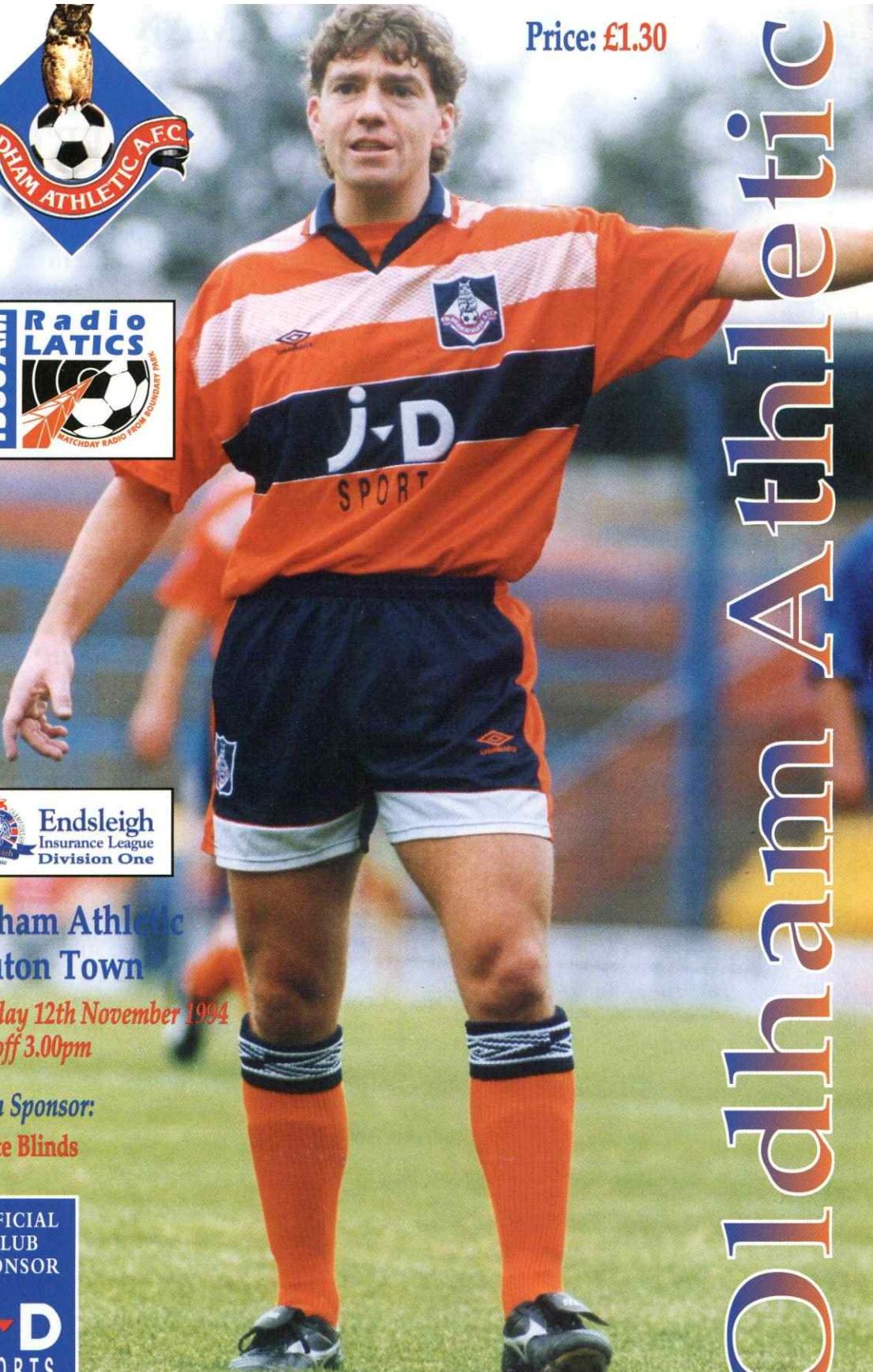


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CHAIRMAN IAN STOTT ON JOE'S MOVE TO EVERTON

► It has been suggested to me that the decision to release Joe Royle from his contract to apply for the Everton post must have been our most difficult one in recent years. In fact the most difficult was appointing him.

We had in front of us a senior but somewhat injured player, untried in management, and our last candidate. Not unanimously, and to the sceptical reaction of many in and out of the game, he got the job.

We all know what has happened in cup and league in the 12 intervening years and when the possibility of going for one of only two jobs in football that would tempt him away from Boundary Park became a reality earlier this week the Board felt, after minimal discussion, that we should not stand in his way.

In thanking him for his achievements here I must include Willie Donachie who has made a substantial, if not so public, contribution to the successes of this period and who will be joining Joe at Everton.

In turn I am sure both of them would like to acknowledge their debt not only to the players but to the backroom and office staff who have supported them so wholeheartedly throughout.

What next?



The Board does not have a wealth of experience in appointing managers but I can assure you we shall try to act both wisely and promptly. It is important, however, that we find a person not only with football coaching ability but someone who can carry on our declared policy of integrity and courtesy at all levels in our management.

Joe and Willie we wish you well in your new and challenging positions.

Ian Stott - Chairman

Today's programme was ready to go to print when the news of Joe Royle's move to Everton broke.

Obviously we have not had time to prepare a photographic record of Joe's achievements at Boundary Park but we intend to include such an item in our next programme.

From everyone at Boundary Park we wish Joe and Willie every success at Everton.

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Diane (right) and Sharon from Latique Sport and Leisurewear

Sharon, who has worked in the offices, Boundary Park Trophy Centre and at Latique Travel, has found a niche in the shop where she enjoys being in contact with supporters.

Amazingly Sharon, who lives within a stones throw of the ground, had never set foot in Boundary Park until she began working there.

And after being brought up as a Liverpool follower, football mad Sharon quickly transferred her allegiances to Latics.

Sharon has been at Boundary Park since the start of the glory years and been to most of the big matches.

She recalled: "My first season at the club was 1986-87 when we reached the play-offs.

"I can still remember the players leaving the pitch in tears after missing out on promotion."

Sharon was at Wembley for the 1990 Littlewoods Cup Final and for last season's F.A. Cup Semi-Final, when she almost had a starring role.

Oldham Athletic ladies, for whom Sharon plays, met Manchester United in a curtain-raiser to the main event.

Sharon, a utility player, was due to play had she not been delayed en route to Wembley.

She had been staying with friends near Gatwick airport, but got caught up in traffic. By the time Sharon arrived the team was already on the field so she had to be content with a place on the substitute's bench.

Sharon said: "It was a tremendous experience, although I would have loved to have played.

"There are a lot of professionals who never get the chance to play at Wembley so I was lucky to be involved."

Sharon, who has played right back, centre of defence and midfield, has been a member of the club since its launch in 1988.

