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# David Pleat



>Welcome to our illustrious visitors from Nottingham. We hope they arrive here tonight with the Rumbelows Cup tucked safely away. It is to their credit and to their leader Brian Clough's that they have maintained such high standards of football to present before the people of Nottingham.

I write these notes before Saturday's game at Oldham. Once again, we will have been attempting to break the away hoodoo. We changed our preparation somewhat for this game and we hope it has proved to be rewarding. Our results in recent weeks have not been quite good enough to bridge the gap partly because of the mini-runs that Wimbledon, Norwich and Southampton enjoyed. But the season is certainly not over and every game will be a test of our resolve and a judgement of our improvement. Players have to impose themselves and book my summer confidence. We are grateful to Howard Wilkinson of Leeds United and indeed to Brian Clough at Nottingham Forest. We have engaged four loans this season. Lee Glover, who was sadly injured, and Steve Sutton from Nottingham Forest and Mervyn Day, who also received an injury, and Imre Varadi from Leeds United.

I understand the loan system and for sure we have had to use it because of our financial situation and the difficulties of buying

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established players. We were pleased that Imre, returning on 'home' ground, helped us get back in the game against Wimbledon with a debut goal. His contribution could be valuable as he takes the opportunity to show his ability at the highest level. Against the strength of Wimbledon, the three 'golden oldies' up front, Michael Harford, Brian Stein and Imre Varadi, all showed an appetite for work. They may have a couple of challengers soon as Scott Oakes and Philip Gray both enjoyed half a reserve game in a 2-1 win over Swindon a week ago last night and both should have been in action at Southampton on Saturday. Paul Telfer, the third member of the injured trio, has his plaster removed at the end of April and would be delighted to be a genuine contender again before next season. It has been noticeable at reserve level that since the turn of the year, when we have played our games on the better surface at Kenilworth Road, our results have improved. We are forever grateful to Dunstable Town FC for giving our groundsman the chance to get his pitch here into shape. Most clubs have commented on how true the surface is.

It is never pleasant when staff or players leave the club. On the football side Ron Howard has served us stoutly, since I invited him from Cambridge for seven years on the administration of scouting side. He leaves with



Mark Pembridge, our Welsh international midfielder, is pictured in action during our recent league encounter against Crystal Palace.

our good wishes. It is a role that my judgement tells me we can cope adequately with and Ron has been looking for a less demanding opportunity. I am sure we shall see his cheery face very shortly helping a club not too far from here.

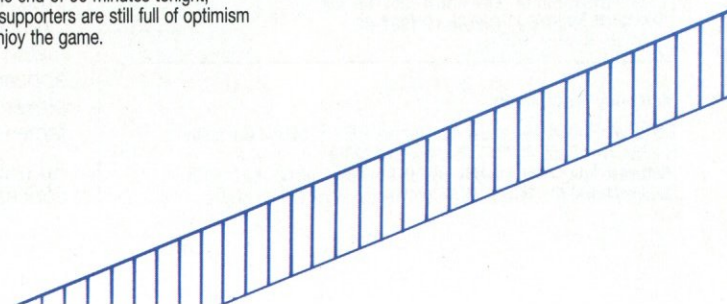
On the youth scene, in the last two seasons, only three more players from more than 20 'potentials' who have joined the club as trainees have progressed on to professional status. It is my job to make sure that the quality of youngsters coming into the club returns to the level of previous years when we had a higher percentage of success. Of the three boys, Jamie Campbell is now on the fringe of the first team squad, David Greene

has had an outstanding season as captain of the youth team and Paul Murray will be offered an initial contract for the coming season. This summer, seven new recruits will join us.

Also leaving is Bill Tomlins after a board room decision regarding the administrative duties at the club. I personally hope Bill gains a position at another club soon. Since joining us as Commercial Manager from Tricentral, he has overseen some very successful times and made a full contribution. I hope that next season, we can begin with much-needed harmony at all levels of the club. After the finality of the election, we should all leave the politics to the politicians.

For supporters who may be interested, we have accepted an invitation to play two

tournaments this summer - an under-18 event at Den Haag, from May 22 to 25, and an under-17 event in Plongnvelin, France, from June 6 to 9. The senior group report back for pre-season training on July 10 and seven days later leave for training camp and games in Scandinavia. Meanwhile, back to business. Let us hope at the end of 90 minutes tonight, Luton Town supporters are still full of optimism and pride. Enjoy the game.



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## News Update

### Welcome Forest

□ This evening we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Nottingham Forest to Kenilworth Road. We hope you enjoy your short stay here and have a safe journey back to Nottingham.

### All-ticket for County

□ Since our last home match, we have been informed by Notts County that the fixture between our two clubs on Saturday, May 2, is now all-ticket for Luton Town supporters. For more information, see page 13 of tonight's programme.

### Gray and Oakes return to action

□ There has been encouraging news on the injury front recently with both Scott Oakes and Phil Gray returning to reserve team action. Gray, who has only played nine league games this season, came on as a second-half substitute for Oakes in the recent Combination win against Swindon Town. American goalkeeper Jurgen Sommer also made his return after breaking his arm three months ago, playing against the Town while on loan to Brighton.

### Bobbers Travel Club

□ The pick-up points between Cranfield and Luton, for our final away game at Queens Park Rangers is as follows:

Cranfield 11.30 am

Marton-Moretyene (Beancroft Bus Stop) – five minutes later

Stewartby (Outside Post Office) – 15 minutes later

Amphill (Cottage Bakery) – 20 minutes later

Flitwick (Swan Public House) – 25 minutes later

Westoning (The Bakery) – 30 minutes later

Opposite Luton Crest Hotel (near Junction 11, M1) – 40 minutes later.

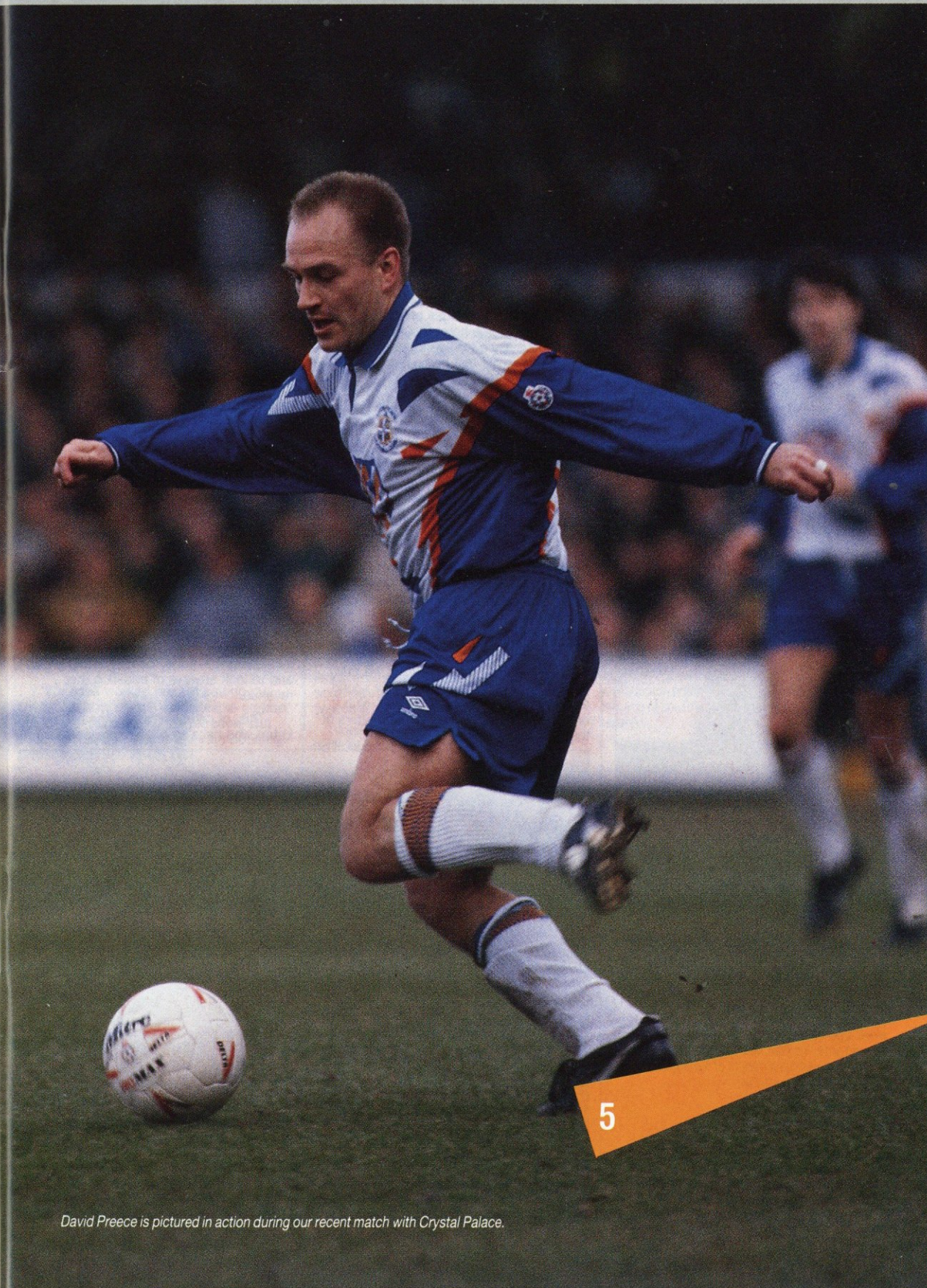
Luton Town F.C. 12.30 pm

### Charity football match

□ On Sunday, May 3, 1992, a Kempston Rovers ex-celebrity XI will be playing a Luton Town ex-celebrity XI in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund.

