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FOREIGN INFLUX COULD HARM ENDSLEIGH SIDES

Welcome to this afternoon's game against Southend. They have made several changes over the last couple of seasons, and despite selling Stan Collymore for a massive figure they still have some very good players.

Last season we had four tight games with them, winning one each and drawing two. We welcome their directors, staff, supporters and players.

We have begun the season quite promisingly without showing that we might score those vital goals which makes a team promotion material.

The game at Derby was a good opportunity to test ourselves against a team who many feel may be successful this season.

They certainly have several expensive players, and we gather that they are unable now to

purchase any more before they do some trading. It is a situation which many clubs get into and sometimes the consequences of not succeeding are heavy.

Their victors in the play-off final, Leicester City, did admirably to show the resolution and determination to get out of this division. But everyone who knows their football realises that the gulf between the top half of the Premiership and the Endsleigh League clubs could well get wider still if we are not wary of the requirements.

I am a little bit concerned that the amount of mediocre foreign players coming into the country is stopping potential transfers of Endsleigh League club players to the Premiership.

It is nice to have the Klinsmanns and the Alberts in the Premiership, but of the 22 one million pound-plus deals in the summer, only four of these transfers were related to players moving from Endsleigh League clubs.

Therefore the circulation of transfer monies which was once a healthy necessity for clubs such as ourselves may become rarer.

I hope the PFA, who now appear to have reacted a little late, will fight hard to make sure that the vital feeder leagues still have the opportunity not only to coach and nurture young players, but also the opportunity to sell them.

We know historically that 65 per cent of the top rate players in this country have come from the lower leagues and there is a danger now that clubs lower down will not continue youth systems if they feel they have no chance of selling.

Our club youth and reserve teams have started off in fine fashion, and I am delighted to say, touch wood, that we have not had a bad start with injuries.

Tony Adcock is still sidelined and a couple of the younger players haven't had a smooth pre-season.

Last week the youth team followed up a splendid four-goal victory against the Palace



Marvin Johnson was denied by a goal-line clearance at Derby

by taking five goals off Wycombe.

We welcome eight new YTS players, the latest of whom Robert Kean, a Luton boy, joins us this week. He has done exceptionally well and is another player with good touch. The other new boys are Nathaniel Abbey, Stuart Douglas, Sean Evers, Robert Sharpe, Jay Thomas, Sam Turner and Chris Willmott. We wish them a long and successful stay.

We are considering playing our reserve games away from Kenilworth Road. I know some supporters will be disappointed about that, but my main concern is protecting the pitch. Since the removal of the artificial surface, the groundsmen have worked very hard to maintain a good surface, and I am very aware that so far the weather has been good, and we have had no torrential rain during or just prior to football matches here.

But the heavier grounds of mid-winter will soon be with us, and I have no option but to protect that pitch if it is possible. We hope to have an announcement about this soon, but I can assure supporters that we will only be

playing a bus ride away.

I have no qualms so far about the new FIFA directives. I feel that commonsense has prevailed, and although we were disappointed to get two yellow cards at Derby, we accept them.

The prediction of one prominent manager that there would be more red cards on the first day of the season than goals proved wildly inaccurate.

It is never nice to see red cards, but if we have to suffer in the short term to allow skilful players to flourish then I am 100 per cent supportive.

I hope we can get the result today that you supporters deserve. The support at Derby was excellent, and we felt from early in the game that we weren't poor relations.

Enjoy the afternoon.



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LUTON chairman David Kohler (second left) meets the computer experts hoping to put the Hatters on their worldwide link.

WORLDWIDE Hatters on the Super-Highway? No not another road building scheme around Kenilworth Road, but a new high-tech service that could soon be available to millions of people across the world.

A group of supporters who share two common interests - Luton Town and a

detailed knowledge of computers - have held discussions with Town chairman David Kohler with a view to publicising the club worldwide on their internet system.

Worldwide Hatters On the Super-Highway (WHOSH) would provide information in words and pictures to people

all over the world, and could even be used for ticket bookings or mail-order purposes.

Millions already use this 'computer postal service', and the club would be able to provide instant information to existing supporters out-of-town and overseas, as well as attracting a new following for Luton Town.

Watch this space for more details.



DAVID Greene has been selected for the Republic of Ireland Under 21 squad, for their UEFA championship match in Latvia on Tuesday, September 6.

The game will be played at the Latvian University stadium in Riga.

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SIXTEEN-year-old Tranmere Rovers supporter Vickey Woodworth is keen to have a penpal who supports Luton Town. She can be contacted at 11 Cullen Close, Bromborough, Merseyside, L63 0NZ.

