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David Pleat

“At times, I felt the clubs survival fight needs stronger backing . . . I can only implore our genuine fans to keep on fighting with us”

the last 10 games will be the most crucial influence on the First Division. The championship will be decided between two clubs, but the relegation issue could be more widely involved.

Our victory effort last Saturday was just defeated. We played tidily and with spirit, but we could not force a winning goal, even though Chris Kamara's effort looked safe. Apparently, Tottenham played well too on Saturday, but were unluckily defeated. We know how they feel. The season is a marathon and it is now a test of patience, resources and morale.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mervyn Day. It was my decision to fill the void left by Steve Sutton signing for Derby County with an experienced goalkeeper. In doing so, I am more than aware of the effect that may have on Alec Chamberlain and Andy Petterson. However, if they have strong minds, it should only have a positive effect.

Tonight's match should ensure, despite the counter attractions of much league football, a decent crowd. At times I have felt as though the club's survival fight needs stronger backing. I can only implore our genuine fans to keep on fighting with us by buying our lottery tickets, supporting our functions and being patient during this transitional period. It is a season in which we have moved out nine players (Beaumont, Rodger, Farrell, Black, Jackson, Holsgrove, Tighe, Gormley, Shanley)



David Preece beats Leeds' Gordon Strachan during the Town's recent visit to Elland Road.

and I will continue to change the club until I am satisfied we have a group that can take the team forward. Hopefully, without continued "knocking on the door" as Harry Haslam eliquently described the policy of selling your best young players.

It is fascinating to consider the connections and contrast the differences between the two clubs playing here tonight. Tottenham have at present, together with Manchester United, one of the best youth teams in England. But in their team tonight there will at the most be only two players who have surfaced through their ranks. The opportunities at Luton are far greater because of the way we have to run.

I could write a book about the connections, politics and influences that have existed between the two clubs. Tottenham's chairman Mr Tony Berry was a supporter of our club a few years ago and John Sheridan, their physio, gained his first opportunity at Kenilworth Road. We have had many excellent games against TV who has brought the Spurs picture into clearer focus. I personally wish Peter Shreeves well. He is a manager who has served a proper apprenticeship and he is both a gentleman and a scholar.

I hope that Paul Allen and Gary Mabbutt will continue to show they are the epitome of good professionals. The latter's work for diabetes has been well documented as has

Gary Lineker's in the fight against leukaemia. Footballers, who do much to help in all in these areas, are also heavily involved in the campaign supporting the fight against multiple sclerosis. Last Saturday morning, I opened the North Herts Blind Society's British Blind Sportsday. It was a humbling experience and one which made me realise how fortunate we are to be able to enjoy our health and fitness and our participation in this wonderful game.

I hope tonight's match is worthy of two sides who appreciate football and is not in conflict with Kipling's Twin Imposters. Enjoy the game.

Welcome to the supporters, players and officials of Tottenham Hotspur. Particularly to the supporters and the away travellers who gave me personally warm applause when I climbed the television gantry at Aston Villa recently.

The only thing for sure tonight is that the ball will not be badly bruised. Both sides have, I am delighted to say, always been encouraged to play football as it should be played, along the ground and sweetly. Arthur Rowe and Bill Nicholson showed the way and laid down the principles which have been followed. It was Bill Shankly who once remarked famously that "football is not a matter life or death, but much more important". I have never subscribed to that view although defeat is painful and victory so pleasurable. There are more important things in life than football.

Certain sections of the press have suggested that Tottenham are now in a relegation dog-fight. I do not agree with that, but maybe we could give them some tips so if they do find themselves in any end of season difficulties they could benefit from some of our experience. We are among the favourites at the moment for relegation and our progress in

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News Update

Welcome Spurs

□ This evening we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Tottenham Hotspur F.C. to Kenilworth Road. We hope you enjoy your visit and have a safe journey back to north London.

Supporters Club news

□ Luton Town Supporters Club have two 'Guest Speaker Evenings' forthcoming in the next month. On Tuesday, March 17, Mick Harford and David Preece will be our guests, while on Monday, April 6, Pat Murphy, a football/cricket reporter for Radio 5 will be airing his views.

Both events commence at 7.30 pm in the Joe Payne Lounge and new members are welcome to join on the night.

Details will also be announced soon in the programme of this year's Player of the Season function.

Welcome to Mervyn Day

□ We extend a warm welcome to Mervyn Day who has joined the club on loan from Leeds United. Mervyn made his debut last Saturday in our drawn home fixture against Crystal Palace. We wish him a happy and successful spell at Luton Town.

Turnstiles clicking upbeat

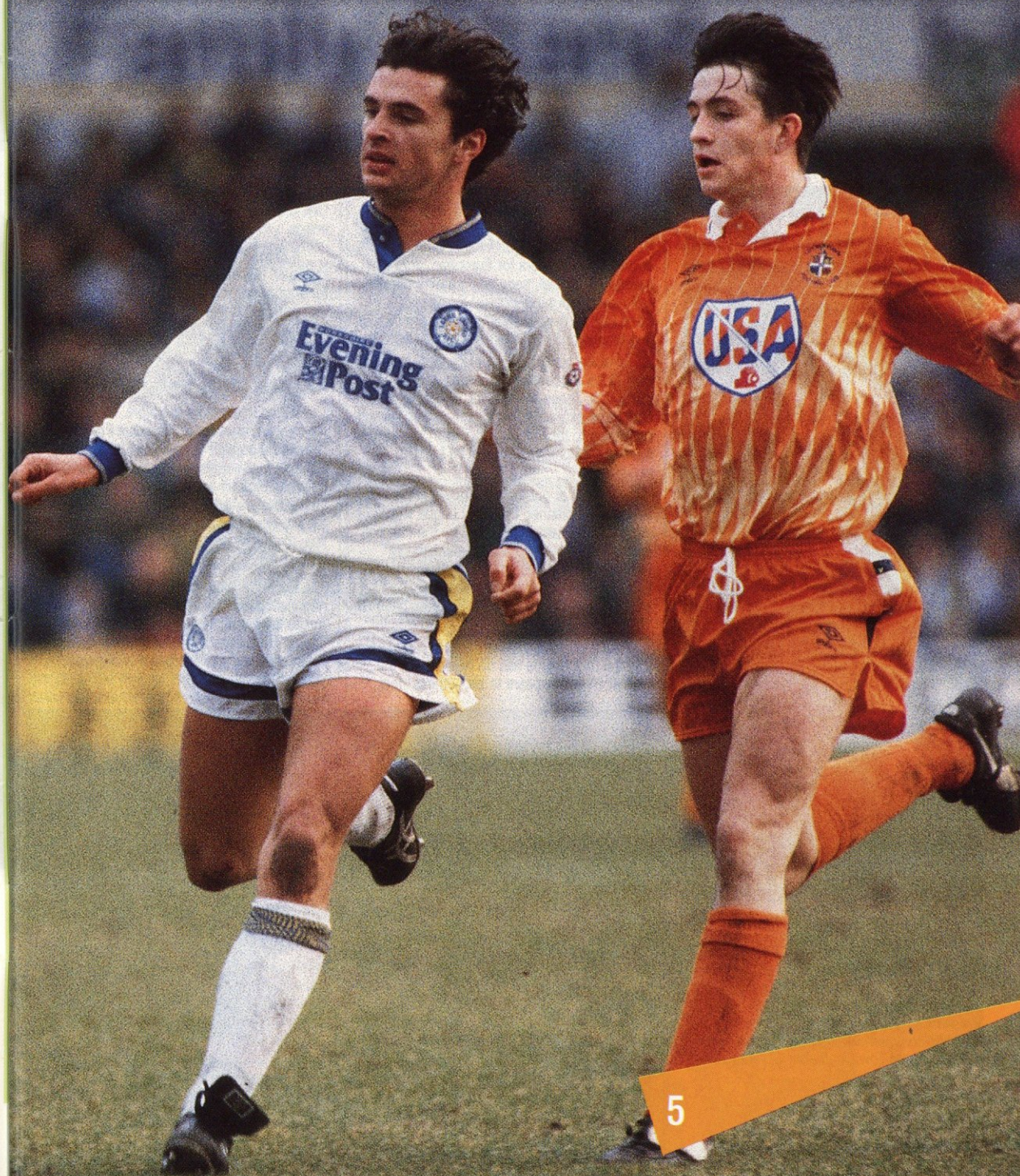
□ A Christmas surge has put the Football League back on course to break the 20 million attendance barrier for the first time in 10 years. An extra 140,000 fans went through the turnstiles over the holiday period compared with 1990. Now the prospects of beating last season's total of 19.5 million to achieve a sixth successive year of growing attendances look good.

Football World of Fame set to open

□ A £4 million football Hall of Fame, honouring the game's greatest players, teams and matches, is set to open by the end of 1992 in the heart of London.

Backed by both The Football League and The Football Association, David Collinson, who is the brainchild behind the idea, is currently finalising a multi-million pound financial package with three London sites: Tobacco Dock, Wembley Stadium and The Trocadero.

"The World of Fame will attract football fans from all over the world and, as Britain is the birthplace of the sport, it seems appropriate that we should celebrate the international history of the game," said Collinson.



Ceri Hughes and Leeds United winger Gary Speed are pictured in action at Elland Road on February 29.

Inside view

By Bill Tomlins



Regional approach likely in wide-angle view of the television debate

Des on the way back



Des Linton (above), signed from Leicester City with Scott Oakes last October, has now fully recovered from injury and returned to the first team squad last Saturday. He is pictured during the reserve's 0-0 draw with Crystal Palace reserves last week. Alec Chamberlain (right) presents 85-year-old Jack Dowling with a silver salver to commemorate his recent retirement from the Luton Town staff after 42 years as a turnstile operator.

