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PLEAT'S PERSPECTIVE

LET'S REVERSE SATURDAY'S DISAPPOINTMENT

A WARM welcome to Bruce Rioch's side, and all Bolton supporters and officials. Last season they gained national attention, like ourselves, with their cup exploits and they played some outstanding football in defeating teams like Everton, Arsenal and Aston Villa. Like ourselves they have started the new season somewhat erratically and will be anxious to gain three points.

It is disappointing that the crowd tonight will, in all probability, not exceed five thousand people. If that is the case then the Endsleigh chairmen should get together and be very strong in their voice to try and get a fairer deal for the lesser clubs. On four evenings this week live soccer will be on television. As the autumn nights close in, is the fair weather supporter going to come and support his local team or sit in his armchair?

Unless a club is in the top six at this moment

then they cannot be expected to attract extra people at the current increase in prices that the Taylor Report has brought.

It has also come to my attention that the amount of column space in the national newspapers for the Endsleigh League games has become much reduced while the only interest appears to be in the Premiership. It is a sad reflection and there is a great danger that in 10 or 15 years time, if the feeder teams get forgotten then football will not necessarily be better off. Twenty million pounds has already gone out of this country on foreign players this summer, and many teams now have fewer English players who are being given a chance.

The amount of fixtures that league clubs have to play is still a bone of contention. With the excessive yellow carding and the normal injury syndrome to cope with there is always likely to be problems for smaller clubs. Do we need to reduce and regionalise the leagues under the premiership? I hope that the people responsible for the game in the Endsleigh League will start badgering and getting their thoughts together as one voice.

On Saturday, we suffered a 1-0 defeat despite some frenetic attempts to get level. In fact we should have possibly been two goals in front before Juergen made his crucial mistake. These things happen and we would be the last to crucify Juergen who has done splendidly in the games since he has taken over from Alec Chamberlain. He was most unlucky not to get selected for the game at Wembley against for the USA when I'm told there was politics in the selections of Freidel, Jones and Sorber.

What was remarkable and un-beknown to most of our fans on Saturday was the fact that both David Preece and Trevor Peake recovered to go out and fight for our cause. Both had been on the treatment table all week after their injuries at Port vale.

I also thought that David Greene looked tired after his midweek trip to Latvia and we shall



BURNLEY'S Steve Davis denies Luton with a goal-line clearance on Saturday.

bear that in mind in the future. John Hartson too had only trained on the Friday and it is hard sometimes to cope with a situation where players have just recovered from injury and have not done a full week's training.

My experiment of playing Dwight Marshall on the left-hand side to cope with the exclusion of Ceri Hughes didn't have the effect that I had hoped for. Unfortunately our best passer David Preece couldn't find his touch and as a result we were unable to get the ammunition for Dwight Marshall to exploit.

I have looked at that, and having no left-sided player at the club to compensate we may have to look at changing our system slightly.

I was pleased with the debut of Gary Waddock. Several years ago I put him down in my book as a fine competitor and good early passer in the hoops of QPR. Sadly injury interrupted his career and he bravely fought back to win a career years later, on a roundabout route via Belgium and Millwall, at his first club. Now at 32 we have taken him on a month's loan and we hope that he will settle quickly and be a valued part of our team. Aaron Skelton has played in that position and so has Des Linton in the games earlier this season to compensate for the loss of Alan Harper who returned here on Saturday. It is not an easy position to play. It needs discipline and the ability to guide players around from a sitting defensive position. Aaron Skelton in time will be an excellent player possibly in that role.

Meanwhile it is unfair to expect too much youth to carry the team. Skelton, Greene and Hartson are not yet 21, and the demands of the league are considerable.

We know that in an ideal world we would like to sign a couple of players to give some strength to our staff but the prices out there have escalated and it is very difficult to bring in real quality.

Finally it is my duty to say how disgusted I was to see an anti-Luton piece, not for the first time, in a local free sheet. Our players continually go out in their own time to help and assist all forms of charities. We have a stack of letters on file recording the thanks to players who have gone to such functions. I am not aware of any player who has demanded money for any function unless they have been asked through an agent or privately. If any request for help to raise funds, to help with coaching, or to make personal appearances comes direct to me then John Moore will seek out a player who is prepared to give his time up from his weekly schedule.

If we can't assist then we will reply to that effect, but for sure, no one will be asking money to go to any function. I feel disappointed that I have to record this paragraph because I am always so pleasantly surprised at the willingness of players to help people less fortunate than themselves.

I hope you all enjoy the game this evening and we can reverse Saturday's disappointment.



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David Pleat

TALK OF THE TOWN



Waddock joins Hatters on loan

FORMER Republic of Ireland international Gary Waddock has joined the Hatters on loan from Bristol Rovers.

Gary, 32, has played for QPR, Millwall, Swindon and Bristol Rovers, as well as a spell in Belgium.

"With three games in seven days, injuries and suspensions, we needed an additional midfielder player, someone who can play sensibly and steadily, and someone who has had plenty of experience," said David Pleat.

"It's the sort of role that Alan Harper filled last season. Aaron Skelton can do the job very well, I've no doubts about him, but it's a hard league in which to play consecutive, fierce games."

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Fitness boost for Tony Adcock

TOWN striker Tony Adcock (left) has received a boost with the news that his injured knee does not require an operation.

