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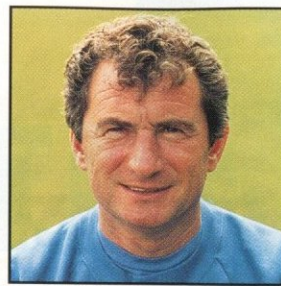
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LEAGUE DIVISION ONE



# There is change in the air

MANAGER'S VIEWPOINT BY DAVID PLEAT



**T**his afternoon we welcome Grimsby Town who have been playing very well recently under the guidance of Alan Buckley. Many years ago I tried to sign Alan for Luton from Walsall but Mr Wheldon his chairman did a deal with Mr Coombes the chairman of Birmingham City whilst I waited patiently for a phone call from his Manager Mr Ashman that never came! Times aren't a changing.

One way of relieving the pain of disappointment is to recall pleasant memories of good football and warm moments from the past.

Steve Buckley, Alan's brother, was signed by Harry Haslam after I recommended him, whilst Manager at Nuneaton Borough and Steve was playing for Burton Albion. It was a two man deal and Maitland Pollock the second player in the signing was sold before his tenth game because we had to pay further monies to Burton. Times aren't a changing. The cycle is turning full circle. When one is disappointed one recalls better times.

Paul Futcher came to Luton as a seventeen year old and is still playing at the heart of the Grimsby defence. It is a credit to his professionalism and reflects on the ability of our club to mould and progress youngsters. It is those youngsters that must now keep the faith, understand and learn quickly. Mistakes have sunk us into a desperation after the last two games. Think positive.

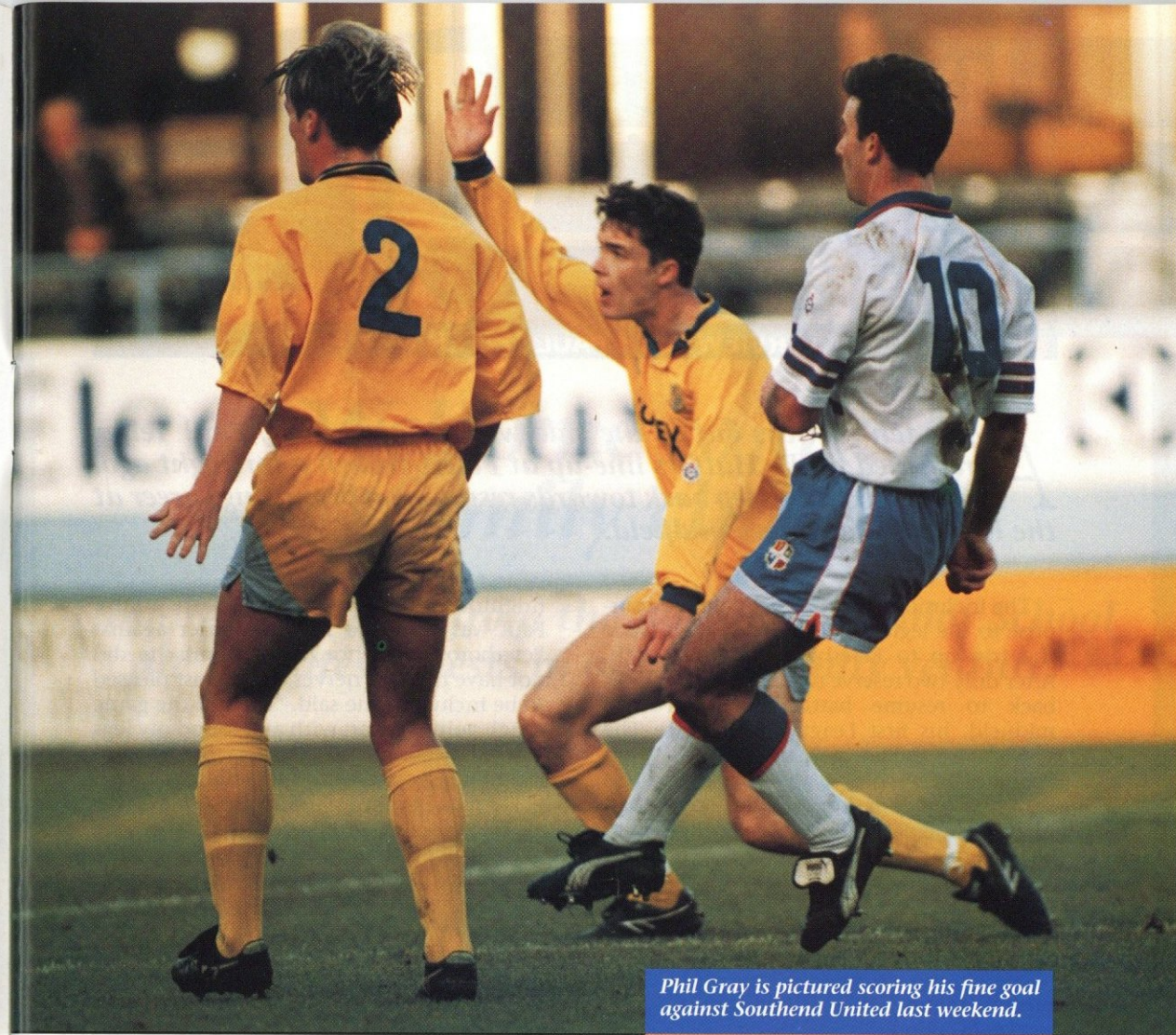
Only last week I saw Paul's landlady of many years ago, Mrs Haughney. She was a marvellous 'mother' to Paul and Ron Futcher and many others since until her 'retirement'. We still rely on such landladies who give

their commitment and hospitality to help our club. We thank them and appreciate them because we will continue to bring young players into our club to develop them in this new era. Times aren't a changing.

We would have loved of course to devote

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the whole of these programme notes to the first seventy minutes of the game at Cambridge United. It was the nearest thing since I have returned to Luton to giving me footballing pleasure. Myself and the staff know what we want and will take any necessary steps to alienate any player who does not understand what is required or what that commitment means. It may mean that we trot out for some of the games with an even younger group, but it is the only way forward to recover the massive consequences of being



Phil Gray is pictured scoring his fine goal against Southend United last weekend.

relegated after ten seasons.

As managers, we have to continually stress the good points as well as making players who succeed aware of the faults and the mistakes. Players who succeed are those who do not repeat the mistakes and who learn from their disappointments. To lose as we have done recently is painful to live with but there is no escape and I have seen enough to know that we are slowly coming together.

When players tire physically they are not mentally bright. I do believe that concentration and the ability to think for one's self on the field in a determined fashion has contributed to the goals against. We have much to play for not least of all the desire to win at home. If we are to succeed this afternoon we will all be delighted. Confidence is

the key. Let us hope that a video of the first seventy minutes against Cambridge will stick and the last frightening minutes will be scrubbed out. Times aren't a changing.

But they must change, we know what you want, we know what we want and together we will create another fine footballing team that will be respected in football.

Enjoy the game and lets hear your support for the team!

# Paul resumes career with a goal



PLAYER INTERVIEW WITH PAUL TELFER

**A**fter ten months out of the side with a foot injury, Paul Telfer returned to the Hatters line-up at Peterborough a fortnight ago. It was his first step back towards resuming a promising career at the heart of the Town's midfield.

The inclusion of Paul Telfer came as a surprise to the legion of Town fans who made the trip up to Peterborough last month. After only two reserve team games, Paul was back to resume battle in the Town's midfield, his first League game since The Town's 4-0 defeat at Manchester City on February 14. A complicated foot injury had kept him out of action for a lot longer than he had anticipated, but he was delighted to be back in action again.

"It was such a relief to be playing for the first team again," said Paul. "I had hoped to make my return before the end of last season, but after my foot had originally been in plaster it was discovered that it had not healed properly. Then followed another five weeks in plaster with pins also inserted, which was a big blow."

After reserve team run-outs against



Brighton and Oxford United last month, Paul was pencilled in as a starter against Peterborough, although he admits he did not have time for nerves. "I was just pleased to be included," he said. "I found the game tough going to start with and found my legs getting heavier and heavier, but once I found my second wind I was fine."

Despite his fitness problems, Paul managed to connect with a header to score one of the Town's three goals at London Road. It was a disputed goal, but Paul is claiming it nevertheless.

"I have to, especially as it was my first game back! I remember the header was not particularly powerful, but once it deflected off one of their defenders, it wrong-footed the goalkeeper and went in. I could not have made a better start to my return."

Despite his late start to the season, Paul has set out his ambitions for the rest of the season and sees the Peterborough game as a sound base on which to build.

"If selected this afternoon, I must build on that first performance and get my match fitness back. I then see no reason why I can't continue from where I left off before my injury problems. Confidence also plays a big part in your game when you have been out for a long time and hopefully that will come with the more games I play. A few more goals would not go amiss either, however they are scored!"

Paul is hoping to return to action today after unfortunately missing Tuesday night's game against Cambridge United with an ankle injury.



