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## STEVE THOMPSON'S VIEW

Since our last home games we have visited Lancashire twice with very different results.

On Saturday at Bolton we were

**At one point they did the Conga round the seats ...**

The night demanded both appetite for the task and total commitment to each other on the pitch and the longer the game went on, the more the lads demonstrated they had these qualities. Sure, we had a bit of luck at times, but after the way we lost against Sunderland, I think we deserved it and indeed, Oldham had some as well, otherwise we could have increased our tally.

However, it won't mean anything unless we build on it and that certainly means getting a result today. I have repeatedly impressed upon the players that if we all pull in the same direction and treat each match as a Cup Final, then we can reach safety. Anything less than 100% individual and collective effort just won't do and won't be tolerated.

So, if you are reading this, thank you for coming and lending your support again to the cause - we try to not let you and the club down.

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*Steve Thompson*

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### THE NEW FRANK WALTON STAND

Let me make it clear from the outset, I don't have a high regard for David Mellor, either as a political figure or radio presenter. I can't vouch for his political acumen but knowing a bit about radio, this writer takes him to task for his sycophantic fawning over all those motivated to phone in to his Saturday evening "chat up the fans" show.

Last Saturday he had me almost apoplectic with rage over two callers. The first a fellow who announced himself as a Colchester dweller and Manchester United fan who had taken advantage of "The U's" free offer. The initiative from Layer Road, made possible by four companies sponsoring to cover normal expected gate receipts, saw all the tickets freely available, snapped up in exchange for names and addresses to boost Colchester's data base. The concern of the industry was and is, what happens next at Layer Road. The Manchester fan was clear - he won't be going to pay. In other words, if it's free we'll have it. A recipe for oblivion if pursued. Yet Mellor,

the man with the mike, did not pursue the matter and we learned little that could have been extracted from the gent in question.

Following this came an irate Q.P.R. member, outraged at being searched prior to entry with his kids at Loftus Road. Mr. Mellor made no reference to Taylor Reports, nor did he ask if the gentleman concerned ever travelled by air and raised the same objections when so doing. Clubs and authorities do not search for the benefit of their own health alone but for the benefit of the supporters. Those carrying bags should be subject to having them searched. Umbrellas, subject of a derisory comment by Mellor, can be serious weapons. Imagine if there had been 100 or so at Lansdowne Road. Apparently Mr. Mellor knows not of such dangers or chooses to ignore them as he courts popularity on the airwaves. In so doing he does the game he claims to support so passionately no good. In politics balance is essential, Mr. Mellor appears to be lacking in this quality.

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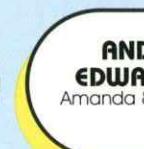
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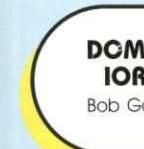
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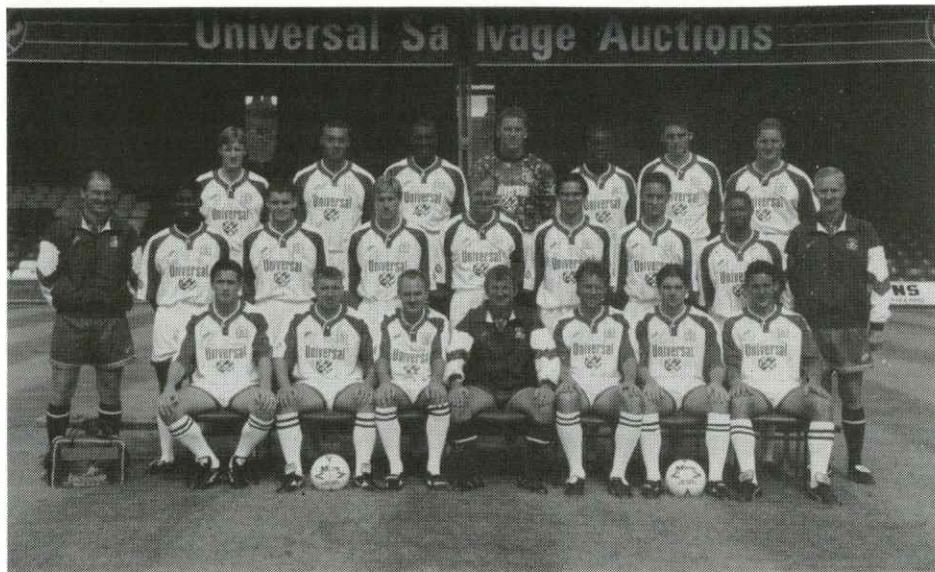


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# OUR OPPONENTS



**Back Row:** (Left to Right) Tony Adcock, Des Linton, Mitchell Thomas, Juergen Sommer, Marvin Johnson, David Greene, John Hartson (now at Arsenal). **Middle Row:** (left to Right) Clive Goodyear (Physio), Martin Williams, Richard Harvey, Julian James, Kerry Dixon, Aaron Skelton, Scott Oakes, Dwight Marshall, John Moore (Coach) **Front Row:** (left to Right) Ceri Hughes, Scott Houghton (now at Walsall), David Preece, David Pleat (Manager), Trevor Peake, Tony Thorpe, Paul Telfer.

## JUERGEN SOMMER

Goalkeeper - JuErgen joined the Town in August 1991, but had to wait two years to make his debut v Watford at the start of last season. He went on to establish himself as the number one keeper at Kenilworth Road, and capped the season off with a call-up to the United States World Cup Squad. He made his USA debut, coming on as a substitute v England at Wembley in September 1994.

## KELVIN DAVIS

Goalkeeper - Kelvin is a highly-rated young keeper who made his league debut for Luton on the final day of last season at Stoke. He spent a month on loan at Torquay in September/October 1994, playing in Division Three and in the Coca-Cola Cup against Wimbledon.

## JULIAN JAMES

Defender - Joined Luton as a trainee and was introduced to First Division football five seasons ago. A former England Under-21 international, he was a regular at left-back last season, but

has played at right-back so far this term.

## MARVIN JOHNSON

Defender - Made his football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988 and quickly established himself as a versatile defender. Started the season at left-back, but has played the majority of games alongside Trevor Peake in the centre of defence.

## TREVOR PEAKE

Defender - Club Captain, started his career at Lincoln City in 1979, before moving on to Coventry City in 1983. He enjoyed eight full seasons at Highfield Road, winning an F. A. Cup Winners' Medal in 1987. He joined Luton for £100,000 in August 1991, and signed a new one-year contract in the summer of 1994.

## MITCHELL THOMAS

Defender - The former England Under-21 international made over 100 appearances for Luton before moving to Spurs, shortly after David Pleat, in 1986. He played in their 1987 F.A. Cup Final, and later moved to West Ham.

He was on loan at Luton last season before a permanent free transfer move out until February/March.

## DAVID PREECE

Midfield - David made his League debut for Walsall in 1981, before Luton invested £150,000 for his signature in 1984. He has played in two League Cup finals for the Hatters and has been capped three times at England B level. This season he has topped 300 League appearances for the Club.

## PAUL TELFER

Midfield - Is a former Luton trainee who made his debut at Everton towards the end of the 1990/91 season. He has been a regular on the right of the Town midfield for the past two seasons, and has represented Scotland at Under 21 and B levels. Scored eight goals last season, and bagged two in the 4-2 win at Watford in September 1994.

