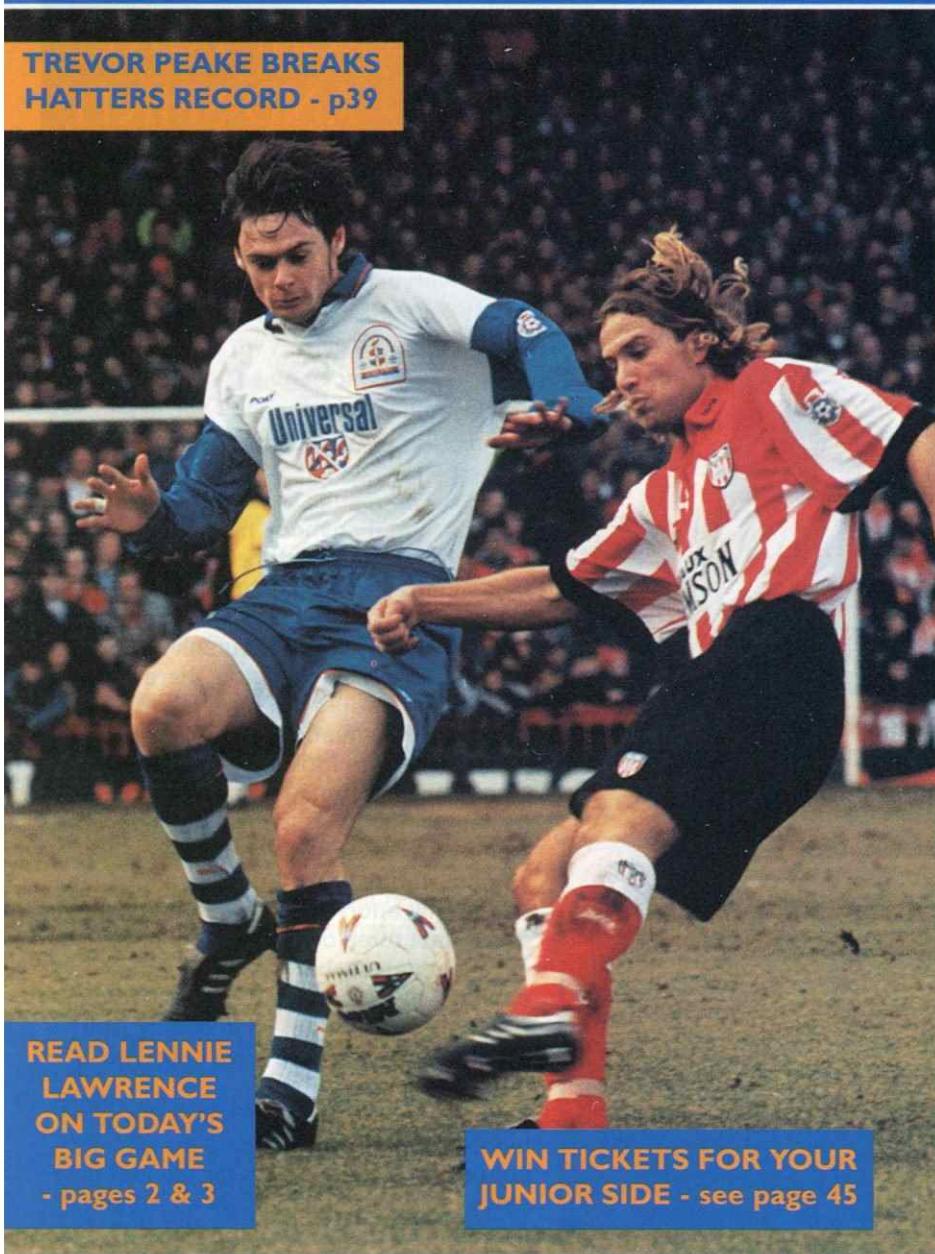


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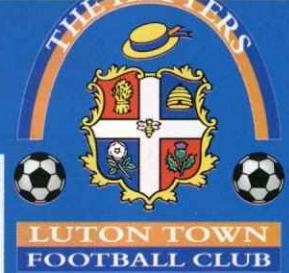
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## WE MUST RECAPTURE OUR FORM AND SPIRIT AGAINST PALACE

TUESDAY'S result against Reading was a disappointment to everyone connected with Luton Town Football Club and our second defeat in a row, which means that this home game with Crystal Palace has taken on great significance and will be as important as the Southend home game back in January after our 7-1 hammering at Grimsby.

The two recent defeats have to be put in perspective in the run of results over the last two months, and if anybody had said to me or to any other person at the club on December 21 that on February 28 we would have gained a further 18 points from 10 games, and got ourselves back in the fight to avoid relegation, there is nobody who would not have readily accepted the situation.

So two defeats in 10 games is nothing to be ashamed of, but just as the winning became a habit so the losing can become a habit and it needs to stop today.

The performance on Tuesday contained the normal effort and commitment needed, and in fact three or four players had excellent games, but having dominated the opening 30 minutes, and gone a goal up, with a bit more fortune and quality with our finishing we could have been two or three goals up.

We allowed Reading back into the game before half-time and we paid the penalty conceding a headed goal for the first time since I took over (own goals apart) and in a manner that has become foreign to us in recent weeks.

In the second half Reading gradually got on top and we always felt it would need a second goal to secure any sort of result.

That was not forthcoming and indeed did not look likely in the second half, and once again through a sequence of errors we conceded a sloppy second goal.

There was no disgrace in the

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**RIGHT:** Vidar Riseth goes in search of an equaliser against Reading on Tuesday night.



performance bearing in mind the injuries and changes enforced on us by those injuries and a suspension, but there can be no escaping the fact that the performance was not good enough after the first half hour.

Accordingly there will be changes made today. One or two players will return and hopefully that will help us towards a result this afternoon.

When you are in a promotion or relegation situation there are certain games at certain times when a result is really needed.

Southend at home was the most significant game for us in my time here at the club, followed by the home game against Sheffield United. The first one we needed to win, and in the second it was just as important not to lose.

This is the third game, and we must bounce back from these last two defeats, must avoid slipping back into the bottom three, and it is a game we must not lose.

This afternoon then, we extend a warm welcome to Crystal Palace, their players, officials and supporters.

There have been changes changes to

the playing staff at Selhurst Park, but they have many useful players and still might have a chance of the play-offs.

A personal welcome to their manager Dave Bassett who is a close friend of mine, and having wished him well when he took the job, I hope his good fortune continues..... after five 'o' clock today.

On the injury front, Ceri Hughes is both injured and suspended this afternoon, with Darren Patterson and Marvin Johnson both doubtful at the time of writing with groin and hamstring injuries respectively.

Dwight Marshall's injury has been widely reported, and once again we wish him well for a speedy recovery, and I'm sure he will be back to his best next season.

We are looking at the possibility of getting a player on loan, but they must be better than we have or, if they are of similar ability, have different qualities.

There may be some movement in that direction next week.

Finally, I have been asked to remind you that we have a bucket collection around the ground this afternoon, in aid of the NSPCC.

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## AROUND THE TOWN



ABOVE: Julian James challenges Reading keeper Borislav Mihailov.

RIGHT: Graham Alexander faces a two-match ban.



## Yorkshire trip gets go-ahead after Terriers' cup defeat

LUTON Town's trip to Huddersfield next Saturday goes ahead after the Yorkshire side went out of the FA Cup at Wimbledon on Wednesday night, writes SIMON OXLEY.

Had Huddersfield won through to the sixth round, their tie against Chelsea would have taken place next Saturday, March 9, with the league game against the Hatters postponed to a later date.

But now Lennie Lawrence's side travel north to face the side currently fourth in the Division One table. (See page 9 for ticket information and travel details).

- Midfielder Graham Alexander will be suspended for two matches following his booking at Sunderland last week.

Graham will miss the game at Huddersfield next week and either the home match against Port Vale or, if that is postponed, the trip to Crystal Palace.

- Ceri Hughes starts a two-match suspension today, and will also miss the game at Huddersfield.

FRONT COVER: Sunderland's Michael Gray under pressure from Graham Alexander during the Hatters' 1-0 defeat at Roker Park last Saturday.  
Picture: ANDY HANDLEY.

- A goal 12 minutes from time gave Reading all three points in Tuesday's night's Division One match at Kenilworth Road.

Luton opened the scoring after five minutes when Bontcho Guentchev netted from the penalty spot, his ninth goal of the season, after the Bulgarian had himself been fouled by Reading's Jeff Hopkins.

John Taylor hit the post midway through the half, but in first-half stoppage time Reading equalised when Martyn Booty headed home.

Hatters substitute Scott Oakes saw one shot saved by Reading's Bulgarian international keeper Bobby Mihailov, and was then denied by Andy Bernal's tackle.

But the visitors went in front after 78 minutes, with Stuart Lovell's goal securing a 2-1 win.

See pages 16 and 17 for action pictures from Tuesday night's game.

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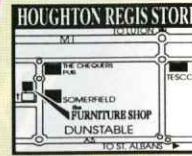
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## LEADING THE LINE

by Club Captain STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Des Linton  
was recalled to  
the side against  
Reading on  
Tuesday.

TUESDAY night's result was a big disappointment to everyone, and it was especially frustrating to watch from the sidelines.

Hopefully I will be back in the team this afternoon after a two-match suspension which probably couldn't have come at a worse time bearing in mind all the injuries we have suffered.

As I mentioned in my notes on Tuesday, I always look forward to playing at Roker Park in my home town so to miss that game was especially disappointing.

I thought the team battled well there, and but for some excellent saves from Shay Given in the closing minutes we could have left with a point.

The disappointment on the journey home was made worse of course by Dwight's injury.

Nobody likes to see a fellow player, especially a team-mate, get injured, and especially when it's such a serious injury which will rule him out for the rest of the season. Some of the lads have already been to see him in hospital this week, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

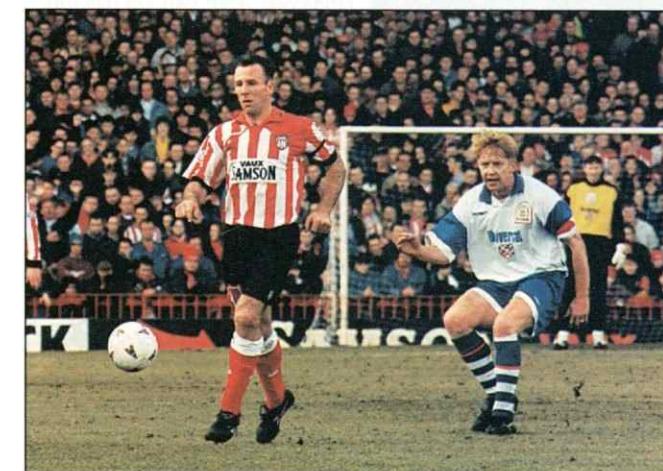
But we have a large squad, and now it is up to the rest of the players to show what they can do.

