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CRYSTAL PALACE
v
LUTON TOWN
Tuesday, 19th March 1996
Kick Off 7.45pm

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RESULTS UPDATE

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

Monday 11th March

MILLWALL 3

CRYSTAL PALACE 1

(Half Time 1-1)

Palace: Bruce, Burton, Cyrus, Quinn, Gale, Vincent, Cox, Launder, Veart, McKenzie, Rodger.

Substitutes: Mullins (for Gale), Enqvist (for Veart), Ginty (for Rodger).

Scorer: Veart.

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tuesday 12th March

CRYSTAL PALACE 2

TRANMERE ROVERS 1

(Half Time 1-1)

Palace: Martyn, Edworthy, Gordon, Roberts, Tuttle, Hopkin, Pitcher, Houghton, Freedman, Ndah, Andersen.

Substitutes: Veart (for Ndah), Dyer (for Freedman), Rodger (for Pitcher).

Scorers: Ndah, Hopkin.

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday 16th March

GRIMSBY TOWN 0

CRYSTAL PALACE 2

(Half Time 0-1)

Palace: Martyn, Edworthy, Gordon, Roberts, Tuttle, Hopkin, Pitcher, Rodger, Freedman, Ndah, Andersen.

Substitutes: Veart (for Freedman), Dyer (not used), Vincent (not used)

Scorers: Ndah, Tuttle.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

Saturday 16th March

CRYSTAL PALACE 2

WIMBLEDON 0

(Half Time 2-0)

Palace: Bruce, Kennedy, Metcalfe, Collins, Hibbert, Mullins, Folan, Graham, Martin, Morrison, Wolsey.

Substitutes: Small-King (for Folan), Stevens (for Morrison), Kadi (not used).

Scorers: Martin, Morrison.

SURREY SENIOR CUP

Semi-Final replay

Saturday 16th March

WOKING 4

CRYSTAL PALACE 1

(Half Time 1-1)

Palace: J. Wastall, S. Coppell, Cyrus, Quinn, B. Sparrow, Garland, Cox, Launder, Stevens, Dillon, Ginty.

Substitutes: Small-King (for Garland), Morrison (for Stevens), Kadi (for Launder).

Scorer: Stevens.

Selhurst Scene...

WITH MANAGER
DAVE BASSETT



Firstly tonight I would like to refer back to that game against Tranmere Rovers here at Selhurst a week ago. I was obviously delighted with the result and the three points and Hoppy's great goal at the end certainly made for a marvellous finish.

However, one cannot overlook the first half performance where we came second all round the park. We never won any individual battles and, whilst Tranmere failed to cause us any great problems as far as goalscoring opportunities were concerned, they did have the majority of the possession. Their equalising goal highlighted perfectly our poor organisation when we were trying to mark three of their players with just two of our own men. Myself and Ray Lewington pointed out one or two things to the players at half time and we did start to improve in the second period. Again though in that final forty-five minutes we failed to create as many goalscoring situations as I would have liked to have seen and we were certainly guilty of over elaborating in our play. We should certainly have allowed the ball to have done more of the work instead of using the players.

Last Saturday we made the long trip up to Blundell Park for the game against Grimsby Town and I must say I was delighted with what was a good result for us. Grimsby was always going to be a difficult one, because in my opinion and despite them being at the wrong end of the league, they are a good side. We had to go there and battle hard for the victory as they were up for the game having been beaten 5-0 in the reverse fixture recently. The first half was very even with equal goal opportunities for both sides and we did well to go one up through a great strike from George Ndah. We went at Grimsby from the off in the second period and I was slightly concerned that in the first ten minutes after the break we had not converted one of four or five golden chances to go 2-0 up. We did keep plugging away which emphasised our character and at the end of the day the victory was reasonably conclusive.

Finally I would like to welcome Luton Town and their supporters here tonight. I trust we will at last get this much postponed game under way and that we will enjoy a good evening's entertainment.

Dave

Fixture Focus

Wednesday, 20th March

Reserves v Swindon

Kick Off 7.00pm

at Dulwich Hamlet

Monday, 23rd March

1st XI v Portsmouth

Kick Off 3.00pm

at Selhurst Park

Youth X1 v Brentford

Kick Off 11.00am

at Osterley

Monday, 25th March

Reserves v Tottenham

Kick Off 7.30pm

at St. Albans

DIVISION ONE LEADING GOALSCORERS

	L	F	C	E	O	T
Edwards (Huddersfield)	17	2	4	0	0	23
(21 for Crewe)						
Barnes (Birmingham)	16	0	5	0	2	23
(22 for York)						
Aldridge (Tranmere)	20	0	2	0	0	22
Roberts (Leicester)	18	0	1	0	0	19
Goodman (Wolves)	15	1	3	0	0	19
Freedman (Crystal P)	18	0	0	0	0	18
(3 for Barnet)						
Taylor (West Brom)	12	0	3	0	3	18

(up to and inc 18/3/96)

TONIGHT'S OTHER FIXTURES

Endsleigh League Division One

Barnsley v Huddersfield

Ipswich v Oldham

Reading v Southend

FA Carling Premiership

Aston Villa v Middlesbrough

UEFA Cup Quarter-Final (2nd leg)

Nottm Forest (1) v Bayern Munich (2)

PLAYING WEDNESDAY

Endsleigh League Division One

Birmingham v WBA

Port Vale v Norwich

FA Carling Premiership

Bolton v Tottenham

Man Utd v Arsenal

Southampton v Sheffield Wed

FA Cup 6th round replays

Liverpool v Leeds

Wimbledon v Chelsea

At Dec 16	Stoke City	W	2	1	12,908	17
At Dec 23	West Bromwich Albion	W	3	2	13,103	15
At Jan 13	Ipswich Town	D	1	1	14,401	15
At Jan 20	Barnsley	D	1	1	6,620	15
At Feb 4	Charlton Athletic	D	0	0	13,560	15
At Feb 10	Sheffield United	D	0	0	15,883	15
At Feb 17	Watford	W	4	0	13,930	15
At Feb 20	Tranmere Rovers	W	3	2	5,253	8
At Feb 24	Huddersfield Town	L	0	3	13,041	11
At Feb 27	Birmingham City	W	3	2	13,415	8
At Mar 2	Luton Town	D	0	0	8,663	9
At Mar 5	Grimsby Town	W	5	0	12,623	5
At Mar 9	West Bromwich Albion	W	1	0	19,254	5
At Mar 12	Tranmere Rovers	W	2	1	13,183	3
At Mar 16	Grimsby Town	W	2	0	5,059	3
At Mar 19	Luton Town					
At Mar 23	Portsmouth					
At Mar 30	Millwall					
At Apr 2	Port Vale					
At Apr 6	Leicester City					
At Apr 8	Reading					
At Apr 13	Southend United					
At Apr 20	Wolverhampton Wanderers					
At Apr 27	Derby County					
At May 4	Norwich City					

Results update

We list below Luton's recent results, which updates the panel on page 10 of the original programme:

Huddersfield	H	D	2-2	Marshall, Oldfield
Southend	H	W	3-1	Oakes 2, Guentchev
Norwich City	A	W	1-0	Guentchev
Sheffield Utd	H	W	1-0	Guentchev
Leicester City	A	D	1-1	Thorpe
Grimsby Town	H	W	3-2	Guentchev, Alexander, Marshall
Millwall	H	W	1-0	Thorpe
Derby County	A	D	1-1	Marshall
Sunderland	A	L	0-1	
Reading	H	L	1-2	Guentchev
Crystal Palace	H	D	0-0	
Huddersfield	A	L	0-1	

(Up to and including 18th March 1996)

Crystal Palace appearances and goals 1995/96 season

Player	D.O.B.	Signed from	League		Cup		CP career	
			Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Leif Andersen	19.4.71	Moss F.K. 15.1.96	7 (2)	-	-	-	9	-
Jeroen Boere	18.11.67	(now Southend)	(8)	1	-	-	8	1
Chris Coleman	10.6.70	(now Blackburn)	17	-	4	-	190	16
Ian Cox	25.3.71	Carlshallton 8.3.94	1 (3)	-	(1)	1	18	1
Jason Cundy	12.11.69	(loan from Tottenham)	4	-	-	-	4	-
Gareth Davies	11.12.73	Hereford 1.7.95	12 (2)	2	2	-	16	2
Iain Dowie	9.1.65	(now West Ham)	4	2	-	-	25	10
Bruce Dyer	13.4.75	Watford 9.3.94	17 (9)	10	4 (1)	1	64	13
Marc Edworthy	24.12.72	Plymouth 26.5.95	35	-	6	-	41	-
Dougie Freedman	21.5.74	Barnet 8.9.95	30 (2)	15	2	-	34	15
Tony Gale	19.11.59	Blackburn 1.9.95	2	-	1	-	4	-
Jimmy Glass	1.8.73	(now Bournemouth)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dean Gordon	10.2.73	Trainee 1.7.91	34	8	6	-	163	18
David Hopkin	21.8.70	Chelsea 18.7.95	31 (1)	6	5	4	37	10
Ray Houghton	9.1.62	A. Villa 23.3.95	33	3	6	-	51	5
Brian Launder	8.1.76	Trainee 12.8.93	(2)	-	(1)	-	6	-
Nigel Martyn	11.8.66	B. Rovers 15.11.89	36	-	6	-	336	-
Damian Matthew	23.9.70	Chelsea 11.2.94	4 (4)	-	(1)	1	28	1
Leon McKenzie	17.5.78	Trainee 6.10.95	4 (8)	-	(4)	1	17	1
George Ndah	23.12.74	Trainee 17.8.92	11 (5)	2	(1)	-	56	5
Darren Pitcher	12.10.69	Charlton 1.7.94	29	-	4 (1)	-	70	2
Andy Roberts	20.3.74	Millwall 18.7.95	27 (2)	-	5 (1)	-	35	-
Simon Rodger	3.10.71	Trainee 1.7.90	9 (8)	-	(1)	2	130	5
Anthony Scully	12.6.76	Trainee 1.12.93	(2)	-	-	-	2	-
Richard Shaw	11.9.68	(now Coventry)	15	-	4	-	268	3
Paul Sparrow	24.3.75	Trainee 8.7.93	1	-	(1)	-	2	-
Gareth Taylor	25.2.73	(now Sheffield Utd)	18 (2)	1	2	1	22	2
Steve Taylor	7.1.70	Bromsgrove 19.6.95	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dave Tuttle	6.2.72	Sheffield Utd 7.3.96	2 (1)	1	-	-	3	1
Carl Veart	21.5.70	Sheffield Utd 7.3.96	(2)	-	-	-	2	-
Jamie Vincent	18.6.75	Trainee 8.7.93	13 (5)	-	3 (1)	1	22	2
Rhys Wilmot	21.2.62	Grimsby 5.8.94	-	-	-	-	7	-

First Division Table 95/96

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunderland	36	10	5	2	25	8	7	4	23	18	66	66
Derby	37	11	7	1	36	17	6	7	5	20	24	65
PALACE	36	7	7	3	28	18	8	6	5	24	23	58
Charlton	35	7	3	7	24	19	7	7	4	25	20	56
Stoke City	35	9	6	3	25	12	5	6	6	21	24	54
Huddersfield	35	11	4	3	32	17	3	7	7	15	23	53
Ipswich	34	9	4	4	37	25	4	7	6	26	26	50
Leicester	36	5	7	5	22	23	7	6	6	30	30	49
Southend	36	9	6	4	24	19	4	4	9	17	26	49
Barnsley	35	8	6	2	26	21	4	6	9	21	32	48
Birmingham	35	8	6	4	26	19	4	5	8	20	27	47
Millwall	37	6	6	7	18	20	6	5	7	17	27	47
Norwich	36	5	8	5	20	19	6	4	8	28	25	45
Wolves	36	6	7	5	26	22	5	5	8	20	26	45
Portsmouth	36	8	5	5	32	25	3	6	9	23	32	44
Tranmere	35	6	6	5	29	22	5	5	8	18	21	44
Grimsby	35	6	9	4	21	20	4	3	9	18	30	42
West Brom	35	8	5	6	27	24	3	2	11	17	33	40
Oldham	34	7	6	5	29	19	2	6	8	15	21	39
Sheff Utd	37	6	5	7	22	23	3	7	9	19	28	39
Port Vale	32	5	4	6	19	21	4	8	5	19	22	39
Reading	34	6	5	6	20	22	2	10	5	17	22	39
Luton	34	6	5	7	24	25	3	5	8	7	20	37
Watford	35	4	6	6	20	19	2	8	9	19	32	32


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A view from the TOP

With Technical Director Steve Coppell...

A Merry Christmas to everyone. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas Day and that you are looking forward to your Boxing Day football this afternoon. It does give us all an opportunity to get out of the house, get some fresh air into our lungs, and shout for the team.

Christmas is always a time when you think about the people who have helped you during the year. This season we have a great number of people who have put in a tremendous amount of work at a time when the club is going through a huge transitional period. With the large number of alterations which were imposed upon us in the wake of relegation, we have had a vast number of changes in playing staff and also the management set up. I am sure that a lot of Crystal Palace fans will be disappointed with the League position. However, I do feel that they will have seen enough evidence in the performance of some of the players who we have brought in to know that, given time, patience, and with the necessary diligent hard work, the future is bright for this club.

PATIENCE IS VITAL

Nothing that is worthwhile is achieved quickly or easily and we have seen in the past that, given patience, players develop and grow and repay the faith that has been put into them. I am sure that we shall notice that, with the average age of the team reducing very rapidly over a short period of time, there are bound to be a certain amount of problems.

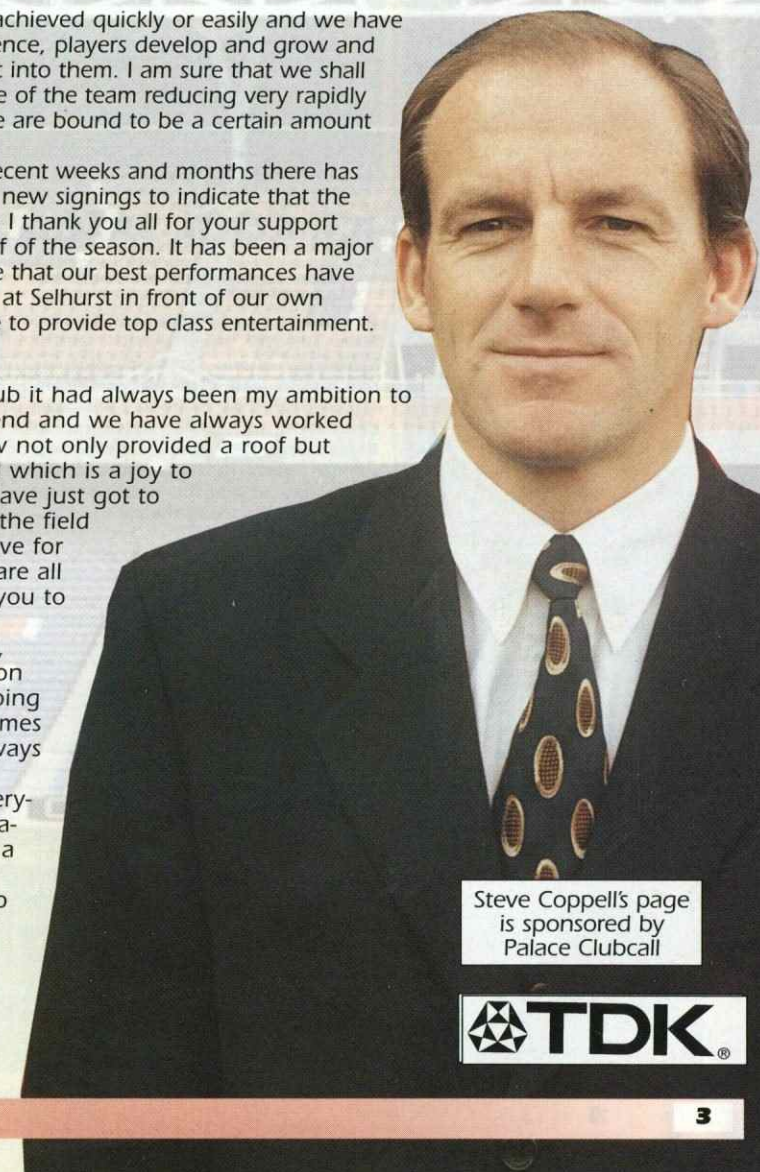
I would emphasise that over recent weeks and months there has been enough evidence from the new signings to indicate that the good times are not too far away. I thank you all for your support and your patience in the first half of the season. It has been a major disappointment to everyone here that our best performances have been away from home, whereas at Selhurst in front of our own home fans we have been unable to provide top class entertainment.

WORKING HARD

From when I was first at the club it had always been my ambition to put a roof on the Holmesdale end and we have always worked towards that aim. We have now not only provided a roof but also the magnificent new stand which is a joy to watch football from. We now have just got to make sure that the product on the field becomes first class and attractive for the sake of the spectators. We are all working hard and I would ask you to please stick with us.

A welcome today to the team, directors and supporters of Luton Town. They are another side going through an awkward period. Times of management change are always difficult for clubs. Sometimes a manager leaving galvanises everyone together and on other occasions the same situation leaves a team without direction. I hope that, after today, Luton come to terms with their own particular problem and I for one wish them well.

Steve.



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PALACE 'STOKE UP' BEATS THE COLD

It was a cold day at the Victoria Ground which saw Jason Cundy make his Palace debut and Gareth Taylor score his first senior goal for the club. Stoke were the form side but from the start it was Palace who impressed their hardy travelling fans with some inspired play.

With Jason Cundy looking as if he was an established member of the team and Marc Edworthy also doing a fine job in defence, it was Dougie Freedman with his seventh goal of the season who put the Eagles ahead on twenty four minutes when his close range shot gave Mark Prudhoe no chance. Just before half time Nigel Martyn made a superb save from a Mike Sheron headed effort that seemed destined for the net.

MAJESTIC

Thirteen minutes after the restart Gareth Taylor had a goal disallowed for offside but the big striker did open his account nine minutes later, when he rose both bravely and majestically above Prudhoe to head home a Marc Edworthy cross.