The game will be held at Kempston Rovers Football Ground, Hillgrounds Road, Kempston, and the match will kick-off at 3.00 pm. There will be guest appearances by some of the Luton Town first team players, and Kevin Whateley – of Inspector Morse fame – will hopefully kick the afternoon off.

Admission will be £2 by programme (£1 concessions) available at the gate on the day.



David Preece is pictured in action during our recent match with Crystal Palace.

# Inside view

By David Kohler



## Time for everyone to pull together for the future of our club

It was the same last year when we parted company with Jim Ryan and remains the same today. I always feel it is a matter of duty not to comment out of respect to the careers and professional contributions of those involved.

I know, too, that much of the talk surrounding some of the decisions taken at the club recently has been linked in people's minds to cost-cutting exercises. Clearly, there is always a need for the costs at our club to be pruned carefully, but that does not mean that we are constantly cutting back. Indeed, I would go so far as to say there are very few areas here, if any, in which costs could be cut back much further than they are at present.

As with any business, there are two ways of working for success. One is to keep costs down and the other is to keep revenue up. In the ideal world, both these ambitions are achieved. I believe that we have reached the stage here in Luton with our club when it is time to work hard on increasing the money coming into the club and to look at ways of boosting that revenue.

This, of course, involves the people of Luton who have so often expressed their

affinity with our club and desire to keep it here in the town. What we need is the full support and backing of the town both in the ground on Saturday afternoons – and Tuesday evenings – and also throughout the week and throughout the year.

People in the town can take advantage of our commercial facilities for a variety of personal, family, business and corporate events. We can host coffee mornings, conferences, seminars, wedding receptions, anniversaries or any occasions or meetings within the club's range of facilities and all this is on top of the opportunities the business community of Luton has to support the club by taking executive boxes and sponsorships.

It is with all this in mind, therefore, that I am studying the possibility of instigating an enhanced sales operation at the club to try and make more people aware of the facilities and possibilities on offer. We have something to offer to the man, woman or company with £20 to spend as well as those with £200 or £2,000 to spend and we want everyone to know that.

We have worked hard at cutting our costs. We now have a manageable number of players and a lean administration. But what we must also do is work on boosting revenue as much as we can.

Since our last home fixture, when we overcame Wimbledon, the unrest among the ranks of the Professional Footballers' Association has been temporarily quelled as their leaders and those of the Premier League seek an agreement for the future based on an increased share for the players of the television revenue.

Personally, I do not feel they should be getting any more money – and this, I stress, is my own view albeit a controversial one – and that it might not be such a bad thing for us if there was a players' strike! At least then, just as if a match is abandoned by the referee before a full 90 minutes is played, the current season might have to be abandoned and replayed at a later date...

Finally, a reminder, if I may, to watch out for an important item which is likely to appear in our Match Day Magazine for Saturday's home fixture against Manchester United. This will relate to the future of our membership scheme... Watch this space and be prepared to express your own views.

## Captain's diary

By Trevor Peake



### Ideal opportunity to take maximum points

As expected, the game against Wimbledon last Saturday turned out to be a bruising encounter which we won. Despite a shaky start when John Fashanu put the Dons in front, we looked in control and took the game to Wimbledon due to our greater need for all three points.

It was good to see Imre score in his first game and hopefully he will go on to have a successful final few matches for the Town before he returns to Leeds. It is also interesting to note that the goals we have scored recently have been spread around the side more, and we are not just relying on Mick Harford in front of goal.

David Preece and Mark Pembridge have both been scoring from midfield, and Scott Oakes was scoring goals before his cartilage injury. Hopefully Scott will be available for selection very soon, alongside long-suffering Phil Gray who has been missing for most of the season through injury. It is a shame that Phil has been out for so long because he looked really sharp when fit, and I am sure his goals would have helped us to a more comfortable position at this stage of the season.

It seems strange that fate has now put us in a battle for a Premier League place with my old club

Coventry. But have no worries, I will be trying just as hard as the rest of the players to make sure we stay up at the end of the season. We have full belief in ourselves – now we must make sure that we try even harder to gain that elusive away win at Queens Park Rangers next week.

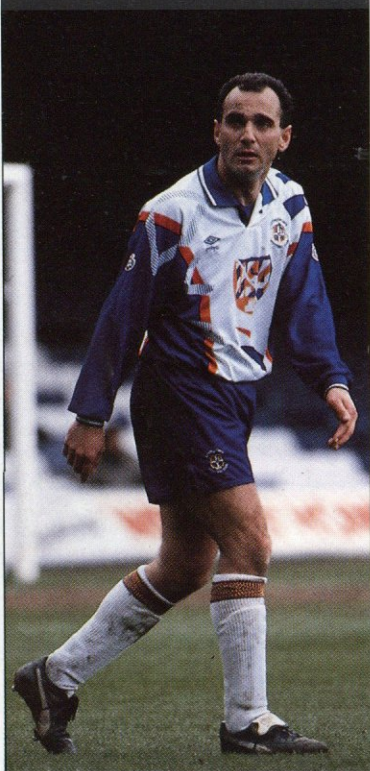
Due to press deadlines, I cannot comment on the game at Oldham on Saturday, but with a result almost essential and the Wimbledon result giving the players a lift, we will be looking to come away with all three points.

Tonight's game with Forest should be an interesting encounter as both sides attempt to play neat, attractive football at all times. With Forest's backlog of fixtures finally catching up on them, we now have the ideal opportunity of taking maximum points.

Support like that which we received at the last home match with Wimbledon is needed again tonight. Like I have said before, when the lads hear the crowd it gives them a big lift. We all appreciate your support, and will be trying our hardest to make sure you all see Premier League football next season.

Enjoy the game.

### Imre makes his mark



Imre Varadi (above), who joined the Town on-loan from Leeds United last month, capped his debut with a goal which helped to beat Wimbledon 2-1 here at Kenilworth Road. Mark Pembridge (right) is pictured receiving a bottle of champagne from Barclays representative Trevor Askew for scoring the fastest goal of the week against Southampton last month. It is the second time this year Mark has won the award after scoring within a minute at Nottingham Forest on New Year's Day!

As regular supporters will know already and everyone can see from the appearance of a new face above this column, we have undergone some changes on the administration side here at our club during the 10 days since we overcame Wimbledon in our last home fixture.

The plain facts are that Bill Tomlin has left the club and there has been a restructuring which, I believe, is in the best interests of the club. And that, as far as I am concerned, is the end of the matter. It is a private staff matter and not something for public debate.

As those who have read or heard of me before will know, I am not at all against the airing for discussion of any footballing matters relating to the club. I will discuss performances, players, transfers, budgets and anything else I deem to be within the public domain of the club's professional operation as it is seen each week on a Saturday afternoon.

I will discuss the Premier League, the future of the club, the difficulties we may have in making the club financially sound and why we have to be a 'trading' club, but I will not discuss the private matters of the club or our staff.



Alan McKay, representing Vauxhall – who sponsor our School of Excellence – is pictured formally completing the presentation of a new bus to trainees Paul Newman and Neil Ryan, and manager David Pleat. The bus will be used by all trainees for transport to matches and training.



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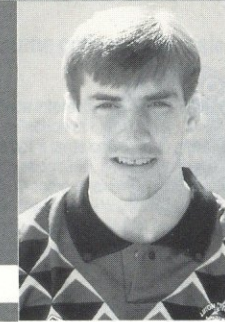
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# Junior Hatters

With Alec Chamberlain.