## Universal Salvage Auctions

### Welcome to the 'family club'

*Children and staff from the Bushmead Junior School are the latest guests in our community venture.*

**O**ur guests from Bushmead Junior School are offered a warm welcome today and we sincerely hope that they enjoy their afternoon at Kenilworth Road. They are here as our guests this afternoon, courtesy of our community programme sponsored by Universal Salvage Auctions (USA), the league leaders in motor salvage auctions.

"The 40 children who are visiting today have been looking forward to the visit all week and the response has been excellent," said headmaster Hayden Evans. "The children did not discover that they were to be invited until Monday, so they have been very excited."

"It is a wonderful scheme put together by Universal Salvage Auctions and Luton Town which could definitely have a lot of spin-offs in the future," continued Mr Evans. "Once the interest has been generated between the football club and the community, I am sure that closer links can be forged in the

future. Who knows, we might have the next Luton Town star at our school!"

Mr Evans confessed that some of the pupils are football mad, which has helped generate interest amongst class mates this week. "We play a lot of football, amongst other sports, and have tried in the past to arrange as many friendly games with other schools as possible. I am certain that after today's visit, we will have even more football followers, hopefully Luton Town followers."

Bushmead School is the fifth school to be welcomed at the Club as part of a series of community-related projects planned for the forthcoming season.

If you would like further information on the USA/Luton Town community programme, please contact The Secretary, Luton Town F.C., Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Bedfordshire LU4 8AW.



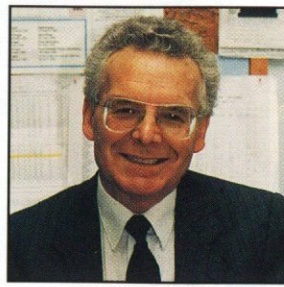
Members of The Meads School are pictured with USA director Geoff Williams and the Town's community liaison officer Gary Hooper last Saturday.

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# New date for floodlight cup match



ON THE INSIDE BY JOHN SMYLIE

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■ A very good afternoon and a warm welcome to the directors, management, players and supporters of Grimsby Town. The last few programmes seem to have been welcoming former players and management and today is no exception. I extend greetings to Graham Rodger, returning for his first game at Kenilworth Road since joining the Mariners.

■ I must offer sincere apologies to all those supporters who arrived at the ground on Wednesday, October 28 for the Southern Junior Floodlight Cup match with Tottenham Hotspur only to find that the match had been postponed. It was realised on the morning of the game that following the heavy rain of the previous 48 hours the surface was suspect, so a pitch inspection was arranged for 2.00 pm. At the time of the inspection, no further rain had fallen and a decision was taken to let the game proceed. However, upon the arrival of the match referee, rain had again started to fall and after a further inspection and taking into account the long term damage which could have been done, the game was postponed. A notice was put on the press gate, but I understand this was soon vandalised, thus causing

annoyance to those who turned up unable to obtain information. A new date of Tuesday, November 24 has been fixed for the fixture, kick-off as before at 7.00 pm.

■ A number of complaints were received from supporters who travelled to our away match at Peterborough. The Club were advised that the standing admission cost was £6.00. However, upon arrival at the ground they were charged £8.00. I realise that such incorrect information can be devastating to people who travel on a tight budget. I understand that at one turnstile, the police 'clubbed' together for a collection to enable some supporters who had insufficient money to gain admittance to the game. Representation has been made to the Club regarding the pricing details they advise to visiting Clubs.

■ On October 25, we officially welcomed Geoff Lovell who has joined the Club as safety officer. Under the new Football Licensing Authorities guide lines, all Premier and Football League Clubs are to appoint a safety officer. Geoff will be, in conjunction with the Police, responsible for the safety of all persons who enter the Club on a match day, also the evacuation procedures in the event of a disaster or major incident.

Geoff is no stranger to Kenilworth Road and is well known to match day staff as he was the police match day Commander for two-and-a-half years. He left upon his promotion to Chief Inspector for a new job which was to set up the then new police unit at the London/Luton Airport. This appointment he held until his retirement earlier this month. We all wish him well in his new role.

## Honours

Littlewoods Cup winners 1987-88  
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# Definitely no need to panic



CAPTAIN'S LOG BY TREVOR PEAKE

**A**lthough it was pleasing to pick up a point last week against Southend United, the performance still left a lot to be desired and in the end we felt we were lucky to come away with any points at all.

We controlled the early stages and were worthy of our 1-0 lead through Julian James. However, we tended to sit back at this stage and Southend were unlucky not to draw level. Against the run of play we made it 2-0 through a fine Phil Gray goal and that goal should have been the signal to tighten up and take the points.

However, in the second half we did not get our passing game together at all and Southend came right back into the game. Their equaliser at the death was probably what they deserved and it taught us a lesson that we must remain as a solid unit for 90 minutes.

Personally speaking, I did not feel too bad considering it was my first league game for five weeks. I felt comfortable in the reserve

team game the previous week against Brighton and was ready to return. I learned not to rush my return this time as I did when I had to come off at Plymouth.

With these notes written prior to the Cambridge United game, I am hoping that we have learned from our performance last Saturday and have come away from Cambridge with all three points. It is never easy going to such a tight, compact ground as the Abbey Stadium and with their style of play it was vital that we played our natural passing game to better effect than we did against Southend United.

Grimsby, like Cambridge, have seen their fortunes change in the past couple of weeks following successive victories against Newcastle United and Portsmouth. They will be coming here full of confidence, so it is up to us to halt their run.

With only three points separating ourselves from Notts County, who are in 18th position, there is still much to play for and it is definitely not a time to panic. We know that our loyal supporters deserve better than what they have been seeing at Kenilworth Road in recent weeks and we will all be trying our hardest to improve the situation.



Club physiotherapist Brian Owen gratefully receives a cheque for £2,658.25p from members of the Bobbers Travel Club before our game with Derby County.

Enjoy the game



Phil Gray in action against Cambridge United on Tuesday, where he added another two goals to his seasons tally.

# Johnson stakes his claim for Abbey post

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NEWS ON ONE

**C**aretaker manager Gary Johnson's chances of securing the Cambridge United job were improved last Saturday as his side beat West Ham United 2-1.

Johnson, a former player with Watford, took control at the Abbey Stadium when John Beck was dismissed. Cambridge have since taken four league points and have progressed to the fourth round of the Rumbelows League Cup, leaving Johnson confident that he can take over the job on a full-time basis. "I have been at the Club for four years and was assistant manager for two of them," he said. "The players all know me, indeed I brought half a dozen of them to the Abbey. My formal application will go in with the 30 or so already received." Despite his confidence, former Ipswich and Arsenal star Paul Mariner is favourite to land the job.

Derby County are gradually discovering that money does buy success. After a dismal start to the season which included a run of seven games without a win, the Rams £10 million team are now on course for their objective of Premier League football and have now won five of their last six league matches, including last Saturday's 2-0 victory at Wolves. In recent weeks, the £2.5 million signing of Craig Short has meant composure to an unsteady defence, while Martin Kuhl's signature has provided the experience needed in midfield. "It is nice when you receive compliments, especially so soon after joining a Club," said Kuhl. "Earlier in the season, the young players here felt that they needed to justify the large transfer figures which followed them to Derby and were trying too hard. However, I have

tried to calm them down a bit and it appears to be working."

Charlton missed the opportunity to move into third place in the League after a 0-0 draw with Birmingham City on Sunday. The Addicks have now failed to win in the League for five games and this probably accounted for the crowd of 4,445 being their lowest of the season. However, a dull game was brightened by the performance of two teenagers who were making their debuts. Charlton's debutant Linvoy Primus was awarded man of the match for a flawless defensive display, while City's left-back Graham Potter earned high praise from manager Terry Cooper. He said: "Graham was probably our best player. He has shown that he is good enough at this age to possibly go on and play for England."

Sheffield Wednesday did not do Newcastle United any favours when they put seven goals past Leicester City prior to last weekend. Kevin Keegan's high-flyers

came up against a stunning reaction from City which left the First Division leaders with a 2-1 defeat and their second league defeat in succession. Leicester manager Brian Little knew that nothing more than victory would exorcise such a heavy defeat. "We needed that win after the Sheffield result," he said. "We had to prove to ourselves and our supporters that we are motivated towards gaining promotion at the end of the season. We achieved that today and against top-class opposition."

Attendances in the First Division continue to stay below those reached last season, with the current average of 10,009 being 500 down on the average for the whole of last year. Newcastle continue to hit the 30,000 gate barrier every game at St James's Park with their attendance of 30,137 being the best of the season. The lowest gate has been at Oxford where only 3,785 fans saw the visit of Cambridge United.

