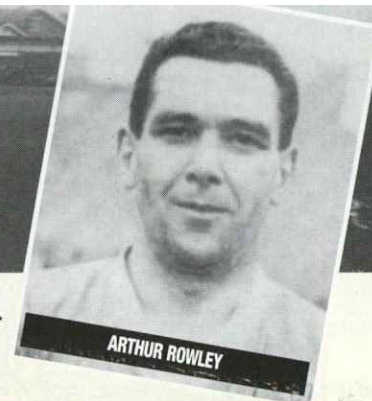
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"Arthur who?" I hear the youngsters ask. Well, Arthur Rowley is, I suspect, one of Fulham's forgotten heroes, yet he is one of the great figures in the history of football. He joined Fulham from West Bromwich in 1948, in two seasons he played 56 league matches and scored 26 goals. On the last day of the 1949 season he scored both goals in the 2-0 defeat of West Ham that sent Fulham up to the First Division. Those two goals secure him an important place in Fulham's history.

From Fulham he went to Leicester, where he continued to score regularly - in their 1957 promotion season he contributed 44 goals in 42 matches. His playing career finished at Shrewsbury in 1965, by which time he had scored 433 goals in

619 League matches. It makes him the highest scorer of all time.

A friend and I went to watch him play for Shrewsbury against Notts County in 1962. We felt disappointed when we saw him - he looked overweight, slow and old. We were far more impressed with two of Coventry's young forwards - Tony Hateley and Geoff Astle. We all make mistakes - when the final whistle blew Shrewsbury had won and Rowley had scored a hat-trick!

The league's highest-ever goalscorer played for Fulham! He had only scored 4 when he arrived, so I guess that 1948-49 season was as significant for Arthur Rowley as it was for the club.

Does anybody know where he is now? Wherever you are Arthur, thanks for the memories.

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Match report...

Two games, two last-minute Fulham goals, and a new hero for the Hammersmith End?
MARK MAUNDERS and EMMA HAWKEY report...

Saturday 16th August 1994
Endsleigh League Division Three
FULHAM 1 Walsall 1

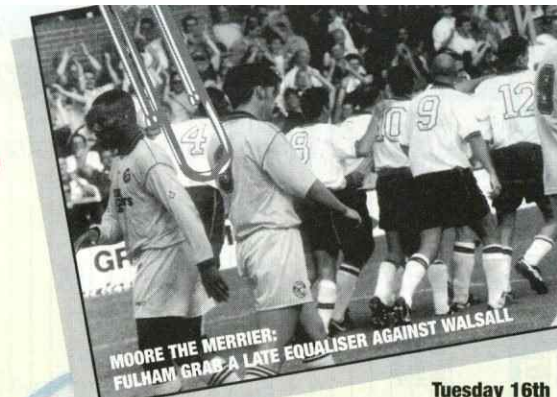
Rome was not built in a day and on the evidence of this match the rebuilding of Fulham will take slightly longer than the six weeks Ian Branfoot has been in charge. The new manager preaches the virtue of battling and if nothing else the players seemed to have learned that lesson by snatching a late equaliser despite an unconvincing performance.

The main reason this match was being played as our first game in the League's lowest Division was our inability to score goals last season, particularly at Craven Cottage; just twenty of them in twenty-three home matches. It was therefore symbolic that we should leave it until the 81st minute to score our opening home goal of this season. Hopefully it will serve to exorcise last season from our minds and herald a new era.

If this opening match was too reminiscent of last season for supporters, they may like to take some comfort with an omen from our last promotion season of 1981/82. Our home match against Walsall that season was also played on a day when there were no games in the top division (due to International commitments) and ended a 1-1 draw with Roger Brown heading the equaliser. Kevin Moore has a lot to do to earn comparisons with the revered Brown but he did himself a lot of favours with a solid display and a debut goal. His headed equaliser came from John Marshall's cross following a lovely 1-2 between Masher and Gary Brazil. (Masher celebrated his 30th birthday last week and must fancy himself a youngster at Fulham nowadays!). To be honest, before then we had rarely looked like scoring, particularly in the first half when we struggled against an impressive Walsall side with O'Connor excellent in midfield and Lightbourne lively up-front. It was Lightbourne who had given Walsall the lead after seven minutes; capitalising on some hesitancy by Glen Thomas to stride forward and finish clinically. The inclusion of Thomas at the expense of Duncan Jupp was not universally popular and his lack of pre-season training meant he had a difficult first-half.