After going down by the only goal of the game in Rotterdam last week, Tottenham Hotspur are welcomed to Kenilworth Road tonight as our strongest contenders for European glory this season. As one of many who saw on television last week their game against Feyenoord, I wish them well as they and Liverpool fly the flag for English football in next week's return legs.

It is always good for our game to see our own clubs succeeding in Europe and I wish them luck. Those sentiments, of course, cannot be extended this evening when we will be hoping to take all three points in our second successive home fixture against London opposition.

As most of our supporters will know already, the planned Premier League was given its final seal of approval by the Football Association Council a few weeks ago on February 20 and it is now 'all systems go' on this project for next season. Kick-off, incidentally, is scheduled for Saturday, August 15.

Many pundits, I know, have already said that the new league has no benefits for the fans at all and appears to be nothing other

than the existing Barclays League Division One dressed up in another name with a new image.

It is true there may be no immediate changes, but there will be many future benefits for supporters in the new league and I am sure everyone will benefit from the improved facilities which will follow. In the end, however, the whole thing is about costs and that means financial resources which, in turn, meant it revolved around the television contracts.

It was interesting, therefore, to read recently an interview in the latest Football League News with Greg Dyke, the chairman of ITV Sport, about his views on the relationship between football and television. Most interestingly of all, Mr Dyke made it clear he felt ITV would be pursuing a new contract next year to ensure continued coverage of regional local clubs.

He said: 'Whatever happens in our negotiations with the Premier League we would want a relationship with the Football League. In terms of the Rumbelows Cup and in terms of regional football it is of great interest to us.'

This, the article said, was mainly due to the successful return over recent seasons of regional midweek sports programmes, something which regular readers (Gery Harrison, included!) will know I have spoken approvingly of in the past.

'Most of the regions now do a Wednesday night sports show and I have always thought this was a good idea,' said Mr Dyke, who is a Brentford fan. 'Whatever happens in our negotiations with the Premier League, we would want a relationship with the Football League.'

'I think the Premier League is a good idea for all kinds of reasons, but I also think that people are interested in football wider than just the top 18 or 20 clubs.'

In Mr Dyke's view, many of the Premier League's prime movers are now showing a shift in attitude towards the lower divisions of the Football League. 'They recognise it is in their interests to have a strong Football League,' he said. Interesting? I think so.

Personally, I think the great danger we have all to be wary of is too much live television. Look what it has done in Spain and compare that to Italy. In Spain, where so many matches have been screened live, attendances have slumped, but in Italy, where there is no live football in the region of the game, they continue to soar.

The Italian way is probably right, I think, and it is encouraging to learn that we are on course to break the 20 million barrier this year in Football League attendances, an achievement which would mean we have enjoyed increased gates for six successive years.

This would be an unprecedented success and certainly proves to any doubters that there is great interest in the game and that it remains the most popular sport in the country. No doubt Mr Dyke, with his fortnightly 15-minute walk to Griffin Park from his west London home, has been one of the regulars.

Finally, tonight, one disappointed man will be Phil Gray, our injured Northern Ireland striker. Phil has had a luckless season with injuries since joining us from Tottenham and I know how much he would have liked to be fit to take on his former club.

Let us hope that he and all the rest of our injured and unavailable players are soon back on the pitch and enjoying their football in the exciting weeks of the season to come.

Captain's diary

By Trevor Peake



Free-flowing football in tonight's game

The game against Crystal Palace on Saturday again proved that this club has a very bright future with the younger players proving their worth when the pressure was on.

Scott Oakes scored our equaliser with a cracking volley after a neat one-two with Brian Stein. He looked dangerous on the right wing for much of the game with his good running and dangerous crosses, and will only get better with more games under his belt.

The same can be said of Jamie Campbell. In Mick Harford's absence he made sure that the Palace defence did not relax. With more experience he could have scored, but I'm sure he'll develop into a very good centre-forward within the next year or so.

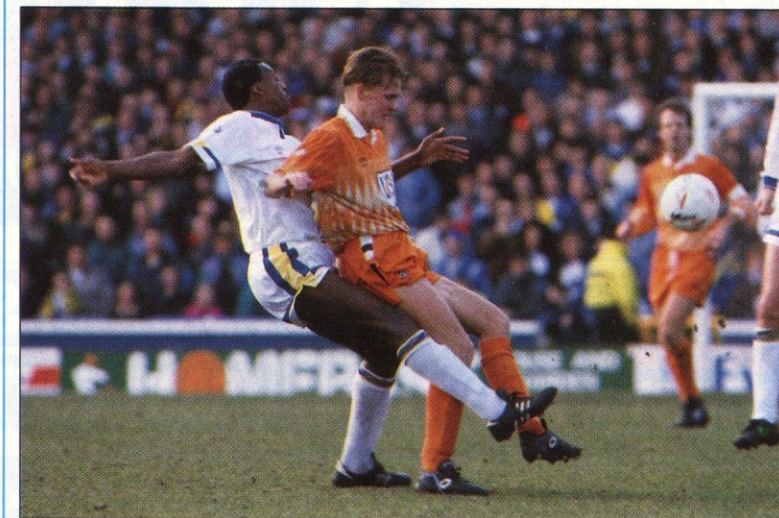
The game itself was again very competitive like the game at Selhurst Park

on February 25. We played a lot of good football and dealt with Palace's direct style comfortably. With better finishing and luck, we could have come away with all three points.

Tonight's game with Tottenham should see plenty of free-flowing football as both sides like to keep the ball on the ground. Tottenham have slipped dangerously close to the relegation zone in recent weeks, so they will be just as desperate for the three points as we are. With our poor away form, it is essential that we pick up maximum points in all our home matches remaining this season.

Last, but not least, I would like to welcome Mervyn Day to the club. Mervyn, on loan from Leeds United, is sure to be an influence on the side and hopefully his experience will rub off on us all in the coming, very important weeks.

Keep cheering and enjoy the game.



Jamie Campbell, who made his full home debut against Crystal Palace on Saturday, is pictured in action during the recent league game with Leeds United.

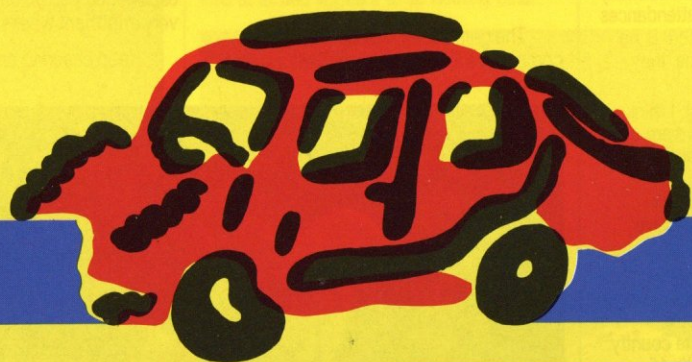


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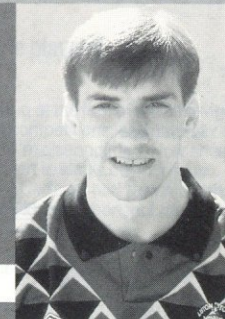
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Junior Hatters

With Alec Chamberlain.



Tonight we welcome Peter Shreeves and his players to Kenilworth Road. Tottenham have played a lot of games during the last two weeks. They played Nottingham Forest in the Rumbelows League Cup semi-finals, Feyenoord in the European Cup Winners' Cup, and Leeds United in the league on Saturday.

□ The coach for the trip to Southampton is now fully booked. For those that have booked, the coach will leave from Oak Road at 8-45 am. The price is £6 for Junior Hatters and £7 for parents. A packed lunch is recommended for this trip.

□ Our next monthly meeting for Junior Hatters is on Monday, March 30, at the training ground in Ely Way, off Oakley Road, Luton (near the Electrolux factory). It starts at 6.30 pm, with football training for boys and girls, so bring your training gear with you. If this is a success and we have the support, we will do this every fortnight throughout the summer.

□ Do not forget our Easter Egg competition. All you have to do is make as many four or five letter words as you can out of the name MARK PEMBRIDGE. I will start you off with one: ABIDE. The closing date for this competition is Friday, April 10. Send your entry, with your name and membership number, to The Sports Shop, 125 Oak Road, Luton LU4 8AA.

□ Do not forget to book up for the Wembley tour on Wednesday, April 22. The price is £5 for Junior Hatters and £6 for parents. The price includes the coach trip and entry to the stadium. This trip will take place during your school holidays.

□ Tonight's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 0146.....MATTHEW AYRES. Matthew wins two free tickets to one of our remaining home matches. To claim your prize, Matthew, please call into the Oak Road Sports Shop and bring your membership card with you.

Match Mascot



Tonight's Mascot is Katie Shanley. She is 13-years-old and goes to Northfields Upper School in Dunstable. She is interested in basketball, netball, hockey and football.

MYSTERY STAR 2

PUT THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH OBJECT INTO THE SPACE ABOVE IT AND THEN RE-ARRANGE THE LETTERS TO FIND A PLAYER WHO WON A WORLD CUP MEDAL AND BECAME A MANAGER.