After last week's original diagnosis, it was revealed that Tony had a slight tear to the cruciate ligament in his right knee, and it was feared he could be out of action for two months.

But following a trip to a specialist in Cambridge, it was decided that no operation was required, and physio Clive Goodyear reports that Tony could be playing again in two to three weeks.

Tony, who signed for Luton from Peterborough in the summer, picked up the injury in a pre-season friendly at St Albans.

New service could be just the ticket

A REMINDER to fans that in conjunction with the Football League and Ticketmaster, we are launching Ticketline, a new ticket booking service which will compliment our existing box office service.

Customers wishing to book a ticket for any of our home games this season will now be able to ring 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 0645 101010 and book tickets using a credit card. (All calls charged at local rate).

Customers will be charged £1.50 per ticket together with a transaction charge of £1.25 per booking.

Our latest ticket office information can be found on page 9 of tonight's programme.

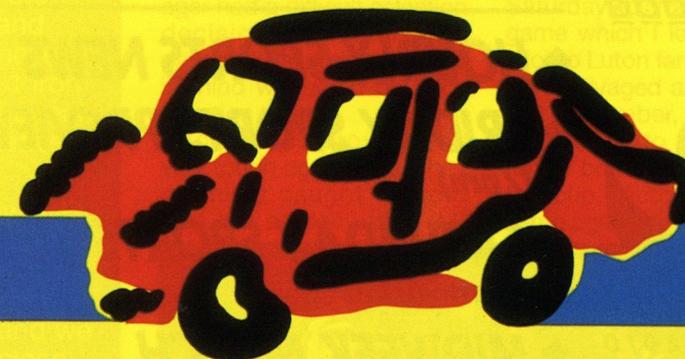


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FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



with **JOHN SMYLIE**

IT is always pleasing to reward someone for good service, and I'm sure you will join me in thanking one of our stewards for his vigilance during the pre-season friendly against Southampton.

There were 3,476 spectators in the Main Stand, and many would have used the Exit 1 iron staircase at the rear to enter and leave the stadium.

But alert steward Patrick Moloney spotted that plates on the stairs had come loose, and we were able to close the area before any injuries occurred.

Before's Saturday's game we were due to present Mr Moloney with a certificate of commendation, and I felt it important to bring this reassuring news regarding our stewarding.

LEADING THE LINE

by **TREVOR PEAKE**



IT'S been a frustrating week for me, after collecting a knock in the closing stages of our win at Port Vale.

I've never been a great watcher from the sidelines, and when the rest of the lads are out training it's hard to have to stay behind on the treatment table, or doing laps of the pitch.

But I certainly haven't been lonely, as the treatment room was about the busiest place in the ground last week.

David Preece, John Hartson and Scott Oakes were all hoping to shake-off slight niggles, and the manager had a difficult selection decision for Saturday's game with Burnley, bearing in mind we would be back in action tonight.

Bolton will prove to be very tough opponents. They certainly caught us cold here last season with a 2-0

win, and once again John McGinlay will be a danger-man.

We fared better at Burden Park, but were still beaten, so tonight is a chance to set the record straight.

It's always nice to welcome a former player back to the club, and I know Bruce Rioch is fondly remembered at Kenilworth Road.

He has a good squad, and I was certainly impressed with Jason McAteer both last season and during the World Cup in the summer.

Looking ahead we have another tough trip on Saturday to Watford, for a game which I know means a lot to Luton fans.

We salvaged a draw there last December, which was the prelude to an excellent run in both the league and the cup. Victory and then same again please!



ANXIOUS moments for Trevor following his injury late in the game at Port Vale.

LUTON Town players have been busy attending charity functions in the region.

Scott Oakes attended the recent Children's Society Auction and Cabaret Evening at Raunds Town FC, and presented various awards.

The event raised over £4,000, and organiser Brian Hill has sent a letter to the club thanking David Pleat for his help.

John Hartson and Kerry Dixon attended a charity event at The Warden Beefeater, in Barton Road, Luton, and Kerry and Mitchell Thomas opened last Sunday's Luton and District Transport charity fun day, at the Caddington and District Sports and Social Club, which raised £400 for the Special Baby Care Unit at Luton and Dunstable Hospital.

While the club receives a huge number of requests for such appearances, we do our best to cater for everyone, and requests should be directed to John Smylie or Simon Oxley, c/o Luton Town FC.

Black is back!

THE man in black is back in the Endsleigh Insurance League this season following an agreement which has been signed by the Football League with one of the country's leading kit manufacturers, Umbro.

Following a two-year experiment with alternative coloured kits, the league has decided to return to the traditional all black officials' kit.

The five-year deal with Umbro is worth £150,000, with all 50 referees on the Football League list receiving shirts, shorts and socks, together with other sporting accessories, as part of the deal.

Umbro spokesman Martin Prothero explained: "Our association with the Football League has been long and very rewarding for both parties. We are delighted to be on board with the world's oldest league competition once again."

Hatters missing suspended Hughes

ONE or two clubs have enquired about Luton Town's Welsh international Ceri Hughes, since he became available for transfer, reports manager David Pleat.

"Some clubs are looking at the loan situation, but they know of course that Ceri is suspended anyway and can't go anywhere at the moment," said Mr Pleat.

"We'll just have to see, but of course situations can change very quickly.

"At the moment he's not really in our good books because we are missing him and we need him.