FIFA's new directives caused much comment after the weekend's matches, particularly from our new manager, and the sending-off of Walsall's Stuart Watkiss for a second bookable offence was in my view a little bit harsh (although it did allow us to take more control in the second half!). Michael Mison has made a promising start to his career showing enthusiasm and athleticism, not to mention sheer physical presence and Watkiss, and the crowd, were probably amazed at just how high he could lift his foot to get to the ball. The Walsall defender could only carry through with his momentum, bundled Mison crudely over, and was quickly back to the refurbished Cottage dressing-rooms to try out the new baths.

With an extra man we had more of the game in the second-half and Marshall did well to reach a cross but could only head wide. But we didn't really create many openings and in fact the new lightweight Jim Stannard had to make a couple of late saves to maintain our point. An inauspicious start then, but at least we are unbeaten at home!



Tuesday 16th August 1994
Coca-Cola Cup: Round 1
LUTON 1 FULHAM 1

An injury to new-signing Martin Thomas forced Ian Branfoot to make changes to the previous Saturday's line-up - but perhaps it also had something to do with that disappointing performance against Walsall. Talented defender Duncan Jupp - who earned a rare compliment from Capital Radio's expert commentator Alan Mullery - and Rob Haworth were elected to start the game, while midfielder Ara Bedrossian took his unaccustomed place on the bench.

Luton manager David Pleat warned his side to be wary of an early season shock, and they seemed to take note. As early as the fifth minute Jim Stannard registered his claim on the Coca-Cola Man of the Match award with a superb one-handed save from former Chelsea star Kerry Dixon.

Stannard was called upon yet again twenty minutes later, when David Preece tried his luck. As the first half drew to a close, Paul Telfer was the next in line, but each time Fulham's number one 'keeper proved to be master of his goalmouth; the biggest early season shock for Luton Town must have been big Jim's determination to send the black and whites into the dressing-room at half-time without conceding a goal.

The only trouble was that Luton's Third Division opponents did not look like scoring a goal, either. Robert Haworth's 53rd minute effort, saved by Jurgen Sommer, was our first serious goal attempt, but this solitary attack seemed to boost Fulham's confidence.

Meanwhile Jim Stannard continued to stand firm at the other end of the park. He was forced into action once again when a Scott Houghton shot whistled past the post. Houghton's evening wasn't improved when manager David Pleat substituted him minutes later, much to the annoyance of the Hatters' player, who snatched at his tracksuit top as he made his way into the dug-out.

It was always going to have to be a sensational goal to beat Stannard, and when it came, it certainly fitted that bill. Scott Oakes sent a 25 yard pile-driver scorching into Stannard's net, giving our 'keeper no chance at all.

With just eight minutes to go, Fulham's fans must have been preparing themselves for a second-leg come-back mission...until thoughts of defeat were interrupted by a crescendo of noise as Kevin Moore tucked away a last-gasp equaliser. Two games into the season, and twice former Southampton centre-back Moore has turned set-piece into success; a corner from Robbie Herrera, flicked on by Alan Cork, and once again Moore was first to react, beating a throng of Luton defenders to the ball for the equaliser. Jim Stannard was presented with the award for Man of the Match (by chairman Jimmy Hill), while Mr Moore disappeared once again under a flurry of grateful team-mates. Luton 1 Fulham 1. Let's hope last season's FA Cup semi-finalists have an equally difficult time of it tonight.