That starts this afternoon against Crystal Palace, who have had a good run of late under new manager Dave Bassett.

Of course this is the first time that we have played Palace this season, but we know what they are capable of, and they have quality players in all areas.

They are starting to look seriously at the play-offs, but our task is clear.

Three points to end this temporary halt in our recent improvement. Two defeats have set us back, but we have shown that we can put a run together, and need to do that once again.



GARY Waddock has been captaining the Hatters in Steve Davis' absence, and is pictured with Sunderland skipper Kevin Ball, during last Saturday's game at Roker Park.

Keep up-to-date with all the news from Kenilworth Road on  
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Steve Davis

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR with Cherry Newbery



THE on-going fixture chaos continues to involve Luton Town, with several of our forthcoming opponents involved in rearranged FA Cup and Anglo-Italian Cup games.

The match at Port Vale on Tuesday, March 5, has been postponed because Port Vale will now be playing the second leg of their 'English' Anglo-Italian Cup Final against West Brom.

Port Vale's position has been complicated by their FA Cup run, which has also involved a number of replays.

At the time of writing we were trying to organise a new date, and I will also remind you that if Port Vale reach the final at Wembley, then our home game against them on March 16 will also be postponed.

Huddersfield were due to play their FA Cup fifth round replay against Wimbledon at Selhurst Park on Wednesday evening.

If Huddersfield progressed to the sixth round, then our trip to Yorkshire on March 9 will be

postponed. Listen out for PA announcements on this subject this afternoon.

I appreciate there is relatively short notice for many of these postponements, but we will do our best to keep you informed of any new dates via the local newspapers, radio stations and on our own ClubCall service.

Reserve team games are now back at Kenilworth Road until further notice, and there are still several Avon Insurance Combination games to be rearranged.

IT is with regret that we inform supporters of the death of Mr Connew, from Linslade, a season ticket holder at Kenilworth Road for many years, who collapsed in the main stand during Tuesday night's game against Reading.

All at LutonTown express their sincere condolences to Mr Connew's family at this sad time.

Come on you Hatters, we need you to get behind LES MILLER, our club runner for the Flora London Marathon's Football Challenge on April 21.

He has taken part in four races during February as part of his training schedule, starting the month with a half marathon at Watford.

The following week he took part in the Bedford half marathon, and has since moved up in distance with an 18 mile race at Stamford and a 20 mile race at Bury St Edmunds, which involved getting up at 6am last Sunday after a Saturday trip to Roker Park!

Les will be lining up on the startline with runners from 100 other football clubs from the FA Carling Premiership, Endsleigh and Scottish Premier leagues to tackle the 26.2 mile course.

He is raising funds for the Luton and South Beds Hospice, and anyone who would like to sponsor him can either see Les, or contact Simon Oxley at Luton Town Football Club.

IF you are a Milton Keynes-based Hatters fan who finds difficulty in travelling to home games then the Bletchley Hatters Club could be the answer to your problems.

They can offer coach travel to all Luton Town home matches from various pick-up points in Bletchley, Bow Brickhill, Woburn Sands and Aspley Guise.

For further information, and bookings, please telephone Milton Keynes 377750.

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Sat Mar 9	Huddersfield Town	£10.00	£8.00	8.45am	9.45am
Tue Mar 19	Crystal Palace	£5.50	£4.50	3.30pm	4.30pm
Sat Mar 23	Sheffield United	£9.50	£7.50	9.30am	10.30am

Please note: Coaches from Cranfield also pick-up in Marston Moretaine, Stewartby, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning, and opposite the Luton Gateway Hotel, before departing from the junction of Hazelbury Crescent and Kenilworth Road.

You can book a place on the coaches in a number of ways:

- 1) From the ticket kiosk in the Kenilworth Road turnstiles. See Paul Deason before any Saturday first-team home match between 2.15 and 2.45pm. (No bookings taken at midweek matches).
- 2) On the return journey from the previous away game.
- 3) Telephone Paul Deason on Bedford (01234) 750996



## LUTON TOWN TICKET OFFICE NEWS

### Port Vale v Luton Town

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tuesday, March 5, 1996, kick-off 7.45pm

**THIS GAME HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO PORT VALE'S ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP COMMITMENTS. A NEW DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.**

### Huddersfield Town v Luton Town

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, March 9, 1996, kick-off 3pm

**PLEASE NOTE: This fixture may be re-arranged due to Huddersfield's involvement in the FA Cup.**

Pay on the day only at Huddersfield. Seats only for Luton supporters, priced at £9 for adults and £5 for juniors and senior citizens. (The Kenilworth Road ticket office will be open on Saturday, March 9, from 9 to 10.30am for the sale of other match tickets).

### Luton Town v Port Vale

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, March 16, 1996, kick-off 3pm

**PLEASE NOTE: This fixture may be re-arranged due to Port Vale's involvement in the Anglo-Italian Cup.**

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

### Crystal Palace v Luton Town

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tuesday, March 19, 1996, kick-off 7.45pm

Pay on the night only at Crystal Palace, at the Away Ticket Office which is situated next to the away turnstiles. Seats only for Luton supporters, priced at £14 for adults and £5 for juniors/seniors.

Tickets already purchased for the previous dates of 26.12.95 or 27.1.96 are valid for the re-arranged game. You can however claim a full refund by returning the tickets to the place of purchase by Monday, March 18, 1996.

### Sheffield United v Luton Town

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, March 23, 1996, kick-off 3pm

Seats only, priced at £12 for adults and £6 for juniors/seniors and students\*. Tickets are available from the ticket office until 4pm on Friday, March 22, and also on the day at Sheffield.

\*Students must purchase their tickets before the day of the match as there will be NO student concessions on the day at Sheffield.

\*Students will only be admitted through the turnstiles on production of their Student Pass.

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An alternative route is to continue on the M1 to the M62, and exit the M62 at junction 25 for Huddersfield. Then follow signs A644 and A62.

#### Crystal Palace

**Address:** Selhurst Park Stadium, London, SE25 6PU.  
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## WORLDWIDE HATTERS

### LUTON TOWN FAN FILE



Name: SAM TIDY

Age: 20

Area I live: Norwich.

The first time I saw Luton play: At home to Liverpool in 1984, when unfortunately we lost 1-0.

Best Luton player I have seen: Mick Harford for his grit and determination, and Ricky Hill for his flair.

If I had unlimited funds, which player would I buy for Luton, and why: Alan Shearer and Robbie Fowler - world class players.

Best game ever seen: Beating Arsenal in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final.

My favourite away ground, and why: Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough, after that memorable day last season. The friendliest fans and stewards I've ever met.

One new football law I'd introduce: Sin bin, and moving free-kicks 10 yards further on for back-chat as in rugby.

What I like about Kenilworth Road: The memories, and the friendliness. And dislike: The loss of terracing has affected the atmosphere, and the fact you've stopped 'Bring Me Sunshine'.

Would you like to appear here? If so, simply copy out the questions, complete your answers and enclose a passport style photo, and send to: Fanfile, c/o Programme Editor, LTFC.



**HATTERS** fans Lisa Coyne and Gary Causer, from Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, claim to have the secret behind Luton's recent good run..... their recently acquired mascot, Spikey Monkey!

SIXTEEN-year-old Martin Papazov, from Bulgaria, is looking for penpals who support Luton Town.

Martin's favourite player is Bontcho Guentchev, and he has followed Bontcho's fortunes since he played for Martin's hometown club Etar FC.

Now Martin follows the Hatters, and can be contacted at: St. F Simidov No3A ap 9, V Turnovo 5000, Bulgaria.

A KEEN Tranmere Rovers supporter seeks programmes for any first/reserve/youth team games plus cutties, testimonials and friendlies home and away (in good condition) played between Luton and Tranmere between 1960/61 and the present day. Will pay reasonable prices. Please write, enclosing full list of items available for sale to: Miss A Carrington, 31 Highfield Crescent, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside, L42 2DP.

A SOCCER fan in Zimbabwe is looking for penpals, and has written to Luton Town asking for our assistance.

Sixteen-year-old Nomore Chizaza watches English soccer regularly on television, and his other hobbies include chess, table tennis, swimming and cooking.

Nomore can be contacted at:

Mutasa School, PO Box 60, Watsomba, Zimbabwe.

A SOCCER fan in Ghana is looking for penpals.

Tony Yeboah's success at Leeds has raised the profile of the English game in the African country.

Jonas Ackah is 16 years old, and can be contacted at: c/o Ferro Fabric Ltd, PO Box 303, Tema, Ghana.

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## CRYSTAL PALACE 1995/96

### Spotlight on today's visitors



Back row: l to r: Danny Boxall, Bjorn Enqvist, Rory Ginty, Jason Harris, Robert Quinn, Paul Sparrow.

Third row: Richard Shaw (now Coventry), George Ndah, Brian Launders, Andy Roberts, Jimmy Glass, Damian Matthew, Marc Edworthy, Jamie Vincent.

Second row: Brian Sparrow, Peter McClean (physio), Simon Rodger, Ian Cox, David Hopkin, Steve Taylor, Nigel Martyn, Rhys Wilmot, Bruce Dyer, Anthony Scully, Gareth Davies, Vic Bettone (kit manager), Steve Kember (reserve team manager).

Front row: Darren Patterson (now Luton), Dean Gordon, Ray Houghton, Ray Lewington (first team coach), Steve Coppel (Technical Director), Peter Nicholas (first team coach), Iain Dowie (now West Ham), Darren Pitcher, Chris Coleman (now Blackburn).



LEFT: Palace's league form this term.

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(Palace stats from season 1995/96. Due to printing deadlines, statistics do not include midweek matches)

JEROEN BOERE - Dutch striker who joined Palace from West Ham in September 1995 as part of the deal that took Iain Dowie to Upton Park. Injured his cruciate knee ligament in his first training session with the Eagles.

