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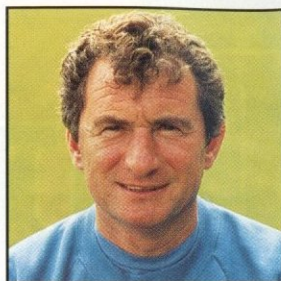
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BARCLAYS

LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

A week of truly outstanding football



MANAGER'S VIEWPOINT BY DAVID PLEAT

Welcome to everyone who has sacrificed their armchair to be with us today. We sincerely hope that this afternoon's game will be as exciting as previous meetings and a fine advertisement for the division, watched by television viewers at home.

Over the years our club have built bridges with Watford and have taken the intensity out of the rivalry. As we progressed together from the old Division Two we both enjoyed good times in Division One. History says that we maintained our status longer than Watford, but we are now victims of the price that had to be paid for coping with that standard.

It would be amiss of me not to praise the supporters of both Millwall and Luton Town last Saturday. It is very rare in the English game that both teams are applauded off the field together. It was a riveting game and our efforts did not get their just reward.

I was fortunate enough last weekend to enjoy a feast of good football and it lifted my spirits considerably. Wolverhampton Wanderers v Charlton Athletic last Sunday showed the controlled passing that has been the hallmark of many sides in our league this season. On Monday afternoon I got even more satisfaction when I saw our young reserve side deservedly beat West Ham United. They gave a solid performance which gave us much optimism for the future, coming quickly after the youth victory against

Tottenham Hotspur 2-1. The resident spectators at our youth and reserve games are seeing some return for their patience. Wayne Turner and Terry Westley are doing solid jobs looking after the younger element and they are being rewarded.

It has been nice for Brian Owen, our

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physiotherapist, to be able to have his cup of tea in peace for once! For the first time since joining our club, his treatment room is no longer like Piccadilly Circus. With Paul Telfer and Ceri Hughes returning to the team, we now have our 'younger men' available.

The final game of my weekend was to witness a truly memorable match at Queens Park Rangers when they entertained Liverpool. This was the best advertisement I have seen so far for English league football and coming

Ian Benjamin had an impressive debut in Town colours against Millwall last Saturday.



so quickly after the England v Turkey game, it gave everyone a spring in their step.

Many supporters will notice what appears to be a rapid deterioration in our pitch. The recent rains combined with a drainage problem have ensured that by January or February we will be pleading with the Football Association for permission to re-lay our artificial pitch! With fourteen inches of rain in the last six months in some areas, there must be many groundsmen tearing their hair out. The loss of financial rewards from our artificial pitch can never be replaced. It may, after all, have been helpful to gaining a few points, but, not least of all, it improved the quality of players whose good first touch was essential.

One man with a good first touch has joined us and we welcome him to our ranks. Ian Benjamin is a much-travelled footballer who has a good appreciation of bringing colleagues into the game. We are hoping

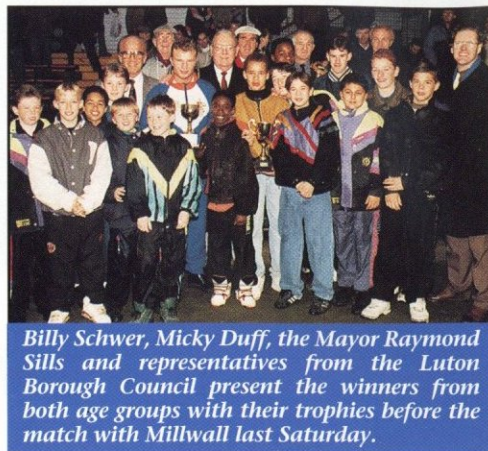
that he can forge a good relationship with Philip Gray whose form recently has been of a high standard. I thank you for giving Ian such a good welcome last Saturday and hope that shortly we will be able to agree with Southend United a price for his services. We wish Steve Claridge well. In his short stay we had a 'character' in our midst.

Let us hope today's game is worthy of two teams who achieved so much in the 80's and will progress again, given sound support.

Enjoy the game and get behind your team.

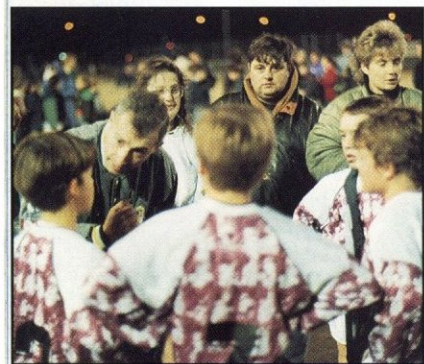
Tournament with a message proves successful

EUROPEAN DRUG
PREVENTION WEEK



Billy Schwer, Micky Duff, the Mayor Raymond Sills and representatives from the Luton Borough Council present the winners from both age groups with their trophies before the match with Millwall last Saturday.

On Thursday, November 19, Luton Town F.C. in conjunction with the Luton Borough Council Leisure and Amenities Department held a unique 5-a-side tournament as part of European Drug Prevention Week.



Managers and parents provide encouragement.

Sixteen teams aged 11-14 and 16 teams aged 9-11 took part in the tournament, which not only provided the children with a highly-competitive tournament, but also taught them the dangers of taking drugs. "The event was an absolute success," said Luton Town Community Liaison Officer Gary Hooper. "200 children from various clubs and schools came to the Lea Manor Recreation Centre in Luton. Each team had a Luton Town player as their coach and that player not only helped them with tactics, but also warned of the dangers of taking drugs. The message which we got across to the children was that if you want to be a successful sportsman, you have to lead a healthy lifestyle – and that means steering clear of drugs."

The football played in both categories was of a very high standard and proved that youth football in the Luton area is flourishing. In the under 11 section, St Josephs and Pioneer made it to the final and in a closely-fought game St Josephs ran out winners. The over-11's tournament proved equally as

competitive with the Cardinal Newman School defeating Lealands School in the final.

The finalists were guests of the football club at last Saturday's home game with Millwall and were presented with their trophies by British and Commonwealth lightweight champion Billy Schwer before the game.

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everybody who made the tournament a success," continued Gary. "We have discussed the possibility of making the tournament an annual event at the start or at the end of every season. That will be good for football in the area and will also provide a continued platform for the drug awareness programme."

Billy also enjoyed his day out at Kenilworth Road and was pleasantly surprised by the standard of football he saw. "Luton played well enough to win the match and I was surprised with the quality passing they displayed," he said. "It made a nice change to get away from a boxing ring, watch a good game of football and support a worthy cause."



The exciting under-11 tournament comes to a climax.



Universal Salvage Auctions

Welcome to the 'family club'

Winning school football team are among today's community scheme guests from Wenlock Junior School.

We give a warm welcome today to Wenlock Church of England Junior School from Luton. Wenlock are the sixth school to be guests at Kenilworth Road, courtesy of our community programme sponsored by Universal Salvage Auctions (USA), the league leaders in motor salvage auctions.

"When I was asked if our school would be interested in this venture, I didn't have any problem in

"This season we have won three and lost two, which leaves us about mid-way in the table," reported Mr Russell. "There is also a year four and five football team and, believe it or not, we also have a girls' team".

The children will be joined today by some of the parents responsible for helping transport the teams to their matches and who also supply much appreciated support and encouragement.

"Everybody is very much looking forward to their visit and we would like to thank Luton Town Football Club and Universal Salvage Auctions for this wonderful scheme," said Mr Russell.

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 Luton and Hackney under-11 teams, who were the guests of USA last Saturday, are pictured with USA director Geoff Williams and LTFC Community Liaison Officer Gary Hooper.

finding 40 volunteers," said deputy headmaster Graeme Russell. "The children are very excited, some who are visiting a football club for the first time."

All the children who will be coming along are from the sixth year upwards and include the school's own football team, who last year were winners of the 'Luton Small Schools' cup. Unfortunately this year, they were knocked out in the first round.

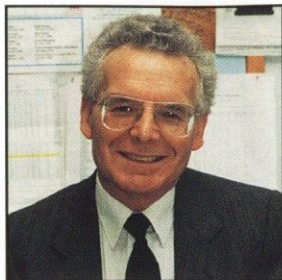
Mr Russell is also the school P.E. teacher and therefore very involved with the football team.

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A welcome return to live television broadcasts



ON THE INSIDE BY JOHN SMYLIE

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■ A very good afternoon and an especially warm welcome on the occasion of our live televised game to the directors, management, players and staff of our near neighbours Watford Football Club. This afternoon's match is the first between the two clubs in league competition since season 1987/88 when we were in the old First Division.

■ We extend greetings to the personnel from London Weekend and Anglia Television who are with us today for the transmission of our first league televised game at home this season. Commentating on the game for L.W.T. is Brian Moore and for Anglia Television Gerry Harrison. Gerry is no stranger to Kenilworth Road, having been here on numerous occasions in the past for the recording of the region's Sunday lunchtime football programme.