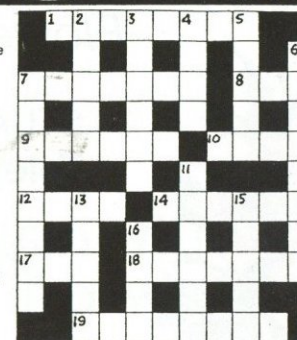
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### ACROSS

- 1 They sing at Carrow Road (8)
- 7 Half-time drink to put team on its metal? (7)
- 8,12 Manager cracks it to improve performance (3,4)
- 9 Too many could mean relegation (6)
- 10 Is there one in Ref's whistle? (1,3)
- 12 See "8"
- 14 Promotion hopes may be with too many '9's (6)
- 17 ... of goals is a striker's aim (3)
- 18 Players have to be against injury (7)
- 19 Gracie's home town club (6)

### DOWN

- 2 Lytham St. .... League HQ (5)
- 3 Ref nods to a penalty claim (6)
- 4 In the sea after Carl its Utd (4)
- 5 Chance created for striker (3,2)
- 6 Great future is announced after triumph (8)
- 7 Side of factory at The Den (8)
- 11 Chances fans groan at (6)
- 13 Turn in Italian club (5)
- 15 Kind of victory in drawn game (5)
- 16 Slipped one could mean long player absence (4)



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# Fans' forum



## SING WHEN WE'RE WINNING...AND LOSING

Dear Sir,  
 I would just like to express my feelings on the 'Kohler Out' campaign. I am not about to give my opinions on whether he should stay or not, but instead of aiming chants at Mr Kohler during the game, we should be getting behind our players.

At the present time, the players need support from us fans. They are probably as depressed as any of us, but don't make them feel worse before they start or during a game. Give them a good atmosphere to play in, even if they have just conceded a goal.

Remember the important game two seasons ago when we played Derby? Let's have a repeat of the singing and chanting that day. Give the players something to play for.

*Keep singing!!!*  
 Sharon Powell, 71 Brooklands Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes.

## PEN PALS WANTED

Dear Sir,  
 After finding Luton's address in my friends notebook, I would like to get to know some of your supporters and also exchange souvenirs.

I am a 15-year-old Ghanian boy who is mad on football and who hopes to play for my country in the future. My favourite players are Abedi Pele and Chris Waddle and I

would be very grateful if you could send me some pennants, badges etc from Luton Town or any other English League club.

My address is: Augustine Quayle, Adoagyiri Methodist J.S.S., P.O. Box 7 Adoagyiri, Nsawa, Ghana West Africa.

## NICE IMPROVEMENT

Dear Sir,  
 May I say how much I have enjoyed reading the season's matchday programme so far. It is much improved, both in quality and quantity this season and is favourable, if not better than most others I have seen in Division One this season.

May I also take this opportunity in wishing the team all the best for the remainder of a tough season.

Gary Richardson, Gaunts Way, Letchworth, Herts.

## TOM NICHOL TESTIMONIAL

Dear Sir,  
 I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Luton Town for their kind donation towards the Tom Nichol testimonial.

The donation was greatly appreciated and will, along with other gifts be auctioned/raffled at a dinner later this month at the Broadfield Hotel, Rochdale.

Once again I thank you for the time you have spared to help us with this project.

Brian Green, Tom Nichol Testimonial Fund.

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# ACTION REPLAY

From: Kenilworth Road  
Date: October 31, 1992

**LUTON TOWN 2**  
(James, Gray)

**SOUTHEND UNITED 2**  
(Powell, O'Callaghan)

Attendance: 7,256

PICTURES BY JOSH LEVY



*Darren Salton had a busy afternoon and wins the ball on this occasion.*



*Substitute Scott Oakes pulls away from Southend's Brian Parkinson.*



*Julian James nets the Town's first goal of the game.*

# Loan spell for Town pair



## AROUND THE TOWN

### JUERGEN AND RICHARD ON LOAN

Reserve team goalkeeper Juergen Sommer and full-back Richard Harvey joined Torquay United and Blackpool respectively on loan last week.

"Juergen needs to play in more games which have a frenetic pace to them," said manager David Pleat. "He will not get that playing in our reserves, but at Torquay I am sure he will come under immense pressure at times, which can only be a positive step in his development. Richard has also been released in a bid to re-claim his place in the side following injury."

### Old friends united



Former Town players Mark Pembridge, Ricky Hill and Emeka Nwajiobi met up recently after the Town's match with Derby County. Ricky is currently in England following a managerial stint with Tampa Bay in the United States, while Emeka is now a successful pharmacist in Kensington, London.

### CERI ON COMEBACK TRAIL

Midfielder Ceri Hughes, who has been out of action since damaging ankle ligaments in August, made his first steps towards full recovery last Thursday (October 29) during the Town's 4-0 Beds Senior Cup win against Stotfold. "Ceri played for half-an-hour in the game and his progress is promising," said Mr Pleat.

Chris Kamara has also been nursing an injury of late. He has played on despite breaking a bone in his hand during our 3-2 victory at Peterborough. However, he has continued to play with a cast on the damaged hand which has caused him little problem.

### LOAN SPELL CONCLUDED FOR DAMIEN

Damien Matthew, who has been at Kenilworth Road for two months on loan, has returned to Stamford Bridge. "Damien still sees himself as a 'true blue' and wishes to return to Stamford Bridge in an attempt to win back his place. He has served our Club well and we wish him all the best. Hopefully with Paul Telfer now back and Ceri Hughes well on the way to making a return, we will not miss his absence too much."

Town keeper Alec Chamberlain is remaining at Stamford Bridge on loan.

### BLETCHLEY HATTERS CLUB

For coach travel to all Luton Town home matches from various pick-up points in Bletchley, Bow Brickhill, Woburn Sands and Aspley Guise, please telephone (0908) 377750 for further information.

### HOOLIGAN HOTLINE

There is now a new number for the National Football Intelligence Unit Hooligan Hotline. Please ring 0800 515495 in strictest confidence.

# Latest Ticket Office news



## BY CHERRY NEWBERY

### Oxford United v Luton Town

#### BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, November 14, 1992 - Kick-off 3.00 pm

Seats for this match are available from the Ticket Office priced at £9.50 (no concessions) until Thursday, November 12 at 5.00 pm and also on the day at Oxford.

Standing is available on the day only at the turnstile, priced £7.00 (no concessions).

### Luton Town v Millwall

#### BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, November 21, 1992 - Kick-off 3.00 pm

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

### Luton Town v Watford

#### BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sunday, November 29, 1992 - Kick-off 3.00 pm

Please note that this match is being played on Sunday 29th due to the game being televised.

Tickets are on sale at the discounted price. Normal guesting facilities apply.

### Bristol Rovers v Luton Town

#### BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, December 5, 1992 - Kick-off 3.00 pm

This is an ALL TICKET match for Luton Town supporters. Tickets are only available from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road until Friday, December 4 at 5.00 pm. None will be available at Bristol. Terracing only £6.50 (no concessions).

Please note that Bristol Rovers play at Twerton Park, Bath.

### Ticket Office Hours

Monday - Friday 10 am - 5 pm. Non-match Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm. Match Saturdays 9 am to kick-off, after the match 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm. For bookings, membership and enquiries, ring the Ticket Office on 0582 416976. Supporters wishing to order by credit card can do so by using the 24 hour Credit Card Hotline on 0582 30748.

### Travelling to...

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There is street parking available.  
Nearest railway: Oxford.

#### Bristol Rovers

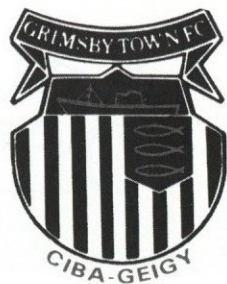
(Twerton Park)  
Address: 199 Two Mile Road, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1AZ (Office).  
Telephone: (0272) 352303.  
Take the M4 and then the M5 to junction 18. Then follow the A46 into Bath and follow the ring road to Twerton Park.  
There is limited street parking available.  
Nearest railway: Bath Spa.

#### Bobbers Travel Club

Coaches for the trip to OXFORD will cost adults £4.80 and children/OAP's £3.80. Coaches will depart from Cranfield at 11.00 am and Luton at 12.00 noon with the normal pick-up points en route.  
Coaches for the trip to BRISTOL ROVERS will cost adults £8.50 and children/OAP's £7.00. Coaches will depart from Cranfield at 9.00 am and Luton at 10.00 am, again with the normal pick-up points en route.  
All bookings and further information can be made by telephoning Paul Deason on (0234) 750996.  
Alternatively, you can book by seeing Paul or any other BTC member at the Ticket Kiosk in Kenilworth Road or on the return journey from the previous match.



# Impressive victory kick-starts the Mariners into action



## GRIMSBY TOWN F.C. 1992-93

■ Grimsby Town visit Kenilworth Road today in buoyant mood following their recent victory against Newcastle United which halted the Magpies formidable run of 11 straight League victories. Skipper Jim Dobbins scored from 25 yards in the final minute of the game to give manager Alan Buckley one of the finest victories of his managerial career.

■ "This victory rates alongside the draw my Walsall team achieved in a cup tie against Liverpool at Anfield," said Mr Buckley after the victory. "We were not worried about appearing in front of such a large crowd. We know we can play good football, so my players have not surprised me."

■ One man on the field who

was particularly pleased with the result was Dave Beasant. A player who has not had the best of luck this season, Dave saw his fortunes change around within the space of 90 minutes at Newcastle, one of his former clubs. Playing for the Mariners on a month's loan from Chelsea, Dave made a competent start, with manager Buckley enthusing: "Dave played well and is a valuable addition to our squad, particularly with our second keeper Steve Sherwood still injured."