## GARY WADDOCK

Midfield - Completed a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994, after a three month loan spell at Kenilworth Road. Started his career with Q.P.R. making over 200 appearances, followed by a spell in Belgium with Charleroi as he recovered from a serious knee injury. Had spells at Millwall, Q.P.R. again, and Swindon, before moving to Bristol.

## SCOTT OAKES

Forwards - Joined Luton in October 1991, along with Des Linton, and made his debut for the Hatters at Norwich later that month. Scott's performances for the Hatters in last season's F. A. Cup run attracted much interest from Premiership clubs, but he has since signed a new contract for the Hatters. The England Under 21 International was Luton's leading scorer last season with 13 goals, including a hat-trick in the F. A. Cup sixth round win over West Ham.

## KERRY DIXON

Forward - Joined Luton in October 1993 after a five-month loan spell from Southampton, and bagged 10 goals for the Town last term. He started his career with Reading, before joining Chelsea in 1983 where he enjoyed the most prolific spell of his career, winning eight full England caps. Joined Southampton for £575,000 in July 1992. Held off the challenge of John Hartson in the early months of the 94/95 season.

## DWIGHT MARSHALL

Forward - Signed in a close season from Plymouth for £150,000. The 28-year-old scored 14 goals for Peter Shilton's side last season, his third campaign at Home Park. Has started well for Luton, with two goals in the 5-1 home win over Middlesbrough, and also netted the winner in the F. A. Cup third round replay win at Bristol Rovers.



**PAUL TELFER**

Scored eight goals for Luton Town last season

## DAVID PLEAT

It was at Kenilworth Road that David Pleat made a name for himself both as a player and manager. He began his playing career at Nottingham Forest but played only half-a-dozen first-team games before joining Luton in 1964. After an injury-plagued spell at Kenilworth Road he was transferred to Shrewsbury Town in 1967, and later played for Exeter and Peterborough before retiring in 1971.

In 1974 he returned to Luton as reserve team coach, after a spell in charge at non-league Nuneaton Borough, and was appointed to first-team coaching duties three years later. He was appointed manager in 1978, in succession to Harry Haslam, and guided Luton into Division One four years later.

In 1986 he joined Tottenham Hotspur, leading them to an F. A. Cup Final appearance before his appointment as Leicester City boss in December 1987. He remained at Filbert Street until January 1991 and returned to Luton in June of that year for his third spell at the club. He took Luton to the semi-finals of the F. A. Cup last season.

The Luton board allowed him to discuss a possible return to Spurs in November 1994, but he turned down a General Manager's role at White Hart Lane, preferring to keep day-to-day involvement with the team at Kenilworth Road.

## VISITOR'S MANAGER

# LUTON TOWN F.C.

The Hatters present League position is a testimony to David Pleat and his team. Despite the blow of relegation from the old Division One to the new Division One in 1992 and despite having to sell players regularly the club has not only survived at this level and is now looking towards the Premiership League.

Promotion this season may be beyond Luton now, although there is still an outside chance of getting into the play offs. However, the struggles of the last few seasons have been avoided and there is no danger of a relegation battle this time around.

Last season was a second successive fight against relegation. After a poor start to the campaign a good run at the end of 1993 and beginning of 1994 lifted the club to 14th by the end of February.

However, the Hatters managed only two more League victories and only a victory over West Bromwich Albion in their 44th League game brought safety. At the same time Luton enjoyed a great run in the F. A. Cup.

The cup success began with a hard fought victory over Blues at Kenilworth Road. The Hatters then sprang a major surprise with a replay victory over Premiership

high flyers Newcastle United in the fourth round. Cardiff City were disposed of in the fifth round 2-1 at Ninian Park and another Premiership club, West Ham United, fell in a replay at Kenilworth Road in the sixth.

The run ended at Wembley Stadium with a 0-2 defeat to Chelsea before a crowd of just under 60,000.

Luton's greatest success came in 1987-88 with victory over Arsenal in the Football League Cup. It was a great game as the Hatters came back from behind to win 3-2 late in the game.

The club was originally elected to the old Division Two in 1897 but failed with a re-election bid in 1900. In 1920 Luton were founder members of Division Three and have led a somewhat up and down existence since.

Restricted by the lack of potential of Kenilworth Road, Luton are one of a host of clubs facing up to the consequence of the Taylor Report without the resources available to the top clubs.

Blues victory over Luton in the last game of the 1992-93 season saved the club from relegation. A victory today would be a great boost to Blues hopes of beating the drop this time around.

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### FORMED:

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### GROUND:

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### BIGGEST VICTORIES:

#### LEAGUE:

12-0 v Bristol R. - Home  
Div. 3(s) 13th April 1936

#### CUP:

9-0 v Clapton  
F.A. Cup 1st Rd (replay).  
30th November 1927

#### MOST POINTS:

2 points a win: 66  
Div 4 1967-68  
3 points a win: 88  
Div 2 1981-82

#### MOST LEAGUE GOALS (AGGREGATE) SCORED:

Gordon Turner, 243  
1949-64

#### MOST GOALS SCORED

#### IN SEASON:

103 Division 3 (s)  
1936-37

#### HIGHEST ATTENDANCE:

30,069  
Blackpool  
F. A. Cup  
6th Round Replay  
4th March 1959

#### MOST CAPPED PLAYERS:

Mal Donaghy, 58 (91),  
Northern Ireland

#### MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES:

Bob Morton, 494  
1948-64

#### FIRST MATCH IN FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

4th September 1897  
Division 2 v Leicester Fosse  
Away - Drew - 1-1

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Our long-term injury, Dave Regis, has had to have another

operation on his knee to clear some bone fragments that were detached from his kneecap. He will also be out for the rest of the season. All three will be working very hard to be fit for next season and I am sure you will all wish them well on their recovery.

Graham Bressington, who again twisted his knee against Reading but was able to play the whole game, has had fluid removed from his knee and is now gradually building up his run to get back into training. As you can see all the injuries are long-term. Apart from that our injury list is clear.

Enjoy the game and get behind the Blues.