■ Coincidentally, with the exception of the Littlewoods Cup Wembley appearances, did you know that the Club have only ever featured in four live televised games? In February 1984 and April 1985 our home league fixtures with Manchester United were trans-

mitted live by I.T.V. During season 1987/88 the BBC transmitted our Littlewoods Cup semi-final with Oxford United, and then in 1988/89 our only away live game was yet another Littlewoods Cup semi-final, this time at Upton Park against West Ham United. It is hoped that we will not have to wait for such a long time to notch up our sixth televised match.

■ The youth team, at the present time, are causing me a pleasant headache as I try to arrange dates for the three cup competitions they are currently engaged in. I must apologise for having to postpone at short notice our F.A. Youth Cup match with West Bromwich Albion on Wednesday, November 18. The decision was taken after inspecting the pitch and taking into consideration the weather forecast for the rest of the week. Obviously we wanted to give maximum protection to the pitch in view of our league game with Millwall on the Saturday, and for that reason the postponement occurred.

■ The re-arranged date for the W.B.A. match is now Wednesday, December 2, kick-off 7.00 pm. If this game produces a result and Coventry obtain a result in their tie on Tuesday, December 1, then we will stage our Southern Junior Floodlight Cup quarter-final tie against Coventry on Wednesday, December 9, kick-off 7.00 pm. Whilst the deadline date for our Eastern Junior Floodlight cup fixture against Royston Town is November 30, it is now unlikely we can arrange a date prior to the New Year.

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A result to build on



CAPTAIN'S LOG BY TREVOR PEAKE

Last Saturday's 1-1 draw with Millwall was very encouraging and a result to build on, as we welcome our close friends and rivals from Watford this afternoon.

After our disappointing results of recent weeks, we came back in positive fashion last Saturday against Millwall. We dominated the play - the first half in particular - and created enough chances to have won the game quite comfortably. But for the heroics of their goalkeeper, I am certain we would have won the game. That was the general feeling in our dressing room afterwards.

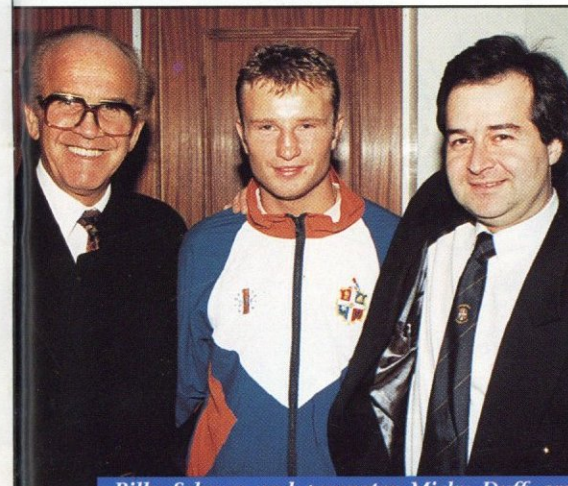
Last week we said goodbye to Steve Claridge, but welcomed Ian Benjamin, who had an impressive debut and was unlucky not to score. He has settled in well during training this week and has been linking up well with Phil Gray. Both players have scored their fair share of goals this season, so we are optimistic that they can form a great partnership together.

Ceri Hughes was also a welcome addition to the side last weekend. It was the first time

that he and Paul Telfer have played together in the first team for a long, long time and the signs last Saturday were encouraging. Once they have settled in and fire on all cylinders, they will supply the forward line with the kind of balls which have been lacking on occasions this season.

Today we welcome Watford to Kenilworth Road for my first league derby match for Luton. As you are probably aware, we played Watford in the Anglo-Italian Cup earlier in the season and were unlucky not to have won the game on the night. Derby matches are always tight affairs as both sides are desperate not to lose, but we will take the game to Watford and if we can play in the same positive way as we did against Millwall, then we should take all three points - unless we have to face a goalkeeper in blinding form again!

Finally I would like to thank all you fans for the way you got behind the lads last Saturday. It created a great atmosphere to play in and kept us going to the final whistle. I am certain today will be exactly the same as we aim to take full points and show the watching thousands on television that Luton are on the way back!



Billy Schwer and promoter Micky Duff are pictured with Luton Town managing director David Kohler last Saturday. Mr Duff said he is hoping to hold a possible world title fight involving Billy at Kenilworth Road within the next 18 months.

Enjoy the game



British and Commonwealth lightweight champion Billy Schwer, takes time out from his busy schedule to support his local team Luton Town. He is pictured wearing his cherished Lonsdale belt.

Wolves move back into the promotion picture

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NEWS ON ONE

Wolverhampton Wanderers moved into the top six in Division One last Sunday with a 2-1 victory against a Charlton Athletic side who have now lost an alarming seven of their last ten matches.

23-year-old signing Darren Roberts grabbed the headlines for Wolves as he scored the winning goal to cap a fine individual performance, following his £20,000 move from non-league Burton Albion. Deputising for the injured Andy Mutch, Roberts drilled in a close-range shot in the 47th minute to help Wolves to their seventh league victory of the season. "It is now up to Darren to continue his form and keep his place in the team," said team mate Paul Birch. "He took his goal very well today and it is pleasing to know we have quality strikers to lift us into the Premier League."

Also pushing for a place in the top flight are West Ham United. Following an indifferent spell of late, the Hammers won a thrilling encounter with Oxford United 5-3 in a game which had both managers smiling at the end. "That sort of game could give you a heart attack," said Hammers boss Billy Bonds. "It was a great match, but no good for the nerves." Oxford manager Brian Horton followed those sentiments. He said: "It was a great game. I enjoyed every moment of it - except for when the ball went in our net."

Another high-scoring encounter saw Portsmouth put four goals past struggling Bristol Rovers. Pompey fielded on-loan midfielder Steve Agnew from Blackburn Rovers and manager Jim Smith has obviously been delighted with what he has

seen so far. "There is a very serious chance of me buying him," he said. "Everything he did was spot on. With his very first touch he got into the box and showed great composure - everything." Guy Whittingham netted his 21st goal of the season for Pompey. Former Hatters Paul Walsh and Ray Daniel scored along with Alan McLoughlin, in a victory which moved the south coast club up to ninth in the table.

Two more former Town players on the scoresheet at the weekend were Steve Claridge and Steve Thompson. Both hit the target in the same match as Leicester drew 2-2 at home with Cambridge United in front of 12,175 fans at Filbert Street.

Grimsby Town's 3-1 victory at Brentford marked the end of Dave Beasant's six-match loan spell with the Humberside club. In his

month at Blundell Park, Beasant has regained the confidence that was so evidently lacking earlier in the season at Chelsea, although he admits the future remains clouded. He said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed myself at Grimsby and have helped the club put together a nice little run. Now it is time for me to go back to Chelsea and see what happens back there."

While the Mariners moved into seventh place in the division with their third successive away victory, Newcastle extended their lead to 11 points with a 2-0 win over today's visitors Watford, who had Gerard Lavlin sent-off. Gavin Peacock, Newcastle captain, said that tactics have played a major part in the team's success this season. "We keep changing things around tactically to keep other teams thinking," he said. "This way we try to keep one step ahead."

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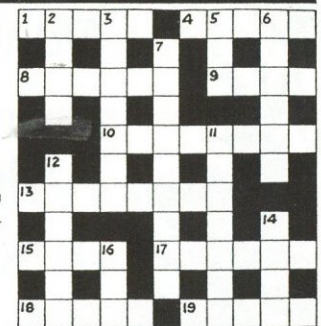
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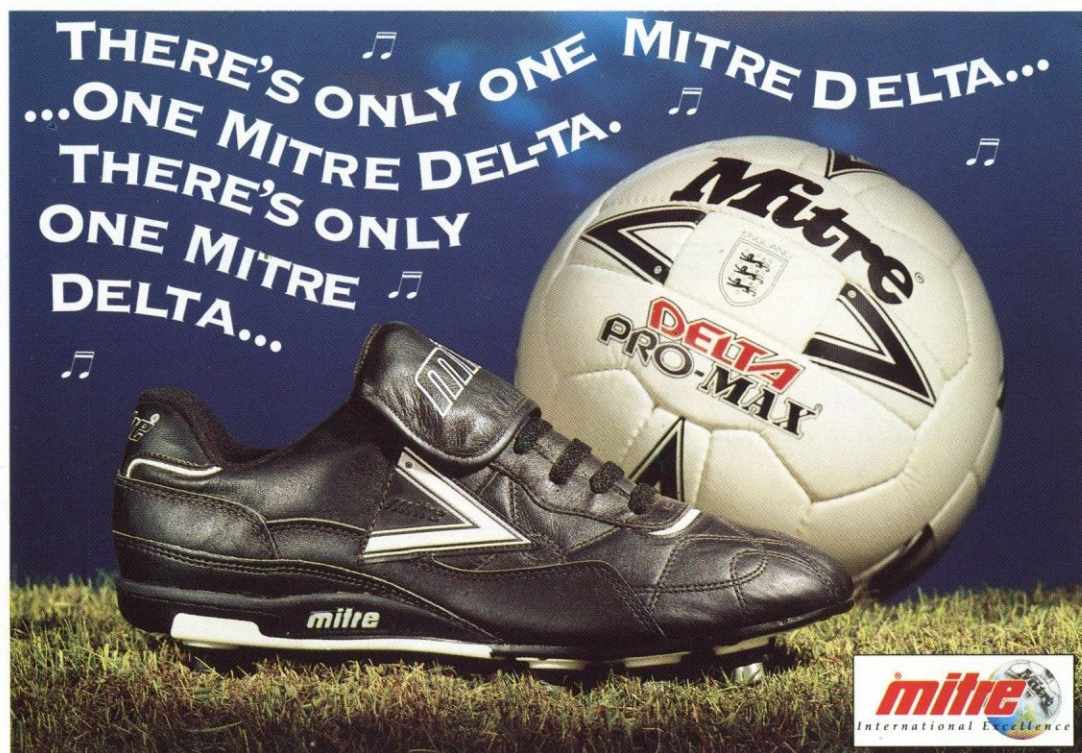
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Fans' forum



A CONTENTED MARINER

Dear Sir,

As a Grimsby Town supporter, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all at Luton Town on my most enjoyable visit to the recent Luton match.