Palace then never looked in danger until seven minutes from time when Sheron hit a magnificent volley into the net for a consolation goal. Ray Houghton quickly settled his team down and holding on for the win seemed less difficult than in recent weeks. It was indeed a workmanlike performance from every member of the team and just how referee Kevin Breen had seen fit to book six players in what was nothing more than a keenly contested ninety minutes, was a mystery to everybody except himself.

To single out any player as 'man of the match' would have been unfair to his ten colleagues and this ninety minute effort was surely a sign of things to come.



Gareth Taylor
- first goal for
the club

ICE COOL JASON ARRIVES

Jason Cundy made the short trip from White Hart Lane to Palace just twenty four hours before the team left for their match against Stoke City. It was fortunate that the one month loan deal was completed in time for that game as, with the departure of Chris Coleman to Blackburn and the unfortunate Gareth Davies struck down with flu, coach Ray Lewington was certainly facing a mini crisis in the centre of his defence.

Jason went straight into the game and his cool style and class immediately showed, as the Eagles turned in an excellent overall performance to give the new Palace man a winning debut. The Wimbledon born defender started his career as a trainee with Chelsea, signing professional forms with them in August 1988. It was however not until 1990 that he made his first team debut against Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road and he went on to make forty-one League appearances for the Stamford Bridge side. After a loan period at Tottenham he was snapped up by the North Londoners for £750,000, but his appearances in the familiar black and white colours were

restricted due to injury.

Speaking after that debut at Stoke Jason told us: "I really enjoyed the game. It certainly is a lot different to playing in the reserves, which is about all that I have done for the last two and a half years. I was very pleased because I had only had a day to get to know the lads but we seemed to have a good system and it worked."

The management at Palace are now hoping that the ex England under-21 man can continue to make an impression and that hopefully the end result will be a permanent move from 'White Hart' to 'Whitehorse'.



Ice Cool Cundy



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Along with all the latest news from Crystal Palace, they will have player interviews, competitions and your chance to join in on the phone lines.

Rearranged fixture

Would supporters please note that Tranmere Rovers at home will now be played on Tuesday 16th January with a 7.45pm kick off.

BOXING DAY TAKES TOP BILLING

Among all the changes that have occurred in and to the game of football, one of the few constants has been the continuing high popularity of the sport on Boxing Day.

In the early years of the Football League most working people would only have had Christmas Day and Boxing Day as their midwinter holiday and virtually everyone, except perhaps school teachers, would have been back at work first thing in the morning on December 27th. Not surprisingly, for football fans the festive season matches had a special interest from the start, and for many years the major Leagues 'paired' the two fixtures - a practice which added considerable piquancy to them and which continued long after the system of playing home and away games against the same opponents on consecutive Saturdays had been abandoned. Thus, Palace's last season of matches played in this style was 1923-24 but our Christmas Day and Boxing Day fixtures remained 'paired' right up till our last Christmas Day game in 1957, against Brentford.

Indeed, even after matches on Christmas Day ceased to be provided, the Boxing Day game was 'paired' with another holiday match for ten more years: in 1967 Palace played Portsmouth at Selhurst Park on Boxing Day then at Fratton Park four days later with both games finishing 2-2.

BEST OF THE SEASON?

It is easy to see why Boxing Day games were highly attractive to supporters in the last century and in the early decades of this one, but, perhaps surprisingly, this popularity persists to this day. A home game on Boxing Day is much prized among the clubs for it is known that - bad weather apart - attendances will be well up on the season's average and sometimes the crowd at the Boxing Day match will prove to be the highest of the entire term.

KIND WORDS . . .

The editorial staff and outside contributors of the Palace Programme were delighted to see the accolade that the publication had received in the December edition of the prestigious 'Programme Monthly' magazine.

In the 'Analysis 96' section the following entry appears:

CRYSTAL PALACE - 48 large pages, £1.50, full colour, 14 advert pages. Palace have retained the standards they set in the Premiership and their supporters are rewarded this season with an outstanding First Division programme. Packed with club features and information, and a good deal to read. Design is a little less frenetic than before and has improved as a result - quite an outstanding programme for a club out of the top league, and one with more than a touch of individualism and identity. No editor credited, printed by Newman Thomson of Brighton.

Palace Publications manager Pete King said: "This write up will certainly please James Coome and all of our part time contributors. After relegation we set out to produce a product as good as or even better than last season, whilst still retaining the £1.50 price. This write up is proof that, thanks to everybody concerned, we have achieved our objective. We now await the challenge of producing an even better Premiership programme and the sooner that day comes the better."



He played for both clubs -

PETER NICHOLAS

Peter Nicholas, now Palace's coach and formerly highly successful as our youth team manager, began his playing career with the Eagles and was a magnificent, driving, defensive midfielder player whose wholehearted commitment endeared him to every Palace fan. He was in our youth team which won then retained the Youth Cup in 1977 and 1978, then of our 2nd Division championship side of 1978-79 and the one which did so well in the early months of 1979-80 in the top flight.

Peter played 60 League games for Arsenal in the early '80s but came back to Selhurst Park to play for Steve Coppell in 1983 and 1984, taking his Palace appearances to a total of 199 with 16 goals for us.

Midway through 1984-85 Peter joined Luton and starred in over a hundred League matches for the Hatters. His subsequent career embraced Aberdeen, Chelsea and Watford, but Palace fans have always held Peter in great affection as well as respect, and were delighted at his elevation to first team coach last summer after leading our juniors to the SE Counties divisional title last season.

NOTE: Full career details and statistics for Peter Nicholas and every other Palace player from 1960 will appear with pictures, personal details and a suitable biography in 'Palace - Player by Player since 1960' by club historian and honorary chaplain Rev Nigel Sands, which is due for publication next summer. Full details and generous subscriber offer on the blue-white leaflets at the box office and club shops, or you can phone the Rev on 01488-608-244.



Peter Nicholas

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WELCOME TO LUTON TOWN

by Tony Pullein

For today's Boxing Day fixture we are pleased to welcome Luton Town to Selhurst Park, and trust that we will witness an entertaining game.

WESTLEY LEAVES

The big news surrounding the Hatters over the past week has been the departure of manager Terry Westley after just five months in charge. The former youth team boss left by mutual consent following his side's 4-0 thrashing at Portsmouth - leaving Luton firmly rooted to the bottom of the table. At the time of going to press no replacement was named, however, chairman David Kohler was hoping to have someone in place in time for last Saturday's game at home to Huddersfield.

Prior to leaving Westley said: "I was given a great opportunity here but it didn't work out. I believe in my short time as manager though I brought in some fine players including Steve Davis, Darren Patterson and Ian Feuer. I am sure the team can pick themselves up and avoid relegation."

EXPERIMENTING

Terry Westley, who took over from David Pleat in July of this year, had been experimenting widely in his search for a winning combination, calling upon no fewer than 29 players, although the team in recent weeks had taken on a more settled look.

With goals at a premium, many changes took place in attack. Dwight Marshall and Bontcho Guentchev opened the season in the forward positions but young Stuart Douglas, a product of the club's youth policy, was drafted in for his League debut last month

against Oldham. The 17 year old striker, who scored in that match, slotted in alongside Vidar Riseth who was signed from Norwegian club Kongsvinger for £100,000 in October. Douglas was called upon due to Dwight Marshall going down with a virus and, like Palace's Leon McKenzie in his first game, won the 'Man of the Match' award. Terry Westley's reaction to his first match was echoed by everyone in the ground: "A marvellous debut capped by a tremendous goal. He made us all proud and with continued hard work he may well have a future in the game."

Vidar Riseth - signed from Norwegian side Kongsvinger

Bulgarian international signed from Ipswich in the summer, had scored twice - both from penalties. Today we are likely to see Marshall partnered either by Tony Thorpe or John Taylor. Gavin Johnson, another signing from Ipswich, has also played in attack.

The midfield has recently been comprised of Paul McLaren, Gary Waddock, Ceri Hughes and Scott Oakes but Graham Alexander, David Oldfield and Johnny Vilstrup have also played here.

Vilstrup is a Dane who was signed from Lyngby for £175,000 in September.

Darren Patterson, a recent signing from Palace, has taken over from the injured Trevor Peake at right-back whilst Richard Harvey, who has also played in midfield, is likely to be seen in the left-back spot.

Dwight Marshall - Luton's top scorer

Steve Davis has filled one of the central defensive positions for much of the season. Marvin Johnson has switched from left-back to play in the centre of defence.

With goalkeeper Juergen Sommer being transferred to QPR, Ian Feuer was signed on loan from West Ham in September. When he was recalled by the Hammers this month, Kelvin Davis played in goal. West Ham later agreed to allow Feuer to join the Hatters on a permanent basis in exchange for £585,000.

A DIFFICULT SEASON

It became evident from an early stage that Luton would face a difficult season. With only one win from their opening nine League games, the Hatters found themselves at the bottom of the table.

By winning two of their next four matches, they lifted themselves off the bottom but, as the holiday games approached, they had dropped to bottom again.

Home form has been a particular disappointment. Luton defeated relegation rivals Portsmouth 3-1 at Kenilworth Road and later achieved a 3-2 victory over Tranmere. Those were their only victories in 13 home League and Cup games.



BACK ROW - l to r: Ben Chenery, Danny Power, Gary Simpson, Fred Barber, Paul McLaren, Rob Matthews (now with York City), Gavin Johnson, David Greene, Steve Davis, Kelvin Davis, John Taylor, Trevor Peake, Julian James.

MIDDLE ROW: l to r: Chris Green (director), Cliff Bassett (director), Clive Goodyear (physio), Paul Lowe (youth development officer), Richard Harvey, Aaron Skelton, David Oldfield, Mitchell Thomas, Des Linton, Marvin Johnson, Bontcho Guentchev, Matthew Woolgar (no longer with club), Wayne Turner (reserve team coach), John Moore (youth team coach), Les Shannon (scouting co-ordinator), Nigel Terry (director).

FRONT ROW: l to r: Jamie Woodsford, Gary Waddock, Tony Thorpe, Ceri Hughes, Mick McGiven (assistant manager), David Kohler (chairman), Terry Westley (no longer with the club), Scott Oakes, Nathan Jones, Graham Alexander, Dwight Marshall.

Yet the Hatters have won away games in the First Division at Southend (1-0) and Ipswich (1-0). They drew at Grimsby (0-0), Wolves (0-0) and Watford (1-1) but were beaten at Reading (1-3), Millwall (0-1), Tranmere

(0-1), Stoke (0-5), Barnsley (0-1) and Portsmouth (0-4).

They also lost away to Second Division Bournemouth (1-2) in the Coca-Cola Cup so, having only drawn 1-1 at home, they took an early exit

from the competition which they won in 87/88 thanks to a 3-2 win over Arsenal.

Luton lost their opening three games in the Anglo-Italian Cup - at home to Perugia (1-4), away to Genoa (0-4) and Cesena (1-2). However, they managed a 5-0 win over Ancona a couple of weeks ago when they fielded a strong team.

THREAT OF RELEGATION

Since losing their place in the old First Division (now the Premiership) in 1992, Luton have lived constantly with the threat of further relegation.

In 1993 they scrambled clear by two points and went similarly close 12 months later.

Last season they looked fairly safe, although they put themselves under some pressure by losing their final four matches. They finished in 10th place, 10 points clear of danger. However, at one stage of the season in October/November the Hatters moved into a play-off position, when they put an excellent run together of 6 wins in 9 games which included a 5-1 win over Middlesbrough - the club who later won the championship. Unfortunately after crashing 3-6 at home to Sheffield United on 3rd December, David Pleat's side never regained that superb form.

TWENTY FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT LUTON

1. Kerry Dixon was the last Luton player to score a hat-trick - in a 6-2 victory over Stoke in November 1993.
2. The previous Luton man to score three times had been Lars Elstrup, who scored all the goals in Luton's 3-1 League victory at Norwich in September 1990.
3. Elstrup was also the last Luton player to score three times in a cup tie, doing so in their 7-2 home win over Mansfield in the League Cup in October 1989.
4. The club record is never likely to be beaten - Joe Payne scored 10 times against Bristol Rovers in a Third Division (South) game in 1936. That is also a record for any League match in England.
5. Payne cornered another club record when he scored 58 goals in 1936/37 - 55 in the League, plus 3 in the FA Cup.
6. Luton's record aggregate scorer was Gordon Turner, who scored 265 in all competitions - 243 League, 18 FA Cup and 4 League Cup.
7. That record is in absolutely no danger at the moment. The highest scorer currently on Luton's books is Scott Oakes, who registered his 25th League goal against Wolves a couple of weeks ago.
8. Luton's appearance record is held by Bob Morton who played 495 League games, 48 FA Cup ties and 7 League Cup ties to make a grand total of 550.
9. Luton's most capped player was Mal Donaghy, who won 58 caps for Northern Ireland.
10. The oldest player to appear in Luton's first team was Dally Duncan, who was 39 years and 11 days of age when he played his final game in 1948.
11. The Hatters were the first club to drop all the way from the First to the Fourth Division and, later, regain their place at the top.
12. Kenilworth Road's record attendance was 30,069 for an FA Cup tie against Blackpool in 1959.
13. Luton's largest crowd so far this season is 8,142 for the visit of W.B.A. in October.
14. Luton's record League victory was a 12-0 success over Bristol Rovers in the Third Division (South) in April 1936.
15. But the Hatters had done even better than that when they crushed Great Yarmouth by 15-0 in the FA Cup in 1914.
16. Their record defeat was by 0-9 to Small Heath (now Birmingham) in the Second Division in 1898.
17. David Pleat, who returned to Kenilworth Road in June 1991, became the first man ever to manage Luton on a second occasion. He was previously in charge between 1978 and 1986.
18. After Mr Pleat left in 1986, Luton employed three managers in five years - John Moore, Ray Harford and Jimmy Ryan.
19. The highest transfer fee paid by Luton was £850,000 to Odense for Lars Elstrup in 1989.
20. The biggest fee received by Luton was £2.5 million when John Hartson moved to Arsenal last season.



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LUTON TOWN'S TEN YEAR RECORD

Season	Div.	P	For	Ag.	Pts.	Posn.	FAC	LC	Av. Att.
1985/86	1	42	61	44	66	9th	QF	3	11,062
1986/87	1	42	47	45	66	7th	4	+	10,256
1987/88	1	40	57	58	53	9th	SF	WIN	8,038
1988/89	1	38	42	52	41	16th	3	FIN	9,504
1989/90	1	38	43	57	43	17th	3	3	9,886
1990/91	1	38	42	61	37	18th	4	2	10,325
1991/92	1	42	38	71	42	20th	3	2	9,715
1992/93	1	46	48	62	51	20th	4	2	8,212
1993/94	1	46	56	60	53	20th	SF	1	7,878
1994/95	1	46	61	64	58	16th	4	1	7,350

+ - expelled from the competition due to an artificial pitch.

ROLL CALL 1995-96

NAME	DOB	PREVIOUS CLUB	APPS.	GOALS
Graham Alexander	10/10/71	Scunthorpe United	16(1)	-
Kelvin Davis	29/9/76	-	5	-
Steve Davis	30/10/68	Burnley	18	2
Stuart Douglas	9/4/78	-	1(3)	1
Ian Feuer	20/5/71	West Ham Utd	15	-
Bontcho Guentchev	7/7/64	Ipswich Town	8(6)	2
Richard Harvey	17/4/69	-	22	1
Ceri Hughes	26/2/71	-	16	1
Julian James	22/3/70	-	10(3)	-
Gavin Johnson	10/10/70	Ipswich Town	5(1)	-
Marvin Johnson	29/10/68	-	20	-
Des Linton	5/9/71	Leicester City	5(1)	-
Dwight Marshall	3/10/65	Plymouth Argyle	20	6
Paul McLaren	17/11/76	-	8	1
Scott Oakes	5/8/72	Leicester City	11	1
David Oldfield	30/5/68	Leicester City	11(4)	1
Darren Patterson	15/10/69	Crystal Palace	3(1)	-
Trevor Peake	10/2/57	Coventry City	14(3)	-
Vidar Riset	21/4/72	Kongsvinger	5(1)	-
Juergen Sommer	27/2/64	(now at QPR)	2	-
John Taylor	24/10/64	Bradford City	6(4)	-
Mitchell Thomas	2/10/64	West Ham United	1(2)	-
Tony Thorpe	10/4/74	-	3(7)	1
Johnny Vilstrup	27/2/69	Lyngby	6	-
Gary Waddock	17/3/62	Bristol Rovers	10(4)	-
Jamie Woodsford	9/11/76	-	1(2)	-

(up to and including 22nd Dec 1995)

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Football League, Division One
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(Young 12, Shaw 26, Whyte 36)

LUTON TOWN 2
(Aunger 2, Hughes 16)
Attendance: 10,295

PALACE: Martyn, Humphrey, Coleman, Southgate, Young, Thorn (sub: Salako), Shaw, Rodger, Armstrong, Whyte, Gordon.

LUTON: Sommer, Johnson, Peake, Dreyer, Telfer, Oakes (sub: Dickov), Hughes, Linton (sub: Campbell), Dixon, Harper, Aunger.



LEAGUE RESULTS 95/96

OPPOSITION	H/A	SCORE	SCORERS
Norwich City	H	L 1-3	Guentchev
Southend United	A	W 1-0	Marshall
Leicester City	H	D 1-1	Hughes
Grimsby Town	A	D 0-0	-
Derby County	H	L 1-2	Marshall
Reading	A	L 1-3	Marshall
Millwall	A	L 0-1	-
Sunderland	H	L 0-2	-
Wolves	A	D 0-0	-
Portsmouth	H	W 3-1	Davis S, Marshall, Guentchev
Tranmere Rovers	A	L 0-1	-
West Bromwich Albion	H	L 1-2	Harvey
Ipswich Town	A	W 1-0	Oldfield
Charlton Athletic	H	L 0-1	-
Stoke City	A	L 0-5	-
Oldham Athletic	H	D 1-1	Douglas
Birmingham City	H	D 0-0	-
Watford	A	D 1-1	Davis S.
Barnsley	A	L 0-1	-
Tranmere Rovers	H	W 3-2	Marshall 2, McLaren
Wolves	H	L 2-3	Oakes, Marshall
Portsmouth	A	L 0-4	-
Huddersfield	H	-	-

Visiting Star Player TREVOR PEAKE

38 year old centre half who will shortly begin his 17th year in the professional game. Trevor started out with his local non-league side, Nuneaton Borough, before joining Lincoln City in 1979. He stayed with the lmps for a further four years, totalling 171 League appearances and scoring 7 times.