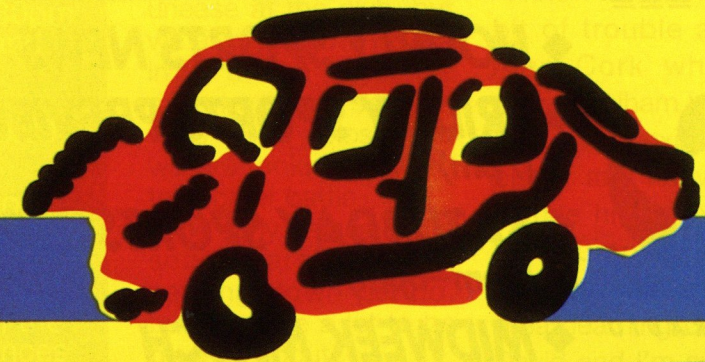


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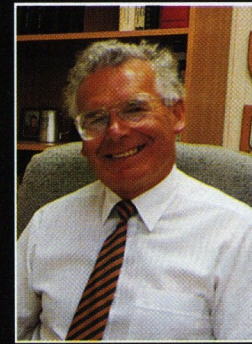
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



with JOHN SMYLIE

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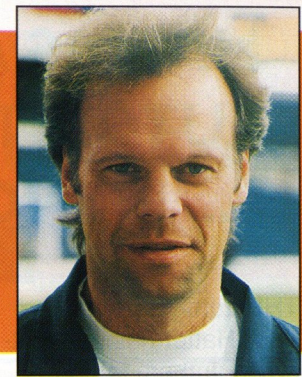
We have also been asked to remind supporters of the rules and regulations of the Football Offences Act.

It is an offence to throw an object, to shout indecent or racist chants, or to enter the field of play.

Anyone committing these offences can be arrested and prosecuted.

LEADING THE LINE

by TREVOR PEAKE



WE have to make sure that we capitalise on our good away draw at Derby last Saturday by winning at home today. We played Southend three times here last season, in three different competitions, and we know them to be a very spirited side.

They started off very well last season, and then Barry Fry left and there was a bit of unease at the club, but we always know we are in for a hard game, the matches last season were all very close, and we are looking forward to another battle.

The early games of the season are always a settling down period, but we have a lot to be pleased about.

We played a lot of good football at Derby, and we showed that away from home we can get the ball down and cause the opposition problems.

It was strange in a way at Derby in that in the dressing room afterwards we were a little bit disappointed not to

have taken all three points.

They gave us a scare early on, but the service to their front two wasn't the best over the 90 minutes, but having said that I was pleased with our performance defensively, and I thought David Greene had an excellent game.

He has a lot to offer, and every game is a new experience for him.

I know he felt he had a bit of trouble against Alan Cork when we played Fulham here, but he's a very experienced player and knows how to use his body when he's jumping for the ball. Nevertheless it's a great learning curve for David and I'm sure he's enjoying every minute of it.

The support we received at the Baseball Ground was a great encouragement to him and the rest of the team, and we aim to reward that backing with three points today.

Trevor Peake

MAD AS A HATTER and LUTON TOWN FC invite you to BRING ME SUNSHINE!

THE Luton fanzine Mad As A Hatter has suggested an anthem for the club, to be played over the tannoy to give everyone a chance to join in - along the lines of Delilah at Stoke City, and Glad All Over at Crystal Palace.

Mad's suggestion is Bring Me Sunshine, made famous by the late Eric Morecambe, a former Town director and great favourite at Kenilworth Road.

They feel it's a fitting song, and a fine way for it to live on.

Luton chairman David Kohler agrees, and from today the song will be played before kick-off and we invite you to sing along!

"I always take a great interest in the various fanzines," commented Mr Kohler, "and I think this idea for an anthem is an excellent one.

"It's a bright lively song, and we need to keep a smile on the face of football."

*Bring me sunshine
in your smile
Bring me laughter
all the while
In this world where we live
there should be more happiness
So much joy you can give
to each brand new bright tomorrow*

*Make me happy
through the years
Never bring me
any tears
Let your arms be as warm
as the sun from up above
Bring me fun
Bring me sunshine
Bring me love*

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LUTON'S 19-year-old striker John Hartson has been selected for the Wales Under-21 squad for the friendly with Austria, in Gotsis, on Tuesday, September 6.

THE youth team will play the first round of the Eastern Junior Cup at Saffron Walden Town on Wednesday, September 28, kick-off 7.30pm. Luton were drawn at home, but agreed to switch the tie.
There's still no date for the first round Beds Premier Cup clash at Wootton Blue Cross. Luton are the current holders, having beaten Bedford Town 1-0 in last May's final.
The tie at Wootton must be played by October 30.



LUTON TOWN TICKET OFFICE NEWS

with CHERRY NEWBERY

Would all supporters please note that the ticket office will be closed all day on Bank Holiday Monday, August 29.

Tranmere Rovers v Luton Town

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Tuesday, August 30, 1994
Kick-off 7.30 pm

Seats £10 each (no concessions) available at Tranmere on the night of the match only.

Port Vale v Luton Town

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, September 3, 1994, 3pm

Luton supporters have been allocated the Hamil Road end, covered terracing, £9 (no concessions), pay on the day only at Port Vale. (Kenilworth Road ticket office will be open 10-11am).

Luton Town v Burnley

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Saturday, September 10, 1994
Kick-off 3.00 pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at the discounted price. Normal guesting facilities apply.

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ON THE OTHER SIDE

TOUGH START LEAVES TAYLOR'S
TROOPS WITHOUT A POINT

A TOUGH start to the Endsleigh League campaign has left Peter Taylor's Southend as the only side without a point in Division One.

But few would have envied their first two fixtures, as they opened up at the New Den against Millwall, and then entertained a Middlesbrough side boosted by the arrival of new player-manager Bryan Robson.