■ The win at Newcastle was the Club's fourth of the season, following victory the previous week against Southend (1-0). They have also beaten Bristol Rovers (3-0) and Watford (3-2) and it is the 'shot in the arm' all Mariners' fans are hoping

will lift their side towards the play-off places this season because last weekend, their form continued with a 3-0 win against Portsmouth.

■ Grimsby Town were formed in 1878 as Grimsby Pelham F.C. Pelham was the family name of big landowners in the area, the Earls of Yarborough. The receipts for their first game amounted to 6s 9d (approx. 34p). After a year, the club name was changed to Grimsby Town. The Mariners first league game was as far back as September 3, 1892 when they beat Northwich Victoria 2-1 in Division Two. They have won the Division Two title twice, in 1901 and 1934; the Division Three championship in 1980 and the Division Four crown in 1972.



Back row (left to right): Paul Agnew, Tony Rees, Tony Ford, Paul Futcher, Paul Reece, Neil Woods, Mark Smith, Jim Dobbins.

Middle row (left to right): Ken Reed (physiotherapist), Ian Baraclough, Graham Rodger, Rhys Wilmot, Steve Sherwood, Mark Lever, John Cockerill, Arthur Mann (reserve team coach).

Front row (left to right): Chris Hargreaves, Kevin Jobling, John McDermott, Gary Childs, Alan Buckley (manager), David Gilbert, Tommy Watson, Stuart Burns, Gary Croft.

## MARINERS ON PARADE

**DAVE BEASANT** (goalkeeper) - Dave joined Grimsby on loan from Chelsea two weeks ago and made his debut in the Mariners fine 1-0 victory at his former club, Newcastle United. Dave has also played for Wimbledon with whom he won an FA Cup winners' medal in 1988.

**JOHN McDERMOTT** (defender) - Although still in his early twenties, John has already experienced two relegations and two promotions with Grimsby. He made his debut shortly after Mr Buckley's arrival at the Club in 1988 and has been a regular fixture in their side ever since.

**GARY CROFT** (defender) - A promising young player, Gary came through the ranks at Grimsby to sign professional forms in the summer of 1992. A regular reserve team player last season, Gary has since broken into the first team.

**GRAHAM RODGER** (defender) - A familiar face to Town fans, Graham joined Grimsby from Luton in February 1992. He started his career at Wolves, but made a name for himself in Coventry's FA Cup winning squad of 1987. Graham is a former England under-21 international.

**PAUL FUTCHER** (defender) - Signed from Halifax for £10,000 in January 1991, much-travelled Paul has played for many clubs including Luton, Manchester City and Barnsley. He was named Grimsby Player of the Year last season.

**MARK LEVER** (defender) - Mark was given his first-team debut shortly after Alan Buckley's arrival in 1988 and has been a virtual fixture in the side ever since. Another former trainee, Mark made 35 appearances for the club last season.

**JIM DOBBIN** (midfield) - A £50,000 signing from Barnsley in July 1991, Jim's first season at Grimsby saw him provide experience, plus a fair share of goals. He began his career at Celtic, but established himself at Barnsley after a spell with Doncaster.

**TOMMY WATSON** (midfield) - Tommy made his League bow for the Mariners in 1987 after progressing through the junior ranks at Blundell Park. He has returned to the side this season after missing much of last term through injury.

**DAVE GILBERT** (midfield) - Dave joined Grimsby from Northampton Town in 1989, with whom he won a Fourth Division championship medal. A popular and skilful player, Dave is the club's penalty taker.

**PAUL GROVES** (midfield) - Became Grimsby's record buy in August 1992 when he joined the club from Blackpool for £125,000. He was captain during his time at Bloomfield Road and had been an ever-present for two seasons. Paul had previously served Leicester and Lincoln City.

**TONY REES** (forward) - Tony started his career with Aston Villa, but unable to break into the first team, he joined Barnsley. A skilful one-touch player, he moved to Blundell Park for £50,000 in 1989, but his progress has been hindered by injuries.

**MARK SMITH** (forward) - A player who can play at right-back as well as attack, Mark spent six years in non-league football, prior to joining Rochdale in 1988. He moved to Grimsby from Huddersfield just before the 1991 transfer deadline.

**NEIL WOODS** (forward) - Grimsby's top league scorer for the second successive season last term, Neil joined Grimsby from Bradford City for £90,000 in 1990. Previously with Doncaster, Ipswich and Glasgow Rangers, he scored eight league goals last term.

**CLIVE MENDONCA** (forward) - Leading scorer for the Mariners at the time of writing, Clive started his career with Sheffield United and made his debut in 1987. After a loan spell at Doncaster, he joined Rotherham United in 1988 before moving on to Grimsby this year.

## MEET THE BOSS



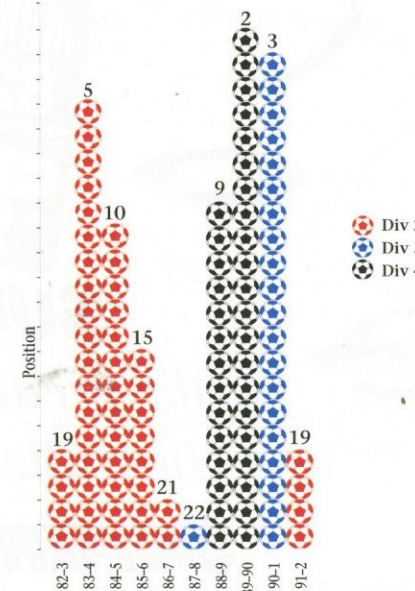
**A**lan Buckley succeeded Bobby Roberts at Blundell Park in June 1988 and in his four seasons in charge has taken Grimsby to two promotions and the fifth round of the F.A. Cup.

He started his footballing career at Nottingham Forest in 1971 and made 16 appearances before moving on to Walsall two years later. It was at Fellows Park where he established himself, making 241 appearances and scoring 125 goals in five years with the club.

After a brief spell with Birmingham in 1978, he returned to Walsall first as a player and then manager, leading the club to a Milk Cup semi-final against Liverpool. He spent a while managing non-league Kettering before his appointment at Blundell Park.

Due to the League re-organisation, Alan now holds the distinction of managing Grimsby in four separate divisions of the Football League.

## Grimsby 10 year record



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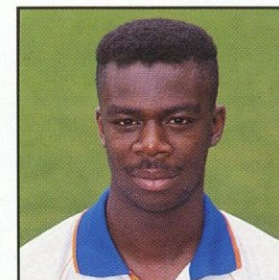
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# Meet the real Marvin Johnson



## THE PERSON BEHIND THE PLAYER

**Name:** Marvin Anthony Johnson

**Birthplace:** Wembley

**Date of Birth:** 29.10.68

**Height:** 6ft

**Weight:** 12 st 4 oz

**Signed from:** school as an apprentice in July 1985

**Previous clubs:** none

**Luton Town debut:** v Everton (Simod Cup), 16.2.88

**International honours:** none

**Family:** Mum and Dad who live in Aylesbury and a sister who is a year younger than me.

**Starsign:** Scorpio

**Top television programmes:** I am sports mad so I like any sports programme, particularly Match of the Day.

**Top television commentator:** John Motson, he has an enthusiastic voice and sounds like he enjoys every game he commentates on.

**Best recent film/video seen:** Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves has a good storyline and a comic side to it.

**Hobbies:** I like playing all sports particularly tennis, snooker and table tennis. When I have the time I also like cooking and helping with the housework.

**Who did you support as a boy:** I did not go to watch any particular team, but I always looked out for Liverpool's results as they were by far the best team around when I was growing up.

**Favourite away ground:** I love playing at Anfield because of the facilities, the atmosphere and the thought of playing against Liverpool.

**Boots worn:** Nike. My feet and legs were lucky enough to appear in the current

Nike advert with Ian Wright, so I was given a free pair!

**What qualifications did you get at school and subsequently, what would you be doing now if you were not a footballer:** I came out of school with no qualifications, but would try to pursue a career in Sales, possibly selling sports merchandise.

**What has been the highlight of your career so far in football:** Marking Kenny Dalglish at Anfield when he came on as a substitute during our 1-1 draw in 1987. He has always been a hero of mine and to actually be on the same pitch as him was something I had only ever dreamed about.

**Who are your favourite players past and present:** As stated, Kenny Dalglish was a favourite. He was a great all-round player who scored superb goals. At present, I like any players who entertain and have flair such as Chris Waddle, Paul Gascoigne and John Barnes.

**What single piece of advice would you give to any young footballer hoping to make the grade:** Never believe football only means playing on a Saturday for a couple of hours. It is a hard job which involves training every day and you have to give 100 per cent at all times.

**What young Town player do you tip to make the grade in the coming seasons:** Neil Ryan. He played a couple of reserve team games alongside me last season and he never looked out of his depth. He could even break into the side as early as this season, who knows?