His consistent form led to a move into the old First Division with Coventry City, for whom he enjoyed 8 successful seasons. Whilst at Highfield Road, Trevor shared in some of the Sky Blues' greatest triumphs - winning an FA Cup winners' medal in 1987, courtesy of Coventry's fine 3-2 victory over Tottenham Hotspur.

Trevor joined Luton in a £100,000 deal in August 1991, and quickly established himself as a firm favourite with the Kenilworth Road faithful with his committed displays. Luton's club captain, Trevor's passion for the game is unrelenting; recently completing his 200th appearance for the club.

In fact, the 1994/95 campaign saw Trevor maintain an ever present record throughout the season for the first time in his career, and he was duly rewarded with the Luton Town supporters' club 'Player of the Year' award. He signed a new one year deal with the Hatters during the summer, and has formed a steady central defensive partnership with Marvin Johnson during the current campaign.



Visiting PLAYERS TO VIEW

KELVIN DAVIS (Goalkeeper) - Highly-rated England under-21 international goalkeeper. Kelvin began the current campaign in goal but lost his place to Juergen Sommer. However, Sommer's departure to QPR led to Kelvin reclaiming the no.1 spot for a further three games, before losing out again to the on loan Ian Feuer. 19 year old Kelvin is a former England youth international, and signed a new four year contract in June 1995.

IAN FEUER (Goalkeeper) - After spending the first few months of this season on loan from West Ham United, the move was finally made permanent a couple of weeks ago when he joined for £585,000. Born in Las Vegas, he joined the Hammers from Los Angeles Salsa during the 1993/94 season. However, his league debut was in fact for Peterborough whilst he was on loan last season. An extremely agile goalkeeper, he failed to dislodge West Ham's first choice keeper, Luke Miklosko.

RICHARD HARVEY (Defender) - Luton's only ever present in the League so far this season, Richard has battled back determinedly after a horrific cruciate knee ligament injury disrupted two years of his career. He returned to the Luton side for the home game against Watford in March of this year - his first appearance at Kenilworth Road for



Richard Harvey

three years - and was a regular at left-back until the end of the season. With luck, Richard will soon complete his 150th League appearance in a Hatters' shirt.

JULIAN JAMES (Defender) - Julian recently made his 200th League appearance in a Luton shirt, having joined the club as a trainee in July 1986. 25 year old Julian had a rude awakening on his first team debut, being sent off in a League Cup tie at Leeds. A versatile performer, the former England under-21 international is equally at home at right or left-back, but with the re-emergence of Richard Harvey he has now made the right-sided position his own. Popular with the fans, Julian was voted 'Player of the Year' by the Luton supporters' club last season.

MARVIN JOHNSON (Defender) - Now in his 10th season with the Kenilworth Road club having signed as a trainee. Marvin was an ever present last term and was rewarded for his efforts with the players' 'Player of the Year' trophy. Wembley born, Marvin is equally com-

fortable in any position in defence, but formed a reliable central defensive formation with Trevor Peake during the 1994/95 campaign, and they have continued that partnership this year.

DARREN PATTERSON (Defender) - Signed for Luton Town from Crystal Palace in August 1995 for £150,000, but suffered with achilles tendon trouble which kept him out of the first months of the season. A full Northern Ireland international, Darren began his career with Wigan Athletic and moved to Selhurst Park in 1992. He struggled to establish himself initially but came to prominence last season, appearing regularly in the right-back position. Darren played in Palace's FA Cup semi-final matches against Manchester United in April of this year.

STEVE DAVIS (Defender) - A £750,000 signing from Burnley in July of this year, Steve made over 160 League appearances for the Turf Moor outfit, scoring 22 goals. Hexham born, he began his career with Southampton but struggled to break into the first team at the Dell, making just 7 League appearances. Following loan spells with both Burnley and Notts County, Steve made his move to Burnley permanent in August 1991. He captained the Clarets during their Division Two promotion campaign and was a regular in their side last season.

CERI HUGHES (Midfielder) - A full Welsh international, Ceri was picked by Bobby Gould for Wales' European Championship qualifier in Albania last month. He came back from injury at the start of the current campaign, having missed the vast majority of the 1994/95 season with damaged knee ligaments. Although the former Luton trainee has suffered through injury and with suspension this year, Ceri has been a first choice whenever available.

GARY WADDOCK

(Midfielder) - Veteran midfielder with a wealth of Football League experience, Gary was signed from Bristol Rovers on a free transfer after a three month loan spell with Luton. He has recently completed 50 League appearances for the Kenilworth Road club. Gary started his career with QPR where he played over 200 games - including the 1982 FA Cup final and replay against Tottenham Hotspur. He enjoyed a spell in Belgium with Charleroi whilst recovering from a serious knee injury, before returning to England with Millwall. He played in the Palace v Millwall 4-3 thriller of October 1989 - one of the most memorable games ever seen at Selhurst Park,

before having further spells with QPR and Swindon prior to his move to Twerton Park.

GRAHAM ALEXANDER (Midfielder) - Signed from Scunthorpe United for a £100,000 fee during the summer, Graham was Terry Westley's first signing as Luton manager. A Luton target for nigh on two seasons, Graham has been a regular in the Hatters' side so far this term, fully justifying the Kenilworth Road club's outlay. Born in Coventry, he joined Scunthorpe as a trainee.

SCOTT OAKES (Midfielder) - One of the most highly-rated players outside of the Premiership, Scott first came to prominence during Luton's spectacular 1994 FA Cup run to the semi-finals - hitting a hat-trick in the 6th round win over West Ham United. The former England under-21 international was signed from Leicester City in a player exchange transfer in October 1991, and further committed himself to the Hatters by signing a new contract. A hamstring injury kept Scott out of the first two months of the season, but he returned for the game at Tranmere.

DWIGHT MARSHALL (Forward) - Pacey striker signed from Plymouth Argyle in a £150,000 deal during the summer of 1994. Although he was plagued by shin troubles in the latter half of last season, Dwight managed to finish as the Hatters' leading scorer with 13 goals. Jamaica born, he started out with non-league side Grays Athletic. Dwight in fact enjoyed a trial period with Crystal Palace towards the end of the 1989/90 season, before being snapped up by the Pilgrims, for whom he was a consistent scorer.

VIDAR RISETH (Forward) - Signed from Norwegian side Kongsvinger in October, for a fee which could rise to £175,000 depending on appearances. Vidar made his debut as a second half

substitute in the recent home defeat against Charlton Athletic. He has yet to score for the Hatters.

DAVID OLDFIELD

(Forward) - Experienced player who is equally comfortable in either midfield or attack, David was signed from Leicester City for £150,000 in July. Born in Perth, Australia, he began his Football League career with the Hatters, making his debut in May 1988, and went on to play 29 games for the club scoring 4 times. David joined Manchester City in a £600,000 deal in March 1989, and helped the Maine Road club to promotion to the old Division One, before moving on to Leicester and then back to Luton.



Gary Waddock

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Whilst the lads were playing that game against Oldham, I was watching Tranmere v Portsmouth on Merseyside. The reason that I was there was of course my squad involvement in the Republic of Ireland Euro '96 eliminator against Holland.

As I sat at Prenton Park at half time I was delighted to hear the news that Palace had gone into a 2-0 lead, with Gareth Davies getting his first goal for the club. I was very disappointed afterwards to learn that we had thrown that lead away and only registered a draw. I really do not know why we have put in a good forty-five minutes in many of our games, either followed or preceded by a poor half. We are not a team of big players and I do believe that this could have something to do with it. Oldham had some physically big players and we have seemed to struggle a little bit against them on two occasions.

I have mentioned that Republic game at Anfield and I must add that it was a real dis-

The Skipper's View

with Ray Houghton

appointment to see us lose to the Dutch. We had looked so good in our group prior to the summer and many thought we were flying along into those finals. The big let down was only picking up one point out of nine during our summer matches and that is really what destroyed us. The atmos-

"With the younger players coming through for the Republic, it is going to be very difficult for players like myself to get selected"

phere at Anfield was electric and I am sure that everybody enjoyed watching the skills of the Holland side. I really believe that every child who is interested in football should get a video of that match as it is a perfect example of how the game should be played.

We held the Dutch to 1-0 for quite a long time but unfortunately that is not the nature of the game. Our target was to win and in that respect we failed and did not cause them as many problems as we should have done. I am also of the opinion that they were so comfortable that they did not even need to go into top gear in order to overcome us and qualify. I personally am just as enthusiastic as ever about playing for the Republic but I have to be realistic.

Now with younger players coming through it is going to be very difficult for players like myself to get selected, but I certainly would like the opportunity. It really is a case of 'wait and see'.

I was sorry to see the departure of Chris Coleman to Blackburn. I think that he has been a tremendous servant to the club and I was very disappointed to learn that he got booed during his final game for us. Chris is ambitious and only wanted a move to improve himself

and for that you cannot blame him. I would like to wish him and his family all the very best for the future.

As one door closes another one opens and we saw the arrival of Jason Cundy from Spurs on loan.

Jason has had a bad time at Tottenham recently and he came straight in against Stoke. I thought he was outstanding in that game. He is a lively lad and he certainly gets everyone going in the dressing room before a game which, I must admit, is something that we are not really used to at Palace where we have not really got many 'talkers'.

It was not just Jason who did well at Stoke - it was a good all round performance and we certainly were in command of the game from the start. We never really looked in danger and this was against a

team who had won four games on the roll. Just a word also about Nigel Martyn. It is very difficult for a goalkeeper to keep his concentration on a cold day when you are having a quiet game with little to do. All the more credit to him for his excellent save just before half time, which denied Stoke any chance of going into the break with added confidence. Well done also to Gareth Taylor who got off the mark in that game with a fine headed effort.

It was sad to see another managerial casualty this time at Luton. It is always difficult at the bottom of the table. Ex Eagle Darren Patterson is now with the Hatters and it will be nice to see him again today. We must however be at our best to win as form counts for nothing in this division. My best wishes to you all for the festive season.

RAY



**Best Wishes to
Chris and his
family**



Holmesdale Standpoint

by Paul Romain

I'm still clutching my 66-1 betting slip hopefully! Last week's superb victory at Stoke, against a side who had been rapidly flying up the table, may have heralded yet another of the oft-predicted turning of corners. I have to write before our trip to play West Brom on Saturday, so by now Ladbroke's could be breathing easier (especially as WBA had just lost nine games on the trot - seasoned Palace followers know what fate usually befalls us on these occasions!).

However, regardless of the result at the Hawthorns there are several reasons to be cautiously optimistic for the second half of the season. Most of the malcontents have now been farmed out - including Whinger of the Year. I notice Chris Coleman started life at Blackburn on the substitutes' bench - I'm

amazed he didn't put in a transfer request! I have to admit to being wrong about the merits of keeping unhappy players at the club against their will. Although, with one exception, nobody could quibble about the professional attitude of those wanting a move, we have clearly suffered from the lack of total, unequivocal commitment to the cause. Perhaps more importantly

though, the delay in finalising our squad for the long-term has prevented worthy aspirants such as Gareth Davies and Jamie Vincent from staking a claim to a regular place sooner. The potential in the current crop of younger players can't be in doubt. The danger in the current climate is that clubs can ill afford 'wasted' seasons whilst rebuilding takes place. Luckily for us, the desperate lack of quality in the First Division this year still offers a glimmer of hope that we could slip into a play-off slot. Without checking the record books I'd hazard a guess that we were actually further behind, with more games played, in the 88/89 season and still ended up gaining promotion. Reason to be cheerful part two relates to the lean mean goalscoring

machine that Palace are becoming! Last week I did a quick double take when I caught sight of a Palace player in the goalscoring charts - a goal at Stoke helping Dougie Freedman into the list of top scorers for the first time (albeit assisted by three at Third Division level). Meanwhile, Gareth Taylor is now also on the goalscoring chart, having



Dougie Freedman - now among the division's top scorers

finally achieved the basic requirement of entry! Gareth has taken more than his fair share of stick on behalf of an underperforming team and yet his first goal came from about the first decent cross he's received. A few more like that one and we could be talking about opening the proverbial floodgates!

Being the festive season, I've had to write today's article well before the holiday period, meaning that I have no idea whether we have had a happy Christmas, nor whether we have all the players we started the week with, nor am I able to provide my usually sparkling collection of up to the minute observations. The good news - for me - is that you're probably too hung over to notice! (I don't want any letters from indignant teetotalers either - it's called artistic licence). The



Chris Coleman - started his Blackburn career on the substitutes' bench

usual noon kick-off, presumably because the Police still don't believe we're capable of behaving ourselves in the afternoon, will no doubt produce the now traditional glum atmosphere as people avoid disturbing the remnants of yesterday's excesses by too much jumping up and down. No doubt the players will help out by restricting any entertainment likely to encourage such reckless behaviour to a minimum. (They have, after all, been getting plenty of practice). It seems a long time ago that Boxing Day was looked forward to for traditional derby fixtures of great excitement, when even the less committed members of

the extended family could be dragged along to the game as long as a healthily packed hip flask was in tow as well. Sadly, over the years, first the hip flask, then the traditional derby fixtures became victims of the nanny state - nowadays you're lucky if you can even get to the game in time - never mind enjoy it when you get there! Luckily for us we've enjoyed a friendly relationship with the fixture computer in recent seasons, with Selhurst Park the furthest I can remember travelling on Boxing Day for some time. At least a certain amount of sanity has returned this year for the fans who do have to travel, with Luton's supporters

presumably having a relatively simple trip. I particularly remember the Sunderland supporters having to miss Christmas Day to get down here one year in a triumph for perverseness over common-sense. As for the traditional derby games, some big fixtures such as Torquay against Exeter and Hartlepool against Scarborough have been restored this season. Whether or not the Football League would allow us to renew rivalry with Brighton is liable to be irrelevant for some time to come though! A couple of weeks ago I had the misfortune to come across the hapless Seagulls on Sky, during a game in which it became

stands at Palace recently, between those die-hards who insist that Brighton remain Palace Enemy Number 1, despite the fact that they're totally useless, and those for whom recent events make Man Utd more relevant rivals - and at least they're up to playing us every now and then. No such problems at the Goldstone Ground where most of the crowd shots showed people who are barely old enough to remember the last time they saw a Palace fan - and yet they still knew a few old favourites to sing! Sadly on the evidence of the performance against Fulham, no world beaters themselves, they're not going to have anything to tell their grandchildren about. The days of Palace v Brighton are over.

And finally, congratulations to the Premiership clubs for cutting off their noses to spite their faces. Not that it will affect us but a UEFA Cup place has gone down the plughole due to the antics of Spurs and Wimbledon in the

Inter-Toto Cup in the summer - not to mention those clubs that couldn't be bothered at all. Incidentally, Bordeaux also took part in this 'mickie mouse', waste of time tournament and now have advanced to the quarter finals of the UEFA Cup. Still, English football always knows best doesn't it?



Are the Palace versus Brighton days now over?

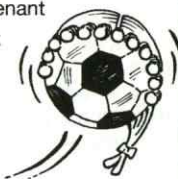
apparent not only that their supporters haven't forgotten us (a Boxing Day of many moons ago featured heavily in most of the vocals during the game), but that the chances of us ever meeting in a League game again are slightly less than of Chris Coleman sending the chairman a Christmas card. I've noticed a bit of a power struggle going on in the

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Day by Day

FRI 1st DEC



Dave Bassett is linked with Crystal Palace

There is more local press speculation concerning possible managerial moves for Steve Coppell and Dave Bassett as the Palace squad train for the weekend game against Sunderland. It is announced that Dean Gordon and Chris Coleman will undergo late fitness tests at Roker Park before Sunday's match.

SAT 2nd DEC

The Palace youth side get back to winning ways with a victory against Brighton at Sussex University. Coach Brian Sparrow is delighted with the result and the performance which is sealed with a goal from Danny Wales. The first team train in the morning and an eighteen man playing squad leave for Sunderland after lunch. In Division One Millwall somewhat surprisingly lose at home to Watford.

SUN 3rd DEC

Three hundred Eagles' fans make the long trek to the north east for the game against Sunderland. Palace are without Chris Coleman, who is ruled out through an ankle injury, and there is torrential rain during the game at Roker Park. Palace go down by the odd goal - a first half penalty scored by Martin Scott. However, Ray Lewington's team impress in the second half and are unlucky to come away without even a point. The win for Peter Reid's side means they are the first club to complete the 'double' over Palace this season.

MON 4th DEC

Ray Houghton is named in the Republic of Ireland squad for their crucial Euro '96 play-off match against Holland at Anfield - the winners of which will qualify for the prestigious tournament. In South Africa the second test results in a fortunate draw for England, with Mike Atherton saving the day with an eleven hour innings of 185 not out. With forecasts of severe

weather the pitch is completely covered at Selhurst Park, whilst at Mitcham arrangements are put in hand for indoor training should the necessity arise. In the new style FA Cup draw Palace are paired with Port Vale at home in the 3rd round. The only previous time Palace have met Vale in the cup was back in 1947 when they won 2-1. The tie of the round is the all-Premiership clash between Chelsea and Newcastle.

TUE 5th DEC



Physio Peter McClean is busy at the training ground

The first team are back in training after the game at Sunderland, with several players receiving treatment for knocks from physio Peter McClean. Charlton beat Millwall 2-0 on a slippery surface at the New Den as the first snow of the winter hits the London area. The Palace Clubcall service puts its 'Weatherwatch' into operation as the Wednesday reserve fixture at Champion Hill stadium appears to be in danger.

WED 6th DEC

More overnight snow and a bad weather forecast for the evening sees the reserve match at home to Queens Park Rangers called off. Another casualty is the annual handicapped children's christmas party, which is due to be held in Crystals banqueting suite. This event is put back for a week as trifles and jellies go to waste. Scandinavian trialist Leif Andersson returns to Norway after making several appearances for the reserve team. The club do not confirm whether they still have an interest in the player. Mark McGhee sensationally walks out on Leicester City, with speculation mounting that he is set to take over the vacant manager's position at Wolves.

THUR 7th DEC

The freeze continues and the first team take a day off from training. At Selhurst Park the management and several players attend a lunch held for

the club's sponsors. The reserve team are forced to train indoors at the National Sports Centre and further freezing temperatures are forecast for Friday.