Against Millwall, they were behind after just two minutes, and were 2-0 down before Dominic Iorfa pulled a back back 15 minutes from time. Sadly there was no equaliser, and Andy Tilson's 90th minute own goal made it 3-1 at full-time.

The defence tightened up for Tuesday's Coca-Cola Cup visit by Watford, but defender Keith Dublin was sent off, against his former club, in the 0-0 draw.

Then last Saturday, John Hendrie scored twice to give Middlesbrough a 2-0 win at Roots Hall.

Luton and Southend met four times last season, with cup meetings in the FA and Anglo-Italian competitions accompanying the league matches.

The sides drew 1-1 at Kenilworth



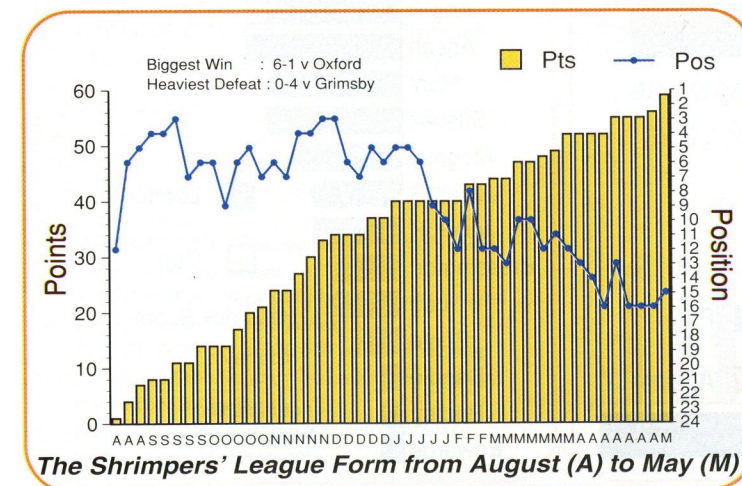
Above: Ricky Otto

Left: New signing Dominic Iorfa

Road in the Anglo-Italian qualifying section, as Kerry Dixon headed a late equaliser to Ricky Otto's free kick.

The result ended Luton's interest in the competition, while Southend went on to reach the 'Italian stage', from a group which also included Watford. Dixon was also on target at Roots Hall in the league meeting in November, but Luton lost 2-1 to goals from Otto and Jonathan Hunt.

The Hatters had their revenge in the FA Cup third round though, as Paul Telfer's goal sent Luton on their way to Wembley, but only a disputed goal from John Hartson gave the Town a point in the league game here in April.



Above: Manager Peter Taylor.
Left: Southend's league form last season.

Southend viewpoint



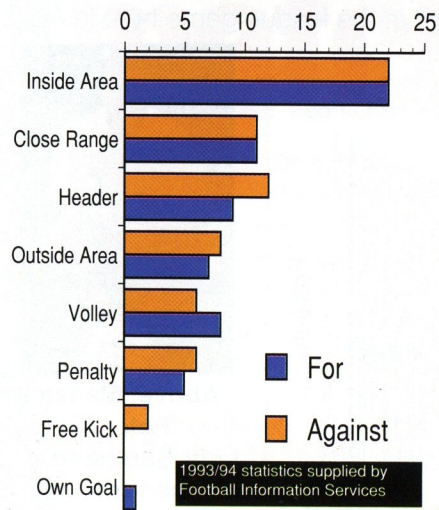
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SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS

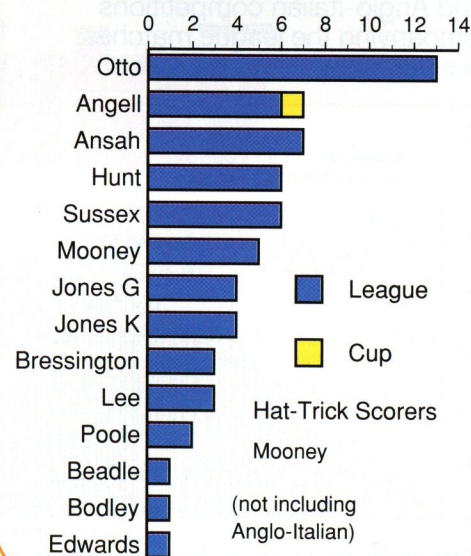


Back row: l to r: Daniel Foot, Andy Sussex, Andy Edwards, Keith Dublin, Pal Sansome, John Cornwell, Simon Royce, Dominic Iorfa, Mark Hone, Graham Bressington, Phil Gridelet.
 Middle row: l to r: Danny Greaves, Ijah Anderson, Gary Poole, Steve Tilson, Mick Bodley, Chris Powell, Declan Perkins, Gary Jones, Craig Davidson, Mark Hall, John Gowens.
 Front row: l to r: Andy Ansah, Andy Thomson, Keith Jones, Theo Foley (asst mgr), Vic Jobson (chairman), Peter Taylor (manager), Ricky Otto, Jon Hunt, Jae Martin.

63 For, 67 Against - How the Goals went in



Who Scored the Goals



VISITORS ON PARADE

IJAH ANDERSON - Close season signing from Spurs who plays at left-back.

ANDY ANSAH - His last two seasons have been dogged by injury, but when fit is an important member of the Blues' strikeforce.

MICK BODLEY - Signed from Barnet last close season, but missed much of the campaign with a leg fracture.