Apple	Knife	Owl	Octopus	King	Leaf	Glove	
Ball	Shrimp	Castle	Flag	Music	Ice cream	Ant	

THE MYSTERY STAR IS OSVALDO ARDILES. -:-:RMSNVA

QUIZ TIME

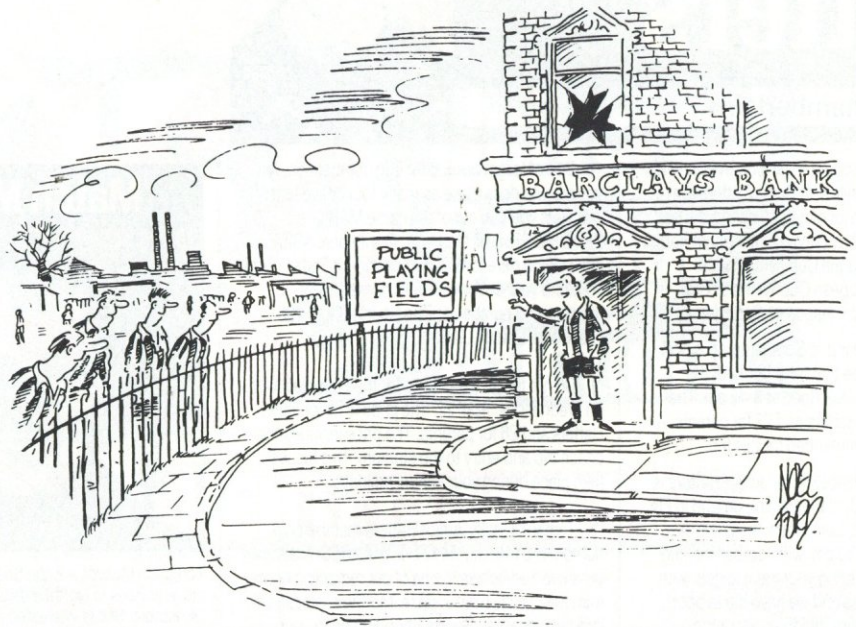
1. Which ground staged the last FA Cup Final before it was switched to Wembley?
2. Which Third Division side play at Brisbane Road?
3. Which Fourth Division side shares its ground with a county cricket outfit?
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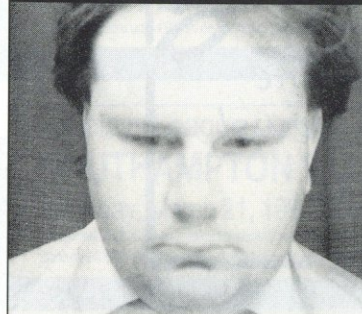


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Fans' view

Mad as a Hatter...



Name: Jeremy Harrison
Occupation: Cash Control
1st Luton Town home game: v Norwich - Aug 1970 0-0
1st Luton Town away game: v Middlesborough Easter 1971 lost 2-1
Favourite player (past): Don Givens
Favourite player (present): Mick Harford
Best goal last season: John Dreyer (Pen v Man C.)
Best goal ever: Raddy Antic v Man C. 1983
Number of league grounds visited: 43
Favourite away ground: Wembley
Worst away ground: Wolverhampton
Most memorable: Luton v Sunderland 3-4 1974
All-time Town team: Les Sealey, Kirk Stephens, Steve Buckley, Peter Nicholas, Steve Foster, Mal Donashy, Jim Ryan, Rick Hill, Mick Harford, Don Givens, John Aston.
Subs: MacDowald, Elliott, Brearer.

Don't knock the players!

Dear Sir,

OK! we're struggling at the foot of the table again and out of all cup competitions, and naturally as a Town supporter I'm disappointed. How should I react? Should I start to single out individual players for abuse? Certainly not! Now more than ever the team needs our support, not derisory comments.

Football is a game of highs and lows, as is life.

When things run against you it is easy to pillory individuals, particularly the younger members of the side who are new to the relegation battle.

By all means express your opinions, but think first. We all need to pull together to stay in Division One this season. The odds are against us, but we can succeed....together!

R. Milstone,
The Bygraves,
Ardeley,
Herts SG5 0HP

A change of kit

Dear Sir,

Although our kits are fairly smart and stylish, myself (and many other fans) would like something more modern that we could relate to. At the moment we are chopping and changing every other season. The latest away kit is far from being a real Luton kit, and the home shirt just isn't the same with the 'flashes' all over it. When the inevitable change comes again, can we go back to the traditional all-white look once and for all?

Danny Palmer,
12 High Street,
Sharnbrook,
Beds.

Want to air your views?

Please write to: The Editor, c/o Luton
Town FC., Kenilworth Road Stadium,
1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds. LU4 8AW.

Town family trees

Dear Sir,

Although I am not a Luton fan, how many supporters realise that a team of former Luton stars could be picked from the present First Division?

They are, with their present clubs - Les Sealey (Aston Villa), Tim Breacker (West Ham), Mal Donaghy (Manchester United), Matthew Jackson (Everton), Mitchell Thomas (West Ham), Kingsley Black (Nottingham Forest), Danny Wilson (Sheffield Wednesday), Iain Dowie (Southampton), Mike Small (West Ham), Paul Walsh (Tottenham), Garry Parker (Aston Villa).

The manager next season could be Ray Harford!

Alan Mumford,
London SW12

Sit down please!

Dear Sir,

Those of us who are privileged to sit at home matches are constantly inconvenienced by those spectators who consistently arrive or depart from their seats during play.

It would be greatly appreciated if more thought was shown to those really interested in watching the game and perhaps a new rule made which states that everyone should be in the ground by 2.45.

D. Skinner,
167 Bronte Paths,
Stevénage, Herts.

Ed's note: A shape of things to come with the Taylor Report?

Thank you for the award

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the members and management committee of the Pioneer Boys Club, I wish to thank the directors and staff of Luton Town for making possible a thrilling experience for the boys when they were invited to the ground to accept the Barclays award at the recent match against West Ham.

I am sure you will realise just how much the team strip and £300 cheque means to our football section.

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Barclays League Division One SOUTHAMPTON V LUTON TOWN

Saturday, March 21, 1992, kick-off 3.00 pm

Seats priced at £9.50 (no concessions) available from the Ticket Office until 4.00 pm on Thursday 19th March 1992 also on the day at The Dell. Standing £6.00 (no concessions) pay on the day only at turnstiles 12 and 13.

Barclays League Division One LUTON TOWN V NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Saturday, March 28, 1992

Due to Nottingham Forest getting to the Zenith Data Systems Cup Final on 29th March this scheduled league match has been postponed. Details of the re-arranged date to be advised.

Barclays League Division One LUTON TOWN V WIMBLEDON

Saturday, April 4, 1992, kick-off 3.00 pm

Tickets for this match go on sale on Saturday 21st March. Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply.

SPECIAL NOTICE - PRIVILEGE PURCHASE PERIOD

In view of the anticipated demand for Manchester United match tickets, members purchasing tickets for the Wimbledon game before 4th April, 1992 will be offered the opportunity of purchasing their tickets for the Manchester United game at the same time, (before they go on general sale after the Wimbledon match).

This offer also applies to Season Ticket Holders wishing to purchase additional guest tickets for the Manchester United fixture. Terrace supporters who wish to take up this offer should purchase their tickets for both the Wimbledon and Manchester United fixture from the Ticket Office before 4th April, 1992.

Ticket Office Hours

The Ticket Office is open from 10 am to 4 pm on weekdays and from 10 am to 1 am on non-match Saturdays. On match Saturdays, it remains open for the afternoon. For all Ticket Office and Membership inquiries, please call Cherry Newbery, Ticket Office manager, on 0582-411622 or 30748. The Credit Card Hotline is available 72 hours before a match on 0582-30748.

How to get to...

EVERTON

By road: Take the M1 then the M6 motorways to the M62. Continue to the end and turn right into A5058 Queens Drive. In three and three quarter miles, turn left for A580 into Walton Hall Avenue for ground.

Nearest railway: Liverpool Lime Street

There is a car park at the corner of Priory and Utting Avenue, otherwise street parking is available.

SOUTHAMPTON

By road: Take the M25 to junction 12 and join the M3 to the M33 (sign-posted Southampton). Continue via The Avenue then turn right into Northlands Road and right again into Archers Road for ground.

Nearest railway: Southampton Central (B/R).

Street parking and nearby town centre car parks are available.

Travel Club

Bookings for the Bobbers Travel Club can be made in any of the following ways:

1. From the ticket kiosk at the Kenilworth Road turnstiles before any first-team game at home between 2pm and kick-off, or
2. On the return journey from the previous away game with the Travel Club, or
3. By telephoning Paul Deason on Bedford (0234) 750996.