The stewards and police had excellent organisational skills and a great sense of humour and I didn't encounter any animosity with Luton supporters.

Although naturally delighted that Grimsby won, I was particularly impressed with some of the Hatters play. They put together some very good passing play, but unfortunately lacked that final deadly touch.

I think the press have been a bit harsh with their criticism of your play. You have obviously some very talented players and I hope they realise their own abilities.

Obviously Luton are destined to go on to better things. They belong in the Premier League (along with Grimsby!). It is just a shame that Luton supporters do not get fully behind you. I wish you and your team well in the near future.

Katrina Burchill, 118 Soulbury Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 7RW.

OUT OF AFRICA

Dear Sir,

I am a fanatic of Luton Town F.C. and hope that they will fight hard to regain their place in the Premier League next season.

I am 17-years-old and play for Advance F.C. and I like soccer very much. I have been following the progress of Luton Town since 1987 and my

favourite players are Ceri Hughes and David Preece.

I keep a look out for the Hatters' results every weekend in our national newspaper, but would like to get to know more about the club through a penpal. If there is any supporter who would like to write to me, could they please contact me at the address below.

Jonus, Sipambaniso Flats, Block No 42058-10, 8th Street/ 10th Road, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Y.T.S. SUCCESS

Dear Sir,

I am just writing to thank Paul Lowe for allowing me to come to Luton Town Football Club for work experience.

I am grateful to him for giving me the chance to get involved in different jobs such as training and playing some important football matches.

I feel that I have learned a lot over the last two weeks, for example, working with the youth team and learning what sort of jobs to expect if I make it as a Y.T.S. trainee.

I am very glad I came to the club for work experience - I enjoyed it very much.

Jamie Woodsford, 51 Pin Mill Close, Ipswich, Suffolk.

WATFORD PROGRAMME FAIR

Dear Sir,

Can you please inform all supporters that the Watford Programme Fair takes place on Sunday, December 13 at the Dean Park Hotel, St Albans Road, Watford between 11.00 am and 2.30 pm.

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PICTURES BY JOSH LEVY



Ian Benjamin keeps possession despite the attentions of Kenny Cunningham.



Phil Gray made it seven goals in six games with this fine header.



Ian Benjamin shows his frustration as a goal on his debut is disallowed.

New signing gives Town a lift



AROUND THE TOWN

WELCOME IAN

Today we give a warm welcome to Ian Benjamin who joined the club from Southend United on Thursday November 19. He has already scored seven league goals this season for the Shrimpers and it is a signing which manager David Pleat hopes will give a new dimension to our forward play. "Ian has a shrewd brain and shows some fine touches," he said. "Hopefully his experience will pay dividends in front of goal."

Ian had previously seen service with Sheffield United, West Bromwich Albion, Notts County, Peterborough, Northampton, Cambridge, Chester and Exeter. His fee will be decided by a Football League tribunal hearing. We also said goodbye to Steve Claridge on November 19. He returned to his former club Cambridge United for £190,000 after spending four months at Kenilworth Road.

TRIO FEATURE IN INTERNATIONALS

Our trio of players who were called up for international duty last week, all featured in the games for their respective countries. Phil Gray came on as a second-half substitute for Colin Clarke in Northern Ireland's 1-0 home defeat by Denmark. Darren Salton played a full 90 minutes in Scotland's 2-0 under-21 defeat against Italy, while reserve team defender David Greene played for Eire's under-21 side who lost 2-1 in Spain.

ASSOCIATE SCHOOLBOY SIGNINGS

Our youth development officer Paul Lowe is pleased to announce a further four associate schoolboy signings who have joined the club in recent weeks.

Under 14: Jason Quince (Hastingsbury School,

Kempston). Jason is a left back/left midfield player who has represented Bedford and District Schools. He has trained at the Club's Centre of Excellence for three years. Under 15: Gavin Delegate (Eastholm Secondary School, Peterborough). Gavin can also play at either left back or left midfield and has been attending our centre of excellence for two years. He has represented Peterborough and District Schools and Cambridgeshire County Schools. Alan Kester (Radcliffe School, Milton Keynes). Alan has represented Milton Keynes and District Schools and Bucks County Schools as a midfielder. He has trained at our centre of excellence for four years.

Under 16: Ricky Thomas (Cyfartha High School, Merthyr Tydfil). Ricky was introduced to Luton by Cyril Beech. He is a centre midfielder who has represented the Boys Club of Wales.

NEW DATE FOR CUP GAME

Our F.A. Youth Cup second round tie with West Bromwich Albion which was postponed on Wednesday, November 18, will now take place at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday, December 2, kick-off 7.00 pm.

WELCOME TELEVISION GUESTS

Today we welcome our friends from London Weekend Television and Anglia Television who are covering the game live on Independent Television.

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.

Juniors mark the occasion

Bev Tyler, representing our own Junior Hatters, presents Oxford United's youth-coordinator Roy Grant and Oxford East M.P. Andrew Smith with a pennant to mark the opening of Oxford United's family room. The room was donated by Jewson, who voted Oxford United the best junior club in England last season. If you are a Junior Hatter and would like to see our club win the award this season, turn to page 23 of today's match day magazine.



Latest Ticket Office news



BY CHERRY NEWBERY

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 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)

Wolverhampton W. v Luton Town

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, December 12, 1992 - Kick-off 3.00 pm

This is an ALL TICKET match for Luton supporters. Tickets are only available from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road until Friday, December 11 at 5.00 pm.

Terracing only £6.00 (no concessions)

Luton Town v Sunderland

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, December 19, 1992 - Kick-off 3.00 pm

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

Luton Town v Swindon Town

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, December 26, 1992 - Kick-off 11.30 am

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

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 inquiries, 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...

Bristol Rovers

(Twerton Park, Bath)
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.

Wolverhampton Wanderers

(Molineux)
Address: Molineux Ground, Wolverhampton, WV1 4QR. Telephone: (0902) 712181. Take the M5 to junction 2. Then follow the A4123 towards Wolverhampton. Take the next right and then left onto the ring road. Turn left into Waterloo Road, then right into Molineux Street for ground. Street parking is available. Nearest railway: Wolverhampton.

Bobbers Travel Club

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 with the normal pick-up points en route. Coaches for the trip to WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS will cost adults £6.50 and children/OAP's £5.20. Coaches will depart from Cranfield at 10.30 am and Luton at 11.30 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.

Hornets looking to reverse score on old rivals



WATFORD F.C. 1992-93

■ Watford visit Kenilworth Road for their first league encounter with the Town since May 2, 1988 when the Hatters won a closely-fought encounter 2-1 thanks to goals from David Oldfield and a Danny Wilson penalty.

■ Much has changed at both clubs since that First Division encounter, with both suffering the fate of relegation and an overhaul of playing staff and management. Today, former Tottenham Hotspur stalwart Steve Perryman is in control of a Vicarage Road side that has consolidated its position as a leading First Division club. Last season – Mr Perryman's first full term in charge – the Hornets finished a very respectable 10th after an end of season flourish which saw the side lose only one of their final 12 matches, which included eight victories.

■ Hoping to build on that success, events have not gone as well as the Hornets would have liked this season and at the time of writing, the club are 14th in the First Division table with six wins and seven defeats. Victories have come at home against

Millwall (3-1), Bristol Rovers (4-2), Tranmere (3-2) and Sunderland (2-1) and at Notts County (2-1) and Barnsley (1-0).

■ Despite their position, Watford's 25 league goals make them one of the division's leading goalscorers this season. Paul Furlong and Lee Nogan can take much of the credit for this as they have been scoring consistently all season. It is clear that Mr Perryman has made attacking a major priority this season and has also acquired the signatures of forwards Ken Charlery from Peterborough and Roger Willis from Barnet to keep his front pairing on their toes.