FRI 8th DEC

The weather relents slightly but not enough to save tomorrow's youth game against Barnet at Mitcham. That game is called off before lunch but things are looking good at Selhurst Park where the entire complex is virtually clear of snow. The local papers tip a full League debut for Leon McKenzie against Oldham and, whilst the nationals continue to speculate about an Aston Villa interest in Chris Coleman, the club announce that they have agreed terms of £3M for the transfer of the player to Coventry. Coleman himself states that he wants the weekend to think things over and declares himself fit for the home game against Oldham.

SAT 9th DEC



Dougie Freedman - scores at home to Oldham

The covers are removed and the game against the Latics goes ahead. Despite going two up by half time through Davies, with his first for the club, and Freedman, the Eagles throw the game away by conceding two second half goals from identical set pieces. Peter Nicholas expresses his disapproval of the second half performance with a hard hitting interview on Clubcall. The division's results continue to show no real pattern as Millwall are thrashed 6-0 at Sunderland - their fourth consecutive defeat.

SUN 10th DEC

Triple jump champion Jonathan Edwards wins the BBC 'Sports Personality of the Year' award as Frank Bruno is the runner-up. The victorious European Ryder Cup golf team take the team trophy. Back in the Endsleigh League, Wolves win 3-2 at Luton for their first victory in seven games. The Sunday papers continue to speculate about the final destination of unsettled Chris Coleman.



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**Endsleigh League Division One
CRYSTAL PALACE v
GRIMSBY TOWN**

**Saturday 30th December 1995
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**CRYSTAL PALACE v
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**Saturday 13th January 1996
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**CRYSTAL PALACE v
TRANMERE ROVERS**
**Tuesday 16th January 1996
Kick Off 7.45pm**

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**Endsleigh League Division One
PORTSMOUTH v
CRYSTAL PALACE**
**Monday 1st January 1996
Kick Off 3.00pm**

Ticket prices: For the terracing it's £8 (no concessions) and pay on the day. Seats will cost; adults £13 and senior citizens and under 16's £9. To obtain the concessionary price of £9, these tickets must be purchased from the Palace box office prior to the day of the game. The club telephone number is: 01205 731 204. The programme price is £1.50. **Coaches:** Depart Holmesdale Road at 11.30am. The fare; adults £10, senior citizens and under 16's £8 and guests of members £12. **Train:** There is no special train to Portsmouth.

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**Endsleigh League Division One
BARNLEY v
CRYSTAL PALACE**
**Saturday 20th January 1996
Kick Off 3.00pm**

Ticket prices: Seats will cost £12 with no concessions. These will hopefully be on sale from the Palace box office from the home game against Grimsby. Club telephone number: 01226 295353. The programme price is £1.40. **Coach:** Departs Holmesdale Road at 8.30am. The fare; adults £16, senior citizens and under 16's £13 and guests of members £18. **Going by car...** Take the M1 and leave at

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CRYSTAL PALACE 2
(Davies 9, Freedman 31)
OLDHAM ATHLETIC 2
(Vonk 61, Redmond 70)



Saturday 9th December 1995
Attendance: 14,108

PALACE: Martyn, Edworthy, Gordon, Roberts, Coleman, Hopkin (Dyer), Pitcher, Davies, Freedman, Taylor (Boere), McKenzie.

OLDHAM: Gerrard, Snodin, Makin, Redmond, Vonk (Hallworth), Fleming (Hughes), Halle, Rickers, Beckford (Beresford), Barlow, Brennan.

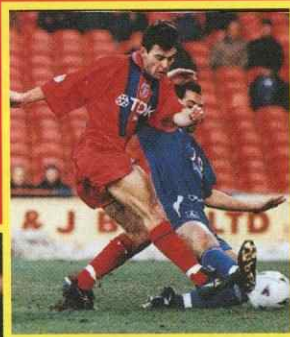


17 year old striker Leon McKenzie, who was starting his first League match, tries to get his effort in on goal.



GOAL! Welsh under-21 international Gareth Davies powers in his first goal for the club to give Palace an early lead.

GOAL! Dougie Freedman once again gets his name on the scoresheet by turning in Leon McKenzie's superbly weighted through ball to make it 2-0.



Freedman salutes the jubilant Palace crowd after netting his 6th goal of the season following his £800,000 move from Barnet.



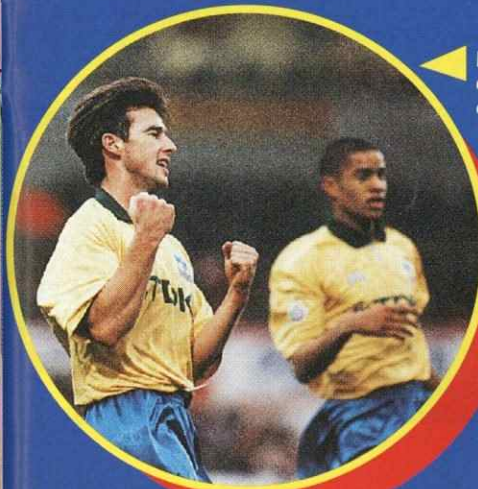
Chris Coleman in the thick of the action in what turned out to be his last game for Palace prior to his transfer to Blackburn Rovers.



Leon McKenzie, who had another industrious match, keeps his eye firmly fixed on the ball as his marker looks on.



Dougie Freedman punishes Stoke for errors in defence with his 7th goal of the season.



Freedman clearly delighted with his goal at the Victoria Ground.



Jamie Vincent, who returned to the start line-up due to an injury to David Hopkin, is a high flying winner.



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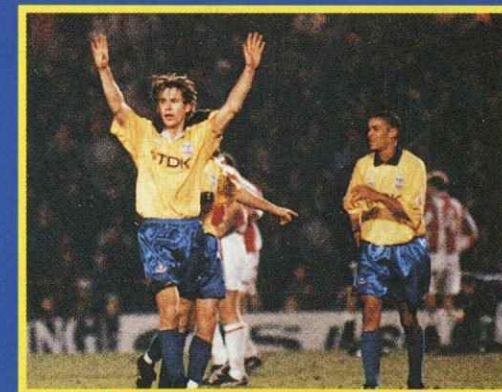
STOKE CITY 1
(Sheron 87)
CRYSTAL PALACE 2
(Freedman 24, Taylor 68)



Saturday 16th December 1995
Attendance: 12,090

STOKE: Prudhoe, Clarkson, Sandford, Sigurdsson, Cranson, Potter, Keen (Peschisolido), Wallace, Sheron, Sturridge, Gleghorn.

PALACE: Martyn, Edworthy, Gordon, Roberts, Cundy, Vincent, Pitcher, Houghton, Freedman, Taylor (Boere), McKenzie (Dyer).



HE'S DONE IT! Gareth Taylor relishes his proud moment of scoring his first goal for Palace at the end of the match.

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PALACE

Flashback TO BOXING DAY

by Ian King

1972

Ten days after the enthralling 5-0 home win over Manchester United, Palace faced Southampton in the next game at Selhurst Park hoping to increase their advantage over the other teams at the bottom of the Division One table.

Southampton provided just the kind of defence that Palace and the fleet-footed Don Rogers were looking for - square and looking to play the offside game, but it was from a corner in the nineteenth minute that the home team took the lead. Rogers took the corner and from a blocked shot by Charlie Cooke, John Craven slotted in the rebound. Just before the break Rogers showed the fans what to expect in the second half as he broke clear of the Saints' defence but the keeper foiled him with a brilliant save. The goal of the game came after seventy minutes as Alan Whittle released a ball to the edge of the penalty area and Rogers, beating the onrushing goal-keeper to it, managed to score from the narrowest of angles. In the final minute Rogers scored Palace's third in copycat fashion.

PALACE: J Jackson, Payne, A Taylor, Philip, Bell, Blyth, Hughes, Craven, Whittle, Cooke, Rogers.

Sub: Pinkney for Craven.

Luton were also at home to Sheffield Wednesday in a Division Two game but were unable to provide much cheer for their fans in a goalless encounter.

1980



David Fry - conceded two goals against Arsenal

With Malcolm Allison recently installed as **Palace's** third manager of the season, the Eagles welcomed visitors Arsenal, who included full-back Kenny Sansom on his first return to Selhurst Park since leaving in August.

Allison had already encouraged his players to a 4-1 win over Norwich but Arsenal would no doubt be more of a test, especially as Palace had already begun to offload players cheaply to Queens Park Rangers. It also appeared that Arsenal were going to offload some balls into the Palace net as they took a tenth minute lead and should have been at least four up by the break, but Palace had managed to conjure up an equaliser from Tony Sealy. The second half continued with the Gunners bearing down on David Fry, scoring again early on and having a good enough goal disallowed twenty minutes from time. However, with ten minutes left a shot from Clive Allen was blocked by Hollins and the ball fell to Sealy again, who fired home a low drive for an unexpected second equaliser and Palace held on. Four weeks later Palace had a new chairman in Ron Noades, Allison left after fifty-five days in charge, and Palace were rock bottom of Division 1.

PALACE: Fry, P Hinshelwood, Boyle, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Murphy, Francis, Allen, Sealy, Hilaire. Sub: Smillie for Hilaire.

Again **Luton** were also playing at Kenilworth Road in Division Two with Chelsea as their opponents. Their best League crowd of the season saw Brian Stein claim two second half goals to win the points.

1986

In the mid-eighties Brighton usually provided the opposition fare at holiday times and so it was in this mid-table Division Two clash here in South London. The first half was instantly forgettable - littered with stoppages by a fussy referee who, during the game, took seven names and later sent off a Brighton player for a second bookable offence.

An injury to Brian Sparrow forced manager Steve Coppell to reshuffle the pack at half-time bringing on Ian Wright, back following a suspension, and moving Tony Finnigan into defence. Before Brighton had a chance to test the new formation, Palace took the lead when Alan Irvine steered home a Phil Barber cross. Then, midway through the second period, Wright set up a heading chance which Phil Barber buried into the net. One of the highlights of the game was the duel between Mark Bright and a certain Seagulls' centre-half, Eric Young, which Bright, although conceding some inches, won most of the ball.

PALACE: Wood, Stebbing, Sparrow, K Taylor, Nebbeling, Cannon, Irvine, Finnigan, Bright, Gray, Barber.

Sub: Wright for Sparrow.

Luton were having a successful season in Division One but on this Boxing Day they suffered one of only two home League defeats, as they lost 0-2 to local rivals Watford.



Ian Wright - back from suspension

1991



Marco Gabbiadini - scored in the 1-1 draw with Wimbledon

This was the first Boxing Day game that Palace had played as the 'away' team at Selhurst Park when we faced Wimbledon in Division One. Once again local pride came before an attractive game of football in a match littered with free-kicks and a second half that contained eight minutes of injury time. The Dons were hoping for a 'record' crowd of 20,000 (depends whether you count the F.A. Cup replay against Leeds in 1975) but in the end only 15,000 turned up and the others did not miss much. Stories of unrest in the Eagles' camp were still rife following Wright's departure although his replacement, Marco Gabbiadini, scored early in the second half to put Palace ahead but Warren Barton squared it for the Dons after seventy minutes.

PALACE: Martyn, Southgate, Sinnott, Gray, Mortimer, Humphrey, Rodger, Osborn, Bright, Gabbiadini, McGoldrick. Sub: Whyte for Mortimer.

Bottom of the table, also in Division One, **Luton** managed a bit of a surprise in the home game against Arsenal as Mick Harford scored the only goal for the Hatters' fourth League win of the season.

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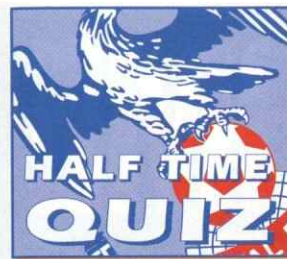
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FIVE QUESTIONS - RECENT PALACE YULETIDES

- Which former Palace player managed our visitors on Boxing Day last season?
- On 27th December 1993, Palace won 3-1 at Oxford. Who scored two of the goals?
- On Boxing Day 1992 Palace played Wimbledon at home or 'away'?
- Who were Palace's long distance opponents on Boxing Day 1990?
- On Boxing Day 1989 Palace played Chelsea. Who is the only Palace player from that game likely to appear today?

FIVE QUESTIONS - YULETIDE SONG LYRICS

Name the Christmas record with these lyrics

- "But say a prayer for the other ones, at Christmas time it's hard, but when you're having fun, there's a world outside your window, a world of dread and fear."
- "When the snowman brings the snow, well he might just like to know he's put a great big smile on somebody's face."
- "Are you waiting for the family to arrive, are you sure you've got the room to spare inside, does your granny always tell you that the old songs are the best."
- "Oh my love we've had our share of tears, oh my friend we've had our hopes and fears, oh my friends it's been a long hard year."
- "A ray of hope flickers in the sky, a tiny star lights up way up high, all across the land dawns a brand new morn."

FIVE QUESTIONS - YULETIDE TRUE OR FALSE

- Turkeys originated in Mexico.
- Reindeers' noses appear red at 10 degrees centigrade.
- Effigies of Santa Claus were burnt by French clergy as recently as the 1950s.
- It is illegal to play rugby or football on Christmas Day.
- Santa's traditional uniform was designed for an advertising campaign.



Santa Claus - See question fifteen

FIVE QUESTIONS - YULETIDE NUMBERS

(The following numbers or statistics refer to some aspect of Christmas. Exactly what?)

- To do with television - 13,620,000.
- To do with travel - 5,500 as opposed to 13,000 on a normal working day.
- To do with food - 87% of families.
- To do with greetings - 62,824.
- To do with property - 7 out of 10.

WHO AM I?

- I was born in December 1967.
- My football career started with non-league Bromsgrove Rovers.
- After just 4 appearances for Palace, I joined my hometown club on loan in March 1993 and then again in February 1994.
- The move was made permanent when I left Palace for £40,000 in August 1994.
- I am now starring in midfield and scored in my new club's 8-4 FA Cup 2nd round replay victory a couple of weeks ago.

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- Bottom club will when out of matches (4)
- Send player wrong way - then collapse? (5)
- They make you cross and ruin game (5)
- Ref might alter bad tackle (3,3)
- It's free for foul and after side, pal (4)
- Is big one in Africa? (4)
- Call on Doncaster has Spurs home (6)
- Bottom with these points (5)
- Pile up points in church? (5)
- Record goal-scorer who could score for toffee (4)

- Stop fouling while Ed sits around (6)

DOWN

- New laces he has in "14" (7)
- Down Upton Park? Has to admit it (3,2)
- When minnows beat giants its electric (5)
- Line-up without east for losers' points (3)
- Old Englishman hits corner of bar (5)
- What boss does with team (7)
- Pete's first name (5)
- Eleven - a-side means changes (5)
- You need a good one for opportunities (3)



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Endsleigh League, Division One
Saturday, 9th December 1995



**PALACE 2
OLDHAM 2**

The home game against Oldham Athletic at Selhurst Park showed Crystal Palace at their best and their worst. In a first half which enthralled the small but enthusiastic pre Christmas crowd, they built up a two goal lead and went into the second period threatening to overwhelm the visitors. However, in an amazing turnaround it was the Eagles who were hanging onto the game by their fingertips when the final whistle sounded.

Ray Lewington's badly kept secret ploy of playing three men up front was confirmed an hour before the kick off, when it was officially announced that young Leon McKenzie would be brought in to increase the strike power.

It took the impressive Eagles just 33 minutes to establish a two goal lead - the first of which came from a superb Gareth Davies header as he thundered in on the far post in front of the almost full Holmesdale Road stand. It was the young Welshman's first goal for the club and afterwards Lewington paid him the compliment of admitting that he was perhaps the only player in the team capable of attacking that type of cross so strongly. The second came from the livewire Dougie Freedman as he received a superbly placed pass from Leon McKenzie and his low drive gave Paul Gerrard in the Oldham goal no chance. Nigel Martyn played his part in the generally one-sided first half when he saved a well hit volley from Paul Rickers, but that was perhaps the only occasion in the first period that the home custodian had been troubled in any way.



Gareth Davies -
first goal for
Palace

WILTING CHALLENGE

Early in the second half Palace had further chances through both Dougie Freedman and Leon McKenzie, but it was not long before the Eagles' hold on the game wilted dramatically. For long periods the visitors had possession of the ball and Palace seemed at a complete loss as to how to take it off them. From only their second corner of the game after 63 minutes Michel Vonk rose totally unchallenged to head the ball into the net. Nigel Martyn was furious with his defence and the big keeper was totally distraught when nine minutes later, in an almost carbon copy situation, Steve Redmond headed home the equaliser from a Mark Brennan corner. Palace sent on Bruce Dyer and Jeroen Boere in an effort to regain both the lead and their dignity but by now the makeshift Oldham side, who due to a third injury had brought on substitute goalkeeper Jon Hallworth in an outfield position, were playing well above themselves and cheered on by a small but vociferous bunch of their Lancastrian supporters situated in the Arthur Wait stand.

News of the World

COLEMAN'S ON THE BOOS

C PALACE 2 OLDHAM 2

By Tony Rand

CHRIS COLEMAN got stick from the fans — and boss Ray Lewington — on his farewell to Selhurst Park.

Coleman was booed at every touch on his Palace swansong. And then furious Lewington blasted the former Swansea apprentice — for the rest of a dithering back line — for allowing Oldham back from two down. Lewington roared: "Unbelievable! I bet Oldham can't believe their luck. We ended up treading water. If we

keep doing this we will be in serious trouble." Coleman, the £2.5 million-rated Welsh international decides today whether to team up with another South London exile Richard Shaw at Coventry, or be tempted by moneybags Blackburn. But this was a tale of two

After the game the whole of the Palace management team were scathing in their criticism of the way a two goal lead had been wasted.

Lewington, who confirmed Coleman had probably played his last game for Palace en route to the Premiership, added: "We were two up and cruising. Then the back four dropped off, there was no need to, we were under no pressure. We should never concede two set pieces but I had a feeling at half time they were going to do it." Palace started off so brightly they one up with his first goal for the club. He outran a static defence to head home from a superb cross from Hopkin on the left. Palace continued to play it sweet and simple and increased their lead when a good touch from McKenzie allowed Freedman from to shoot high into the net for his sixth goal for the club. The Eagles reappeared for the second half thinking they were home and dry. But a double substitution during the break by manager Graeme Sharp worked a treat. Soon after, two pinpoint corners from Brennan saw headers by Vonk and Redmond earn the Latics a point.