"He is our player, and he gets paid by us, and we want our players to be available to play and he has put himself out of



CERI Hughes - misses tonight's game through suspension.

contention, and has also given me a headache in team selection so that doesn't make us happy.

"Ceri's out at the moment, but I will say that he's training well and training properly as he should, but at the moment the phone isn't ringing."

Hughes is unavailable for tonight's match, the second game in a three-match ban following his sending-off at Fulham.

He will also miss Saturday's trip to Watford, but could return at Millwall.

Before his suspension, Hughes was on target here against Southend and at Tranmere.



LUTON TOWN TICKET OFFICE NEWS

with CHERRY NEWBERY

Watford v Luton Town

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Saturday, September 17, 1994,
Kick-off 12 noon

Tickets for this match are on sale from the ticket office price £11.50 (no concessions) until 4pm on Friday, September 16. This match is ALL TICKET for Luton supporters with none available on the day of the game. The Kenilworth Road ticket office will be closed on Saturday, September 17.

Millwall v Luton Town

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Saturday, September 24, 1994
Kick-off 3.00 pm

Seats are available in the North Stand, price £12 for adults and £6 for juniors and senior citizens. Pay on the day at Millwall only. (Please note that the Kenilworth Road ticket office will be open from 10am to 12 noon for other match tickets).

Luton Town v Bristol City

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Saturday, October 1, 1994
Kick-off 3pm

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SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS



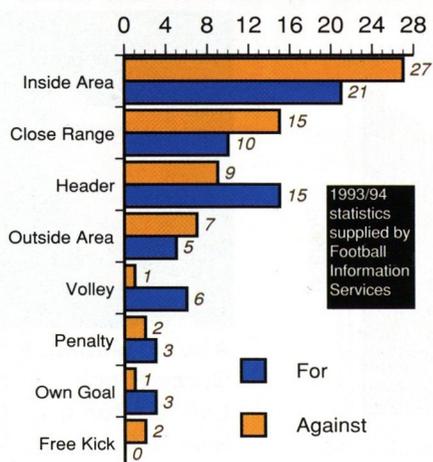
Back row: L to R: Mark Winstanley (now Burnley), Andy Mason, Jason Lydiate, Mark Seagraves, Scott Green.

Third row: Jason McAteer, David Lee, Aidan Davison, Keith Branagan, Jimmy Phillips, Owen Coyle.

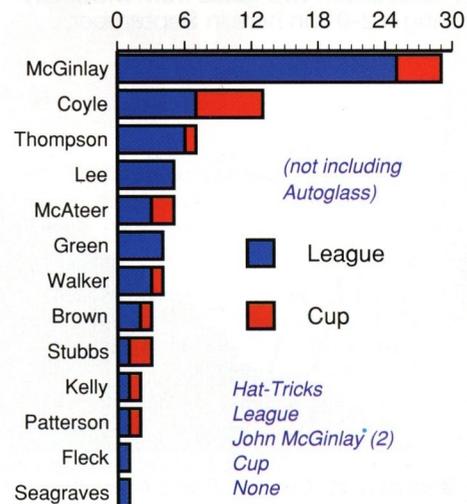
Second row: Ewan Simpson (physio), Steve Carroll (reserve manager), Stuart Whittaker, Neil Fisher, Andy McKay, Gary Martindale, Neil McDonald, Tony Kelly, Colin Todd (coach), Ian McNeil (chief scout).

Front row: Andy Roscoe, Alan Thompson, John McGinlay, Bruce Rioch (manager), Alan Stubbs, Nicky Spooner, Mark Patterson.

63 For, 64 Against - How the Goals went in



Who Scored the Goals



VISITORS ON PARADE

KEITH BRANAGAN - Goalkeeper who joined the Wanderers from Millwall in July 92. Missed most of last season through injury after being an everpresent during 1992/93.

AIDAN DAVISON - Another goalkeeper who joined from Millwall, moving in July 93. He made 31 league appearances for the Wanderers during 1993/94.

JASON LYDIATE - Defender who joined the club from Manchester United in 91/92, and made five league appearances last season.

JIMMY PHILLIPS - Bolton-born left-back in his second spell with the club. Turned pro in 1983 making 108 appearances for the Wanderers before spells at Glasgow Rangers, Oxford and Middlesbrough. Returned to Burnden Park in July 93 for £300,000 and made 42 league appearances last term.

MARK SEAGRAVES - Defender, and former England youth international who joined Bolton from Manchester City. Began his career with Liverpool.

NICKY SPOONER - Has missed a lot of football in recent seasons due to injury, but fought his way back into the first team towards the end of last term.

NEIL McDONALD - Former England Under-21 international who joined Wanderers in July 93 after being released by Oldham. Formerly with Newcastle and Everton.

ALAN STUBBS - Defender who capped a great campaign with England B honours last season.

RICHARD SNEEKES - Joined the club in a £175,000 deal just prior to the start of the 94/95 season from Dutch second division side Fortuna Sittard. He began his career with Ajax, making his debut as a 16-year-old in the company of Van Basten, Koeman and Rijkaard.

SCOTT GREEN - Midfielder who joined the club in March 90 from Derby.

TONY KELLY - Former Liverpool apprentice who has played over 100 league games for Bolton since joining the club in August 91.