**T**onight we give Brian Clough and his team a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road. We also welcome back former Town favourite Kingsley Black.

□ We have had an invitation from Millwall to join them in a 6-a-side funday on Sunday, May 3, at their training ground. We are looking for players to join us and the age groups will be boys 11 to 12 years and 8-9 years, and girls 10 to 14 years. If you would like to play football for the Junior Hatters, call into the Oak Road Sports Shop and put your name down.

□ The coach will leave from Kenilworth Road at 8.45 am to be at Millwall for 10.30 am. A packed-lunch is recommended, but refreshments will be available on the day. The price for the coach will be £2.00.

□ On Sunday, May 17, the Junior Hatters are holding a funday 'It's a Knock-out' at our Oakley Road training ground. The fun starts at 10.30 am

and we are looking for one or two of you to make up the teams. The ages are 9 years and under, and 12 years and under.

□ If you would like to be in a team, call into the Oak Road Sports Shop and put your name down. We have invited teams from Watford, Southampton, Crystal Palace, Nottingham Forest, Millwall, Oxford, Arsenal and Charlton to join us as well. We will be holding a raffle on the day and there will be side shows and a bouncy castle, so come along, give your support, and join in the fun!

□ Tonight's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 0290.....KIRSTY O'DELL, which means that Kirsty is the winner of two free tickets for one of our remaining home games this season. To claim your prize, please call into the Oak Road Sports Shop and bring your membership card with you.

**MYSTERY STAR** ★<sub>4</sub>

PUT THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH OBJECT INTO THE SPACE ABOVE IT AND THEN RE-ARRANGE THE LETTERS TO FIND AN ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL.


THE MYSTERY STAR IS STUART PEARCE. -:-REMNSNA

## Match Mascot



Tonight's mascot is Neil Armstrong. He is 11-years-old and attends Warden Hill Junior School. He is interested in swimming and football and plays for Luton Schoolboys. Neil's favourite player is Mick Harford.

## QUIZ TIME

1. Who scored England's goals in the recent international with Czechoslovakia?
2. Can you remember the score when we played Manchester United at home last season?
3. Which team play at Meadow Lane?
4. Can you name all the clubs Clive Allen has played for?

Answers  
1. Paul Merson, Martin Keown.  
2. United won 1-0.  
3. Notts County.  
4. Q.P.R., Arsenal, Crystal Palace, Tottenham Hotspur, Bordeaux, Manchester City, Chelsea, West Ham United.



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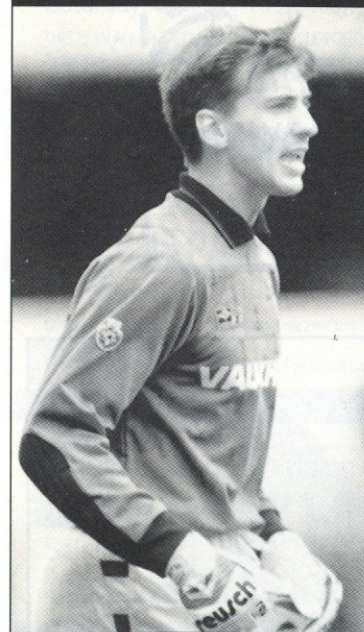
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# Fans' view

## 100-up for Alec



*Congratulations to Alec Chamberlain, who celebrated his return to the first team against Wimbledon on April 4, not just with a fine performance, but by making his 100th appearance for the club.*

### Town programme collection for sale

Dear Sir,

Your readers may be interested to know that I am disposing of my collection of Luton Town programmes. It is not a large collection by any means, numbering about 350, but covers the period 1927 to 1982 and contains a number of rare items, for example the Luton v Watford game of 1936, Luton v Aston Villa (Luton's first home game in Division Two), plus Cup Finals and foreign games.

I do not intend to break the collection and sell individual items. It is for sale as a whole only and if any reader is interested, they should write to me at the address below, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope so that I can send them a complete list.

D.R. Doorne,  
4 Blackthorn Road,  
Houghton Regis,  
Beds LU5 5JP.

### Finally receiving the praise we deserve

Dear Sir,

On my way to Kenilworth Road on matchdays, I always tune in to the many sports programmes on the radio. It is interesting to note that during the last few weeks, stations - particularly those from London - have praised the Town for the style of football we try to play.

It is pleasing to receive such recognition, and I for one would rather see us try and play our way out of trouble than just resort to the long ball and destroy the game for us supporters.

I wish David Pleat, who has such a hard job on his hands, and all the players good luck for the rest of the season and I am sure we will stay up.....in style!

James Mattheson,  
17 Heralds Road,  
Datchworth,  
Herts.

### 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.

### A letter from Bulgaria

Dear Sir,

My name is Milen and I am from Dimitrovgrad in Bulgaria. I am 15-years-old and my hobby is football. Luton Town are my favourite club and my favourite players are Mick Harford and Mark Pembridge. Although the club are near the bottom of the English League I still believe they will stay up.

I would be very, very grateful if you could publish my address so that I can exchange souvenirs with other Luton supporters and also learn more about the English game in general.

Milen Tiankov,  
blvd "LENIN" 8-6-19,  
Dimitrovgrad,  
BULGARIA.

### Town pen-pals wanted

Dear Sir,

My name is Misheck Mandawa and I am 14-years-old. My favourite hobby is playing football and I play each week for the Zimbabwe Saints Juniors Club. Last week I scored two goals!

I have always been interested in British football, and would be very grateful if you could issue my address in your matchday magazine so that I can maybe correspond with some of your supporters at Luton.

Best wishes and good luck for the rest of the season.

Misheck Mandawa,  
47043/4 Mpopoma Flats,  
P.O Mpopoma,  
Bulawayo,  
ZIMBABWE.

### Joining the Junior Hatters

Dear Sir,

When I read your programme, I am always interested to see the many trips and competitions which are organised for the Junior Hatters.

I am particularly interested in the football trips to other clubs throughout the season and would like to play next season. Can you please give the address I need to contact, so that I can join up this summer.

Ryan Port,  
16 Stevenage Road,  
Knebworth,  
Herts.

*Ed's note: For further information on joining the Junior Hatters, please see page 33 of tonight's programme.*

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# Box office

By Cherry Newbery

## Barclays League Division One LUTON TOWN V MANCHESTER UNITED

Saturday, April 18, 1992, kick-off 3.00 pm

THIS IS AN ALL-TICKET MATCH FOR ALL SUPPORTERS. Tickets are now on sale. Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply. There will be no tickets available on the day of the match. PLEASE NOTE: The Ticket Office will remain open until 7.00 pm on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th April.

## Barclays League Division One QUEENS PARK RANGERS V LUTON TOWN

Monday, April 20, 1992, kick-off 3.00 pm

Seats priced at £12.00 (no concessions) are available from the Ticket Office until Saturday, April 18, and on the day at Queens Park Rangers. Standing will be £7.00 (no concessions). Pay on the day at the turnstiles.

## Barclays League Division One LUTON TOWN V ASTON VILLA

Saturday, April 25, 1992, kick-off 3.00 pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale. Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply.

## Barclays League Division One NOTTS COUNTY V LUTON TOWN

Saturday, May 2, 1992, kick-off 3.00 pm

THIS IS AN ALL TICKET MATCH FOR LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS. Seats priced at £11.00 (no concessions) and standing, priced at £7.00 (no concessions) are available from the Ticket Office until Friday, 1st May at 4.00 pm. NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE MATCH.

**\*PLEASE NOTE -**

**The Ticket Office will be closed on Easter Monday.**

### Ticket Office Hours

The Ticket Office is open from 10 am to 4 pm on weekdays and from 10 am to 1 pm 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...

### QUEENS PARK RANGERS

By road: Take the M1 south and then the A406 North Circular Road for Neasden. In three-quarters of a mile, turn left to join the A404 (sign-posted Harlesden). Follow signs for Hammersmith and turn right into White City Road and then South Africa Road for ground.

Limited street parking is available.

Nearest railway: Shepherds Bush or White City (both Underground Central Line).

### NOTTS COUNTY

By road: Take the M1 north to junction 24 then follow signs for Nottingham (south) to the Trent Bridge. Cross the river and turn right into Meadow Lane for ground.

There is no street parking, but spaces are available at the City of Nottingham Corporation car park on the Cattle Market, Meadow Lane.

Nearest railway: Nottingham (B/R).

## 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 QUEENS PARK RANGERS will be £4.50 adults and £3.50 OAP's/children, with coaches leaving Cranfield at 11.30 am and Luton at 12.30 am, with the usual pick-up points en route.

