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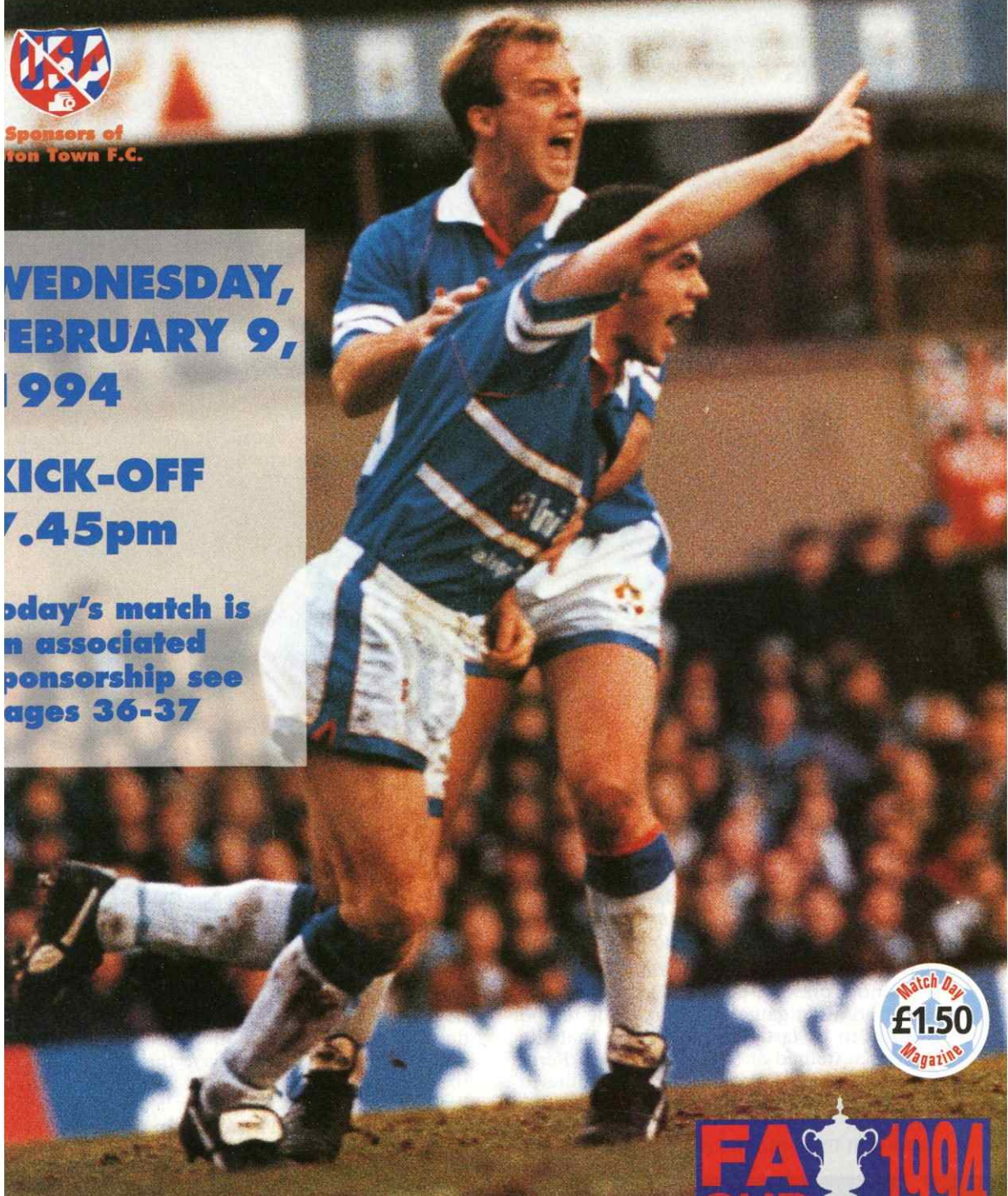


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**FA CUP FOURTH ROUND REPLAY**



# The passion and pride of the FA Cup



ON THE BALL WITH DAVID PLEAT

**T**onight's game, is of some significance to both sides. We welcome Newcastle United, their supporters, players and officials - a club who have proved without doubt that with sound investment and a huge potential support, success can be achieved.

We congratulate them on carrying the Endsleigh League flag so well in this year's Premiership and they have proved, without doubt, that 'football without fear' can succeed.

The challenge at St James' Park was considerable but we coped with it for probably three reasons. We restricted them in the first 20 minutes; Tony Thorpe scored a dramatic debut goal to give us the lead; and we defended well enough to earn tonight's game.

Much has been said about the state of the Newcastle pitch. The excessive rain this winter has made many pitches soggy and difficult for 'passing' football. We at Luton have always prided ourselves on moving the ball around tidily rather than violently, Newcastle's game is also built on a good first touch and a quick pass. This evening our supporters will have the pleasure of seeing this ability from the likes of Peter Beardsley, Lee Clark and Robert Lee, among others.

We have to hope that our pitch is not the master and that both sides can give a fair account of themselves.

We all know the FA Cup brings out a passion and a pride in players that isn't always shown in other games. Certainly, the tempo is likely to be fast. We are hoping that the injuries sustained at St James' Park, to Kerry Dixon and David Preece, have had time to recover and that they can take their positions tonight.

We will be without Ceri Hughes, who dis-

appointingly misses his third game, but he should be in contention for a place at Leicester City. He was under consideration for the Wales 'B' game against a Scotland B which included Paul Telfer.

We need all our players available for the fascinating weeks ahead in which we are determined to sustain our improvement in the league. The Cup is a bonus, a lovely

**"THE CUP IS A BONUS, A LOVELY BONUS AND WE WELCOME ALL THE EXTRA ATTENTION WE MIGHT RECEIVE"**

bonus and we welcome all the extra attention we might receive. That should make us doubly determined to maintain our high standards.

A warm welcome to Sky Television who have shown a vibrant approach to their production and direction of televised Premiership games. However, there will be some attention drawn to the fact that ten Premiership clubs have already left this season's FA Cup arena. The results in the fourth round of ourselves, Stoke, Bolton, Cardiff and



Tony Thorpe tees up the Town's goal at St James' Park on January 29.

Charlton will have raised a few eyebrows, particularly among those like myself who have insisted that the gulf is getting wider. The results of tonight's games may be a truer barometer.

Aaron Skelton is now in full training.....Jason Rees has turned down the opportunity to sign for Mansfield....Timo Liekowski, the US national assistant coach, is vetting Juergen Sommer.....our reserves' third game at Borehamwood take place on Wednesday, February 16 against Chelsea, kick-off 2.00 pm....Paul McLaren, our promising 17-year-old defender, has had a cartilage operation.....A cheque for £400, through the generosity of Cliff Bassett and Universal Salvage and via my column in the Luton Herald and Post, will be presented to the ACT

Childrens' Appeal before tonight's game.....Yesterday the senior players took a break at the newly refurbished Henlow Centre.

I hope that you all enjoy tonight's game and the winners have the best of luck against Cardiff City in the next round and go on to reach the magical Twin Towers. We hope that any extra support tonight will stay with our young side. We would love to have your backing at Leicester on Saturday.

Enjoy the game.



# Midfield duo make impressions on the international stage



## AROUND THE TOWN

### INTERNATIONAL ACTION FOR TOWN PAIR

Paul Telfer, who had been a regular in Scotland's under-21 side under then-coach Craig Brown, made a big enough impression to be included in the 'B' squad which faced Wales B last week. The squad was chosen by Brown, and Paul played 45 minutes in his side's 2-1 defeat at Wrexham. Ceri Hughes also made a brief appearance during the game for Wales, coming on for the final 18 minutes. The reports are that both made good impressions during their time on the pitch.



### BIGGEST GAME FOR TWO SEASONS

Kenilworth Road has been buzzing since the 1-1 draw with Newcastle on January 29. The switchboard has been overloaded with calls, the ticket office swamped, and everybody has been rushing around to make sure the evening runs as smoothly as ever. The decision made by Sky Sports to screen the game live has also added to the occasion. A crowd in the region of 13,000 is expected tonight, the largest since the visit of Manchester United on April 18, 1992 when 13,410 supporters crammed into Kenilworth Road. We drew that game 1-1. Let's hope for an even better result tonight!

### CARDIFF AWAIT THE WINNERS

If we are successful tonight, we will play Cardiff City in round five on Sunday, February 20, kick-off 3.00 pm. For full ticket details, please see page six of tonight's match day magazine.

### THE FIFTH ROUND DRAW IN FULL

Bolton Wanderers or Arsenal v Aston Villa; Kidderminster Harriers v Notts County or West Ham United; Oldham Athletic or Stoke City v Plymouth Argyle or Barnsley; Oxford United or Leeds United v Chelsea or Sheffield Wednesday; Stockport or Bristol City v Charlton Athletic or Blackburn Rovers; Wimbledon v Manchester United; Wolverhampton Wanderers v Ipswich Town. Ties to be played on February 19, 20 and 21.

### MCLAREN INJURY BLOW

Promising youth team centre-half Paul McLaren recently underwent a cartilage operation and is likely to be out of action for at least six weeks. A first-year trainee with the club, he had been making fine progress this season and had been included on a number of occasions in the Town's reserve team.

### BOBBERS TRAVEL CLUB

Coaches for the trip to Leicester City will cost adults £6.00 and children/OAP's £5.00. Departure time from Cranfield is 10.30 am and 11.30 am from Luton, with the normal pick-up points en route.