IAN COX - Signed from non-league Carshalton Athletic for £35,000 in March 1994, and made his debut at Norwich in August of the same year.

GARETH DAVIES - Welsh under-21 international who joined Palace from third division Hereford in July 1995 for £120,000. His cousin is former Everton midfielder Kevin Sheedy, and he made his Palace debut against Wolves in November.

BRUCE DYER - When he joined Palace from Watford in March 1994, the £1.25 million fee was the highest ever paid for a teenager in Britain. England Under-21 international who has struggled to gain a regular place at Selhurst.

MARC EDWORTHY - Became Palace's first summer signing when he moved to Selhurst from Plymouth in May 1995 for £350,000. Can play at right-back or in midfield and was voted Player Of The Year at Home Park last term.

DOUGIE FREEDMAN - Scottish Under-21 international who joined Palace from Barnet in September 1995 for £800,000, after starting his career with QPR. Bagged 31 goals for Barnet last season, and has continued his scoring feats despite moving up from Division Three to Division One.

TONY GALE - Veteran defender who joined Palace from Blackburn on a free transfer in the close season. Formerly with Fulham and West Ham, he joined Blackburn in 1994, and helped Kenny Dalglish's side to last year's Premiership title.

JIMMY GLASS - Highly-rated young goalkeeper who made his league debut last season while on loan at Portsmouth.

DEAN GORDON - Regular left-back for two seasons, who has won England Under-21 honours after progressing through the Palace youth system.

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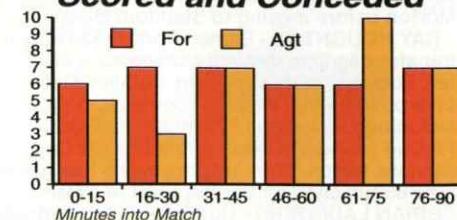


LEFT: Jeroen Boere

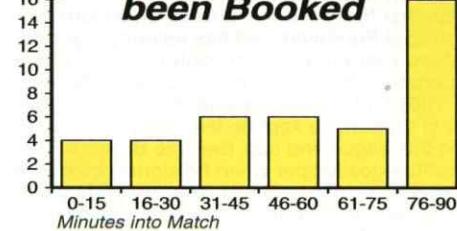


RIGHT: George Ndah

### When Palace have Scored and Conceded



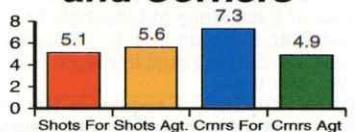
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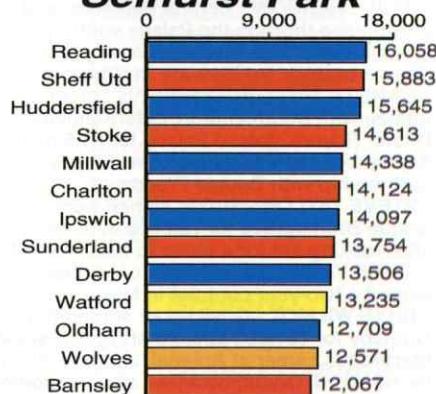
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# CRYSTAL PALACE 1995/96

DAVID HOPKIN - Scottish Under-21 midfielder who became Palace's fifth close season signing when he joined the Eagles from Chelsea in mid-July for a £750,000 fee. Started his career with Morton before moving to Stamford Bridge.

RAY HOUGHTON - Signed from Aston Villa on transfer deadline day last season for a £300,000 fee. Formerly with West Ham, Fulham, Oxford and Liverpool, he has a host of domestic honours including two League Championship medals, two FA Cup winners' medals and a League Cup winners' medal. Born in Glasgow he has gained over 65 full caps for the Republic of Ireland.

BRIAN LAUNDERS - Dublin-born forward who has been a regular scorer in the reserve and youth teams, and who made his first team debut last season against Chelsea.

LEON MCKENZIE - Aged just 17 he scored on his first team debut in a Coca-Cola Cup tie against Southend, and has recently signed a three-year professional contract. Son of former European boxing champion Clinton McKenzie.

NIGEL MARTYN - Despite Palace's relegation last season, he kept no less than 19 clean sheets in the league and cup. Became Britain's first £1 million goalkeeper when he signed from Bristol Rovers in 1989, and has been capped by England on three occasions.

DAMIAN MATTHEW - Former England Under-21 international who joined Palace from Chelsea. Was on loan at Luton whilst at Stamford Bridge, and is currently on loan at Bristol Rovers.

GEORGE NDAH - England youth international who made his league debut at Anfield in November 1992. Scored the extra-time winner against Watford in last season's FA Cup run, and has this season been on loan at Bournemouth.

ANDY ROBERTS - Joined Palace from Millwall in July, for £2.25 million, in a deal which also saw Ricky Newman move to the New Den. England Under-21 international who skippered David Pleat's Endsleigh XI in Italy last season.

DARREN PITCHER - Product of the National School of Excellence at Lilleshall, he joined Palace from Charlton in July 1994, and netted a memorable 35-yard goal in the FA Cup win at Wolves last term.

SIMON RODGER - A regular in 1993/94, he missed most of last season with a serious back injury.

ANTHONY SCULLY - Regular member of the Republic of Ireland's Under-21 squad, who joined Palace from Irish side Cherry Orchard.

PAUL SPARROW - Central defender who progressed through the Palace youth ranks, and made his first team debut following Richard Shaw's transfer to Coventry in November 1995.

GARETH TAYLOR - Started his career as a trainee with Southampton, before moving to Bristol Rovers. Joined Palace for £1.6 million in September 1995, and has formed a good striking partnership with Dougie Freedman.

STEVE TAYLOR - Striker signed from non-league Bromsgrove for £90,000 in June 1995, after looking set for a move to Kenilworth Road.

JAMIE VINCENT - Left-back or midfielder who signed a two-year contract in May 1995.

RHYS WILMOT - Goalkeeper signed from Grimsby for £80,000 at the start of last season. Started his career at Arsenal, and has also played for Hereford, Orient, Swansea and Plymouth.

## Meet the Manager



DAVE BASSETT arrived at Selhurst Park in 1996, just weeks after parting company with Sheffield United where he had been in charge since January 1988.

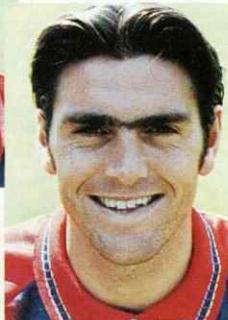
He led the Blades through two promotions to the Premiership, and to an FA Cup semi-final, but parted company with the club before Christmas by mutual consent.

Previously, he was manager at Wimbledon from 1981-87, and at Watford from 1987-88.

Former Manchester United winger and England international STEVE COPPELL is Technical Director at Selhurst Park, with RAY LEWINGTON remaining as first team coach.



LEFT: Gareth Davies



RIGHT: Marc Edworthy

## A Hatter and an Eagle.....

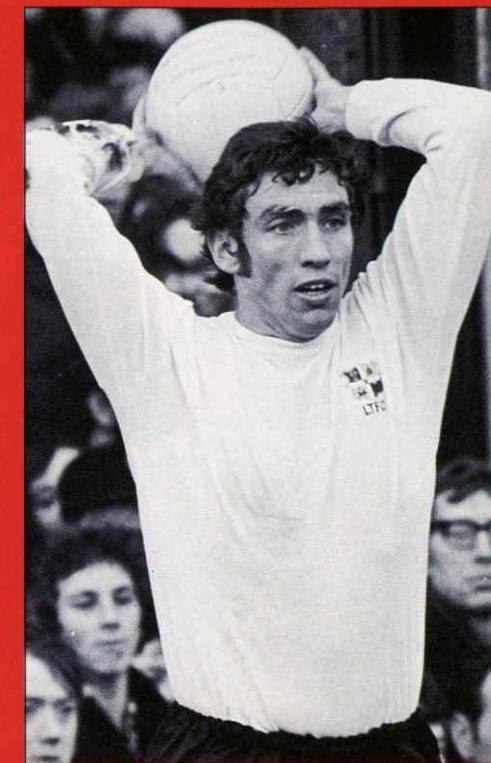
London-born ROGER HOY joined his boyhood favourites Tottenham Hotspur from school, and signed on as a professional for the White Hart Lane club in May 1964, as an 18-year-old.

He made his league debut two years later as a central defender, but was never given an extended run in the side after Spurs signed Mike England, and he was allowed to join Crystal Palace in September 1968.

In his first season at Selhurst Park, Hoy helped Palace win promotion to Division One and he then helped them narrowly avoid going straight back down in 1969/70, before being enticed to Kenilworth Road by Alec Stock, just as the Town were about to embark on their first campaign in Division Two for seven years.

Roger Hoy made 32 league appearances for the Town in his one season here and is remembered for the part he played in a strong Luton side that narrowly failed to gain further promotion. He is also remembered for his 'robust' style!

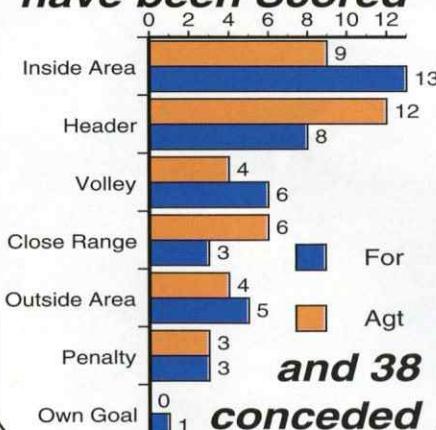
He was surprisingly transferred to Cardiff for £25,000 in August 1971 where a serious knee injury cut his appearances to only 16 in almost three years, before he made his final move, to non-league Bath City.



That was in 1974, and at the same time he was successfully suing Cardiff for wrongful dismissal after the club had cancelled his contract on medical grounds.

Following his spell at Twerton Park, Roger and his family headed for Australia, where he still lives. - ROGER WASH.