*Howay  
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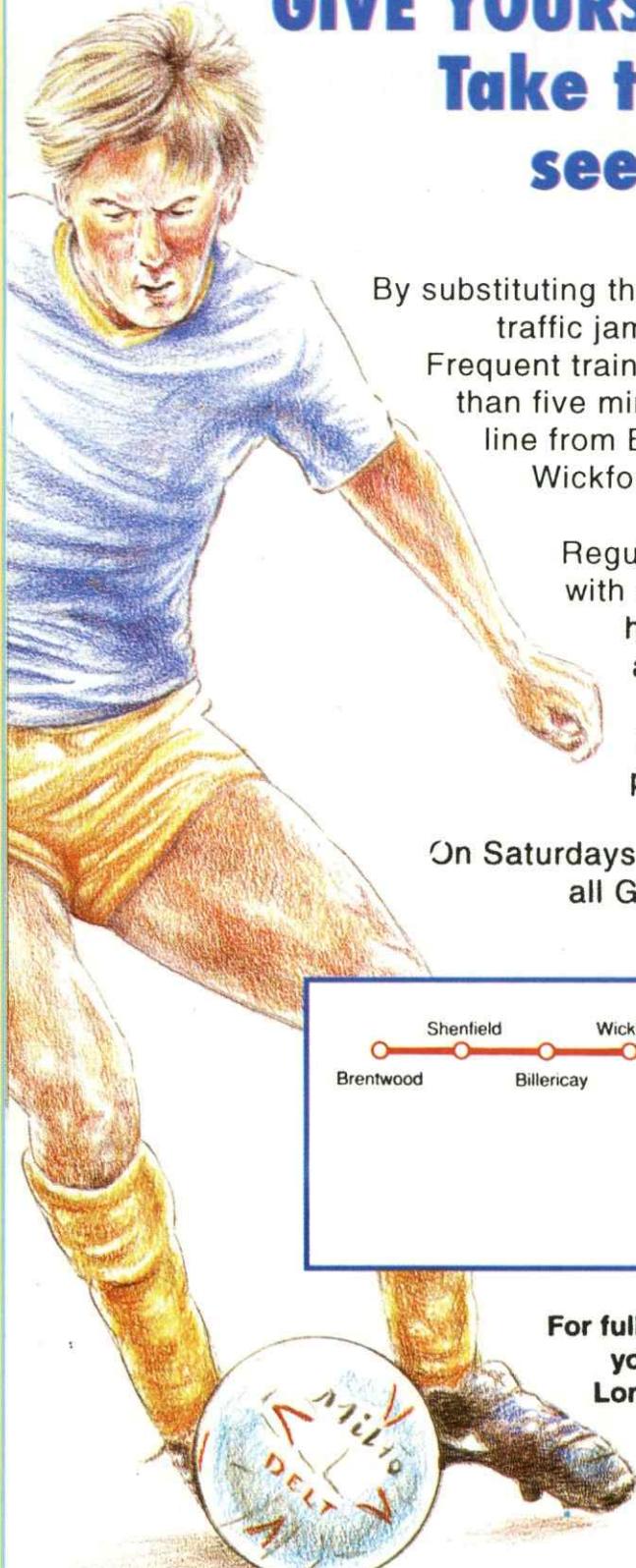
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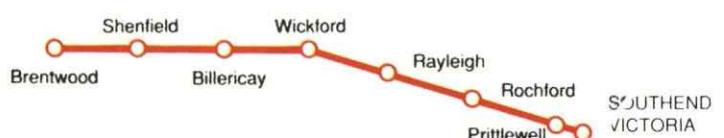


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In our Southern League days Brentford were one of our regular opponents and in fact from that 1910-11 season, all 20 clubs are still current members of the Football League, although some have changed their names.

### 1922 SOUTHAMPTON HOME 0-0 7,000 —

Blues had lost 0-5 a week earlier at the Dell so this draw was something of a good result. At the end of that season Southampton won the League while Southend finished bottom and were forced to apply for re-election.

### 1933 COVENTRY CITY HOME 1-3 5,958 BARNETT

Blues ended this season in mid-table just two points above today's visitors Luton Town. We beat the Hatters that season by 2-1, so let's hope that history repeats itself today. Blues average gate that season was 6,083, just about 1,000 more than this season, so things don't change much.

### 1939 CRYSTAL PALACE HOME 3-1 6,244 MARTIN (2), BOLAN

The last full League season before the War saw once again Blues in mid-table and this was our seventh consecutive home game without defeat, which surprisingly was also repeated this season, although that may seem hard to remember from September and October.

### 1950 WALSALL HOME 2-2 9,500 WAKEFIELD, LINDSAY

Ernie Brown, a Geordie Blues signed from Newcastle United, played 18 games for Southend and this was his last. He later decided to further his career back in his native Northeast with Hartlepools.

### 1961 QUEENS PARK RANGERS HOME 0-0 10,987 —

Q.P.R. missed out on promotion to Division Two by only 2 points at the seasons close. Despite four attendances over 10,000 we still only managed a seasons average of 8,000 while Q.P.R. also got under 10,000 that year.

### 1966 OLDHAM ATHLETIC HOME 0-2 5,145 —

This was the first season that substitutes were permitted. Blues first playing substitute was Bobby Gilfillan who came on for Bobby King on 28th August 1965. John McKinven was our first substitute to score, 3 years later. For Bobby King it proved to be his last game for Southend.

### 1967 NOTTS. COUNTY AWAY 0-1 3,858 —

Southend conceded fewer goals at home than any other club, namely 12, but our away form let us down meaning we missed out on promotion by 5 points. Once again our home average attendance was around the 8,000 mark. Top Division One average was Manchester United with about 54,000.

### 1977 CAMBRIDGE UNITED HOME 0-1 9,425

Ex-Blues goalkeeper Malcolm Webster was in-between the posts for Cambridge and a great game he played. The Abbey Stadium outfit went on to win the League and gain promotion to Division Two, losing only seven games.

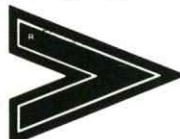
### 1978 HARTLEPOOL AWAY 0-1 2,886 —

Graham Franklyn, joined Blues from Lowestoft and this was his only full game for Southend, although he made six appearances. He later went to Basildon United. This was the fifth consecutive game on this date in which we failed to find the net.

### 1988 BRISTOL CITY HOME 2-0 3,664 CROWN, WESTLEY

Shane Westley, now back at Roots Hall, scored Blues second goal. He has now played over 170 games for Southend in his two spells, scoring 12 goals. He is fast approaching 300 League games in a career that goes back to his debut in December 1983.

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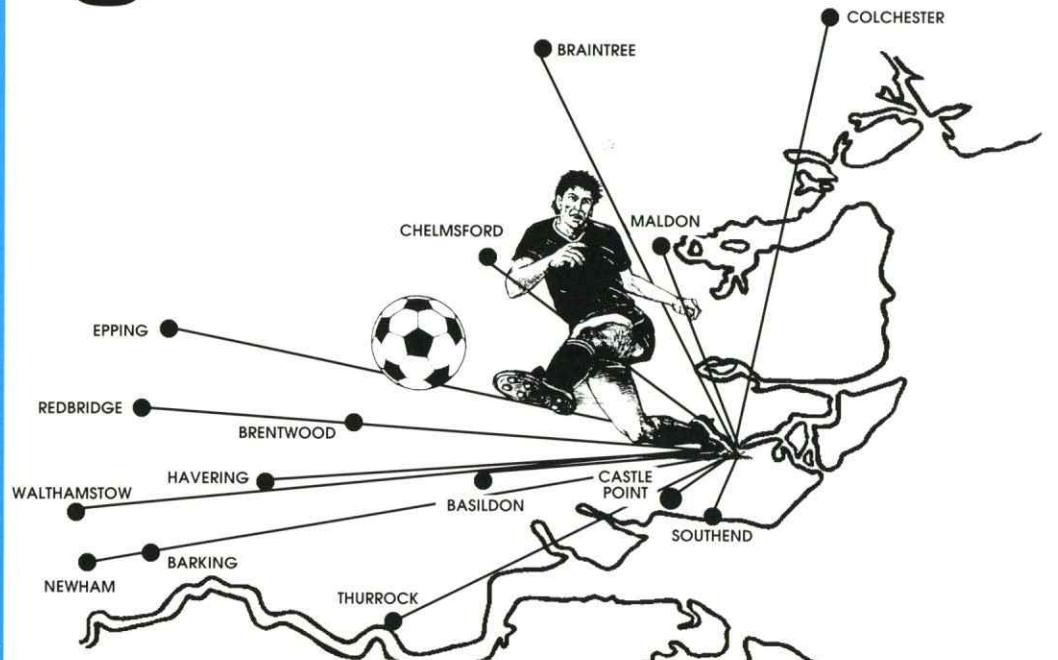
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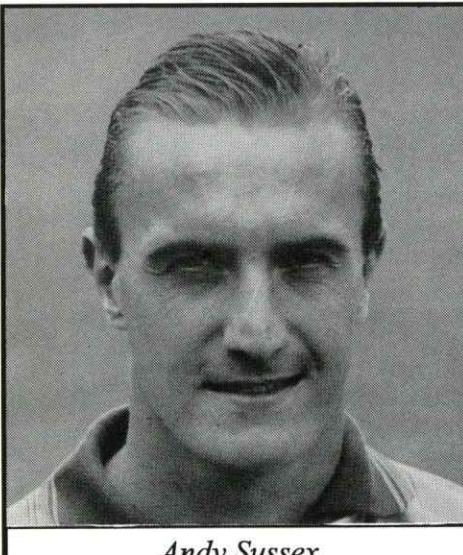
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## ANDY SUSSEX



*Andy Sussex*

*A Man For All Seasons*

*by Terry Wynn*

season was 1992-93 when he played in 23 League games, scoring four goals, though the following season 1993-94 he played two fewer games (21) and scored two more goals (6).