In the last six years the team has risen from division four to the first division of the North West Women's League. They are now only one step away from winning a place in the National League.

Sharon's work commitments - Latique is open every Saturday and often on Sunday - interferes with her football.

She explained: "I am unable to play every week because the shop is sometimes open on Sunday.

"And as I work most Saturday's I am unable to go to away games which I often used to go to regularly."

Sharon's footballing ambitions are to see her team win promotion to the National League, and also for Latics to regain their place in the Premiership.

Sharon's boss is Diane Cheetham who has managed Latique for the past three and a half years.

Diane, who was previously a sales assistant at 3 J's part of Great Universal Catalogues, had never followed Latics until her move to Boundary Park.

Her husband Clifford, however, has been a diehard since the club's Fourth Division days and son Paul (16) is a regular at home matches and a member of Junior Latics. Second son Alan (14) is not keen on football.

It is a busy job managing Latique, and Diane's work involves many tasks.

Diane deals with most of the sales representatives and chooses a lot of stock for the shop.

The Littlewoods Store in Oldham also carries the club's gear so Diane has to visit them to make checks.

JD Sports, who also have an outlet in Oldham, also carry stock from Latique and Diane has to supervise deliveries.

Diane also has to kit out Latics' 50 strong playing staff with footwear, and that is a huge task.

She said: "Some of the players go through a pair of boots every six to eight weeks, but most generally have a couple per season.

Diane, too, has noticed a lot of changes in her short time at the club. She said: "The shop has been extended to bring in travel while our range of stock has become wider."

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Around the Endsleigh League



ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE MANAGER OF THE MONTH

Barnsley boss Danny Wilson is the Endsleigh Insurance League First Division Manager of the Month for October.

The former Sheffield Wednesday midfielder, in his first season as manager of the Oakwell club, guided the 'Tykes' to three wins and two draws in his side's five Endsleigh Insurance League matches. Wilson, who at 34 is the youngest manager in the Endsleigh League, gained twenty five full caps for Northern Ireland during his career.

Hull City boss Terry Dolan wins the Division Two Manager of the Month award following the Tigers' unbeaten five match run during October. Dolan's team won four and drew one of their outings to lift the Boothferry Park club to the brink of the Play-Off zone. In Division Three, Bury manager Mike Walsh secures the award as a result of the Shakers' twelve point haul from the fifteen available during the month, maintaining the Gigg Lane club's position at the top of the table. Walsh has now taken the Third Division award for the second consecutive month. Prior to September the former Manchester City defender had never won a managerial award.

The official Endsleigh Insurance League Manager of the Month Awards are made throughout the campaign to recognise the top managers in Division One, Two and Three. All Manager of the Month winners will receive a specially crafted silver trophy prior to a forthcoming home game.

WATSON WINS WILKINSON SWORD PROTECTOR AWARD

Barnsley keeper David Watson makes it an Oakwell double by winning the 'Wilkinson Sword Protector' Award for October. Watson, who conceded just a single goal in his side's five Endsleigh Insurance League encounters, shares the honours at Barnsley with manager Danny Wilson who has been confirmed as October's Manager of the Month.

The Oakwell 'keeper, who will be 21 next month, has already represented England at Under 21 level and also played for his country in the F.I.F.A. Youth Championships held in Australia in 1993.

Watson will receive one of the specially hand made Wilkinson ceremonial swords, which are considered to be highly collectable items. The Under 21 international will be presented with his award prior to Barnsley's Endsleigh Insurance League fixture against Stoke City at Oakwell this afternoon.

The Wilkinson Sword Protector Award has been introduced this season to recognise the goalkeeper with the best record in the Endsleigh Insurance League for each month during the current campaign. This follows the announcement of a major new sponsorship agreement between The Football League and the country's largest suppliers of razor and blade products last month.

IN THE MONEY AT MOLINEUX

They say that every dark cloud has a silver lining and that certainly proved to be the case for Wolverhampton Wanderers following their exit from the Coca-Cola Cup against Nottingham Forest.

The Molineux based club, currently topping the Endsleigh Insurance League First Division, were able to declare record gate receipts of £236,669 for the game against Frank Clark's side. The figure beats the previous club best by £8,000, a figure set in the pre-season friendly match against Manchester United.

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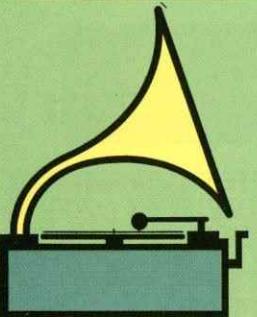
Guests for the evening were the Red-Dragon Ju-Jitsu club from Shaw, who kept everyone thoroughly entertained with a superb display of martial art.

Paul Gerrard, Paul Bernard, Sean McCarthy, Neil Pointon and Andy Barlow were all kept busy signing autographs and joining in the games and quizzes.

In the second heat of this years "Star Shots" competition Paul Bernard emerged the winner on the night with 45 points, going into joint first place overall with Rick Holden winner of the first heat. It's looking as if this score will be hard to beat.

During the evening a raffle was held which raised £225 for Andy Barlow's Testimonial Fund.

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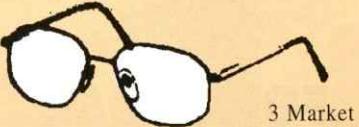
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Paul and Thomas will receive their prizes this afternoon, courtesy of our sponsors JD Sports.

Don't miss today's free competition in the Junior Latics Lounge.

WELCOME TO LUTON TOWN

We give a warm welcome this afternoon to a party of family supporters from Luton Town, who have made the long journey north to cheer on their team.

They are watching the game from seats in the Lookers Family Stand, and we hope they have an enjoyable afternoon at Boundary Park.

TODAY'S MASCOT



SIMON BARNETT

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AGE: 7

FAMILY: Mum, Dad, Sister Claire, and Benji -the dog.

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FAVOURITE LESSON: Maths

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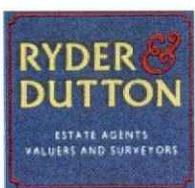
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Naturally it's disappointing when you look at the league table, and see us down near the bottom but I don't go along with the view that we are a relegation side, which has been written in some publications.

Luck has deserted us recently - the 0-0 draws could quite easily have been victories, the bounce of the ball in front of goal would have been a welcome sight. It's unbelievable really just when we appear to have got things right defensively the goals have dried up.

As far as the defence is concerned we have

"Just when we appeared to have got things right defensively the goals have dried up"

been working overtime recently on the training ground to rectify the problems and it appears to have paid off. I still remain confident that the goals will start to flow again.

The recent signing of Nicky Banger underlines the fact we still remain an attack conscious team, and since Nick joined us he's done just about everything except score.