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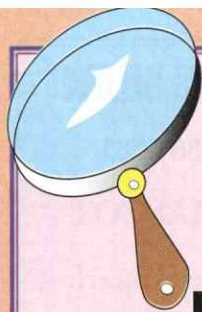
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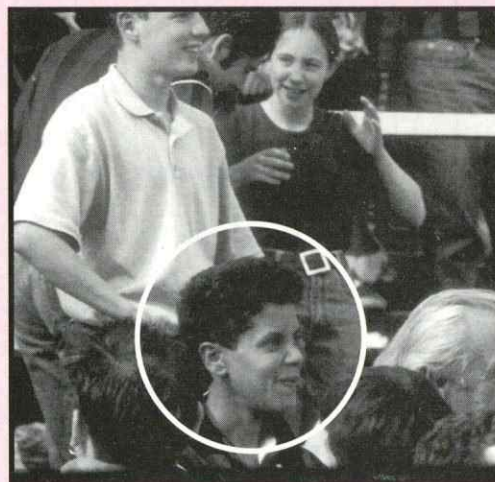


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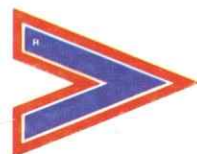
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The page you get to write

Reasons to be cheerful. At the end of last season Fulham fan DOMINIC GUARD couldn't think of any. Now, things don't seem quite so grim...

It was shortly after Houghton's glorious winner against Italy; I suddenly felt ready to face the next season. For Ray read hope; an unexpected and glorious free transfer in 1982, still happily providing the glorious and unexpected. This was always going to be a long hard close-season facing nothing more than our lowest ever league position. Not only that, but having to face people determined to find our relegation in some way amusing. The jokes of course are never new, the jokers of course, never that bright. The only slight relief is that no one as yet has attempted a rib-tickling encore about the death of my grandad.

This might seem extreme but I honestly have been through a period of mourning for last season. My family have been supportive, especially as most of them are also grieving. My son persuaded me to face some serious therapy by going to watch the third division play-off final. On the way it felt like getting back into a car too soon after a nasty prang. As we contemplated in which direction to aim our support my son reminded me that he is too young to bear any grudge against the diving head of Heppollette, or indeed anyone or anything. Pragmatism won the day; my excitable off-spring deciding that a Preston

victory would save us a journey to Deepdale next year, besides which he wanted to stand with football fans, Wycombe fans just didn't look right to him.

As I suffered my therapy I had several thoughts upon the coming season, this was good, I had begun to look forward. First and foremost Wycombe were excellent, their third and fourth goals were worthy of any stage, but why didn't they walk this division? Preston were poor and we'll go to Deepdale next year. Are we pleased that footballing sides prospered in the third last time or disappointed that there are none left to play? Or is victory all we require in order that we can return to a division I reckon we're too good for. Finally, let's not forget that the division of dread we now enter produced an electric play-off final, watched by more than 40,000 people.

So here I am once more looking forward. To the newly appointed managerial team for a start, and hoping that the length of time it took to make a decision has a direct relationship to the efficacy of that decision. And now there's the search for reasons to be cheerful as I await the fixture list. For me one young man epitomised hope at Fulham last year. The memories of Rob Haworth chanting in the Enclosure.

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- 2) Luton were drawn at home in 11 consecutive F. A. Cup ties between 1948 and 1949.
- 3) In 1885, Luton Town became the first professional side south of Birmingham.

- 4) A cup-tie in which Denis Law scored six goals against Luton was abandoned as the Hatters faced certain defeat. Luckily for them they won the replay.
- 5) Joe Payne scored 55 goals for Luton in the Third Division South during the 1936-37 season.
- 6) Goalkeeper, Tony Read played as a striker during an injury crisis against Notts County in November 1965 – and scored a hat-trick in a 5-1 win.
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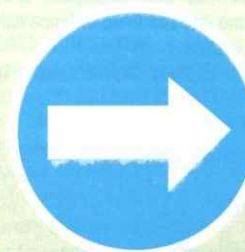
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On the road

AWAY TRAVEL

DONCASTER V FULHAM Tuesday, 30 August 1993 - Kick-off 7.30 pm

BY ROAD - Approx. 177 miles from Fulham: Leave London via the M1 and continue to junction 32, join M18 until junction 2. Join A1(M) for 2 miles then turn off onto A630 – signs Doncaster. Follow A630 until junction with A18 where flyover leads into Carr House Road. At second roundabout turn right into Bawtry Road (A638). Ground is on the right hand side.