The current season has found him on the sub's bench, apart from five games in which he was in the starting line-up, including the games against Sunderland and Bolton. He has always given one hundred and ten per cent in terms of effort and has never let the side down.

One of the advantages of playing Andy is his height. He stands six feet tall, but he seems to grow at least five inches when required to get up to a high ball. That is where he can be of service to the likes of Andy Thompson, with effective play offs for a shot at goal.

Now in his thirtieth year, he can still cover the length of the pitch if required and has been a stalwart in defence on many occasions when Blues have needed a big man at the back.

A former colleague at Orient recalls his ability to out-last the rest of the team when it came to stamina and to leave the field after a gruelling game with the freshness of a player in the peak of condition.

When the day comes for him to retire he should find a role as a coach in any club setup which values fitness and endurance. But I am sure he is not thinking of retirement at the moment. Like the rest of the squad his aim is to keep Blues in Division One. Let us hope his luck changes and he does just that.

Andy Sussex is a man for all seasons. His recent form has deserved better than the poor results obtained by Blues, both home and away.

Andy joined the Roots Hall squad in season 1991-92 when he played in 15 games and scored three goals. He came to Southend from Crewe Alexandra with whom he made 102 appearances between 1988-91, finding the net on 24 occasions. Before that he played for Orient from 1981-88, appearing for the O's in 144 games and scoring 17 goals.

At Roots Hall Andy has struggled to become a regular team member. His best



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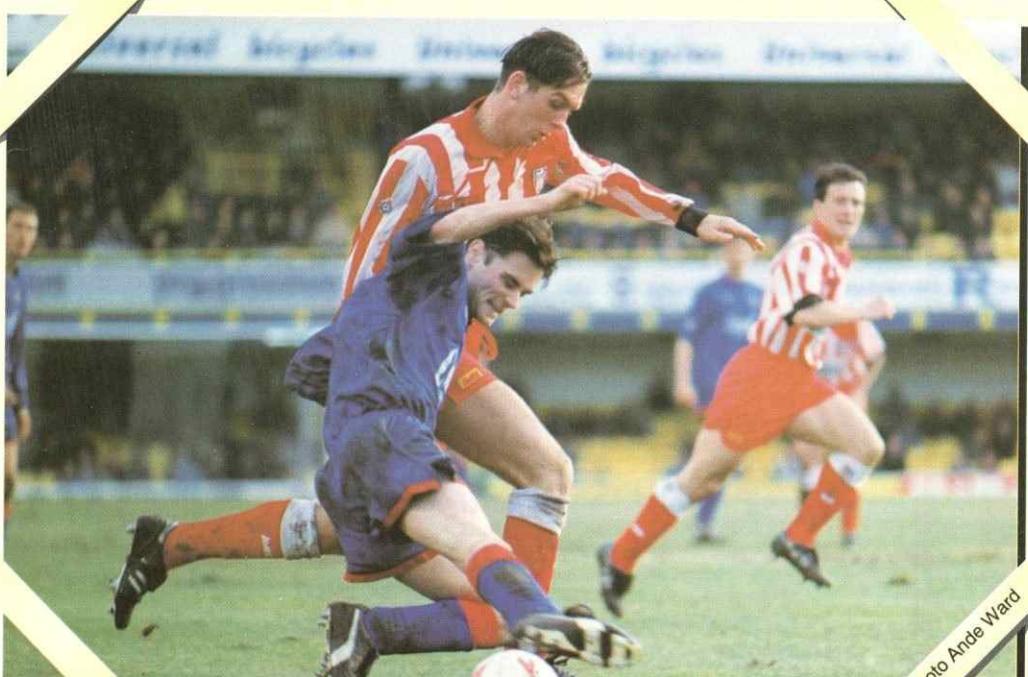


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Andy Thompson at full stretch in our recent defeat against Sunderland



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Andy Sussex back to fitness, and back in the team stretches for the ball up at Burnden Park



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Mark Hone out numbered by Bolton players in our recent 3-0 defeat at Burnden Park

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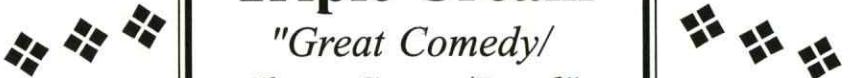
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# LUTON TOWN F.C.

by  
Kevin  
O'Donnell

Blues and Luton are long-standing adversaries as both clubs were founder members of Football League Division Three in 1920. However, until 1992 meetings between the clubs had become rare occurrences.

Following the Hatters' relegation in 1992 the clubs have met 5 times in the League and Blues have yet to lose. All three away fixtures have ended in draws,

including the match earlier this season.

Blues have won both home encounters 2-1, including the dramatic finale to the 1992-93 season when victory ensured safety.

Last season Blues drew again at Kenilworth Road in the Anglo-Italian Cup but went down 0-1 there in the F. A. Cup.

The full list reads:-

## PAST ENCOUNTERS

### HOME

Div	Date	F	A	Gate	Div	Date	F	A	Gate
3	12-2-21	1	1	6,000	3	2-5-21	0	4	9,600
3(s)	12-11-21	0	1	6,000	3(s)	5-11-21	0	3	8,000
3(s)	10-3-23	1	3	7,296	3(s)	3-3-23	0	2	7,000
3(s)	5-1-24	1	1	7,000	3(s)	29-12-23	4	4	7,224
3(s)	20-12-24	2	1	6,411	3(s)	25-4-25	0	4	7,091
3(s)	21-11-25	2	0	6,706	3(s)	3-4-26	0	2	7,239
3(s)	25-9-26	2	1	9,211	3(s)	12-2-27	0	0	4,334
3(s)	27-8-27	1	0	11,186	3(s)	31-12-27	0	0	5,402
3(s)	18-1-29	5	0	6,153	3(s)	8-9-28	2	4	10,600
3(s)	4-1-30	1	1	5,859	3(s)	7-9-29	3	0	9,992
3(s)	17-1-31	0	2	4,857	3(s)	13-9-30	1	2	6,347
3(s)	16-1-32	1	1	5,508	3(s)	5-9-31	3	1	9,179
3(s)	17-12-32	2	1	6,057	3(s)	29-4-33	3	3	2,969
3(s)	11-11-33	0	1	5,828	3(s)	24-3-34	1	3	6,313
3(s)	29-12-34	3	3	5,394	3(s)	25-8-34	1	1	12,255
3(s)	4-1-36	0	1	8,585	3(s)	7-9-35	2	1	14,379
3(s)	26-12-36	3	0	11,869	3(s)	29-8-36	0	1	14,461
3	7-3-64	0	1	5,468	3	26-10-63	1	4	5,337
3	10-4-65	5	0	4,968	3	28-11-64	1	0	5,020
4	24-4-67	2	0	7,249	4	13-4-67	0	1	4,666
4	4-9-67	3	0	11,083	4	27-9-67	1	3	13,332
1	8-5-93	2	1	11,042	1	31-10-92	2	2	7,256
1	13-11-93	2	1	5,567	1	30-4-94	1	1	7,504
1					1	27-8-94	2	2	5,918
5-12-08	F. A. Cup				5th Qualifying Round		Away	1-1	6,500
9-12-08	F. A. Cup				5th Qualifying Round (replay)		Home	2-4	5,000
24-11-28	F. A. Cup				1st Round		Away	1-5	12,489
14-11-64	F. A. Cup				1st Round		Away	0-1	6,902
7-9-93	Anglo-Italian Cup				Group Match		Away	1-1	1,823
18-1-94	F. A. Cup				3rd Round		Away	0-1	7,955