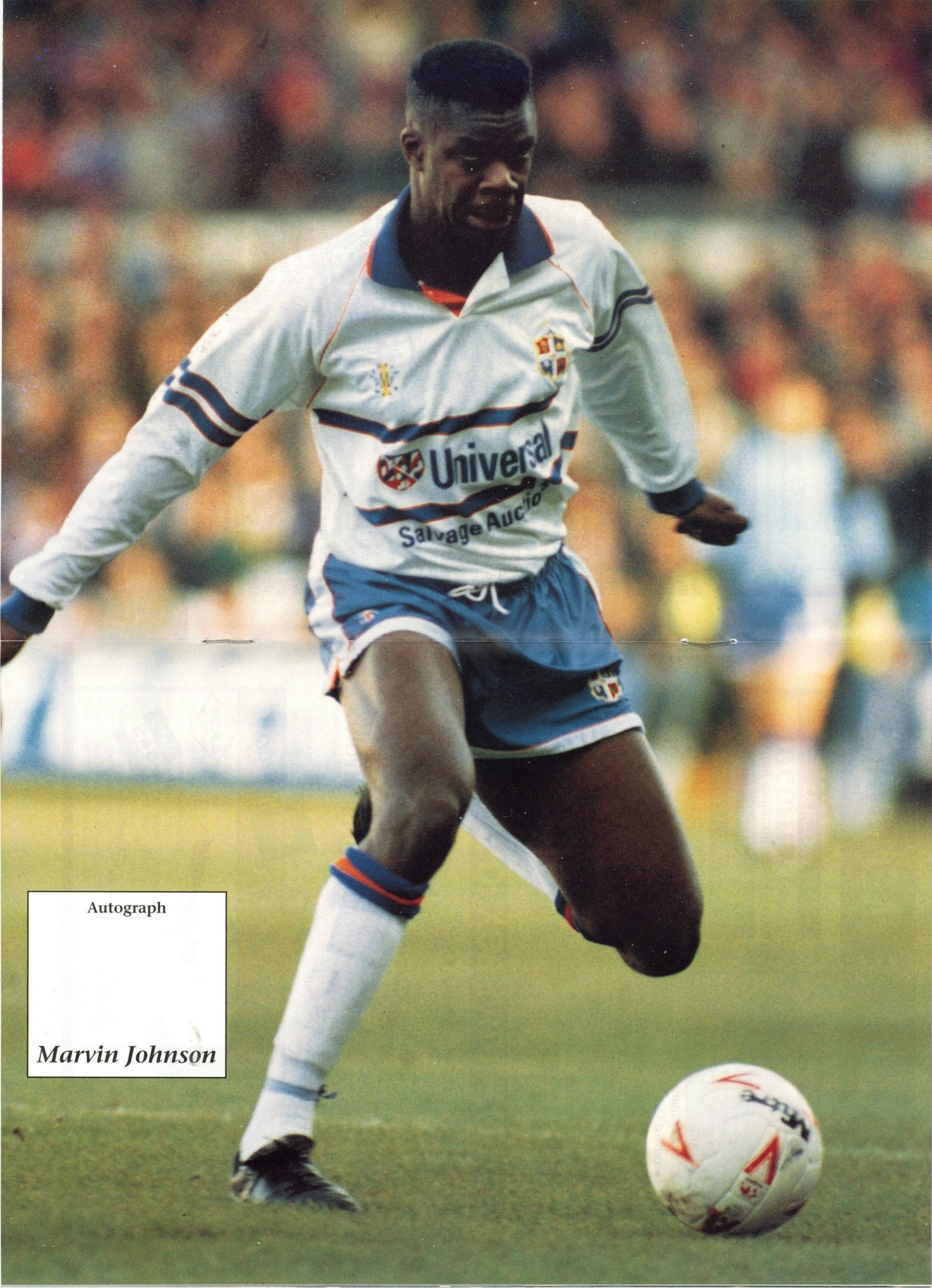
**What are your main ambitions in football:** I want to play for as long as possible and avoid any more injuries. I would like to end my career playing abroad, possibly in Italy or France.



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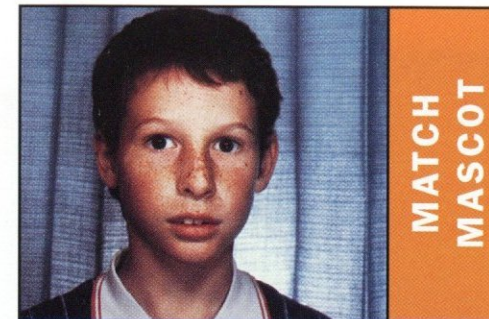
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# Welcome the players at our meeting!

JUNIOR HATTERS WITH  
RICHARD HARVEY



MATCH MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is David Deane. He is 10-years-old and attends Cherry Orchard Middle School in Northampton. David plays football for his school and is interested in playing cricket and playing the trombone. His favourite player is Marvin Johnson.

Welcome to this afternoon's game with Grimsby Town. Let's hear all you Junior Hatters cheering the team on to victory. We do appreciate it!

On Monday night we are holding our Junior Hatters meeting at the Oakley Road Training Ground, Ely Way (near the Electrolux factory). We will be having a guest speaker talking about football and Ceri Hughes will be there along with a few other players. Come along, give your support and add a few autographs to your collection. The evening starts at 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm and remember, if you are not a Junior Hatter you can join on the night.

This season the Junior Hatters have been to four away games and so far have not seen the team lose. We have seen the side draw at Charlton and Notts County and win at Brentford and Peterborough. Our next away trip is to Oxford United on November 14th, so watch out Oxford, here we come!

If you are lucky enough to become a Luton Town mascot this season and would

like a photo with the captain and the officials when they toss the coin, you can order prints from the Oak Road Sports Shop. The price is £4.50 .

With Christmas fast approaching, the Junior Hatters Christmas party takes place on Monday, December 14 at the Holy Ghost Church Hall, Westbourne Road, Luton. Tickets will be obtainable after our game with Millwall on November 21 from the Kenilworth Road Shop. The party is for Junior Hatters Club Members only, so bring your membership card with you when you buy your ticket.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 1068....KEVIN YOUNG. Kevin wins two free tickets to one of our home games this season. To claim your prize, please call into the Oak Road Sports Shop and bring your membership card with you.

## JUNIOR HATTERS SPOTLIGHT

Membership No: 1029  
Name: Wendy Skinner  
Date/Place of Birth: 13.5.80/St Albans  
School: Lea Manor High  
First Luton game: v Leicester City 1.1.86  
Favourite player: Scott Oakes  
Favourite ground: City Ground, Nottingham  
Number of League grounds visited: 20  
Favourite goal: Scott Oakes v Crystal Palace (H)  
Hobbies: Football, netball and hockey  
What do you like about football: Everything really  
What do you dislike about football: Players who cheat and fake injury  
Who accompanies you to Luton matches: Mum, dad and sister  
Ambition on leaving school: To be a policewoman





# Town Coast to cup victory at Stotfold



RESERVES AND YOUTH BY TERRY WESTLEY & WAYNE TURNER

## Neville Ovenden Football Combination 1992/93 League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	10	7	2	1	19	10	23
Chelsea	9	6	2	1	25	12	20
Wimbledon	9	5	3	11	8	9	18
Arsenal	10	5	2	3	21	9	17
Crystal Palace	10	4	4	2	23	15	16
Oxford United	10	4	4	2	12	17	16
Q.P.R.	9	4	3	2	16	10	15
Southampton	10	4	3	3	14	13	15
Tottenham Hotspur	9	4	2	3	18	9	14
Watford	10	3	5	2	16	21	14
Brighton & H.A.	10	3	3	4	10	19	12
West Ham United	9	3	2	4	14	12	11
Ipswich Town	10	3	2	5	12	16	11
Norwich City	9	2	3	4	14	18	9
Fulham	9	2	3	4	8	13	9
Charlton Athletic	9	2	2	5	7	12	8
Portsmouth	9	2	2	5	12	21	8
Bristol City	10	1	4	5	11	18	7
LUTON TOWN	7	1	2	4	8	15	5
Swindon Town	8	1	1	6	8	17	4

## Neville Ovenden Football Combination Fixtures Season 1992/93

Mon 17 Aug	Millwall	1-2	Tue 29 Dec	Arsenal
Mon 24 Aug	Fulham	2-1	Mon 4 Jan	Bristol City
Mon 31 Aug	Queens Park Rangers	0-0	Mon 11 Jan	Chelsea
Mon 7 Sept	Crystal Palace	1-4	Mon 18 Jan	Arsenal
Mon 14 Sept	Tottenham Hotspur	1-4	Wed 27 Jan	Ipswich Town
Wed 23 Sept	Wimbledon	Postponed	Mon 1 Feb	Charlton Athletic
Mon 28 Sept	Portsmouth	Postponed	Fri 12 Feb	Norwich City
Wed 7 Oct	Brighton & Hove Albion	1-1	Mon 15 Feb	Fulham
Mon 12 Oct	Oxford United	2-3	Tue 23 Feb	Watford
Tue 20 Oct	Queens Park Rangers	Postponed	Mon 1 Mar	Swindon Town
Mon 26 Oct	Brighton and Hove Albion	1-2	Tue 9 Mar	Oxford United
Thur 29 Oct	Stotfold (BPC)	4-0	Mon 15 Mar	Ipswich Town
Wed 4 Nov	Portsmouth		Mon 22 Mar	Watford
Mon 9 Nov	Wimbledon		Mon 29 Mar	Millwall
Wed 18 Nov	Tottenham Hotspur		Mon 5 Apr	Oxford United
Mon 23 Nov	West Ham United		Wed 14 Apr	Southampton
Wed 2 Dec	Bristol City		Mon 19 Apr	Chelsea
Mon 7 Dec	Crystal Palace		Wed 28 Apr	Charlton Athletic
Mon 14 Dec	Southampton		Mon 3 May	West Ham United
Mon 21 Dec	Swindon Town			

## Match Report

Luton Town 0 Crystal Palace 3

South East Counties League Division Two, Saturday, October 17, 1992.