■ Watford F.C. were formed as Watford Rovers in 1891. They started in the Southern League before joining the Football League in 1920. Success for the Hertfordshire club has been limited, winning the Division Three championship in 1969 and the Fourth Division title in 1978. The club's best season came in 1982/83 when, under Graham Taylor, they finished runners-up to Liverpool in their initial season in the top flight.



Back row (left to right): Ken Brooks (kit manager), Alex Inglethorpe, Julian Alsford, Barry Ashby, Steve Butler, Andy Kennedy (now Brighton & H.A.), Jason Soloman, Jason Drysdale, Trevor Putney, Billy Hails (physiotherapist).

Middle Row (left to right): Kenny Jackett (youth team manager), Perry Suckling, Luther Blissett, Darren Bazeley, Richard Johnson, David Holdsworth, Paul Furlong, Joe Gallen, Gerard Lavin, Simon Sheppard, Stuart Murdoch (reserve team manager).

Front Row (left to right): James Meara, Gary Porter, Daniel Nwaokolo, Lee Nogan, Nigel Gibbs, Peter Taylor (assistant manager), Steve Perryman (manager), Joe McLaughlin (now Falkirk), Keith Dublin, Andy Hessenthaler, Rod Thomas, David Byrne.

HORNETS ON PARADE

PERRY SUCKLING (goalkeeper) – A contractual agreement with his former club Crystal Palace meant that Watford were able to obtain the services of Perry on a free transfer in July. An England under-21 international, he has also served Manchester City.

BARRY ASHBY (defender) – A product of Watford's youth team, Barry was a member of the side which won the FA Youth Cup in 1988. Since then he has been elevated to professional status and although only 21, he has played over 50 first team games.

JASON DRYSDALE (defender) – Jason has made the number three shirt his own since breaking into the first team two years ago. A graduate of the FA School of Excellence, he has also been used as a winger on occasions. Jason is a former England youth international.

KEITH DUBLIN (defender) – Keith has played in every position across the backline since his arrival at Vicarage Road from Brighton in 1990. A former England youth international, he started his career with Chelsea but had, ironically, trained with Watford as a schoolboy.

DAVID HOLDSWORTH (defender) – Another former England youth player who has progressed through the junior ranks at Watford, David signed as a professional with his twin brother Dean, who is now at Wimbledon. He is approaching his 150th appearance for the Hornets.

TREVOR PUTNEY (defender/midfield) – Currently wearing the number two shirt for Watford, Trevor has proved a useful acquisition since joining the club from Middlesbrough for £100,000 last season. He started his career at Ipswich Town and has also represented Norwich City.

ANDY HESSENTHALER (midfield) – Andy has made a smooth transition into the professional game since signing for Watford from non-league

Redbridge Forest for £65,000 in 1991. He capped his first season at Vicarage Road with the runner-up spot in the Player-of-the-Year awards.

GERARD LAVIN (midfield) – A first-year professional, Gerard made his debut as a youth trainee last season, coming on as substitute in the 1-0 home win over FA Cup finalists Sunderland in March. He is used on the right side of midfield and is also employed as a winger.

GARY PORTER (midfield) – Regular appearances this season will take Gary past the 300 appearance mark for Watford. A former England youth and under-21 international, he was signed as a schoolboy, making his debut for the Hornets in 1985.

LEE NOGAN (forward) – Lee joined Watford from Oxford midway through last season for £250,000. He was injured on his debut, but returned to the side to play a part in the side's climb up the table to tenth place. This season he has formed a useful partnership with Paul Furlong.

ROGER WILLIS (forward) – Roger joined Watford from neighbours Barnet for £175,000 in early October in the first-ever transfer between Hertfordshire's only professional clubs. Roger was signed by Barnet from Grimsby in 1989 and can play anywhere across the front line.

KEN CHARLERY (forward) – Watford's most recent recruit, Ken came to Vicarage Road from Peterborough for £350,000 last month. He started his career with non-league Becton, before joining Basildon and Fisher en route to Maidstone United. He joined Posh in 1991 for £20,000.

PAUL FURLONG (forward) – Currently Watford's leading goalscorer, Paul was a pre-season signing from Coventry City for £250,000. He previously played for non-league Enfield Town when Watford assistant boss Peter Taylor was manager and joined the Sky Blues for £130,000.

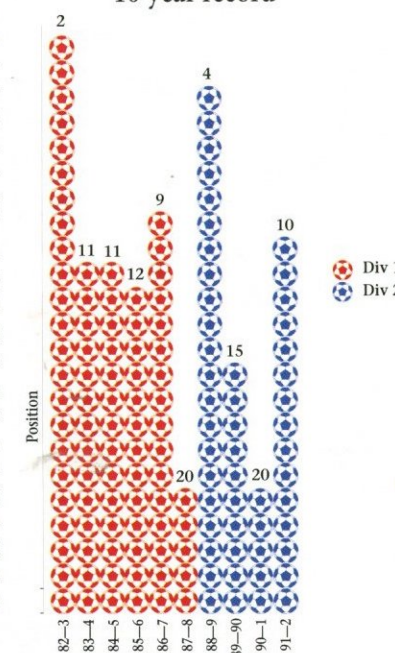
THE MAN IN CHARGE



Steve Perryman took over as Watford manager in November 1990, following the departure of Colin Lee. His distinguished playing career included 17 years at Tottenham Hotspur, where he made a club record of 851 appearances and captained the club double FA Cup-winning side of the early eighties.

He left Spurs in 1986 after leading the club to UEFA Cup success and joined Oxford United before finishing his playing days as player/manager at Brentford. An England international, he has been awarded with an MBE for his services to football.

Watford 10 year record



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Name: Julian James

Birthplace: Tring

Date of Birth: 22.3.70

Height: 5ft 10 1/2 ins

Weight: 12 st

Signed from: apprentice

Previous clubs: none

Luton Town debut: v Southampton (a), 7.5.88

International honours: England under-21 caps against France and Czechoslovakia.

Family: Girlfriend Dee and son Bradley.

Car: Sierra

Starsign: Aries

Top television programme: Only Fools and Horses is just brilliant. I have to say that as 'Del Boy' David Jason lives near me and I often see him walking his three-legged dog!

Top television commentator: All commentators are pretty much the same, but I suppose John Motson stands out with his statistical knowledge.

Best recent film/video seen: I like any films with a lot of suspense, and Silence of the Lambs is the best I've seen this year.

Hobbies: I like to play tennis or a little golf.

Who did you support as a boy: Funnily enough, I used to watch Watford! My dad was a steward there so I got in for nothing! It was around the time John Barnes was breaking into the team. However, when I started playing my loyalty quickly changed to Luton.

Favourite away ground and why: I have two - Highbury for the surface and Old Trafford for the facilities.

Boots worn: I always wear Puma as the leather is strong and sturdy.

What qualifications did you get at school and what would you be doing now if you were not a footballer: I passed four 'O' Levels in English, Art, Metalwork and Woodwork. If I did not play football I would have tried to work in the sports/recreation field or maybe in the carpentry trade.

What has been the highlight of your career so far in football: Playing in the old First Division. Scoring goals is also a highlight, particularly for a defender!

Who are your favourite players past and present: There is no-one at present who stands out for me. However, I used to admire the way Alan Hansen played in Liverpool's defence and the skill Kenny Dalglish showed in their attack.

What single piece of advice would you give to any young footballer hoping to make the grade: Always listen to any advice you are given and enjoy yourself. If you don't enjoy yourself you won't have a good game.

What young Town player do you tip to make the grade in coming seasons: John Hartson and Neil Ryan have good futures at the club, but Aaron Skelton stands out for me. He has many attributes and could possibly make the breakthrough this season.

What are your main ambitions in football: To play regular league football and win honours - hopefully with Luton.





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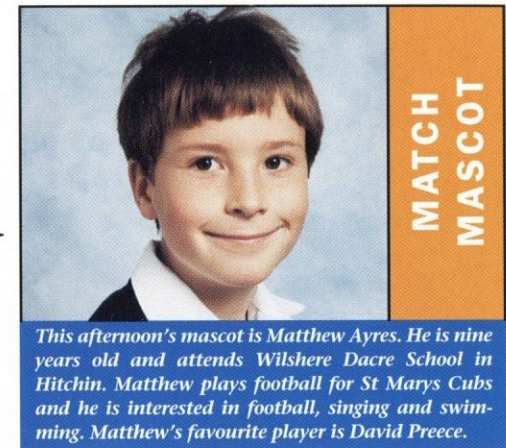
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JUNIOR HATTERS WITH RICHARD HARVEY



This afternoon's mascot is Matthew Ayres. He is nine years old and attends Wilshire Dacre School in Hitchin. Matthew plays football for St Marys Cubs and he is interested in football, singing and swimming. Matthew's favourite player is David Preece.