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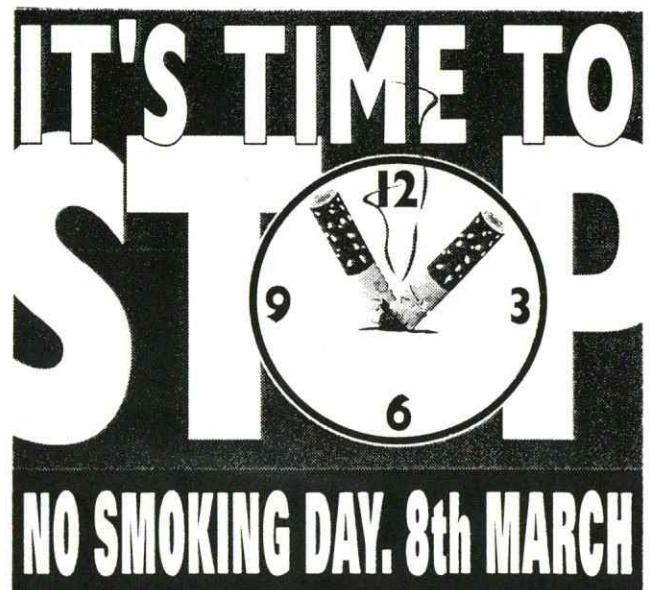


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**THE NUMBERS GAME - 816**

By  
Dave Goody

Up to the start of the 1994/95 season, Southend United had lost 816 of their 1,495 away League matches played since they joined in 1920. This is equivalent to 54.58% of the away matches played. In all that time, the most common result by which the Blues had lost an away match is 0-1, which has occurred on 144 of the 816 occasions. The breakdown of the ten commonest away losing results is as follows:-

Result	Occurrences	Percentage
0-1	144	9.63%
1-2	133	8.90%
0-2	123	8.23%
1-3	83	5.55%
0-3	82	5.48%
2-3	56	3.75%
0-4	42	2.81%
1-4	42	2.81%
1-5	20	1.34%
0-5	19	1.27%

As you can see from the above, just under 10% of all away matches have been lost by the scoreline of 0-1.

The most unusual away losing scorelines are 0-7, 0-8 and 1-9, all of which have only occurred once in the 816 away defeats. These are the instances:-

0-7	November 3rd 1987	Sunderland	15,754
0-8	March 22nd 1924	Northampton Town	
1-9	November 27th 1965	Brighton	11,124

The 1-9 defeat against Brighton was one of the five appearances that Ray White made in goal during the 1965/66 season, 5 appearances in which Ray let in 16 goals.

The most common away losing scoreline in one season was during the 1979/80 season, when Southend lost 7 of their away matches by the score of 0-1.

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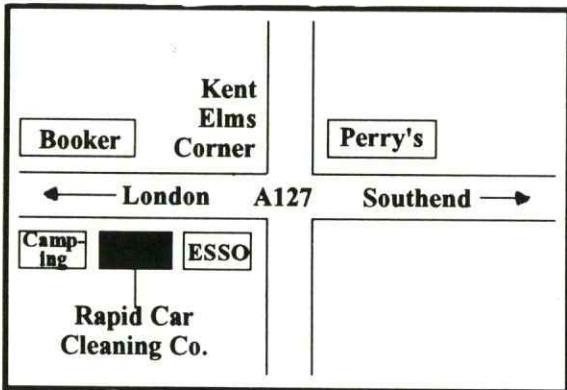
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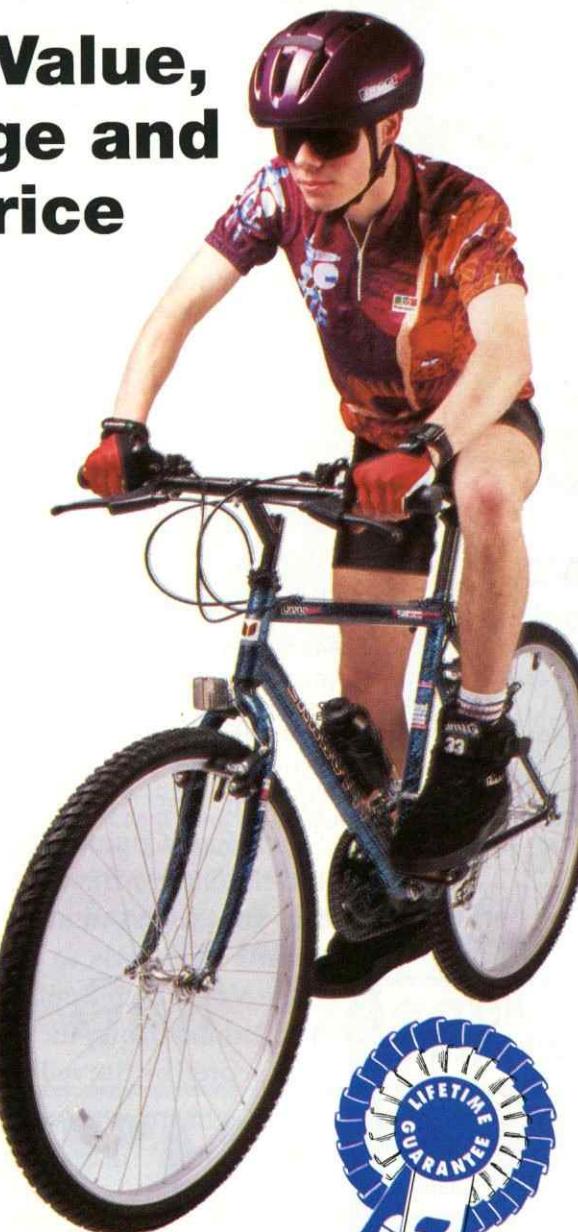
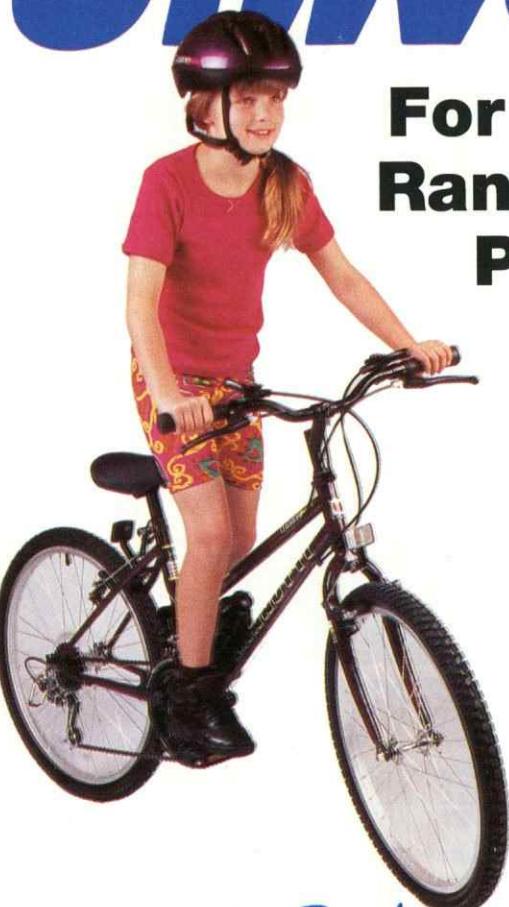
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We did quite well for the first 45 minutes but, unfortunately, let ourselves down badly in the second 45. Tottenham who were reduced