Two-two boo-hoo for Lew

By GEOFF DUFFIELD
Crystal P 2 Oldham 2

★ PALACE coach Ray Lewington moaned: "A 2-2 Eagles threw away a good lead to allow Oldham back for a point. You had to be here to see it," said consistently and we lack experience, it away."

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THE EAGLE INQUISITION

This Week....

Bruce Dyer

Position: Striker
Joined Palace: 9th March 1994 from Watford for £1.25M
Date and Place of Birth: 13th April 1975 in Ilford.
Palace Debut: 12th December 1994 v West Bromwich Albion (H) W 1-0
Palace Career Appearances: League; 44/6 gls. Cup; 10/1 gl. Total; 54/7 gls.
(Up to and including 22nd December 1995)

Who was your boyhood hero?
Pele.

Which was the first football team you played for?
Romford Royals.

Who was the greatest influence on your early career?
The Watford youth team coach, Kenny Jackett.

When did you realise that you had the talent to become a pro?
I probably started to notice when I was about 16 or 17 whilst I was at Watford.

What other sports or hobbies do you enjoy?

When I have time, I love to DJ.

Where do you prefer to take your holidays?

Here in London, just going out and about.

What is your favourite football ground in England?

I guess it would have to be Old Trafford.

If you were not a footballer, what would you rather be?

I'd love to be a DJ in a nightclub.

Who do you think is the best manager in England right now?

Kevin Keegan up at Newcastle.

What has been your best moment in football?

The day I signed my contract with Palace.

What would be your dream car?

A top of the range Mercedes Convertible!

What has been the happiest day of your life?

The day my son was born.

Who in the world would you most like to meet?

It would be great to meet Mike Tyson.

Who is the best player you've ever played alongside?

I would have to say Paul Furlong.

Who is the best player you've ever played against?

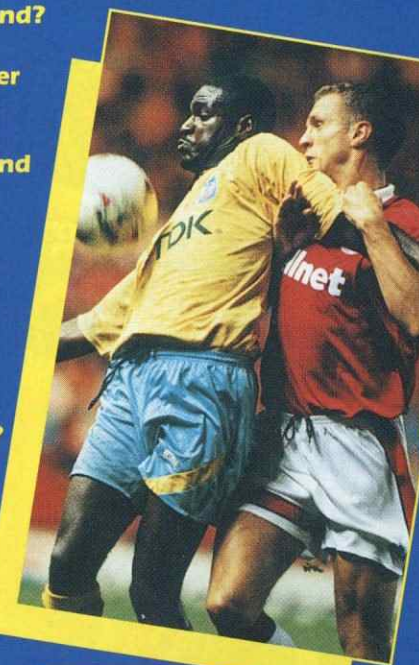
That's tough, but I'd say Tony Adams stands out.

Who do you think will win this summer's European Championships?

I will be a proud Englishman and stick with Terry Venables' side.

What do you like to do to relax after a match?

I love to go to a rave at a club and just enjoy myself.



BRUCE DYER
Photo: Neil Everitt

Forward view



by Joe Hare

GRIMSBY NEXT AT SELHURST

Most seasons, the task of having to complete an entire preview column solely on a forthcoming match with Grimsby would be a daunting prospect. Mention the fact that they reside in Cleethorpes not Grimsby, ramble on a bit about Gary Croft being one of the best and most versatile players in the Endsleigh League, suggest that they're too good to go down but can you honestly see Grimsby in the Premiership, and that's about it. However, in 1995/96 Grimsby also means joint second place in the League table, attractive football under an eager young manager, and most importantly it means Ivano Bonnetti.

ITALIAN ACQUISITION

Until his arrival at Blundell Park, Anglo-Italian exchanges had generally been disastrous. Out of the recent batch of exports, only David Platt really made it in Serie A, and the excitement surrounding the supposedly ground breaking move by Andrea Silenzi to Nottingham Forest has been dampened somewhat by a small snag that Silenzi can't get in the team. As for the Anglo-Italian Cup, even before Birmingham and Ancona started consigning each other to hospital beds and then exchanging insults, it was fair to say that the competition hadn't exactly caught the public's imagination. Restoring good relations between the two countries is therefore a sizeable undertaking for any one man, but, by all accounts, Bonnetti is no ordinary man. He makes goals, he scores them, he says he loves living in Cleethorpes

and he is an all-round superhero. He has transformed the image of Grimsby as a football team, making them seem glamorous and even exotic. It doesn't seem quite so strange that they might grace the Premiership next season although if that did happen, survival would surely be impossible for a club currently getting gates of around five and a half thousand.

THE MARINERS' SECOND TOUGH TEST

For both Grimsby and Palace the game may well be something of a watershed. If the Eagles don't gain maxi-

Brian Laws' Grimsby are next up at Selhurst Park



mum points from the last two home games of 1995 (against Grimsby on Saturday and today versus Luton), then even the play-offs will surely be a forlorn aim. For the Mariners, the trip here will be their second tricky away game in four days because today they face the League leaders, Sunderland. Two positive results and manager Brian Laws will have good cause to think his team can stay near the summit of the division - two defeats - would surely herald a decline towards last season's final position of twelfth.

Looking ahead to 1996, if Palace are to make the type of late charge that brought promotion in 1989, then it would seem that the first eight weeks of the year will be particularly crucial. Over that period Palace will face nine teams, none of which

are currently higher than ninth in the League table. Even if the Eagles are not in a position to challenge themselves, the final two matches of the season may have a considerable bearing upon who does make the Premiership - the last day of the campaign features a visit from Norwich, and the week before that Palace travel to Derby. This division continues to fascinate through its unpredictability, but it seems that a clearer picture is emerging. Norwich, Derby and Sunderland have all begun to purr into a higher gear, whilst teams like Barnsley, West Brom and maybe even Millwall seem to have been red herrings. Just don't forget the Bonnetti factor.



Grimsby Town's Away Form '95/96

Millwall	L 1-2
Derby	D 1-1
Wolves	L 1-4
Reading	W 2-0
Southend	L 0-1
Charlton	W 1-0
Birmingham	L 1-3
Ipswich	D 2-2
Sheff Utd	W 2-1
Tranmere	W 1-0
Norwich	D 2-2

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Around & About with Stephen Williamson



I trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas Day, and can further enjoy today's match. Doubtless there are a few dubious sweaters amongst the crowd, but more importantly new items of Palace apparel seeing the light of day for the first time!

I am sure you will realise that printing schedules around this time mean that this article is being prepared well in advance. However, with four programmes to come in a little over two weeks starting next Saturday, there will be ample opportunity to catch up with events.

To begin with today I am going to climb on to my soap box - this prompted by Chris Coleman's face staring down at me from the December page of the 1995 calendar. Anyone who was at the Oldham match would have witnessed a hostile reaction to what turned out to be the defender's last game for Palace. This got me thinking just what a very hard bunch of taskmasters the Palace faithful are. I am not necessarily making any criticism - if just half of the 'quotes' attributed to Mr Coleman this season were true, then I have to ask why he was in the first team anyway. But, more importantly, did the cries of 'Judas' and jeering contribute to Palace 'giving away' two points - I believe they did. Earlier this season (and it's still happening) my co-contributor, Paul Romain, highlighted the treatment of Gareth Taylor, and I would repeat that mocking, jeering and comments like 'don't spoil your hair' are hardly likely to instill confidence! In recent seasons Ian Wright has come in for much derisive jeering, prompted mainly by his own stupidity - apparently mocking fans at Highbury. The problem is that he usually responded by scoring against us! We did have a lot to thank Ian for and it is a shame it was spoilt. More recently I couldn't help noticing the almost complete lack of any 'thanks' to Eric Young when he turned out for Wolves. Being more positive, the opposite has been true of some - notably the cheers for John Burridge when he 'warmed up' for Manchester City last season.

All this spouting is trying to make a point in that in over 30 years of supporting Palace, I can recall an awful lot of moaning, and sadly, an oft-lacking degree of wholehearted support. How nice it would be if, for the remainder of the season, we made Selhurst a place to be feared by visiting teams. It is often said that sup-

port at Anfield, Old Trafford and St. James' Park is worth a goal start to the home team. I for one would like to see Palace supporters get right behind the team in every game - not just the odd one or two!

I thought it may be interesting to look back one year to the top two divisions and how they were shaping up around Christmas in 1994. In the Premiership 12 months ago Blackburn led the way ahead of Manchester United and Newcastle, whilst Nottingham Forest were fourth and Liverpool fifth. The latter two improved their positions by one place by the end of the season, whereas Newcastle dropped down to finish sixth. Norwich were amazingly in 7th place at this stage last year, and we



A lack of 'thanks' to Eric Young

all know what happened to them. Equally, of the bottom six, which at this time did not include Palace, four managed to escape relegation. Palace had 21 points from 19 games and, at the time of writing, we were two points better off this season, but had played a game more. Somewhat ominously we were seventh from the bottom then and are (or were) now.

In Division One last season Middlesbrough were being chased by Wolves - a situation that would continue for virtually the rest of the campaign. Bolton and Tranmere filled top five positions whilst only Reading had yet to make their bid for glory, which they did at the expense of Barnsley. At the base of the division, three of the four teams would end up being relegated. Another bottom section team, West Bromwich Albion, would escape and Swindon, at this time

seventh from bottom (surely not ominous again!), would be sucked down too.

One further point about the even nature (or mediocrity) of this season's Division One table, is that it is only in our league that the leading team is falling short of the 'required aim' of the two-points-a-game average that usually wins the championship. As I write Sunderland are three points off this 'target' figure, whilst in every other division that average is to be found. Newcastle are five points over after 17 games, Swindon are three points over after nineteen and Chester one over after eighteen. In Scotland only Dunfermline in Division One are not ahead of the two point average - they are exactly meeting it. In non-league circles the same is true for Macclesfield, Enfield, Bamber Bridge and Rushden who all exceed the two-point-per-game quota to lead their respective divisions, and if you require more proof of the same applies for the top teams in Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Holland and Italy.

This time last year, Middlesbrough, the eventual champions of Division One, had six points more than Sunderland have now. Perhaps somewhat strangely Notts County who finished bottom, had the same number of points that Luton and Sheffield United had when this article was written.

The fixtures on Boxing Day will herald for almost every team in Division One the start of the second half of the season, and the final 23 games will make or break a few hearts. It is true to say that the eventual champions will not require 92 points to win the title in this division, but the bottom four teams are all behind the one-point-per-game average definitely needed to give a sporting chance of avoiding the drop. Too many teams, Palace included, are only just ahead of that average. 46 points wasn't enough for Swindon or Burnley last season and we all know that the relative comparison (42 points/42 games) in last season's Premiership was exceeded by both Palace and Norwich who made the drop!

So that completes a rather different article from the norm under this heading. Saturday's should take on a more familiar feel with the FA Cup replays and another round of League fixtures taking place between the time of writing and the next deadline. See you then.



Junior Eagles & community matters

by Janet Clark



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The youth team are all round stars...

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The youth team's acting debut was screened on BBC1 the week before Christmas.

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A Colhoun
Lewis Cooke
Martin Coverdale
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Tracy Draper
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Wayne Dyson
James Ford
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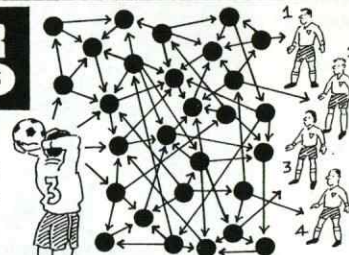
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Today's Mascots

Today we are delighted to have three mascots to lead out the teams for this Boxing Day fixture, and sincerely hope that Father Christmas delivered all the presents they wanted yesterday!

Kirsty Boyle, who is ten years of age, attends Poverest primary school. In her spare time she enjoys playing the keyboard and the clarinet as well as drawing. Kirsty is particularly looking forward to meeting goalkeeper Nigel Martyn, whom she names as her favourite player.



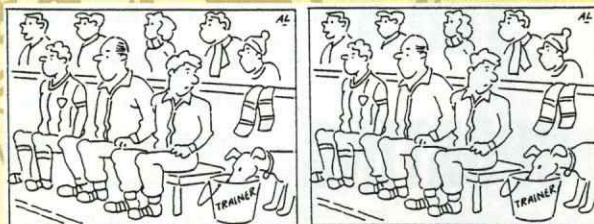
Kirsty Boyle

Our second mascot today is seven year old **Scott Murrell**, who is also a big fan of Nigel Martyn. Scott attends Ysgol Llwynyngreos school in Wales and his main interest is playing computer games.

Leading out the Luton side is **Joe Oddy** who is aged 9. Joe hails from Balham and goes to Sellincourt junior school. His hobbies include football, swimming and cricket. Joe, who attends games with his dad, names his favourite Hatters' player as Scott Oakes.

We hope that all three mascots have a wonderful day with us and that they are rewarded with an entertaining match.

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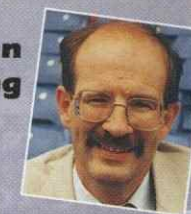


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US and THEM...

by Ian
King



A CHRISTMAS CRACKER

The only time that Palace and Luton have previously met on Boxing Day occurred in 1977 when both clubs were in the same division as now - the old Division Two. Following our return to this League, having gained promotion in a nerve-racking finish the previous May, the Palace side was now in a transitional period with younger players from the successful youth team being introduced. However, this was no excuse for a defence that was definitely suffering from a surfeit of christmas fare in the first half.

Luton took the lead after nineteen minutes from a free-kick but Barry Silkman managed to equalise four minutes later, only for Palace's hopes to be dashed again when a suspiciously looking offside Phil Boersma was allowed to carry on and score. The home defence then presented another gift to the visitors as Brian Stein strode through to make a goal for Ron Fletcher. Even after the break Jim Cannon had to clear off the line when Stein had rounded Tony Burns. Palace though then decided to rally with Barry Silkman as the main prompter, stretching the Hatters' defence wider and wider. Silkman scored his second and with the visitors beginning to buckle under the pressure, just as it seemed they would hang on for a victory, up stepped full-back Kenny Sansom to fire home his first goal for Palace to send the fans home happy after this six goal thriller.



Barry Silkman - scored twice against Luton in 1977

NEVER A GOALLESS GAME

There have been about fifty matches between us and not one of them has been goalless, which must be a record of some sort and probably as a result some high scores have been attained. Palace have twice been on the end of six goal thrashings at Kenilworth Road, but one of our biggest cup victories came in a third round FA Cup replay at Selhurst Park on 16th January 1929, when Luton had seven goals put past them without reply.

HAT (TER) TRICK HEROES

Luton also have the distinction (along with Newport County) of conceding the most number of hat-tricks to Palace players, which currently stands at five. Harry Havelock started it off with three in the away League game on 10th November 1928 but still ended up on the losing side. However, he put this right by scoring another three in the cup game mentioned above. Quite naturally Palace's all-time top scorer, Peter Simpson, features and his two League hat-tricks, both at Selhurst Park, were only five games apart.

They came towards the end of one season on 21st April 1930 and then soon after the start of the next on 6th September. Lastly Mark Bright helped himself to three of the four goals the Eagles scored in a Simod Cup tie here on 10th January 1989, when former Palace hero Iain Dowie gave Luton the lead only for Bright to complete his hat-trick in seventeen minutes. Mention of Peter Simpson also prompts me to record that he is easily the highest Palace marksman against the Hatters with thirteen goals to his credit.



Mark Bright - netted a hat-trick in seventeen minutes

A FOOT IN BOTH DAWES!

Albert Dawes signed for Crystal Palace from Northampton Town just before Christmas 1933 and immediately endeared himself to the fans, as he took over the goalscoring mantle from the indisposed Peter Simpson for most of that season. He followed this up in the next campaign by being the leading scorer with nineteen, which included five out of six in one game. Then, after Simpson's departure, he notched thirty-eight League goals in the 1935/36 season - missing only one game and that was because he was selected for the England international squad but not chosen on the day. When promotion hopefuls Luton were looking for a forward to boost their goalscoring tally, it came as a shock for Palace fans that Albert was their man. He left us in December 1936 and gained a Division Three South championship medal with them.

By then his brother Fred was playing at full-back for the Palace and many fans believed Albert was only 'loaned' to Luton, where he scored eighteen goals, as he was back at Selhurst Park fifteen months later in February 1938. Even during the troubled war-time years Albert was a great servant to Palace, appearing in virtually every outfield position in that time. A measure of his contribution to the club over the ten year span until his final game in April 1946, is that he scored over 150 goals in nearly 300 games before and during the war.



Albert Dawes - played for both Palace and Luton

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- Tottenham v Man Utd (8.00pm)

Tuesday 2nd January
- Q.P.R. v Chelsea (8.00pm)
Wednesday 3rd January
- Celtic v Rangers (8.00pm)
All of the above games are on Sky Sports.

(There are no live Endsleigh League matches on ITV over the festive period)

GARETH MAKES IT THREE....

When Gareth Davies joined Palace from Hereford in the close season, he had no false ideas that things would be easy. Speaking at the clubs open day he stated that it would take a while to adjust to the pace of the First Division, despite having played almost a hundred League games for Hereford at the lower level.

Gareth went into Steve Kember's successful reserve side and rapidly became a favourite with the second string fans at Champion Hill stadium.

He played in twelve of their first thirteen fixtures and was on the losing side just once - against West Ham when Jeroen Boere, now a Palace player, sank Kember's men with a second half goal. Ray Lewington was also impressed by the young Welshman's performances, and gave him the chance of first team football when he included him in the side to face Wolves at Selhurst Park in late November. Gareth took to the first team like a duck to water but, having said that, the young central defender is the first to admit that he has plenty to learn.

He scored the third League goal of his

career with the opener against Oldham at Selhurst and of this strike Ray Lewington paid him the compliment of saying: "We haven't attacked the ball like that this season and I believe that Gareth was the only player who could have scored that goal on current form. What is now required is to have players follow his lead."

The Welsh selectors obviously feel the same way about Gareth as we do at Selhurst, as he has already been capped at under-21 level and it can only be a matter of time before that coveted 'full' cap comes along.