Fares

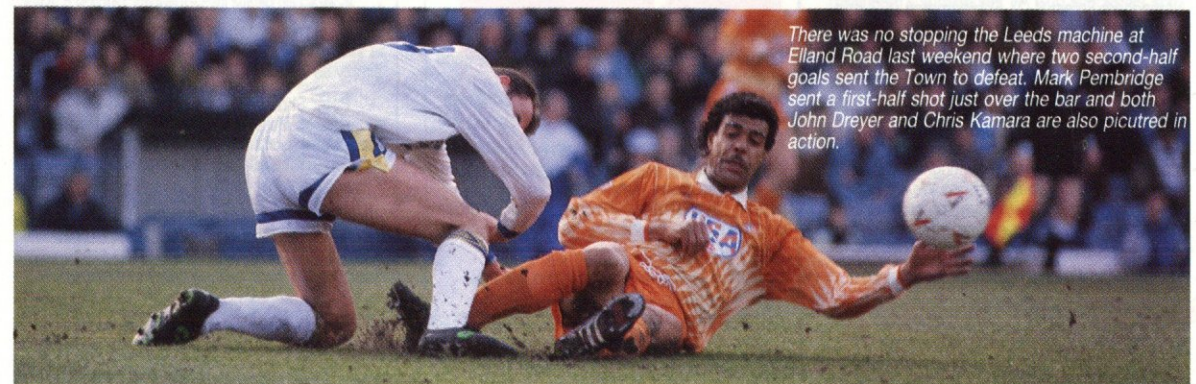
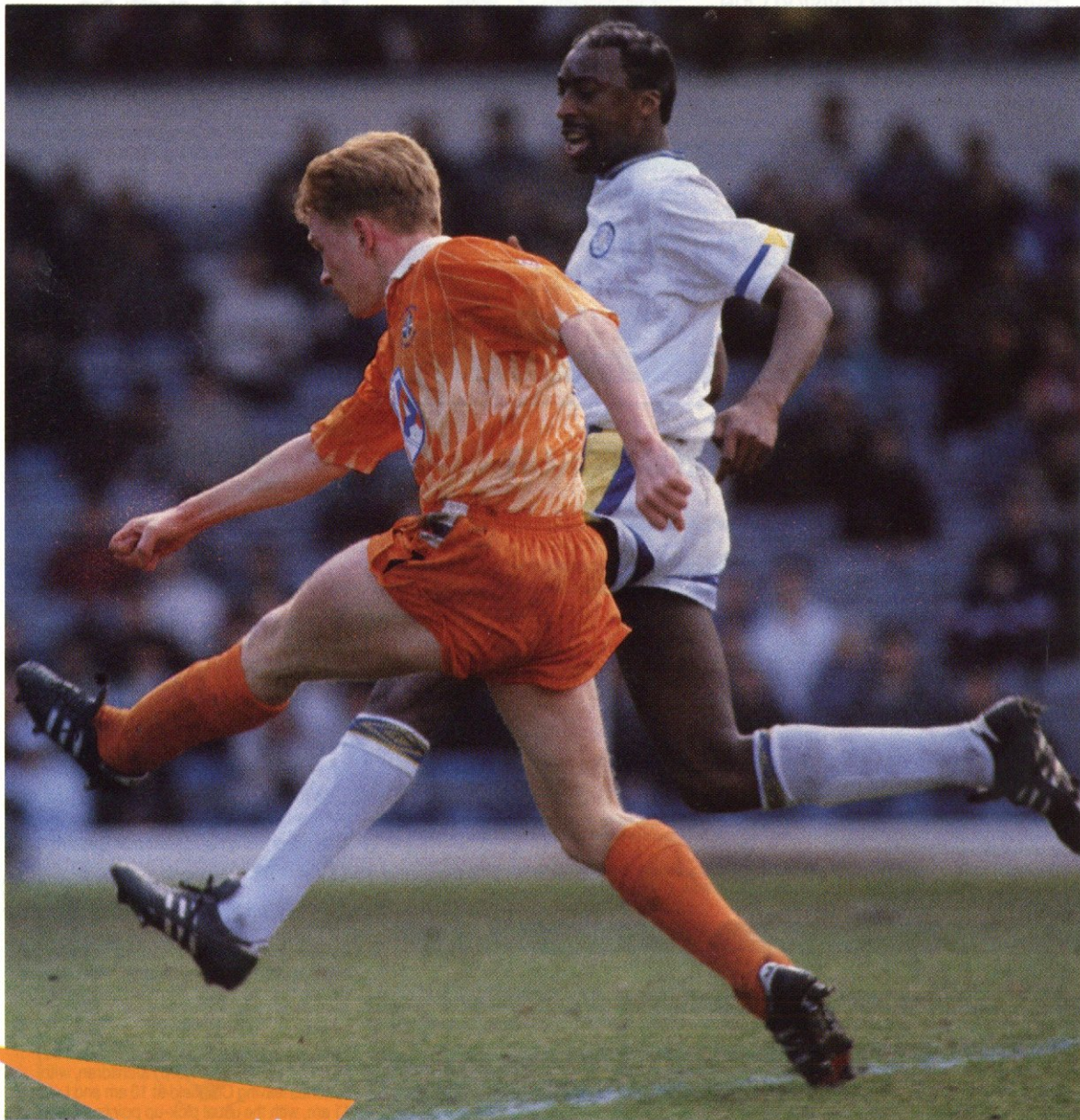
Fares for the trip to EVERTON will be £9.50 adults and £7.50 OAP's/children, with coaches leaving Cranfield at 8.30 am and Luton at 9.30 am, with the usual pick-up points en route.

Fares for the trip to SOUTHAMPTON will be £6.00 adults and £5.00 OAP's/children, with coaches leaving Cranfield at 10 am and Luton at 11 am, with the usual pick-up points en route.

Action replay

Pictures by Josh Levy

From: Elland Road
February 29, 1992
Leeds United 2 Luton Town 0
Attendance: 28,231
Referee: A. Flood
(Stockport)



There was no stopping the Leeds machine at Elland Road last weekend where two second-half goals sent the Town to defeat. Mark Pembridge sent a first-half shot just over the bar and both John Dreyer and Chris Kamara are also pictured in action.

Today's visitors

By Luke Nicoli

Welcome to Tottenham Hotspur

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR F.C. 1991/92 SEASON



Back row (left to right): John Moncur, Andy Polston, Gudni Bergsson, Erik Thorstvedt, Mitchell Thomas (now West Ham Utd), Ian Walker, David Tuttle, Steve Sedgley, Justin Edinburgh.
Middle row (left to right): Doug Livermore (assistant manager), Philip Gray (now Luton Town), Brian Statham, Pat van den Hauwe, Vinny Samways, David Howells, Paul Moran, Nayim, John Hendry, Ray Clemence (reserve team manager/goalkeeping coach).
Front row (left to right): Paul Walsh, Mark Robson, Paul Stewart, Terry Fenwick, Peter Shreeves (team manager), Gary Mabbutt, Gary Lineker, Paul Gascoigne, Paul Allen.

In terms of their league performances, season 1991/92 has been very disappointing for Tottenham Hotspur. Placed 17th in Division One, at the time of writing, with 35 points, their poor home form has been largely responsible for their lowly position.

Surprisingly, Spurs have lost nine league games at White Hart Lane this season, the latest being a 1-0 defeat by Crystal Palace last month. Other defeats have come against Chelsea (1-3), Manchester United (1-2), Manchester City (0-1), Sheffield United (0-1), Liverpool (1-2), Nottingham Forest (1-2), Southampton (1-2) and Leeds United (1-3).

But like many sides who base their football on keeping the ball on the ground, involving talented 'flair' players, Tottenham's cup form has again been very good this term.

Last season, Spurs won the FA Cup for a record eighth time, against Nottingham Forest. Goals from Paul Stewart and Des Walker (o.g.) secured a Tottenham victory which put them on equal footing with rivals Arsenal who, only weeks earlier, had won the league championship.

Although knocked out in round three this

season by Aston Villa, Tottenham, now under the guidance of former boss Peter Shreeves, reached the semi-final of the Rumbelows Cup. Disposing of Swansea City, Grimsby, Coventry and Norwich along the way, they again came up against Nottingham Forest, in the semi-final.

The first leg ended 1-1 at Nottingham and the game was set for a pulsating second leg. After bomb alerts and a delayed kick-off, Tottenham's home performance went to form as Forest won an entertaining game 2-1, Gary Lineker scoring the consolation goal.

The 'glory, glory' nights have also returned to White Hart Lane this season with the return of European football. Tottenham now have a good chance of following in the footsteps of Manchester United and reaching the European Cup Winners' Cup final.

After disposing of Sparkasse Stockerau (2-0 on agg), Hadjuk Split (2-1 on agg) and Portuguese giants Porto (3-1 on agg), they played Feyenoord last Wednesday in Rotterdam and went down by the only goal in their first leg meeting.

Much of Tottenham's fine cup form this season can be put down to the individual performances of Gary Mabbutt, Paul Stewart and

Gary Lineker. All three form the backbone to the side and arguably have had their best seasons for Tottenham. Lineker is currently Division One's leading goalscorer while Stewart and Mabbutt have recently featured in the England set-up.

The Hotspur Football Club was formed from an older cricket club in 1882. Most of the founders were old boys from St John's Presbyterian School and Tottenham Grammar School. The Casey brothers were well to the fore, as the family provided the first goalposts and their first ball. The club soon adopted the local YMCA as their meeting place, but after a couple of moves settled at the Red House, which is still their headquarters, although now known simply as 748 High Road.

Peter Shreeves is the eighth post-war manager at White Hart Lane. He has followed in the footsteps of such famous footballing names as Joe Hulme, Bill Nicholson and Terry Neill.

Tottenham won the Division One championship in 1951 and 1961; the Division Two crown in 1920 and 1950; the FA Cup in 1901, 1921, 1961, 1962, 1967, 1981, 1982 and 1991; the Football League Cup in 1971 and 1973; the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1963 and the UEFA Cup in 1972, and 1983.

Spurs on Parade

ERIK THORSTVEDT (goalkeeper) - Erik is a Norwegian international who was signed from IFK Gothenburg for £400,000 in November 1988. He began his career with EIK, later moving to Viking Stavanger, Borussia Moenchengladbach and Gothenburg before joining Tottenham.

PAT Van den HAUWE (defender) - Pat was signed from Everton for £500,000 in 1989. Though born in Belgium, his parentage qualified him to play for Wales. He started his career at Birmingham in 1979, but it was after his £100,000 move to Everton in 1984 that he gained international recognition. Pat is now approaching his 20th cap for his country.

GARY MABBUTT (defender) - Gary's fine performances have earned him an England recall this season after an absence of three years. He made a name for himself at Bristol Rovers, winning the first of his seven under-21 caps while at Eastville. He joined Tottenham for £125,000 in 1982 and has gone on to become club captain.

STEVE SEDGLEY (defender) - Steve served his apprenticeship with Coventry and, after winning a place in the Sky Blues' side in 1986, he was soon in the England under-21 side. Tottenham paid Coventry £750,000 for his services in 1989, agreeing to pay a further £100,000 if he wins a full England cap.

JUSTIN EDINBURGH (defender) - Justin, a one-time trainee with Southend United, was introduced to league soccer with the Shrimpers three years ago. Spurs signed him for £180,000 in 1990 and he made the left-back position his own in the latter half of 1990-91.