Fares for the trip to NOTTS COUNTY will be £6.00 adults and £5.00 OAP's/children, with coaches leaving Cranfield at 10.30 am and Luton at 11.30 am, again with the usual pick-up points en route.

# Action replay

Pictures by Josh Levy

From Kenilworth Road  
Luton Town 2  
Wimbledon 1  
Attendance: 7,754  
Referee: B Hill (Kettering)



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Our fight for Premier League survival was made a little easier on April 4, when goals from Imre Varadi – making his Luton Town debut – and David Preece gave us our eighth home league win of the season against Wimbledon. Pictured in action are Julian James (far left), Mark Pembridge (left) and Mick Harford and Richard Harvey (above).

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# Today's visitors

By Luke Nicolì

## Welcome to Nottingham Forest

NOTTINGHAM FOREST F.C. 1991/92 SEASON



Back row (left to right): Garry Parker (now Aston Villa), Roy Keane, Tommy Gaynor, Brian Rice, Terry Wilson, Des Walker, Scot Gemmill, Nigel Jemson (now Sheffield Wednesday).  
Middle row (left to right): Ron Fenton (asst. manager), Liam O'Kane (coach), Brian Laws, Carl Tiler, Steve Sutton (now Derby County), Steve Chettle, Mark Crossley, Teddy Sheringham, Alan Mahood, Graham Lyas (physio), Archie Gemmill (coach).  
Front row (left to right): Nigel Clough, Lee Glover, Gary Charles, Brian Clough (manager), Stuart Pearce, Ian Woan, Gary Crosby.

Nottingham Forest's league form has, by their own high standards, been inconsistent this season, but yet again the club have had a season filled with cup excitement.

They come to Kenilworth Road fresh from a Rumbelows League Cup final appearance with Manchester United at Wembley, which was their sixth final beneath the Twin Towers within the space of four years.

Last month, Forest also reached the Zenith Data Systems final, where they faced Southampton. A closely contested match saw the trophy go to the City Ground, as goals from Scot Gemmill and former Town favourite Kingsley Black, helped Forest on their way to a 3-2 victory after extra-time.

With so much cup success, it is little secret at the City Ground that the trophy Forest would like to get their hands around most is the FA Cup. This is the only domestic honour that has continually eluded manager Brian Clough during his 39 years in the professional game, and Forest have not won it since they beat the Town back in 1959.

After losing to Tottenham in last year's final, Forest suffered a shock 1-0 defeat at Portsmouth after looking favourites to win the trophy this time around. That setback did seem to sting the team back into league action for, after a run of seven games without a win and a position of 15th, Forest won their next four matches, against Coventry (2-0), Norwich (2-0), Manchester United (1-0) and Manchester City (2-0).

However, their cup success has led to a crazy backlog in league fixtures - including tonight's re-arranged game - and earlier this month the club were forced to play four matches in one week. Inevitably, standards dropped, and Forest threw away a 3-1 lead at Arsenal and drew 3-3, then two days later lost 3-0 at Wimbledon. This was followed up on the Saturday with a 2-0 defeat at home to high-flying Sheffield Wednesday. By the Saturday of the Sheffield Wednesday game, Forest had five regular first team players missing.

Again this season, the backbone to Forest's exciting football has been centred around a strong defence and creative midfield. Des Walker has performed with his usual invincibility and Stuart Pearce - who could be missing tonight through injury - has

performed consistently well and is now recognised as England's vice-captain. Playmaker Nigel Clough has also earned a recall to the England scene of late and has formed a fine midfield partnership with Eire's Roy Keane and Scottish under-21 international Scot Gemmill.

Since his £2.2 million arrival from Millwall, Teddy Sheringham has provided the goalpower in attack. At the time of writing, Teddy is the leading goalscorer at the City Ground with 10 league goals.

Nottingham Forest F.C. was formed during a meeting at the Clinton Arms in 1865. Known originally as the Forest Football Club, the game which first drew the founders together was 'shinney', a form of hockey. The club - one of the oldest in the Football League - played their first league match on September 3, 1892 against Everton in Division Two. The game ended in a 2-2 draw.

The club won the Division One championship in 1978; the Division Two title in 1907 and 1922; the Third Division crown in 1951; the FA Cup in 1898 and 1959 and the League Cup in 1978, '79, '89 and 1990. The club have also won the Full Members Cup (under different names) in 1989 and 1992.

## Forest on Parade

**ANDREW MARRIOTT** (goalkeeper) - Andrew joined Forest from Arsenal for an initial fee of £50,000 with a similar amount to come when he completes 25 senior games. After moving to the City Ground he played on loan at West Brom, Blackburn and Colchester. He was introduced to the first team a few weeks ago against Manchester United and has kept his place since.

**GARY CHARLES** (defender) - Gary's fine performance in the FA Cup final against Tottenham earned him a place on England's summer tour 'down under'. He had played only 12 times for Forest when he made his international debut against New Zealand.

**DES WALKER** (defender) - Turned down by Tottenham as a youngster, Des made his league debut for Forest in 1984 and last season celebrated his 200th appearance for the side. One of England's most consistent performers, he has now played 40 times for his country, the latest coming against Czechoslovakia last month.

**DARREN WASSALL** (defender) - Darren has finally established himself as a first team regular alongside Walker at the heart of the Forest defence. He made his league debut on loan at Hereford in 1987 and, after a further spell on loan at Bury, spent much time in the reserves.

**STUART PEARCE** (defender) - Club Captain, Stuart started his football league career with Coventry after being spotted playing for non-league Wealdstone. After two full seasons at Highfield Road he joined Forest in 1985, going on to establish himself as England's first-choice left back. Stuart won his 45th cap against Czechoslovakia last month.

**CARL TILER** (defender) - Carl was signed from Barnsley for £1.4 million last summer and hopes his move into the First Division will bring him into contention for full England honours. Although playing for unfashionable Barnsley, Tiler won 11 England under-21 caps, adding two more this term.

**STEVE CHETTLE** (defender) - Steve is a product of the Forest youth scheme and made his debut v Chelsea in 1987. Within a short period of time he was in the England under-21 side and went on to collect 12 caps. Has been on the subs' bench in recent weeks.

**SCOT GEMMILL** (midfield) - Son of Forest coach Archie, Scot joined the club as a trainee and, after playing four times in the First Division last season, has now earned a regular place. A Scotland under-21 international, Scot was named man-of-the-match in the recent Z.D.S. final at Wembley.



Scot Gemmill

**GARY CROSBY** (midfield) - Gary started his league career at Lincoln City before dropping into non-league football with Grantham. He was spotted by Forest five years ago and made his debut v Charlton in 1988. A wide player, Gary has been a regular for the past two years.

**ROY KEANE** (midfield) - Roy was signed from League of Ireland side Cobh Ramblers in the summer of 1990. He won an immediate place in the Forest side and, after playing three times for Eire's under-21's, made his full international debut against Chile in May. He won his fifth cap against Switzerland last month.

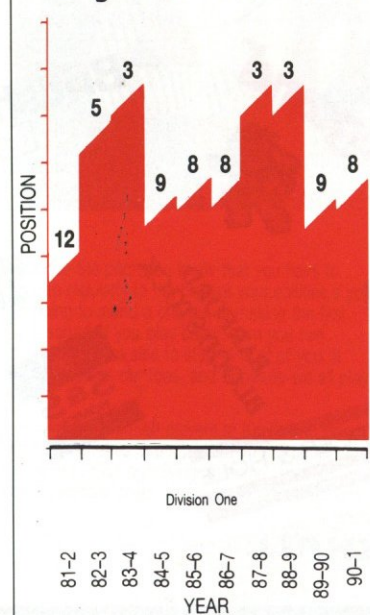
**IAN WOAN** (midfield) - Ian was signed from non-league Runcorn for £80,000 in March 1990 and established himself as a regular in the Forest side towards the end of last season, including the FA Cup final. He has found it more difficult to gain a regular place this season, although he has been included in the side in recent weeks.

**KINGSLEY BLACK** (midfield) - Former Town favourite, Kingsley made his league debut for the Town against Q.P.R. in 1987. He went on to play in two League Cup finals and capped a fine display in the 1988 final against Arsenal with a winners' medal. A Northern Ireland international, Kingsley joined Forest for £1.5 million last September.

**NIGEL CLOUGH** (forward) - Nigel, who has been Forest's top-scorer in five of the past six seasons, won a recall to the England team last month, collecting his sixth cap against Czechoslovakia. Nigel is another product of Forest's successful youth scheme and made his debut v Ipswich Town in 1984.

