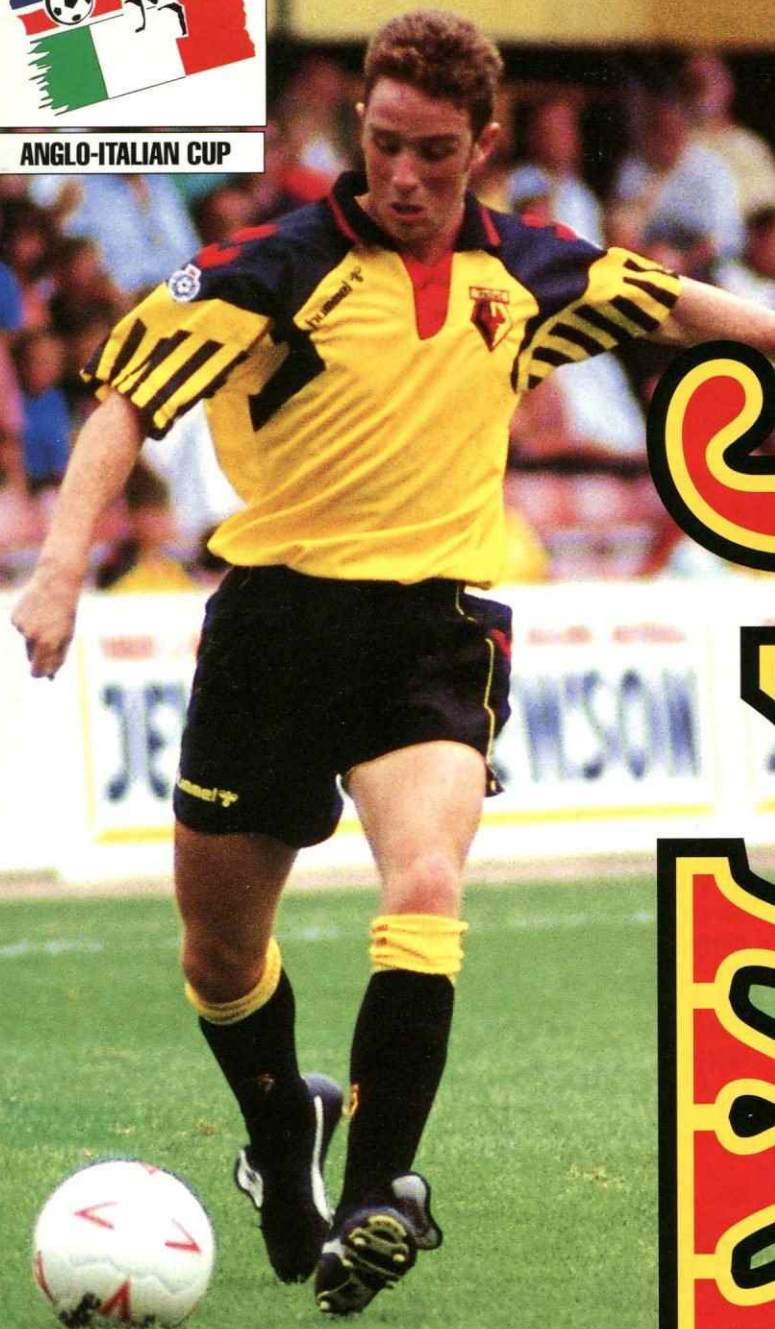




ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP



Watford

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WILL THIS ROAD LEAD TO ROME?



WE L L perhaps not, but all 24 Endsleigh Insurance League First Division clubs set out this week with an equal chance of landing two trips to Italy, as well as

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his season's **Anglo-Italian Cup** kicks

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The 1992/93 Anglo-Italian Cup Final at Wembley brought together Derby County and Cremonese.

ompetition; all Division One sides e been divided into eight groups hree (you can see the full w on page 6 of this gramme) for the pre- nary round. Matches in first phase are played a round-robin basis, r three points awarded a win and one for a v. he top-team in each of the

eight groups will then progress to the International stage of the competition, where they are joined by the eight Italian qualifiers from Italy's **Serie B**, who are:

Ancona, Ascoli, Brescia, Cosenza, Fiorentina, Padova, Pescara and Pisa.