GROUND DETAILS - Belle Vue Ground, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN4 5HT. Tel. 0302 539441.

ADMISSION

Seating Main Stand Block A £9 Adult £5 Child/OAP
Standing Rossington End £7 Adult £3.50 Child/OAP

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Luton kicked off the 1994/95 campaign with a 1-1 draw against West Brom at Kenilworth Road. Scott Oakes scored the Hatters goal in the second half to cancel out an early Albion strike from Bob Taylor. The game saw an impressive debut from midfielder Aaron Skelton.

There has been little change to the Luton first team squad this summer. Goalkeeper Andy Petterson has moved to Charlton whilst former Liverpool and Everton star Alan Harper has joined Burnley. Much travelled striker Tony Adcock has been acquired from Peterborough for a nominal fee. Luton have also signed Posh keeper Fred Barber for £15,000.

Last season Luton endured another battle against relegation. A poor opening run saw just one win in seven games before Barnsley were beaten 5-0 at Kenilworth Road. During October Luton recorded their only away League victory of the season, a 1-0 success at Oxford. Luton's survival owed much to their form at Kenilworth Road where 13 victories were recorded including emphatic wins against Stoke (6-2), Portsmouth (4-1) and Oxford (3-0).

Despite the poor League form Luton fans will remember last season for the FA Cup run which took them all the way to a Wembley semi-final. En route, the Hatters beat two Premiership sides, Newcastle and West Ham both beaten in replays at Kenilworth Road. Dreams of the club's second ever FA Cup Final appearance were dashed when Chelsea beat them 2-0 in the Semi-Final.

The Semi-final defeat coincided with a slump in form which saw five successive defeats without a goal being scored. Two 1-1 home draws against Millwall and Southend arrested the decline leaving them needing one victory from the final three games to ensure survival. Luton won their final home game against fellow strugglers West Brom 3-2 to ensure First Division safety.

Luton Town FC were formed in 1885 as a fusion of local sides Wanderers and Excelsior. Six years later than became the first club in the South of England to adopt professionalism. After a lengthy stay in the Southern League Luton were elected to Division Three in 1920. The first success arrived in 1937 when they won the Third Division Championship. In 1955 promotion to

Division One was clinched on goal average.

Luton reached the FA Cup Final in 1959 but lost narrowly to Nottingham Forest. Within 12 months the club had started a dramatic slide which saw them avoid re-election by just four points in 1967. Jolted by the experience the Hatters gained successive promotions. Apart from a brief flirtation with the elite in 1974/75 Luton remained in Division Two from 1969 until 1982 when under the guidance of David Pleat, then in his first spell as Luton Manager they regained First Division status.

Luton finished 7th in Division One in 1987. The year the club adopted its controversial 'members only' policy which effectively excluded most away fans from Kenilworth Road. A year later Luton won their first major honour beating Arsenal 3-2 to take the Littlewoods Cup. They also reached the Final the following year but crashed 3-1 to Nottingham Forest. After four seasons of continued struggle against relegation Luton finally lost their top flight status in 1992.

JUERGEN SOMMER - Goalkeeper - Although American born Juergen joined the Hatters in August 1991 he had to wait until the opening day of last season to make his first team debut though he had tasted League action on loan with Brighton and Torquay. A member of the United States World Cup squad.

DAVID GREEN - Defender - Joined the Hatters straight from school and made his debut at Grimsby in March 1993. A Republic of Ireland International he proved a fine replacement for Trevor Peake towards the end of last season.

JULIAN JAMES - Defender - Former trainee introduced to first team football five years ago. A former Under 21 international, he was a regular at left back last season after recovering from a broken hand.

MARVIN JOHNSON - Defender - Made his Football League debut v Wimbledon in 1988 and quickly established himself as a versatile defender. Suffered through injury last season.

DES LINTON - Defender - Joined Luton in October 1991 along with Scott Oakes as part of the deal that took midfielder Steve Thompson to Filbert Street. Des came into the Town defence early in 1992/93 and was a regular last season.