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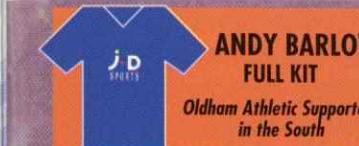
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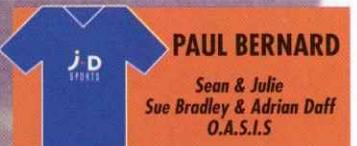
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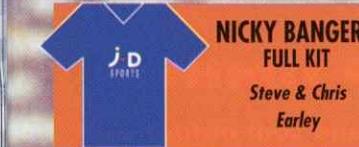


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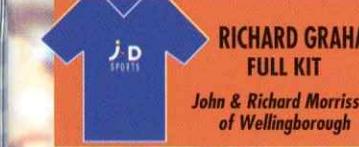
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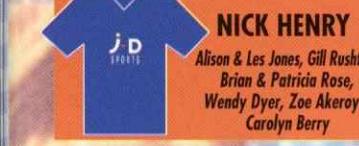
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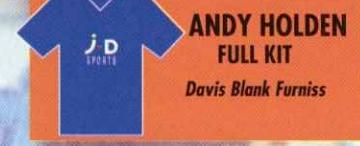
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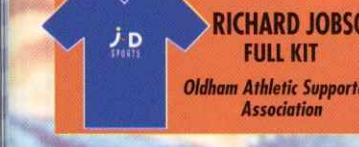
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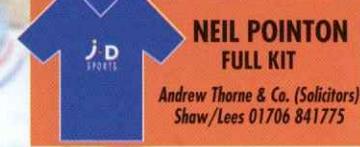
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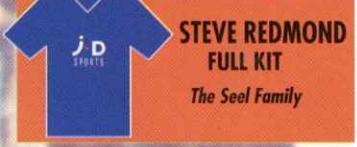
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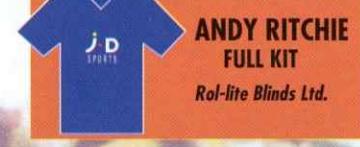
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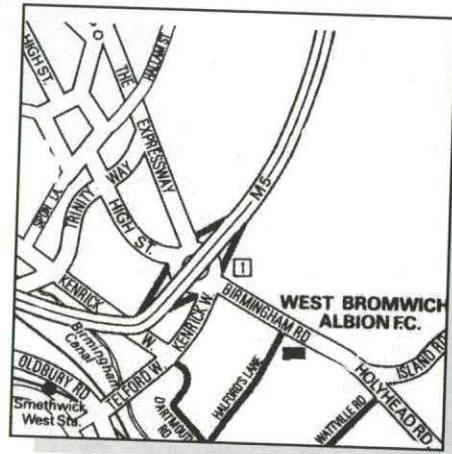
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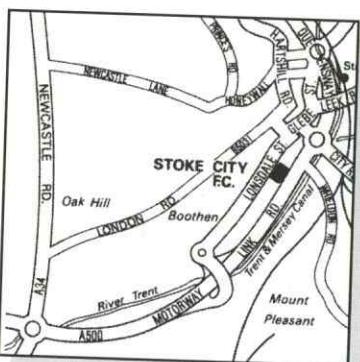
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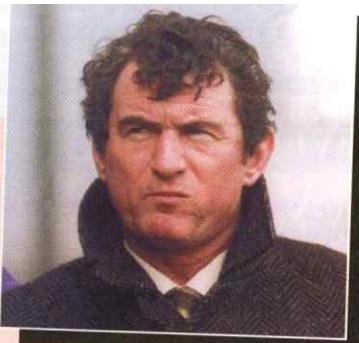


WELCOME to.....

Management

David Pleat, who will be 50 next January and in his third spell with Luton Town, was once a player with the 'Hatters.' However, he began his career with Nottingham Forest and joined Luton in 1964. He then served with Shrewsbury Town (1967) and later with Exeter City and Peterborough United, retiring in 1971. He returned to Luton as coach in 1974 and became manager in 1978. Eight years later he was appointed boss of Tottenham Hotspur and then took charge of Leicester City before returning to Kenilworth Road in 1991.

* At the time of going to print, David Pleat was still thinking over a move back to his former club, Tottenham Hotspur.



Thanks to a late surge at the end of last season, Luton Town, our welcome visitors to Boundary Park for this afternoon's Endsleigh Insurance League Division One game, managed to retain their First Division status by just three points.

At one stage - with only eight games left to play - they looked in desperate trouble, unable to score goals and suffering from a massive F.A. Cup hangover following defeat in the semi-final to Chelsea at Wembley. But manager David Pleat got to work on his players and gradually the results picked up. In fact Luton collected crucial points from their last five matches, including three from a vital 2-1 home win over

fellow strugglers West Bromwich Albion, to edge to safety.

Indeed, Luton had a terrible time during the last quarter of 1993-94, with goalscoring, as mentioned, a big problem.....they netted only 14 times in 16 starts and had a run of five games without a single goal, a run which saw them slip into the danger zone.

The 'Hatters' were therefore hoping for a better season this time round. They didn't start off too badly and among their impressive wins was a 5-1 hammering of Middlesbrough. They then went through a difficult patch but recently their form-rate has improved no-end and last weekend they

beat the divisional leaders Wolverhampton Wanderers 3-2 at Molineux - their fifth away win in the League this term.

Luton are a footballing side. They have a good sprinkling of youth and experience spread throughout the ranks, and they will certainly prove a handful to any club they meet this season.

American goalkeeper **JUERGAN SOMMER** was born in New York 25 years ago. He joined the 'Hatters' in August 1991 and was a member of America's World Cup party last summer. He made his



Paul TELFER



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to overlap. He was secured from Leicester City three years ago (with utility forward Scott Oakes) and was a regular in the side last season. Has suffered with injury this term and has played very little football to date.

PEAKE, a veteran at 37, is the Luton Town captain, who started his career with Lincoln City in 1979 before joining Coventry City in 1983. He enjoyed eight excellent seasons at Highfield Road, winning an F.A. Cup winners medal in 1987. He signed for Luton for £100,000 in August 1991 and has been a regular in the side ever since.

Thirty-year old **THOMAS**, an England U/21 international, made over 100 appearances for Luton Town before moving to Tottenham Hotspur in 1986. He played against his current captain (Peake) in the 1987 Cup Final and after a spell with West Ham United, returned to Luton earlier this year, initially on loan. He can play at full-back or in the centre of the back four.

CERI HUGHES, DAVID PREECE, PAUL TELFER, TONY THORPE and GARY WADDOCK are the men who Pleat will have available to man the midfield.

HUGHES, aged 23 from the Rhonda Valley, is a Welsh international at youth, U/21 and senior levels, and made his debut for Luton four years ago.