to 10 men played some fine football and showed what a quality outfit they are. Our boys defended sloppily at times and as a team made it considerably easier than it should have been. However, it is a learning process and a lesson that with any luck will not be forgotten.

This morning we are due to play Fulham away and I hope that at some time the result will be flashed on the new scoreboard which will show victory for the young Blues.

*Good luck to you all*

*Danny*

I hope you're all keeping well, let's hope the worst of the weather is behind us. I don't think I can remember a winter where it's rained so much.

The Soccer School held at Fairways during the schools half-term was a great success. Over 100 children were in attendance which at this time of the year and especially the way the weather has been of late was a really good turn out. I would like to thank Roger Willis and Dave Regis for coming along and presenting the children with their trophies and prizes. I would also like to thank Fairways School for making us very welcome with their kindness and hospitality. Hopefully we will be allowed to hold another Soccer School there in the near future. I'm writing these notes on the 9.20am train from Shoeburyness on my way to Q.P.R.'s ground. I'm having to go up to the Metropolis for the final pieces to fit into the jigsaw for the National Vocational Qualifications Level 1 and Level 2 in sports and leisure. These qualifications are made available to the trainees we have working for the Football in the Community Scheme.

The response for our senior citizens soiree which took place last Wednesday was a little bit disappointing as far as numbers was concerned. I know it's a bad time of year what with the weather, winter holidays, illnesses and prior engagements, nevertheless, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, the food was delicious and I would like to thank Brian Dear, Iris and John for looking after us so well. The food was served up by the three dumb waiters who included: Cleve Taylor, Alan Reade and Gary Piggott. My wife Marion also helped with clearing tables and generally running about here and there. I don't think I'll ever forget Phil Laflin, twisting around the dance floor like a two-year-old.

I got up and sang solo to the old Chubby Checker hit, "Let's Twist Again". I'm now known as Frankie Banks and the N.V.Q.s. Kitty Butler,

who has been a supporter for over 50 years was presented with a history of the Blues Book by Chris Powell and Ruth Walker was given a birthday cake to celebrate her 72nd birthday. Well done everybody on making this such an enjoyable day.

*Our Saturday school this afternoon is:-  
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*who are accompanied by their teacher  
Mary Weaver*

*Our Saturday school teams are:-  
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*and their manager  
Roy Williams*

*and finally  
Hutton Medway U/9's*

*and their manager  
Dave Dixon*

I would also like to welcome Andrew Ferguson and his family. Andrew was a casualty in our recent Refuge Assurance Six-A-Side, sustaining a broken wrist and I would like to wish him a speedy recovery.

*I hope you all enjoy your day  
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## TIGHT AT TOP WITH TWO MONTHS LEFT

by  
Nick Alliker



With just two months of the soccer season left, the promotion spot, and play-off spaces are keenly contested.

With Wolves concentrating on the F. A. Cup clashes, they slightly took their sights off the top of the table, but two weeks ago, a stunning display at Port Vale underlined Graham Taylor's teams ambition to be in the top flight. The stadium at Molineaux is certainly up to Premiership football week in week out, and as being proved in the cup, the Midlands outfit are more than a match for the big clubs.

John De Wolf has been a massive buy, and an amazing success story for Graham Taylor. He hit a super hat-trick in the aforementioned game at Vale, and has been a vital cog in their promotion push.

While Wolves were thumping in the goals at Vale Park, Tranmere were doing the business at Prenton Park, - beating lowly Burnley 4-1. John Aldridge grabbed one, to take his total for the season to 20, while Chris Malkin is just behind in the scoring-stakes with 16, Ian Muir hit two 14 days ago, and this showed just why the Birkenhead team are doing so well, with so many men troubling the scoreboards.

Bryan Robson's Middlesbrough are also tucked in nicely as contenders for the top spot. They drew 0-0 with Millwall recently in a poor match, but this failed to show their usual determination, and work-rate, which is so often on display.

Jostein Flo, and Nathan Blake are the men to watch for Sheffield United

as they keep a look in on the play-off situation. And Reading, the unfashionable Berkshire side, are also in with a look-in, but may run out of puff in the run in.

At the bottom of the table, Notts County, who have for so long been rock bottom, are starting to climb, since the arrival of Howard Kendal to the managers hot-seat. Their string of wins, has lead to Burnley taking over last place, but the Turf Moor outfit do have the advantage of about three games following postponements earlier in the season. Despite Jan Fjortoft being top of the Division One goalscorers, his team, Swindon Town, are defiantly in the frame for a place in the Second Division next season. They still have a chance of Wembley, with next Wednesday's Coca-Cola Cup clash with Bolton, but their First Division status should be much more important than that.

Bristol City also have relegation jitters, and Southend themselves are being sucked into the dreaded drop-zone.

Watford have shot up the table, after an appalling start to the season, as have Millwall. The surprise side, Barnsley, are still on the edge of the play-off zone, along with unfancied Grimsby Town. What price the Mariners in the Premiership?

Just two months left, and it's still all to play for.

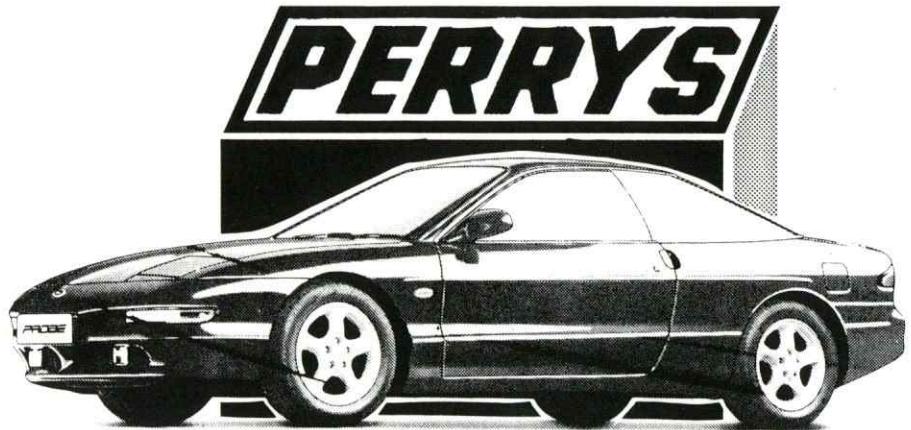
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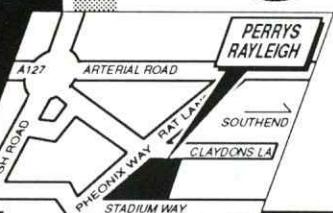
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## GOAL SCORERS

# OR LACK OF THEM

Goalscoring (or rather the lack of it) has been a major problem this season. The following is a list of Blues top goalscorer in each season since the Football League restarted following World War Two.