TREVOR PEAKE - Defender - Club captain. Trevor started his

TEN YEAR FORM GUIDE

| Season | Div | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | Posn | Leading Scorer |
|---------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|---------|------------------------------------|
| 1984/85 | 1 | 42 | 15 | 9 | 18 | 57 | 61 | 54 | 13th | Mick Harford 16 |
| 1985/86 | 1 | 42 | 18 | 12 | 12 | 61 | 44 | 66 | 9th | Mick Harford 22 |
| 1986/87 | 1 | 42 | 18 | 12 | 12 | 47 | 45 | 66 | 7th | Brian Stein & Mike Newell 12 |
| 1987/88 | 1 | 40 | 14 | 11 | 15 | 57 | 58 | 53 | 9th | Mark Stein 11 |
| 1988/89 | 1 | 38 | 10 | 11 | 17 | 42 | 52 | 41 | 16th | Danny Wilson & Kingsley Black 9 |
| 1989/90 | 1 | 38 | 10 | 13 | 15 | 43 | 57 | 43 | 17th | Kingsley Black 11 |
| 1990/91 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 10 | 7 | 21 | 42 | 51 | 37 18th | Lars Elstrup 15 |
| 1991/92 | 1 | 42 | 10 | 12 | 20 | 38 | 71 | 42 | 20th | Mick Harford 12 |
| 1992/93 | 1 | 46 | 10 | 21 | 15 | 48 | 62 | 51 | 20th | Phil Gray 19 |
| 1993/94 | 1 | 46 | 14 | 11 | 21 | 56 | 60 | 53 | 20th | Kerry Dixon 9 |

CURRENT FORM

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|---------|------|----------------|----------|----------------------------|
| 16/4/94 | HOME | Crystal Palace | Lost | 0-1 |
| 19/4/94 | AWAY | Bristol City | Lost | 0-1 |
| 23/4/94 | AWAY | Wolves | Lost | 0-1 |
| 26/4/94 | HOME | Millwall | Drew | 1-1 Preece |
| 30/4/94 | HOME | Southend | Drew | 1-1 Hartson |
| 3/5/94 | HOME | West Brom | Won | 3-2 Preece, James, Hartson |
| 5/5/94 | AWAY | Bolton | Lost | 1-2 Hughes |
| 8/5/94 | AWAY | Stoke | Drew | 2-2 Oakes, Telfer |
| 13/8/94 | HOME | West Brom | Drew | 1-1 Oakes |
| 16/8/94 | HOME | Fulham | (CCC1/1) | |

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career at Lincoln City in 1979 and played in the crucial promotion decider at Fulham in 1982. Signed for Coventry a year later spending eight full seasons at Highfield Road gaining an FA Cup winners medal in 1987. Joined Luton for £100,000 in August 1991.

KEY DEFENDER

MITCHELL THOMAS - Defender - Former England Under 21 defender who made over 100 appearances for Luton before a £233,000 move to Spurs in July 1986. A member of Spurs FA Cup Final side of 1987 he made 198 first team appearances at White Hart Lane before moving across London to West Ham for £525,000 in August 1991. Never gained a regular first team spot at Upton Park rejoining Luton, initially on loan, last season.

TONY THORPE - Midfield - Made an immediate impact when he scored on his full debut against Newcastle in last season's FA Cup 4th Round tie. Joined the club in August 1992 after a spell with Leicester.

MIDFIELD MAESTRO

CERI HUGHES - Midfield - A regular in the Town midfield last season where his performances earned him a recall to the full Welsh side. Made his Luton debut at Aston Villa in March 1990 and has also represented his county at Under 21 and youth level. Scored 7 League goals last season.

JAMIE CAMPBELL - Forward - A former YTS trainee who turned professional in July 1990. He made his senior debut at Ipswich in a Zenith Cup tie in October 1991 and scored his first senior goal on the opening day of the 1992/93 season at Leicester.

JOHN HARISON - Forward - A prolific scorer in both youth and reserve team football. The scoring touch continued on John's first team debut against Nottingham Forest last season. He has also represented Wales at youth and Under 21 level. Scored 7 League and Cup goals that season.