DAVID LEE - Winger who joined the club in a £275,000 deal from Southampton in December 92, making 41 appearances last term.

MARK PATTERSON - Has played for Blackburn, Bury and Preston, and has now chalked up over 150 games for Bolton.

JASON MCAATEER - Highly-rated midfielder who was one of the Republic of Ireland's stars in this summer's World Cup.

ALAN THOMPSON - Midfielder who signed from Newcastle in 1993 for £250,000.

JOHN MCGINLAY - Scottish international who scored 33 goals in 54 first class games last term to equal a club record held by both Nat Lofthouse and Andy Walker.

OWEN COYLE - Eire international who joined Bolton from Airdrie for £250,000 in 1993. Scored seven goals in 30 league appearances last term.

MIXU PAATELAINEN - Finland international and proven goalscorer in the Scottish Premier League with Dundee United and Aberdeen. Joined Bolton in July for £350,000.

FABIAN deFREITAS - Club record signing who joined from Dutch side Volendam for £400,000 in August. Dutch Under 21 international.

MEET THE BOSS

BRUCE RIOCH started his footballing career with Luton in 1963 and went on to make 149 league appearances, scoring 47 goals.

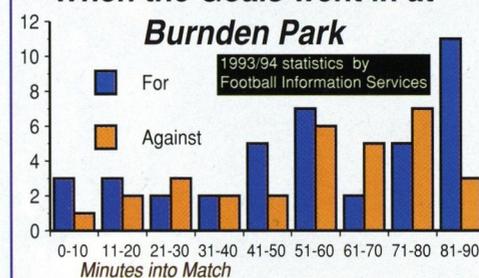
A goal-scoring inside-left, he became an integral part of Allan Brown's Fourth Division championship-winning team of 1968.

He played for one season in the Third Division before joining Aston Villa for £100,000, making a league cup final appearance with them in 1971 and a year later winning the third division championship.

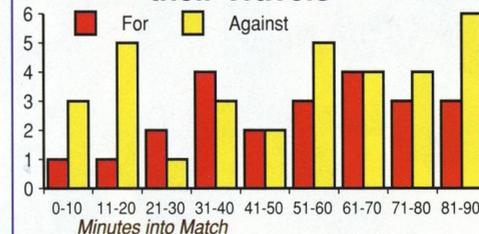
At Derby County he won a league championship medal and went on to make 24 appearances for Scotland, also captaining his country on several occasions.

He began his managerial career with Torquay United, and has since taken the reins at Millwall and Middlesbrough. He took Bolton to promotion in his first season at Burnden Park, before guiding them to the sixth round of the FA Cup last term.

When the Goals went in at



.. and when the Net Bulged on their Travels



PORT VALE v LUTON TOWN

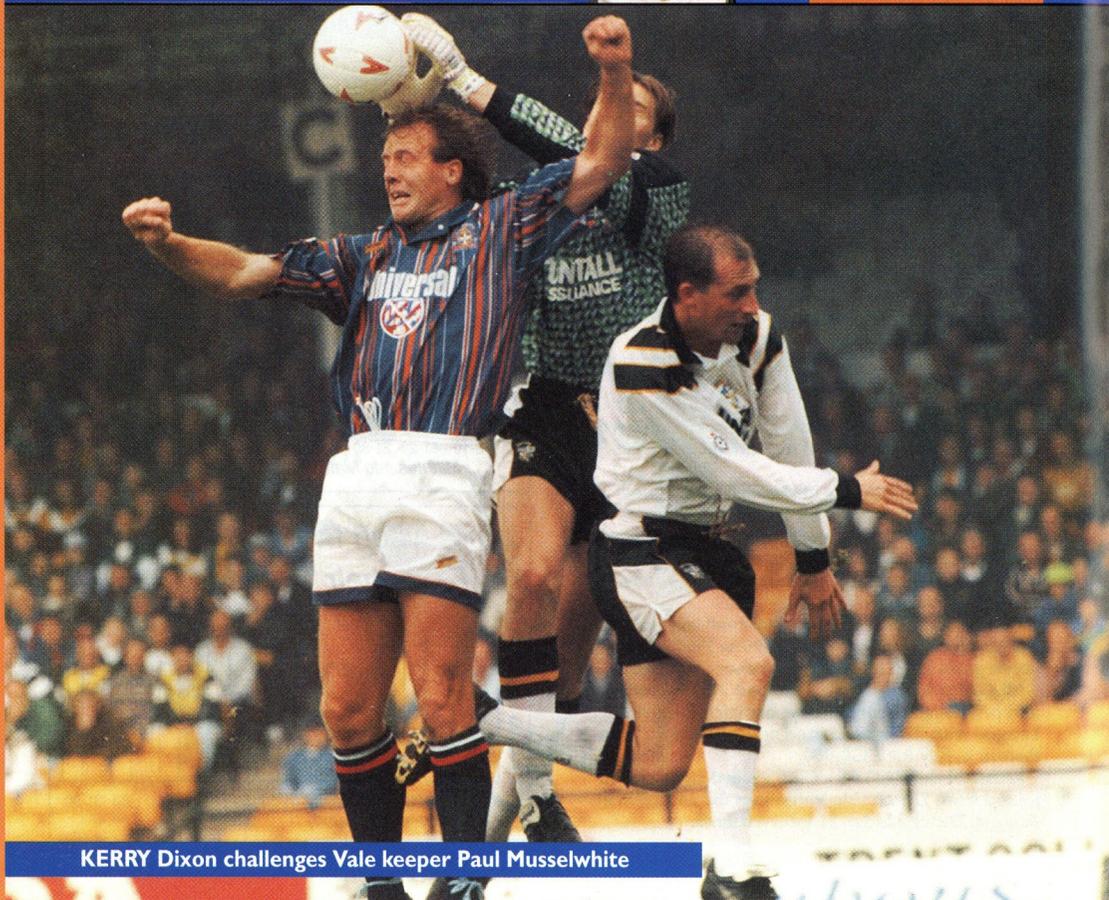


CELEBRATION time for scorer Dwight Marshall (centre)