GUDNI BERGSSON (defender) - Gudni is an Icelandic international who was signed from Valur in 1988. A regular squad member, versatile Gudni can also play in midfield when needed.

DAVID HOWELLS (midfield) - David won England youth honours during his early days at White Hart Lane before making his debut in February 1986. He scored that day against Sheffield Wednesday, and has since gone on to become a regular in the side. Last season he played for the Football League XI.

PAUL ALLEN (midfield) - Paul won a record number of 23 England youth caps during his time at West Ham, and was the youngest player to appear in an FA Cup final when the Hammers beat Arsenal 1-0 in 1980. He joined Tottenham for £400,000 in 1985 and won another cup winners' medal last season.

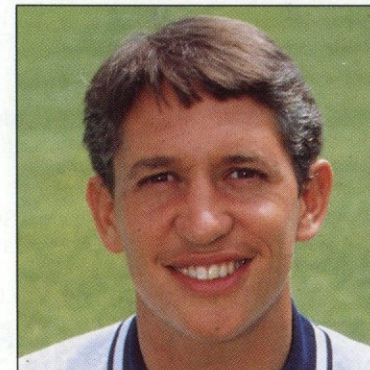
PAUL STEWART (midfield) - Paul started his career at Blackpool, before joining Manchester City for £200,000 in 1987. His career really took off at Maine Road when he topped City's goal list with 28 in 1987/88. At the end of that season, Tottenham signed him for £2 million.

VINNY SAMWAYS (midfield) - Vinny is a product of Tottenham's youth team set-up. He made his league debut in 1987, but never really established himself as a first team regular. That has all changed this season as Vinny has replaced the injured Paul Gascoigne in the heart of midfield.

NAYIM (midfield) - Nayim - or Mohamed Ali Azar, to give his full name - is a Spanish under-21 international. He played for Barcelona when Terry Venables was manager there and teamed up again with his former boss in 1989 after an initial loan spell.

SCOTT HOUGHTON (midfield) - Scott joined Spurs as a junior and played for a while on loan at Ipswich before getting his league chance earlier in the season against Manchester United. Town fans will remember Scott from our previous encounter with Spurs as he scored two goals.

GARY LINEKER (forward) - Gary, who now needs only two goals to equal Bobby Charlton's all-time England record of 49 goals, is enjoying by far his finest season to date. He has been top-scorer for Spurs in his two seasons at White Hart Lane since joining the club from Barcelona. He started his career at Leicester and was on four occasions top-scorer there also. In 1985 he joined Everton in a £800,000 deal before joining Barcelona a year later for £3 million.



Gary Lineker

GORDON DURIE (forward) - Gordon, who was signed from Chelsea for £2 million at the beginning of the season, started his career at East Fife. He joined Hibernian in 1983 and became leading marksman at Easter Road before joining Chelsea in 1985. This season he has been recalled to the Scottish team and will be looking for a starting place in Sweden this summer.

PAUL WALSH (forward) - Paul, a former favourite at Kenilworth Road, joined Tottenham from Liverpool for £500,000 in 1988. He began his career at Charlton before joining the Town in 1982. Liverpool signed him for £700,000 in 1984. He also gained England international recognition.

Meet the Boss



PETER SHREEVES

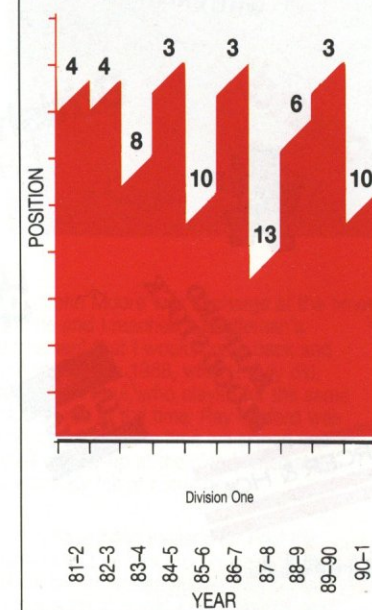
Peter returned to Tottenham Hotspur as team manager in July and is currently assistant to Wales manager - and former Spurs player - Terry Yorath.

Born in Neath, Peter was brought up in North London and played for Middlesex and London Schoolboys and for Finchley. He turned professional with Reading in January 1959, where he made 113 league appearances, scoring 17 goals. In the summer of 1966 he moved on to Chelmsford City before joining Wimbledon three years later.

He took on a coaching role at Charlton Athletic in 1972 before taking over as youth team manager at Tottenham in 1974. He became reserve team manager three years later, assistant manager in 1980 - playing a key role in Tottenham's subsequent FA Cup successes and the UEFA Cup win of 1984 - and finally became first team boss from June 1984 to May 1986.

He then moved to Queens Park Rangers as assistant manager and was 'caretaker' boss at Watford before taking over as assistant in November 1990.

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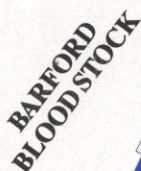
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Player profile

Darren Salton

The son of a centre-half who played for Dunfermline and Hibernian, Darren Salton is another name to remember in a season when the Town have unveiled an impressive batch of promising youngsters. Darren has impressed many experts already with his ability to become an excellent central defender at the tender age of 19.

Since joining the Town together with Paul Telfer in the summer of 1988, only a few months after the famous Littlewoods Cup win over Arsenal, he has progressed through the club as a trainee, youth player and reserve to become a regular member of the senior squad this season.

His long-awaited Barclays Football League debut finally arrived last weekend when he went on as a substitute at Elland Road against Leeds United and he now has a regular spot in the side firmly in his sights.

"That has to be my ambition," said Darren. "I have been in the squad nearly all season and now want to try and break through and establish myself on a regular basis. The problem has been that both Trevor Peake and John Dreyer have been playing well, without getting injured, and they both have a lot of experience to offer as well."

Darren's formative years were spent in Scotland where he had trials with both Hibernian and with Rangers before being tempted south to Bedfordshire and Kenilworth Road by Willy Hunter. "I remember it was around Christmas time and it was cold," said Darren.

DARREN SALTON FACT FILE

Born: Edinburgh, 16.3.72
Previous clubs: Salveson Boys Club
Joined Luton Town: July 1988
Football League debut: as sub, Leeds United v Luton Town, 29.2.92.
LTFC league career: 0 (1) apps 0 goals.
International honours: Scotland schoolboy, youth and under-21 caps.



"John Moore was in charge at the time and he and I reached a gentleman's agreement that I would come back and join the club in 1988, which I duly did, along with Paul, who played for the same club as me at the time. Ray Harford was the manager at the time we signed and I liked the set-up at the club immediately. We quickly felt at home here.

"I have been pleased for Paul this season that he has broken into the first team, but frustrated myself. But I realise that it is up to me to keep pressing and playing well and hoping for the right break to come along."

Darren signed professional for the club on his 17th birthday in 1989 and has since hardly looked back, except for one spell when he was ruled out for three months with an ankle ligaments injury, as he has progressed through the ranks and won Scottish representative honours.

"It was great playing in the under-21's 3-0 win over Denmark the other week at Easter Road...For me, a match to remember. Now I want to enjoy some more of it - and force my way into the Luton first team."



Autograph

Darren Salton



Mick Harford, who will be absent through suspension tonight, was in his customary powerful form last weekend at Leeds United.

A SUMMER TO LOOK FORWARD TO....

With the end of the season drawing near, we preview the European Championship finals which take place in Sweden this summer. England, who have yet to win the tournament, will start as one of the favourites, while Scotland will be making their first ever appearance in the competition....

England's record in the European championship finals is not a particularly good one. In three appearances in the event's 32-year history, they have won only two games. The first was against the Soviet Union in a third-place play-off match in 1968 (after reaching the final with a quarter-final win at Wembley); the second was in a 'dead' game against Spain in 1980 when Ron Greenwood filled his side - already without a chance of progressing any further - with reserves. Last time, of course, in West Germany, England had a disastrous tournament and were beaten by Ireland, the Soviet Union and West Germany.

The host nation, Sweden, are being tipped as the 'dark horses' in England's group. Their manager, Tommy Svensson, cringes when reminded about his side's poor showing in the 1990 World Cup, but insists that this team, including the likes of Arsenal's Anders Limpar, Parma's Tomas Brolin and Gothenburg's Martin Dahlin, will be a greatly improved team.

But the star in Sweden's line-up is Jonas Thern, Benfica's midfield general. British supporters will have seen him tear Arsenal apart at Highbury in the European Cup earlier in the season. Des Walker and Co. will certainly have their work cut out stopping his surging runs.

But Group One is not merely about England and Sweden. Yugoslavia and France present contrasting opposition. Political upheavals mean that the Yugoslavia team, perhaps the most lavishly talented of all, will be a mystery until they line up against England for the two nations' first match. France, fresh from their defeat at Wembley, will be a more recognised danger with the likes of Jean-Pierre Papin and Eric Cantona certain to play leading roles.

Cantona, who walked out on French soccer, and the international scene at one stage, is resurrecting his career at high-

flying Leeds United, as we learned to our cost last week. How ironic if English football should rehabilitate one of France's most dangerous attackers in time for him to face England in Sweden!

Group Two at the finals is composed of the Netherlands, Scotland Germany and the C.I.S. This presents Scotland with their toughest challenge since the 'group of death' in the 1982 World Cup in Spain when they faced Brazil, the Soviet Union and New Zealand.

Coach Andy Roxburgh seemed unconcerned at the prospect and is just pleased to have avoided England. He said: "That spares us of having to cope with all the emotional baggage that fixture arouses. It's time we had the run of the ball in a major final. Then we can play England, perhaps in the semi-final or final."