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# Cardiff City await the winners in round five



ON THE INSIDE BY JOHN SMYLIE

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■ In the event of the scoreline being level tonight after 90 minutes, extra-time will be played. If the sides are then still level, the tie will be decided by penalties.

■ If we are successful tonight and progress through to the next round of the FA Cup, our opponents will be Cardiff City. The match will take place at Ninian Park on Sunday, February 20, kick-off 3.00 pm. The ticket allocation will enable us to offer both standing and seats. Prices are standing: £14.00 (adults) and £7.00 (juniors and senior citizens). Seating: £16.00 (adults) and £9.00 (juniors and senior citizens).

■ The arrangements for the sale are that the ticket office will be open immediately following the end of tonight's match for **season ticket holders only** to purchase one ticket. Voucher 30 must be produced. Season ticket holders will have until 7.00 pm on Monday, February 14 to claim a ticket. Members can purchase one ticket upon production of their membership card from 10 am on Tuesday, February 15 until 7.00 pm on Friday, February 18. There will be no sale on Saturday 19 or Sunday 20 February. All dates and ticket sales are subject to availability.

■ The 1996 European Championship Finals are being held in

England for the very first time. The qualifying draw was made in Manchester two weeks ago, and competing for the trophy, in the final stages, will be 16 nations. The tournament, which was last won by Denmark two years ago, will not only be the largest European Championships ever but will also be the greatest sporting event held in England since the World Cup in 1966.

■ Eight of England's all-seater stadia will play host to the games. It is anticipated an extremely high level of interest will be generated not only in this country, but across Europe and beyond. The Football Association, as organisers of Euro '96, has made special arrangement for genuine supporters to book tickets now, before they go on sale to the general public later this summer.

■ It will be possible to reserve seats for all games, including the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final. To enable you to spread the financial costs, all tickets may be purchased through direct debit and are refundable right through to June 1995. How do you apply? Ticket application forms are available to season ticket holders and members from the Ticket Office from Monday, February 21.

# The task ahead is just as difficult tonight



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN BY TREVOR PEAKE

**A**lthough we are back on home soil for tonight's replay, we are taking nothing for granted against a Newcastle side which, I am sure, will be even more determined now to progress into round five.

People have been saying that we have done the hard work by getting the draw up at St James' Park and our task will be easier now that we are back at Kenilworth Road. That is definitely not the attitude we are taking in the dressing room. Newcastle are a class side and although we will try to penetrate their goal area more, we will have to watch their dangerous counter attacks. They will know they will have to work harder for a win tonight, and the carrot of a fifth round tie against Cardiff will make them all the more determined.

However, we have confidence in our own ability. We proved to everyone up on Tyneside that, on our day, we can compete with the best. We have

also been boosted by the recent good run we have had and the balance of youth and experience seems to be just right now. It is important that the older heads like David Preece, Alan Harper, Kerry Dixon, John Dreyer and myself guide our youngsters through the big games. We have seen it all before. Players like Paul Telfer, Ceri Hughes and Scott Oakes are learning all the time, and in time, it will be them who can give good advice to the next generation like Tony Thorpe, David Greene and Martin Williams.

Tony's goal was obviously the highlight of our draw at Newcastle, but the whole team must be congratulated for the way it remained solid and defended stoutly. A while ago, we would have caved in to the immense pressure we were under, but full credit must go to the lads. They showed a lot of character.

The whole town has been buzzing with excitement this past week. Everyone has been rushing around for the most important game the club has had in recent seasons. It makes a change to be under the national media spotlight, but we are enjoying it.

Let's here you all getting behind the lads tonight in a similar fashion to the way Newcastle get behind their fans. It can be worth a goal's start.



Ceri Hughes - learning all the time. We hope to have him back in contention for our trip to Leicester City on Saturday.

*Enjoy the game.*

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# A fresh challenge awaits our new appointment



**KATHY LEATHER: LUTON TOWN'S NEW COMMERCIAL MANAGER**

**A**fter 12 years with our local 'Hot FM' friends at Chiltern Radio, Kathy Leather completed the biggest transfer of her career last week when she moved down the Dunstable Road to take over as our new Commercial Manager. For Kathy, well-known by businesses throughout the region, it is a thrilling challenge to be involved with Luton Town, as she explained when we talked to her about her new job....

"First of all, I must say it is very exciting and a little bewildering to join a new organisation like Luton Town at such a hectic time," she said. "With everyone so busy preparing for our run of five big home matches this month, including the FA Cup replay against Newcastle United, there is a real buzz around the club and the town. I love it — even though it is difficult to find the time to sit down for a quiet chat at the moment.

"However, I am sure this is the signal of things to come as the team have been doing so well. As a supporter, I am thrilled. And as a sales and marketing person, I am equally delighted. It gives me an excellent initial platform for the task which lies ahead and I am looking forward to mapping out a programme for the club's long-term commercial development."

Kathy's happiness was manifestly apparent as she got down to the tasks of meeting staff, organising her desk and department and making sure she knew who made the coffee and tea. "I needed a change and I needed a fresh challenge," she said. "That is why I wanted this job when I knew it was available. And I was delighted to be appointed.

"I am well aware of the difficulties the club has undergone in the last few years, but it is perfectly clear also that there is a strong recovery well under way. I am sure I shall enjoy helping the club to increase the speed of this revival off the pitch."

After her long spell with Chiltern Radio, Kathy is hoping to promote many of her friends in local, regional and national companies through associations with the emerging 'Family Club' image at Kenilworth Road. "There is fantastic potential

here," she said. I could see that immediately and it actually backed up everything I felt when I came to matches with clients to use the Chiltern Radio executive box.

"The atmosphere is first-class. It is clear a lot of work has been done already, but now I feel we have the opportunity to go even further, especially on

the youth, families and community side of the club. I want to see families here having fun and enjoying their football together."

Kathy was born in the football hot-bed of the north-east at Stanley, Co. Durham, and moved south with her Lutonian mother when she was in her late 'teens. Her first work experience came in Luton and after a spell with an insurance company, she moved into sales at Chiltern where her track record made her one of the local radio network's most prized assets.

Her support for The Hatters developed through her work with Chiltern Radio, thanks to regular visits to the executive box on Saturdays. "It was just part of the job for me," she added. "But I found it quite exciting and gradually

found I was volunteering for the work on home match Saturdays. I had, without really noticing it, become a fan!"

Kathy joins with a warm welcome from everyone at the club and with tremendous support from chairman David Kohler and the directors, particularly Chris Green. "I am sure Kathy will revel in the job and be a success," he said. "It is a terrific opportunity for her and for us and we are all looking forward to the weeks, months and years ahead as we work to go from strength to strength."



**Kathy Leather - delighted**

# Bolton look to London for their next scalp

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**NEWS ON ONE**

**W**ith one team through, four draws and three casualties, the First Division could not complain about their luck in last weekend's FA Cup fourth round. Midweek replays will help determine a clearer fifth round draw as Leonard Spall reviews the 'ifs', 'buts' and 'maybes'...

Bolton Wanderers proved last Monday against Arsenal that they can battle with the best. Last season they eliminated Liverpool from the FA Cup at Anfield and in this year's competition they have already knocked out Everton at Goodison Park. After drawing 2-2 with the Gunners at Burnden Park, the scene is set for the 'Trotters' to take their giant-killing act to Highbury.

Scottish striker John McGinlay, who scored against both the Merseyside giants in Bolton's Cup exploits, declared defiantly. "This battle is far from over," regarding the draw against the Cup holders. "For a moment we were shattered when they sneaked into the lead. But we showed strength and character to fight back. We are very confident about the replay in London."

Even Arsenal boss George Graham conceded that: "Bolton deserved a replay. They were dead and buried at Everton before coming back. I have seen them do it again and it was all because their attackers just would not give in."

Bolton were one of four First Division sides to hold Premiership opponents and Steve Gritt, Charlton's co-manager, summed-up the sentiments replaying away to a team like Blackburn entails: "I am delighted we have got them back for a second time. The revenue will come in handy. But I am disappointed we did not nick it. We were the better team."

If revenue gained is the practical reality, Oxford United will be ecstatic with a replay at Elland Road. However, Cup dreams were

promised and dashed as Denis Smith's side squandered a 2-0 lead. Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, admitted that: "At 3.30 it looked like 'Goodnight Vienna'" - at 4.45 odds of 500-1 were not mean for Oxford to win the Cup.

Mick Walker, the Notts County manager, viewed his team from a long-term perspective. "They are a young side," he said. "It is like when you were 18 with three girlfriends. The more you play, the more you learn."

After drawing 1-1 with West Ham, he will be hoping his side can educate the 'academy' in the replay at Upton Park.

Draws, it seems, have characterised the fourth round. Stoke drew 0-0 at Oldham and Barnsley held Plymouth 2-2 at Home Park. Wolves, so far, are the only First Division team through to the fifth round - the first time they have reached

this stage since 1981. Their progress may be hindered, however, with the news that Steve Bull will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury.

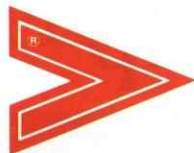
Port Vale, Grimsby and Sunderland were the only casualties. Aston Villa knocked out Grimsby at Blundell Park with goals from Ray Houghton and Dwight Yorke. Both teams had a player sent off in the first-half, although Mariners boss Alan Buckley blames the defeat on one particular performance. "I think we were value for the draw," he said. "We might have done better but for Paul McGrath, who was superb. There is little wonder they let him go walkabout if he can perform like that."