## How 39 Goals have been Scored



and 38 conceded

## Goal Scorers

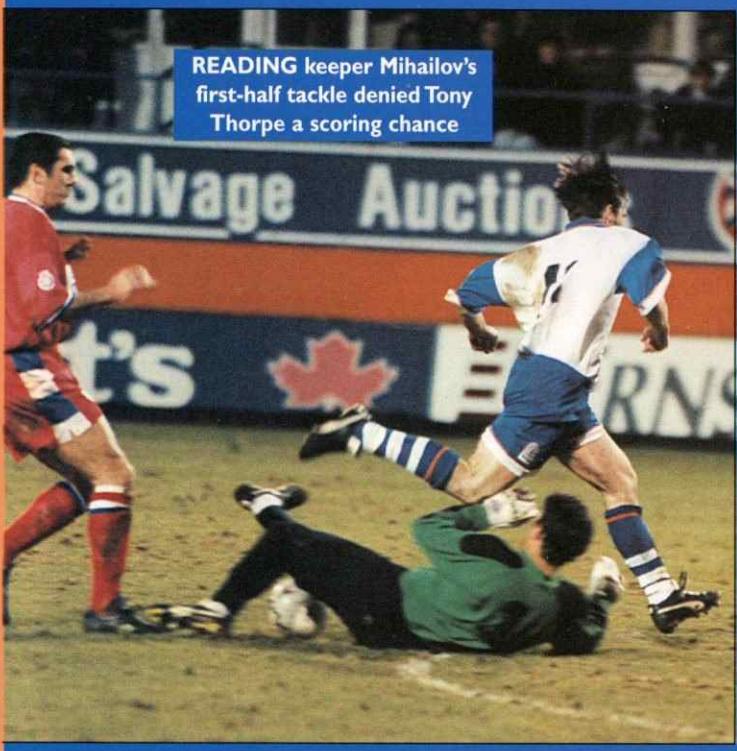
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Taylor	1	1				
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Cox	1					
McKenzie	1					
Vincent	1					

Legend: Lge (Red), Cup (Blue)

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Doug Freedman

## LUTON TOWN v READING



READING keeper Mihailov's first-half tackle denied Tony Thorpe a scoring chance

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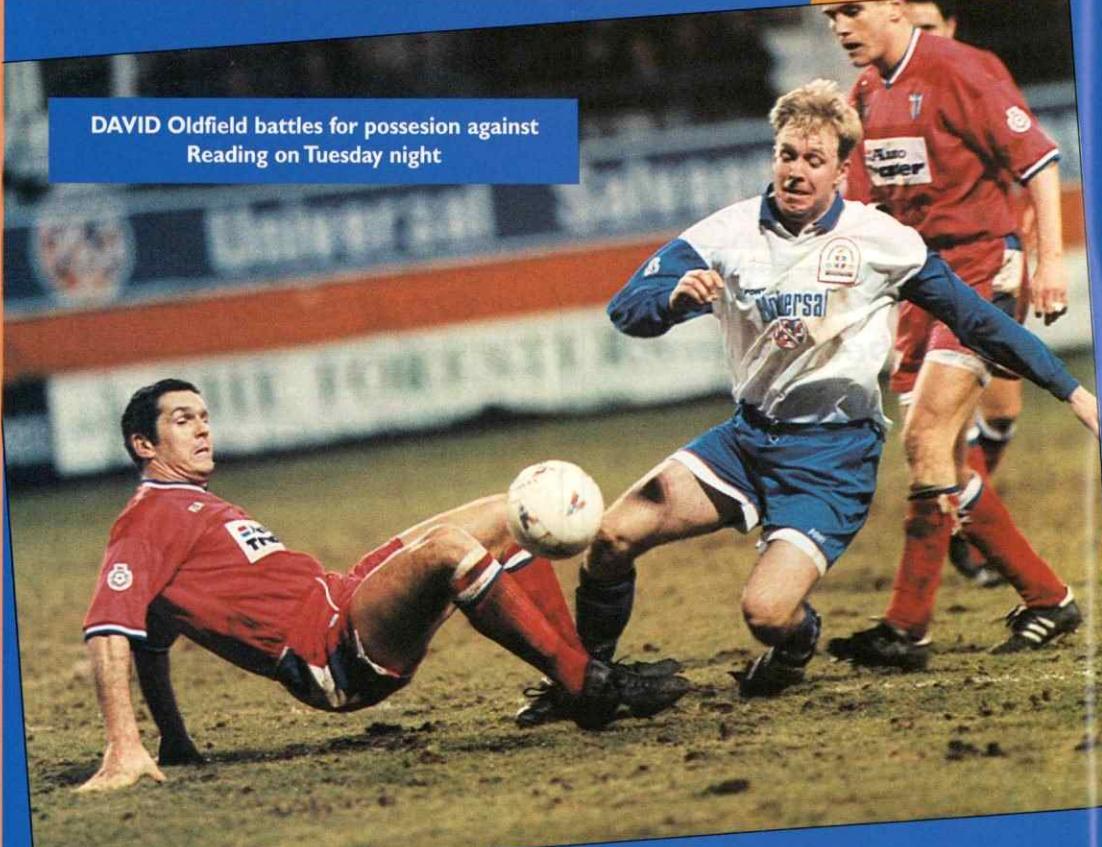
Result

Luton Town 1  
(Guentchev pen)

Reading 2  
(Booty, Lovell)

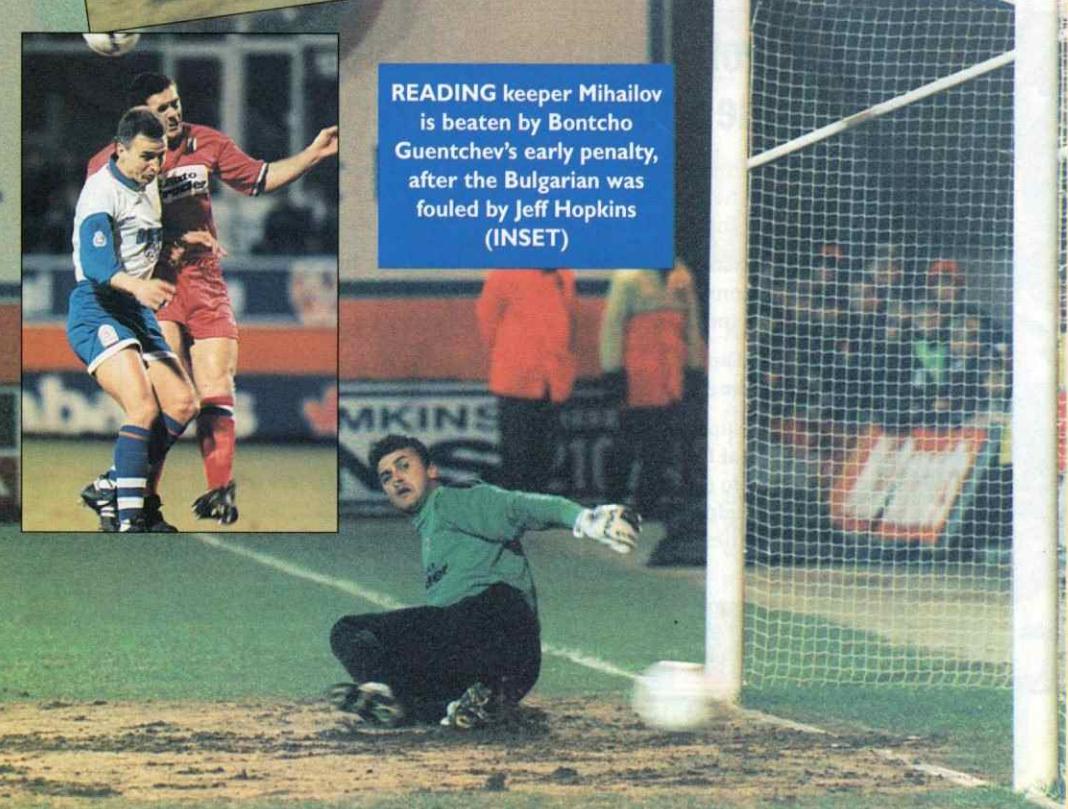
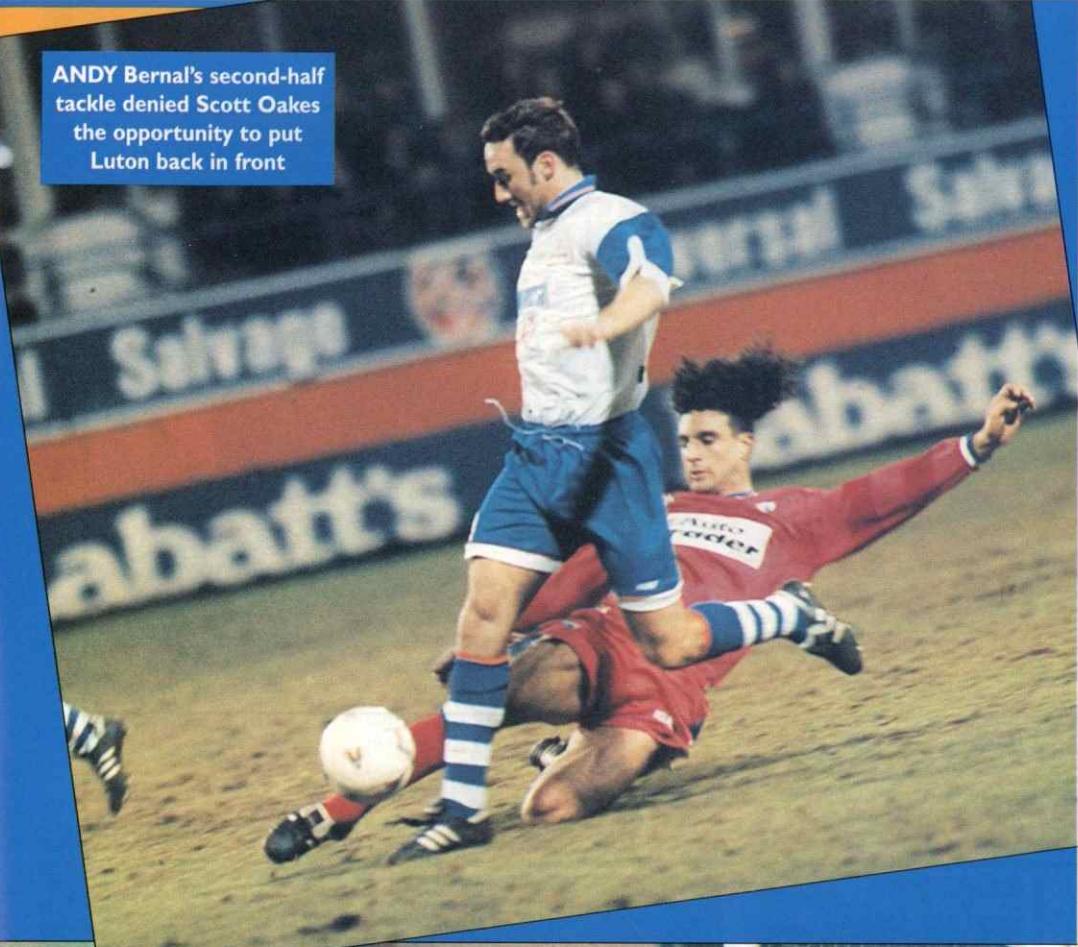
Attendance: 6,683