GRAHAM BRESSINGTON - Signed from Lincoln for £50,000 last close season, and was a regular in the back four.

JOHN CORNWELL - Formerly with Orient, Newcastle and Swindon, and spent most of last season out on loan.

CRAIG DAVIDSON - Young fullback formerly with Aldershot.

KEITH DUBLIN - Signed from Watford during the summer in a swap deal which saw Derek Payne join the Hornets.

ANDY EDWARDS - Product of the Southend youth scheme, who now has good league experience behind him.

MARK HONE - Signed just before the start of the season for £50,000 from non-league Welling.

JONATHAN HUNT - One of last year's successes, the versatile former Barnet player made 51 appearances.

DOMINIC IORFA - Nigerian international with 22 caps, signed from Peterborough in the close season.

GARY JONES - Prolific goalscorer in nonleague football, and led the line well last term.

KEITH JONES - Influential midfielder and captain.

JAE MARTIN - Young winger/striker who attracted a £350,000 bid from Nottingham Forest last term.

RICKY OTTO - Last season's top scorer following a £100,000 move from Orient.

GARY POOLE - Record signing from Plymouth last close season, and a very experienced right back.

CHRIS POWELL - Highly-rated left-back, and last season's Player of the Year.

SIMON ROYCE - Started this season on the bench at Millwall, but got his chance against Middlesborough.

PAUL SANSOME - Regular keeper since signing from Millwall six years ago.

ANDY SUSSEX - Versatile player, who has played at centre back, in midfield and up front.

ANDY THOMSON - £250,000 summer signing from Queen of the South, who had a tremendous scoring record in Scotland.

STEVE TILSON - Regained his midfield place towards the end of last season.

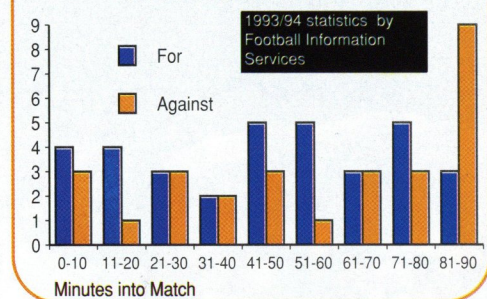
MEET THE BOSS

Peter Taylor became Southend manager after the controversial departure of Barry Fry last December.

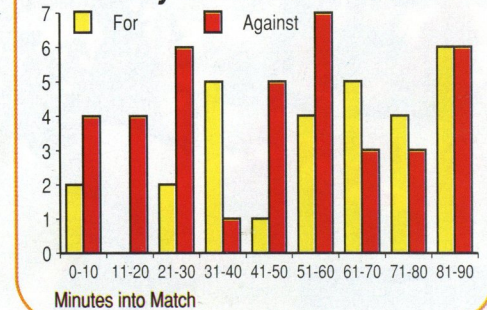
Born in 1953, he started his career at Roots Hall in 1970 and spent three seasons with the Shrimpers before moving to Crystal Palace.

Thirty-three goals and 122 appearances later, he was on his way to Tottenham, where continued success earned him an England place.

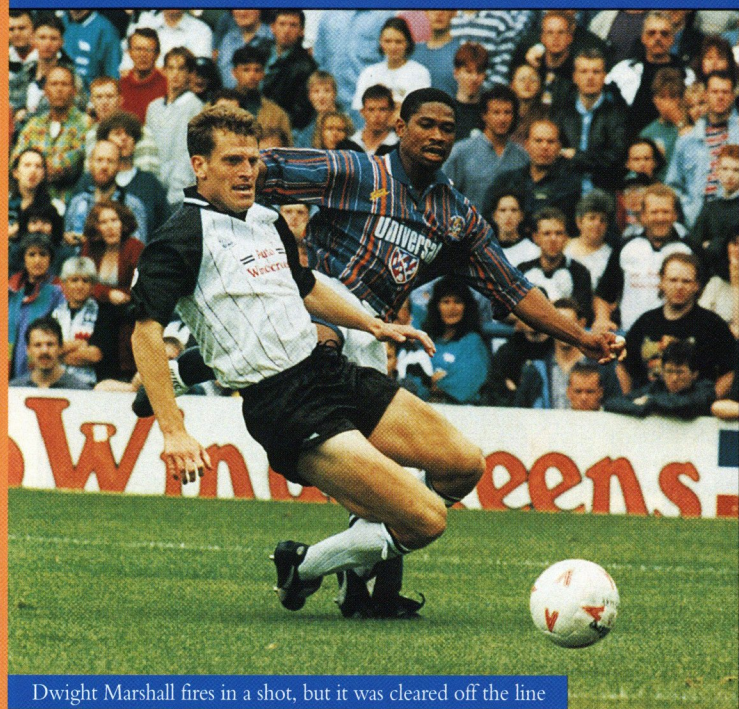
When Southend Scored and Conceded at Home



.. and when the Net Bulged away from Roots Hall



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Dwight Marshall fires in a shot, but it was cleared off the line