**Bolton celebrate victory against Liverpool last year. Will Cup holders Arsenal be their next victims.**



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# Fans' Forum



## A FUN TIME HAD BY ALL

Dear Sir,

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You could have mistaken the room for a crowded terrace when we scored and the highly-charged atmosphere remained for the entire afternoon.

The idea was a brilliant one and, if we progress further in the competition, I hope the club beam back more games.

*Good luck in the replay.*

Jon Noble, 159 Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell, MK16 9BD.

## A GREAT DAY OUT

Dear Sir,

What a joy it was to see Luton playing in front of a packed house once again, up at Newcastle United last week. The day was a long one, but it was definitely worthwhile. A long trip up the A1, a good look round the Metro Centre and then onto the game.

The atmosphere was certainly intimidating for us 750 or so loyal Hatters, but we made our presence felt and Tony Thorpe's goal was the icing on the cake for us all.

Let's hope we can make home advantage count in the replay and another future trip to one of the country's top grounds. Old Trafford maybe.....?

Chris Richardson, 6 Langbridge Close, Hitchin, Herts.

## FROM A FAN'S POINT OF VIEW

Dear Sir,

I am a sixth form pupil at Erymsted's Grammar School, Skipton, currently studying for my A-Levels. As part of my English project I have undertaken to do an assignment entitled 'An Away Fans Guide to the Endsleigh League'. This aims to give fans a real insight into what football grounds are

really like - where to drink, sit, the standard of food, access to the ground etc.

I would appreciate it if your fans could contact me with details of their favourite away grounds, stories of their experiences, treatment by away fans, police stewards and their overall views on watching their team play away.

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John Dreyer gets the better of four Newcastle defenders, but his shot goes agonisingly wide.



Kerry Dixon wriggles past Barry Venison as Lee Clark looks on.



Goalscorer Tony Thorpe is mobbed by an ecstatic David Preece and Julian James.



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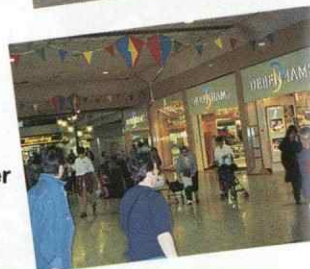
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BY CHERRY NEWBERY

## Leicester City v Luton Town

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Saturday, February 12, 1994 - Kick-off 3.00 pm  
Seats cost £10.00 (no concessions). Seating tickets are available from the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road until 5.00 pm on Friday, February 11 and also on the day at Filbert Street. No terracing available.

## Luton Town v Millwall

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE  
Tuesday, February 15, 1994 - Kick-off 7.45 pm  
Tickets for this match are now on sale. Normal league prices and guesting facilities apply.

## Bristol City v Luton Town

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE  
Saturday, February 19, 1994 - Kick-off 3.00 pm  
Terracing only is available for Luton supporters, priced £6.50 (no concessions). Pay on the day at turnstiles 51-57 in Ashton Road.

## Luton Town v Portsmouth

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE  
Tuesday, February 22, 1994 - Kick-off 7.45 pm  
Tickets for this match are now on sale at the discounted price. Normal guesting facilities apply.

If we win tonight we face Cardiff City in round five.  
See page six for further details.

## Ticket Office Hours

Monday - Friday 10 am - 5 pm.

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# Spotlight on tonight's visitors



## NEWCASTLE UNITED F.C. 1993-94

■ Events, both on and off the pitch, have progressed rapidly for Newcastle United since they last visited Kenilworth Road over a year ago. Despite a 0-0 draw here, the Magpies dominated the second-half of last season's First Division campaign and romped to the title with an amazing tally of 96 points.

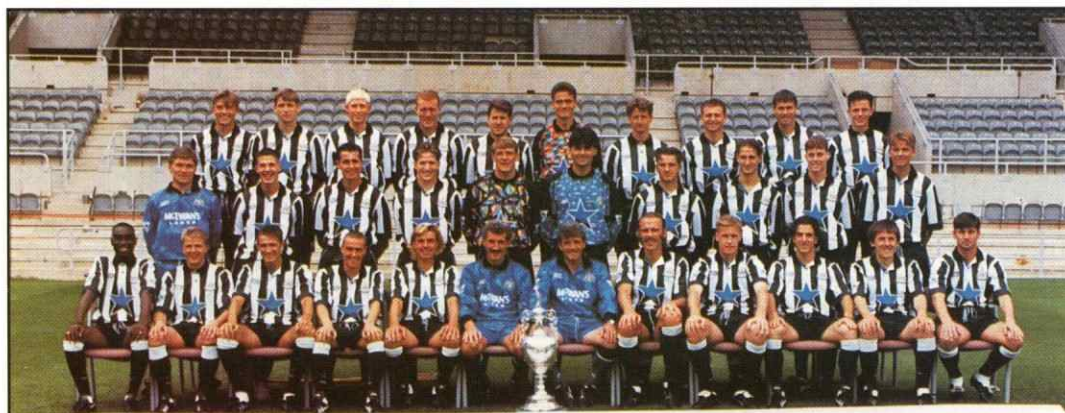
■ The summer months saw the arrival of former Magpies' favourite Peter Beardsley for £1.5 million from Everton, and Malcolm Allen and Nicos Papavasiliou were also brought in to strengthen the squad. Changes were also made off the field. The reconstruction of St James' Park's Leazes End and, as we witnessed last week, the Gallowgate end will finally leave Newcastle with one of the finest stadiums in Britain.

■ As the 1993-94 Premiership campaign approached, everything was in place for a season of consolidation amongst the country's elite. However, things have gone much better than expected for Kevin Keegan's side. Beardsley and the ever-flourishing Andy Cole sparked a potent strike partnership from day one and have since caused defences up and down the country major headaches. Aided by a

creative midfield and solid defence, Keegan's 'Toon Army' have rarely been out of the top six in the Premiership this season. The Geordies are here to stay.

■ Newcastle's rapid strides can be put down to the financial backing of the board, and the fervent following of the club's supporters. However, manager Keegan must take most of the credit, as Town manager David Pleat is quick to point out. "Kevin is one of the most imaginative and refreshing managers in the game," he said. "Their one touch play is a joy to watch and I am always telling my players 'If you want to improve as a team, watch Newcastle United'".

■ The foundation of Newcastle United FC stemmed from a newly-formed club called Stanley in 1881. A year later they changed their name to Newcastle East End and merged with Rosewood. In 1889 the club moved to St James' Park and four years later they changed their name to Newcastle United. In the early years, the club won the First Division championship four times. They also won the FA Cup in 1910, 1924, 1932, 1951, 1952 and 1955 and the European Fairs Cup in 1969.



Back row (left to right): Danny Anderson, David Roche, Alun Armstrong, Steve Watson, Kevin Brock, Steve Harper, Scott Sellars, John Beresford, Robert Lee, Richard Appleby.  
Middle row (left to right): Derek Fazackerley (coach), Peter Cormack, Liam O'Brien (now Trammere), Alan Neilson, Tommy Wright (now Nottm Forest), Pavel Srnicek, Matty Appleby, Rob Elliott, Tony Dinning, Nathan Murray.  
Front row (left to right): Andy Cole, Alex Mathie, Steve Howey, Lee Clark, Barry Venison, Terry McDermott (assistant manager), Kevin Keegan (manager), Brian Kilcline (now Swindon Town), Kevin Scott (now Tottenham Hotspur), Nicos Papavasiliou, Peter Beardsley, Paul Bracewell.

## VISITORS ON PARADE

**MIKE HOOPER** (goalkeeper) - Mike, who was signed from Liverpool for £500,000 in September, started his career with Bristol City, but made only one appearance before moving to Wrexham in 1985. Liverpool signed him in October of that year but he spent much of his time at Anfield as understudy to Bruce Grobbelaar.

**STEVE WATSON** (defender) - Steve was only 16 when he made his league debut for the Magpies, against Wolves, in 1990 and was a regular member of the side for the next 18 months. Although he only played a couple of times in the league last season, Steve has re-gained his place this term, and has been selected for the England under-21's.

**BARRY VENISON** (defender) - Introduced to league soccer by Sunderland in 1981, Barry became an England under-21 regular in his Roker Park days. He joined Liverpool for £200,000 in 1986 and was a member of two championship winning sides and collected an FA Cup winners' medal in 1989 before moving to Newcastle for £250,000 in the summer of 1992.

**STEPHEN HOWEY** (defender) - A former Magpies trainee, Stephen made his debut in 1989. He made further occasional appearances until winning a regular place last season when he missed only one game in Newcastle's First Division Championship success.

**JOHN BERESFORD** (defender) - John remained in the reserve teams at Manchester City before his league chance came after moving to Barnsley in 1986. Portsmouth signed him for £300,000 in 1989, then collected £650,000 when he moved on to Newcastle United in 1992.

**ROBERT LEE** (midfield) - Robert scored 13 times last season after joining Newcastle from Charlton for £700,000 in September 1992. He made his debut for the Addicks in 1984 and won England under-21 honours with the south London club.

**LEE CLARK** (midfield) - Lee developed in the Newcastle youth squad and has made rapid progress since his full debut in 1990. In little more than a year, the 'new Gazza' was in the England under-21 side and he has now collected 11 caps at that level.