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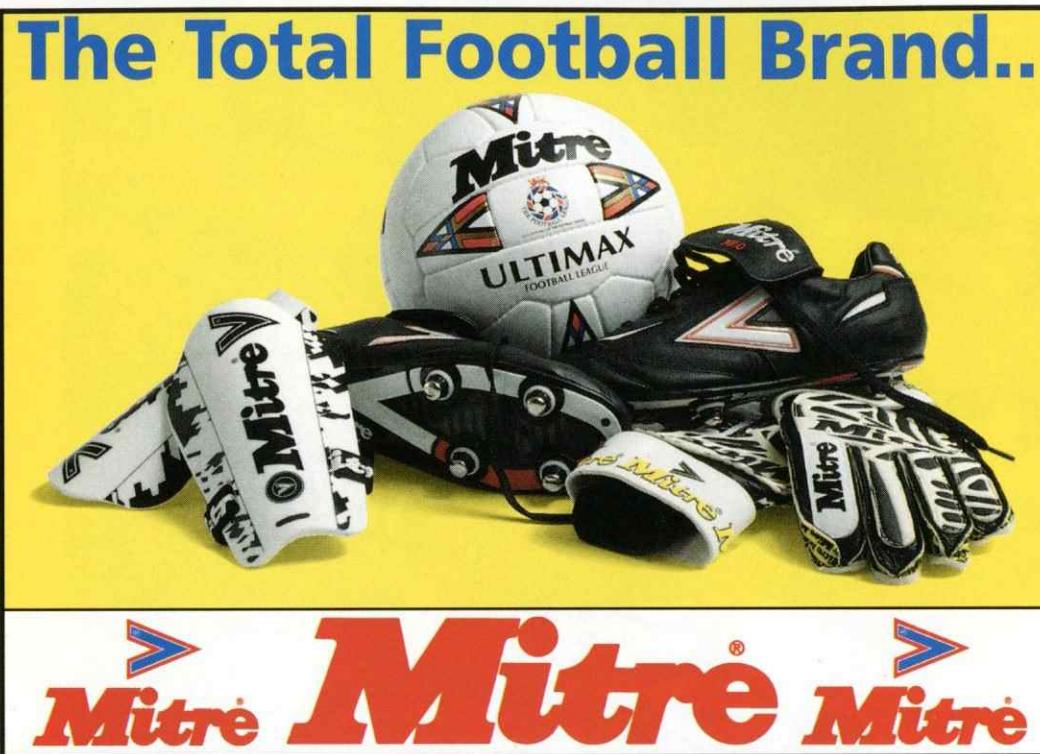
DAVID Oldfield battles for possession against Reading on Tuesday night

ANDY Bernal's second-half tackle denied Scott Oakes the opportunity to put Luton back in front



READING keeper Mihailov is beaten by Bontcho Guentchev's early penalty, after the Bulgarian was fouled by Jeff Hopkins (INSET)

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Don't forget the Saturday Club is for Junior Hatters on home matchdays, meeting at Dallow Road Junior School at 12 noon, and resumes today as we entertain Crystal Palace. The cost is £6.50, which includes your match ticket, (£3.50 for season ticket holders), lunch and supervised activities, with a visit from a Town player.

Parents can pick up their children from inside the Family Room after the game. Please bring trainers and a drink.

Places at the Saturday Club can be booked at the Club Shop, and we would ask you to book in advance so we can cater for the right number.

We are now taking bookings for trips to the matches at Sheffield United on Saturday, March 23, and to Charlton on Good Friday, April 5. Each trip will cost £10 for adults, and £8 for Junior Hatters - prices include match ticket.

Please book early at the Club Shop, as places are limited. Bookings can be made either in person or by phone on 01582 411622, but please note that we are unable to take bookings on a home matchday between 12 noon and 3pm.

All other Junior Hatters enquiries should be made to the Ticket Office on 01582 416976.

### MATCH DAY MASCOTS



Name: Danny Stevens  
Age: 13  
School: Leon County Secondary School, Bletchley  
Other hobbies: Swimming  
Favourite Luton player: Scott Oakes  
Local team that you play for: MK Boys FC  
Attends matches with: My Step Dad



ABOVE: Carl Bates was our mascot at Sunderland, and is pictured above at the pre-match photocall.

LEFT: Our mascot against Reading on Tuesday night was Paul Hegley. He is pictured with Kelvin Davis and Ian Feuer.

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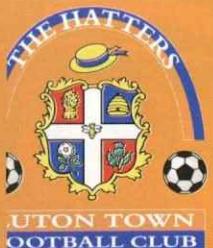
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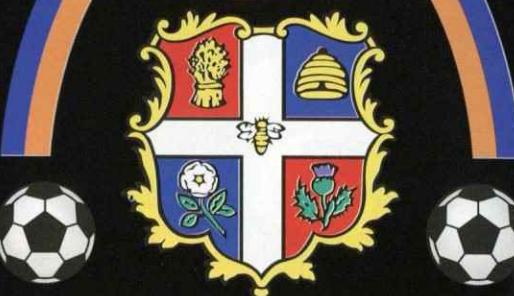
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# REUNION DATE WITH THE PALACE FOR DEFENDER DARREN



**DARREN**  
Patterson in action against Wolves in December at Kenilworth Road, one of his first full appearances for the Hatters since arriving from Crystal Palace in the summer.

HATTERS defender Darren Patterson hopes to return to the starting line-up this afternoon, bidding to put one over his old club, and finally overcome the injury jinx that has hampered his first seven months at Kenilworth Road, writes SIMON OXLEY.

Darren signed for the Hatters in August from Palace for £150,000, a fee which could rise to over £200,000 based on appearances.

But an achilles injury ruled him out of the first two months of the season, and kept him out of Northern Ireland's final European Championship qualifying matches.

"It has been frustrating to say the least," admitted Darren this week. "The longest I was ever out at Palace

was about three weeks, but after passing the medical here I wasn't really fit until Christmas.

"Then we all went down with the flu, I got it twice, and then just as I was starting to build a good partnership with Steve Davis in the centre of defence, I suffered the groin strain which kept me out at Sunderland and also meant I missed Tuesday's game against Reading.

"When you've been out for a long time you are prone to getting these niggling injuries, and although I was desperate to play on Tuesday because it was such an important game, it was felt that we couldn't take the risk.

"Hopefully I'll be able to resume against Palace, and it will be good to see them again, although there are one or two new faces since I left."



**LEFT:** The scene at Selhurst Park on Boxing Day, Luton's originally scheduled first meeting with Crystal Palace this season. Sadly the frost intervened, and the game was also postponed on January 27. Hopefully we will be at Selhurst Park on Tuesday, March 19.

Pictured: Wayne Turner, Lennie Lawrence and Steve Coppell on Boxing Day.

There certainly are, and especially in defence, where last season's back four, who despite relegation had one of the best defensive records in the Premiership, has been dismantled.

Chris Coleman (to Blackburn) and Richard Shaw (to Coventry) have made million pound moves back to the top flight, although Nigel Martyn and Dean Gordon remain.

"Nigel is an excellent keeper, and Dean Gordon is having another good season," said Darren.

"Also, we will have to watch for George Ndah, and after their win over Birmingham on Tuesday, Palace will be in excellent spirits and they are pushing for a play-off place.

"I enjoyed my time there and made some very good friends.

"We had a great cup run last season, but losing in the semi-final to Manchester United was devastating."

If that was the low point, then Darren's time at Selhurst Park, following his £250,000 move from Wigan in 1992, also provided the high point of an international debut for Northern Ireland.

"That was in 1994 at the Foxboro Stadium near Boston, in a tournament just prior to the World Cup," recalls Darren.

"Northern Ireland were playing Columbia, who had beaten Argentina 5-0 about three weeks before, and were a lot of people's tip for the World Cup.

"I came on as a substitute, and although we lost 2-0 it was a great experience to play against the likes of Asprilla and Valderrama."

Darren went on to claim a regular place at right-back, although his injury earlier this season halted that run of appearances.

"The Northern Ireland manager Bryan Hamilton kept in touch which was nice, and that helped a lot because I'm not a very good patient, as our physio Clive Goodyear will tell you!" he added.

"But I want to re-establish myself in the international team, and of course here at Kenilworth Road.

"There is still plenty more in the tank, and I have a lot to prove to people."

So first comes the battle against relegation, and then Darren aims to be a part of Hamilton's team that will aim to qualify for the next World Cup.

They are in a tough group though, with Germany, Portugal, Ukraine, Albania and Armenia, and with only the top team certain to go through - although the runners-up are given an opportunity to progress.

Keep up-to-date with all the news from Kenilworth Road  
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**ABOVE:** Darren and Mitchell Thomas have been important players in the back four during Luton's recent good run. They are pictured in action in the 3-2 home win over Grimsby Town at Kenilworth Road.

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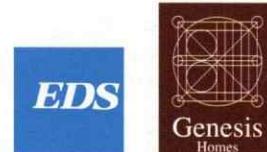
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## INJURY UPDATE..... with LTFC physio Clive Goodyear



I PROMISE never to write how quiet it's been in the treatment room again!

It has been more like an episode of Casualty in recent days.

Of course our major cause for concern has been **Dwight Marshall** who has suffered a fractured fibula, breaking the bone just above his left ankle, and damaging ankle ligaments.

Dwight was due out of hospital at the end of the week, but will be in plaster for six weeks, and we now have to aim for the start of next season as far as he is concerned.

**Darren Patterson** missed the games against Sunderland and Reading with a groin strain suffered against Derby, and could be fit to resume today.

At Sunderland we also suffered a number of other injuries, with **Richard Harvey**, **Marvin Johnson** and **Ceri Hughes** all requiring treatment.