Gareth Davies

TAYLOOOOOOOOOOR....

You could hear the commentators in the press box shout the name of Gareth Taylor long and loud when he finally scored his first goal for the first team at the Victoria Ground ten days ago.

It was coincidence that, as was the case with another new player Dougie Freedman some twelve weeks previously, the first goal of his Palace career had come against Stoke City. And, although Gareth's first twelve League appearances for the Eagles failed to produce a goal for the big West Country striker, supporters and the media have been quick to realise his potential. He has struck up a good partnership with Dougie Freedman and also combined well with new find Leon McKenzie. At international level also Wales have been quick to promote him from under-21 to full level and, playing out of position, Gareth showed up well in the difficult 1-1 draw in Albania recently.

With the problem of scoring that first goal now overcome, fans are looking to Gareth to supply some of the goals which could see the team move up that Endsleigh Division One table. Let us hope that some of them are forthcoming in this busy Christmas period.



Gareth Taylor scored his first goal for Palace at Stoke

APOLOGIES

We would like to apologise to our readers that the league tables in this current issue are not as up-to-date as usual. Due to print deadlines, we were unable to include last Saturday's matches. We will however be back to 'normal' for the programme against Grimsby.

They said it on Clubcall...

"I was disappointed that when Richard Shaw went to Coventry it seemed as if another player had left and I was just being ignored. However, although I am a little unhappy with the fee, the chairman has been honest with me and told me I can now go and talk to other clubs."

Chris Coleman tells Clubcall subscribers of his meeting with Ron Noades.

"They have a passionate crowd behind them and it will be a difficult game in difficult conditions."

Ray Lewington almost expecting the torrential rain and alien surroundings at Roker Park before he even boarded the coach.

"In conditions like that you have to concen-

trate very hard. The ball skids everywhere and you have to time your tackles or else you are in the book. The one consolation is that it is the same for both teams."

Gareth Davies on the Sunderland defeat.

"I don't think the penalty was a penalty but I gave one away in the second half that the referee didn't see."

Gareth again on the Sunderland game. Good job he didn't admit it at the time!!

"We felt we did enough at Sunderland to get a draw with the exception of taking our chances."

Peter Nicholas unfortunately having to repeat the same old story.

"It is a worry. Who can put their finger on just why we seem to get the chances but not the goals?"

Nigel Martyn obviously concerned about the current situation.

"We are bitterly disappointed with some of our results where we had the better of the play and got nothing. We now need to win four or five on the spin to get us into a good position."

Gareth Taylor with his christmas wish. We certainly hope it is granted!

"Jeroen needs games. He has trained well and put a lot of work in but players need games to attain match fitness."

Ray Lewington with an early December progress report on Jeroen Boere.

COLEMAN DEPARTS AFTER LENGTHY PALACE CAREER

When Chris Coleman departed for Blackburn Rovers for £2,825,000 a fortnight ago, it ended a four and a half year association with the club. First team coach Ray Lewington said of the departure: "Obviously I'm disappointed to lose a very good player, however the situation we found ourselves in this year had to be resolved in one way or another."

There has just been too many players who have been wanting to go, and I think probably the sooner we clear the ranks the better for everyone. It will weaken the team with him going but, having said that, who we put in will want to be here and play for Crystal Palace."

Signing from Swansea City in July 1991, Chris had to wait until the end of October of that year before he made his Palace League debut, which came from the substitutes' bench against Chelsea at Selhurst Park. That game resulted in a 0-0 draw and it is interesting to note that of the thirteen players on duty that day, the departure of Chris Coleman means that only Nigel Martyn is still with the club. Gareth Southgate, Lee Sinnott, Andy Gray, Eric Young, Andy Thorn, Paul Mortimer, Geoff Thomas, Mark Bright, Marco Gabbiadini, Eddie McGoldrick and John Humphrey have all since gone their separate ways.

Chris strangely enough ended that first season as a makeshift striker, a situation that he stated openly that he did not enjoy, but his four League goals helped the Eagles to mid-table respectability. The following campaign saw Coleman make a handful of appearances in forward positions, but it was not until the Christmas period that he again established himself as a first team regular, this time in his more favoured role as the central defensive partner to Eric Young. The season ended in heartbreak when relegation to Division One meant that the Eagles became one of the first teams to lose a Premier League place.

The Young and Coleman combination was to be a major factor in regaining Premiership status when, in 1993/94, only forty-six League goals were conceded. It was one of the highlights of Chris' career when he picked up that First Division championship medal. It was also a season that had rubber-stamped him as a regular feature of the Welsh national side.

Yet again it was a case of 'change partners' when, last season, Coleman and Shaw impressed in the centre of defence. The blow of relegation was caused more by the lack of ability to score than the deficiencies at the back. Chris was one of a group of players who then decided that their future was not with Crystal Palace. Many would disagree with that train of thought and it could well have been that without the mass exodus of playing staff, Coppell, Lewington and Nicholas could have immediately put the club on the path to promotion.

As it is rebuilding is taking time and, although everybody is sad to see the departure of Coleman, his future career will be followed with interest by the many friends that he has made at Selhurst Park over the last few years.



Chris Coleman

FROM THE TREATMENT TABLE

with Peter McClean

The only recent injury of any note that we have suffered was that ankle problem sustained by David Hopkin against Oldham at Selhurst Park. Although at the time of writing David was doubtful for the game at West Bromwich, he should be fit to resume over the Christmas period.

This season we have been reasonably lucky with the small number of injuries that we have had to contend with. In pre-season the lads became very fit and flexible and this has had a lot to do with that good situation as far as the treatment table has been concerned. Both Jeroen Boere and Tony Gale suffered quite bad injuries in training but they are thankfully now recovered and are nearing full match fitness. I would like to pay tribute to the YTS trainees

who this year have been superb in their dedication to fitness. Because of this dedication we have had hardly any problems with them and this is certainly a superb state of affairs. The fact that we have gone into Christmas with a few injuries as we have augers well for the New Year, which is the make or break time for Crystal Palace.

I trust that you are all having a very enjoyable festive season.

Peter.



David Hopkin - troubled by an ankle injury



Crystal Palace v Luton Town

Previous meetings



LEAGUE GAMES				
Season	Home	Away	Div	
1920-21	W 2-1	D 2-2	3	
1925-26	W 3-0	L 2-3	3(S)	
1926-27	D 1-1	L 0-1	3(S)	
1927-28	W 3-2	L 1-6	3(S)	
1928-29	W 3-0	L 3-5	3(S)	
1929-30	W 4-1	D 2-2	3(S)	
1930-31	W 5-1	W 2-1	3(S)	
1931-32	D 1-1	L 0-3	3(S)	
1932-33	W 3-0	D 1-1	3(S)	
1933-34	D 2-2	L 1-2	3(S)	
1934-35	W 2-1	D 2-2	3(S)	
1935-36	W 5-1	L 0-6	3(S)	
1936-37	L 0-4	L 2-5	3(S)	
1963-64	D 1-1	W 4-0	3	
1973-74	L 1-2	L 1-2	2	
1977-78	D 3-3	L 0-1	2	
1978-79	W 3-1	W 1-0	2	
1981-82	D 3-3	L 0-1	2	
1989-90	D 1-1	L 0-1	1	
1990-91	W 1-0	D 1-1	1	
1991-92	D 1-1	D 1-1	1	
1993-94	W 3-2	W 1-0	1	

League Games Summary									
	P	W	D	L	For	Agst			
Home	22	12	8	2	51	29			
Away	22	4	6	12	27	46			
Totals	44	16	14	14	78	75			

CUP GAMES

(Football Association, Football League, Full members)									
Season	Home	Away	Cup	Round					
1905-06	W 1-0	-	FA	4(Q)					
1928-29	W 7-0	D 0-0	FA	3					
1971-72	W 2-0	-	FL	2					
1985-86	L 1-2	-	FA	3					
1988-89	W 4-1	-	FM	3					
1989-90	W 4-1	-	FM	2					
1990-91	W 3-1	-	FM	4					

Cup Games Summary									
	P	W	D	L	For	Agst			
Home	7	6	0	1	22	5			
Away	1	0	1	0	0	0			
Totals	8	6	1	1	22	5			

OVERALL MEETINGS

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst
Home	29	18	8	3	73	34
Away	23	4	7	12	27	46
Totals	53	22	15	15	100	80

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THE LOCAL ANSWER

Endsleigh Encounters

by Terry Byfield

Apart from how close this division is at the moment, the main talking point amongst the footballing public recently has been the managerial merry-go-round, as the push for the Premiership continues. In the past couple of weeks Norwich, Wolves, Sheffield United and our visitors today, Luton Town, have all parted company with their managers.

Today's Boxing Day fixtures sees a busy schedule for all clubs, but the pressure will undoubtedly be on the teams who have appointed new management, as supporters look for a quick change in fortune.

The most recent departure was Luton's Terry Westley after just five months in charge. At the time of going to press a replacement hadn't yet been named, although Mike Walker and Lennie Lawrence appeared to be the front-runners for the vacant position. Prior to last Saturday's matches the Hatters were rooted at the bottom of the table, with only one win in nine games and had the unfortunate distinction of being the lowest scorers in the division. Their defensive record is also cause for concern - conceding 34 goals. To try and halt this unwanted record, Luton have signed American goalkeeper Ian Feuer from West Ham for £585,000. Palace meanwhile, who had an excellent win at the in form Stoke ten days ago, will be hoping to build upon their recent run of just one defeat in six games. Dougie Freedman has now made his way into the top positions of the scoring chart, whilst Gareth Taylor finally got off the mark in that game at the Potteries.

Leicester are involved in one of the earlier kick-offs today against Ipswich Town. Mark McGhee left Filbert Street under a cloud as he walked out to Molineux. The Foxes have managed to achieve better results away from home, but their visitors today have only won two on their travels and will be looking to Alex Mathie to continue his excellent start to the season in front of goal. Better news on the defensive front for the East Anglian side is that keeper Craig Forrest has been given the all clear to continue playing after a worrying kidney complaint. Leicester came back from two down to beat Norwich in their last televised match and with a division that is so tight, it only takes a couple of victories to put you in the promotion frame as that win over the Canaries showed with them moving into third place.

Wolves, who entertain Millwall, were unable to give Mark McGhee a winning start in his first match in charge, as the improving Port Vale came away with maximum points. However, McGhee stated after the game that he feels his

new side can still achieve a play-off place. Millwall, after looking certain for promotion, have had a disastrous run of five consecutive defeats, slipping to ninth in the table.

Sheffield United, who are now managed by ex Everton boss Howard Kendall, face Birmingham City. The Blades have conceded an amazing 40 goals this term and still occupy a relegation place. Barry Fry's side have faltered of late but are still within easy reach of a chance of



**Palace's
Dougie
Freedman -
seven
League
goals so
far this
season.**

promotion. Backed by massive support, this could prove to be a key factor in their quest for a return to the top flight for the first time since 1985/86.

At Oakwell Barnsley are at home to Stoke City. Lou Macari's side has made an excellent start to the season - Palace ending their eight match unbeaten run. The Tykes have struggled of late, collecting just 6 points from their previous 7 matches.

Two teams desperate for points meet at Vicarage Road, where Watford entertain Reading. Glenn Roeder has recently been linked with signing ex Palace man Mark Bright from Sheffield Wednesday, although he would have to sell first to raise the cash. The Hornets have not won for nine games and will be hoping to change things soon before it may become too late.

In form Charlton take on Terry Fenwick's Portsmouth. Fenwick has been threatened with the sack if Pompey are relegated, however he is set to be given £5 million for new players by a reported takeover consortium. The Valiants have crept up the table with four wins in six games and are currently lying fourth.

Huddersfield take on second-placed Derby County who have won six of their last seven. Young striker Dean Sturridge has been linking well with Marco Gabbiadini and is the Rams' top scorer with 10 in the League and Cup. The Terriers meanwhile are up in fifth, so on paper this should be a close match.

Norwich City are at home to Southend United. These two clubs have already met earlier in the season in a 1-1 draw at Roots Hall. The Shrimpers are unbeaten in six matches whilst Norwich

have lost two of their last three.

Two teams currently having contrasting fortunes at the moment meet at Vale Park, when John Rudge's side take on West Bromwich Albion. Vale, although still 21st, have won their last three games - this after just one win all season! The Hawthorns are having a dreadful run, losing their previous nine matches which is their worst sequence of results for ten years.

Peter Reid's Sunderland meet Grimsby in a clash of two of the early promotion contenders. The Mariners, who were last in the top division way back in 1948, are looking to new signing Ivano Bonetti to give them some hope of achieving that goal with Brian Laws stating: "We can turn anyone over on our day and Ivano has lifted the club beyond our wildest dreams."

Finally today Tranmere are at home to Oldham Athletic. John King's team has suffered a similar fate to that of Millwall, losing their last four games after starting the season so promisingly whilst the Latics have registered just one victory in their previous five fixtures.

TODAY'S OTHER FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES

Barnsley v Stoke City (12.00)
Charlton v Portsmouth (12.00)
Huddersfield v Derby
Leicester v Ipswich (11.30)
Norwich v Southend
Port Vale v West Brom (12.00)
Sheff Utd v Birmingham (12.00)
Sunderland v Grimsby
Tranmere v Oldham
Watford v Reading (11.30)
Wolves v Millwall

TODAY'S PREMIERSHIP FIXTURES

Arsenal v QPR (12.00)
Aston Villa v Liverpool
Blackburn v Man City (8.00)
Chelsea v Wimbledon (12.00)
Everton v Middlesbrough
Nottm Forest v Sheff Wed
Southampton v Tottenham (12.00)
West Ham v Coventry (12.00)

PLAYING WEDNESDAY

Bolton v Leeds (8.00)
Man Utd v Newcastle (6.00)
(Matches kick off at 3.00pm unless otherwise stated)

Fixtures 1995/96

DATE	OPPONENTS	R	F	A
Wed Aug 16th	WEST HAM UNITED	L	0	1
Wed Aug 23rd	Bristol City	W	1	0
Wed Aug 30th	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	W	1	0
Wed Sept 6th	Charlton Athletic	D	0	0
Wed Sept 20th	Luton Town	W	1	0
Wed Sept 27th	NORWICH CITY	D	1	0
Wed Oct 4th	Oxford United	D	2	2
Wed Oct 11th	SOUTHAMPTON	W	4	0
Sat Oct 14th	Arsenal	W	1	0
Wed Oct 25th	BRISTOL ROVERS (2 PM)	W	1	0
Mon Oct 30th	Chelsea	W	1	0
Mon Nov 13th	MILLWALL	W	3	0
Mon Nov 20th	SWINDON TOWN	D	0	0
Mon Nov 27th	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	L	0	3
Tues Nov 28th	Porsmouth	W	2	0
Tues Dec 12th	Watford	W	1	0
Mon Dec 18th	Wimbledon	D	1	1
Wed Dec 27th	BRISTOL CITY			
Wed Jan 3rd	Brighton & Hove Albion			
Wed Jan 10th	CHARLTON ATHLETIC			
Wed Jan 17th	Ipswich Town			
Wed Jan 24th	LUTON TOWN			
Wed Jan 31st	Norwich City			
Wed Feb 7th	OXFORD UNITED			
Wed Feb 14th	Southampton			
Wed Feb 21st	ARSENAL			
Mon Feb 26th	Bristol Rovers			
Wed Feb 28th	IPSWICH TOWN			
Wed Mar 6th	CHelsea			
Mon Mar 11th	MILLWALL			
Mon Mar 18th	SWINDON TOWN			
Mon Mar 25th	Tottenham Hotspur			
Wed Apr 3rd	PORTSMOUTH			
Tues Apr 9th	Queens Park Rangers			
Wed Apr 17th	WATFORD			
Wed Apr 24th	WIMBLEDON			
Tues Apr 30th	West Ham United			
TBA	QUEENS PARK RANGERS			

All CPFC Home Reserve matches will kick off at 7.00pm and take place at the ground of Dulwich Hamlet unless otherwise announced.

Combination Table 95/96

	Home			Away			Goal		
	Pld	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Diff
Tottenham	19	7	1	1	1	19	6	11	13
Arsenal	19	9	6	1	2	22	8	10	14
Chelsea	18	11	6	2	2	22	8	10	14
CRYSTAL PALACE	17	7	3	2	2	10	7	10	3
Wimbledon	20	11	6	2	2	20	16	9	4
Norwich City	17	8	6	1	2	20	16	9	4
QPR	17	9	7	2	2	19	10	8	3
Southampton	19	4	5	0	24	12	10	1	6
West Ham Utd	17	8	3	3	2	12	10	9	1
Ipswich	14	7	3	2	2	16	9	7	2
Luton Town	18	10	5	2	3	18	16	8	2
Bristol City	18	9	2	1	6	13	9	3	4
Charlton	15	6	2	1	3	6	9	3	3
Oxford Utd	19	8	2	4	4	13	18	1	2
Bristol Rovers	17	7	2	4	4	14	16	10	2
Brighton & Hove	15	7	4	2	1	11	7	8	0
Portsmouth	17	10	2	4	2	12	17	2	5
Watford	18	10	4	0	6	13	15	8	0
Millwall	16	9	2	4	3	16	16	7	1
Swindon Town	16	8	0	6	2	5	7	8	0

(Up to and including 19th December '95)

South East Counties Table 95/96

	Home			Away			Goal		
	Pld	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Diff
Crystal Palace	14	7	0	0	23	7	4	2	1
Wycombe Wanderers	17	7	4	1	2	14	10	4	2
Luton Town	15	4	2	2	17	14	7	4	0
Tottenham Hotspur	16	7	5	1	1	19	13	9	2
AFC Bournemouth	16	7	4	1	2	14	15	9	4
Brighton & Hove	15	6	0	4	15	11	5	2	1
Barnet	17	9	4	2	3	18	14	8	2
Wimbledon	14	7	4	0	3	13	8	4	0
Bristol City	17	9	1	5	3	10	13	8	1
Brentford	16	9	5	2	2	12	9	7	1
Oxford United	14	6	3	1	2	9	3	8	1
Southampton	15	8	3	1	2	14	6	7	1
Bristol Rovers	16	8	3	1	4	12	11	8	2
Swindon	15	8	3	3	2	12	13	7	1
Reading	17	9	4	1	4	14	24	8	0
Colchester Utd	16	6	1	2	3	4	9	10	1

(Up to and including 22nd December '95)



AVON INSURANCE
COMBINATION
A MEMBER OF OUR OWN

Brian Sparrow looks at the Palace Youth Scene.....