From
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Date
August 20 1994

Result
Derby County 0
Luton Town 0

Attendance
13,060

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ANDY HANDLEY



David Greene finds himself sandwiched between two Derby defenders



Called into the mid-field, Des Linton was at full stretch



David Preece sees his close range effort go over the crossbar

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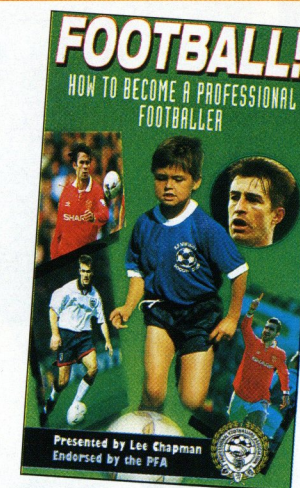
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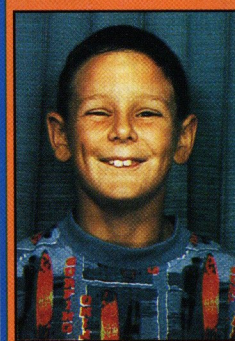
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Send your entries, together with Junior Hatters membership number, to: PFA Video Competition, Commercial Department, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds.

Entries should reach us by Friday, September 2.

(If any readers have difficulty in obtaining the video, contact the Abbey Home Entertainment customer services department on 071 262 1012).

MATCH DAY MASCOT



Name: Lee Matthews

Date of Birth: 28/11/83

School Attended:

Wauluds Junior

Hobbies: Football, karate
and reading

Favourite Luton player:

David Preece

Local team you play for:

Markyate Boys Youth

Who accompanies you

to Luton matches: My
stepdad and friends

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Junior Hatters



Des Linton battles for possession with former team-mate Mark Pembridge during Saturday's 0-0 draw at the Baseball Ground

CENTRE SPOT



DOESN'T he ever score tap-ins? Scott Oakes lets fly against Fulham in the Coca-Cola Cup.

IT didn't take long for Scott Oakes to find the back of the net this season, with the equaliser against West Brom and the opening goal in the Coca-Cola tie with Fulham.

The header against the Baggies was relatively straightforward by his standards, but the 25-yard strike against the Londoners was more what the Kenilworth Road faithful are used to.

Oakes certainly made a name, and a price tag, for himself during last season's cup run with his goals against Newcastle and Cardiff the prelude to that memorable hat-trick against West Ham.

And there were plenty more spectacular efforts in the league, from free-kicks and from open play, with the volley on the

final day at Stoke a fitting finale to his scoring exploits for 1993/94.

Does he ever score tap-ins?

"I'd be more than happy to claim a couple of tap-ins this season," he admitted, "but I struck the ball very sweetly against Fulham, and if you connect with it right you've always got a chance.

"Their keeper was having a great game, but I



just managed to clear him, and it was just one of those goals.

"I get a few each season, and I'm just happy to see them go in."

Unfortunately an ankle injury suffered in training ruled Scott out of Saturday's trip to Derby, but the Rams were no doubt delighted he was missing after the wonderful solo effort which gave the Hatters a 2-1 win here last season.

"That was a one-off I think," said Scott. "I don't think you'll see one like that again from me or anyone else, but it will go down in the 'Hall of Fame' and I really enjoyed it."

Modesty prompts that "one-off" verdict. On the evidence of the season thus far, Town fans will beg to differ.

Scott Oakes



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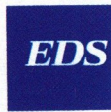
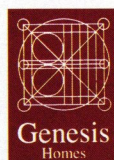
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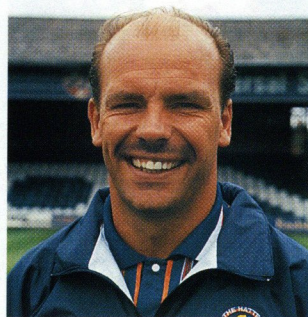
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BOLD type denotes home game. Fixtures to be played at Kenilworth Road.

SECOND-HALF goals from Dwight Marshall and Richard Harvey gave the Town's reserve side a winning start to their Avon Insurance Combination League season last Wednesday.

The reserves beat Watford 2-0 at Kenilworth Road, after two fine saves from Fred Barber kept the score at 0-0 at half-time.

Marshall opened the scoring after 53 minutes, with Harvey curling in a superb 20-yard free-kick 13 minutes from time. Martin Williams had an effort cleared off the line late on, as the Town were comfortable winners against a Watford side



Dwight Marshall

with a good mix of youth and experience. They included former England international Kenny Sansom, now their player-coach, at left back, and Lee Nogan.

Luton: Barber, Jukes (Chenery), Harvey, Philp, Simpson, McLaren, Linton, Thorpe, Williams (Woolgar), Marshall, Skelton. Sub not used: Davis (gk).

The reserves were in action on Wednesday at home to QPR, and their next game is on Wednesday, August 31, when they visit Charlton Athletic, kick-off 7pm.

The youth team won 5-0 at Wycombe on Saturday, another performance to delight coach Terry Westley.



Richard Harvey

Paul McLaren opened the scoring, with Gary Issott adding a second, and Chris Willmott converting a penalty.

Substitute Jamie Woodsford hit the bar, and then bagged two goals to complete the 5-0 triumph.

"The lads passed the ball splendidly, although they tended to overplay it a little at times," said Terry.

"We have a good goalkeeper (Kelvin Davis), a good centre-half (Paul McLaren) and with Jamie Woodsford back up front these three give us real strength."