The sixteen qualifiers will be divided into two mini-Leagues, each containing four English and four Italian teams. Each team within the mini-League then plays the four foreign clubs - two at home and two away - but not those from their own country.

When all games are completed, the top English sides from each League will make up one semi-final line-up, while the two top Italian clubs compete in the other semi, resulting in an **Anglo-Italian Final** at **Wembley Stadium, on Saturday March 19 1994.**



Unfortunately, the Rams went down 3-1 to their Italian opponents but Cremonese are unable to defend the trophy, following their promotion to Serie A in June.



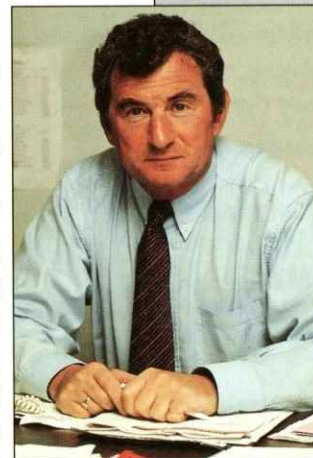
LUTON will probably be happy if they can repeat last season's goalless draw, in the corresponding stage of the Anglo-Italian Cup competition.

Disappointing away form plagued the Hatters for much of last season and they come to Vicarage Road without a win in any of their last ten away matches.

A good run in this competition would come as a welcome bonus, in view of their early exits from all knockout competitions last term. Following the draw here in the **Anglo-Italian Cup**, the Hatters were held 1-1 at home by **Bristol City** and thus failed to qualify for the next phase.

They were knocked out of the **Coca-Cola League Cup** by Second Division **Plymouth Argyle**, suffering an aggregate 4-5 defeat. The **FA Cup third round** provided Luton's only Cup victory of the 1992/93 season, when they overcame **Bristol City** 2-0 at Kenilworth Road.

In the next round, however, they were crushed 1-5 at home by **Derby County**.



BOSSMAN

DAVID PLEAT

David returned for his second spell as Luton manager in June 1991. He was previously in charge at Kenilworth Road between 1978 and 1986, when he led the club back into the former First Division and to an FA Cup semi-final. After leaving Luton, he moved into the manager's chair at Tottenham Hotspur and later Leicester City, before returning to take charge of the Hatters. He spent his playing days with Nottingham Forest, Luton Town, Shrewsbury Town, Exeter City and Peterborough United, plus a return to Luton in 1974 as reserve team coach. He had a spell in charge of the senior side before taking over as manager.

Enter...

Luton Town



ROW, from left: Tony Thorpe, Jamie Campbell, Juergen Sommer, Andy 'son, Des Linton, Paul Telfer.
MIDDLE ROW: John Moore (first team coach), Andy McDade (physiotherapist), Scott s, Ceri Hughes, Marvin Johnson, David Greene, John Dreyer, Julian James, Westley (youth team coach), Wayne Turner (reserve team coach).
BACK ROW: Jason Rees, Ian Benjamin, Trevor Peake (captain), David Pleat (manager), David Preece, Martin Williams, Richard Harvey.

QUADFILE

...ne for selection are...

GOALKEEPERS

JUERGEN SOMMER: Born in New Zealand and joined the Hatters as a youth trainee. Made his League debut while on loan with Brighton & Hove Albion, two seasons ago. Spent the latter part of his loan period with Torquay United last season. His first senior appearance for Luton was on the opening day of the season against Millwall.

PAUL PETERSON: Another American-born 'keeper who broke through to Luton's first team last season. Has spent loan spells with Doncaster Rovers and Luton Town.

DEFENDERS

JULIAN JAMES: A former Hatters' defender, who has now racked up more than 100 League appearances. Appeared for Preston North End, Luton on loan and is a former under-21 international. Yorkshire-born, in Tring.

TREVOR PEAKE: Formerly with Luton in City and Coventry City and a member of Coventry's FA Cup-winning side in 1987. Joined the Hatters in 1991 for a £100,000 fee. Experienced professional, now

aged 36, and looks set to top the 500-mark in senior outings.