PREECE, now 31, has been playing in the Football League since 1981 and has now



Trevor PEAKE

For The Record

- Club formed: 1885, joined Football League 1897 (Div.2)
- Best finishing position in Division 1: 7th in 1986-87.
- Football League Cup winners: 1987; Simod Cup winners 1989.
- F.A. Cup Finalists: 1959 (beaten 2-1 by Nottingham Forest)
- Most League appearances for club: Bob Morton 494 (1948-64)
- Most League goals for club: 243 by Gordon Turner (1949-64)
- Record attendance at Kenilworth Road: 30,069 (in 1959).
- 1994-95 capacity of ground: 10,499
- Record signing: Lars Elstrup for £850,000 from Odense in 1989
- Record sale: Kingsley Black, £1.5 m. to Nottingham Forest, 1991
- Record win: 12-0 v. Bristol Rov. (h) Div.2, 1936, when Joe Payne scored 10 after being converted from left-half to centre-forward.

Did You Know?

- Last season Luton's two 'foreign' goalkeepers - Juergen Sommer and Andy Pettersen - both played in the same match v. W.B.A. on 3rd May 1994, the latter coming on as substitute.
- The 'Hatters' remained unbeaten in their opening 10 Div. 3 S. matches in 1928-29. Their final League position was seventh.
- Luton's first League game in 1897 (Div. 2) ended in a 1-1 draw with Leicester Fosse (a), Ekins, having the honour of scoring their goal.



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Star Hatter- *Kerry Dixon*

Now 33, KERRY DIXON is an experienced campaigner, who started his professional career in 1980 with Reading having been an apprentice with Tottenham prior to that. He netted 51 goals in 116 League games for the 'Royals' before transferring to Chelsea in 1983. At Stamford Bridge he became a big hit with the fans and his scoring exploits were second to none. In more than 350 games for the Londoners he hit over 150 goals (147 in 335 League matches), winning eight England caps (4 goals scored).

In 1992 he joined Southampton for £575,000 but he never settled at The Dell and moved to Luton, initially on loan before signing permanently in October 1993. Last season he top-scored for the 'Hatters' in the League with a total of nine goals.

topped 350 appearances for Luton whom he joined from Walsall 10 years ago for £150,000. Capped three times by England 'B' he's played in two League Cup Finals with the 'Hatters'.

TELFER occupies a wide position down the right. A Scotsman from Edinburgh, he is aged 23, a former trainee who made his bow for Luton against Everton in 1991. He has represented his country at U/21 and 'B' team levels, and scored eight goals last season.

THORPE, 20, made an immediate impact in the Luton side last season, scoring on his full debut at Newcastle in an F.A. Cup-tie. He joined the 'Hatters' in 1992 after a spell with Leicester City.

WADDOCK, now 32, made his name with Queens Park Rangers in the 1980s, when he also won Eire honours at full, 'B', U/21 and U/23 levels. He made well over 200 appearances for the Loftus

Road club. In 1988 he went to play for F.C. Charleroi in Belgium and returned to England to join Millwall a year later. Since then he's played for Swindon Town and Bristol Rovers before teaming up with Luton, initially on loan last month. He too has also suffered his fair share of injuries down the years.

In attack Luton rely on KERRY DIXON (see Star Hatter), JOHN HARTSON, DWIGHT MARSHALL and SCOTT OAKES.

HARTSON, aged 19, from Swansea, was a prolific scorer at both youth and reserve team levels for Luton before gaining a first team place last season when he did well, especially in televised F.A. Cup-ties! He has already played for the Welsh

youth and U/21 sides but this season has been disrupted by injury.

MARSHALL, aged 29, was a close season signing from Plymouth Argyle for £150,000. He netted 14 goals last season for the 'Pilgrims' and has already hit the target for the 'Hatters' this term. He spent three years at Home Park before being allowed to leave by manager Peter Shilton.

SCOTT OAKES, the son of the Showaddywaddy guitarist Trevor, is 22 and joined Luton Town from Filbert Street a little over three years ago, making his debut for the 'Hatters' almost immediately at Norwich. Since then he's been a key member of the side and last season netted 13 goals, including some beauties in the F.A. Cup. An England U/21 international he signed a new contract with the 'Hatters' earlier this season after being sought by several Premiership clubs.

Other members of the first team pool include defender GREG RIOCH, son of the current Bolton Wanderers manager Bruce, who was of course a Luton Town player in the 1960s; midfielder MATT WOOLGAR and experienced forward TONY ADCOCK, now 31, who in the past has scored consistently for the likes of Colchester United, Northampton Town (two spells), Manchester City and Bradford City.

LUTON TOWN'S 10 YEAR LEAGUE RECORD

Season	Div.	Post.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1984-85	1	13	42	15	9	18	57	61	54
1985-86	1	9	42	18	12	12	61	54	66
1986-87	1	7	42	18	12	12	47	45	66
1987-88	1	9	40	14	11	15	57	58	53
1988-89	1	16	38	10	11	17	42	52	41
1989-90	1	17	38	10	13	15	43	57	43
1990-91	1	18r	38	10	7	21	36	38	43
1991-92	1	20	42	10	12	20	41	71	42
1992-93	1	20	46	10	21	15	37	48	51
1993-94	1	20	46	14	11	21	56	60	53

Past Encounters

There have been 24 previous League meetings between the two clubs and this is Athletic's 'vital statistics' as they look at the moment:

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	12	4	3	5	14	12
Away	12	4	2	6	14	25
Totals	24	8	5	11	28	37

The last time Luton came to Boundary Park, they crashed to a 5-1 defeat (11th April 1992) when 13,210 fans saw Graeme Sharp hit a fourtimer for the Latics.

Earlier that season (14th September) Luton had won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road when 9,005 fans were present.

The first two League encounters after World War Two took place in season 1953-54 (Division 2). There was an eight-goal thriller at Kenilworth Road which ended 4-4 in front of a near 23,000 crowd. Peter McKennan, Eric Gemmell and Bob McIlvenny (2) were on target for the Latics. And here at Boundary Park a crowd of 14,128 in mid-December saw the Hatters win 2-1, which brought Latics their eighth defeat in 11 starts as they headed for relegation to Division Three (N). Thirty years ago Luton doubled up over the Latics, winning both matches by 2-0.

Past Master



SID OWEN was a stalwart centre-half for the Hatters from June 1947 until his retirement in May 1959 - shortly after playing in the F.A. Cup Final against

Nottingham Forest (lost 1-2). Born in Birmingham in February 1922, Sid joined the Blues during the war and made five senior appearances before moving to Luton for whom he had over 400 first team games (388 in the League).

On retiring he was appointed manager of Luton (to 1960) and thereafter coached at Leeds before returning to Blues as assistant-manager. He then became Hull's coach and later was youth team coach at Old Trafford. Sid won three England caps and was voted 'Footballer of the Year' in 1959.