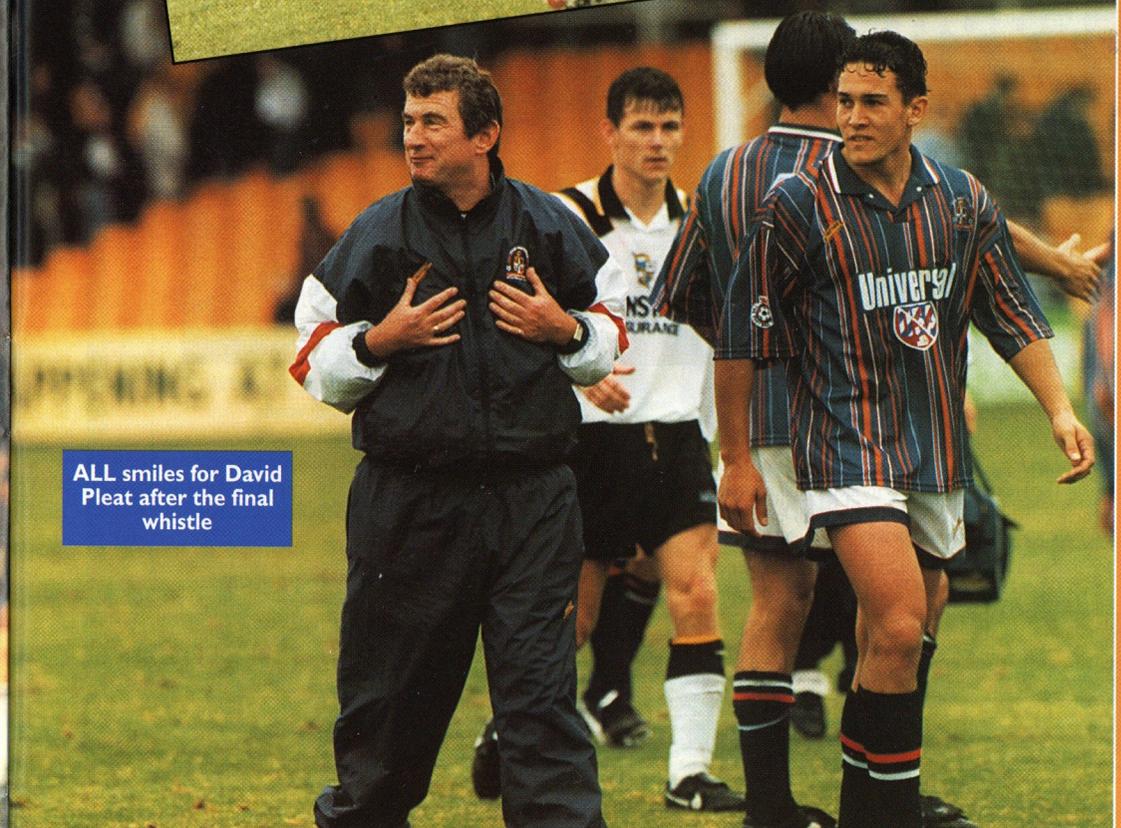
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SCOTT Oakes makes a break



KERRY Dixon challenges Vale keeper Paul Musselwhite



ALL smiles for David Pleat after the final whistle

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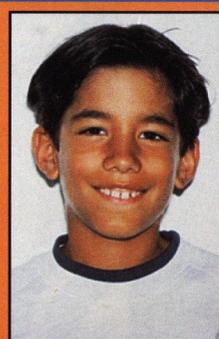
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OUR matchday mascots line-up with the team captains and match officials, prior to the games against Fulham (right) and West Brom (below). The mascot against Fulham was Katie Bryson, with James Garley doing the honours against Albion.



BEING a matchday mascot really is a great day out for any young Hatters fan. The fun includes a chance to meet the players, and run out onto the pitch with the team prior to the big kick-off. All Junior Hatters and junior season-ticket holders have the chance to be selected as a mascot, so join today!

MATCH DAY MASCOT



Name: Kieron Karve
Date of birth: 19/7/85
School attended: William Austin Junior
Hobbies: Football and computers
Favourite Luton player: David Preece
Local team you play for: Icknield Cubs and school team
Who accompanies you to Luton matches: My dad and friends



JOHN HARTSON scored a great goal on his return to first-team action against Southend. Let's hope for some more of the same tonight from our Welsh starlet!

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IT'S a goal..... Dwight Marshall and Scott Oakes celebrate the winner at Port Vale

CENTRE SPOT



MARVIN in action against Southend at Kenilworth Road, with skipper Trevor Peake looking on during the 2-2 draw.