Scotland open their account against defending holders Holland, then face World Cup winners Germany before completing their first round fixtures against CIS - who will doubtless hope to capitalise on the fine



form this season of Manchester United winger Andrei Kanchelskis.

The Ukraine-born winger has emerged as a possible contender for Player of the Year in England this year. Roxburgh will look to defender Steve Nicol, who has come up against Kanchelskis already this season, to come up with a few clues as to how to keep the speedy flanker quiet.

The Netherlands and Germany are clear favourites in the group and Germany for the tournament. But, as Roxburgh says: "The better the opposition, the better we play. We raise our game for the big occasion - and there won't be many bigger occasions than the European Championship."

With the next finals most likely to be held in England, it is hoped that all the home nation sides will qualify. And who knows, the names of Mark Pembbridge, Paul Telfer, Darren Salton and Scott Oakes could all be gracing the international stage for their respective countries by then....as Luton Town players.



Mark Pembbridge, hoping to represent Wales in the European Championships of 1996.

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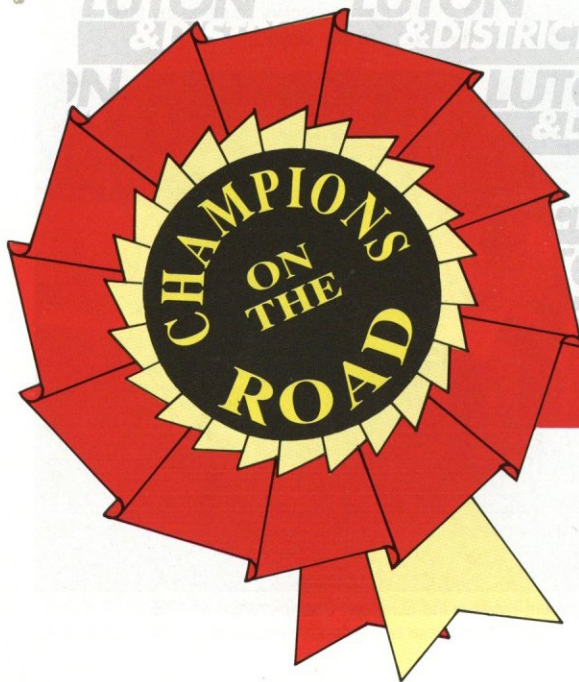
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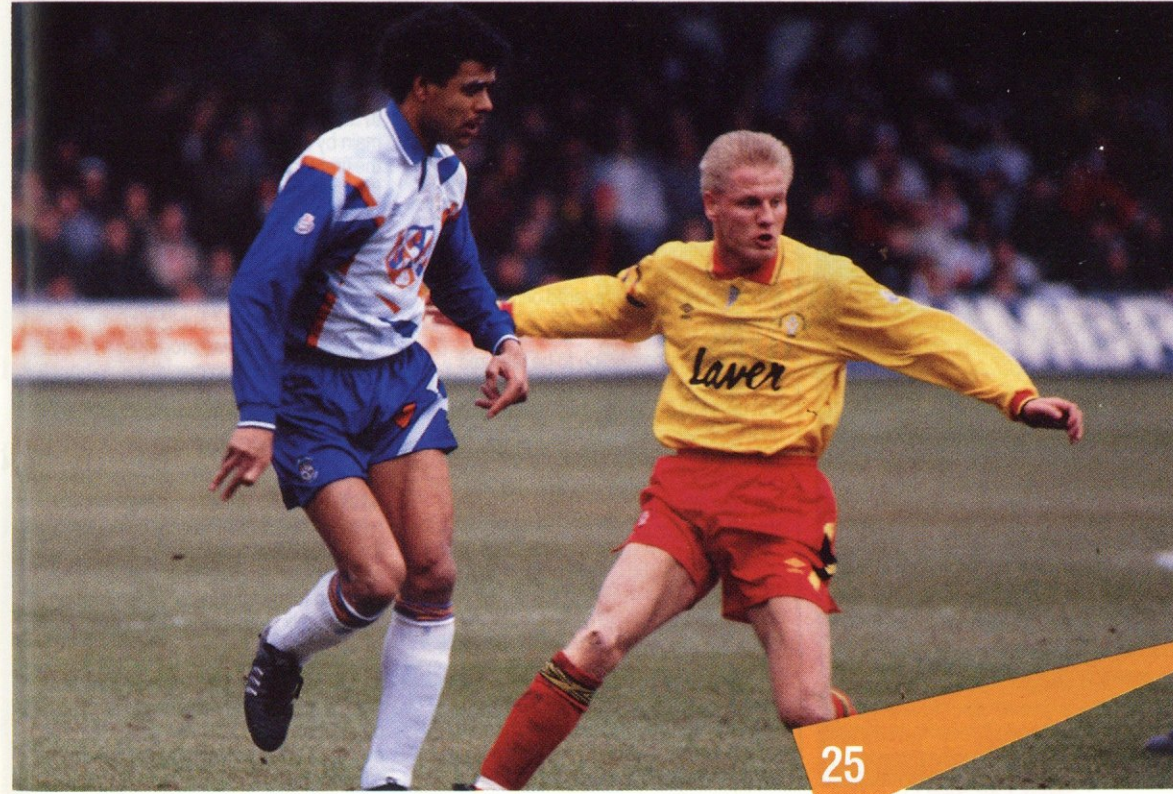
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Brian Stein (top) scored his first goal of the season against Sheffield United. Chris Kamara (below) is pictured in action in the same fixture which ended in a 2-1 victory.



Looking back

By Roger Wash

The Last Time We Met...

November 16, 1991 (Division One)

Tottenham Hotspur 4 (Houghton 2, Lineker 2)

Luton Town 1 (Harford)

Referee: D.G. Frampton (Dorset)

Attendance: 27,543

Luton Town - Chamberlain, Linton (Nogan), Harvey, Kamara, Dreyer, Peake, Telfer, Stein, Harford, Pembridge, Oakes.

Tottenham - Thorstvedt, Edinburgh, Van den Hauwe, Sedgley, Howells (Nayim), Mabbutt, Bergsson, Samways, Walsh, Lineker, Allen (Houghton).

Playing their best football of the season by far, the Town were the masters for an hour and held a deserved lead before the floodlights failed.

After a 16-minute stoppage and Scott Houghton's introduction, Spurs were transformed, although the final score was rather flattering.



Mick Harford scored at White Hart Lane.

Post-war progress brings pictures and cheer to the handbook

In this, the final of a two-part series, Roger Wash looks at the history of the Luton Town Handbook from the earliest times, until its final issue in 1963....

The first 'Luton News Football Handbook' after the war was produced in 1946 and the foreword made comment of the fact that it was a utility effort due to paper shortage. It also compared itself unfavourably with the previous edition, produced seven years before, which had almost three times as many pages.

Certainly this issue had an austere look about it, as did the next two, and many of the pre-war features were missing. The individual photographs and player biographies were still included, however, and although smaller, still provided the necessary information for any club historian.

Season 1949/50 saw the handbook double in size (as well as price), as the grey days of early post-war Britain gave way to bright optimism. Even the adverts were more cheerful and certainly the foreword looked towards a better future - misplaced as 1949/50 was a fairly awful campaign.

The next great change, and one which was to continue for the remaining life of the handbook, came about in 1952 when an action photograph appeared on the front cover.

The first photograph to be featured showed Bernard Moore scoring the Town's first goal in a 3-2 defeat by Arsenal in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup. This issue of 1952/53 also included three further action photographs taken during the cup run - the first time the club had appeared at this stage of the competition since 1953.

A typical issue of the period is that for 1955/56 which is obviously full of self-congratulation, following the club's promotion to Division One for the first time.

The foreword praises the board on not spending money but encouraging youth, with any cash going to increase the capacity of Kenilworth Road, where it was feared that the attendance record would

be sorely tested. The number of season tickets sold totalled 7,000, which was seven times higher than the previous season.

This typical handbook included a full list of appearances and goalscorers for the previous season, including Combination games, a list of first team players going back to 1926, full results in the FA Cup back to 1921, league tables, photographs and biographies of all players and officials, fixture list and a very comprehensive local section encompassing most of the county.

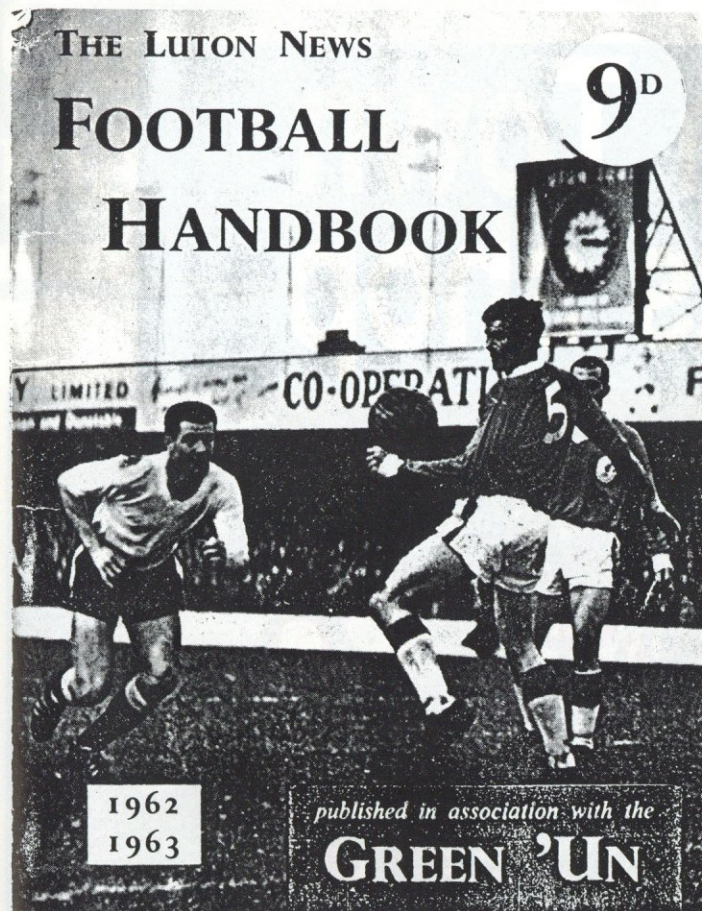
Apart from a price increase to 9d (4p) in 1958, the next major change came with the 1960/61 edition which suddenly became published "in association with the Green 'Un", that sorely-missed Saturday night sports paper.