**PAUL BRACEWELL** (midfield) - Paul became an England under-21 international while with his first club Stoke. Sunderland signed him for £250,000 in 1983 and Everton paid a similar fee a year later. While at Goodison Park, Paul won a place in the full England side until suffering a career threatening ankle injury. He made a recovery and joined Sunderland again in 1989, before joining Newcastle for £250,000 in 1992.

**SCOTT SELLARS** (midfield) - A £700,000 signing from Leeds last March, Scott started his career at Elland Road, but left for Blackburn Rovers in 1986. He returned to Leeds six years later. Scott is an England under-21 international.

**MALCOLM ALLEN** (forward) - Signed as cover for the Beardsley/Cole partnership, Malcolm was signed from Millwall for £300,000 at the start of the season. The holder of 13 Welsh caps, he started his career with Watford before joining Norwich City for £400,000 in 1988. Two years later he returned to the south east with a £400,000 move to Millwall.

**ANDY COLE** (forward) - The Premiership's leading goalscorer with 30 goals, Andy started his career with Arsenal. Crowded out by those in front of him, he joined Bristol City for £500,000 in 1992. His form for the Robins, 16 goals last season, was rewarded with a £1.75 million move to Tyneside where his phenomenal scoring rate has continued.

**PETER BEARDSLEY** (forward) - England international Peter returned for his second spell at St James' Park following his £1.5 million transfer from Everton last summer. He began his career with Carlisle and had two spells with Vancouver before joining Manchester United in 1982. One appearance later he joined the Magpies, before moving on to Liverpool in 1987. Countless honours and four years later, he joined Merseyside rivals Everton.

**ALEX MATHIE** (forward) - Alex's performances for Morton in Scotland attracted attention from many of England's top clubs, but it was Kevin Keegan who gained his signature, for £285,000 in August. He had previously been with Celtic, where he made 14 appearances.

## MEET THE BOSS



**K**evin Keegan started his footballing career with Scunthorpe United and, after three seasons as a first-teamer, moved on to Liverpool for £20,000 in 1971. In six seasons at Anfield he won just about everything - a European Cup winners' medal, two UEFA Cup medals, three League Championships and the FA Cup. And, of course, he won a place in the England team.

Capped 63 times, Mr Keegan skipped his country on many occasions.

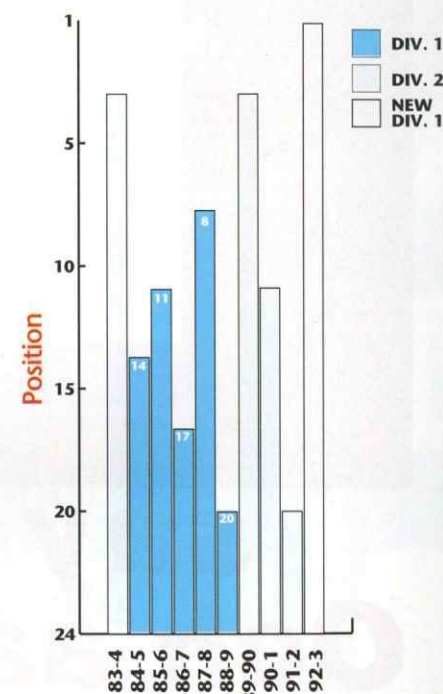
In 1977, he felt he needed another challenge, and joined

SV Hamburg for £500,000. His career continued on a high plain, where he became European Footballer of the Year twice and won a Bundesliga winners' medal.

He spent three years in Germany before signing for Southampton. He spent two seasons with The Saints before joining Newcastle for £100,000 in 1982. He helped United to the Division Two title before announcing his retirement.

He then spent eight years out of the game before Newcastle approached him in February 1992. His task was to stop the side from being relegated to Division Three. He managed that and the rest, as they say, is history...

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-  19 Des Linton
-  5 Trevor Peake
-  6 John Dreyer
-  4 Julian James
-  7 Paul Telfer
-  27 Alan Harper
-  10 David Preece
-  15 Tony Thorpe
-  22 Kerry Dixon
-  8 Scott Oakes












## SUBS

-  14 John Hartson
-  17 Jamie Campbell
-  1 Andy Petterson

# Newcastle United

Manager: Kevin Keegan

Colours: Black/White Striped Shirts,  
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- Mike Hooper  30
- Steve Watson  19
- Barry Venison  2
- Stephen Howey  6
- John Beresford  3
- Robert Lee  7
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## JUNIOR HATTERS

**I would like to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Newcastle United to Kenilworth Road and, in particular, the young supporters of the Magpies who have made the long journey to be here tonight.**

Not many people gave us a chance in the game up at Newcastle, but we showed how far we have progressed this season, with a first-class performance. If you travelled up to St James' Park, I hope you enjoyed yourself. The atmosphere was great. Let's hear you all cheering tonight in a similar fashion.

Remember to book your place at our Saturday Club, which takes place on every home match Saturday from 11.30 am - 5.00 pm. The club is fully supervised and includes football coaching, five-a-side matches, table tennis, snooker, video, lunch and tickets to the match. The cost is only £5.00 or

£3.00 if you are a season ticket holder. Junior Hatter members have told me what a great day they have at the club, so if you want to book your place, please contact the Ticket Office on (0582) 416976.

Finally, we are holding a coaching course on February 14,15,16 at the Lea Manor Sports Centre. The cost is £20.00. For further details contact Gary Hooper on (0582) 411622

Regards, Harry.

## MATCH DAY MASCOT



**Name:** David Cooke  
**Date of Birth:** 19.3.81  
**School attended:** Putteridge High  
**Hobbies:** Watching all sports  
**Favourite Luton player:** I like them all

**Who accompanies you to Luton Town matches:** My dad

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## JUNIOR HATTERS TRAVEL

Travel arrangements for the away games at Leicester City and Bristol City are as follows:

**12.2.94 Leicester City** - depart Kenilworth Road forecourt: 12.30 pm

Arrive home approximately 6.30 pm

**19.2.94 Bristol City** - depart Kenilworth Road forecourt: 11.30 am

Arrive home approximately 7.30 pm

The price for all matches this season has been fixed at £5.00 for Junior Hatters and £8.00 for accompanying adults (price includes tickets for the match). Booking and payment can be made via the Ticket Office up to four days prior to the match.

## JUNIOR HATTERS' BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

February 1 - February 15: Kathryn McNeerney, Joshua Cook, Kieran Monger, Daniel Edmonds, Gary Lewis, Nicholas Soper, Leigh Mooring, Christopher Chaplen, Daniel Collier, Kayleigh Miller, Matthew Brown, Nicholas Nolan, Natasha Lake, Joel McBrearty, Christopher Cowland, Stephen Lee, Wade Stanton, Colin Bacchus, Marcus Levens, Marco Ciuffini, Liza Watkins, Carl Cashman, Christopher Moret, John Hobbs, Greg Roberts, Nicholas Shane, Gavin Fordham, Russell Moroney, Paul Parker, Lee Daglish, Helalur Rahman, Adam Lee, Clare Elliott, Alan Laver, David Kendell, James Bourke, Michael Bolton, Stephen Thomson, Ben Potter, Gary Fry, Lee Woolard, Mark Curry, Robert Lindsay, James Viola, Daniel Viola, Colin Adamson, Jonathan Gaskin, Graham Southey, Lee Ansell, Craig Baldwin, Daniel Gardiner, Barry Neal, Kieran Jellis, Dean Langton, James Peterson, Louise Bacchus, Carl Nield, Mark Janes, Karl Boenke, Nicolas Gilbert, Neil Farley. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!**