Our youth team's fifth successive League defeat came against Crystal Palace and despite dominating for the opening 23 minutes, the Town went down to a set-piece goal. "Their first goal undid all our initial good play," stated coach Terry Westley. "The second goal, again came from set play and we then found it difficult to get back into the game. Our young players must realise that the higher the standard, the more difficult it is to score."

**Team:** Davis, Jukes, Brittain, Ryan, McLaren, Philp, Woolgar, Butler, Hartson, Skelton, Rioch. Subs: Norman, Gibb.

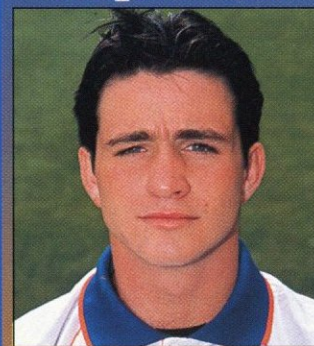
Luton Town 4 Southend United 2

Eastern Junior Cup, Thursday, October 22, 1992.

Our youth team side progressed through to the next round of the Eastern Junior Cup, although coach Terry Westley was not totally satisfied with the overall performance. "Although the score looks impressive, I was disappointed with the way we conceded two very basic goals," he said. "After going 2-0 up, we had the game won but poor defensive play and basic human error turned the game into a real battle."

**Team:** Kuntz, Jukes, Rioch, Philp 1, McLaren, Skelton, Gibb 1, Ryan, Hartson 1, Butler 1, Woolgar. Subs: Brittain, Davis, Power, Campbell.

## Ceri's first steps back



Ceri Hughes made his first steps back to full fitness on October 29, during the Town's 4-0 victory against Stotfold in the Beds Premier Cup. Ceri, who has been out of the first team since August with damaged ankle ligaments played for thirty minutes in the first half.

## South East Counties League Division Two Fixtures Season 1992/93

The remainder of the South East Counties League fixtures will be announced in December.

Sat 15 Aug	Bristol Rovers	8-0
Sat 22 Aug	Reading	4-1
Sat 29 Aug	Colchester United	1-2
Sat 5 Sep	Tottenham Hotspur	2-0
Thu 10 Sept	Chelsea (SJFC 1)	1-1
Sat 12 Sept	AFC Bournemouth	0-2
Sat 19 Sept	Charlton Athletic (SECL 1)	0-3
Sat 26 Sept	Brentford	0-2
Thu 1 Oct	Chelsea (SJFC 1R)	3-2
Sat 3 Oct	Oxford United	1-2
Sat 10 Oct	Southampton	0-1
Sat 17 Oct	Crystal Palace	0-3
Wed 21 Oct	Southend United (EJC)	4-2
Sat 31 Oct	Wimbledon	1-3
Mon 2 Nov	Port Vale (FAYC)	Postponed
Sat 7 Nov	Swindon Town	
Sat 14 Nov	Bristol City	
Sat 21 Nov	Brighton & H.A.	
Sat 5 Dec	Brighton & H.A.	
Sat 12 Dec	Bristol Rovers	
Sat 19 Dec	Reading	
Sat 2 Jan	Colchester United	

## CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS No. 6

ACROSS: 1. Pay off; 5. Bus; 7. Not us; 8. Tenor; 9. Rotherham; 11. Ayr United; 14. Truce; 15. Sting; 16. End; 17. Served.  
DOWN: 2. Actor; 3. Ops; 4. Fittest; 5. Bench; 6. Scrimping; 7. Newcastle; 10. Tenners; 12. Round; 13. Drive; 15. Sir.

## Youth Team Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

	S.E.C.L.		S.J.F.C.		S.E.C.L.C.		E.J.C.	
	App	Gl	App	Gl	App	Gl	App	Gl
Brittain	5(2)	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Butler	9	3	2	2	1	-	1	1
Campbell	3(4)	-	(-1)	-	(-1)	-	(-1)	-
Davis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Draper	2(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gibb	(-5)	-	(-1)	-	-	-	1	1
Goodfellow	3(2)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hartson	7	11	2	2	1	-	1	1
Jukes	8	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
Kuntz	5	-	(-1)	-	-	-	1	-
McDonagh	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McLaren	9	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
Norman	(-1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philp	9	-	2	-	1	-	1	1
Power	(-1)	-	-	1	-	-	(-1)	-
Rioch	9	1	2	-	1	-	1	-
Ryan	5	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Simpson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skelton	8	1	2	-	1	-	1	-
Watkins	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Woodsford	-	-	(-1)	-	-	-	(-1)	-
Woolgar	9	-	2	-	1	-	1	-

## South East Counties League Division Two 1992/93

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Bristol City	9	7	1	1	23	8	15
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AFC Bournemouth	8	4	4	0	13	8	12
Southampton	9	3	3	3	9	12	9
Brighton & H.A.	8	3	2	3	19	19	8
Crystal Palace	8	3	1	4	14	12	7
Bristol Rovers	8	3	1	4	15	24	7
LUTON TOWN	9	3	0	6	16	13	6
Oxford United	9	2	2	5	15	18	6
Colchester United	8	3	0	5	10	16	6
Tottenham Hotspur	9	3	0	6	16	23	6
Swindon Town	9	2	2	5	12	21	6
Reading	8	1	2	5	10	23	4

## Reserves - Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

	Football Combination		Beds Premier Cup	
	App	Goals	App	Goals
Allpress	4(2)	-	1	1
Brooks	4(3)	2	1	1
Campbell	5	2	(-1)	-
Claridge	1	-	-	-
Dreyer	4	-	1	-
Flain	3	-	1	-
Gillard	3	-	-	-
Greene	6(1)	-	1	1
Harvey	6	-	-	-
Hughes	-	-	1	-
Johnson	4	-	-	-
King	1	-	1	-
Linton	1	-	-	-
Matthew	2	-	-	-
Murray	3(3)	-	1	-
Nogan	4(1)	-	-	-
Oakes	4	-	-	-
Peake	1	-	-	-
Philp	2	-	-	-
Rees	2	-	1	1
Salton	2	-	-	-
Skelton	(-1)	-	-	-
Sommer	8	-	1	-
Telfer	2	-	-	-
Thorpe	7	4	(-1)	-
Williams	3(2)	-	1	-
Wright	6	1	1	4

# Whatever your goal...



*Des Linton's second half shot was well saved by the Cambridge keeper.*



*Steve Claridge in action against his former colleagues at the Abbey Stadium in Tuesday nights 3-3 draw.*

# White silences critics to sink The Mariners



BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH

**T**he close season of 1981 saw some changes in the playing staff at Kenilworth Road as Town manager David Pleat tried to shake off the disappointment of two successive narrow failures in the attempt to get back to Division One.

Paul Price was sold to Tottenham which allowed Mal Donaghy to switch to central defence, while Tony Grealish moved to Brighton, with Brian Horton coming in the other direction.

We were all slightly disappointed with these changes as local boy Price was a firm crowd favourite and while

Grealish was not quite in the same mould, he was seen as a Luton attempt at 'buying big' as David Pleat played the transfer tribunal market in its early days in 1979.

The signing of Horton caused many a raised eyebrow as most of us thought he was 'over the hill' but we were, of course, proved

wrong as 'Nobby' became the final piece in the jigsaw which eventually saw promotion with a record number of points.

Although we suffered a couple of early home defeats, the away record was extraordinary with four straight wins helping us to the top of the League, with only our old

Steve White is pictured scoring one of his four goals against Grimsby.



rivals Watford pushing.

By the time Grimsby visited Kenilworth Road on October 17, we had finally managed to drop an away point but were still leading the table on goal difference. Remembering how the 'Mariners' had turned us over in the previous season's corresponding fixture, the game was looked upon as a stern test of our promotion aspirations.

From the early exchanges it was fairly obvious that Grimsby intended to play for a point, but a tremendous shot from Lil Fuccillo in the 13th minute certainly opened the game up.

Brian Stein was tripped by Dean Crombie in the box ten minutes later and the reliable David Moss shot home his third penalty of the sea-

son, making up for his missed spot-kick at Blundell Park the previous year.