Richard Harvey suffered a bruised foot, but should be fit to face Crystal Palace, with Marvin suffering with a



ABOVE: Dwight Marshall is stretchered off at Sunderland last Saturday, and is now out for the rest of the season.

hamstring problem again.

He could be fit today, but there is always a danger with these injuries that more serious damage could occur.

Ceri Hughes suffered with a back problem, but we will be able to take advantage of his suspension to carry out a scan to determine the extent of the injury.

Against Reading, **Tony Thorpe** suffered a 'dead' leg

just before half-time, with **Bontcho Guentchev** receiving a bruised calf. Both though should be fit today.

Also receiving treatment are Aaron Skelton (knee), Robert Sharpe (knee), Ian Jones (knee), Stuart Douglas (stomach), Andrew Barr (achilles) and Matthew Upson (knee). We may have to build an extension to the treatment room!



CERI Hughes



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The 'Learning through Football' project has proved very popular with schools throughout the county. Every available Tuesday and Thursday up to the Easter holiday has been booked by other schools, but there are many vacancies right through the summer term, and consequently it is hoped that no schools wishing to become involved need be disappointed.

All enquiries should be made by letter or telephone to Maurice at 27 Pegsdon Close, Luton, LU3 2LG, telephone (01582) 654145.

We aim to provide all children who visit

Kenilworth Road with an enjoyable and educational day, during which they will learn the history of the club from its formation in 1885, tackle mathematical assignments relating to football, and write about their experiences.

The 'lessons' are interspersed with visits to many parts of the club not normally seen by visitors, whereby children discover just what makes a football club tick.

A BIG thank-you to everyone who has attended the Half-Term coaching courses which, despite the weather, have proved popular, with schools from across the region holding one and two-day sessions.

We will shortly be announcing details of our Easter Holiday courses, so look out for those dates and venues in forthcoming programmes.

*AT half-time in the game against Southend, we introduced the Luton Town FC Penalty Challenge as part of your half-time entertainment - a competition organised in conjunction with The Windowcraft Chiltern Youth Football League.*

*The clubs in the competition, which covers the age groups of Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12, have held their own penalty shoot-outs to select their champion to represent them here at Kenilworth Road.*

*The penalty competition will resume at half-time today, with the Under 11 competition.*

*Representing Kensworth Juniors is Billy Loi, and he's up against Kevin Hare from AFC Houghton.*

*Please give the youngsters a cheer!*



**BILLY LOI**



**ABOVE:** The Under 10 Penalty Challenge participants (Matthew Lindgreen, David Cremin and Jason Kelly) are pictured at the half-time shoot-out against Millwall.

For details of community events, or for details about a coaching course at your school, contact: Jeff Vetere, Football in the Community, LTFC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW, or telephone on (01582) 411622.



# RESERVES & YOUTH ROUND-UP

## WITH TREVOR PEAKE AND JOHN MOORE

THE Town's Reserve team are due back in action on Wednesday, at Kenilworth Road, kick-off 7.30pm against Wimbledon.

Their game last Saturday at home to Ipswich was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch, thus preventing Scott Oakes from playing his first full game after a back injury.

Oakes was due to play to



**SCOTT Oakes**

gain match fitness ahead of Tuesday's first team home game against Reading.

Also set to line up for the Hatters against Ipswich was striker Jason Thomas, on trial from Birmingham, who had played in the 2-0 defeat at Charlton the previous midweek.

The Youth team did play last weekend however, winning 2-0 at Brentford in the South East Counties League.

Sean Evers and Steve Augustine were the Luton scorers.

Team: Webb, Lawes, Sweeney, Evers, Doherty, Upson, Cox, Spring (Barr), Douglas, Cornwall (Augustine), Smith.

Sub not used: Boyce.

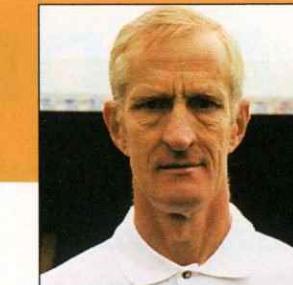
The youth team were due to entertain Brighton this morning.

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Hughes	2			Allen	1	
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Codner	2			Vilstrup	8	
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Smith	(1)			Harvey	3	
Jason Thomas	1			Marshall	1	1

Mon Aug 14 Swindon Town (A) drew 1-1  
 Wed Aug 23 Tottenham H (H) drew 3-3  
 Tue Aug 29 Portsmouth (A) drew 1-1  
 Wed Sep 6 QPR (H) lost 3-1  
 Mon Sep 11 Watford (H) drew 0-0  
 Wed Sep 20 Crystal Palace (H) lost 1-0  
 Tue Sep 26 West Ham Utd (A) lost 2-1  
 Mon Oct 2 Stoford (A) (BPC) won 3-2  
 Wed Oct 4 Bristol City (H) won 2-0  
 Wed Oct 11 Brighton (A) lost 3-1  
 Wed Oct 18 Charlton Ath (H) won 6-2  
 Wed Oct 25 Ipswich Town (A) won 1-0  
 Wed Nov 1 Wimbledon (A) lost 2-1  
 Wed Nov 8 Norwich City (H) lost 2-1  
 Wed Nov 15 Oxford Utd (A) lost 3-2  
 Wed Nov 22 Southampton (H) won 1-0  
 Tue Nov 28 Arsenal (H) lost 4-0  
 Wed Dec 6 Bristol Rovers (H) won 4-1  
 Mon Dec 11 Chelsea (A) drew 0-0  
 Mon Dec 18 Barton (A) BPC lost 2-1  
 Wed Jan 3 Portsmouth (H) won 2-0  
 Thur Jan 11 QPR (A) lost 2-1  
 Tue Jan 16 Watford (A) won 1-0  
 Sat Feb 3 Tottenham (A) lost 2-0  
 Wed Feb 14 Brighton (H) won 2-0  
 Wed Feb 21 Charlton Ath (A) lost 2-0  
 Wed Mar 6 Wimbledon (H) 7.30  
 Wed Mar 13 Norwich City (A) 7.30  
 Wed Mar 20 Oxford Utd (H) 7.30  
 Sat Mar 23 Millwall (H) 2pm  
 Wed Mar 27 Southampton (A) 7.30  
 Wed Apr 3 Arsenal (A) 3pm  
 Wed Apr 10 Bristol Rovers (A) 7.30  
 Wed Apr 17 Chelsea (H) 7.30  
 Mon Apr 22 Millwall (A) 7pm  
 Wed May 1 Swindon Town (H) 7.30  
 Tue May 7 West Ham (H) 7.30  
 TBA Crystal Palace (A)  
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All home matches to be played at Kenilworth Road until the end of November. From Wednesday, December 6, matches to be played at Hitchin Town FC until March.



### South East Counties League, FA Youth Cup, Southern Jnr Floodlit Cup, and Eastern Junior Cup

Sat Aug 12	Crystal Palace (H) lost 5-2	Thur Oct 26	C'bridge C (FAYC)(A) 9-1	Sat Feb 10	Bristol City (A) won 2-0
Sat Aug 19	Swindon Town (A) won 3-1	Sat Oct 28	C Palace (LC2)(A) lost 4-1	Sat Feb 17	Wimbledon (H) won 3-2
Sat Aug 26	Colchester U (H) won 2-0	Sat Nov 4	Barnet (H) lost 2-1	Mon Feb 19	Oxford United (A) lost 4-1
Mon Aug 28	Coventry (SJFC) (A) 1-1	Sat Nov 11	Reading (A) won 4-0	Sat Feb 24	Brentford (A) won 2-0
Thur Aug 31	Coventry (SJFC) (H) 0-3	Wed Nov 15	Kettering(EJC)(A)won11-3	Sat Mar 2	Brighton & Hove Albion(H)
Sat Sep 2	Wycombe W (A) lost 1-0	Sat Nov 18	Southampton (A) lost 3-1	Sat Mar 9	Barnet (A)
Sat Sep 9	Oxford United (H) drew 2-2	Sat Nov 25	Leicester C (FAYC)(A) 2-1	Sat Mar 16	Reading (H)
Sat Sep 16	C'bridge (LC1) (H) won 5-0	Sat Dec 2	Tottenham H (H) drew 2-2	Sat Mar 23	Southampton (H)
Sat Sep 23	Bournemouth (A) won 4-0	Sat Dec 9	Bristol Rovers (A) won 1-0	Tue Mar 26	Cambridge C (EJC) (H)
Sat Sep 30	Bristol City (H) won 3-2	Sat Dec 16	Bristol Rovers (H) won 1-0	Sat Mar 30	Tottenham Hotspur (A)
Tue Oct 3	B'ham/S (EJC)(A) won 6-0	Sat Jan 6	Swindon Town (H) won 3-1	Sat Apr 13	Crystal Palace (A)
Sat Oct 7	Wimbledon (A) lost 2-0	Tue Jan 9	L'pool (FAYC) (A) lost 5-0	Sat Apr 27	Brighton (A)
Sat Oct 14	Brentford (H) won 4-1	Sat Jan 13	Colchester U (A) drew 1-1	Sat May 4	Bournemouth (H)
Sat Oct 21	C Palace (LC2) (H) 1-1	Sat Jan 20	Wycombe W (H) lost 3-1		Home matches played at Luton RUFC.