It was unfortunate that a couple of weeks ago we had our home game against Barnet called off due to the snow. With Barnet at that time being second in the table, we were relishing the chance to play them on our own patch. We soon got the chance to play the reverse of that fixture and a week later we fought out a 1-1 draw with them at the Old Owens Ground.



Danny Wales - scored Palace's goal against Barnet.

The match was amazing inasmuch that we probably missed more chances of scoring in the game than we had created in the previous two S.E.C. games. Having said that, I was very pleased with our performance. We defended exceptionally well and their only shot on goal during the whole match was unfortunately the one from which they scored. On a very poor surface our lads coped well with Hayden Mullins, Steve Thomson and Danny Wales having very good games, with the latter scoring an excellent goal which gave us the point.

The lads are now having a fifteen day break which enables the boys from Scotland, Ireland and Wales to be at home with their families for Christmas. It is a nice mid-

season release for them and certainly the relaxation from the very disciplined life a YTS trainee leads will, for a short while, do them all good. They know that we have a hard League programme when they come back and I am certain that they will be anxious to look after themselves physically over the festive season break.

Finally to all of you who have supported the youth side this season a very big thank you. We even have away supporters these days which is magnificent. Have an enjoyable time for what is left of the holiday.

Brian

STEVE KEMBER COMMENTS ON THE RESERVE SIDE



In our away game at Watford we did, in general, give another workmanlike performance. On the day we produced plenty of good football without achieving the penetration that we might have expected. Box to box we had the majority of possession and, after I had had a bit of a dressing room go at the lads at half time, we got forward and began to get behind the defence. After a period of ten to fifteen minutes of continual pressure, we got that winning goal when Ian Cox knocked it straight in from a corner.

Prior to Ian scoring we had had what I thought to be a perfectly good goal from the same player disallowed.

Again we did well in the Surrey Senior Cup beating Walton and Hershaw without too much difficulty and, I must admit, I was surprised to see some of our supporters there that night to cheer us on.

I had to make some last minute changes in the side that played against Wimbledon early last week and this resulted in a few alterations to our game plan. I feel Wimbledon were well fired up for this one and in the first half hour

those last minute changes that we made showed in our play - to be honest we were dreadful.

We were very fortunate not to have gone two down in this match but gradually we got ourselves back into the swing of it. Rhys Wilmot had a fine game in goal and during that early period he took the credit for keeping us in it with some fine saves. Ian Cox then netted another Combination goal and for the rest of the half it was all us, and we did create several other chances which were not converted. The second period was really a repeat of the first and saw us not getting into the game with the Dons taking the incentive.

Their equaliser came rather luckily, taking a bit of a deflection off Paul Sparrow which gave them a simple header to get back on level terms. I feel that, to be truthful, we can count ourselves fortunate that we registered a 1-1 draw. Don't forget that game at Champion Hill stadium tomorrow night when we take on Bristol City. Let us hope that our performance then will be a little improved than that against Wimbledon.

Steve.



Ian Cox - has scored in Palace's last two Combination fixtures.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

Tuesday 12th December

WATFORD 0

CRYSTAL PALACE 1

(Half Time 0-0)

Palace: Wilmot, Scully, Vincent, Quinn, Gale, Sparrow, Matthew, Cox, Boere, Rodger, Dyer.

Substitutes: Taylor (S) (for Scully), Harris and Cyrus (not used).

Scorer: Cox.

Monday 18th December 1995

WIMBLEDON 1

CRYSTAL PALACE 1

(Half Time 0-1)

Palace: Wilmot, Sparrow, Scully, Quinn, Gale, Davies, Launders, Cox, Taylor (S), Rodger, Dyer.

Substitutes: Harris (for Taylor), Cyrus (for Scully), Boxall (for Launders).

Scorer: Cox.

SURREY SENIOR CUP

Thursday 14th December 1995

First Round

WALTON AND HERSHAM 0

CRYSTAL PALACE 3

(Half Time 0-1)

Palace: Glass, Scully, Cyrus, Quinn, Gale, Sparrow, Enqvist, Ginty, Taylor (S), Rodger, Harris.

Substitutes: Thomson (for Taylor), Mullins (for Quinn), Burton (for Sparrow).

Scorers: Harris, Taylor (S), Rodger.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

Saturday 16th December 1995

BARNET 1

CRYSTAL PALACE 1

(Half Time 1-0)

Palace: Bruce, Burton, Noonan, Parry, Garland, Mullins, Folan, Thomson, Stevens, Enqvist, Wales.

Substitutes: Dillon (for Stevens), Kennedy and Graham (not used).

Scorer: Wales.

Please note that all home reserve games will now kick off at 7.00pm at the ground of Dulwich Hamlet unless otherwise stated

A happy New Year to all our supporters of the reserve and youth teams

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Endsleigh Insurance League statistics 1995/96

CLUBS RESULT SEQUENCES

(Home results in Bold type)

CLUBS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
BARNLEY	D	L	D	L	W	L	D	D	W	D	L	L
BIRMINGHAM	W	W	W	D	W	D	L	D	L	W	L	L
CHARLTON	D	D	D	L	W	D	W	L	W	L	D	L
CRYSTAL PALACE	L	W	L	L	L	D	W	D	L	D	W	L
DERBY	W	D	D	L	W	W	W	D	W	W	L	L
GRIMSBY	W	D	L	W	D	W	W	L	D	D	L	D
HUDDERSFIELD	L	L	D	D	W	D	W	L	W	W	L	L
IPSWICH	L	D	L	W	D	L	L	D	W	D	W	D
LEICESTER	D	D	L	W	W	L	D	D	L	D	L	W
LUTON	L	L	W	L	L	D	D	L	L	L	L	L
MILLWALL	D	W	D	D	W	D	L	L	L	L	L	L
NORWICH	D	W	D	L	L	W	W	W	L	D	L	L
OLDHAM	D	D	W	L	D	D	W	L	L	D	W	L
PORT VALE	W	L	D	L	D	L	D	W	W	W	L	L
PORTSMOUTH	D	L	L	W	D	D	L	W	W	W	L	L
READING	L	W	L	L	W	L	D	L	D	W	L	D
SHEFFIELD U	L	L	L	D	W	L	L	D	L	L	D	L
SOUTHEND	L	W	L	D	L	D	W	W	W	D	L	L
STOKE	D	W	D	L	W	D	W	W	W	L	L	L
SUNDERLAND	D	W	D	D	W	L	W	W	W	D	L	L
TRANMERE	L	W	D	D	W	W	W	L	L	L	L	L
WATFORD	L	D	L	D	L	D	L	W	L	W	L	L
WEST BROM	W	W	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
WOLVES	W	L	D	W	L	D	L	L	D	L	W	L

LEAGUE POSITIONS

CLUBS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
BARNLEY	3	7	3	6	3	3	4	7	9	12	7	10
BIRMINGHAM	4	6	6	11	13	12	6	5	4	2	3	3
CHARLTON	11	4	4	8	4	4	8	9	10	8	8	9
CRYSTAL PALACE	9	11	14	15	17	18	20	18	20	17	19	20
DERBY	21	16	19	17	21	20	16	17	17	14	10	9
GRIMSBY	12	14	18	10	12	14	12	11	12	10	12	8
HUDDERSFIELD	20	12	10	7	10	5	10	14	11	13	11	12
IPSWICH	17	3	7	4	8	7	13	14	11	13	15	15
LEICESTER	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
LUTON	16	17	19	23	24	23	24	24	21	22	23	23
MILLWALL	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
NORWICH	12	5	8	5	5	9	11	6	8	7	10	6
OLDHAM	5	8	9	12	9	8	8	9	7	9	9	11
PORT VALE	18	20	22	24	23	24	23	23	24	23	24	24
PORTSMOUTH	8	21	16	18	22	22	24	21	22	22	22	20
READING	6	13	11	14	14	16	18	15	15	18	16	17
SHEFFIELD U	24	24	24	21	16	17	19	21	22	23	21	20
SOUTHEND	23	17	21	20	15	11	14	12	13	15	16	17
STOKE	12	23	23	22	21	16	16	19	15	13	14	12
SUNDERLAND	15	17	15	9	7	6	3	4	5	5	4	4
TRANMERE	1	10	13	11	13	7	8	6	5	5	3	7
WATFORD	19	22	17	19	20	15	17	20	20	21	21	21
WEST BROM	7	9	4	3	6	10	5	3	3	4	6	7
WOLVES	22	15	12	18	19	19	15	19	18	18	18	20

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Fixture Focus

Wednesday 27th, December 1995

Avon Insurance Combination
Crystal Palace v Bristol City
Kick off 7.00pm, at Dulwich Hamlet

Saturday 30th December 1995

Endsleigh League Division One
Crystal Palace v Grimsby Town
Kick off 3.00pm, at Selhurst Park

SE Counties League Div 2
Crystal Palace v Luton Town
Kick off 11.00am, at Mitcham



TOP SEQUENCES

1995/96

Wins	4	Birmingham, Grimsby, Leicester, Norwich, Stoke
Unbeaten:	11	Sunderland
Defeats:	9*	West Bromwich
Without a win:	9	Watford
Without a draw:	15*	West Bromwich
Highest home score:	6	Sunderland
Highest away score:	5	Birmingham, Charlton
Highest scoring game:	7	C. Palace 4 Barnsley 3

(*current sequence)

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LEADING FIRST DIVISION SCORERS

(League only)

Aldridge	Tranmere	12
Roberts	Leicester	12
Blake	Sheff Utd	11
Goodman	Wolves	10
Sturridge	Derby County	10
Booth	Huddersfield Town	8
McCarthy	Oldham	8
Bennett	Tranmere Rovers	7
Freedman	Crystal Palace	7
Gray	Sunderland	7
Hunt	Birmingham City	7
Hunt	West Brom	7
Malin	Millwall	7
Marshall	Ipswich	7
Mathie	Ipswich	7
McLoughlin	Portsmouth	7
Moore	Tranmere Rovers	7
Payton	Barnsley	7
Phillips	Watford	7
Ward	Norwich City	7
Willems	Derby County	7

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Goals SCORED (Best/worst per division)

Division	Team	BEST Gls.	Pld.	Avg.	Team	WORST Gls.	Pld.	Avg.
Premier	Newcastle	37	18	2.06	Man C	10	18	0.56
First	Ipswich	37	22	1.68	Luton	17	22	0.77
Second	Crewe	40	20	2.00	Brentford	16	20	0.80
Third	Preston	43	20	2.15	Hartlepool	17	20	0.85

Goals CONCEDED (Best/worst per division)

Division	Team	BEST Gls.	Pld.	Avg.	Team	WORST Gls.	Pld.	Avg.
Premier	Arsenal	12	18	0.67	Coventry	40	18	2.22
First	Middlesbrough	16	21	0.76	Sheffield U	40	22	1.82
Second	Sunderland	15	20	0.75	Rotherham	35	21	1.67
Third	Gillingham	7	19	0.37	Swansea	41	20	2.05

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THE FIRST DIVISION AT A GLANCE 95/96

AWAY	BARNLEY	BIRMINGHAM	CHARLTON	C. PALACE	DERBY	GRIMSBY	HUDDERSFIELD	IPSWICH	LEICESTER	LUTON	MILLWALL	NORWICH	OLDHAM	PORT VALE	PORTSMOUTH	READING	SHEFF UTD	SOUTHEND	STOKE	SUNDERLAND	TRANMERE	WATFORD	WEST BROM	WOLVES
HOME	BARNLEY	BIRMINGHAM	CHARLTON	C. PALACE	DERBY	GRIMSBY	HUDDERSFIELD	IPSWICH	LEICESTER	LUTON	MILLWALL	NORWICH	OLDHAM	PORT VALE	PORTSMOUTH	READING	SHEFF UTD	SOUTHEND	STOKE	SUNDERLAND	TRANMERE	WATFORD	WEST BROM	WOLVES
BARNLEY		0-5	0-2		2-0				2-2	1-0				2-1	1-1	0-0		2-2			2-1			1-0
BIRMINGHAM				0-0	1-4	3-1		3-1	2-2		2-2	3-1	0-0					2-0	1-1			1-0		
CHARLTON	1-1	3-1			0-1	2-1		0-1	0-2			1-1	1-1	2-2						1-1		2-1		
C. PALACE	4-3		1-1		0-0		0-0				1-2		2-2			0-2			1-1	0-1				3-2
DERBY	4-1	2-0				1-1		1-1	0-1		2-2		2-1	0-0			4-2	1-0					3-0	
GRIMSBY	3-1		1-2							0-0		2-2	1-1	1-0	2-1			1-1	1-0			0-0	1-0	
HUDDERSFIELD	3-0	4-2						2-1	3-1		3-2			0-2			1-2		1-1	3-0		1-0	4-1	2-1
IPSWICH			1-5	1-0		2-2				0-1					3-2		1-1	1-1	4-1	3-0		4-2		1-2
LEICESTER	2-2		1-1	2-3							3-2		4-2	1-1		1-3	2-3		0-1	1-0		1-0		1-0
LUTON		0-0	0-1		1-2					1-1		1-3	1-1		3-1			0-2	3-2		0-2	1-2	2-3	
MILLWALL	0-1		0-2		0-1	2-1	0-0	2-1		1-0								0-0		1-2	2-2	1-2	2-1	
NORWICH	3-1				2-2		2-1	0-1			0-0		2-1	2-1				0-1	0-0	1-1			1-2	
OLDHAM		4-0	3-1				3-0	1-1			2-2				1-1	2-1	2-1	0-1						
PORT VALE		1-2		1-2			1-0	0-2		0-1					0-2	3-2	2-3		1-1		1-1		2-2	
PORTSMOUTH		0-1			2-2		1-1			4-0	0-1		2-1					4-2	3-3		0-2			
READING	0-0	0-1			3-2	0-2	3-1	1-4		3-1	1-2			2-2						1-1			3-1	
SHEFF UTD			2-0	2-3	0-2	1-2	0-2	2-2	1-3			2-1			4-1	0-0					0-2	4-2		
SOUTHEND		3-1			1-1	1-0	0-0		2-1	0-1					0-0	2-1			2-4				2-1	2-1
STOKE			1-2	1-1						5-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-1		1-1				1-0	0-0		2-1	
SUNDERLAND	2-1			1-0					1-2						1-1	2-2	2-0	1-0				1-1		2-0
TRANMERE			0-0		5-1	0-1	3-1			1-0				2-1	1-2			3-0			3-0	2-3	2-2	
WATFORD	2-3	1-1		0-0						1-1	0-1	0-2				2-1	2-2	3-0						1-1
WEST BROM		1-0	1-0				1-2	0-0	2-3				1-4		2-1	2-0	3-1		0-1	0-1				
WOLVES			0-0		3-0	4-1		2-2		0-0		0-2	1-3	0-1			1-0		1-4					1-1

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with John McBride
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THE GATE LEAGUE

Team	Pld	Total	Av.	Highest	Lowest	1994/95 Average
Barnsley	11	95,146	8,650	Y. 13,669	Cha 6,140	6,509
Birmingham	11	204,543	18,595	Mil 23,016	Gri 16,445	16,983
Charlton	11	110,168	10,015	Nor 13,369	Rea 7,840	10,211
Crystal Palace	10	139,385	13,939	Rea 16,058	Bar 12,067	14,990
Derby	11	131,595	11,963	Bar 14,415	Sou 9,242	13,589
Grimsby	11	60,221	5,475	WBA 8,155	Wat 3,993	5,921
Huddersfield	11	147,135	13,376	Wol 16,423	Wat 10,556	11,665
Ipswich	11	124,756	11,341	Wol 15,535	Lut 9,123	16,919
Leicester	11	179,587	16,326	Rea 19,103	Tra 13,125	19,532
Luton	11	77,938	7,085	WBA 8,042	Tra 6,025	7,350
Millwall	12	111,326	9,277	Ips 11,360	Lut 7,076	7,685
Norwich	11	170,383	15,489	Lei 18,435	Gri 13,283	18,624
Oldham	11	73,736	6,703	Hud 10,259	Ptv 5,138	8,444
Port Vale	11	87,069	7,915	Wol 11,550	Wat 6,265	9,174
Portsmouth	11	99,082	9,007	Der 14,434	Old 6,002	8,269
Reading	11	96,129	8,739	Ips 10,281	Gri 7,283	9,350
Sheffield U	11	123,684	11,244	Lei 13,100	Cha 9,448	14,462
Southend	11	60,593	5,508	Bir 7,770	WBA 4,621	5,146
Stoke	11	120,375	10,943	Ptv 14,283	Tra 8,618	12,910
Sunderland	10	162,181	16,218	Mil 18,951	Pom 12,282	15,344
Tranmere	11	85,279	7,753	Wol 11,880	Sou 6,584	8,906
Watford	11	94,473	8,588	Wol 11,319	Sou 7,091	8,125
West Bromwich	11	167,069	15,188	Bir 17,875	Rea 12,956	15,200
Wolverhampton	11	264,899	24,082	Nor 27,064	Cha 20,450	25,940
TOTALS	263	2,986,752	11,356			

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. Sunderland	21	6	3	1	19	7	4	5	2	10	9	38
2. Derby	22	6	4	1	20	9	4	3	4	15	18	37
3. Leicester	22	4	3	2	18	18	6	3	2	19	14	36
4. Charlton	23	4	5	2	15	13	5	4	3	14	10	36
5. Huddersfield	22	8	1	2	24	13	2	4	5	8	14	35
6. Grimsby	22	5	5	1	13	8	4	3	4	14	16	35
7. Norwich	22	5	4	2	13	9	4	3	4	21	17	34
8. Stoke City	22	4	4	3	13	8	5	3	3	19	18	34
9. Birmingham	22	5	5	1	18	12	4	2	5	13	17	34
10. Millwall	23	4	3	5	11	13	5	4	2	13	15	34
11. Southend	22	6	3	2	15	11	2	4	5	10	16	31
12. Oldham	22	5	4	2	21	12	2	5	4	13	11	30
13. Tranmere	20	5	3	3	21	13	3	3	3	11	11	30
14. Ipswich	22	5	3	2	21	17	2	5	4	16	16	29
15. Barnsley	22	5	4	2	14	14	2	3	6	14	24	28
16. Palace	21	2	5	3	12	14	4	3	4	12	13	26
17. Portsmouth	22	4	4	3	20	15	2	3	6	14	21	25
18. Reading	22	4	3	4	17	17	1	6	4	10	13	24
19. West Brom	22	5	1	5	13	13	2	2	7	12	22	24
20. Watford	22	3	5	3	15	12	2	3	6	12	18	23
21. Port Vale	22	2	3	6	12	18	3	5	3	13	12	23
22. Wolves	22	3	4	4	13	14	2	3	6	14	19	22
23. Sheff Utd	22	3	2	6	14	18	2	2	7	14	22	19
24. Luton	22	2	3	6	13	18	2	3	6	4	16	18