Trevor Whymark then missed a sitter soon after when his close-range shot hit the bar. This proved costly because Steve White was in the right place in the 34th minute to give the Town an unassailable 3-0 lead.

The talk at half-time was about the improved form of White who had been the butt of the crowd since his move from Bristol Rovers for £175,000 which, in turn, had made him put in a transfer request the previous season.

Certainly, White ensured that day he would never again be abused from the terraces because the second-half belonged to him as he scored

three further goals to bring his tally to four, and nine for the season so far.

Everything went right for him and the Town that grey, miserable afternoon and Grimsby were unfortunate to be on the receiving end of a 6-0 defeat and were not as bad as the scoreline suggests. They even won the corner count!

**Luton:** Findlay, Stephens, Aizlewood (Bunn), Horton, Saxby, Donaghy, Hill, Fuccillo, White, Stein, Moss.

**Grimsby:** Batch, D. Moore, Czuczman, K. Moore, Crombie, Waters, Broolly, Mitchell, Ford (Kilmore), Whymark, Drinkell.

**Attendance:** 9,090.

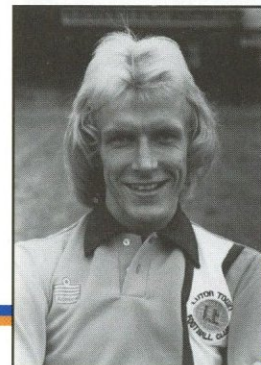
## A HATTER AND A MARINER

**A**fter only 20 League appearances for Chester, his home town club, Paul Futcher joined Luton as a 17-year-old in the summer of 1974 for the massive fee of £100,000, closely followed by his twin brother Ron.

Making his debut at Chelsea on December 7, 1974, Paul delighted us as well as giving us heart attacks with his unorthodox, seemingly casual play in his own penalty area, although he was rarely caught out.

Unfortunately, his career was punctuated by a couple of bad road accidents, but it still came as no surprise when he left Luton for Manchester City in 1978 for another big fee.

Since leaving Maine Road for Oldham, Paul has become a bit of a nomad turning out for Derby, Barnsley, Halifax and today's visitors Grimsby Town.



Paul Futcher - a nomad who delighted the Kenilworth Road crowd.

**5** It happened five years ago:- 7/11/87 - A crowd of 7,638 watched the Town thump Newcastle United 4-0 at Kenilworth Road. Mark Stein with two, Emeka Nwajobi and Brian Stein were on target.

**10** It happened ten years ago:- 6/11/82 - After being two goals down to Arsenal, the Town fought back via David Moss and Paul Walsh to level the score, sending the Kenilworth Road crowd of 16,597 wild.

**15** It happened 15 years ago:- 5/11/77 - Games against Hull at Kenilworth Road were rarely exciting and this was no exception. Jim Husband scored the Town's goal in a 1-1 draw.

**20** It happened 20 years ago:- 4/11/72 - Although at this stage of the season the Town had won five away games, home victories were hard to come by. A dismal 1-0 defeat against Swindon was the fifth home game in a row without a win.

### PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	11	5	4	2	26	12
Away	11	3	4	4	14	22
Total	22	8	8	6	40	34



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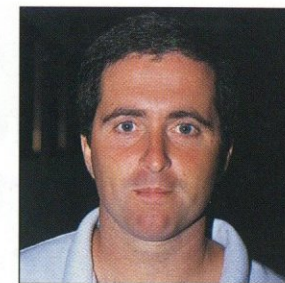
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## Stars of the future show their skills



**BUILDING TALENT BY PAUL LOWE**



Members of the Luton Town/Vauxhall School of Excellence came to Kenilworth Road before our game against Derby County last month to show their skills. Coached by youth development officer Paul Lowe, the boys who are selected from various club and school sides in the area, showed their high degree of technique and promise during a variety of different drills. Can you spot the Luton Town star(s) of the future?



# Promotions and lotteries an important part of our Club



COMMERCIAL FOCUS BY ANDY KING AND JOHN BUTTLE

**O**ur promotions and lotteries operation is an important part of the commercial department and over many years has been providing much needed revenue to Luton Town. In today's match day magazine we discover just how important the operation is to our Club.

Under the guidance of its Development Executive John Gornall and his very dedicated team, the department's primary source of income is from the sale of lottery tickets that cost just 50 pence. They are sold in a number of ways such as by door to door salesmen, through retail agents such as newsagents, as well as individual agents situated over a wide area.

There is also the Midas Club which is a daily draw for £100 each day, Monday to Friday, for a weekly subscription of 50 pence. If you are not already a member of this club,

why not call into the promotions office, or your local newsagent?

Whilst sales from all sources are a little down on previous years, even in these difficult times with much higher unemployment in the region there is still plenty of scope for further development. So why not become an agent and earn yourself commission, giving your valuable help to the Club at the same time? For the more agents we have, the more tickets we sell.

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## MATCH SPONSOR

Today's Match Sponsors are supporters who have very generously sponsored the players' kit this season. They are all listed on page 32.

The day is part of the overall Kit Sponsors package which also includes a presentation evening at the end of the season when the sponsored player will present them with his original match shirt worn during the current season.

This was a new venture the Club took on board this season and has proved very popular.

There is still the opportunity for you to become involved, - again, see page 32.

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We wish the Board of Directors and all at Luton Town every success for the season.

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Prizewinner Gary "The Mad Hatter" Wynn, who was a guest of our match sponsors Progressive Printing UK Ltd., receives a sweat shirt from Chris Brooks after our match with Southend United.

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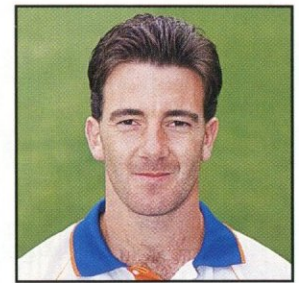
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# Phil's season kick-starts into action



PLAYER INTERVIEW WITH PHIL GRAY

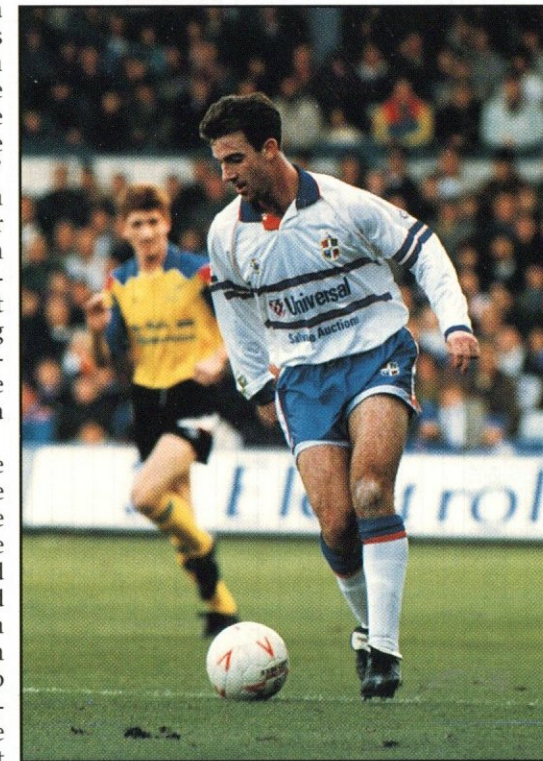
**S**triker Phil Gray had a barren start to the season, scoring only once in 15 games. However, a change of shirt and a change of fortune turned his season around a fortnight ago at Peterborough and he is now more optimistic with regards to the rest of the season.

"Scoring those two goals at Peterborough were a real weight off my shoulders," beamed Phil, whose two strikes helped the Town to a 3-2 victory. "I was pleased with both strikes, but was more pleased that we came away with three much-needed points." With the Town recording both their League victories on their travels this season, Phil states that it is vital to start picking up points at Kenilworth Road to make our current position a little easier.

"A good home record is vital if we are to get a run going," he said. "When you are at home you should win. You are expected to win. We have been creating enough chances at home to have won games comfortably, so what we must do is to convert our chances into goals.

"Personally speaking, I have had a barren start to the season, but I have been work-

ing hard in training so hopefully those two goals at Peterborough will start my season flowing. All strikers



have a spell when the goals dry, but I knew it was just a matter of time before I started scoring again."

Phil's first goal of the season came during the Town's 2-1 victory at Brentford, so it appears that every time he scores, the Town do not lose. It is a tradition Phil would like to keep up.

"Yes, but I would like to score in every game or at least on a more regular basis. Maybe I have been trying too hard to score this season. I have been aiming for the corners of the net instead of just concentrating on hitting the target, but the confidence is back, so hopefully the goals will now come."

Another reason for Phil's return to form has been a shirt swop before the Peterborough game. "I swopped shirts and wore David Preece's number ten shirt. It helped in that game and against Southend, so now I am sticking with it."