### Youth Team League & Cup Appearances and Goalscorers

Lge apps	Lge goals	Cup apps	Cup goals	
Abbey	12		7	Statistics up to and including Saturday, February 24.
Turner	15 (1)	1	7 (2)	
Sharpe	14		9	<u>Also played</u>
Sweeney	18 (3)		7 (1)	Lawes - 3 league app + 1 cup app
Jones	11 (1)		1 (3)	Ryan - 1 league app
Willmott	17 (2)	5	8	Cox - 4 league app + 1 sub, 1 goal
Augustine	16 (3)	7	6 (2)	Provencial - 2 league sub
Evers	15 (1)	2	8	Bryson - 1 league app + 1 sub
Douglas	13 (3)	5	6 (2)	Boyce - 1 league app
Barr	11 (5)	8	2 (3)	Peterkin - 1 sub app
Kean	15 (1)	1	7 (3)	Cornwall - 1 league app + 1 sub app
Lawrence	(2)		1	
Fotiadis	12 (3)	7	9	
Webb	10		3	
Upson	18 (1)		6 (1)	
Smith	12 (8)	3	8 (1)	
George	10 (3)	1	3 (3)	
Thomas	10 (2)		4 (4)	
Doherty	1 (1)		3	
Spring	3 (2)		4	

South East Counties League					
Div Two (up to and including 17.2.96)					
P	W	D	L	F	A
Crystal P	20	16	3	1	60 18 35
LUTON T	20	11	3	6	40 27 25
Wycombe	22	11	3	8	36 35 25
Bournemouth	20	10	2	9	36 33 24
Southampton	21	10	2	9	38 20 22
Oxford	19	10	2	7	37 27 22
Brentford	22	9	4	9	29 34 22
Wimbledon	18	10	1	7	37 24 21
Barnet	22	7	7	8	30 29 21
Tottenham	20	7	7	6	36 36 21
Brighton	19	9	2	8	26 28 20
Bristol City	21	5	6	10	28 36 16
Bristol R	21	5	5	11	27 37 15
Swindon	20	5	5	10	24 36 15
Reading	21	6	3	12	23 56 15
Colchester	22	2	5	15	21 52 9

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March 18, at  
7.30pm, in the Eric  
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(New members  
welcome to join on  
the night).**



## SAFETY NOTE

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The club's primary responsibility through the Safety Officer, Officials, Staff and Stewards will be to ensure the reasonable safety of those attending the stadium.

In the interests of public safety, the safety authority (Beds County Council) have imposed a NO SMOKING restriction in and beneath our main stand. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Action pictures featured in the matchday programme are available at the special price of just £2 per print! Write to Simon Oxley, at the club, giving a brief description of the picture (programme and page number etc), and enclosing a cheque/postal order made payable to Luton Town Football Club.

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# Six-goal clash in championship season



ABOVE: Raddy Antic fires in a free-kick against Palace in the 1-0 home victory.

THE Town got off to a great start in their championship season of 1981/82 winning their first three games at a canter to become early leaders.

After a couple of home setbacks all became right again with the thumping of old enemies Watford at Kenilworth Road, and the team began to have that unbeatable look about it.

The 'swagger' was typified in the 6-0 win over Grimsby at Kenilworth Road in mid-October followed by an easy 2-0 victory at Wrexham (where we had never won before) setting us up for a home game against Crystal Palace when we hoped to consolidate our position at the top.

Our starting line-up had remained virtually unchanged for the first dozen games of the campaign and we started confidently against a Palace side that was struggling at the wrong end of the table.

Setting out their stall early however, Palace had obviously come for a point and filtered back in defence at the first sign of danger.

When you have already lost six of your games by 1-0 at that stage in the season, playing a defensive game is dangerous and, as if to prove a point, after David Moss put the Town in front from the penalty spot after 30 minutes that was the way the score was going to stay.

The penalty, earned when Steve Lovell fouled Steve White in the area, came at the end of a period of Town pressure which had seen Brian Stein go close on two occasions but, try as they might, they could not increase the lead as Palace continued to defend in depth.

The crowd of 11,712 went home reasonably happy with the Town's performance realising that teams were going to come to Kenilworth Road and play defensively and hope for a breakaway at the other end. Palace had only one shot on target and that came from substitute David Price in the last minute.

The only low spot that afternoon was an injury to centre-half Mike Saxby who limped off after 70 minutes. Little did we know at the time that the knee injury, caused by an innocuous turn in the penalty area, would effectively end his football career.

By the time of the return, the following March, the Town were going through a mini-crisis having gone three games without a win including our first defeat for four months.

We were however, still top of the table while Palace were still down at the wrong end although they were heartened by a win at Chelsea the previous week.

This time negative thoughts went out of the window straight from the kick-off with both

teams attacking with a will, and Palace opened the scoring after eight minutes when Neil Smillie was left free at the far post to meet a long cross.

The lead was short lived though, when Raddy Antic curled in a shot from the edge of the box four minutes later, only for Kevin Mabbutt, who had made his Palace debut at Luton earlier in the season, giving the advantage back to the Eagles by scoring right from the restart, reacting first to a long ball over the top.

Back came the Town and a minute later a strong run from White took him into the box where he was upended by Paul Hinshelwood. Moss duly dispatched his tenth penalty of the season to level the scores.

We eventually went ahead for the first time shortly before the interval when, following good work from Antic and Ricky Hill, Stein was left with a free header at the far post. On the run of play we just about deserved to be ahead.

Palace started the second period in determined fashion and it was the Town's turn to defend in depth although the Eagles rarely looked like getting through to test Jake Findlay in the Luton goal.

An inspired substitution by Palace manager Steve Kember changed the game when he introduced winger Vince Hilaire, who was later to have a spell at Kenilworth Road, into the fray with 20 minutes remaining, and it was his trickery that set up the equaliser with Smillie hammering home his second goal of the game.

The final whistle went with the Town on the attack but the 3-3 scoreline was a fair one and both teams went off to a standing ovation in complete contrast to the reaction following the negative clash between the two sides the previous October.

To finish on a happy note, the Town went the rest of the season unbeaten and walked away with the Championship!

Luton: (first game): Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Goodyear, Saxby (Antic), Hill, Horton, Fuccillo, Stein, White, Moss.

(second game): Findlay, Stephens, Goodyear, Donaghy, Turner, Hill, Antic, Horton, Stein, White, Moss.

Crystal Palace: (first game): Barron, Bason, Cannon, Gilbert, Lovell, Galliers, Murphy, Smillie, Brooks (Price), Mabbutt, Langley.

(second game): Barron, Hinshelwood, Wicks, Gilbert, Boulter, Murphy, Giles, Smillie, Cannon, Langley (Hilaire), Mabbutt.



by ROGER WASH

## 5 YEARS AGO

5/3/91: After two straight victories it was back to losing ways with a 3-0 defeat at Manchester City with all the goals coming in the first-half.

## 10 YEARS AGO

1/3/86: A perfect first-half header from Mick Harford was enough to earn us all three points against Sheffield Wednesday at Kenilworth Road. This win meant we were safe from relegation; unheard of for this time in the season since our return to the top division four years before!

## 15 YEARS AGO

7/3/81: With Raddy Antic back in the side in a sweeper role the Town went to promotion chasing Notts County, and returned with all three points.

## 20 YEARS AGO

2/3/76: Another single goal victory, this time over Southampton at Kenilworth Road. The Luton goalscorer was Jimmy Husband, in front of a crowd of 13,737, with the win pushing us up to sixth position in Division Two.

Those were the days



LEFT: Bontcho Guentchev on the defensive at Roker Park.

BELOW: John Taylor and Sunderland skipper Kevin Ball.

INSET: Three minutes to go, and Taylor can't believe that Shay Given has saved his late volley.



LEFT: Sunderland keeper Shay Given saves from Dwight Marshall (left) after six minutes, and Andy Melville (6) clears.



ABOVE: Dariusz Kubicki tests Bontcho's ankle guards.

RIGHT: Vidar Riseth had a chance to equalise for the Hatters in injury-time.



SUNDERLAND 1  
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February 24, 1996

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ABOVE: Tony Thorpe takes evasive action.

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## Transfer deadline day approaches....

THE deadline for Endsleigh Insurance League clubs to register new players for the current campaign arrives later this month at 5pm on Thursday, March 28.

Players registered after this date will only be eligible to play in matches under the jurisdiction of The Football League for which permission is granted by the League's board of directors.

The Board only allows such players to appear in matches which do not have a bearing on promotion or relegation issues. Featuring in any of the League's three knockout competitions would also be excluded.

The Football League will also be advising all clubs to ensure that they have a sufficient number of goalkeepers registered prior to the deadline, as dispensation will not be given to clubs to sign and play goalkeepers after this date.

Transfer deadline day 1995 was a busy one at Kenilworth Road, with John Taylor signing from Bradford, Kerry Dixon leaving for Millwall, and goalkeeper Martyn Margetson joining on loan from Manchester City.

### Midweek matches in Division One:

Tuesday, March 5

Birmingham City v Wolverhampton Wanderers

Charlton Athletic v Southend United

Crystal Palace v Grimsby Town

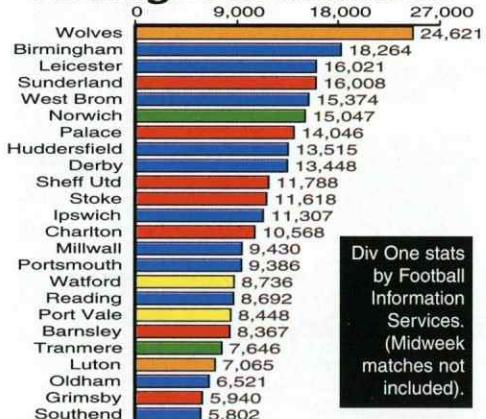
Watford v Derby County

Also Tuesday, March 5

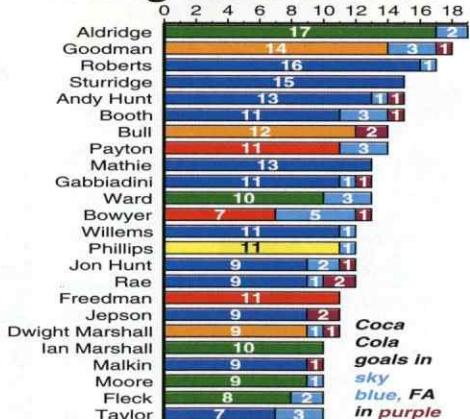
Anglo-Italian Cup - English Final (Second Leg)

Port Vale v West Brom

### Average Attendances



### Leading Div 1 Scorers



Div One stats by Football Information Services. (Midweek matches not included).



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## Sunday date for Anglo Italian final

THE Football League have this week confirmed that this season's Anglo-Italian Cup Final will take place at Wembley Stadium on Sunday, March 17, with a kick-off time of 1.30pm.

Genoa have already qualified from the Italian section, after a 5-0 aggregate victory over Serie B counterparts Cesena, and the English representatives will be either West Brom or Port Vale.

The two Division One sides shared a 0-0 draw at the Hawthorns last Saturday, and play their second leg on Tuesday, which has meant the postponement of Luton's trip to Vale Park.

A reminder to Luton fans that if Port Vale reach the Wembley final it will mean the postponement of the Hatters' home league game against John Rudge's side on March 16.

## Peake confirmed as Luton's oldest ever League player!

WHEN Trevor Peake took the field for the Hatters against Reading on Tuesday evening, he furthered his record as Luton's oldest ever player in the Football League.