Played for both

Both Paul and Ron Fletcher served with Luton Town earlier in their careers. Indeed, they were at Kenilworth Road together from 1974 to 1978, Paul making 131 League appearances for the Hatters and Ron 120. Paul, who is now looking after the reserve side at Blundell Park, also served with Chester City (1974), Manchester City, Latics: 1980-83), Derby County, Halifax Town and Barnsley, while Ron also started off at Chester and after Luton, played in turn for Manchester City, Minnesota Kicks, Portland Timber, Tulsa Roughnecks, NAC Breda (Holland), Barnsley, Latics (1985-87), Bradford City, Port Vale and Burnley. Between them Paul and Ron have amassed in excess of 1,400 club appearances over the last 20 years.

LUTON'S MANAGERS

1944-94 inclusive

1944-47	George Martin
1947-58	Dally Duncan
1959-60	Sid Owen
1960-62	Sam Bartram
1962-64	Bill Harvey
1965-66	George Martin
1966-68	Allan Brown
1968-72	Alec Stock
1972-78	Harry Haslam
1978-86	David Pleat
1986-87	John Moore
1987-89	Ray Harford



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IN OPPOSITION

BY TONY BUGBY

"I can remember playing against him when he was at the peak of his career at Chelsea.

"Kerry is a quality player as can be seen by the fact he has been capped by England"

Richard Jobson will be hard pressed this season to mark a striker with a better pedigree than Kerry Dixon. The 33 year old recently clocked up his 500th league appearance in a career which has taken him from Reading, to Chelsea, Southampton and latterly Luton, and earned him England recognition.

And with a career record of 215 league goals, plus many more in cup competitions, there are not many better strikers around.

Richard, who has played against all the top strikers during Latics' three seasons in the Premiership, knows he is in for a difficult afternoon's work.

He said: "Kerry is a quality player as can be seen by the fact he has been capped by England.

RICHARD JOBSON

talks about

KERRY DIXON

"I know I shall have to keep an eye on Kerry throughout the match and concentrate for the full 90 minutes".

Richard is confident Latics can achieve another defensive shut out after keeping four clean sheets in their last five matches.



The new-found solidity at the back is refreshing after years of leaking goals.

There seemed no answer to the age-old problem as goals rained in at both ends of the field.

But a concerted effort this season to tighten up has finally brought success.

Rather than operating a strict man-for-man defensive marking policy, Latics have opted for zonal marking.

Richard said: "We have worked a lot on defending and are now getting our rewards.

"We are pleased how things have tightened up. Unfortunately the goals have dried up at the other end.

"Whatever we do we don't seem able to get things right at both ends of the field at the same time."



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Goalkeeper Paul Gerrard has kept his place in the England Under 21 squad for their game at Newcastle against the Republic of Ireland which takes place next Tuesday. Dave Beresford meanwhile was called up for the England Under 18 squad which is in action this weekend in the UEFA Mini Tournament group 15 matches against Slovenia and Latvia. Beresford's call-up resulted in the F.A. Youth Cup tie against Bury, scheduled for last Thursday, being postponed. The tie has now been rearranged for Tuesday 22nd November, kick off 7pm

WE ARE THE BEST

When Michael and Elizabeth Wright of Dukinfield heard that the Queen had been reported as saying that Manchester was "not such a nice place", they decided to act as junior ambassadors for the region.

Michael (8) and Elizabeth (7) promptly wrote off to Buckingham Palace singing the praises of the area and in particular their favourite team Oldham Athletic.

Michael said: "I told her all about Oldham Athletic - it's my favourite team." "And me too" said Elizabeth.

They also managed to tell the Queen about some of the other attractions like G-MEX, Granada Studios Tour as well as the museums and their school, Hurst Methodist Junior School - Ashton.

The reply from Buckingham Palace told Michael and Elizabeth not to believe all they read in the press and that the Queen was very much looking forward to visiting Greater Manchester in December.

Whether she will take up their offer of calling in for a cup of tea we don't know, but thanks to Michael and Elizabeth the Queen now knows all about Oldham Athletic.

Thanks to both of you for singing the praises of your favourite team.

TO SIGN OR NOT TO SIGN

(THAT IS THE QUESTION)

Nicky Banger was a man with a problem to solve ... should he sign for Latics or should he listen to the chasing pack (well Stoke City).

Pictured you can see Nicky pondering over his decision and then with the decision made manager Joe Royle appears to observe the official signing session ... so its a big Boundary Park welcome to Nicky ... let's hope the goals flow freely for the 23 year old southerner (we could do with some).



JOE ON THE LOOKOUT

Having failed to score in four of the last five games prior to Wednesdays game at Arsenal, Manager Joe Royle is on the trail of another striker.

Having tightened up in defence, only two goals conceded in the last five games, the problem is now up front with Sean McCarthy having scored just one goal in open play in the last 11 games.

It is more likely to be a loan signing than a permanent deal as the Boundary Park kitty is empty and Darren Beckford and Graeme Sharp are on the road to recovery after injuries.

GETTING MARRIED?

Then why not visit the Wedding Fayre at Royton Assembly Hall next Wednesday 17th November at 7.30pm.

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OUT BUT NOT DOWN

Andy Barlow is currently out of action after a double operation (one on each leg) but Andy is certainly not feeling down over his lay off from action, in fact he called in the club last week to pick up some keyrings and pens to publicise his testimonial year, the only problem Andy had was how to carry them out of the Latique shop!!

On the subject of Andy's testimonial, he informs us that the Family Disco and Buffet arranged for New Years Eve is selling fast, the venue is the Clayton Arms and tickets, which include a full buffet, are £8 adults and £4 children.



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Last Sunday at the Tranmere game the winner was John Etchells of Skipton Avenue, Chadderton.

John proved to be one of our more shrewd winners when at half time he promised to give £50 to the Latics player who scored the winning goal.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

With Christmas fast approaching, the 'Learning Through Football' day at Boundary Park is coming to the end of another successful year.

All schools that have taken part have expressed their satisfaction of the work carried out by the children during their day long visit. An extensive ground tour also included covering various work that goes on behind the scenes.

Although we are well booked up for next year we can always include other schools wishing to take part. If you know of any teacher or junior school you feel may be interested please tell them to contact John Platt here at Boundary Park.

During the weeks leading up to Christmas we will be visiting Parish Church, Fitton Hill, Holy Rosary, Beale Vale, East Crompton St James and Greenacres schools for regular football and games sessions. All six schools are involved in the "Matchmates" friendship scheme where children from each school will act as hosts and spend the day with children from schools in the Potteries when Oldham Athletic play Port Vale on Saturday 10th December.

This regular yearly scheme is designed to promote friendship between sets of supporters of both teams. The itinerary includes games at local schools on the Saturday and a civic reception at the Queen Elizabeth Hall but the highlight of the day is the Latics v Port Vale match.