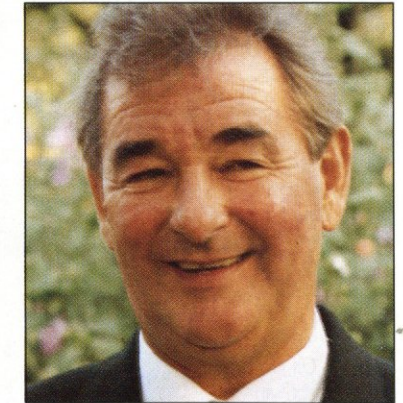
**LEE GLOVER** (forward) - Lee is a former Forest trainee who made his debut v Charlton in 1987. A former Scotland under-21 international, he spent loan periods at Leicester and Barnsley, and later for Luton to keep himself match fit after injuries.

## 10 year record



**TEDDY SHERINGHAM** (forward) - Teddy was the country's top-scorer last season when he scored 38 goals for Second Division Millwall. He started his career with the south London side and went on to score 110 goals - Millwall's record aggregate scorer. He moved to the City Ground last summer in a £2 million deal and is Forest's leading marksman this term.

## Meet the Boss



### BRIAN CLOUGH

Brian Clough was a prolific goalscoring centre-forward for Middlesbrough and Sunderland, and achieved the highest post-war ratio of 251 league goals from 274 appearances between 1955 and 1964.

His career was brought to an abrupt end through injury in 1964 and his subsequent career in management had been no less startlingly successful. He started off 'learning the ropes' at Hartlepool United and moulded a side that went on to gain promotion to Division Three for the first and only time in their history.

In 1968, he took over at Derby County and built a team round Dave Mackay that won the Second Division Championship in 1969 and then took the League title itself in 1972.

After short spells with Brighton and Leeds, Mr Clough returned to the Midlands in January 1975 to manage Nottingham Forest, who were then in the lower reaches of Division Two. The club gained promotion to Division One two years later, and immediately won the League Championship and League Cup. A year later, the club won the League Cup again and went on to win the European Cup twice!

After a barren spell in the mid-eighties, the glory days have returned once more, winning the League Cup against the Town in 1989 and the Simod Cup, retaining that trophy in 1990 and 1992. Mr Clough made another Wembley appearance in 1991 in the FA Cup final against Tottenham - amazingly, the only trophy he has been unable to get his hands on...

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# Player profile

## Tim Allpress

Since making his debut for the Town against Aston Villa two years ago, Tim Allpress has found it difficult breaking the successful centre-back partnerships which have developed at Kenilworth Road. Although he came into season 1991-92 ready to capture the centre-back spot for himself, he has found that with John Dreyer and Trevor Peake forming an experienced partnership, his options have been limited. But Tim looks back on his debut against Aston Villa in 1990 and hopes to continue next season in the same vein...

"I can remember my debut very clearly. I played alongside John Dreyer at centre-back and had the job of marking Villa striker Ian Olney. Villa were top of the league at the time, and although we lost the game 2-0, we still did quite well. Many people say that making your debut at a big ground is bound to be nerve-racking, but once I stepped on to the pitch, I had too many other things to worry about. You blot out the crowd and just concentrate on the game."

This season has been particularly frustrating for Tim, and although he made one first team appearance in the ZDS Cup at Ipswich, he has been resigned to the reserves.

"With John and Trevor playing well together, it has obviously been very hard to break into the first team. At the start of the season, the manager said that I needed more experience before he would give me a run-out in the first team, so I spent a loan spell at Preston.

"It was a very enjoyable experience to actually play in front of fairly big crowds on a regular basis. I played 12 Third Division games and two FA Cup matches. I didn't find that much difference between the First and the Third Divisions, although I would say that the game at the top level is a lot more controlled.

"This season in the reserves has gone quite well for me. I have played on a regular basis and managed to steer clear of injuries. When you step

## TIM ALLPRESS FACT FILE

Born: Hitchin, 27.1.71  
Previous clubs: none  
Joined Luton Town: From apprentice, 1988  
Football League debut: v Aston Villa (a), 10.3.90

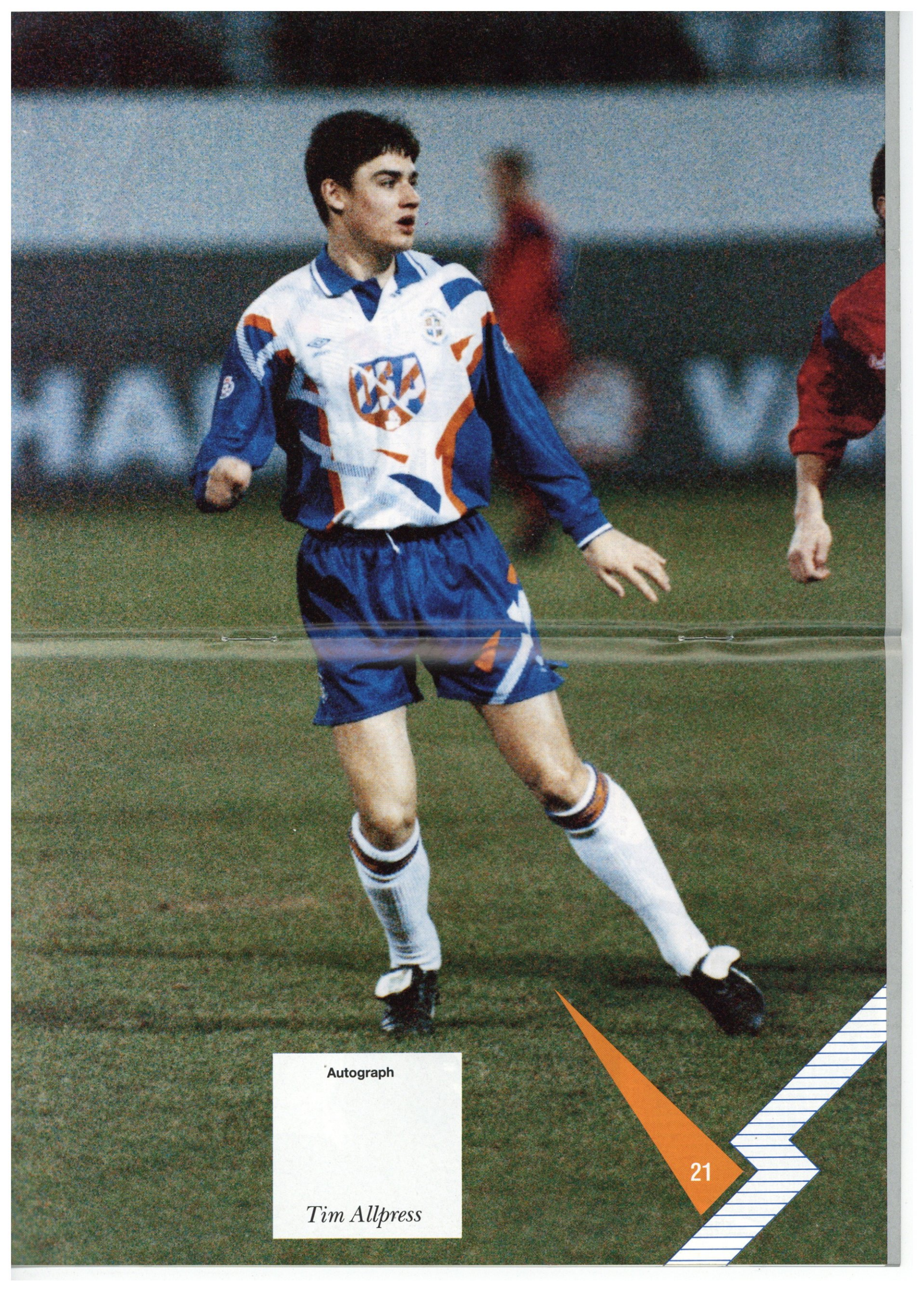


out on to the pitch you know that you have to perform regularly to the best of your abilities if you are going to stand a chance of making the first team squad. If you play badly, then you can expect someone else to step in front of you. It keeps us all on our toes, and hopefully we all play well."

Like many squad players at Kenilworth Road, this summer sees Tim's Luton Town contract expire. It can be agonising for some, relief for others, so how does Tim cope with the situation?

"When I play, I don't think of contracts running out, I just concentrate on playing the game. I will continue playing to the best of my ability and hopefully the manager will ask me to sign again.