Inside, the number of pages increased to 96, with the extra pages taken up in the main by more space given to members of the first team squad, who were allowed a full page each, with a longer biography.

This format continued for the next two seasons with the 1962/63 issue almost back to the superb editions of the immediate pre-war period. As we eagerly awaited the 1963/64 publication, the "Luton News" instead produced a pull-out section to the newspaper which, although featured head and shoulder photographs and biographies of the players, was a pale imitation of its predecessors.

It can be surmised that due to the failing fortunes of the club, which was relegated back to Division Three in 1963, the Luton News anticipated a low take-up of a properly produced handbook and resorted to the 'giveaway' which limped along for six years before disappearing.

I certainly regret the demise of an annual handbook, but judging by the less than overwhelming response to the publication issued last season by the club, perhaps I am in the minority? What do supporters think?



The cover of the last issue of the handbook is pictured above, while below is a page taken from that same issue.



ROBIN CHANDLER (centre-forward). Former Luton schoolboy star who earned caps for England and who was signed as a part-time professional by the Town during last season following some impressive performances for the Reserves. Forced his way into the first-team around Christmas time and led the forwards in each of the three Cup-ties with Ipswich Town, scoring the vital goal at Portman-road. Was injured in the second replay and then fell out of the limelight. Young, he has time in which to develop and he had quite a spell with the Town as an amateur, playing both in their youth team and the "A" team when it was in the Metropolitan League. Has also played at outside-right.

DIVISION I AND II REPORTS IN THE GREEN 'UN EVERY SATURDAY

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JIM FLEMING (inside-left). Clever ball player who often flatters to deceive because the quality of his finishing does not match that far too frequently, his build-up goes to waste. At his best of, his approach work and, he can be a match-winner and he did sufficient last season to interest the Scottish under 23 selectors. Joined the Town in November 1960 in a straight swap with Patrick Thistle for Joe McBride. That put Fleming in the five figures class because McBride was a £12,500 signing from Wolves. During last season, there was some talk of Fleming favouring a return to Scotland and his former club were sufficiently interested to make an enquiry though nothing came of it at that time. Fleming has all the natural attributes to become a star because he can use either foot with equal facility and has had spells on the right wing.

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Did you know?

The first time the Town and Tottenham met in the league was in 1937/38 following our promotion to Division Two. Both games finished in victories for Tottenham, 4-2 at Luton and 3-0 at White Hart Lane.

It happened five years ago

14/3/87 - The Town enjoyed a rare home win over Manchester United, watched by a crowd of 12,509. Mick Harford and Brian Stein were on target in the 2-1 victory which pushed the Town up to fourth position.

It happened ten years ago

12/3/82 - In drawing 0-0 at home to Wrexham, the Town dropped their first home points since September. A crowd of 10,880 watched as the Luton forwards failed to break down a strong Welsh rearguard.

It happened 15 years ago

12/3/77 - After a run of nine straight wins, the Town dropped a point in a 1-1 draw against Plymouth at Kenilworth Road. John Aston scored the Luton equaliser in the second half.

It happened 20 years ago

18/3/72 - The 1-0 home win over Burnley was the first victory since early January and brought a huge sigh of relief to the crowd of 8,490. Viv Busby notched the winner in the first half.

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WIMBLEDON

At the beginning of the season, most soccer pundits again tipped Wimbledon to face the drop come May. Without the added comfort of their Plough Lane ground and the shock resignation of coach Don Howe after just three weeks, relegation looked a definite reality this time round for the Dons.

Under former Town manager Ray Harford, and residing at Selhurst Park, they started sprightly enough. Despite crowds barely reaching 4,000 on occasions, the Dons lost only one of their opening seven matches - including a 3-0 victory against the Town - and found themselves in the relative comfort of midway in the First Division table. With leading striker and club captain John Fashanu regularly on the scoresheet, it looked as if the Dons would again defy their critics.

But, as we all know, things can change very suddenly in football. With Ray Harford now at Blackburn Rovers and former Aston Villa stalwart Peter Withe at the helm, the Dons looked a shadow of the spirited side most clubs had once feared.

The side went over two months without a win under their new boss, and plunged to 18th in the First Division table. They were also knocked out of the Rumbelows Cup by Peterborough and the FA Cup by Bristol City. Many supporters believed that the 'Crazy Gang' spirit had died when Harford left, particularly as more established players had started asking for transfer requests.

Withe was dismissed in January, and reserve team boss Joe Kinnear took his place. He immediately turned the situation around

and, at the time of writing, the Dons are placed 12th in Division One after recent, impressive victories against high-flying Manchester City (2-0), Oldham (1-0) and Notts County (2-0).

Kinnear has found that missing spirit again, and the players are totally behind him. John Fashanu, speaking after the Oldham victory said: "Joe would be manager of the month, the trouble is, he's manager of Wimbledon."

Hounded for their direct style of play, the Dons therefore seem all the more determined to succeed. It is that determination which we will hopefully see from the Town on April 4. Come to Kenilworth Road to see an intriguing clash in style of football, and hopefully three much needed points in our favour.



Mark Pembridge is pictured against Wimbledon last season.

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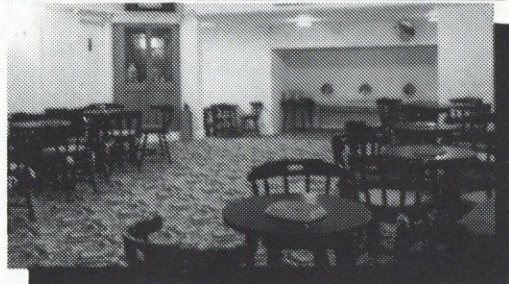
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A buffet is supplied prior to the game and after the final whistle. Match day programmes and reserved car parking together with a seat in the Century Club balcony situated within the main stand is included in this package.

There is a limited guesting facility at an additional charge on a per match basis.

The dress standard is smart/casual however, jeans are not allowed. Number of members 141.



THE CENTURY CLUB SUITE



Apply to: THE COMMERCIAL MANAGER, LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB, KENILWORTH STADIUM, 1 MAPLE ROAD, LUTON LU4 8AW. TEL: (0582) 411622



David Preece (top) pictured in action at Crystal Palace where a well-taken penalty by Mark Pembridge (below) secured a 1-1 draw.



Guest spot

By Timothy Collings

Special appeal of The Trevor Jones Trust

What do the following have in common: Richard Branson, Ian Botham and Bill Beaumont? Answer: not airlines or fame, but concern for spinal injuries. All three are patrons of The Trevor Jones Trust, set up in 1988, for spinal injuries caused in the pursuit of sporting activities.

Nothing in any sportsman's activity is so important as his back. A spinal injury can wreck not only a sports career at any standard, but also a life. And that is why these three are involved together in this venture and why it is worth supporting.

The Trevor Jones Trust was set up in 1988 after Trevor, a Naval helicopter pilot, broke his neck whilst practising for the Inter-Services ski races. He was instantly paralysed and as tetraplegic, unable to move from his shoulders down.

Six months earlier, he had hit the headlines by being the naval helicopter pilot who had pulled Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand from the sea after their

unsuccessful attempt at landing their hot-air balloon.

Trevor Jones now requires 24-hour assistance which can cost up to £25,000 per year.

Trevor had been a brilliant all-round sportsman from his schooldays, excelling in whatever sport he played. The trust aims to raise funds for others paralysed through sporting accidents, usually in the form of computer in the home, computer operated wheelchairs (cost £15,000) or cars which can be operated from these chairs (cost £27,000).

This equipment in turn helps paralysed people gain maximum independence which is one of the main aims of the trust.

The trust aims to increase awareness for the need of adequate accident insurance cover. It is extremely difficult to lead an independent life without an award of at least £500,000. Currently, about 30 or 40 people of the approximate 140 people who become paralysed each year through sporting accidents have no cover.

This is why Hospital Plan Insurance Services have introduced the Trevor Jones Disabling Injuries Policy for a comparatively little premium each year. Trevor Jones now works for the Trevor Jones Trust and sits on the Mobility, Advice and Vehicle Information Service management committee to represent the interests of the spinally injured.

His example has been a source of strength and inspiration to others in an area of life which deserves support from all sports supporters. Next month, when Ian Botham has returned from the World Cup in Australia, he and 10 others including Tottenham captain Gary Lineker will be donating places in the ADT Marathon. Later in a year filled with events, Trevor Jones himself plans to become the first tetraplegic to fly single-handed in a powered aircraft in the Cross Channel Microflight Challenge.

This bravery is typical of all those involved with the trust. If you are interested in supporting it, please write to The Trevor Jones Trust, 37, Pottery Lane, LONDON W11 4LY.

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Keeping track - your day-by-day football diary

Mar 4 – Both Tottenham and Liverpool produce disappointing performances in Europe. Tottenham lose 1-0 to Feyenoord of Rotterdam in the Cup Winners' Cup, while Liverpool lose to Italian outfit Genoa 2-0 in the UEFA Cup.....At home, Chelsea agree to pay Cabra Estates £22.8 million, and therefore put twelve squad players up for sale.