Welcome to this afternoon's game with Watford and, in particular, welcome to the Junior Hornets who have joined us to watch today's game. I hope you all enjoy your visit to Kenilworth Road.

Jewson and the People Newspaper are again sponsoring the Family Football Awards this season, with prizes totalling £75,000 for clubs doing the most for the family football fan. To be considered for these awards we need your help. The clubs with the most votes (per average attendance) will be considered by the judges for awards and therefore the more votes they receive for Luton, the better chance we have of winning a new family room which I am sure you would all like. Your vote could also help you win a share of the £7,000 worth of prizes which are on offer to fans who nominate their club.

Make your vote today by filling in nomination forms from the Oak Road or Kenilworth Road Sports Shops or in the People Newspaper.

Two weeks ago we joined Oxford United's celebrations (you may have seen the picture on page 14 of today's magazine) at the official opening of their family room. We all saw that day the benefits of

what the room can have to junior supporters.

We still have a few tickets available for the Junior Hatters Christmas party which takes place on Monday, December 14. To save any disappointment do not delay, book today from either the Oak Road or Kenilworth Road Sports Shops.

We are running a coach to Bristol Rovers on Saturday, December 5. The coach will leave from the top of Oak Road at 10.00 am and the price is £8.00 for Junior Hatters and £9.00 for parents. A packed lunch is recommended for this trip and you can book after today's game from the Oak Road Sports Shop or phone Bev Tyler on (0582) 411622.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 1087.....GARY MARDLE. Gary 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: 1122
Name: Tom Garrard
D.O.B./Place: 24.3.77/Luton
School: Stopsley High
1st Luton game: Leicester 84/85
Favourite player: David Preece
Favourite ground: Old Trafford
No of grounds visited: 35

Favourite Town goal: Tim Breacker v Derby 89/90
Hobbies: Watching and playing football
What do you like about football: Skilful players
What do you dislike about football: Bad referees
Who accompanies you to matches: Dad, Phil, Darren, Chris
Ambition on leaving school: To be successful

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Julian James is pictured in action against Birmingham City. Learn more about the person behind the player on page 19.

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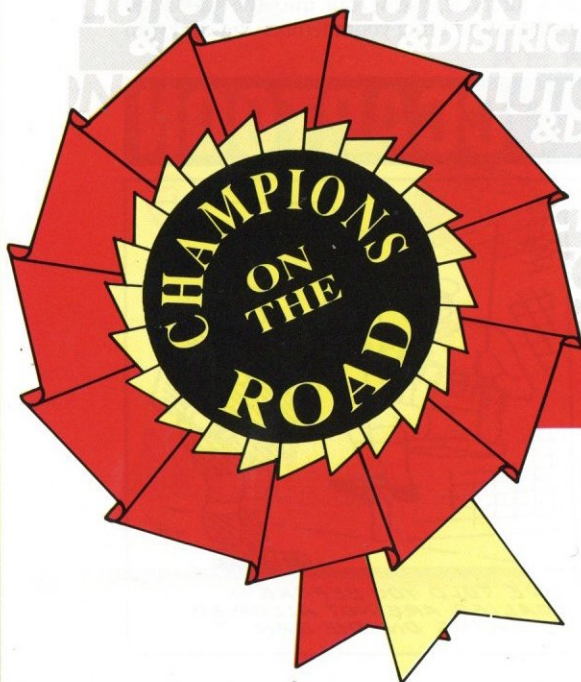
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Cup success the highlight of youth team's revival



RESERVES AND YOUTH BY TERRY WESTLEY & WAYNE TURNER

Neville Ovenden Football Combination 1992/93 League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	12	8	2	2	22	13	26
Chelsea	12	7	3	2	29	18	24
Q.P.R.	12	6	4	2	23	12	22
Crystal Palace	13	5	6	2	30	20	21
Tottenham Hotspur	12	6	2	4	26	11	20
Wimbledon	12	5	4	3	19	14	19
Ipswich Town	13	6	1	6	20	21	19
Arsenal	12	5	3	4	23	12	18
Southampton	12	5	3	4	17	15	18
Watford	13	4	6	3	20	24	18
Oxford United	13	4	6	3	16	25	18
Brighton & H.A.	13	5	2	6	17	27	17
Norwich City	12	4	4	4	25	22	16
Charlton Athletic	12	4	2	6	13	19	14
Fulham	13	3	3	7	10	23	12
West Ham United	12	3	2	7	18	20	11
Bristol City	12	2	4	6	14	20	10
LUTON TOWN	10	2	3	5	12	19	9
Swindon Town	11	2	3	6	14	22	9
Portsmouth	11	2	3	6	15	28	9

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	2-2	Mon 22 Mar	Watford
Mon 9 Nov	Wimbledon	1-0	Mon 29 Mar	Millwall
Thur 12th Nov	Portsmouth	1-1	Mon 5 Apr	Oxford United
Mon 23 Nov	West Ham United	2-0	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 1 Portsmouth 1
Neville Ovenden Football
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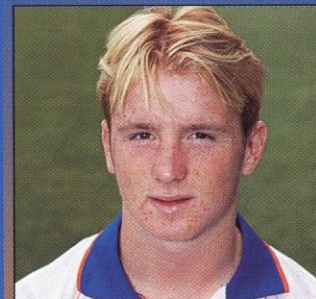
Our reserve team completed a busy schedule of three matches in five days and remained unbeaten during this spell with a draw in very trying conditions. "The pitch was very heavy and we struggled to get going," said coach Wayne Turner. "In the second-half we were a lot stronger and Paul Murray's fantastic flick and volley which led to our equaliser through Tony Thorpe, was the highlight for us."

Team: Watkins, King, Gillard, Allpress, Greene, Dreyer, Williams, Hughes, Campbell, Brooks, Thorpe 1. Subs: Flain, Murray.

Luton Town 2 Tottenham Hotspur 1
Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, Tuesday, November 10, 1992, This cup success by our youth team left Terry Westley absolutely delighted with all our players who were involved in such an entertaining game. "This was without doubt the most outstanding team display and result I have seen since I have been involved here at Luton," he said. "The shape, effort and outstanding individual play all combined to make this result possible. Well done lads."

Team: Watkins, Jukes, Rioch, Skelton, McLaren, Philp, Woodsford, Ryan, Hartson 1, Butler, Woolgar. Subs: Gibb 1, Power.

Hartson impresses on debut



Prolific youth team goalscorer John Hartson capped his first appearance for the reserve team this season with a fine goal in our 2-0 home win against West Ham United last Monday. "John did exceptionally well," said Wayne Turner. "It was a big day for him and he capped it with a great goal. It is now time to progress him in our reserves and hopefully he will respond."

Reserves - Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

	Football Combination	Goals
Allpress	6(3)	-
Brooks	6(4)	2
Campbell	8	3
Chamberlain	2	-
Claridge	1	-
Dreyer	7	1
Flain	5(1)	-
Gillard	6	-
Greene	9(1)	-
Harvey	6	-
Hughes	3	-
Johnson	4	-
King	3	-
Linton	1	-
Matthew	2	-
Murray	3(5)	-
Nogan	4(1)	-
Oakes	4	-
Peake	1	-
Philp	2	-
Rees	3	-
Salton	2	-
Skelton	-1(1)	-
Sommer	8	-
Telfer	2	-
Thorpe	10	5
Watkins	1	-
Williams	6(2)	-
Wright	6	1

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS No. 8

ACROSS: 1. Laws; 3. Ask how; 8. Gento; 9. No bar; 10. Haircut; 12. A red rag; 14. Aware; 16. Fists; 17. Highly; 18. Fair.
DOWN: 1. Legal; 2. Win game; 4. Sending off; 5. Hub; 6. Worst; 7. Motherwell; 11. Chelsea; 12. Awash; 13. Loser; 15. Agg.