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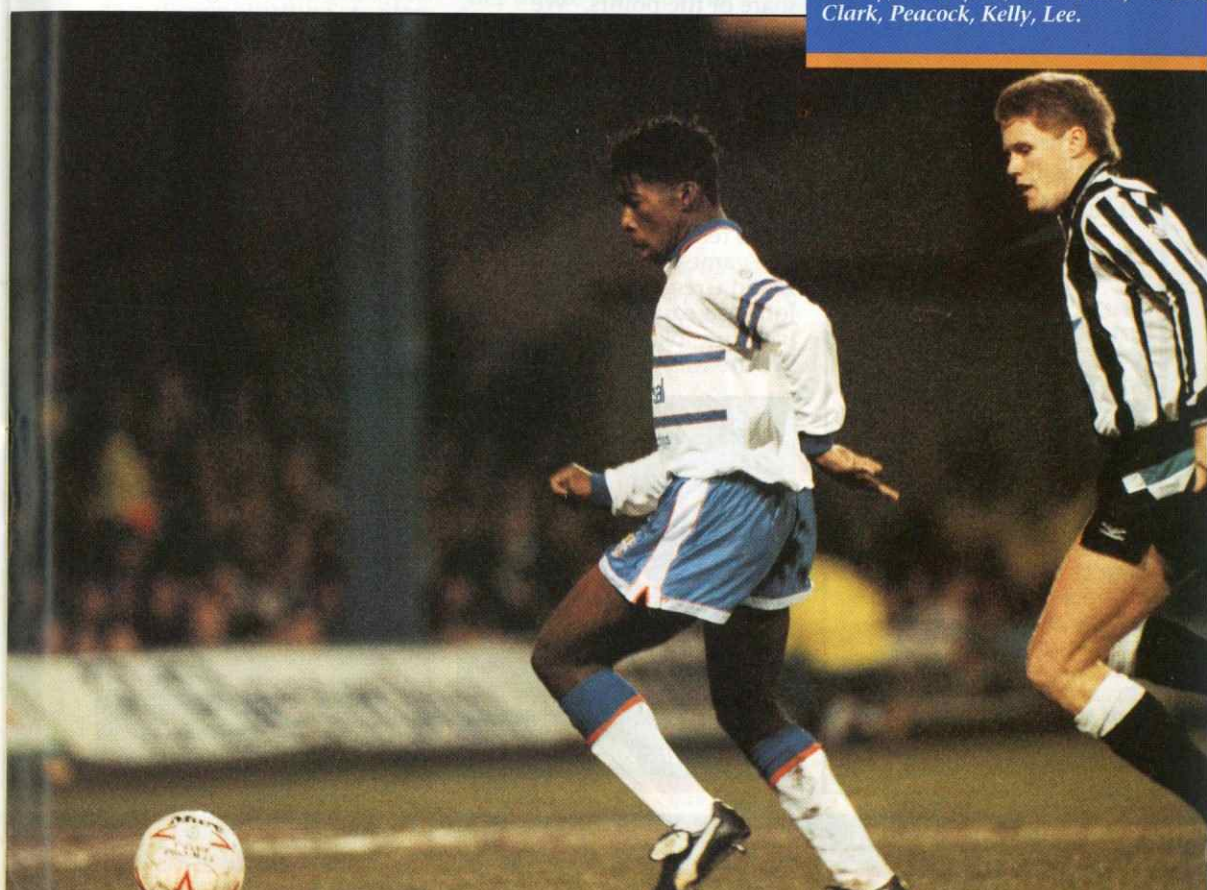
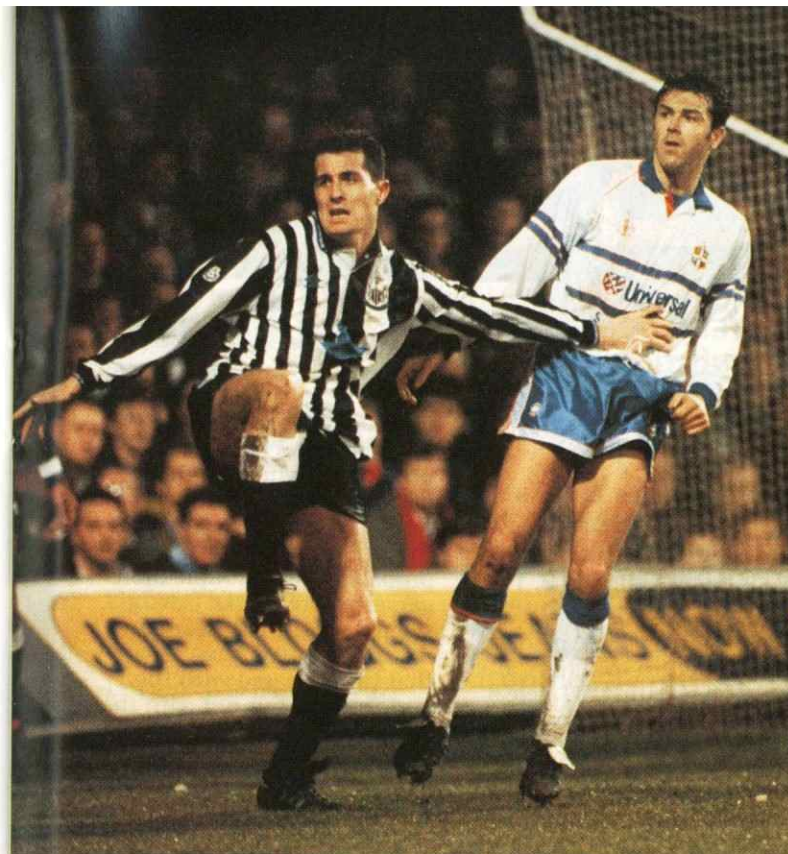
## The last time we met at Kenilworth Road

The biggest crowd of the season (10,233) enjoyed a game high on entertainment but not goals, at Kenilworth Road back in January 1993. The game flowed from end to end as the Hatters became only the second home team all season to keep a clean sheet against the rampant Magpies who were, by then, 13 points clear at the top of the First Division.

The game will be remembered by Town fans for the sparkling home debut of Martin Williams (bottom left), whose pace and enthusiasm was warmly greeted by those present. The Town's best effort of the game came from John Dreyer (top left) with a first-half drive which Pavel Srnicek did well to hold. Alan Chamberlain produced heroics in the Town goal, saving well from a David Kelly 25-yard shot, and tipped a close-range drive from Stephen Howey around the post.

Teams: Town - Chamberlain, James Peake, Dreyer, Johnson, Telfer, Rees (Oakes), Preece, Hughes, William (Benjamin), Gray.

Newcastle - Srnicek, Venison, Scott, Howey, Beresford, Bracewell, O'Brien, Clark, Peacock, Kelly, Lee.



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|     |         |                        |     |
|-----|---------|------------------------|-----|
| Wed | 18 Aug  | West Ham United        | 4-1 |
| Wed | 25 Aug  | Queens Park Rangers    | 4-2 |
| Wed | 1 Sept  | Watford                | 5-1 |
| Wed | 8 Sept  | Wimbledon              | 1-1 |
| Thu | 16 Sept | Norwich City           | 2-3 |
| Wed | 22 Sept | Tottenham Hotspur      | 1-2 |
| Mon | 27 Sept | Langford (BPC)         | 2-1 |
| Wed | 29 Sept | Oxford United          | 4-3 |
| Wed | 6 Oct   | Portsmouth             | 4-2 |
| Wed | 13 Oct  | Swindon Town           | 2-1 |
| Tue | 19 Oct  | Watford                | 2-4 |
| Wed | 27 Oct  | Southampton            | 1-3 |
| Mon | 1 Nov   | Queens Park Rangers    | 1-3 |
| Wed | 10 Nov  | Southampton            | 1-1 |
| Wed | 17 Nov  | Arsenal                | 1-1 |
| Wed | 24 Nov  | Portsmouth             | 0-1 |
| Mon | 29 Nov  | Oxford United          | 0-4 |
| Fri | 3 Dec   | Crystal Palace         | 0-1 |
| Mon | 6 Dec   | Stotfold (BPC2)        | 1-0 |
| Tue | 14 Dec  | Arsenal                | 3-2 |
| Fri | 17 Dec  | Norwich City           | 1-4 |
| Mon | 17 Jan  | Barton Rovers (BPC3)   | 1-0 |
| Wed | 19 Jan  | Bristol Rovers         | 1-0 |
| Mon | 24 Jan  | Chelsea                | 1-5 |
| Wed | 2 Feb   | Ipswich Town           | 2-2 |
| Wed | 9 Feb   | Brighton & Hove Albion |     |
| Wed | 16 Feb  | Chelsea                |     |
| Mon | 21 Feb  | Millwall               |     |
| Wed | 2 Mar   | Brighton & Hove Albion |     |
| Tue | 8 Mar   | West Ham United        |     |
| Wed | 16 Mar  | Bristol Rovers         |     |
| Wed | 23 Mar  | Millwall               |     |
| Mon | 28 Mar  | Charlton Athletic      |     |
| Tue | 5 Apr   | Crystal Palace         |     |
| Tue | 12 Apr  | Bristol City           |     |
| Mon | 18 Apr  | Swindon Town           |     |
| Sat | 23 Apr  | Tottenham Hotspur      |     |
| Mon | 2 May   | Bristol City           |     |
| Wed | 4 May   | Charlton Athletic      |     |

T.B.A. Wimbledon and Ipswich Town (both away).

## Neville Ovenden Football Combination League Table

(up to and including 29.1.94)

|                   | P         | W        | D        | L         | F         | A         | Pts       |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Chelsea           | 21        | 15       | 4        | 2         | 49        | 18        | 49        |
| Norwich City      | 23        | 10       | 7        | 6         | 45        | 35        | 37        |
| Millwall          | 22        | 9        | 6        | 7         | 39        | 34        | 33        |
| Southampton       | 22        | 8        | 8        | 6         | 32        | 34        | 32        |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 19        | 8        | 5        | 6         | 37        | 24        | 29        |
| Oxford United     | 23        | 7        | 8        | 8         | 38        | 36        | 29        |
| Swindon Town      | 17        | 9        | 1        | 7         | 25        | 21        | 28        |
| Arsenal           | 22        | 8        | 4        | 10        | 40        | 42        | 28        |
| Ipswich Town      | 18        | 8        | 3        | 7         | 32        | 30        | 27        |
| Q.P.R.            | 19        | 8        | 3        | 8         | 28        | 31        | 27        |
| <b>LUTON TOWN</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>27</b> |
| Brighton & H.A.   | 18        | 6        | 7        | 5         | 23        | 19        | 25        |
| Crystal Palace    | 21        | 6        | 7        | 8         | 25        | 27        | 25        |
| West Ham United   | 17        | 6        | 6        | 5         | 26        | 22        | 24        |
| Wimbledon         | 21        | 5        | 9        | 7         | 24        | 32        | 24        |
| Bristol Rovers    | 19        | 5        | 8        | 6         | 23        | 27        | 23        |
| Portsmouth        | 22        | 5        | 7        | 10        | 24        | 38        | 22        |
| Bristol City      | 19        | 5        | 5        | 9         | 21        | 41        | 20        |
| Watford           | 18        | 4        | 5        | 9         | 30        | 40        | 17        |
| Charlton Athletic | 14        | 4        | 2        | 8         | 15        | 21        | 14        |

# RESERVES

## HATTERS COME FROM BEHIND TWICE TO SECURE DRAW

Luton Town 2  
Ipswich Town 2  
Neville Ovenden Football Combination, Wednesday, February 2, 1994.