MARVIN Johnson - making the left-back spot his own?

WITH growing competition for places, Marvin Johnson has risen to the challenge with a string of fine displays at left-back this season.

He's been an ever-present in the number three shirt, and remains as popular as ever with the Kenilworth Road faithful.

His surging runs never fail to raise a cheer, and regularly set up openings for the front players.

Marvin, 25, made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988, and despite suffering with injuries has clocked up over 100 league appearances for the Hatters, and over 130 in all competitions.

The goals column may not need changing quite as regularly, but as ever with defenders, it's quality rather than quantity - his solo effort at Tranmere in March 1993 was one of the goals of the season.

David Pleat will settle for defensive consistency, in the knowledge that he can switch the versatile Johnson to any position across the back four.

Marvin Johnson



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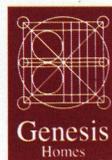
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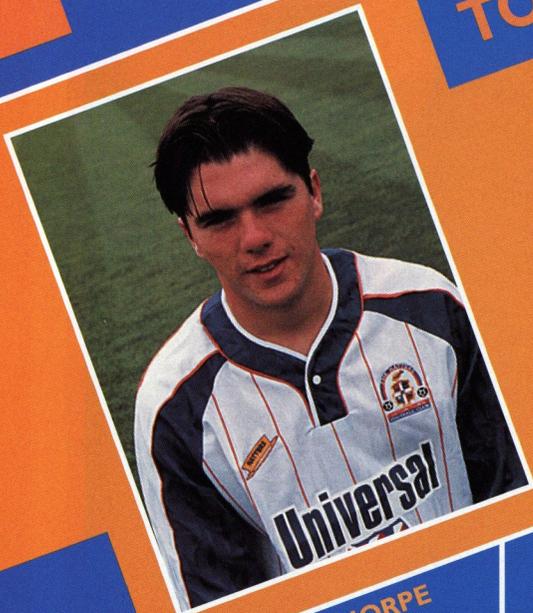
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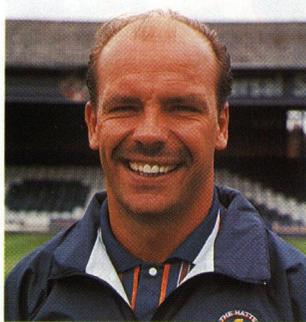
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DAVID GREENE - on U21 duty in Latvia



CENTRE-half David Greene has been a high-flyer in Luton Town's defence this season, and has won further recognition with the Republic of Ireland's Under-21 side, playing in the 1-1 draw in Latvia on Tuesday.

WHILE Juergen Sommer was enjoying the relative splendour of Wembley last week, another Town player was on international duty - in somewhat different surroundings.

Centre-half David Greene was lining up for the Republic of Ireland's Under-21 side in Latvia, helping them to a 1-1 draw in the European Championship qualifying clash.

The whole trip was quite an experience for the 20-year-old, playing one of the new 'minnows' of the world game.

"We should have won, and really they were a poor side," admitted David. "They took the lead, I went close to an equaliser, but after

half-time we did level through Middlesbrough's Alan Moore."

The game was played at the Latvian University ground at Riga, but although the stadium facilities were sparse the pitch was in good condition - until the weather intervened.

"When we trained on the pitch the day before the game, it hadn't been cut and there were no lines on it, but on the day of the game everything had been done and it was fine," said David. "That is until the heavens opened and it was waterlogged after that.

"Of course there weren't many people there, just three hundred soliders - I don't know if they were expecting trouble!

"We had a nice hotel, but when we went outside you could see that although there were for example people driving BMWs and Mercedes, the majority of the population were struggling. It was quite a humbling experience."

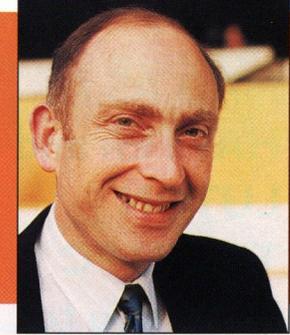
David then watched from the stands as the Republic's senior side won their qualifying game, with two goals from John Aldridge, who he'd seen more than enough of at Tranmere! His next outing for the Under 21s is in November, a little closer to home, against England.

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Promotion chasers need own goal to master spot-on Siddall



A PENALTY miss by John Aston (right) could have proved costly against the Wanderers



ALTHOUGH many people will say that you make your own luck in football, it can easily be seen that luck evens itself out over the course of a season, as witnessed by one seven-day period in the autumn of 1973.

The Town had got off to a steady start to the campaign and, apart from an opening day disaster at Nottingham Forest when we suffered a 4-0 defeat, the team was gradually forcing its way up the table.

The early-season pace-setters were Jack Charlton's Middlesbrough, who were destined for the championship, but the Town travelled to Ayresome Park on November 3 confident of returning with at least a point against a rampant home side.

The crowd of 22,590 stood in silence as their favourites proved to be not even a poor imitation of a side leading the table. The Town looked far more clever and composed, and it was no surprise when Barry Butlin put us one-up after 32 minutes.

The Boro crowd were not amused at half-time, but manager Jack Charlton's interval words had some effect for within 10 minutes of the restart his team were 2-1 in front.

Luton were shell-shocked, and keeper Keith Barber commented later: "I only had to touch the ball twice all afternoon and that was to pick it out of the net."