Team v Wycombe: Davis, Kean, Palmer, Willmott, Chenery, McLaren, Evers (Thomas), Power,



Jamie Woodsford

Douglas, Fotiadis (Woodsford), Issott.

They started their season with an excellent 4-2 home win over Crystal Palace, with 16-year-old striker Andrew Fotiadis, from Hitchin, bagging a hat-trick, and Robert Kean adding the fourth.

Team v Palace: Davis, Goodridge, Palmer, Willmott, Chenery, McLaren, Evers, Power, Douglas (Fotiadis), Issott, Kean.

The youth team were due to entertain Brighton this morning, and will be back in action on Thursday, September 1, with a Southern Junior Floodlit Cup preliminary round tie at Coventry City.



Chris Willmott

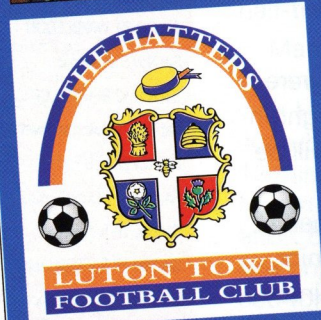
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Sat Nov 26 LC3
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DES LINTON - THE MIDDLE MAN?



DES Linton was a virtual ever-present last season at right-back. But since recovering from the injury which kept him out of the pre-season tour of Scotland he has been thrust into midfield.

Linton stepped up from the bench into midfield for the first team, and then started at Derby in that central role, having impressed there for the reserves in mid-week.

Will it be permanent? "Des certainly has this ability to get away from players so easily," said manager David Pleat. "He can accelerate when he's in possession, and I thought he had a very efficient game for the reserves.

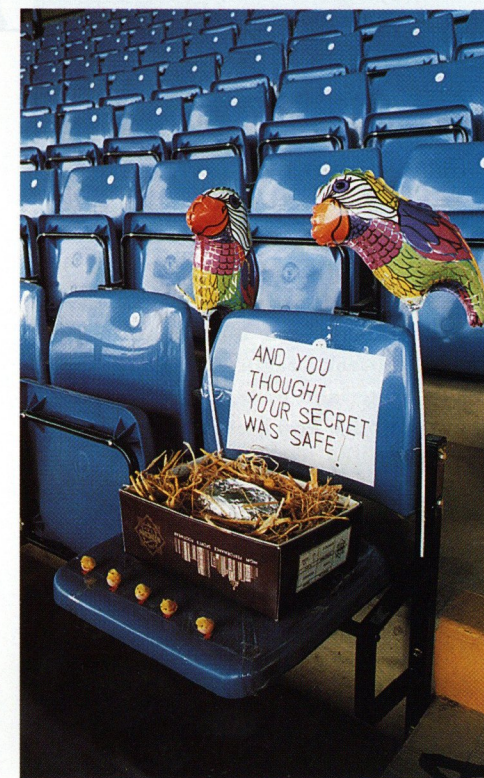
"With Alan Harper not returning, we have to look at a number of alternatives."

CAN anybody tell us what eggs-actly is going on here? Photographer Andy Handley spotted this rather unusual seat decoration at the Kenilworth Road end before the game against West Brom. The egg and parrots were accompanied by the message: "And you thought your secret was safe!" All replies will be treated in the strictest confidence....probably!

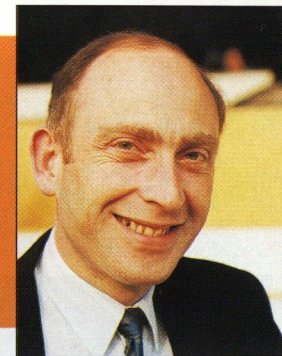
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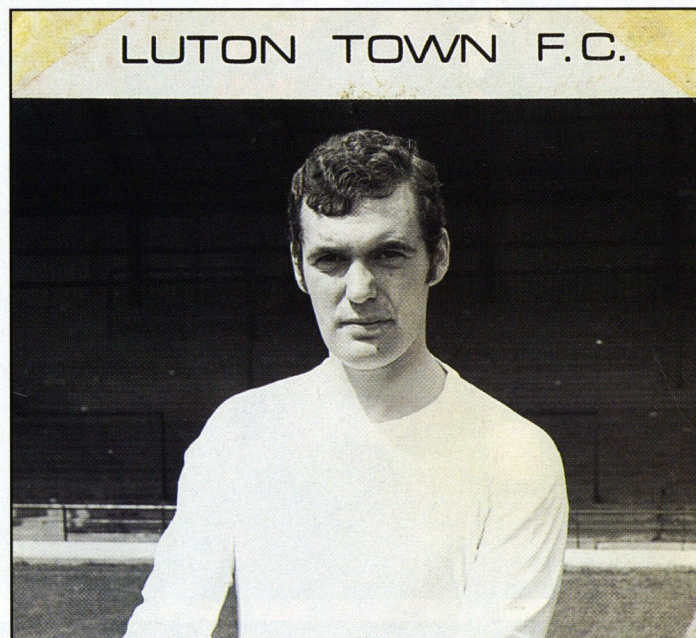
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ALLEN STRIKE HAULS HATTERS CLEAR OF RE-ELECTION STRUGGLE



by ROGER WASH



Graham French was booked upon his return to the side.