Derek and Diane Smallwood, well known figures within the education system, each year give their time freely for the benefit of the Matchmates scheme, co-ordinating with the teachers of the schools to ensure a successful and easy to follow itinerary for the children to enjoy on the day.

Finally next Wednesday in the Clayton Arms we have our monthly Senior Citizens Tea Dance at 12 noon and in the evening, in the Junior Latics lounge, we have our latest Emergency First Aid course starting at 6.30pm. If you would like further information on any of the above mentioned activities please contact John Platt on 0161 678 8464.

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While thanking you for your kind support it is my hope that the Poppy Appeal and Oldham Athletic achieve this afternoon a very satisfactory result.

Thank You.

Mr H Goldsby - Chairman and Poppy Appeal Organiser. Royal British Legion

REM LIVE

One of the world's foremost rock bands REM are doing a UK tour next summer and already many of their gigs have sold out.

The American band have had UK hits with 'Losing My Religion', 'What's the Frequency Kenneth' and 'Man on the Moon' and Latique Travel has tickets and transport available for the gig at the McAlpine Stadium in Huddersfield for the 26th July 1995, where REM will be supported by Beautiful South.

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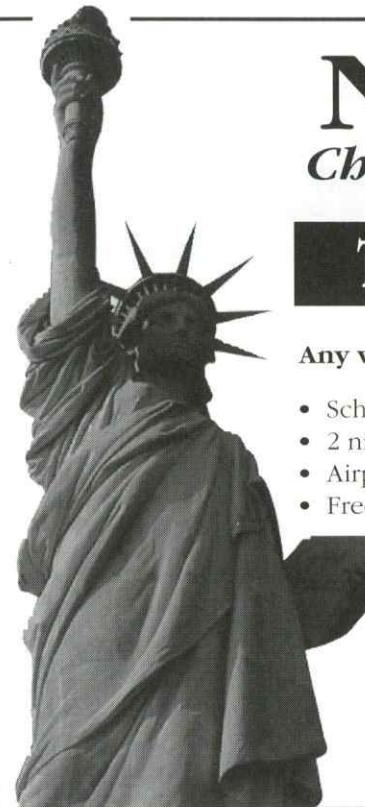
WHAT'S GOING ON

What has happened to the reserve team which was sitting on top of the Pontins Central League Division Two.

After having conceded only 11 goals in their first 10 games they have lost the last two games by 6-0 and 8-1.

With 14 goals conceded in two games something has gone seriously wrong and Reserve team coach Andy Holden, who returned to action for the heavy defeat at Leicester City on Monday, must be wondering what to do to stop the rot.

The goals for the reserves have also dried up, after scoring 27 in the first 10 games they have found the net just once in the last two matches.



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Wednesday November 2nd 1994

The wheels came off in a big way as Latics Reserves were quite literally 'battered' at Oakwell, and the score could have been worse ... Jon Hallworth saving a penalty kick and Jackson firing wide for Barnsley when it was easier to score.

To be fair the reserves were somewhat depleted and a fairly young side was fielded but no-one expected what was to follow. Just 30 seconds into the game Martin Pemberton went down with an ankle injury which, 10 minutes later, saw his departure from the field, by then the score was already 1-0 thanks to an Owen Archdeacon strike from the penalty spot ... Matthew Booth having felled Liddell in the box.

By half time further goals from Archdeacon and Liddell made the score 3-0 and there was no way back for Latics.

Further goals from Bullock and Jackson (twice) made the score 6-0 and only one fine effort from substitute David Beresford, whose shot was blocked on the line, is worthy of mention.

Every team gets a good hiding once a season ... let's hope this was just a one-off and Latics get back on the rails quickly.

TEAM: HALLWORTH, HILTON, MAKIN, LONERGAN, BOOTH, BRENNAN, RICKERS, HENRY, SMITH, RICHARDSON, PEMBERTON, **SUBS:** EVANS, BERESFORD.

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Division One 1994-95

			FA
20th Aug	Everton 'A'	Away	1-5
27th Aug	Burnley 'A'	Home	1-2
2nd Sept	Liverpool 'A'	Away	3-1
10th Sept	Morcombe Res	Home	3-0
17th Sept	Blackburn Rov 'A'	Away	2-1
24th Sept	Marine	Home	3-1
30th Sept	Morecombe Res	Away	2-0
8th Oct	Liverpool 'A'	Home	3-1
22nd Oct	Bury Res	Home	1-2
29th Oct	Bury Res	Away	1-1
5th Nov	Blackburn Rov 'A'	Home	1-4
12th Nov	Blackpool 'A'	Home	
19th Nov	Manchester Utd 'A'	Away	
26th Nov	Everton 'A'	Home	
3rd Dec	Crewe Alex Res	Home	
10th Dec	Manchester Utd 'A'	Home	
17th Dec	Crewe Alex Res	Away	
7th Jan	Tranmere Rov 'A'	Home	
13th Jan	Tranmere Rov 'A'	Away	
28th Jan	Marine Res	Away	
11th Feb	Blackpool 'A'	Home	
25th Feb	Burnley 'A'	Away	
	Liverpool	TBA	

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Monday 7th November 1994

This is without doubt the most embarrassing scoreline I have ever had to write about in the eight years I

have spent at Boundary Park ... but believe it or not Leicester were full value for their win, in fact it could have been worse!

Latics reserves were still in second place in the table following their hammering at Barnsley last week and could not have expected a repeat ... but that is exactly what they got.

Yes Leicester fielded a very strong side, but so did we

Yes Leicester are pushing for promotion, but so are we,

The best way of describing this game is to report that everything the 'Foxes' tried came off with goals from Steve Agnew (hat trick), Steve Thompson (2), Steve Walsh, Phil Gee and even Ian Ormondroyd.

Virtually every Leicester goal was a long range effort which left poor Ian Gray in Athletic's goal with no chance of saving!

The Latics goal was a beauty too, Paul Rickers charged down the left and put over the perfect cross for Darren Beckford to dive and head home.

I'll finish off by stating that Leicester were quicker to every ball and wanted to win ... which pleased a massive Filbert Street crowd of 6,115.

TEAM: GRAY, LONERGAN, POINTON, HOLDEN, BOOTH, KENNY, RICKERS, RICHARDSON, SHARP, BECKFORD, EYRE, **SUBS:** EVANS, BERESFORD.