Wayne Turner's side made a positive return to action, after the disappointing 5-1 defeat at Chelsea, against Ipswich at Borehamwood. The Hatters went behind twice, but Wayne was pleased with the character and determination the lads showed to gain a share of the points. "We knew that after having 70 per cent of the play, we deserved something out of the game," he said. "Falling behind twice was a big disappointment, but I was pleased with the way the lads came back into the game to get us back on equal terms."

The game saw defenders David Greene and Marvin Johnson ease themselves back into playing again and Wayne was particularly



David Greene.....on target and making good progress

pleased with Greene's performance. "It was only his second game back after injury and he coped well and looked comfortable. In the second-half we pushed him up more and he scored one of our goals.

"Marvin appeared to tire on the heavy pitch, and he will probably need a couple more games before he can be considered for the first-team squad. Overall, I have to say that I was pleased with the performance but not with the result. We should have won." **Team:** Petterson, Philp, Greene 1, Johnson, Thomas, Williams, Ryan, Campbell 1, Houghton, Hartson, Aunger. **Subs:** Gentle, Woolgar.

The reserves are in action tomorrow, when they travel to Brighton and Hove Albion for a Football Combination fixture, kick-off 7.15 pm. Their next home game takes place next Wednesday (February 16) when they entertain Chelsea, kick-off 2.00 pm. Please note that this game takes place at Borehamwood F.C.



Jamie Campbell.....netted his second goal in three games against Ipswich

and



## YOUTH

BY WAYNE TURNER AND TERRY WESTLEY

### A DISAPPOINTING RETURN FOR JUKES

Oxford United 4  
Luton Town 1  
South East Counties League Division Two, Saturday, January 29, 1994.

Some controversial refereeing decisions and the sending off of youth team skipper Andrew Jukes amounted to a disappointing Saturday for Terry Westley's side. Jukes, who had returned to the side after a lengthy spell out injured, was dismissed for two bookable offences and this upset the balance of Terry's side. "With Andrew off and Paul McLaren out of action following his cartilage operation, our defence did look



Andrew Jukes.....miserable return



Gary Simpson.....netted the Town's consolation

stretched at times," he admitted. "It has been disappointing to lose so heavily twice now, after our previous good run and we have got start over again and get back to basics, particularly in defence." Oxford scored a goal from a penalty and two of their goals did look, even to the neutrals eye, offside. However, Terry remains optimistic for the remainder of the season as he looks at the league table. "Wimbledon, who are top, have lost more games than ourselves, so no result really shocks me," he added. "We know, on our day, we can beat any side in this league. Let's hope we can turn it around again soon." **Team:** Davis, Jukes, Simpson 1, Chenery, Palmer, Wilmott, Campbell, Woolgar, Gibb, Butler, Woodford. **Subs:** Evers, Goodridge.

The next home youth game will take place on Saturday, February 19, when the lads entertain Bournemouth in a South East Counties Division Two match, kick-off 11.00 am.

## South East Counties League Division Two Season 1993-94

|             |                            |     |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Sat 14 Aug  | Swindon Town               | 1-1 |
| Sat 21 Aug  | Crystal Palace             | 1-1 |
| Sat 28 Aug  | Reading                    | 1-2 |
| Sat 4 Sept  | Wimbledon                  | 1-0 |
| Sat 11 Sept | Tottenham Hotspur          | 0-1 |
| Wed 15 Sept | West Ham United (SJFC1)    | 1-1 |
| Sat 18 Sept | Charlton Athletic (SECLC1) | 3-1 |
| Sat 25 Sept | Brighton & Hove Albion     | 2-3 |
| Sat 2 Oct   | Oxford United              | 1-1 |
| Mon 11 Oct  | West Ham United (SFJC1R)   | 3-1 |
| Sat 16 Oct  | Brentford                  | 1-1 |
| Sat 23 Oct  | Chelsea (SECLC2)           | 2-5 |
| Tue 26 Oct  | Derby County (FAYC1)       | 1-1 |
| Sat 30 Oct  | Bournemouth                | 2-1 |
| Thu 4 Nov   | Cambridge City (EJC1)      | 4-1 |
| Sat 6 Nov   | Southampton                |     |
| Sat 13 Nov  | Colchester United          | 5-3 |
| Tue 16 Nov  | Derby County (FAYC1R)      | 1-1 |
| Sat 20 Nov  | Bristol Rovers             | 1-0 |
| Tue 23 Nov  | Arsenal (SJFC2)            | 1-2 |
| Wed 1 Dec   | Derby County (FAYC1, 2R)   | 0-1 |
| Sat 4 Dec   | Bristol Rovers             | 0-5 |
| Sat 11 Dec  | Swindon Town               | 2-0 |
| Sat 18 Dec  | Crystal Palace             | 2-1 |
| Sat 1 Jan   | Reading                    | 2-1 |
| Sat 22 Jan  | Brighton & Hove Albion     | 1-4 |
| Sat 29 Jan  | Oxford United              | 1-4 |
| Sat 5 Feb   | Bristol City               | 4-0 |
| Mon 7 Feb   | East Thurrock (EJC2)       |     |
| Sat 12 Feb  | Brentford                  |     |
| Sat 19 Feb  | Bournemouth                |     |
| Sat 26 Feb  | Southampton                |     |
| Sat 5 Mar   | Colchester United          |     |

T.B.A. Bristol City, Wimbledon, Tottenham (all away)

## South East Counties League Division Two Table

(up to and including 29.1.94)

|                   | P         | W        | D        | L        | F         | A         | Pts       |
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| Crystal Palace    | 17        | 9        | 4        | 4        | 33        | 22        | 22        |
| Oxford United     | 16        | 8        | 4        | 4        | 34        | 21        | 20        |
| Wimbledon         | 17        | 10       | 0        | 7        | 44        | 32        | 20        |
| Brentford         | 18        | 7        | 6        | 5        | 25        | 20        | 20        |
| <b>LUTON TOWN</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>20</b> |
| Swindon Town      | 16        | 8        | 3        | 5        | 32        | 20        | 19        |
| Reading           | 16        | 7        | 5        | 4        | 29        | 24        | 19        |
| Bristol Rovers    | 18        | 7        | 3        | 8        | 31        | 32        | 17        |
| Brighton & H.A.   | 20        | 6        | 5        | 9        | 30        | 39        | 17        |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 17        | 7        | 2        | 8        | 25        | 33        | 16        |
| Colchester United | 20        | 6        | 4        | 10       | 28        | 42        | 16        |
| Bournemouth       | 18        | 7        | 1        | 10       | 30        | 36        | 15        |
| Southampton       | 17        | 5        | 4        | 8        | 18        | 20        | 14        |
| Bristol City      | 16        | 3        | 3        | 10       | 18        | 32        | 9         |



# Tony Thorpe: Stunned beyond belief!



## PLAYER INTERVIEW

**T**o make your full debut in front of a packed St James' Park is a dream come true for most professional footballers. To score is absolutely amazing! Well, that was the case for 18-year-old Tony Thorpe, whose 25-yard strike will stay with him, and most Hatters fans, for a long, long time.

Tony Thorpe has been earmarked for success by David Pleat for a long time now. The Town boss nurtured a young Thorpe through the ranks at Leicester City and gave him his break in the professional game. However, Thorpe's road to glory is not as straightforward as his dream debut was.

"I signed my first professional contract when David Pleat was boss at Leicester," he stated. "I had been at the club since a schoolboy and had come through the youth and reserve teams with Des Linton, Scott Oakes and Martin Williams. I was doing fine, but then things started to go wrong."

Mr Pleat parted company with the Filbert Street club and Tony suffered a bad ankle injury. His recovery took a long time and when he was fit again, the new boss at Leicester, Brian Little, had already decided that Tony was not going to figure in his plans.

"It took me a while to get back to full match fitness and by that time, Brian had settled in and already had in mind the squad he wanted," added Tony. "David was, by now, at Luton and I contacted John Moore at the club for a trial. He couldn't promise me anything and I just came down to try my luck. I think I made a good impression and stayed on a month-to-month basis."

Tony settled immediately, and was helped by the fact that his old pals at Leicester, namely Des, Scott and Martin were now at Kenilworth Road. He made an immediate impact during his first season in the reserves, hitting the net from midfield on a regular basis. His form earned a call-up to the first-team's pre-season trip to Scotland, although injury has since halted his progress.

"I was hoping to make the breakthrough sooner," he added. "Unfortunately, I pulled a thigh muscle and missed the early part of the season. Luckily when I returned, I was able to carry on in the same manner and was included on the bench a couple of times, making a very brief debut against Stoke City."

He has since been a regular squad member. David Pleat had hinted during the build up to the Newcastle game last Saturday that he was going to spring a surprise. However, Tony had no idea the surprise was going to be his own inclusion!

"I was included in set-pieces in training so I knew that I was going to be involved in the squad, possibly even a substitute. On the day of the match I honestly thought I was just going to be on the bench after I had

taken part in the warm up on the pitch.