A GLANCE at the league tables featured in the programme for the game played against Southend on April 12, 1967, make the last few seasons of supposed struggle pale into insignificance.

We were one place off the re-election positions at the bottom of Division Four, while the reserves were bottom of the London Midweek League. The youth team fared no better and were holding up the rest in the South East Counties League having conceded 103 goals in only 28 games!

After a mid-season mini revival where we flattered to deceive, the Division Four side went into the game against promotion chasing Southend having picked up only one point from the previous five matches. Easter, as usual, had produced three defeats including two against a Brian Clough inspired Hartlepool, while on the previous Saturday evening the Town had

been beaten 3-1 at Crewe where winger Ray Whittaker had been sent off to cap a miserable night.

Southend were in a handily-placed fourth position and looked likely to achieve their promotion back to Division Three from where they had been relegated the season before.

A crowd of 4,666 turned up at a wet, muddy Kenilworth Road to see whether the losing run could be halted and were treated to a bad tempered, bruising battle as both sides fought for the points for different reasons.

Manager Allan Brown welcomed back Graham French after two games out through injury and decided to drop goalkeeper Ron Swan who had hardly covered himself in glory after a run of 14 matches.

His replacement was Tony Read who had already turned out in goal as well as centre-forward that season, although he had not repeated his exploits of 1965/66 when he scored 12 goals, including an incredible

hat-trick in a 5-1 home win against Notts County.

Surprisingly we had much the better of the first half and kept the Southend defence at full stretch for most of the time, although the final breakthrough could not be achieved. The Shrimpers opened up more in the second half but found the Luton defence uncompromising, with Max Dougan and John Moore in commanding form.

After French had been booked for a nasty foul on Southend winger John McKinven the game seemed to be petering out for a draw when Keith Allen struck what was to prove the deciding goal. Allen, signed a month earlier from Stockport in an exchange deal involving ex-England international Derek Kevan, hit a long, hopeful shot that slipped through the hands of Southend goalkeeper Trevor Roberts and ended in the net.

The Town followed up this win with another victory over a promotion chasing side, when Barrow were seen off at Kenilworth Road the following Saturday and the threat of re-election was eventually overcome with a final position of 17th in the table, the lowest in our history.

Luton: Read, Thomson, Jardine, Conboy, Dougan, Moore, French, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker, King.

Southend: Roberts, Bentley, Matthews, Slack, May, Beanland, Smillie, Woodley, Ingle, Smith, McKinven.

It is interesting to note that Southport, Barrow, Aldershot, Halifax and Newport all finished above the Town in Division Four that season. Whatever happened to them?

5 YEARS AGO

Five years ago: 26/8/89: The Hatters managed a point in a 0-0 home draw with Liverpool who had the majority of the play. Lars Elstrup made his Luton debut coming on as substitute.

10 YEARS AGO

Ten years ago: 28/8/84: A late goal from David Moss earned the Town a point in a 1-1 draw at Ipswich, watched by a crowd of 15,331.

15 YEARS AGO

Fifteen years ago: 25/8/79: In front of only 6,705 at Kenilworth Road, hard work was made of overcoming Orient 2-1, with goals from Bob Hatton and Ricky Hill.

20 YEARS AGO

Twenty years ago: 24/8/74: In a battle between two of the promoted sides from Division Two, the Hatters drew 1-1 at Middlesbrough, with a late equaliser from Barry Butlin.

Those were the days

WELCOME FRED BARBER - The man behind the mask



Unmasked! Fred Barber and friend are settling in well at Kenilworth Road. (Fred's the one on the left!)

MEEET the man behind the mask! Fred Barber has joined the Hatters from Peterborough for £15,000, and the experienced goalkeeper is relishing the prospect of playing for his ninth club.

The 31-year-old has enjoyed spells at Darlington, Everton, Walsall, Peterborough, Chester, Blackpool, Colchester and Chesterfield, and opted for Kenilworth Road despite interest from Birmingham and Grimsby.

"Everyone's been very friendly and it's nice to come to Luton," said Fred. "I still had a year of my contract to run at Peterborough, and Chris Turner thought I might want to move on, but the new manager John Still took me off the list, and then three clubs came in for me -

Birmingham, Grimsby and Luton.

"I came down to see David Pleat and he sold the club to me, and I jumped at the chance."

His one taste, thus far, of the 'big time' was a year at Goodison Park when Howard Kendall signed him on deadline day after Neville Southall had been injured in a midweek international for Wales.

"I thought it was all a big wind-up by the Darlington manager," recalled Fred, "but I had three hours to get down there and sign. As it turned out Bobby Mimms got the chance because he was the reserve team keeper and the chance never came my way."

But Fred has been in the spotlight with the rather unique mask he wears when running out before the start of a game,

an accessory developed during his stint at Walsall.

"It was New Year's Day, and David Kelly, who's now at Wolves, suggested the idea as a joke for our match at Gillingham," recalled Fred.

"I said 'You buy it and I'll wear it' and he thought I wouldn't go through with it.

"But Gillingham always like to kick towards the home end first, and so run out to the away fans. So I had to run to the home fans wearing this mask, and they loved it. I've had a great rapour with the Gillingham fans ever since - they wanted me to sign for them.

"It gives everyone a laugh, but when it comes off and the whistle blows I'm very serious."