"Next season I hope to still be at Kenilworth Road, and with the experience I've picked up this season, make a real push for a first team spot. I have every confidence in my own ability, so I just hope that I get the chance..."



Autograph

*Tim Allpress*

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Imre Varadi made a dream start to his loan spell at Kenilworth Road, scoring one of the Town's two goals against Wimbledon on April 4.

## TRIP AROUND EUROPE

*As the league season heads for an exciting finish here in England, we take a look at the latest results and news around the major leagues of Europe...*

### BELGIUM

Jan Ceulemans – who won a record 96 caps and scored 26 goals – has announced his retirement from the game in Belgium on his 34th birthday. He played a total of 517 leagues games for his two clubs, SK Lierse and Club Brugge, scoring 229 times.

Named Belgium's Player of the Year on three occasions, his retirement is sure to leave a big gap on the domestic scene in Belgium.

Anderlecht's Marc Degryse is the new Footballer of the Year. Although he is only 26, he has already played 266 times for Club Brugge and Anderlecht, for whom he has signed a new five-year contract.

Anderlecht currently lead the Belgium League after a 1-0 win at Beveren. They are two points clear of F.C. Bruges, who also won 1-0 away, at Liege. It looks as the season will have an exciting finish with only four points separating the top four teams.

### FRANCE

The main talk in France at the moment is the possible demise of league leaders Olympique Marseille next season. Owner Bernard Tapie seems intent on a great clean-out to help ease the club's financial situation. If that is the case, then Papin, Pele – who would like a move to England – Waddle and Steven all seem certain to go.

The future of French football has also recently been threatened by the setting-up of an Italian agency in Africa. France usually relies on an endless supply of talent from Africa, but with the Italians now on the scene, it looks if the French will not be able to compete moneywise with their Italian counterparts in signing the best players.

Marseille and Monaco are yet again battling for supremacy on the domestic front. Marseille lead the table on 47 points after a 2-0 victory at home to St Etienne. Monaco remain two points behind after beating Metz 3-1. The only other serious challengers for the title are Paris St Germain – they beat Brian Stein's former club Caen 3-1, to stay in touch with the leaders on 41 points.

### ITALY

With under two months of the season to go, AC Milan are romping away with the title and are still unbeaten. Their nearest rivals Juventus are four points behind in the title race, and it looks as if Milan will take their place once again in the European Cup next season.

Last year's champions, Sampdoria, seem to have discovered their form at the right time. Unbeaten since November 24, 'Samp – look favourites to reach the final of the European Cup after an impressive 3-1 victory away to Red Star Belgrade in a round-robin group game.

Inter Milan look set to trade their German trio of Klinsmann, Mattheus and Brehme during the summer. Brehme's injury troubles mean he is certain to be sold

while Klinsmann and Mattheus's places in the team are under threat from Enzo Scifo of Torino and Ruben Sosa of Lazio.

Milan move on to 43 points after drawing 1-1 away to Roma. Juve also drew with Roman opposition, 1-1 at home to Lazio.

### SPAIN

Former Town star, Raddy Antic, who was unfairly dismissed from the manager's post at Real Madrid recently, has seen all his fine work disappear since the arrival of Leo Beenhaker.

Antic left the club in a commanding position at the top of the Spanish League, but since Beenhaker's arrival, Real have put in some indifferent performances and have let last year's champions, Barcelona, back into the title race.

Barca and Real are both level on 39 points after 1-0 wins against Logrones and La Coruna respectively. Atletico Madrid failed to close the gap on the top two after only drawing 1-1 with Osasuna.

### GERMANY

The discovery that players and officials from East German sides Dynamo Dresden and Hansa Rostock were paid informers for the East German state police, Stasi, has sent tremors through German football.

Dresden's top-scorer, Torsten Gutsche, set the chain of confessions in motion when he 'grassed' on 60 people, including his in-laws, club president and team mates.

He said that the Stasi were particularly on the look-out for players who mixed with foreigners on football trips abroad and he had to report such players. Either he did that, or he would be criminally prosecuted.

Borussia Dortmund currently head the German table on 40 points after drawing 1-1 at Hamburg. Eintracht Frankfurt managed to close the gap after a 3-2 victory against Bayern Munich and are now only one point behind the leaders. VfB Stuttgart remain third after drawing 0-0 at last season's champions, Kaiserslautern.

### HOLLAND

Hans Westerhof has been appointed to succeed Bobby Robson as manager of PSV Eindhoven next season, and Dick Advocaat will take over from Rinus Michels as manager of the national squad.

Advocaat will take the reins, but if Holland reach the 1994 World Cup finals, Johan Cruyff will take over. This has led to criticism from Dutch stars Van Basten and Gullit who have suggested that if Cruyff wants to manage at the World Cup, then he should carry the burden of the qualifying matches as well.

Hans Westerhof is seen as a popular replacement for Robson. He is currently the manager of FC Groningen has won great respect for his personality as well as his ability.

Robson meanwhile, looks set to stay on the continent with Portuguese side Sporting Lisbon. Sporting are currently fourth in Portugal, but are looking for a high profile manager to boost their championship chances next season.

PSV remain top on 49 points after a 2-1 win at home to Tottenham's conquerors Feyenoord. Ajax remain in second place, four points behind PSV, after a 3-1 win at Rotterdam.

### YUGOSLAVIA

Hopes of Yugoslavia's appearance in the European Championship finals, let alone fielding their strongest possible 'national' team, remain threatened by the continuing unrest and fighting.

Team coach, Ivica Osim, who is himself a Bosnian, is in the difficult position as he attempts to keep together most of the team who swept Yugoslavia through the qualifiers.

UEFA president Lennart Johansson has gone on record as saying that Yugoslavia would be barred from the finals if players from Slovenia and Croatia were not made available for a unified national team.

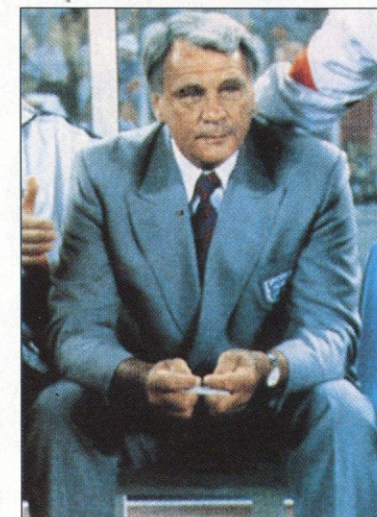
A final decision on this is not made likely until April. Then, if Yugoslavia are disqualified, it is likely that Denmark, who were second in their qualifying section will take their place.

Last weekend saw the top two teams – Red Star and Partizan – play each other. The game ended 0-0, but in Yugoslavia, drawn games are taken to penalties. Red Star won the game 4-2, so are now three points clear of their rivals on 37 points.

### DENMARK

Danish soccer received a boost recently when talented striker Brian Laudrup agreed to return to the national side and Brondby manager Morten Olsen agreed to sign a new three-year contract.

Laudrup had boycotted the national side after falling out with manager Richard Nielsen about his style of play. Laudrup, who plays for German side Bayern Munich, reached a private agreement with Nielsen and now says that he has full confidence in the coach. Brian's older brother, Michael, who plays for Barcelona, is also in dispute with Nielsen, but is adamant that he will not return to the national side until a new coach is appointed.



Bobby Robson – Lisbon-bound

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Jamie Campbell (top) and Brian Stein (below) are pictured in action during our recent encounter with Crystal Palace.



# Looking back

By Roger Wash

## The Last Time We Met...

January 1, 1992 (Division One)

Nottingham Forest 1 (Walker)  
Luton Town 1 (Pembridge)

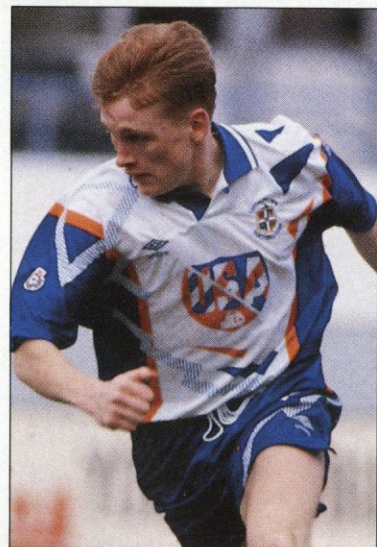
Attendance: 23,809

Referee: D Allison (Lancaster)

Forest – Crossley, Charles, Pearce, Walker, Tiler, Keane, Crosby, Gemmill, Clough, Sheringham, Black.

Town – Sutton, James, Harvey, Kamara, Dreyer, Peake, Telfer, Stein (Oakes), Harford, Pembridge, Preece (Campbell).