Mar 5 – Leeds United keeper Mervyn Day joins the Town on loan.... Derby County sign former on-loan Town keeper Steve Sutton from Nottingham Forest for £300,000 as a replacement for Peter Shilton. County also announce plans to move to a new 25,000 all-seater stadium.

Mar 6 – On the injury front, Town's Philip Gray resumes light training after his recent operation. Manchester United's Steve Bruce returns to action after his hernia

operation, while Portsmouth's former Tottenham defender Gary Stevens announces his retirement after another knee injury.....Former Sunderland boss Dennis Smith is appointed manager of Second Division Bristol City.

Mar 7 – Joint favourites Nottingham Forest are knocked out of the FA Cup 1-0 at Portsmouth at the quarter-final stage....in the other tie, Southampton draw 0-0 with Norwich.....In the league, the Town move out of the bottom three with a 1-1 draw at home to Crystal Palace. Scott Oakes scores his second goal of the season.... Leeds return to the top of Division One after beating Spurs 3-1 at White Hart Lane.....In the Scottish Cup, Celtic, Hibs and Hearts join Rangers in the semi-finals.

Mar 8 – In the FA Cup quarter-finals, Liverpool



Business scene

By Andy King and Wendy Grzybowska



LAST CHANCE FOR KIT SPONSORSHIP

Take advantage of the special opportunity to sponsor your favourite senior Town player. There are 24 individual kit sponsorships available for our 1991-92 first team squad.

This special scheme has the advantage of being attractive to companies wishing to earn that little bit of value-added special publicity or for any loyal supporter wishing to sponsor his or her own favourite player.

Included in the package is a chance to come along and meet the full first team squad at a special presentation dinner at the end of the season. Every sponsor will be presented with his or her sponsored player's shirt at this special event.

In addition to all this, the match day magazine will carry a full colour advertisement showing all the names of the kit sponsors alongside the names of the players. It is a great chance to join the club - and support it - in a very special way.

For more information and a chance to 'mark your man' contact Andy King in the Luton Town FC Commercial Office on (0582) 411622.



Soaking up the pre-match atmosphere before our fixture against Sheffield United were some of the party from our joint match sponsors JJ Kelly & Sons Ltd.

A warm welcome to all our sponsors tonight

This evening we give a warm welcome to our joint match sponsors W.S. Computer Services Ltd, Anachem Ltd. and Wiltshier Construction (Midland) Ltd. We also welcome Laing Chiltern who will be entertaining clients and friends in our match-day executive box 28 and G.P. Quorenton, tonight's match ball sponsors.

W.S. Computer Services is a Luton company, founded in 1989 as a specialist computer dealer offering the service and support not usually associated with the very large distributorships. The company has grown successful from humble beginnings to now have a staff of 25 employees and has developed also a seven-figure turnover. W.S. Computer Services takes pride in having achieved these figures after giving great care to look after their customers. For further information, please contact W.S. Computer Services on (0582) 413443.

Wiltshier Construction (Midland) Ltd is based in London Colney, Hertfordshire, and also in Nottingham from where projects are carried out throughout the Midlands, East Anglia and the Home Counties. The broad range of construction undertaken includes maintenance work, alterations and extensions up to a total value of £40 million. For further information contact David Bennett on (0727) 826555.

Anachem is a local company specialising in the supply of laboratory instrumentation to the United Kingdom's biochemical community. Established 21 years ago by managing director Jerry Atkinson, Anachem has grown rapidly over the last few years doubling both turnover and number of employees. Based in custom-built premises in Charles Street, more than 80 staff cover the different disciplines of sales, marketing, administration and technical support. Anachem are among our most loyal supporters. For further information please contact the company on (0582) 456666.

Laing Chiltern, the Luton based arm of the national building contractor John Laing Construction, has provided a comprehensive building service in the area for many years and has developed into the region's foremost building company. Laing Chiltern brings technical expertise, planning and financial management to every project.

G.P. Quorenton, based in Barton Le Clay, is a heating and ventilation ductwork contractor, established since the early 1980's. The company specialises in commercial and industrial projects, designing, manufacturing and installing complete systems for clients from south of London to the Midlands.

THE PREMIER WEDDING VENUE

Take advantage of another great opportunity to support the club and enjoy the relaxing and comfortable surroundings of our club suites by using our facilities for weddings, private parties and special events during the summer.

Once the season is over, all the suites at the club will be available during the close season from May 1 until the first week of August - and that gives couples tying the knot a great chance to have a memorable celebration in special surroundings.

We can also cater, of course, for organised childrens' parties and other special events during this period in our excellent suites, which also offer an ideal weekday venue for conferences, exhibitions and seminars.

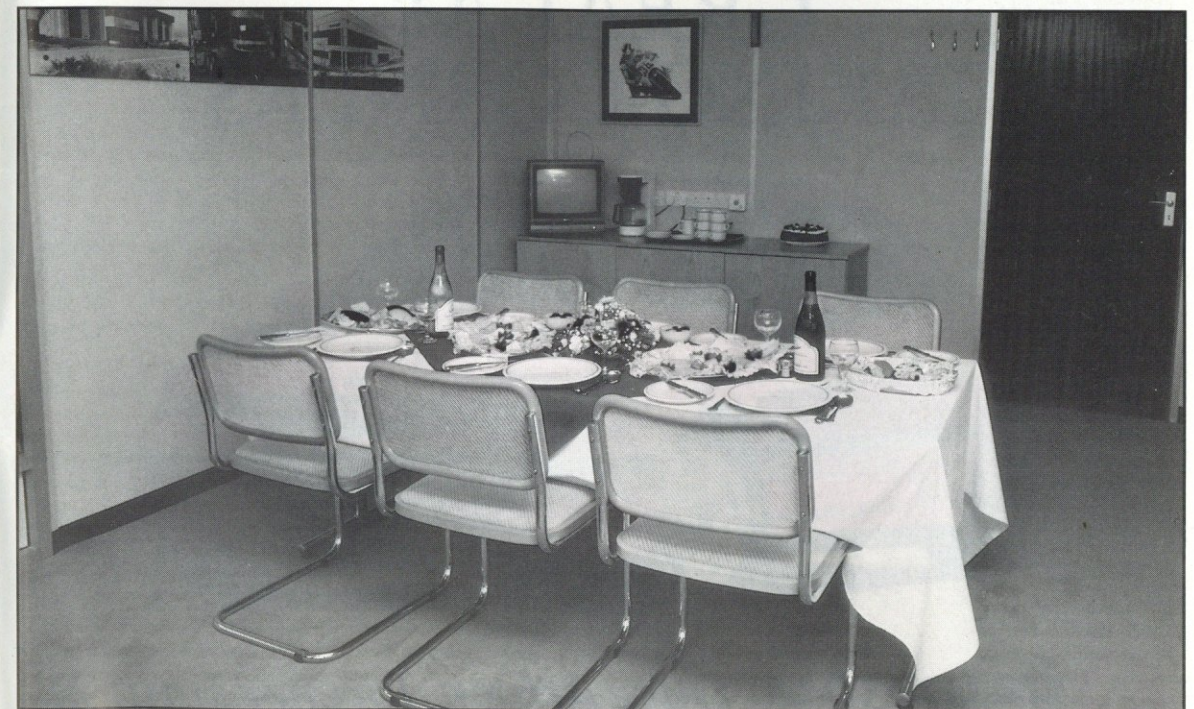
Combined with our first-class facilities which include parking for more than 200 cars and an expertise in taking care of clients' needs, we provide the perfect match for any business wishing to market themselves in a professional manner.

Whether it be a small meeting for 10 or a conference for 120 delegates, our skilled and experienced management team and staff will be delighted to tailor our facilities to suit your individual requirements.

Whatever the client wants, he or she need only ask and we will do our utmost to make sure satisfaction is supplied. So, next time, you are looking for a meeting room dial (0582) 411622 and ask for Peter Saul or Steve Bavister. We will be the first on the ball to offer you the finest service and facilities at a competitive price.

All round, we believe we offer an unrivalled package for business and private users. With all the added bonus of the unique atmosphere of a top-grade sporting environment in the stadium of a First Division football club.

All the suites are comfortable, the service and the environment are top-class and the opportunity to achieve the results you need is supplied in a style which always makes for happy memories.



First-class facilities with a first-class view of the action. Our executive boxes offer perfect spectating facilities and a service to match from our catering staff. For further information contact Andy King on (0582) 411622.

LUTON TOWN HOTLINE

Match Tickets, Match inquiries, Membership:

Cherry Newbery, Ticket Office Manager
(0582) 411622/30748
Credit Card Hotline - 0582 30748 72 hours prior to match
Ticket Office Hours - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm weekdays and 10.00 am - 1.00 pm on non match Saturdays

Advertising and Match Sponsorship

Wendy Grzybowska, Commercial Manager
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News and Information Soccerline

Tel 0839 664466 (48p per min peak/36p off-peak)

Club Office Hours

are 8.45 am to 5.00 pm on Mon to Fri and 8.45 am to 12 noon on non-match Saturdays.

Team check

VOUCHER NUMBER 18



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Official kit sponsors



Official ball sponsors

LUTON TOWN

Team Manager:
David Pleat

White/blue shirts, blue shorts.

Mervyn Day
Julian James
Richard Harvey
Chris Kamara
John Dreyer
Trevor Peake
Scott Oakes
Brian Stein
Jamie Campbell
Mark Pembridge
David Preece

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Team Manager:
Peter Shreeves

Yellow shirts, yellow shorts.

Erik Thorstvedt
Terry Fenwick
Pat van den Hauwe
Steve Sedgley
David Howells
Gary Mabbutt
Paul Stewart
Gordon Durie
Andy Gray
Gary Lineker
Paul Allen

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