He's certainly serious about pushing for a first-team place at Kenilworth



Fred follows Juergen Sommer onto the field for the warm-up prior to the home game with West Brom.

Road, as he faces competition from the established number one Juergen Sommer, and the highly-rated Kelvin Davis.

"I've seen Juergen play, and David Pleat tells me that Kelvin is one of the best in the country for his age, and I'm looking forward to working with

both of them," said Fred. "But I haven't come here just for the ride. I obviously want to push Juergen for his place, but he's playing well at the moment and I will have to wait. If the chance comes though, I aim to take it with both hands."

LUTON Town are organising a Mini-Soccer Centre 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 four-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 under six and under seven age groups, and 11.30am to 12.30pm for under eight and under nine 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.

JOHN Hartson is raring to go to get his season underway. The young Welshman has missed the first four games of the campaign through suspension, but has impressed in training, and bagged two goals as the Hatters beat an American university side 5-1 in a recent practice match at the Electrolux Training Ground.

Still only 19, Hartson scored seven goals for the Luton first team last term.

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LUTON TOWN FC 1994/95: Back row: L to R: Tony Adcock, Des Linton, Mitchell Thomas, Juergen Sommer, Marvin Johnson, David Greene, John Hartson.
 Middle row: L to R: Clive Goodyear (physio), Martin Williams, Richard Harvey, Julian James, Kerry Dixon, Aaron Skelton, Scott Oakes, Dwight Marshall, John Moore (coach).
 Front row: L to R: Ceri Hughes, Scott Houghton, David Preece, David Pleat (manager), Trevor Peake, Tony Thorpe, Paul Telfer.
 (We apologise for the error in the programme 13/18/94, which featured the team picture from the first club photocall, with the caption from the second).



LEFT: Kerry Dixon is tackled by Fulham skipper Simon Morgan.

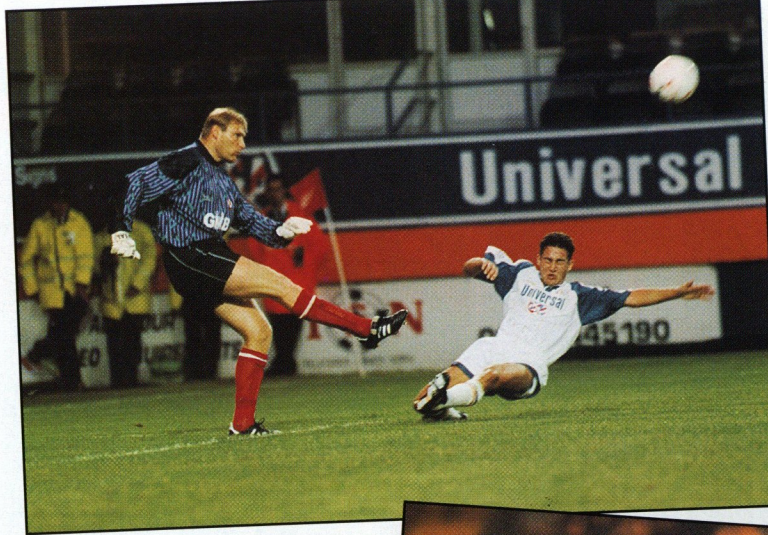
**LUTON TOWN 1
 FULHAM 1**
 (Coca-Cola Cup
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The Hatters drew 1-1 with third division Fulham, after taking an 81st minute lead through Scott Oakes. Kevin Moore headed an injury-time equaliser.

RIGHT: Ceri Hughes makes a break.



Pictures: ANDY HANDLEY



LEFT: Fulham goalkeeper, and man-of-the-match, Jim Stannard clears from Paul Telfer during the 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road.



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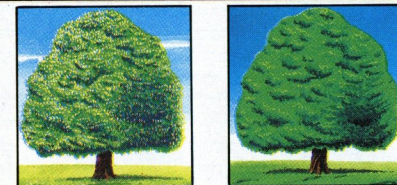
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Sat Aug 13	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	1-1	8,640	-	Sommer	James	Johnson	(Skelton)	Greene	Peake	Telfer	OAKES	Dixon	Preece	(Houghton)	(Marshall)	(Linton)	Barber
Tue Aug 16	FULHAM CCC 1 (1)	1-1	3,287	-	Sommer	James	Johnson	(Houghton)	Greene	Peake	Telfer	OAKES	Dixon	Preece	(Houghton)	(Marshall)	(Linton)	Barber
Sat Aug 20	Derby County	0-0	13,060	14	Sommer	James	Johnson	(Linton)	Greene	Peake	Telfer	Marshall	Dixon	Preece	Hughes	Skelton	Houghton	Barber
Tue Aug 23	Fulham CCC 1 (2)	1-1	5,134	-	Sommer	James	Johnson	(Linton)	(Greene)	Peake	Telfer	MARSHALL	Dixon	Preece	Hughes	(Oakes)	(Skelton)	Barber
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Sat Jan 21	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS																	
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Wed Feb 15	CCC S/F 1																	
Sat Feb 18	SWINDON TOWN (FAC5)																	
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Tue Mar 7	PORT VALE																	
Sat Mar 11	Southend United (FAC6)																	
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Tue Mar 21	Burnley																	
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Swindon v Watford
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3 Chris POWELL

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