Youth Team Appearances and Goalscorers 1992-93

	S.E.C.L.		S.J.F.C.		S.E.C.L.C.		F.A.Y.C.		E.J.C.	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Brittain	6(3)	-	2	-	1	-	-(1)	-	-	-
Butler	12	4	3	2	1	-	1	2	1	1
Campbell	4(4)	-	-(1)	-	-(1)	-	-	-	-(1)	-
Davis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Draper	2(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gibb	2(6)	-	-(2)	1	-	-	1	1	1	1
Goodfellow	3(2)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hartson	9	11	3	3	1	-	1	1	1	1
Jukes	11	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Kuntz	8	-	-	-	-(1)	-	-	-	1	-
McDonagh	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McLaren	12	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Norman	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philp	12	1	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	1
Power	-(2)	-	-(1)	-	1	-	-	-	-(1)	-
Rioch	12	3	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Ryan	7	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Simpson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skelton	11	1	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Watkins	2	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Woodsford	1(1)	2	1(1)	-	-	-	-(1)	-	-	-
Woolgar	12	1	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	-

South East Counties League Division Two 1992/93

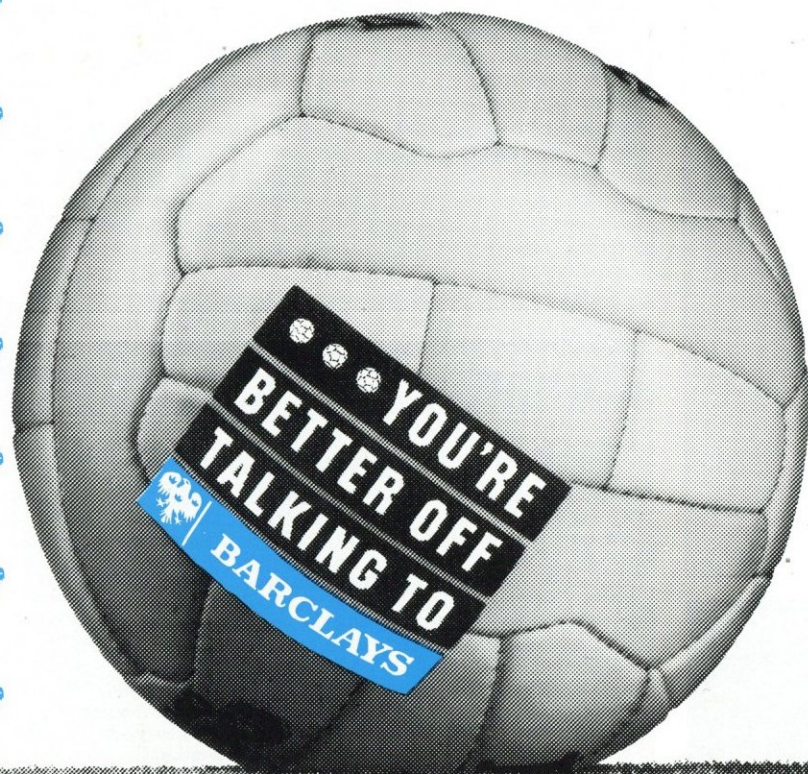
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	9	7	1	1	23	6	15
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Bristol City	11	8	1	2	28	13	17
Brentford	11	7	3	1	22	11	17
Brighton & H.A.	11	6	2	3	28	22	14
AFC Bournemouth	11	4	4	3	15	15	12
Southampton	12	4	4	4	14	17	12
LUTON TOWN	11	5	0	7	24	18	10
Tottenham Hotspur	11	5	0	6	21	25	10
Oxford United	12	3	3	6	21	25	9
Bristol Rovers	12	3	3	5	20	30	9
Colchester United	10	4	0	6	11	17	8
Swindon Town	12	3	2	7	13	26	8
Crystal Palace	11	3	1	7	16	19	7
Reading	11	2	2	7	15	30	6

South East Counties League Division Two Fixtures Season 1992/93

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

Sat 15 Aug	Bristol Rovers	8-0	Wed 4 Nov	Port Vale (FAYC 1)	4-1
Sat 22 Aug	Reading	4-1	Sat 7 Nov	Swindon Town	3-1
Sat 29 Aug	Colchester United	1-2	Tue 10 Nov	Tottenham Hotspur (SJFC)	2-1
Sat 5 Sep	Tottenham Hotspur	2-0	Sat 14 Nov	Bristol City	4-1
Thu 10 Sept	Chelsea (SJFC 1)	1-1	Sat 28 Nov	Swindon	
Sat 12 Sept	AFC Bournemouth	0-2	Wed 2 Dec	W.B.A. (FAYC2)	
Sat 19 Sept	Charlton Athletic (SECLC 1)	0-3	Sat 5 Dec	Brighton & H.A.	
Sat 26 Sept	Brentford	0-2	Sat 12 Dec	Bristol Rovers	
Thu 1 Oct	Chelsea (SJFC 1R)	3-2	Sat 19 Dec	Reading	
Sat 3 Oct	Oxford United	1-2	Sat 2 Jan	Colchester United	
Sat 10 Oct	Southampton	0-1	Sat 9 Jan	Tottenham Hotspur	
Sat 17 Oct	Crystal Palace	0-3	Sat 16 Jan	AFC Bournemouth	
Wed 21 Oct	Southend United (EJC)	4-2	Sat 23 Jan	Brentford	
Sat 31 Oct	Wimbledon	1-3	Sat 30 Jan	Oxford United	

Whatever your
goal...



David Preece fires the ball goalwards during our 2-2 draw with Southend United last month.



Darren Salton pulls away from his soon-to-be colleague Ian Benjamin in the same match.

Not such a happy memory

BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH



Although in recent times both David Pleat and Graham Taylor have made attempts to defuse any nasty side to the healthy rivalry that exists between Luton and Watford, this was certainly not the case when four meetings in 1968/69 culminated in a game that will remain in the memory for all the wrong reasons.

The Town and Watford had not met for four seasons, but it seemed like a lifetime. The Hornets were a strong side, but we were on the crest of a wave fresh from the Fourth Division championship and an early season 'flexing of the muscles' in a League Cup tie which was seen as a solid test.

A Kenilworth Road crowd of 20,167 saw a fast, furious and bruising clash which the Town won 3-0. New signings Brian Lewis and Mike

Harrison were heavily involved in proceedings, scoring all the goals but rather ominously, as can be seen later, Lewis obtained a penalty via one of his famous 'collapses' in the area, much to the annoyance of the Watford defence.

Watford manager Ken Furphy commented afterwards, "It is impossible to play football on a ground as small as this." Allan Brown meanwhile was not happy with the Watford tackling.

Goalscorer Fred Jardine is pictured against Watford on a freezing February night.



The first League meeting took place in early October with the Town sitting pretty at the top of the table. A crowd of 22,176 at Vicarage Road witnessed a game that was over before it had really started, with Roy Low scoring for Watford in the second minute. Despite a lot of second half pressure, the Town did not really look like equalising.

The return was due to be played on Boxing Day, but a frozen pitch meant that the fixture was re-scheduled for February. This time a crowd of 21,143 turned up on a freezing cold night to witness 21 players slipping and sliding around. The 22nd, Keith Allen, as he had proved before, was somehow able to keep his balance and turned in a tremendous performance which unluckily did not produce a goal.

Goals were scored, however, with Barry Endean netting for Watford after 32 minutes and Fred Jardine hitting the equaliser just before half-time. Snow, which had started to fall before kick-off, developed into a blizzard and with the

referee unable to keep his lines clear, abandoned the match after an hour.

The final act in the saga took place at Kenilworth Road at the end of April. By this time, Watford were already assured of promotion and needed one point for the championship while the Town needed to win to keep alive the faint hope of overhauling Swindon Town for the other promotion place.

A crowd of 25,523, the best for nine years, gathered, but long before the start of the

game, the bad feeling that had built up over the season boiled over, with fighting going on all around the ground.

The tension filtered through to the pitch and another bone-jarring encounter was the result. The coolest man on the pitch was Ian Buxton, making his final appearance for the Town, who opened the scoring after 30 minutes.

The start of the second-half was delayed while fighting supporters were cleared from the pitch and soon after

Endean and Alan Slough were sent off for wrestling. Luton's second, scored by Keith Allen, was the signal for a pitch invasion with more of the same when Stewart Scullion netted a late consolation. In amongst all this, Tom Walley was sent off for kicking Lewis – fully justified retaliation said the Watford press recalling past encounters.

"A brutal, bloody and beligerent night," said Luton manager Alec Stock.

Ken Furphy made no comment!

A HATTER AND A HORNET

Peter Nicholas joined Crystal Palace from school in Newport, making his debut on the opening day of the 1977/78 season when only 17.

The following season saw Palace win the Second Division championship with Nicholas virtually ever-present, but just as they were finding their feet they were unfortunately dubbed "Team of the Eighties" and relegation soon followed.

Nicholas escaped the relegation, however, as he was transferred to Arsenal for £400,000 in March 1981 but a series of injuries meant his stay there was not a happy one.

In order to preserve his Welsh International place and retain the captaincy Nicholas, needing regular football, rejoined Palace and then came to Luton in January 1985 to form part of the Town's mid-season shake up which saw relegation fears become a bad memory.

After two superb seasons a shock bid from Aberdeen for his signature was accepted, but due to family illness he returned to London with Chelsea before finishing his playing days at Vicarage Road.

Peter is now back at Stamford Bridge as youth team coach.

Ian Buxton made his final appearance for the Town against the Hornets in 1969.

5 It happened five years ago:- 28/11/87 – The Town's game at Nottingham Forest was called off five minutes before kick-off time because of fog!

10 It happened ten years ago:- 27/11/82 – A 3-3 home draw with Southampton saw the Town fight back after going 2-0 down. Missed penalties, great goals and poor defending made for tremendous television viewing.

15 It happened 15 years ago:- 26/11/77 – The Town secured a point in a 1-1 draw at Sunderland, watched by a crowd of 26,915. Ron Futchter was the Luton marksman.