Luton hit back though, only for Tom

Finney and John Aston to hit the woodwork and clearly it wasn't destined to be our afternoon.

The feeling of being hard done by was not allowed to fester by manager Harry Haslam, and an unchanged team turned out the following week at Kenilworth Road when Bolton Wanderers were the visitors.

The Town attacked with a purpose and it seemed only a matter of time before we would take the lead, when top-scorer Butlin was led from the field with what was later diagnosed as a broken jaw.

Before a substitute could be introduced, Bolton's Neil Whatmore broke away to score and the Wanderers prepared to defend their lead.

Barry Siddall in the Bolton goal pulled off a couple of tremendous saves from

Peter Anderson, and then dived to his left to make a spectacular stop from a John Aston penalty - awarded after Paul Jones had upended Finney.

Luck seemed to be against Town again, but five minutes later another penalty was awarded for a handling offence in the goalmouth, although it appeared the ball had crossed the line by a good yard!

This time Jim Ryan stepped up to take the kick with Siddall diving to his right this time to touch the ball against the post.

Luck turned though when Ryan was first to the rebound to slam the ball into the net.

The Town continued the attack, and with only three minutes to go fullback Don Shanks broke through only to see his path blocked by Don McAllister who had time to hammer the ball over the stand.

Inexplicably he decided to lob the ball back to Siddall who had already advanced to cut out the threat. The result? A spectacular own goal that won the game and set Luton up on their way back to Division One.

Luton Town: Barber, Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Ryan, Finney, Butlin (Cruse), West, Aston.

Bolton Wanderers: Siddall, Ritson, McAllister, Rimmer, Paul Jones, Waldron, Nicholson, Gary Jones, Greaves, Whatmore (Lee), Darling.

by ROGER WASH

5 YEARS AGO

16/9/89: The Town returned pointless from Coventry following a 1-0 defeat. A miss from the penalty spot by Danny Wilson proved expensive.

10 YEARS AGO

16/9/84: A Sunday crowd of 18,605 saw us go down 3-1 at Nottingham Forest with all the goals being scored in the second half. David Moss was the Luton marksman.

15 YEARS AGO

15/9/79: A dull 0-0 draw at Notts County was watched by a crowd of 9,582. The dropped point pushed us off the top of the table.

20 YEARS AGO

14/9/74: A day to forget as we were well beaten at Kenilworth Road by a very good Ipswich side. Australian international Adrian Alston was the sole Luton scorer.

Those were the days

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any tears
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as the sun from up above
Bring me fun
Bring me sunshine
Bring me love*

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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.

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

We have printed the words again, and hope you will join in to make for a lively prelude to this evening's action.

Town's Stoke clash set for a Sunday!

SUPPORTERS should please note the following fixture details which have been announced this week.

Our match at Stoke, originally scheduled for Saturday, October 8, at the Victoria Ground, will now be broadcast live on television, and will thus be played on Sunday, October 9, kick-off 2.55pm.

The match is being shown live on Central and LWT, and at present we have no details as to whether Anglia will also show the game.

It's pay on the day at Stoke only for Town fans. Seats are £11 (no concessions)

and supporters should use turnstiles in Butler Street, block A.

Standing is £7.50 (no concessions), and supporters should use turnstiles for Stoke End Paddock.

(The ticket office in Kenilworth Road will be open from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday October 8, for the purchase of other match tickets).

Last season's match at Stoke was also played on a Sunday - the final match of the 93/94 campaign.

The match ended 2-2, with Scott Oakes and Paul Telfer (pen) scoring for Luton who had trailed 2-0 at half-time.



KELVIN Davis - debut at Stoke last season.

The match also saw Kelvin Davis make his debut in the Town goal.

Another fixture announced recently concerns the reserve team, who will start the defence of the Beds Premier Cup at Wootton Blue Cross on Monday, October 17, kick-off 7.30pm.

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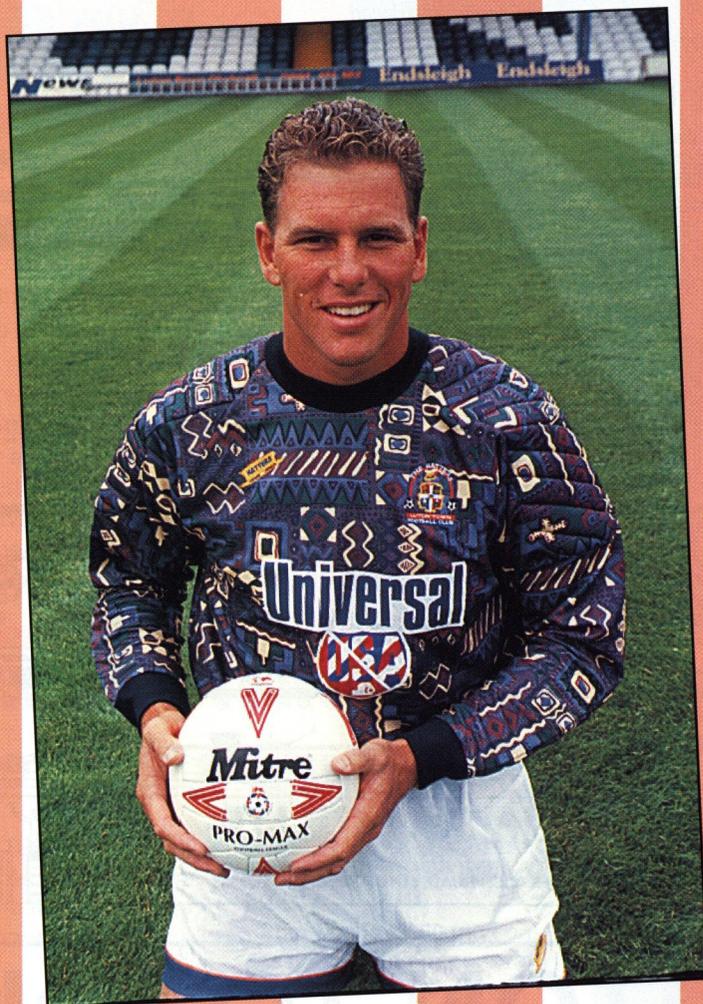
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Juergen's view on the USA at Wembley