"It was just as I was coming back up the tunnel that David Pleat said to me 'Well Tony, are you ready'. I couldn't believe it, I was playing! I think it helped that I only knew so late on because I didn't really have time to get nervous."

He states that the roar as both teams came onto the pitch will live with him for the rest of his life. The game itself reached the same levels of excitement for Tony, who states that it was a hard introduction to professional football.

"There can't be many harder places to go and make your full debut," he added. "I had trouble at the start coping with the speed of the game. It really was 100 miles-an-hour stuff. But having the experience of David Preece and Alan Harper alongside me was a great help. They did not stop encouraging and guiding for the whole time I was on the pitch."

It was a little guidance from Preece which led to Thorpe's wonder goal. He threaded the ball through to Tony who hit the target from fully 25-yards. "When I got the ball I just remember Preece shouting 'hit it, hit it', so I did. I got a nice bobble and the ball just flew in. I couldn't believe it. I was shocked. I didn't know how to react. It still hasn't sunk in really."

**"I GOT A NICE BOBBLE AND  
THE BALL JUST FLEW IN.  
I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT"**

The media attention has since thrown Tony into the spotlight, but he is determined not to let it affect him. He has a mature head on young shoulders, and knows that the job is not even half done. "I did OK in the game, but I can do a lot better. I just want to keep improving and improving. I have a long way to go before I can say I am a regular, but I want to make the breakthrough sometime this season."

So, not even assured of his place tonight, Tony believes that the Hatters can make it into round five against Cardiff, now that the team are back at Kenilworth Road. "I really do believe we can do it," he stated. "Back on home turf, with home support, they won't fancy coming down here. We have a good record at home in recent months. Long may it continue!"





# Honours even, until later tonight!



BACK TRACKING BY ROGER WASH

**W**hatever happens tonight there will be an overall leader in FA Cup clashes between ourselves and the Magpies as, with one victory each and one draw in previous games - all, coincidentally, in the fourth round - the clubs currently stand even.

The 1972/73 FA Cup campaign had started off with a relatively easy home draw against Crewe. The crowd of 9,411 saw Jim Ryan and Barry Butlin score second-half goals to secure a fourth round spot against Newcastle at St James' Park.

The Magpies were riding high near the top of Division One at the time while the Town were in Division Two. We did not have a chance if you believed the press corps. The match had extra spice as Malcolm Macdonald, who had moved from Luton to Tyneside in the summer of 1971, was the darling of the terraces and, never backward in coming forward in talking to the media, had turned the match into a personal crusade to put one over his old team mates.

A crowd of 42,170 which was capacity in a three-sided St James' Park, greeted the Town players who turned out in an orange, black and white strip for the first time. We had to endure the expected, fierce onslaught in the opening minutes with Macdonald, captain for the day, missing an early sitter.

Gradually the Luton players increased in confidence and, out of the blue, took the lead in the 28th minute when the wily John Aston, advanced on Newcastle goalkeeper Iam McFaul and calmly hit a left foot shot into the net.

Again Newcastle pressed, but it was the Town who increased their lead just before half time when Alan Slough broke down the right before cutting the ball back to Aston who hit it into the top corner for a picture goal.

Not surprisingly it was 'backs to the wall' stuff in the second-half and current Town coach John Moore recalls that it was one of his finest ever defensive performances even though the ball was sometimes blocked with unorthodox parts of his anatomy! The Town eventually went out of the competition in the sixth round at Sunderland in front of a crowd of 53,151 which meant that a large percentage of the population of the North

East had seen the new Luton strip before the regulars at Kenilworth Road.

A chance to avenge their defeat came Newcastle's way eight years later when the Town were drawn to play at St James' Park, again in the fourth round. We had edged past Orient in the previous round.

A best of season crowd of 29,202 was present to see this all Second Division clash but this time it was the turn of Newcastle to seize the initiative by taking the lead in the sixth minute. Ray Clarke was in acres of space to guide a header past Jake Findlay.

An inevitable second goal came on the hour when Chris Waddle skipped down the left and sent over a cross that was gratefully accepted by Mick Martin.

The Magpies then appeared to sit back and Godfrey Ingram reduced the deficit five minutes later with a lovely 20-yard shot. Newcastle did not extend their run much further, however, going out at Exeter at the next stage after a replay.

## FIRST GAME

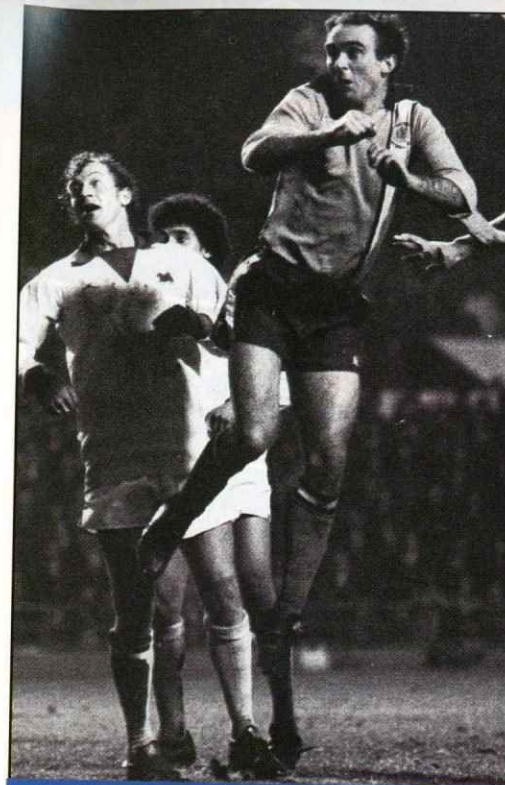
**Luton** - Barber, Shanks, Thomson, Slough, Garner, Moore, Jim Ryan, John Ryan, Butlin, Hindson, Aston.

**Newcastle** - McFaul, Craig, Clark, Natrass, Howard, Moncur, Barrowclough, Smith, Macdonald, Tudor, Hodgson (Reid).

## SECOND GAME

**Luton** - Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, West, Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Aizlewood, Moss.

**Newcastle** - Carr, Carney, Johnson, Martin, Boam, Halliday, Shinton, Trewick, Clarke, Wharton, Waddle.



John Aston netted two Cup goals at St James' Park in 1973.

# DOWN THE YEARS

**5** years - The Town had been knocked out of the F.A. Cup at the third round stage and were therefore left with a blank Saturday (11/2/89).

**10** years - Back to league action after being beaten at Watford in a third round replay, the Town went down 5-0 at home to Manchester United in a televised game (12/2/84).

**15** years - Knocked out by York in the third round we had to be content with a 0-0 home draw against Stoke City in the league on a bitterly cold night (6/2/79).

**20** years - At last, a fourth round FA Cup game to report on! Barry Butlin, Jim Ryan and David Fretwell (own goal), secured a 3-0 home win against Bradford City, in front of 12,470 fans (26/1/74).

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LUTON TOWN

- ? Name two England strikers who played for the Town and for Newcastle.
- ? When Luton beat Newcastle in the FA Cup in 1973, who was the former Magpie in the Town side?
- ? Who was the manager who had spells in the boss's office at both Kenilworth Road and St. James's Park?

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# Failed medical leads to eight successful years with the Town!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? - BY ROGER WASH

**F**ormer Luton skipper Alan West enjoyed more than 300 first-team appearances for the Town. Yet if he had heeded medical advice, his playing career would have been cut short 20 years ago....

Born in Hyde, Alan was playing for his local school team when he was spotted by a Burnley scout and invited along for trials at the age of 14. He signed apprentice professional forms, joining one of the best youth set-ups in the country at the time, and starred alongside the likes of Dave Thomas, Steve Kindon and Mick Docherty in a team that won the F.A. Youth Cup in 1968.

"I made my first team debut in the 1969/70 season at home to Stoke City in the same side as Ralph Coates and Willy Morgan," he said. "And in all I appeared in over 50 games for Burnley, mostly in Division One, as well as winning under-23 international caps whilst I was there."

As is often the case with smaller, provincial clubs the better players are eventually sold and Burnley suffered relegation in 1971 after selling one player too many. It was Alan's turn to move on in 1973 when Sunderland stepped in with a £100,000 bid, but after three days of medical checks at Roker Park came some devastating news.

"I was told by the Sunderland medical people that I had a vertebrae in my back out of place and that if I continued playing I would be in a wheelchair within two years. I was sure that there was nothing wrong and when Luton manager Harry Haslam came in for me soon after I jumped at the chance as I was anxious to prove my fitness."

Alan joined Luton for £100,000 and made his debut in October 1973 in a 2-0 defeat at Orient. But by the end of the season, promotion to Division One had been secured, leaving Sunderland behind on the way!

"The enduring quality of the Luton side at that time was the team spirit. We had no big stars in the side but played for each other with a good blend of defence, midfield and attack bringing out the best in each other.

"I still feel a bit aggrieved that we were relegated

from Division One in 1975 as in the second-half of that season, especially at home, we steam-rolled sides and I have not experienced an atmosphere like it before or since. Although I played in three really good sides at Kenilworth Road finishing up in the David Moss, Brian Stein era, it was a shame that I did not play longer in Division One."

Alan reminded me that for four consecutive summers during his time at Luton he played in the United States for Minnesota Kicks, pitting his wits

against the likes of Eusebio, Pele, Beckenbaur, Cruyff, Best and Muller, which must go some way in compensation for not turning out regularly in the top-flight.