LEICESTER CITY RES 8

OLDHAM ATHLETIC RES 1

OLDHAM ATHLETIC RESERVES 1994/95 AS AT 03.11.94

NAME	APPS	GOALS
PAUL GERRARD	2	0
CHRISTIAN HONOR	1	0
CARL SERRANT	7 (1)	0
STEVE REDMOND	3	0
SIMON KAY	1	0
MARK BRENNAN	6	0
DAVID BERESFORD	3 (1)	2
RICKY EVANS	4 (3)	1
ANDY RITCHIE	4	3
PAUL RICKERS	10	5
JOHN EYRE	9	5
HOWARD SMITH	1 (1)	0
ROBERT HILTON	(2)	1
NEIL POINTON	2	0
DARREN LONERGAN	10	0
BILLY KENNY	9	1
JON HALLWORTH	3	0
ANDY BARLOW	3	0
RICHARD GRAHAM	1	0
MARTIN PEMBERTON	6 (2)	5
MATT BOOTH	8	0
NICK HENRY	1	0
GRAEME SHARP	4	2
IAN GRAY	6	0
LEE RICHARDSON	3	1
RICK HOLDEN	1	0
PAUL BERNARD	2	0
MARK ALLOTT	0 (1)	0
CHRIS MAKIN	1	0
OWN GOAL		1

PONTINS LEAGUE DIV. ONE TABLE AS AT 9.11.94

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
BURNLEY A	12	10	0	2	32	20	30
CREWE ALEXANDRA RES	12	8	4	0	40	20	28
MANCHESTER UNITED A	12	7	3	2	38	13	24
OLDHAM ATHLETIC A	11	6	1	4	21	18	19
EVERTON A	11	6	0	5	28	17	18
LIVERPOOL A	11	4	3	4	25	18	15
BLACKBURN ROVERS A	12	4	2	6	21	26	14
BURY A	11	3	3	5	17	25	12
TRANMERE ROVERS A	11	3	2	6	19	22	11
BLACKPOOL A	11	3	2	6	17	28	11
MORECAMBE RESERVES	12	2	2	8	9	35	8
MARINE RESERVES	10	1	0	9	11	36	3

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Thu	Sep 15	Bradford City	6-1
Tue	Sep 20	York City	2-0
Tue	Sep 27	Manchester City	3-2
Thu	Oct 6	Barnsley	2-0
Wed	Oct 12	Hull City	1-2
Mon	Oct 17	Birmingham City	4-1
Thu	Oct 27	Burnley	4-2
Wed	Nov 2	Barnsley	0-6
Mon	Nov 7	Leicester City	1-8
Thu	Nov 17	Middlesbrough	H
Wed	Nov 23	Huddersfield Town	A
Tue	Nov 29	Birmingham City	H
Tue	Dec 6	Sheffield Wednesday	A
Mon	Dec 12	Preston North End	A
Tue	Dec 20	Grimsby Town	A
Tue	Jan 3	Port Vale	H
Tue	Jan 10	Blackpool	H
Wed	Jan 18	Newcastle United	A
Wed	Jan 25	Burnley	A
Tue	Jan 31	Leicester City	H
Wed	Feb 8	Middlesbrough	A
Tue	Feb 14	Huddersfield Town	H
Wed	Mar 1	York City	A
Tue	Mar 14	Manchester City	H
Thu	Mar 23	Bradford City	A
Tue	Mar 28	Mansfield Town	H
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Great

By Tony Bugby
Matches of

The wheels well and truly fell off Latics promotion bid following their defeat at Luton Town on February 27th, 1982.

Latics were third in the table when they visited the table-topping Hatters who went on to win the Second Division title.

But, a 2-0 defeat at Kenilworth Road began a slide which was to see Latics fail to register a win in nine league matches as they plummeted to 12th place.

Latics, who had held Luton 1-1 at Boundary Park earlier in the season, had a disastrous afternoon in Bedfordshire.

Their hopes of causing an upset were shattered after half an hour when teenager Darren McDonough was sent off for the first time in his short career.

The "Raging Bull", as he became known, was given his marching orders for a foul on Lil Fuccillo which angered Latics players and officials.

It was clearly a foul, but nobody believed it merited more than a booking by Referee Les Robinson.

Latics, clearly rattled, then had Kenny Clements booked for dissent. Indeed, he came perilously close

to joining McDonough in having an early bath.

The referee then cautioned captain Ged Keegan for a crude challenge on Brian Horton.

Latics gifted Luton their seventh minute opening goal when Paul Futcher, who otherwise had a fine match, tripped Brian Stein as he cut in the area.

Goalkeeper Peter McDonnell made a brave effort to keep out David Moss's penalty but could only touch it into the goal.

McDonnell pulled off a string of fine saves to keep Latics in with a shout - yet it was his 55th minute error which finally killed off any hope for 10-man Latics.

Moss's inswinging corner sailed over Keegan and John Ryan at the near post and McDonnell only succeeded in pushing it into his own goal.

Dougie Anderson was given his first taste of league football as a 72nd minute substitute for the disappointing Paul Heaton.

Luton, who went on to spend 10 years in the top division from 1982-92, had a side containing some well known names.

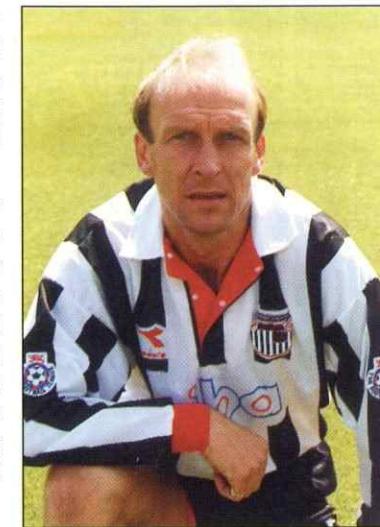
the Past

The Manchester City management duo of Horton/Moss were joined by the likes of Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill and Stein.

There was also Yugoslav Roddy Antic who a couple of years later scored the dramatic winner at Maine Road which condemned Manchester City to relegation as Luton were reprieved in the dying minutes of the final match of the season.

The Latics team included Roger Palmer who had only joined them from City in a £70,000 transfer three months earlier.

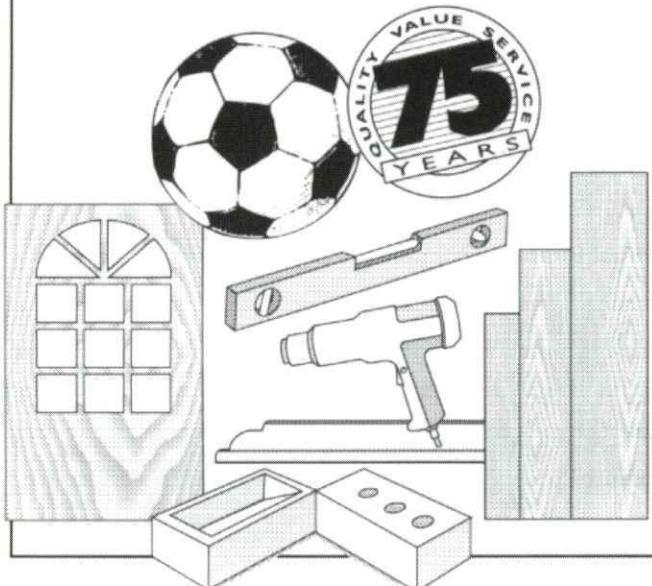
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Paul Futcher