JOHN DREYER: His professional career started at Oxford United, having previously played for non-League Wallingford Town. Gained League experience while on loan with Torquay United and Fulham, before joining Luton in 1988 in a £140,000 deal.

MARVIN JOHNSON: Wembley-born 24-year-old defender, who served his apprenticeship at Kenilworth Road. Celebrated his 100th League appearance during the 1992/93 season.

MIDFIELD

PAUL TELFER: Originally from Edinburgh and joined Luton as a youth trainee. Progressed to the senior squad and made his club debut three seasons ago. He secured a regular first-team slot last season.

DAVID PREECE: Served his apprenticeship with Walsall and recorded well over 100 League appearances for the Midlands side, before signing for the Hatters in 1984. Played in two League Cup finals for Luton and is a former England 'B' international.

NEIGHBOURS - ANOTHER EPISODE!

CERI HUGHES: Welshman, born in Pontypridd and is another product of the Hatters' youth scheme. Rose through the ranks to make his senior debut in 1990. Now a member of the full Wales international squad.

SCOTT OAKES: Leicester-born midfielder who served his traineeship with his hometown club. Found his opportunities limited at Filbert Street, but has established a regular place in Luton's senior side, since his move to Kenilworth Road two seasons ago.

JASON REES: Like fellow midfielder, Ceri Hughes, also hails from Pontypridd. Also a former Hatters youth trainee who has won international caps with Wales at under-21, 'B' and senior levels.

SCOTT HOUGHTON: A summer signing from Tottenham Hotspur. Another Hertfordshire-born Hatter - originally from Hitchin. A former Spurs youth trainee, who gained League experience during loan periods with Ipswich Town, Gillingham and Charlton Athletic.

FORWARDS

KERRY DIXON: Currently on loan from Southampton. Luton-born striker who served his apprenticeship with Tottenham, before moving to non-League Dunstable and then on to Reading. Top-scorer for the Royals and later with Chelsea. Holder of eight full international caps for England.

IAN BENJAMIN: Signed from Southend United last year. A former apprentice with Sheffield United, and went on to play for West Bromwich Albion, Notts County and Peterborough United. Earned his scoring reputation later at Northampton Town, Cambridge United, Chester City and Exeter City before his move to Roots Hall.

MARTIN WILLIAMS: 20-year-old former Hatters trainee, who also hails from Luton. Made an early impact at Kenilworth Road, breaking into the first team two seasons ago.

JAMIE CAMPBELL: Another former Luton trainee, who also recorded his first-team debut two seasons ago. Born in Birmingham and will shortly be celebrating his 21st Birthday.

PREVIOUS CUP MEETINGS

Home advantage has always been important in derby Cup ties against the Hatters. They have yet to win here in the competition 'proper' of any Cup competition; though they did win twice at Vicarage Road - 1-0 in 1898/99 and 2-1 in 1901/02 - both in FA Cup qualifying rounds.

Of the last four ties played at this stadium, we have won two and drawn two - including last season's goalless affair in the Anglo-Italian Cup. The Hornets have never won a Cup tie at Kenilworth Road.

THREE IN A ROW

Tonight's game is the first of three successive home games for Watford. This **Saturday, September 4**, we entertain **Charlton Athletic** in the **Endsleigh Insurance League Division One**; kick-off 3.00pm.

POLICE

Periodically through the season, a special tone will sound prior to kick-off and the Police will give out a message to supporters.

This is just to test the system whereby the Police can override the club's PA System should they wish to broadcast an emergency message to those inside the ground.

Should the tone sound at any time during the game - please listen carefully!

Thank you for your co-operation.

message

Just three days later, **Tuesday September 7**, another League fixture brings **Wolverhampton Wanderers** to Vicarage Road; kick-off 7.45pm.

In the meantime, many thanks to all Hornets supporters still cheerfully making the best of our temporary arrangements! Club officials are hopeful that the game v. Wolves will mark the end of the ground's partial closure.