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Player	D.O.B.	Signed from	League		Cup		CP Career	
			Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
Jeroen Boere	18.11.67	West Ham 4.9.95	(-4)	-	-	-	4	-
Chris Coleman	10.6.70	(Now Blackburn)	17	-	4	-	190	16
Ian Cox	25.3.71	Cardinalth 8.3.94	(-2)	-	-	-	15	-
Jason Cundy	12.11.69	loan from Tottenham	1	-	-	-	1	-
Gareth Davies	11.12.73	Hereford 1.7.95	4	1	-	-	4	1
Iain Douie	9.1.65	(now West Ham)	4	2	-	-	25	10
Bruce Dyer	13.4.75	Watford 9.3.94	13 (4)	5	4	-	54	7
Marc Edworthy	24.12.72	Plymouth 26.5.95	20	-	4	-	24	-
Dougie Freedman	21.1.74	Barnet 8.9.95	15 (2)	7	-	-	17	7
Tony Gale	19.11.59	Blackburn 1.9.95	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jimmy Glass	1.8.73	Trainee 1.7.91	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dean Gordon	10.2.73	Trainee 1.7.91	19	4	4	-	146	14
David Hopkin	21.8.70	Chelsea 18.7.95	20	2	4	4	24	6
Ray Houghton	9.1.62	A. Villa 23.3.95	19	1	4	-	35	3
Brian Lauders	8.1.76	Trainee 12.8.93	(-1)	-	(-1)	-	5	-
Nigel Martyn	11.8.66	B. Rovers 15.11.89	21	-	4	-	319	-
Damian Matthew	23.9.70	Chelsea 11.2.94	4 (4)	-	1 (1)	-	28	1
Leon McKenzie	17.5.78	Trainee 6.10.95	2 (6)	-	3	1	11	1
George Ndah	23.12.74	Trainee 17.8.92	3 (3)	-	(-1)	-	46	3
Darren Pitcher	12.10.69	Charlton 1.7.94	17	-	2 (1)	-	56	2
Andy Roberts	20.3.74	Millwall 18.7.95	12 (2)	-	3 (1)	-	18	-
Simon Rodger	3.10.71	Trainee 1.7.90	3 (4)	-	1	-	118	5
Anthony Scully	12.6.76	Trainee 1.12.93	(-2)	-	-	-	2	-
Richard Shaw	11.9.68	(Now Coventry)	15	-	4	-	268	3
Paul Sparrow	24.3.75	Trainee 8.7.93	1	-	(-1)	-	2	-
Gareth Taylor	25.2.73	B. Rovers 29.9.95	12 (1)	1	-	-	13	1
Steve Taylor	7.1.70	Bromsgrove 19.6.95	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamie Vincent	18.6.75	Trainee 8.7.93	9 (3)	-	2 (1)	1	15	1
Rhys Wilmot	21.2.62	Grimspy 5.8.94	-	-	-	-	1	-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. Newcastle	18	9	0	0	21	4	4	3	2	16	11	42
2. Man Utd	18	6	3	0	20	8	4	2	3	15	11	35
3. Tottenham	18	4	2	3	10	9	5	4	0	14	8	33
4. Liverpool	18	5	2	1	20	5	3	2	4	11	10	31
5. Aston Villa	18	5	3	1	14	6	4	2	3	11	8	32
6. Arsenal	18	5	4	0	15	7	3	3	3	8	5	31
7. Middlesbro	18	6	2	1	14	5	2	4	3	5	7	30
8. Nottm F.	16	4	4	0	16	8	2	5	1	10	15	27
9. Leeds	17	5	1	3	11	9	2	3	3	12	15	25
10. Chelsea	18	4	4	1	11	8	2	3	4	6	11	25
11. Blackburn	18	7	1	1	25	7	0	2	7	3	17	24
12. Everton	18	4	2	3	14	11	2	3	4	8	9	23
13. West Ham	18	3	3	3	10	13	3	2	4	9	11	23
14. Sheff Wed.	18	3	2	4	14	14	2	4	3	12	13	21
15. So'ton	18	3	3	3	9	9	1	2	6	8	19	17
16. QPR	18	2	3	4	10	16	2	0	7	4	10	15
17. Man City	17	3	2	3	4	5	1	1	7	5	21	15
18. Wimbledon	18	2	3	4	12	15	1	2	6	11	23	14
19. Coventry	18	2	3	4	13	16	0	3	6	10	24	12
20. Bolton	18	2	3	4	7	12	0	0	9	9	22	

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DATE	OPPONENTS	RES.	ATT.	POS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUB	SUB	SUB	REFEREE		
Sat Aug 12	Barnsley	W	4	3	12,166	2	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon 1	Hopkin	Coleman	Shaw	Houghton 1	Pitcher	Dowie 2	Dyer	Ndah +	Matthew	Cox +	Wilmot	P. Rejer
Sat Aug 19	Ipswich Town	L	0	1	12,681	11	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon >	Hopkin *	Coleman	Shaw	Houghton	Pitcher	Dowie	Dyer	Ndah +	Matthew +	Cox *	Wilmot	G. Singh
Sat Aug 26	Charlton Athletic	D	1	1	14,092	9	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon	Hopkin	Coleman	Shaw	Houghton	Pitcher +	Dowie	Dyer 1	Ndah *	Matthew +	Scully *	Vincent	C.R. Wilkes
Tue Aug 29	Sheffield United	W	3	2	10,378	4	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon 1	Hopkin	Coleman	Shaw	Pitcher +	Houghton	Dowie	Dyer 2	Matthew *	Rodger *	Vincent +	Wilmot	G. Gain
Sat Sep 9	Birmingham City	D	0	0	19,403	14	Martyn	Edworthy	Vincent	Hopkin	Coleman	Shaw	Pitcher	Houghton	Freedman +	Dyer	Matthew *	Boxall	Ndah +	Rodger *	M.C. Bailey
Tue Sep 12	Watford	D	0	0	8,780	12	Martyn	Edworthy	Vincent +	Hopkin	Coleman	Shaw	Pitcher *	Houghton	Freedman	Dyer	Gordon	Boxall	Rodger *	Ndah +	J. Brand-Wood
Sat Sep 16	Huddersfield Town	D	0	0	15,980	15	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon	Hopkin	Coleman	Shaw	Rodger +	Houghton	Freedman	Dyer *	Matthew+	Vincent +	Ndah *	Scully *	M.E. Pierce
Sat Sep 23	Oldham Athletic	L	1	3	6,586	17	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon	Hopkin 1	Coleman +	Shaw	Pitcher	Houghton	Freedman	Dyer *	Matthew+	Roberts +	Rodger *	Vincent+	K.A. Leach
Sat Sep 30	Stoke City	D	1	1	15,010	18	Martyn	Edworthy	Vincent *	Hopkin	Coleman	Shaw	Pitcher +	Houghton	Freedman 1	Taylor	Gordon	Roberts +	Launders *	Matthew	A. D'Urso
Sat Oct 7	Sunderland	L	0	1	14,329	20	Martyn	Edworthy +	Vincent *	Roberts	Coleman	Shaw	Hopkin	Houghton	Freedman	Taylor	Dyer +	McKenzie *	Matthew	P. Rejer	
Sun Oct 15	Port Vale	W	2	1	6,935	18	Martyn	Rodger +	Gordon 1	Roberts	Coleman	Shaw	Hopkin	Houghton	Freedman 1	Taylor	Dyer	Vincent	Edworthy	Matthew +	W. Burns
Sun Oct 22	Millwall	L	1	2	15,136	20	Martyn	Edworthy *	Gordon 1	Roberts	Coleman	Shaw	Hopkin	Houghton	Freedman	Taylor	Rodger +	Dyer *	Vincent +	Vincent	D.O'Ri
Sat Oct 28	Leicester City	W	3	2	18,376	17	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon 1	Roberts	Coleman	Shaw	Hopkin 1	Houghton	Dyer 2 +	Taylor	Pitcher	Freedman +	Matthew	Vincent	K. Lynch
Sat Nov 4	Reading	L	0	2	16,687	19	Martyn	Edworthy +	Gordon	Roberts	Coleman	Shaw	Hopkin	Houghton	Dyer	Taylor	Pitcher	Freedman +	Matthew	Vincent	G. Singh
Sat Nov 11	Norwich City	L	0	1	14,156	20	Martyn	Edworthy	Vincent	Roberts	Coleman	Shaw	Hopkin	Pitcher	Freedman	Taylor	Dyer+	Matthew	Sparrow	McKenzie +	T. West
Sun Nov 19	Southend United	D	1	1	5,089	19	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon	Roberts	Coleman +	Sparrow	Pitcher	Houghton	Freedman	Dyer *	Hopkin	Taylor +	McKenzie *	Vincent	R. Gifford
Wed Nov 22	Wolverhampton Wanderers	W	3	2	13,340	16	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon	Roberts	Davies	Hopkin	Pitcher	Houghton	Freedman 3 *	Taylor +	Vincent	Sparrow	McKenzie *	Boere +	G. Pooley
Sat Nov 25	Derby County	D	0	0	14,109	17	Martyn	Edworthy +	Gordon	Roberts	Davies	Hopkin	Pitcher	Houghton	Freedman	Taylor	Vincent	Boere	McKenzie +	Sparrow	M. Fletcher
Sun Dec 3	Sunderland	L	0	1	12,777	18	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon	Roberts	Davies	Hopkin	Pitcher	Houghton	Freedman +	Taylor	Vincent *	Boere +	McKenzie *	Sparrow	M. Riley
Sat Dec 9	Oldham Athletic	D	2	2	14,108	18	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon	Roberts	Coleman	Hopkin *	Pitcher	Davies 1	Freedman 1	Taylor +	McKenzie *	Boere +	Dyer *	Vincent	A.N. Butler
Sat Dec 16	Stoke City	W	2	1	12,908	16	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon	Roberts	Cundy	Vincent	Pitcher	Houghton	Freedman 1	Taylor 1 +	McKenzie *	Boere +	Dyer *	Matthew	K. Breen

Our SAFEGUARD SCHEME is designed to protect you and your family and friends and to make certain that your matchday entertainment is not spoilt by mindless idiots behaving in an unacceptable fashion.

Should you experience problems i.e. foul language, physical abuse, racist remarks etc. you should immediately notify a steward who have a system at their disposal to warn and, if necessary evict the culprits.

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It is our intention to make your visit to Selhurst Park safe and enjoyable and our staff are trained and instructed to meet those objectives.
C.L. Noades.

Match	Date	Letters of Ejections			Arrests			Warnings Indefinite bans		
		Complaint	Home	Away	Total	Home	Away	Total		
CPFC v Barnsley	12/8/95	2	6	6	12	0	0	0	20	2
CPFC v Charlton	26/8/95	4	0	3	3	0	0	0	42	-
CPFC v Huddersfield	16/09/95	3	2	3	5	1	0	1	19	-
CPFC v Stoke	30/09/95	3	3	3	6	1	0	1	13	-
CPFC v Southend	03/10/95	2	0	12	12	0	0	0	23	-
CPFC v Sunderland	07/10/95	4	2	9	11	0	0	0	23	-
CPFC v Millwall	22/10/95	6	4	10	14	1	5	6	73	-
CPFC v Reading	20/10/95	1	9	3	12	0	2	2	36	-
CPFC v Redbridge	04/11/95	3	3	2	5	1	2	3	51	1
CPFC v Wolves	22/11/95	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	9	[2 extrm]
CPFC v Derby	25/11/95	1	3	2	5	0	0	0	27	-
CPFC v Oldham	09/12/95	1	1	5	6	0	0	0	18	1
Totals		31	36	58	94	4	9	13	354	

PLEASE NOTE some home teams may elect to play ties on evenings other than Wednesday

Tues Sep 19th	Southend 2(1)	D	2	2	4,031	Martyn	Edworthy	Vincent	Hopkin 2	Coleman	Shaw	Rodger *	Houghton	Matthew *	Dyer	Gordon +	Pitcher +	Ndah *	Roberts *	C.J. Francis
Tues Oct 3rd	Southend 2(2)	W	2	0	6,794	Martyn	Edworthy	Vincent 1	Roberts	Coleman	Shaw	Dyer *	Houghton	Hopkin	McKenzie 1	Gordon	Rodger	Launders *	Matthew	A.N. Butler
Wed Oct 25th	Middlesbrough (3)	D	2	2	12,015	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon	Roberts	Coleman	Shaw	Hopkin 2	Houghton	Dyer	McKenzie	Pitcher	Matthew	Rodger	Vincent	G. Poll
Wed Nov 8th	Middlesbrough (3rd rep)	L	0	2	16,150	Martyn	Edworthy	Gordon +	Roberts	Coleman	Shaw *	Hopkin	Houghton *	Dyer	McKenzie	Pitcher	Matthew *	Sparrow +	Vincent +	P. Jones
Wed Nov 29th	Fourth Round																			
Wed Jan 10th	Fifth Round																			
Wed Feb 14th	Semi Final, First Leg																			
Wed Feb 21st	Semi Final, Second Leg																			
Sun Mar 24th	The Final (Wembley)																			

FA CUP (CP enter this competition at the 3rd Round Stage)

Sat Jan 6th	Port Vale [3rd Round]
Sat Jan 27th	Fourth Round
Sat Feb 17th	Fifth Round
Sat Mar 9th	Sixth Round
Sun Mar 31st	Semi Finals
Sat May 11th	Final (Wembley)

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Ray Wilkins (QPR). 2. Chris Armstrong. 3. At home. 4. Sunderland. 5. Nigel Martyn. 6. "Do they know it's Christmas" (Band Aid). 7. "I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday" (Wizard). 8. "Merry Xmas Everybody" (Slade). 9. "Thank God It's Christmas" (Queen). 10. "When A Child Is Born" (Johnny Mathis). 11. True. 12. False - they don't go red at all. 13. True - priests believed Santa was more popular than Jesus in France. 14. True - a 1548 Act never repealed - only archery can legally be played. 15. True - for Coca-Cola in 1931. 16. The average audience for the Queen's speech. 17. The average AA call outs on Christmas Day. 18. The number of families that eat Turkey on Christmas Day. 19. The greatest number of Christmas cards sent out by one person. 20. The proportion of houses that have chimneys.

Who am I: Martin O'Connor (now playing for Walsall).

SOLUTION TO SOCCROSSWORD NO 2/94

ACROSS:- 1. A cross; 4. Sink; 6. Feint; 7. Pools; 9. Use pen; 10. Kick; 12. Game; 14. Looder; 16. East; 18. Amass; 19. Pen; 20. Drag; DOWN:- 2. Choke; 3. Rug; 5. Kick; 8. Kick; 11. Kick; 13. Kick; 15. Kick; 17. Kick; 19. Kick; 20. Kick.

Spot the difference solution:

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1. Ray Wilkins (O.R.), 2. Chris Armstrong, 3. At home, 4. Sunderland, 5. Nigel Martin, 6. "Do they know it's Christmas" (Band Aid), 7. "I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday" (Wizard), 8. "Merry Xmas Everybody" (Slade), 9. "Thank God It's Christmas" (Queen), 10. "When A Child Is Born" (Johnny Mathis), 11. True, 12. False - they don't go red at all, 13. True - priests believed Santa was more popular than Jesus in France, 14. True - a 1548 Act never repealed - only archery can legally be played, 15. True - for Coca-Cola in 1931, 16. The average audience for the Queen's speech, 17. The average AA call outs on Christmas Day, 18. The number of families that eat Turkey on Christmas Day, 19. The greatest number of Christmas cards sent out by one person, 20. The proportion of houses that have chimneys. **Who am I?** Martin O'Connor (now playing for Walsall).

ACROSS:- 1. A cross; 4. Sink; 6. Feint; 7. Pools; 9. Use pen; 10. Kick; 12. Game; 14. London; 16. Least; 18. Amass; 19. Dean; 20. Desist. DOWN:- 2. Chelsea; 3. Own up; 4. Shock; 5. Nil; 8. Angle; 11. Chooses; 13. Edson; 15. Names; 17. Eye.

A cartoon illustration of a group of people sitting on a bench. Several of their heads are circled, and a trash can labeled "TRASH" is in the foreground.

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Team Check



CRYSTAL PALACE

Red and blue shirts, red shorts, red socks

- 1 **Nigel Martyn**
- 2 **Marc Edworthy**
- 3 **Dean Gordon**
- 4 **Andy Roberts**
- 5 **David Tuttle**
- 6 **David Hopkin**
- 7 **Darren Pitcher**
- 8 **Ray Houghton**
- 9 **Dougie Freedman**
- 10 **George Ndah**
- 11 **Leif Andersen**



LUTON TOWN

White shirts with blue sleeves, blue shorts and blue and white hooped socks

- 1 **Ian Feuer**
- 2 **Julian James**
- 3 **Mitchell Thomas**
- 4 **Gary Waddock**
- 5 **Steve Davis**
- 6 **Darren Patterson**
- 7 **Bontcho Guentchev**
- 8 **Scott Oakes**
- 9 **John Taylor**
- 10 **David Oldfield**
- 11 **Tony Thorpe**



REFEREE AND LINESMEN

The revised referee and linesmen for tonight's game are as follows:

Referee: Mr P. Taylor

Linesmen: Mr A.R. Legg (yellow flag)
and **Mr M. Stobbart** (red trim).

Reserve official: Mr J. Kasey.

WEMBLEY INTERNATIONAL

Tickets are available to purchase for the following international at Wembley:

v HUNGARY 18th May 1996

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