Since that time the highest total of League and Cup goals was achieved with 33. The lowest was 10 by Derrick Parker in 1979-80.

1946-47	Cyril Thompson	22	7	29	1969-70	Billy Best	23	1	24
1947-48	Cyril Thompson	13	-	13	1970-71	Billy Best	19	3	22
1948-49	Frank Dudley	11	1	12	1971-72	Bill Garner	25	1	26
1949-50	Albert Wakefield	23	5	28	1972-73	Chris Guthrie	15	-	15
1950-51	Les Stubbs	19	-	19	1973-74	Stuart Brace	19	2	21
1951-52	Albert Wakefield	14	5	19	1974-75	Chris Guthrie	12	5	17
	Les Stubbs	13	6	19	1975-76	Peter Silvester	19	4	23
1952-53	Cyril Grant	13	-	13	1976-77	Stewart Parker	13	3	16
1953-54	Ken Bambridge	12	-	12	1977-78	Derrick Parker	19	4	23
1954-55	Roy Hollis	27	5	32	1978-79	Derrick Parker	10	1	12
1955-56	Roy Hollis	23	3	26	1980-81	Derek Spence	21	-	21
1956-57	Roy Hollis	18	2	20	1981-82	Keith Mercer	13	-	13
1957-58	Sammy McCrory	31	2	33	1982-83	Steve Phillips	17	1	18
1958-59	Bud Houghton	20	-	20	1983-84	Steve Phillips	16	1	17
1959-60	Duggie Price	28	1	29	1984-85	Steve Phillips	21	2	23
1960-61	Jim Fryatt	15	2	17	1985-86	Richard Cadette	25	-	25
1961-62	Ken Jones	14	-	14	1986-87	Richard Cadette	24	7	31
1962-63	Ken Jones	17	2	19	1987-88	David Crown	17	-	17
1963-64	Mike Beesley	13	-	13	1988-89	David Crown	25	4	29
1964-65	Bobby Gilfillan	22	1	23	1989-90	David Crown	19	5	24
1965-66	Eddie Firmani	16	4	20	1990-91	Brett Angell	18	11	26
1966-67	Ray Smith	19	-	19	1991-92	Brett Angell	21	1	22
1967-68	Phil Chisnell	17	-	17	1991-92	Brett Angell	21	2	22
	John McKinven	16	1	17	1992-93	Stan Collymore	15	3	18
1968-69	Billy Best	20	11	31	1993-94	Ricky Otto	13	2	15

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*Aaron Reed  
Adam Seal  
Glen Tanner  
Paul Syock  
Lee Jackson  
Jonathon Smith  
Hayden Drew*

I hope that you and your guests enjoy today's game.

Any Junior Blue or Blues Youth who wish to attend the Home Hospitality Days should pre-book their place by calling me on 01702 435748/435602. You don't have to pay until you arrive at the Sports and Social Club at 10.30am **BUT I NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU ARE ATTENDING SO CALL TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PRIOR TO THE DAY IN QUESTION.**

Ruth Finnie will be available, from 10.30am to collect all monies due and to pass on to you your meal vouchers and tickets. I would advise any parents to see Ruth by 11.30am rather than leave the collection of your tickets until 1.00pm., as they are not always available then.

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Take care, all the best.

*Lesley Vincent*

# WHO WOULD RATHER WATCH HIS SIDE LOSE

This afternoon we welcome Luton Town. I had one of my great moments against Luton Town.

It was, I think, in the season 70/71. I was on the "mike" doing the Hospital commentary with Ken Golding and my then Southend Standard colleague Colin Price, now a sports reporter with the Daily Mirror.

Anyway we got this free kick at the West Road end of the ground ... about 25 yards out. As I recall the Luton 'keeper, who I can't recall, had come out of his box to clatter one of the Blues forwards to the ground. Hence the free kick.

Phil Chisnall, the former Manchester United and England under 23 player, who came to us from Liverpool, prepared to take the kick and as he stepped up to the ball I suddenly said "I can confidently predict ... here comes Southend's first goal." I remember Ken smashed the ball over the defensive wall and into the top of the net for a truly marvellous goal.

Whether it was wishful thinking or precognition I don't know ... and I can't remember ever having done anything like it before ... and it was also one of those very few times in my life when I have been proved right --- a rare occurrence indeed ... but nonetheless as you can imagine a moment of hilarious happiness in my years of following the Blues.

I think it was a moment I shall never forget ... and thinking along those lines of course following the old club has given us all many happy memories.

Peter Holmes and I in the mornings on Essex FM often recall happy moments from being at Roots Hall. We were both on the ground

that Easter Monday in the 60's when Bobby King, playing at fullback ... met a visiting goalkeeper's clearance on the halfway line and volleyed back one of the most sensational goals we have ever seen.

I remember an evening match when Blues were at home against Bournemouth at about the same time and a young lad on the left wing called Tony Forrester had an absolutely storming game and finally providing the winner with a low cross to the near post at the Fairfax Drive end of the ground ... that Andy Smillie slid onto to take himself and the ball into the net.

A reserve match on a dark rainy night against Colchester at Roots Hall. Virtually nobody in the ground ... but down behind the goal at the open end one old boy in a cloth cap and a rain coat. Eventually an off target pilsdriver whizzed past the post... and the old boy went down on one knee and took it perfectly.

Glorious stuff. I mention all this in the hope that it will trigger off memories for you ... because at this time in particular after four home defeats in a row ... it's not only tough for the players ... it's tough for the spectators.

I have always said that a real supporter is one who would rather watch his side lose ... that not watch his side ... and that is the situation we are in at the moment.

Never mind. We all have plenty of great memories to live on ... and the sun will shine again. Perhaps it will today. A repeat of that 3-1 win I recalled over Luton would do nicely