SCOTT HOUGHTON - Forward - Joined Luton from Tottenham in August 1993. Originally a schoolboy at Kenilworth Road but joined Tottenham as a trainee in July 1988. Made League appearances on loan with Ipswich, Gillingham and Charlton.

DWIGHT MARSHALL - Forward - £150,000 close season signing from Plymouth who will be remembered by Fulham fans for his performance against us at Home Park last December, when Plymouth won 3-1. Previously with non League Grays he also had a loan spell with Middlesbrough two seasons ago.

CUP HERO

SCOTT OAKES - Forward - Joined Luton in October 1991 making his debut at Norwich later that month. Scott's performances in last season's FA Cup run attracted widespread publicity and interest from Premiership clubs, but he has since signed a new contract, much to the relief of the Kenilworth Road faithful. The England Under 21 international was leading scorer last season with 13 goals including a hat trick in the FA Cup win over West Ham.

STAR FORWARD

KERRY DIXON - Forward - Fulham defences have had much to fear in the past as Kerry has scored regularly against us for both Reading and Chelsea. Started his career with Reading hitting 51 goals in 126 appearances. After joining Chelsea in 1983 his strike rate continued to be high as he helped the club win the Second Division title in 1984 and again in 1989. Kerry was unlucky to win just 8 England caps. Moved to Southampton for £575,000 in July 1992 but scored only twice in nine appearances before moving on loan to Luton in December 1992, a transfer which finally became permanent in October 1993. Scored 10 League and Cup goals last season.

MANAGER - DAVID PLEAT - Appointed July 1991

It was at Kenilworth Road that David Pleat made a name for himself as both player and manager. After beginning his playing career with Notts Forest he played just six first team games before joining Luton in 1964. After an injury plagued spell at Kenilworth Road he was transferred to Shrewsbury in 1967. He later played for Exeter and Peterborough.

In 1974 he returned to Kenilworth Road as reserve team coach, after a spell with non League Nuneaton Borough. Promoted to Manager in 1978 he steered Luton into Division One four years later. In 1986 he joined Tottenham taking them to an FA Cup Final appearance a year later. After leaving Spurs he joined Leicester in December 1987. After four years at Filbert Street he returned to Luton in 1991.

FRED BARBER - Goalkeeper - Experienced custodian signed from Peterborough for £15,000 on the eve of the season. Previously with Darlington, Everton and Walsall.

AARON SKELTON - Midfield

- Signed professional forms in December 1992. Drafted into the first team squad on a number of occasions he made an impressive start to the season with a fine performance against West Brom.

TONY ADCOCK - Forward - Much travelled striker who has scored over 175 League goals. Started his career with Colchester where he spent eight seasons. Since leaving Layer Road he has become a bit of a wanderer having had spells with Manchester City, Northampton (twice) Bradford and Peterborough from whom Luton signed him earlier this month for a nominal fee.

1-2 Watch

DAVID PREECE - Midfield

Experienced professional with around 400 League appearances to his credit. Made his League debut for Walsall in 1981 spending three years at Fellows Park before Luton paid £150,000 in September 1984. Played in two League Cup Finals for the Hatters in 1988 and 1989 and has been capped three times at England B Level.

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Commercially Speaking

with Ken Myers

First, as always, a very warm welcome to everyone. Let's hope this Cup tie is as exciting as the one last Tuesday at Kenilworth Road. Good luck, lads!

THE PEOPLES' CHOICE

I'm pleased to announce that our newest commercial venture is an enormous success. Nearly 500 of you registered your vote for the first Man of the Match of the new season. Last minute goal-scorer Kevin Moore came top, with - John Marshall coming second. Don't forget to vote again today. It's a great way for you to get involved in the game - and to help Fulham F.C. at the same time. See page 20 for full details.

A WARM WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S SPONSORS...

Everybody from Coca-Cola hope you have a marvellous evening plus Riversider Paul Ratcliffe who has taken up our Matchball Package for this Coca Cola Cup game - watch out for him on the pitch just before the start of the game and give him a bit of a cheer. After all, he's a Fulham man, through and through, and a generous one

at that - he has also sponsored Ian Branfoot's kit this season. Thanks, Paul.