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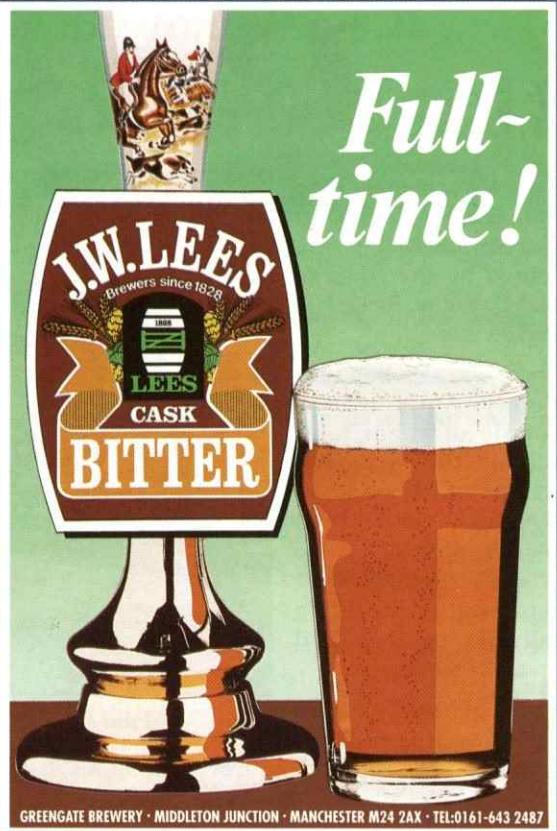
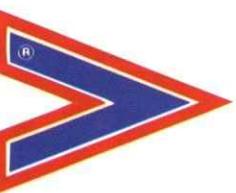
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Next at Boundary Park



► BRISTOL CITY- The Robins

Bristol City, who now find themselves at the wrong end of the table after a rather disappointing run of late which has included a 5-1 home drubbing at the hands of the First Division leaders Wolves earlier this month, are our next

Endsleigh Insurance League visitors to Boundary Park.

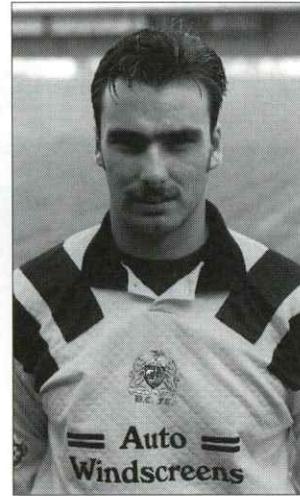
Russell Osman brings his side north on Saturday 26th November for what should be a tense and possibly tight affair.

The 'Robins' are not good travellers! Last season they finished 13th in the Division after winning just five of their 23 away fixtures, scoring less than a goal a game. And so far this term they haven't done too well on opponents' soil either, with just two wins to their credit so far.

The players who are likely to be in contention for a place against the Latics in two weeks time include in-form goalkeeper Keith Welch who was with our near neighbours Bolton Wanderers and Rochdale before switching to Ashton Gate; solid defenders Matthew



Russell Osman

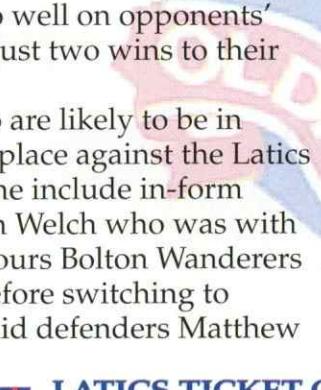


Keith Welch

Bryant, Mark Shail who was secured from non-League Yeovil and Scotsman Stuart Munro, who in the past has been with St. Mirren, Alloa Athletic, Glasgow Rangers and Blackburn Rovers; midfielder Brian Tinnion who has a marvellous left-foot and was

initially with Newcastle United; flying winger Junior Bent, formerly with Huddersfield Town and twin strikers Wayne Allison and Ian Baird, who between them have netted close on 200 goals in competitive football over the last 12 years or so. Baird, in fact, has been with eight different clubs (including Southampton, Newcastle, Leeds United and Hearts) and he made his League debut for Saints back in 1982.

Bristol City will, for sure, be keen to get a result here at Boundary Park - to help them pull clear of the relegation zone. Russell Osman, a seasoned campaigner, knows the game inside out and he will no doubt have his players in the right frame of mind for the challenge in store. It should be an interesting game. *See you here.*



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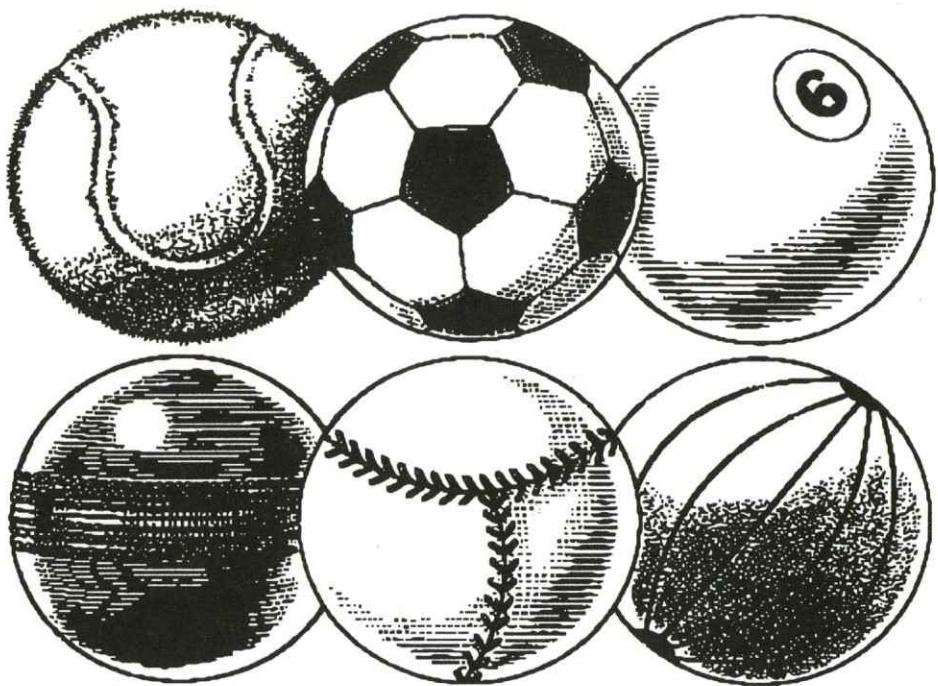
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Main photo: SEAN McCARTHY tries a volley at Sunderland.

1 NICK HENRY wins the ball at Sheffield United.

2 PAUL RICKERS goes close against Everton.

3 NICKY RANGER in full flight against Portsmouth.



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