20 It happened 20 years ago:- 25/11/72 – In losing 1-0 at home to Carlisle, the Town had gone more than two months without a victory at Kenilworth Road.

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	31	19	6	6	56	36
Away	31	10	4	17	33	48
Total	62	29	10	23	89	84



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Cat Calls on Radio 5



UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

At 6.06pm on Saturdays, football fans – and apprehensive players and managers – the length and breadth of the country will either be glued to their radio or to the end of a telephone to join in with the liveliest phone-in around – BBC Radio 5's 'Six-O-Six'.

Since it first hit the airwaves 18 months ago with the irrepressible Danny Baker at the helm, the show has gained a reputation for being outspoken, funny, irreverent and controversial. This was due in no small part to Baker's passionate feeling for the game, and his ability to understand and sympathise with the caller's point of view. As a fan of the terrace himself, he was on the same wavelength.

"It's a gut reaction show," Danny said, explaining its instant appeal. "The game thrives on passion and being partisan and we're not afraid to reflect that."

Indeed, Danny liked nothing better than fans gloating on air: "I love it when supporters ring in to say 'we were playing a team we really hate, we were awful – and we beat 'em!' I like all those incredibly selfish calls that are based on the worst instincts of human beings."

Encouraged by the fact that the show is for the fans not the authorities, calls have ranged from the trivial – 'outing' your team's worst (and dumbest!) players or nominating the most tasteless away strip – to serious issues such as ground safety and clubs' treatment of their fans.

With Danny currently resting from the show to spend more time with the ones he loves – his family and Millwall FC! – Radio 5 has recruited a variety of personalities for

six-week stints. Duncan McKenzie has just finished his run, which he considered "more difficult than playing ever was, but just as much fun!", and comedian and Sky personality Bob 'The Cat' Bevan has just taken over.

"I can't wait," said Bob before his first show. "When I've listened in the past I've been itching to air my opinions – and now I'll be in the driving seat!" He is determined to carry on the shows irreverent spirit and

is hoping for some kind words about Crystal Palace, as he is vice-president there.

"I am keen to take calls from supporters right down to amateur status," Bob revealed. "There is such a lot of humour in the game, especially at that level – as I know only too well, playing in goal for Old Wilsonians



Bob 'The Cat' Bevan – air your footballing views to him.

Seventh XI! In fact, any fellow goalies out there can ring in so we can swap embarrassing and heart-breaking stories."

So if you have got something to get off of your chest after today's derby game, let it keep until next week and call Bob on (0345) 909693 (local rates apply). He will be hosting the show until January 2 next year and then MP and Chelsea fan David Mellor will be in the hot seat for six weeks.

Enjoy a Boxing Day feast in our executive surroundings



COMMERCIAL FOCUS BY ANDY KING AND JOHN BUTTLE

Looking to do something different this Boxing Day? Then why not bring the family down to the stadium for breakfast and afterwards watch our First Division match with Swindon Town, kick-off 11.30 am?

You can either hire one of our matchday Executive Boxes with seats for 5, 8 or 16 people, which entitles you to use the Box Holders Lounge and bar facilities. Car parking and matchday magazines are also included.

The other option available for this special day, if you prefer to see the game in our New Stand, is to have a champagne breakfast in the Joe Payne Sponsors Lounge and become a joint sponsor for the match. The number of places available are limited. Included in this package will be a tour of the facilities, a souvenir photograph on the pitch, complementary bar, tea and biscuits at half-time, car parking, match day magazines etc.

For further details of these special festive packages, please ring the commercial department on (0582) 411622.

WELCOME TO SPONSORS

Today we welcome Harvey Sharpstone, of the T.S.I. corporation, and his guests in Executive Box eight. Harvey is our acting advertising contractor, based locally in Hitchin. His company deals with all sports advertising and televised events. For details contact (0462) 422441.

This afternoon we welcome Mrs Wilkinson of Princess Hats and her friends in Executive Box 28. In Box 25 we welcome Mick Brown and John Beasley of Luton Truck Centre. We hope they all enjoy their day out at Kenilworth Road.

We would also like to welcome to the Joe Payne Lounge this afternoon Mr L Shaw from 2 Print Ltd and his children Katy and Phil. They are season ticket holders and travel from St Neots for every home game. We also welcome Mr Nick Jones and guests, our friends from Wayside Garages Ltd, Bletchley Motor Company, Mr Gordon Baker of Caesar's Palace, Luton, and Mr Gillian and Mr Mucha from Chamberlain Holdings.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to Jamie Hartnett and his family who are celebrating Jamie's seventh birthday with family and friends in one of our executive boxes. Jamie has supported Luton Town since he was five and his favourite player is Julian James.

We also send birthday wishes to Anthony Brown who is celebrating his birthday today at Luton Town in Executive Box 11.

We hope both have an enjoyable day.

FACE IN THE CROWD

Are you the face ringed in the crowd against Millwall on November 21?

If you are, please ring the ticket office on (0582) 416976 to pick up your complimentary ticket for a Town home game this season!



BALL SPONSOR

Today's match ball sponsor is Gary Deards from Milton Keynes, whom we welcome with his guests. This is the second time this season Gary has sponsored a match ball.

His ambition is to see one of his young sons, or even both, playing in the Town's colours some time in the future.

Gary runs his own building and contracting business, specialising in public house refurbishment for many of the well-known breweries.

Thank you, once again, Gary.



Representatives of B.Fry's metalworks are presented with the match ball by Julian James. Mr Fry's son Ricky was also mascot for day last Saturday, however, a gremlin in the works printed his name as Fox, not Fry. We send our apologies to you Ricky.

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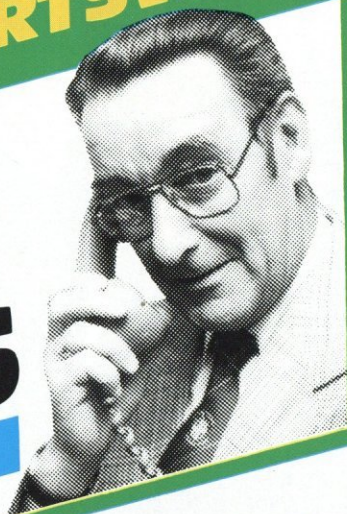
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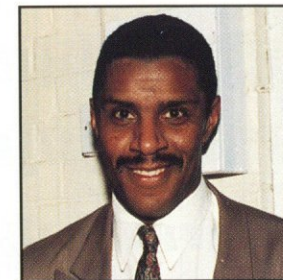
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Benjamin starts Town career on the right note



PLAYER INTERVIEW WITH IAN BENJAMIN

Proven goalscorer Ian Benjamin joined Luton Town last week from Southend United, a club for whom he has already scored seven league goals this season. He made his Town debut in the 1-1 draw against Millwall and from what he saw, he believes Luton will have no trouble keeping their First Division place.

"I was very impressed from what I saw out there on the field today," said 31-year-old Ian after the match. "The first half in particular was very impressive and shows just what can be achieved even if you are struggling at the wrong end of the table."

Ian was unfortunate to have a goal disallowed in a game which saw Millwall goalkeeper Kasey Keller in outstanding form to keep the Town, and in particular Phil Gray, at bay. "If it wasn't for Keller I believe we would have gone on to win the game comfortably," continued Benjamin. "Phil Gray looked very sharp out there and I am sure that we can get a good partnership going up front together and that he can feed off of my flicks-ons."

Although he has been at Kenilworth Road only a week, Ian has settled in well and what has struck home to

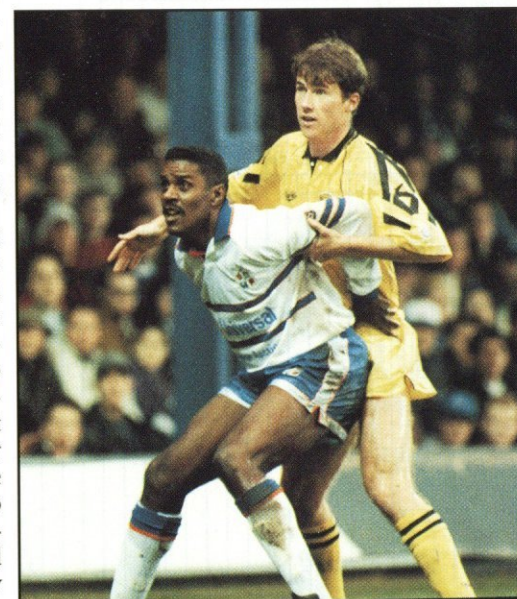
him most is the potential which the club has. "There are some very exciting young

thing to build on.

"Personally speaking, a week in full training with the lads will help me get to know how individual players play and will help me settle in on a personal basis. I have managed to score goals with Southend this season, so there is no reason why I cannot do the same for Luton Town."

David Pleat, who brought Ian to the club, was full of praise for the way he adapted in his first game in Town colours.