LIONS SHARE A SECOND ROUND OF COCA-COLA

The draw for the second round of the **Coca-Cola League Cup** has paired us with First Division **Millwall**.

As in the previous round, the tie will be played over **two legs**. The first leg takes place here at **Vicarage Road on Tuesday September 21**, kick-off 7.45pm; while the second leg provides us with a quick return to Millwall's all-new, purpose-built stadium on **Wednesday October 6**, kick-off 7.45pm.

HOME DEBUT

Don't forget our first home fixture in the **Neville Ovenden Football Combination Division One**, at Vicarage Road tomorrow evening, kick-off 7.30pm. Ironically, the fixture list provides another visit from **Luton Town**.

Central defender **Robert Page** could be taking part, as he sets about his full recovery from a medial knee ligament injury.

Come along and cheer **Stuart Murdoch's** men - admission costs just £1 for adults and 50p juniors/senior citizens. Season ticket holders gain free entry, on production of their season ticket book.

The Buzz

news from the Hornets' nest

THE GREAT DIVIDE

Here's a complete rundown of this season's Anglo-Italian qualifying groups:

<p>ROUP 1 Sunderland Tranmere Rovers Bolton Wanderers</p> <p>ROUP 2 Grimsby Town Middlesbrough Barnsley</p> <p>ROUP 3 Notts County Derby County Nottingham Forest</p> <p>ROUP 4 Peterborough United Leicester City West Bromwich Albion</p> <p>ROUP 5 Wolverhampton Wand. Stoke City Birmingham City</p>	<p>GROUP 6 A Portsmouth B Bristol City C Oxford United</p> <p>GROUP 7 A Watford B Luton Town C Southend United</p> <p>GROUP 8 A Millwall B Charlton Athletic C Crystal Palace</p> <p>Each group will play matches on a 'round-robin' basis, as follows:</p> <p>A v B (week commencing 30.8.93)</p> <p>B v C (week commencing 6.9.93)</p> <p>C v A (week commencing 13.9.93)</p>	<p>Tonight's other Anglo-Italian Cup preliminary round matches: Grimsby Town v. Middlesbrough Notts County v. Derby County Peterborough v. Leicester City Portsmouth v. Bristol City Sunderland v. Tranmere Rov. Wolves v. Stoke City</p> <p>Playing tomorrow evening: Millwall v. Charlton Athletic</p> <p>Also playing tonight: Endsleigh Insurance League Division One: Birmingham City v. Crystal P. Bolton Wand. v. Oxford Utd</p>
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SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!

The Hornet Shop has recently taken delivery of many new items, including the new-style shorts and newly designed sweatshirts.

Here's a rundown on some of the most popular ranges now in:

*High-collar, zip-neck sports top (black or burgundy).....**£25.99**

*Navy sweatshirt with gold WFC motif.....**£25.99**

*Black sweatshirt with embroidered chest.....**£27.99**

*Long, cotton shorts (black) with motif.....**£18.99**

All available in adult and childrens sizes.

*Home shorts (all sizes) and home & away shirts all now in stock.

Also available are polo shirts, t-shirts and a wide variety of other Watford FC 'gear'!

Don't forget the 1992/93 Video Review, priced **£13.99**.

A reminder that the Hornet Shop is temporarily located in the Directors' Car Park, but if you prefer to order by

phone, a mail order service is available on 0923 220847.

DUBBERS STAYS



Just as this programme went to press, we heard the welcome news that defender **Keith Dublin** has agreed to sign a new two-year contract with Watford.

Keith joined the Hornets from **Brighton & Hove Albion** in July 1990 and has since established himself as a regular member of the defensive line-up, with over 150 senior Watford appearances to his credit.

The Buzz...
 more news from the Hornets' nest

Details...Details...

GRIMSBY TOWN v WATFORD

Endsleigh Insurance League Division One
Blundell Park, Cleethorpes.
Saturday, September 11, 1993.
Kick-off: 3.00pm.

TICKET DETAILS/PRICES

Seats:
£11.00 (no concessions), payable at the turnstiles on the day. Seats are in The Osmond Stand and are covered.