“WE were a little disappointed with the performance, but it was a great occasion for all the United States players and tremendous for our football development to play a game at Wembley against England.

“Alan Shearer, as we see here every week in the Premiership, is a world class player, and his second goal especially was magnificent.

“But Brad made a fine save to deny him a third, and I thought he did well overall.

“Obviously I was disappointed not to make the starting eleven, but as David Pleat has said, Brad has been in the squad a lot longer than me, but I was delighted that the coach gave me a chance to win my first cap.

“That was a very proud moment,

and I was pleased to be involved - there was a save from David Platt, and one or two other things, and although the game was over by then, it was nice to personally keep a clean sheet - albeit for just those 10 minutes.

“Hopefully my chance will come, and after our efforts in the World Cup Finals, we hope to have some more such internationals around the world.

“It's hard to believe that I have already played twice at Wembley in such a short space of time, so I'm very lucky in that respect.

“Now though it's back to concentrating on the league with Luton, and with Fred and Kelvin in the wings, I will have to stay sharp.”

David Pleat's match verdict

“JUERGEN should have played in the game, it's a long story there's a lot of politics going on in the American Federation at the moment.

“They are trying to get Coby Jones and Brad Freidel permits, and the only way they can do that is by continually playing them in the internationals.

“To be fair to Freidel he had 18 months in the group before Juergen, but I'm told reliably that Juergen looked the better of the two in training at St Albans.

“Juergen takes it on the chin though, but he's had a cap, got on at Wembley for 10 minutes and good for him.

“I don't believe you can go over the top about anything England did, and America are a limited side, more like a club team than a top international side.

“England didn't play badly, they kept



the ball well, but I have to say that they didn't make many clear cut chances.

“It was an interesting game tactically, but I think whatever England side Terry fielded they would have won by a similar scoreline.”



COMMERCIAL CORNER with Kathy Leather

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The Rotary Club has been supported by a number of local businesses in this fund-raising event and we would like to thank all those involved (see page 33 for more details).

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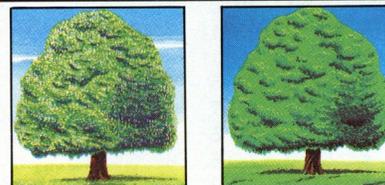
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Tue Aug 16	FULHAM CCC 1 (1)	1-1	3,287	-	Sommer	James	Johnson	(Hughes)	Greene	Peake	Telfer	OAKES	Dixon	Preece	(Houghton)	(Marshall)	(Linton)	Barber
Sat Aug 20	Derby County	0-0	13,060	14	Sommer	James	Johnson	(Linton)	Greene	Peake	Telfer	Marshall	Dixon	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
Sat Aug 27	SOUTHEND	2-2	5,918	16	Sommer	(James)	Johnson	Oakes	Greene	Peake	Telfer	(Marshall)	HARTSON	Preece	HUGHES	(Thomas)	(Dixon)	Barber
Tue Aug 30	Tranmere Rovers	2-4	5,480	20	Sommer	James	Johnson	(Skelton)	Greene	Peake	Telfer	Oakes	HARTSON	Preece	HUGHES	Thomas	(Marshall)	Barber
Sat Sep 3	Port Vale	1-0	8,541	15	Sommer	(James)	Johnson	Skelton	Greene	Peake	Telfer	MARSHALL	Dixon	(Preece)	Oakes	(Thomas)	(Woodsford)	Barber
Sat Sep 10	BURNLEY	0-1	6,911	18	Sommer	James	Johnson	(Waddock)	(Greene)	Peake	Telfer	Marshall	Hartson	Preece	Oakes	(Thomas)	(Dixon)	Barber
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Oldham	6	3	0	3	13	10	9
Millwall	6	2	3	1	10	6	9
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Charlton	6	2	3	1	10	11	9
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Barnsley	6	2	2	2	6	7	8
Portsmouth	5	2	2	1	5	5	8
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Watford	6	1	3	2	3	6	6
Derby	6	1	2	3	5	9	5
Burnley	6	1	2	3	3	8	5
Notts Cty	6	1	1	4	7	10	4
Southend	6	1	1	4	6	13	4
West Brom	4	0	3	1	3	5	3

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Mr Leach, a government worker,
is married with two children.
This is his third season as a
Football League referee.



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4 Jason McATEER

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Bristol City v Derby

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