"I was very pleased with Ian today. He had an impressive debut and in those first 90 minutes it was evi-



dent that himself and Philip Gray can work very well together, probably better than the Claridge/Gray partnership had done so far this season. I can sleep easier tonight and everything bodes well for the encounter with Watford next Sunday."

players here who have the potential to do very well. The game against Millwall proved that with Ceri, Paul, Jason and Darren all playing well in the starting line-up. The game proved that we are too good to go down and it has given us all a lift and some-

AND LUTON TOWN

F-A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug 15	Leicester City	1-2	17,428	16	Peterson	Linton	James	Kanara	Peake	Dreyer	Hughes	Gray	Prece	CAMPBELL	Salton
Aug 22	Bristol City	0-3	7,926	22	Peterson	Linton	James	Kanara	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Gray	Prece	Campbell	Johnson
Aug 29	Charlton Athletic	0-0	6,302	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Hughes	Prece	Rees	Campbell
Sept 2	Newcastle United	0-2	27,064	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Oakes	Prece	Rees	Johnson
Sept 5	Tranmere Rovers	3-3	6,801	23	Peterson	LINTON	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	CLARIDGE	OAKES	Prece	Rees	Johnson
Sept 13	Brentford	2-1	7,310	19	Peterson	Linton	JAMES	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kanara	Prece	Rees	Campbell
Sept 15	Watford (ALC)	0-0	5,197	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kanara	Prece	Rees	Campbell
Sept 19	Birmingham City	1-1	8,481	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	CLARIDGE (Pen)	Kanara	Prece	Rees	Oakes
Sept 23	Plymouth Argyle (CC271)	2-2	3,702	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	CLARIDGE 2	Kanara	Prece	Oakes	Campbell
Sept 26	Notts County	0-0	5,992	21	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Gray	Prece	Rees	Campbell
Sept 29	Bristol City (ALC)	1-1	2,538	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	CLARIDGE	Kanara	Prece	Rees	Oakes
Oct 3	Portsmouth	1-4	7,964	22	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	CLARIDGE	Kanara	Prece	Rees	Oakes
Oct 6	Plymouth Argyle (CC222)	2-3	8,946	-	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	CLARIDGE	Kanara	Prece	Rees	Oakes
Oct 10	Barnsley	0-3	5,261	23	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Dreyer	Claridge	Kanara	Prece	Rees	Oakes
Oct 17	Derby County	1-3	8,848	23	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	JOHNSON	Claridge	Gray	Prece	Oakes	Harvey
Oct 24	Peterborough United	3-2	7,125	22	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kanara	Prece	Oakes	Greene
Oct 31	Southern United	2-2	7,256	22	Peterson	Linton	JAMES	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kanara	Prece	Oakes	Dreyer
Nov 3	Cambridge United	3-3	5,716	22	Peterson	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kanara	Prece	Oakes	Greene
Nov 7	Grimshy Town	1-4	6,928	22	Chamberlain	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Claridge	Kanara	Prece	Oakes	Campbell
Nov 14	Oxford United	0-4	5,760	22	Chamberlain	Linton	James	Salton	Peake	Johnson	Teller	Gray	Prece	Oakes	Dreyer
Nov 21	Millwall	1-1	8,371	23	Chamberlain	Dreyer	James	Salton	Hughes	Peake	Teller	Gray	Prece	Oakes	Johnson
Nov 29	Watford														

DIVISION ONE LEADING GOALSCORERS
(all competitions)

Whittingham (Portsmouth) 21;
Maskell (Swindon), Blissett (Brentford), 16;
Simpson (Derby), Aldridge (Tranmere), Cole (Bristol City) 12

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
Feb 20	Charlton Athletic
Feb 27	Barnsley
Mar 6	Portsmouth
Mar 10	Oxford United
Mar 13	Grimshy Town
Mar 20	Bristol Rovers
Mar 24	Millwall
Mar 27	Cambridge United
Apr 3	Watford
Apr 7	Wolverhampton Wanderers
Apr 10	Swindon Town
Apr 13	West Ham United
Apr 17	Sunderland
Apr 24	Derby County
May 1	Peterborough United
May 8	Southern United
May 15	F.A. Cup Final

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

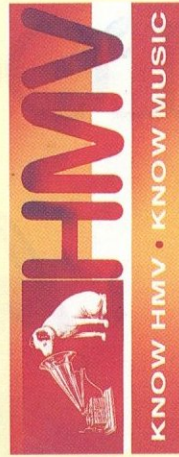
League	Coca-Cola Cup		AI Cup		FA Cup	
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
Ian Benjamin	1	-	-	-	-	-
Jamie Campbell	2(7)	1	-(1)	-	-	-
Alec Chamberlain	3	-	-	-	-	-
Steve Claridge	15(1)	2	2	3	1	-
John Dreyer	9	1	-(1)	-	-	-
Phil Gray	17	8	2	-	-	-
Ceri Hughes	4	-	-	-	-	-
Julian James	17	2	2	-	-	-
Marvin Johnson	9(2)	1	2	-	-	-
Chris Kanara	12	-	2	-	-	-
Des Linton	16	1	2	-	-	-
Damien Matthew	3(2)	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Oakes	7(9)	2	1(1)	-	-	-
Trevor Peake	12	-	2	-	-	-
Andy Peterson	14	-	2	-	-	-
David Preece	16	-	2	1	1(1)	-
Jason Rees	11	-	1(1)	-	-	-
Darren Salton	15	-	2	-	-	-
Paul Teller	4(1)	1	-	-	-	-

Barclays League Division One Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Av Att	Leading Goalscorers
Newcastle United	17	14	1	2	34	13	43	29,131	Peacock 9, Kelly 5
Swindon Town	18	9	5	4	33	25	32	8,223	Maskell 12, Mitchell 4, Taylor 4
Tranmere Rovers	17	9	4	4	30	19	31	6,080	Aldridge 8, Nevin 7
West Ham United	17	9	3	5	33	16	30	13,498	Morley 10, Allen C. 7
Millwall	17	8	6	3	28	15	30	8,067	Allen 6
Wolverhampton W	18	7	8	3	29	19	29	14,723	Bull 6, Mutch 4, Burke 4
Grimshy Town	17	8	4	5	27	19	29	5,587	Mendonca 6, Groves 4, Rodger 4
Leicester City	18	8	4	6	22	22	28	15,122	Davison 6, Gee 4
Portsmouth	17	7	5	5	32	23	26	11,254	Whittingham 16, McLoughlin 4
Charlton Athletic	18	7	5	6	22	18	26	6,517	Nelson 4, Pardew 4
Peterborough United	16	7	4	5	25	21	25	8,565	Adcock 8, Philliskirk 4, Sterling 4
Derby County	17	7	3	7	27	22	24	15,641	Simpson 9, Kitson 6
Oxford United	17	5	4	8	28	22	23	6,006	Durnin 10, Penny 6, Magilton 6
Watford	18	6	5	7	25	29	23	8,067	Furlong 9, Nogan 5
Bristol City	17	6	3	8	26	38	21	11,347	Cole 8, Dziekanowski 3, Scott 3
Barnsley	17	6	3	8	21	17	21	6,071	Biggins 6, Pearson 3
Brentford	17	5	4	8	25	23	19	8,550	Blissett 9, three with 2
Birmingham City	16	5	4	7	13	24	19	9,587	Rowbotham 2, Rennie 2, Donowa 2
Cambridge United	18	4	6	8	19	33	18	5,440	White 3
Sunderland	17	5	3	9	16	27	18	15,964	Goodman 4, Rush 3
Notts County	18	3	6	9	21	38	15	8,049	Bartlett 4, Slawson 3, Smith 3
Southern United	17	3	5	9	17	27	14	4,838	Ansah 3, Collymore 2
LUTON TOWN	17	2	7	8	19	38	13	7,819	Gray 8, Benjamin 7 (all with Southend)
Bristol Rovers	18	2	4	12	23	47	10	5,865	Taylor 7, Stewart 6

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THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE:

DAVID FRAMPTON
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A sales director, David is married with two children. He commenced refereeing in 1970 and progressed via the Dorset and Beazer Homes Leagues to the full League list in 1990. He is secretary of the Dorset F.A. and enjoys playing golf and snooker.

VOUCHER NUMBER 9

Team Check

LUTON TOWN 2

Colours: White/Blue Shirts,
Blue/White shorts

Manager: David Pleat

Alec Chamberlain
John Dreyer
Julian James
MARVIN JOHNSON ~~Darren Salton~~
Ceri Hughes
Trevor Peake
1 SCOTT OAKES ~~Paul Telfer~~
1 Ian Benjamin
Jason Rees
Phil Gray
David Preece

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WATFORD

Colours: Yellow/Black Shirts,
Red Shorts,

Manager: Steve Perryman

Perry Suckling
Trevor Putney
Jason Drysdale
Keith Dublin
David Holdsworth
Barry Ashby
Andy Hessenthaler
Lee Nogan
Paul Furlong
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