Also, I'd like to mention our Executive Box holders - old friends and new. Enjoy the game.

COMMERCIAL UPDATE

We're still looking for mascots for a few of our home games this season. It really is a great day out, and one that any Fulham youngster will never forget. Give Emma or me a ring here at the Cottage for details of that, or any other Sponsorship package. We're waiting for your call. See page 23 for details.

ON THE ROAD WITH THE BLACK & WHITES....

The Supporters' coach to Doncaster leaves Fulham F.C at 2.30pm and costs just £13.50. The coach to Torquay leaves the Cottage at 9.00am and costs £14.00. Ring Sandra on 071 736 6561 to book your place.



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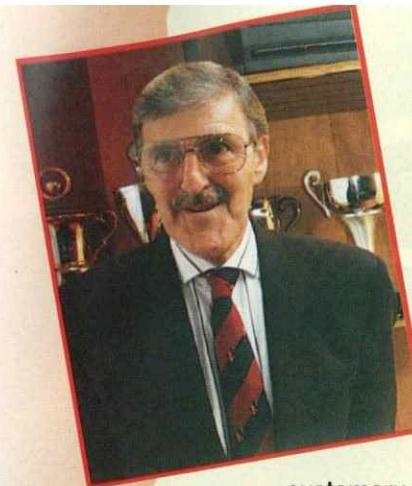
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and finally...

with Jimmy Hill



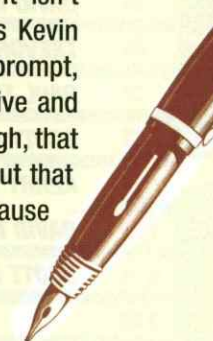
Welcome indeed to Luton Town for tonight's second leg Coca-Cola Cup tie. They played with

customary, attractive, David Pleat style and no little ambition last Tuesday, scored a magnificent goal, but more than that, gave those enthusiastic Fulham supporters who made the journey, including myself, tangible hope for the future. We competed body and soul and were rewarded. One swallow, etc. but stuck on the M25, as some of us were for more than an hour, I certainly felt very much better than I did after Swansea.

To avoid any misunderstandings, I was not so overwhelmed with excitement that I rushed to congratulate our players as they left the field. I had been asked by Coca-Cola to present the Man of the Match Award. At that stage - 1-0 to Luton, imagining that logically a player would be chosen from the winning home team. Before we equalised, I had been told that Big Jim was the journalists' choice. However, our leading goalscorer, young Kevin, didn't like the scoreline and by getting on the end of Corkie's flick (off three strands of hair...) and Roberto's slide rule corner, challenged vigorously for the award. All wasn't over though, and by making two more magical saves, Jim kept his nose in front to earn the prize: a splendid watch.

The referee, Ray Bigger played no small part in the entertainment value of the game and proved that it isn't necessary to produce cards like a pop-up toaster, as Kevin Keegan described it, to exercise control. Giving prompt, unfussy and accurate decisions should be the objective and Mr. Bigger demonstrated that perfectly. It did feel, though, that he played at least 30 minutes overtime, but we can put that down to nerves - on my part. We couldn't check it because Jim hadn't got his watch on at that point.

Jimmy Hill



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team line-up



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- 1** JIM STANNARD
- 2** SIMON MORGAN
- 3** ROBBIE HERRERA
- 4** MICHAEL MISON
- 5** KEVIN MOORE
- 6** GLEN THOMAS
- 7** JOHN MARSHALL
- 8** DUNCAN JUPP
- 9** ALAN CORK
- 10** GARY BRAZIL
- 11** ROB HAWORTH
- 12**
- 14**
- SUB GK: LEE HARRISON

LUTON

- 1** JURGEN SOMMER
- 2** JULIAN JAMES
- 3** MARVIN JOHNSON
- 4** CERI HUGHES
- 5** DAVID GREENE
- 6** TREVOR PEAKE
- 7** PAUL TELFER
- 8** SCOTT OAKES
- 9** KERRY DIXON
- 10** DAVID PREECE
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