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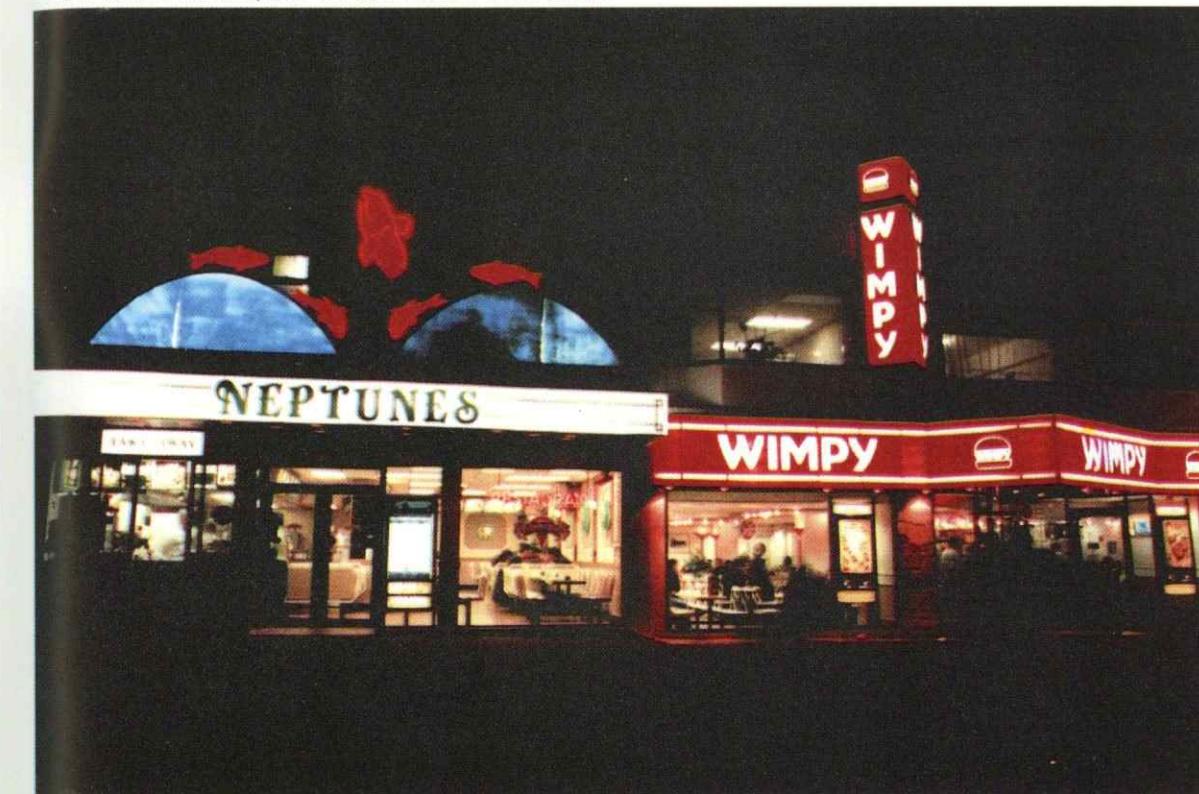


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DATE	OPPOSITION	RES	POS	PTS	ATT
13th	A Millwall C.C. Cup	1-3	-	0	8.283
16th	H WATFORD C.C. CUP	0-0	24	0	2.859
20th	H MIDDLESBROUGH	0-2	24	0	5.722
AUGUST					
23rd	A Watford C.C. Cup	0-1	-	1	4.582
27th	A Luton Town	2-2	20	1	4.033
30th	H PORTSMOUTH	1-2	21	4	4.435
3rd	H OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-0	20	4	11.808
10th	A Soke City	1-4	23	4	11.808
13th	A Wokingham Wanderers	0-5	23	4	23.608
17th	H BRISTOL CITY	2-1	22	7	3.663
21st	H BOLTON WANDERERS	2-1	13	10	4.517
24th	A SUNDERLAND	1-0	13	13	15.520
1st	A Barnsley	0-0	16	14	3.659
8th	A DERBY COUNTY	1-0	8	17	4.214
12th	H SWINDON TOWN	2-2	10	18	9.909
22nd	H GRIMSBY TOWN	0-0	9	19	5.087
29th	A NOTTS COUNTY	1-0	6	22	4.302
1st	A Port Vale	0-5	9	22	7.141
5th	A Charlton Athletic	0-1	10	22	8.351
12th	A Watford	4-1	11	25	5.527
19th	H READING	0-2	12	25	13.405
26th	A Sheffield United	2-0	11	28	5.808
3rd	H SWINDON TOWN	2-1	9	31	16.334
10th	A Middlesbrough	0-1	13	35	5.208
17th	H MILLWALL	0-1	11	31	9.833
24th	A Charlton Athletic	1-3	11	31	9.525
31st	H WEST BROMWICH ALBION	2-1	8	34	6.886
1st	A Burnley	1-5	10	34	10.571
2nd	H TRANMERE ROVERS	0-0	13	35	4.914
7th	A SOUTHAMPTON F. A. Cup [3]	0-2	-	30.003	6.768
14th	A Grimsby Town	1-4	14	35	3.915
21st	H PORT VALE	1-2	14	35	3.619
27th	H WATERFORD	0-4	15	35	4.705
11th	A Notts County	1-2	16	36	7.895
18th	H SHEFFIELD UNITED	0-2	19	36	4.686
25th	A Buntingford	0-1	20	36	10.766
4th	A SUNDERLAND	0-3	20	39	7.168
MARCH	A Oldham Athletic	0-2	18	39	10.766
11th	H LUTON TOWN	0-1	20	39	10.766
21st	H STOKE CITY	0-1	18	39	10.766
25th	A Bristol City	1-1	18	39	10.766
1st	H WOLVERHAMPTON WAND.	0-8	18	39	10.766
8th	H WATFORD	1-1	18	39	10.766
15th	A West Bromwich Albion	1-1	18	39	10.766
18th	H CHARLTON ATHLETIC	1-1	18	39	10.766
22nd	A Tranmere Rovers	0-2	19	39	10.766
29th	A Derby County	0-1	20	39	10.766
6th	H BARNSTAPLE	0-1	20	39	10.766
20th	H F. A. Cup - Final	0-1	18	39	10.766
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## SOUTHEND UNITED MEMBERS NOTICE

The club has received complaints from members with regard to the sadly increasing use of foul and abusive language in the members stand. Thus the attention of all members is drawn to the need for moderation in this area, coupled with the advice that any language of the type indicated used within the stadium is an offence and can result in offenders being ejected and/or arrested. C.C.T.T. cameras are in operation at all times and stewards have been instructed to ensure that decent standards are upheld. The Club has no wish to

alienate any members but has a duty of care to ensure that those using the area are protected from unacceptable language and will respond positively to any complaint made in respect of these matters.

At this time, the game of football is passing through turbulent waters and the assistance of all decent minded members is requested in eradicating this particular problem which if unchecked can lead to further problems for all concerned.

## TODAY'S REFEREE

Today's ref. is Mr. John Holbrook who is a bank clerk. He qualified in January 1978 and became a Football League linesman in 1990 and a Football League Referee in 1993.

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## 1994 - 95 SEASON TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tranmere Rovers	35	18	8	9	55	38	62
Middlesbrough	33	18	8	7	49	26	62
Wolverhampton Wanderers	33	10	5	10	58	43	59
Sheffield United	35	15	12	8	59	39	57
Bolton Wanderers	33	12	9	8	56	35	57
Reading	35	16	8	11	41	32	56
Grimsby Town	35	12	13	10	51	44	49
Barnsley	32	14	7	11	43	39	49
Luton Town	34	13	9	12	48	47	48
Watford	33	12	11	10	36	35	47
Derby County	33	12	10	11	33	33	46
Millwall	32	11	12	9	40	37	45
Oldham Athletic	33	11	10	12	45	43	43
Charlton Athletic	33	11	9	13	45	42	42
Stoke City	31	10	11	10	32	35	41
West Bromwich Albion	35	10	8	10	13	37	41
Port Vale	32	10	9	13	39	43	39
Sunderland	35	11	6	18	34	63	39
Bristol City	34	8	15	11	32	33	39
Swindon Town	31	8	10	13	37	50	34
Notts County	34	7	8	19	36	49	29
Burnley	32	6	10	16	30	51	28

## WHOOSH - World Wide Hatters On The Super Highway -

Calling all exiled Luton Fans with access to the information super highway, otherwise known as the Internet. You may be interested to know that an electronic Newsgroup called WHOOSH i.e. World-wide Hatters On the Super Highway exists to keep you up to date with all the latest happenings involving Luton Town.

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