Peake celebrated his 39th birthday on February 10, making him 39 years and 17 days on Tuesday, passing the previously published record of 39 years 11 days held by former player/manager Dally Duncan when he lined up against Spurs on October 25, 1947.

It was thought that a new record had been set on



ABOVE: Trevor Peake in action for the Hatters against Reading.

Tuesday..... but that's not the case!

Trevor Peake had in fact been the record holder since February last year, because further research by Luton Town's club historian Roger Wash revealed that Duncan was in fact born on October 14, 1909, making him 38 years and 11 days when he played against Tottenham.

So Trevor broke Dally Duncan's record when he played for Luton in the 2-2 draw at Bristol City last season.

However he still has a little way to go until he becomes Luton's oldest ever player.

Bob Hawkes, who was born on October 18, 1880, made his final appearance for Luton on April 26, 1920, aged 39 years and 191 days. That was when the Town played in the Southern League.

## Greene back after Colchester loan spell

REPUBLIC of Ireland Under-21 international David Greene has returned to Kenilworth Road after a three-month loan spell at third division Colchester United, helping the Layer Road side's bid for promotion.

Town manager Lennie Lawrence ruled out a permanent deal, but said that David could be loaned out again before the end of the season.

David joined the Hatters from school in August 1991, and made his first-team debut at Grimsby Town in March 1993.

He appeared in the 1994 FA Cup campaign, deputising for skipper Trevor Peake in the 0-0 quarter-final draw at West Ham, and was a regular for the Eire Under-21 last term, captaining the Irish youngsters against England, at Newcastle.



## Forthcoming live ITV coverage

THE following Endsleigh League Division One games have been confirmed for live ITV coverage:

Sunday, March 3, 1996

Grimsby Town v Sunderland - 3pm on Yorkshire and Tyne-Tees.

Ipswich Town v Leicester City - 3pm

on Anglia and Central.

Oldham Athletic v Tranmere Rovers - 3pm on Granada.

Good Friday, April 5, 1996

Charlton Athletic v LUTON TOWN - 2.15pm on Carlton.

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LEFT: Premier sweat tops, as worn by the LTFC squad

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THIS afternoon we welcome Commercial Mascot Dominic Batchelor to Kenilworth Road.

Dominic was 11 on Monday, and attends Alban Middle School in Great Barford.

He plays in goal for Potton Colts and his school team, and his favourite Luton player is Ian Feuer.

Dominic attends Town matches with his Dad, and Uncle Alan.

THIS afternoon we welcome match sponsors the LOYAL LUTON SUPPORTERS CLUB, and matchball sponsors FORWARD MOTOR SERVICES.

The Loyal Luton Supporters Club are very active in their backing of the Hatters.

They support and promote our Junior Team of the Month Award (see page 45) and are regular match sponsors.

The club have also formed a team playing in the South Beds Sunday League, and anyone wishing to join the Loyal Luton Supporters should go along to the Eric Morecambe Lounge before home games.

Today's matchball sponsors are Forward Motor Services, of Dallow Road, Luton.

The company have recently celebrated their 21st anniversary in providing a personal service to motorists.

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- We have a limited number of 5, 8 and 14-seat Executive Boxes available for the forthcoming home games against Port Vale, Stoke and Barnsley.

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For more details please contact the Commercial Department on (01582) 411622.

- We are also able to confirm details of our Luton Town Sportsmen's Dinner, which will be held at the Strathmore Hotel, Luton, on Monday, May 20.

Our guest speaker is Kevin Connelly, one of the country's leading after-dinner entertainers,

and Luton Town players and management will also be in attendance.

Tickets are £35 (+VAT), and can be obtained from the Commercial Department.

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LEFT: Anachem were joint match sponsors against Reading on Tuesday. Des Linton, Johnny Vilstrup, Gary Waddock, David Oldfield and Mitchell Thomas do the after-match honours.



RIGHT: Executive Box facilities are available at forthcoming home games. See page 42 (left) for details.

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LTFC Players and Management attending

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## WIN TICKETS FOR YOUR JUNIOR TEAM

Our February Team of the Month Winners are STOPSLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL.

They have been nominated by parent Mrs J.P. Bierton, who writes:

*"The school started playing football competitively two years ago, and because there are not enough boys in the year six to make a full team, they have had to include boys from the lower years.*

*"They won their first outdoor match last autumn and did manage to reach the quarter finals of the indoor six-a-side tournament last November, in which they played their socks off.*

*"Regular after school training is now under way again following the Christmas break.*

*"They are all very keen lads and to be awarded the Team of the Month would boost their confidence for this their last year together before the older lads go on to High School."*

We look forward to welcoming the youngsters to Kenilworth Road, for a forthcoming home league game.

This is the second award made so far

this season. At the home game against Millwall, our January winners ACD Hornets were guests of the club.

The Loyal Luton Supporters Club have once again teamed up with LutonTown to offer junior teams in the area the chance to watch a Hatters home match absolutely free.

The fans have successfully applied for a grant from the National Westminster Bank, as part of the bank's community programme, and, supported by the Football Club, wish to donate tickets for youngsters in the area to try and attract new supporters to Kenilworth Road.

The winning team will be selected from nominations, and is not just aimed at the teams at the top of the leagues.

Managers or parents should write to the club telling them why their team should be the Team of the Month. It may be that you recorded a first win, or only lost narrowly to the top side in your league.

Nominations should be sent to: Junior Team Award, c/o Simon Oxley, LTFC, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds.

### LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

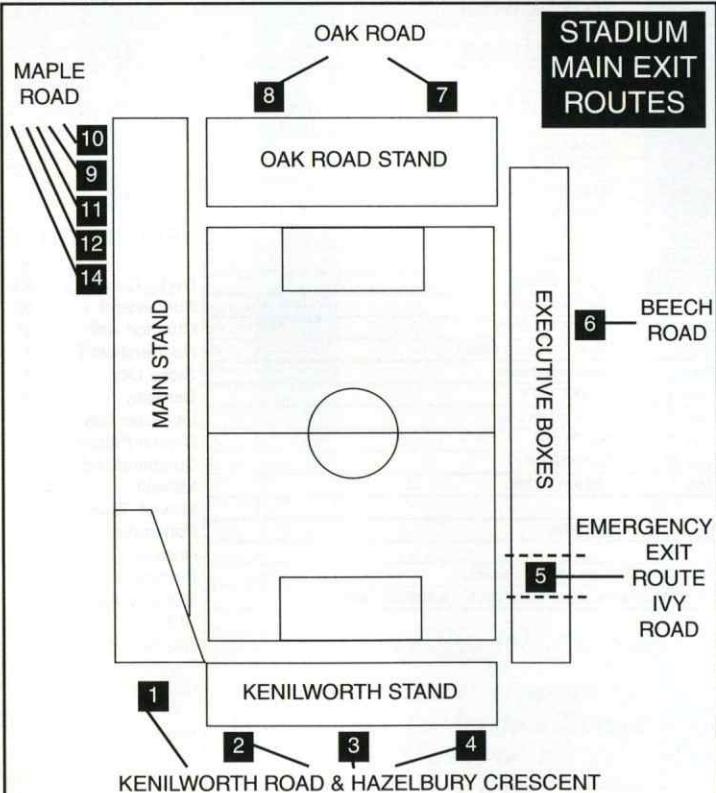
In the event of any emergencies at Luton Town Football Club, the emergency services and the club have agreed on an evacuation policy which is designed to:

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GEOFF LOVELL,  
Safety Manager.



## TEAM STATISTICS 1995-96

LUTON TOWN FC League and Cup Appearances 1995/96

AYER (figure in bracket = sub. app.)	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS	PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub. app.)	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS
Irvin DAVIS	5		4		Rob MATTHEWS			(1)	
Michael THOMAS	11 (2)		2 (2)		Des LINTON	6 (2)			3
Marvin JOHNSON	25		5	1	Gavin JOHNSON	5 (1)			
Harry WADDOCK	20 (4)		3 (1)		Jamie WOODSFORD	1 (2)			(2)
Mike HUGHES	21 (1)	1	2		Aaron SKELTON				1
Howard PEAKE	15 (3)				Sean EVERE				1
Stephen ALEXANDER	25 (1)	1	3 (2)		Ian FEUER	25			1
David OLDFIELD	15 (10)	2	5		Johnny VILSTRUP	6 (1)			2
Henry THORPE	11 (8)	3	2 (4)	1	Paul McLAREN	9	1	4	
Antoncho GUENTCHEV	15 (8)	7	5 (1)	2	Scott OAKES	15 (1)	3	4	
Richard HARVEY	25 (4)	1	6		Vidar RISETH	5 (5)			1
John TAYLOR	14 (5)		3	1	Darren PATTERSON	9 (2)			3
Urgen SOMMER	2		2		Matthew UPSON				1
Steve DAVIS	26	2	6		Stuart DOUGLAS	2 (2)	1	(1)	
Eight MARSHALL	23 (3)	9	5 (1)	4	Gary SIMPSON				(1)
Ian JAMES	17 (3)		4						



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## TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Today's referee is

**JOHN KIRKBY, from  
Sheffield.**

Mr Kirkby, a Senior Business Administrator with Bass Taverns, refereed the home game against Charlton at Kenilworth Road in October.

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## WEEKEND MATCHES IN DIVISION ONE

Birmingham City v Sheffield Utd

Derby County v Huddersfield Town

Millwall v Wolverhampton W

Portsmouth v Charlton Athletic

Reading v Watford

Southend Utd v Norwich City

Stoke City v Barnsley

West Brom v Port Vale

Grimsby Town v Sunderland (Sun)

Ipswich Town v Leicester City (Sun)

Oldham Ath v Tranmere R (Sun)

## TEAM CHECK

### LUTON TOWN

Manager: Lennie Lawrence

Ian FEUER

1 Nigel MARTYN

Julian JAMES

2 Marc EDWORTHY

Mitchell THOMAS

3 Dean GORDON

Gary WADDOCK

4 Andy ROBERTS

Trevor PEAKE

5 Gareth DAVIES

Des LINTON

6 David HOPKIN

Bontcho GUENTCHEV

7 Leif ANDERSEN

David OLDFIELD

8 Ray HOUGHTON

John TAYLOR

9 Dougie FREEDMAN

Graham ALEXANDER

10 George NDAH

Tony THORPE

11 Bruce DYER

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