In an absorbing contest, the Town took the lead through Mark Pembridge after only 33 seconds. Our first away win of the season looked on the cards until Des Walker snatched a rare goal for Forest, deep into injury time.



Mark Pembridge scored after just 33 seconds at the City Ground.

## Emphatic victory eases the rumblings of discontent

Much change took place at Luton Town during the summer of 1933 for, despite having reached the FA Cup quarter-final for the first time in their history the previous season, a fairly low Third Division placing had caused rumblings of discontent behind the scenes.

Only ten players were retained that close season and following a complete re-shuffle of the board, the incoming chairman made it fairly clear to manager Harold Wightman that another poor league showing would not be tolerated.

As it happened, Wightman opted for experience with the majority of his new signings having played in Division One at some time in their career – George Martin from Everton and Bill Pease from Middlesbrough being the most famous.

The season kicked off with a game at Northampton, with the Town running out victors away from home for the first time since the previous Boxing Day. The 3-2 win was a personal triumph for Tom Tait who bagged all three Luton goals to add to the 43 he had already scored in the club's colours since signing from Bolton two years previously.

The first home game came two days later on Bank Holiday Monday, with relegated Charlton the visitors. A crowd of 11,904 turned out to see Tait on target again in a 2-1 victory, with Andy Rennie netting the other. This game marked the return to the side of full-back Tom Mackey who, after reporting for pre-season training, returned home to apparently join the Police Force! The supposed internal dispute was eventually sorted out, thus enabling Mackey to resume his illustrious Town career, which continued in a coaching capacity once his playing days were over.

The second home game of the season was to prove an attendance barometer, as far as the directors were concerned, and they were more than pleased when 10,475 filed through the turnstiles to see if the good start could be maintained at the expense of Torquay.

The crowd was disappointed to hear that Tait had suffered a leg injury during training and was unable to play with Tom Bell – whose first professional club was Torquay – taking his place. Coincidentally, Torquay included Albert Hutchinson, who started his career with the Town.

The game began very evenly with both sides having difficulty in controlling the bouncing ball, but gradually the Town got on top and it came as no real surprise when Rennie opened the scoring after 20 minutes with a tap-in, following unselfish play by Bell.

Luton were denied a penalty ten minutes later when Welsh blatantly handled a shot from Martin, but soon after, Rennie was on the spot to hit home number two after a shot from Bell rebounded off of the bar.

The rest of the half was all Luton, with the unlucky Bell heading against the post, and shots from Rennie and Fred Kean being brilliantly saved by Maggs in the Torquay goal.

The Torquay players came out for the second half with a vengeance, having had a good talking to during the interval. They soon reduced the arrears when Welsh scored direct from a free-kick after Martin had upended Stabb on the edge of the box.

For a time, Torquay had the upper hand, but when Welsh punched away a cross from Martin in the area, the referee was on the spot this time, and Kean made no mistake from the resultant penalty.

It was now the Town's turn to force the issue and soon after, Bell got the goal his unselfish play deserved, when he headed home a cross from Pease. Two minutes later, George Pearson set up a simple chance for Rennie, and straight from the re-start, Bell took the ball past two defenders and the goalkeeper to literally walk the ball into the net. This devastating spell had therefore resulted in four goals in five minutes.

The Town were now rampant and five minutes later Martin, despite being fouled by Tapp, managed to get his shot in as Maggs advanced for goal number seven, and the same player cleverly backheeled number eight after a hard cross from Pearson rebounded off of a defender.

Despite all the heavy pressure, Torquay still managed to break upfield, and with the Luton defence scattered, Hutchinson headed home a long cross to reduce the deficit a shade, but with the final minutes ticking away, Pease scored the goal his good play deserved, before Rennie knocked in his fourth and the Town's tenth.

This 10-2 win was obviously a record for the Town at the time and probably would have stood forever, but for the exploits of a certain Joe Payne a couple of years later – but that is another story!

**LUTON** – Mitchell, Kingham, Mackey, Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser, Pease, Martin, Bell, Rennie, Pearson.

**TORQUAY** – Maggs, Fowler, Tapp, Lieversley, Welsh, Pickersgill, Steele, Harber, Stabb, Hutchinson, Ryder.



Ricky Hill (above) hit the target at Loftus Road five years ago, while Brian Stein (below) maintained his fine goalscoring prowess by netting against Norwich ten years ago.



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### Did you know?

The first time we met Forest in the league was in 1937/38 when we lost 1-0 at the City Ground. The return game at Kenilworth Road was a 2-2 draw.

### It happened five years ago

11/4/87 – Despite being 1-0 up at half-time, the Town had to settle for a share of the spoils in a 2-2 draw at Q.P.R. Mark Stein and Ricky Hill were the Town scorers.

### It happened ten years ago

12/4/82 – In a classic match, the Town were lucky to go in at half-time without conceding a goal to a very good Norwich side at Kenilworth Road. After the interval, however, goals from Brian Stein and on-loan striker Billy Jennings ensured a valuable victory which just about clinched promotion.

### It happened 15 years ago

12/4/77 – The Town suffered their first home defeat since the previous October, going down 2-1 to Millwall. Lil Fuccillo scored the Luton consolation in front of a crowd of 10,459.

### It happened 20 years ago

15/4/72 – An inspired move by manager Alec Stock in putting defender John Ryan in the forward line paid off as he scored twice in a 3-0 win at Portsmouth. This win put paid to any fears we may have had about relegation.

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United fans throughout the world are wondering if this will be the season that Manchester United finally win the Division One Football League Championship for the first time since 1967.

The last time they won the title, the likes of Charlton, Best and Stepney were in their prime, winning the title by four points from Nottingham Forest. Although the Red Devils have since excelled themselves in many cup competitions, the title of 'champions' has always eluded them.

Great managers such as Tommy Docherty, Dave Sexton and Ron Atkinson have all tried since in their bid for championship success and failed. Labelled as a 'nearly team' United's large and loyal following were becoming tired of coming so near on occasions, yet failing during the final run-in to the end of the season.

The same was said of Alex Ferguson when he

took over as manager in 1986 when the club was just pipped at the post by neighbours and rivals Liverpool in his first full season in charge. Since then, United's league form has been inconsistent to say the least, finishing 11th in '89, 13th in '90 and 6th last season.

After recent successes in the FA Cup of 1990 and the Cup Winners' Cup in 1991, Mr Ferguson had the backbone of a side which could make a real effort for the championship this term. Ukrainian international Andrei Kanchelskis, Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel and England full-back Paul Parker were all signed pre-season and were seen to be the missing parts to the jigsaw which included the likes of Hughes, McClair, Robson and Webb.

Added to this the exiting, raw young talent of Ryan Giggs and Lee Sharpe, and with such strength-in-depth at the club, then the expectations on the manager this term were more than justified.

The players have not let their manager down. As we enter the final stretch of the season, United, who have already booked a place with Nottingham Forest in the Rumbelows Cup Final, look odds-on favourites for the Division One crown. With only 3 defeats at the time of writing, they are 2 points in front of their nearest rivals Leeds United on 71 points, and have one game in hand.

Ryan Giggs, the Young Player of the Year, has become the find of the season, Brian McClair has been scoring freely and the defence, including Player of the Year Gary Pallister, has been the meanest in the First Division all season. Also, their away form has been exemplary with eight wins and only two defeats.

Criticised for being a team of individuals in the past, United really do look a complete team now and with United and Luton both desperate for points for such different reasons, the game at Kenilworth Road on April 18 is sure to be a classic.



Richard Harvey is pictured in action when United visited Kenilworth Road last season.

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The dress requirements are collar and tie. Number of members is 80.

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Membership to this facility allows a member to use the Club 82 Suite for all league and cup matches.

The bar is complimentary and a buffet for members is available at half-time and full-time.

Match day programmes, reserved car parking together with a seat in the Club 82 balcony situated in the main stand is included in this package.

There is also a limited guesting and luncheon facility at an additional charge available, booked on a per match basis.

The dress requirements are collar and tie. Number of members is 44.



THE CLUB 82 SUITE

## CENTURY CLUB

Membership to this facility allows a member to use the Century Club for all league and cup matches. There is a pay bar facility for all matches.

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



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David Preece (above) scores his third goal of the season, against Wimbledon, while Imre Varadi (below) celebrates his debut goal during the same match.







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# Guest spot

By Bev Tyler

Today we take a look behind the scenes with one of the Luton Town staff, namely Sports Shop manager, Bev Tyler. Bev, who has now been at Kenilworth Road 11 years, is also in charge of the club's successful Junior Hatters club, one of the founder junior supporters clubs in the country...