Terrace:
£7.00 (no concessions), payable at the turnstiles on the day. Please use turnstiles in Neville Street.

TRAVEL
On Club transport:

Coaches depart from Cardiff Road at 10.00am, returning at approximately 8.15pm.

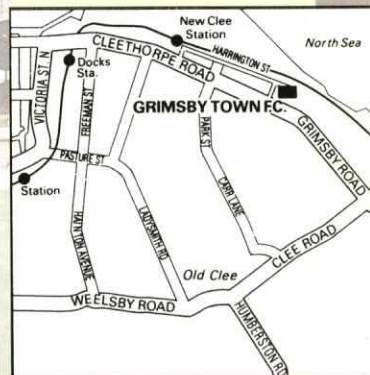
Cost:
£13.00 Adult; £12.50 Child/Senior Citizen.
Bookable now at the Watford Ticket Office.

Private transport - Mileage:
Watford to Grimsby approximately 160 miles.

Suggested route:
Take the M1 northbound to junction with M18. Take M18 to the M180 and then onto the A180, following signs to Grimsby/Cleethorpes. At third roundabout (where the A180 ends) take second exit into Cleethorpes Road (A1098) and continue into Grimsby Road for Grimsby Town FC.

How to get there

GRIMSBY



Football's biggest fan is its £36m supporter



By next August, standing will be a thing of the past at many of our football grounds as clubs meet the Taylor requirements.

Clubs who choose to retain some standing must make sure that terracing is safe - for many, an expensive commitment.

The Football Trust has an annual income of over £36m - virtually all from the pools companies, Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettors.

Implementing Taylor is a huge undertaking and every club counts on THE FOOTBALL TRUST to help to see the job through.



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LUTON TOWN

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- 3 KEITH DUBLIN
- 4 ANDY HESSENTHALER
- 5 DAVID HOLDSWORTH
- 6 JULIAN ALSFORD
- 7 LEE NOGAN
- 8 KEN CHARLERY
- 9 PAUL FURLONG
- 10 GARY PORTER
- 11 JASON SOLOMAN
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FUTURE FIXTURES

Next matches to be played at Vicarage Road:

Wednesday September 1
Neville Ovenden Football Combination
WATFORD res v. LUTON TOWN res
Kick-off: 7.30pm

Saturday September 4
Endsleigh Insurance League Division One
WATFORD v. CHARLTON ATHLETIC
Kick-off: 3.00pm

Tuesday September 7
Endsleigh Insurance League Division One
WATFORD v. WOLVERHAMPTON W.
Kick-off: 7.45pm

Saturday September 18
Endsleigh Insurance League Division One
WATFORD v. NOTTS COUNTY
Kick-off: 3.00pm

OPENING TIMES

TICKET OFFICE:
9.00am to 5.00pm Mondays to Fridays.
9.00am to kick-off time on home first-team matchdays (open again after matches).
9.00am to supporters' coach departure time on all other Saturdays.

MARKETING DEPARTMENT:
9.00am to 5.00pm Mondays to Fridays.
9.00am to 1.30pm on first team matchdays.
Closed on non-first team matchdays.

HORNET SHOP:
9.00am to 5.00pm Mondays to Saturdays inc.
Open until kick-off time for midweek matches.
Open again after all matches.

WATFORD'S OFFICIAL SPORTS DRINK



GOLDEN GOALS

Apologies to any disappointed supporters who were unable to purchase a **Golden Goals** ticket last Tuesday night, at our home game **v. Brentford**. The good news is that **Golden Goals** will return at our next two home games - this Saturday v. **Charlton Athletic** and the following Tuesday evening, **v. Wolves**. In the meantime, if you fancy a flutter tonight, why not invest 50p in a lottery ticket - you could win the top prize of **£1000!** Tickets are on sale from sellers around the stadium, or in the club's Marketing Department.

Matchday Officials Today's Teams

LINESMEN: G.T. Pearson (Kingston-upon-Thames - yellow flag), M. Stobbart (Guildford - red/yellow flag). RESERVE OFFICIAL: I. Bogart

REFEREE: PETER FOAKES (Clacton-on-Sea, Essex)