"After we failed to get promotion after two near misses, I thought that, at 30, I was past my best and felt that the youngsters coming through meant that perhaps a move was in my best interests. I was under no pressure to leave the club and David Pleat was very good about it, but I decided to join Millwall where my old team-mate Peter Anderson was manager. As it turned out, Peter was sacked and, when George Graham came into the club, I

didn't fit into his plans and joined Hitchin Town where I had four happy years as player-manager. I obviously have some regrets at leaving Luton when I did just as the club was about to win promotion to Division One!"

Alan now looks on Luton as his home and is happily settled in the town and is minister at the Luton Christian Fellowship. Unlike his son, who is a regular at Kenilworth Road, he does not have time to watch the Town too often as he still plays football on a Saturday for the local 'Christians in Sport' team. At the time of speaking to him, he proudly confirmed that he had scored the winner in the previous weekend's game against A.C. Cadoza.

Not bad for someone who, 20 years ago, was told he would be crippled within two years!





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# A whole, new ball game!



SKY SPORTS COME TO KENILWORTH ROAD

**T**his evening Sky Sports come to Kenilworth Road for the first time for a live match. We take a look at the impact the satellite company has made on the football scene, since they won the right to show live Premiership, international and FA Cup matches, in 1992.

When it was announced Sky Sports had clinched a £304 million deal with the Football Association to beam live, extensive coverage of the newly-formed Premier League, England games and the traditional FA Cup, there were many who had their doubts.

From the chairmen of the club's elite few, down to the man in the street, many thought the decision was the wrong one and that viewing football would never be the same again for those brought up on a diet of Match of the Day and Saint and Greavsie. The top brass in the game also thought saturation broadcasting would drastically affect gate figures.

However, Sky had other ideas. They promised to broaden the scope of football coverage. Their idea was not just to show live games, but to highlight other areas of the nation's number one sport, which had previously been ignored. Along with spinning action replays, dancing girls and impressive graphics during televised matches, Sky have introduced programming which is, without doubt, unrivalled on British television.

For instance The Boot Room, hosted by Andy Gray, has given the fans a chance to see the previous weekend's game analysed in detail, also The Footballers' Football Show has gained widespread acclaim for the way it tackles the game's burning issues via a guest line-up of personalities from within the game. Sky have proved that it is not just live broadcast after broadcast, but much more than that.

One fan of Sky is the Premiership Chief Executive Rick Parry. He said: "The time Sky has dedicated to matches, previews and reviews convinces us that we made the right decision. People

argue that it has affected attendances. But gates, which at the start of last season were 10 per cent down, are now only 3 per cent down. And that's at a time when many grounds are undergoing major refurbishment."

Sky must also be applauded for their attention to youth football, for screening England's latter matches in the World Youth Championship, the European under-18 Championship and last season's FA Youth Cup final between Leeds and Manchester United.

They have set the standards and shown the way forward.

"We have built up a good relationship with the clubs and one of our goals is to further cement this partnership," says Head of Sky Sports, David Hill. "I was thrilled by the public reaction to our coverage last year, it was all very positive. What we are looking to do now is further improve the standard of our coverage game by game."

We all know that there is nothing like attending a game in person, but there is a demand for live televised matches, as those who were present for the Town's beam-back from St James' Park last week proved. The Hatters

also introduced their own Sky football nights last year in the Hatters bar, where the live Monday night game was watched and then a panel of Town players and staff would debate the game with Hatters fans.

Now those same players have the chance to shine in front of the cameras themselves tonight. Let's hope they dish up a feast which will inspire Richard Keys, Andy Gray and the team to come back for more and more. Next stop Cardiff City in round five.....?



Andy Gray and commentator Ian Darke see the point at a recent Monday night live game.



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| Aug 28  | 1-2 | 9,788  | 22  |
| Aug 31  | 1-2 | 2,854  | -   |
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A garage proprietor, Edward is married with two daughters. He commenced refereeing in local Preston leagues and joined the Football League list in 1987. He lists his hobbies as collecting old money, photography and crown green bowls.

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|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|---------|----------------------------|
| Crystal Palace       | 28 | 16 | 5  | 7  | 49 | 33  | 53      | 15,584                     |
| Charlton Athletic    | 28 | 14 | 6  | 8  | 35 | 26  | 48      | 7,563                      |
| Nottingham Forest    | 27 | 13 | 8  | 6  | 45 | 30  | 47      | 24,862                     |
| Millwall             | 28 | 13 | 8  | 7  | 39 | 32  | 47      | 11,494                     |
| Leicester City       | 28 | 13 | 7  | 8  | 47 | 36  | 46      | 15,866                     |
| Tranmere Rovers      | 29 | 13 | 6  | 10 | 39 | 35  | 45      | 8,857                      |
| Derby County         | 28 | 13 | 4  | 11 | 44 | 42  | 43      | 15,648                     |
| Wolverhampton W      | 28 | 10 | 13 | 5  | 42 | 28  | 43      | 23,216                     |
| Stoke City           | 28 | 12 | 7  | 9  | 38 | 40  | 43      | 19,455                     |
| Bolton Wanderers     | 29 | 11 | 9  | 9  | 39 | 33  | 42      | 11,086                     |
| Bristol City         | 29 | 11 | 8  | 10 | 32 | 33  | 41      | 9,006                      |
| Southern United      | 29 | 12 | 4  | 13 | 44 | 42  | 40      | 5,510                      |
| Portsmouth           | 28 | 9  | 11 | 8  | 31 | 34  | 38      | 12,583                     |
| Middlesbrough        | 27 | 9  | 10 | 8  | 38 | 30  | 37      | 7,779                      |
| Notts County         | 28 | 11 | 4  | 13 | 38 | 47  | 37      | 6,708                      |
| Sunderland           | 28 | 11 | 4  | 13 | 30 | 36  | 37      | 17,374                     |
| LUTON TOWN           | 27 | 10 | 5  | 12 | 35 | 34  | 35      | 7,838                      |
| Grimsbury Town       | 28 | 7  | 13 | 8  | 34 | 32  | 34      | 7,307                      |
| Watford              | 29 | 8  | 7  | 14 | 43 | 57  | 31      | 8,648                      |
| West Bromwich Albion | 29 | 7  | 9  | 13 | 41 | 47  | 30      | 16,705                     |
| Birmingham City      | 29 | 7  | 8  | 14 | 29 | 43  | 29      | 16,208                     |
| Barnsley             | 28 | 7  | 7  | 14 | 34 | 45  | 28      | 6,429                      |
| Oxford United        | 29 | 6  | 8  | 15 | 32 | 53  | 26      | 6,735                      |
| Peterborough United  | 27 | 5  | 9  | 13 | 24 | 34  | 24      | 8,599                      |

(up to and including 6.2.94)

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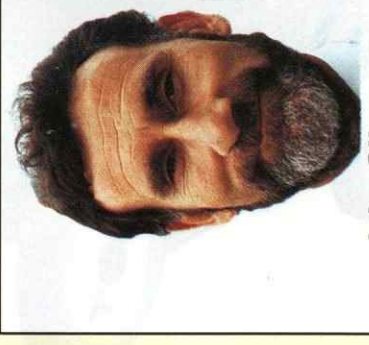
| League          | Coca-Cola Cup |       | All Cup |       | FA Cup |       |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|
|                 | Apps          | Goals | Apps    | Goals | Apps   | Goals |
| Geoff Aunger    | 3             | 1     | -       | -     | -      | -     |
| Ian Benjamin    | 2(1)          | 1     | 2       | -     | -      | -     |
| Jamie Campbell  | 4(7)          | -     | -       | -     | -      | -     |
| Paul Dickov     | 8(7)          | 1     | -       | -     | -      | (-2)  |
| Kerry Dixon     | 17(1)         | 7     | -       | 2     | 1      | 2     |
| John Dreyer     | 24            | 1     | 2       | -     | 2      | -     |
| David Greene    | -             | -     | -       | (-1)  | -      | -     |
| Alan Harper     | 22            | 1     | -       | -     | 2      | -     |
| John Hartson    | 11(6)         | 3     | (-1)    | -     | 2      | (-1)  |
| Scott Houghton  | 6(7)          | 1     | 1(1)    | -     | 2      | -     |
| Ceri Hughes     | 25            | 4     | 2       | -     | 1      | -     |
| Julian James    | 10(4)         | 1     | 2       | -     | 2      | -     |
| Marvin Johnson  | 16            | -     | 2       | -     | 2      | -     |
| Des Linton      | 18(1)         | -     | 1       | -     | 2      | -     |
| Scott Oakes     | 20(3)         | 5     | 1(1)    | -     | 2      | -     |
| Trevor Peake    | 27            | -     | 2       | -     | 2      | -     |
| Andy Petterson  | (-1)          | -     | -       | -     | -      | -     |
| David Preece    | 12            | 2     | 2       | -     | 2      | 1     |
| Jason Rees      | 7(1)          | -     | 1       | -     | 2      | -     |
| Juergen Sommer  | 27            | -     | 2       | -     | 2      | -     |
| Paul Telfer     | 25(1)         | 4     | 1       | -     | 1      | 2     |
| Tony Thorpe     | (-2)          | 1     | -       | -     | -      | 1     |
| Mitchell Thomas | 9             | 1     | -       | -     | -      | -     |
| Martin Williams | 4(8)          | 1     | 1       | -     | 1(1)   | -     |
| Matthew Woolgar | -             | -     | -       | (-1)  | -      | -     |

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