Aug 15	Leicester City	1-2	17,428	16	Peterson	Linton	James	Kamara	Peake	Dreyer	Hughes	Gray	Prece	CAMPBELL	Claridge	Salton
Aug 22	Bristol City	0-3	7,926	22	Peterson	Linton	(James)	Kamara	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Hughes	Gray	Prece	Campbell	(Jones)
Aug 29	Charlton Athletic	0-0	6,302	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Hughes	Gray	Prece	(Rees)	(Campbell)
Sept 2	Newcastle United	0-2	27,054	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Oakes	Gray	Prece	(Rees)	(Campbell)
Sept 5	Tranmere Rovers	3-3	6,801	23	Peterson	LINTON	JAMES	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	CLARIDGE	OAKES	GRAY	Prece	Rees	(Campbell)
Sept 13	Brentford	2-1	7,310	19	Peterson	Linton	JAMES	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	GRAY	Prece	Rees	(Campbell)
Sept 15	Watford (A.C)	0-0	5,197	-	Peterson	Linton	JAMES	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	GRAY	Prece	Rees	(Campbell)
Sept 19	Birmingham City	1-1	8,481	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	GRAY	Prece	Rees	(Campbell)
Sept 23	Plymouth Argyle (CCC2/1)	2-2	3,702	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	CLARIDGE (pen)	Kamara	GRAY	Prece	Oakes	(Campbell)
Sept 26	Notts County	0-0	5,992	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Matthew	Dreyer	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Prece	(Rees)	(Campbell)
Sept 29	Bristol City (A.C)	1-1	2,538	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	(Matthew)	DREYER	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Prece	(Campbell)	(Prece)
Oct 3	Plymouth Argyle (CCC2/2)	1-4	7,954	22	Peterson	Linton	(James)	Salton	(Peake)	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Prece	(Matthew)	(Campbell)
Oct 6	Plymouth Argyle (CCC2/2)	2-3	8,946	-	Peterson	Linton	(James)	Salton	(Peake)	Johnson	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Prece	(Oakes)	(Dreyer)
Oct 10	Barnsley	0-3	5,261	23	Peterson	(Linton)	James	Salton	Johnson	Dreyer	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Prece	(Rees)	(Matthew)
Oct 17	Derby County	1-3	8,848	23	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	JOHNSON	Matthew	Claridge	Kamara	Gray	Prece	(Campbell)	Harvey
Oct 24	Peterborough United	3-2	7,125	22	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Johnson	Matthew	Claridge	Kamara	(Prece)	GRAY 2	TELFER	Greene
Oct 31	Southend United	2-2	7,256	22	Peterson	Linton	JAMES	Salton	Johnson	Peake	Claridge	Kamara	Prece	GRAY	(Tailor)	Dreyer
Nov 3	Cambridge United	3-3	5,716	22	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Johnson	Peake	Claridge	Kamara	Prece	GRAY 2	OAKES	Greene
Nov 7	Grimsby Town															
Nov 14	Oxford United															
Nov 21	Millwall															
Nov 29	Watford															
Dec 5	Bristol Rovers															
Dec 12	Wolverhampton Wanderers															
Dec 19	Sunderland															
Dec 26	Swindon Town (11.30 am)															
Dec 28	West Ham United															
Jan 2	FAC 3															
Jan 9	Birmingham City															
Jan 16	Notts County															
Jan 27	Newcastle United															
Jan 30	Bristol City															
Feb 6	Leicester City															
Feb 10	Brentford															
Feb 13	Tranmere Rovers															
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Apr 13	West Ham United															
Apr 17	Sunderland															
Apr 24	Derby County															
May 1	Peterborough United															
May 8	Southend United															
May 15	F.A. Cup Final															

# AND LUTON TOWN

## DIVISION ONE LEADING GOALSCORERS (all competitions)

Whittingham (Portsmouth) 16;  
Maskell (Swindon), Simpson (Derby) 13;  
Aldridge (Tranmere), Blissett (Brentford), Furlong (Watford) 11.

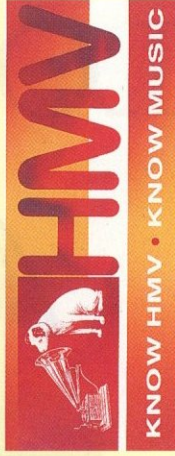
## TODAY'S OTHER BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE ACTION

Barnsley v Watford  
Brentford v Charlton Athletic  
Bristol City v Birmingham City  
Derby County v Millwall  
Leicester City v Tranmere Rovers  
Newcastle United v Swindon Town  
Peterborough United v Sunderland  
Portsmouth v Cambridge United  
Southend United v Oxford United  
West Ham United v Notts County  
Wolves v Bristol Rovers

### Luton Town F.C. Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

Player	League	Coca-Cola Cup		AI Cup		FA Cup	
		Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's
Jamie Campbell	2(5)	1	-	1(1)	-	-	-
Steve Claridge	13(1)	2	3	2	1	-	-
John Dreyer	9	1	-	1	-	-	-
Phil Gray	14	6	2	2	-	-	-
Ceri Hughes	3	-	-	2	-	-	-
Julian James	14	2	2	2	-	-	-
Marvin Johnson	7(1)	1	2	1	-	-	-
Chris Kamara	11	-	2	2	-	-	-
Des Linton	14	1	2	2	-	-	-
Damien Matthew	3(2)	-	-	1	-	-	-
Scott Oakes	6(6)	2	1(1)	-	-	-	-
Trevor Peake	9	-	2	1	-	-	-
Andy Peterson	13	-	2	2	-	-	-
David Prece	14	-	2	1	1(1)	-	-
Jason Rees	8	-	1(1)	-	2	-	-
Darren Salton	12	-	2	-	2	-	-
Paul Telfer	2	1	-	-	-	-	-

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### Barclays League Division One Table

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Av Att	Leading Goalscorers
Newcastle United	13	11	0	2	26	10	33	29,290	Kelly 5, Peacock 4
Swindon Town	14	8	3	3	28	19	27	8,095	Maskell 11, Taylor 5
Leicester City	14	7	3	4	18	16	24	17,191	Davidson 6, Gee 4
West Ham United	13	7	2	4	24	10	23	13,728	Morley 6, C.Allen 5
Charlton Athletic	14	6	5	3	18	11	23	5,124	Pardew 6
Tranmere Rovers	13	6	4	3	23	12	22	6,823	Aldridge 5, Nevin 4
Wolverhampton W	14	5	7	2	20	13	22	15,997	Bull 5, Mutch 5
Millwall	13	5	5	3	19	11	20	7,441	Allen 5
Watford	14	5	4	5	23	25	19	8,124	Furlong 9
Birmingham City	13	5	4	4	11	17	19	9,587	Rowbotham 2, Rennie 2
Derby County	13	5	3	5	22	18	18	15,352	Simpson 9, Gabbiadini 3
Portsmouth	13	5	3	5	20	18	18	11,714	Whittingham 11
Grimsby Town	13	5	3	5	17	15	18	5,276	Mendonca 3, Rodger 3
Peterborough United	13	5	3	5	17	17	18	8,618	Adcock 5, Sterling 3
Bristol City	13	5	2	6	19	30	17	11,538	Cole 4, Dziekanowski 3
Oxford United	13	3	7	3	13	12	16	6,158	Penney 4
Cambridge United	14	4	4	6	13	23	16	6,279	White 3
Notts County	14	3	5	6	18	29	14	6,771	Smith 3
Brentford	13	3	4	6	18	17	13	8,568	Blissett 8
Barnsley	13	3	3	7	13	14	12	6,953	Biggins 5, Pearson 3
Sunderland	13	3	3	7	10	20	12	15,872	Goodman 3
LUTON TOWN	13	2	5	6	14	26	11	7,523	Gray 4, Claridge 2
Southend United	13	2	5	6	12	17	11	5,134	Benjamin 6, Ansh 3
Bristol Rovers	14	2	3	9	19	34	9	5,665	Taylor 6, Stuart 5

(up to and including 1.11.92)

## THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE:

### JOHN MARTIN (ALTON, HANTS)

A commercial accountant, John is married with one son. He commenced refereeing in 1958 and progressed through the Surrey Senior and Isthmian League to the full League list in 1977. John refereed our Simod Cup final with Reading in 1989 and the 1990 Littlewoods Cup final between Nottingham Forest and Oldham. He lists his hobbies as athletics, golf, badminton and bowls.

# - THE PERFECT MATCH

# Team Check

## LUTON TOWN

Colours: White/Blue Shirts,  
Blue/White shorts

Manager: David Pleat

Andy Petterson 1  
Des Linton 2  
Julian James 3  
Darren Salton 4  
Marvin Johnson 5  
Trevor Peake 6  
Steve Claridge 7  
Chris Kamara 8  
David Preece 9  
Phil Gray 10  
Paul Telfer 11

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## GRIMSBY 4

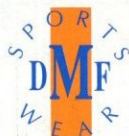
Colours: Yellow/Red Shirts,  
Red/Yellow Shorts

Manager: Alan Buckley

Dave Beasant  
John McDermott  
Gary Croft  
Paul FUTcher  
Mark Lever  
Jim Dobbin  
Tommy Watson  
David Gilbert  
Paul Groves  
Clive Mendonca  
Neil Woods

**REFEREE:** J.E. Martin (Alton, Hants)  
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