"After initially working for the club in the lotteries and promotions department, I worked in the Sports Shop when it was in Kenilworth Road with the Ticket Office. I became manager of the new shop when we moved to Oak Road four-and-a-half years ago."

Despite the current recession biting most people particularly hard, Bev has been quite pleased with business in the shop this season.

"We have done particularly well with the replica kits this season and the new design seems to have captured everyone's imagination. Most of our other leisurewear, such as tracksuits, have been selling well and at Christmas we had a 'boom' with people wanting to kit themselves out in the latest colours. For a small shop, we have done reasonably well."

Not only does Bev make sure that the shop ticks over comfortably, but he has also the job of making sure that our junior section, the Junior

Hatters, remains one of the leading junior supporters' clubs in the country.

"This is my sixth season in charge of the Junior Hatters and the club is doing well. This season we have taken the Junior Hatters away from the club's membership scheme to fall in line with other clubs who are affiliated to the Football League. I make sure we still have regular events for the youngsters, and put one day a week aside for organising events, trips, etc.

"We also have a monthly meeting throughout the winter at the club's training ground in Oakley Road. We have a guest speaker come along and talk football with the youngsters which teaches them about all aspects of football, both on the pitch and behind the scenes."

With regards to the expansion of junior supporters' clubs up and down the country, Bev makes his views clear.

"I would like to see every single club have a junior supporters branch. At the moment a lot of

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clubs do make the youngsters feel part of their club, but there are also many who do not. There is also a north/south divide with regards to such clubs, probably due to the vast distances between clubs and the cost of organising travel – but I would still like to see some integration between the north and south, even if it is not on a regular basis.

"We had such a problem when Leeds invited us up to the game between the two clubs a couple of months ago. Although we were unable to make the journey up there – as we had already arranged to visit another club that month – Leeds still gave us recognition in their matchday programme as one of the forerunners of organising junior events, which made us feel honoured."

Junior Hatters membership for next season starts on September 1st and runs through to August 31, 1993. There will be application forms in the first couple of issues of next season's programme.

## Keeping track - your day-by-day football diary

**Apr 1** – Everton midfielder Ray Attewell joins Second Division Bristol City for £250,000.....Meadowbank boss Terry Christie is sacked.....QPR defender Alan McDonald signs a new three-year contract with the club.....Steve Bull breaks the Wolves record goalscoring lists after netting his 195th goal at Derby.

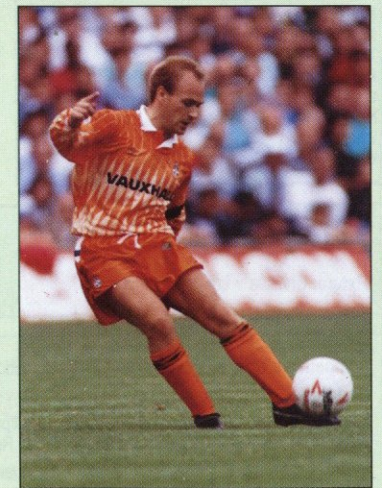
**Apr 3** – Northampton Town sacked manager Theo Foley and nine other players in a bid to ease their financial worries. Six YTS players are drafted into the side to face high-flying Barnet.

**Apr 4** – The Town defeat Wimbledon 2-1 at Kenilworth Road with David Preece and Imre Varadi netting the goals. The Town are now just five points behind Coventry City who lost 1-0 at home to Arsenal.....Tottenham Hotspur also fall back into the relegation danger zone after losing 5-2 at home to Aston Villa.....In the Second Division, Ipswich consolidate their lead at the top after beating Southend.....fellow East Anglian neighbours, Cambridge United move up into second place after beating

Millwall 1-0.... In Scotland, Rangers still have to wait and see who they will play in the Scottish Cup Final, after Airdrie and Hearts draw 0-0 at Hampden Park.

**Apr 5** – Liverpool are four minutes away from FA Cup semi-final defeat against Portsmouth when Ronnie Whelan equalises from a John Barnes free-kick. Darren Anderton had put Pompey in the lead just minutes earlier.....The first semi-final to be played at Hillsborough since the 1989 disaster ends in victory for Sunderland. A solitary John Byrne goal is enough to knock-out an under-strength Norwich team.

**Apr 6** – Liverpool announce the shock news that manager Graeme Souness is about to go into hospital for a triple heart by-pass operation, just 24 hours after the traumatic semi-final with Portsmouth.....A players' strike looks to have been averted when Premier League officials offer improved terms on television money received.....Bobby Robson is appointed manager of Sporting Lisbon for next season.



David Preece netted his third goal of the season against Wimbledon.





# Business scene

By Andy King and Wendy Grzybowska



## LAST CHANCE FOR MANCHESTER UNITED SPECIAL OFFERS PACKAGE

Only a few places are now left on our special sponsorship package for our league match with Manchester United this Saturday. Known as a 'broken-up' sponsorship package, the deal will be offered to individuals, parties or companies.

The offer includes reserved 'directors' parking, a wine reception, an official welcome from the managing director of Luton Town F.C., a tour of the facilities - including the boot, medical and dressing rooms, individual souvenir photographs (taken on the pitch), a silver service three-course lunch with wine, a speech from a well-known guest speaker, match tickets in the New Stand, half-time refreshments and competitions.

The competition winners are presented with prizes by the players during an informal post-match reception involving both teams. And this offer also includes advertising on the in-house video channel, on the public address system and in the match day magazine.

There are now very few packages available for the match, but, if you hurry, you may still be able to book by calling the Commercial Office on (0582) 411622.



Man-of-the-Match against Wimbledon, Alec Chamberlain, presents our match ball sponsor Mr G. Owen of G. Owen Ceramic Tiling, with a memento of the occasion.

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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.

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This evening we extend a very warm welcome to our match ball sponsor Gary Oliver of W.S. Tyremasters who also sponsored our match against Crystal Palace earlier in the season.

W.S. Tyremasters are one of the major tyre distributors in Southern England and have grown impressively in the last ten years. We hope Gary enjoys the entertainment and hospitality on show tonight.

## KIT SPONSORSHIP 1992-93

Our kit sponsorship plans for next season have been created to make it affordable for both personal and business involvement, and attractive too, as it will involve sponsors' opportunities for advertising, coupled with a personal association with individual players.

The 1992-93 package will start in August and it will cost £300 plus VAT. It will include:

Advertising promotion via a full-page advertisement in the match day programme. This advertisement will consist of individual advertising boxes for each member of the first team squad, giving full details of their shirt sponsors, and one large promotional feature photograph which will change with each issue of the magazine.

A sponsors' special day out. All the sponsors involved in the shirt sponsorship scheme for 1992-93 will be invited to Kenilworth Road as guests of Luton Town for a memorable night out, built around one of next season's most attractive fixtures.

An end-of-season presentation dinner. This will be another memorable occasion when all the sponsors will be invited to the club for an evening of food and entertainment at the Kenilworth Suite where each sponsor will be presented with the shirt of the player he or she has sponsored during the 1992-93 campaign.

For further information, and an early opportunity to make sure you sponsor your favourite player, please contact Andy King in writing, or telephone him 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 9.00 am - 12.00 noon on non match Saturdays

### Advertising and Match Sponsorship

Wendy Grzybowska, Commercial Manager  
Tel (0582) 411622

### Umbro Sportswear/Souvenirs & Junior Hatters

Bev Tyler, Retail Manager  
Tel (0582) 411622

### Conference & Banqueting Facilities

Peter Saul, Catering Manager  
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### Promotions and Lotteries

John Gornall, Development Executive  
Tel (0582) 411622

### 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.



Mrs Goodwin, from our match sponsors FT Goodwin, presents Wimbledon midfielder Warren Barton with a visitors Man-of-the-Match memento after our match with the Dons on April 4.

# Team check

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Team Manager:  
David Pleat

White/blue shirts, blue shorts.

Alec Chamberlain  
 \ Julian James  
 Richard Harvey  
 Chris Kamara  
 John Dreyer  
 Trevor Peake  
 Imre Varadi  
 Brian Stein  
 \ Mick Harford  
 Mark Pembridge  
 David Preece

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## NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Team Manager:  
Brian Clough

Red shirts, red shorts.

Andrew Marriott  
 Brian Laws  
 Stuart Pearce  
 Des Walker  
 Carl Tiler  
 Roy Keane  
 Gary Crosby  
 Scot Gemmill  
 Nigel Clough  
 Lee Glover  
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