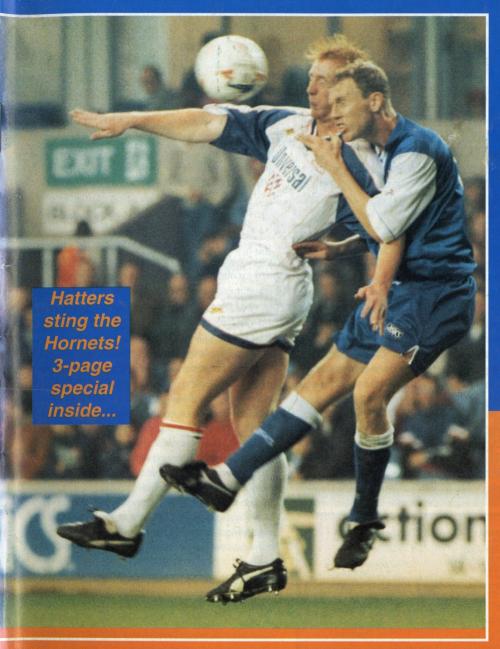
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# **PLEAT'S PERSPECTIVE**

# **BEATING WATFORD MEANS A LOT**

This afternoon we welcome Bristol City, their supporters, directors and players, and hope we have a good afternoon's entertainment. Last year's games with our opponents didn't produce many goals, but football has a habit of turning things about face so it is quite possible that we may see some goals today.

So far Bristol City have had one of the tightest defensive records in the division and they have two of the best defenders in this league. Their manager Russell Osman was a fine defender whom I had as my captain and pivot in my first season at Leicester. He was essential to the success that the team had in that season, but unfortunately I lost him under freedom of contract to Southampton.

At the time, Leicester got £350,000 for losing his services, and as Russell said, like wine he must be maturing every year. He went on to have three very successful



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seasons at Southampton and has been a fine profes-

I was disturbed the other week when a front page story carried in the Bedfordshire on Sunday accused the club's players of requesting money for charity events. On inquiry this was completely false, and the Beds on Sunday promised a retraction which they did on page three. There is no more galling situation for a football club than to be falsely accused and then to see the apology in a less prominent position.

Sometimes in football we have to learn to live with these unfortunate misrepresentations and the cost of going to court is a suitable deterrant for the wronged party to pursue. We hope in future that any local newspaper has the decency to check all facts before printing.

Now for the good news, and our travelling supporters will have enjoyed two return journeys without egg on their face. The positive bouncy football that we played at Watford was worthy of victory, and we all understand how much it means to our supporters to beat our nearest neighbours.

We were also solid in our efforts to come back from Millwall with a disciplined performance under our belts. We made the clearer chances, but failed to hit the important goal. Millwall, as their manager pointed out afterwards, gave 100 per cent but failed to create any clear-cut chances as the home side. I was pleased that Juergen Sommer once again showed that he is not inferior in any way to Kasey Keller, his American rival and colleague and his clean sheet was the third away from home this season, which augurs well for the winter ahead.

We now have to try and take advantage of playing in front of our own supporters to move up the table. I have mentioned that since the seated area behind the Kenilworth goal was introduced we appear to have lost none of our vocal support from that area. But I do not believe that the rest of the supporters are as encouraging as we see when we go away from home.

Maybe it is worth trying to cheer just a little bit louder when play is moving smoothly or even more importantly when events turn against the team on the field. Bolton was a classic example. In the first half when we played fluently and made goal chances, everyone sat back and waited in anticipation of victory. At half-time

Our goalkeeper Juergen Sommer had a point to prove against his rival for a place in the USA squad, Millwall's Kasey Keller (centre)



the only discussion was how many? Of course that firsthalf performance was nullified when Bolton scored an opportunist goal followed by two fine strikes.

In the last 15 minutes I felt the supporters like the team faded away. I felt that our spirit had not been hurt though, and in football you learn to speak about the positive side of the game. The illustrations of the first half performance were adequately convincing to keep the boys in the right frame of mind to play the game at Watford.

Received my Vision Express glasses last week..... The Welsh FA have asked about John Hartson's fitness for the game against Moldova next week..... Juergen Sommer looks as though he has a trip to Saudi Arabia..... Kelvin Davis is on loan at Torquay and had a tough first seven days conceding three against Colchester, two at Wimbledon and two against Barnet..... Dave Bassett and I have been co-opted onto the League Managers Association..... Congratulations to Wayne Turner and his wife Nicky on the birth of their baby boy Bradley..... Jeff Winter, who refereed our away win at Port Vale and gave indirect free kicks in the sixyard box for time-wasting, did not repeat that quirk in the Derby v Stoke game that I saw last Sunday..... John Ryan, now manager of Sittingbourne was due to meet Steve Buckley, ex colleagues and fullbacks in Harry Haslam's mid-1970s side, when Sittingbourne played Corby, however Steve resigned before the game which Corby won 3-2.... Richard Money is now reserve coach at Nottingham Forest and enjoying his new role after a spell as manager of Scunthorpe..... We were all intrigued by Mick McCarthy's excellent programme notes..... Bruce Rioch and Brian Horton, two ex-Luton players, popped into our reserve game with Oxford; Bruce seeing his son Greg go into the referee's book.

and Brian staying to the end to see Luton's two late winning goals by Linton and Hartson..... Jamie Campbell hesitated over a move to Mansfield a couple of weeks ago to join Andy King, whose side's outstanding performance at Leeds caught much attention..... Les Reed, the FA regional coach, spent a day looking at our training methods with our youth players..... Well done to Cliff Bassett our director who has kindly handed over the outstanding monies from the USA column in the Herald and Post to the Luton North Rotary Club..... Two Australian youngsters have been training with us on a scholarship fortnight..... Canadian Geoff Aunger, released at the beginning of the season, has been having trails at Bradford..... Jason Rees was due back at the club this week with Portsmouth reserves..... Andy Petterson has just played four consecutive games for Charlton, making his tribunal fee look unfair compared to Alan Miller, the Arsenal reserve keeper, whose transfer to Middlesbrough was set at £300,000..... Tony Adcock and Richard Harvey should soon be ready for action..... We are hoping to appoint a Community Football Officer shortly to take the place of Gary Hooper who left us in the summer .... And please note that reserve team home games will now take place at Hitchin Town, while the youth team continue to play at Luton Rugby Club.

Enjoy the game, get behind the team, and let's hope we can provide you with our first home win of the season. Thank-you for attending, and if you enjoy the afternoon please come again, and bring a friend.

# TALK OF THE TOWN



BEDFORD youngster Peter Quarry was in for a birthday surprise before the home game with Burnley, when Scott Oakes and David Preece presented him with a signed football.

# Sommer heads for Saudi

LUTON have agreed to release goalkeeper Juergen Sommer for the United States' international against Saudi Arabia later this month.

The USA play Saudi Arabia in Dhahran on October 19, with Juergen hoping for a second cap following his appearance as a substitute against England at Wembley in September.

Meanwhile John Hartson could be on Wales Under-21 duty in Moldova on October 11, having recovered from the ankle injury which ruled him out last month.

# Hatters' Stoke trip on Sunday

A FINAL reminder to supporters that next weekend's trip to Stoke City will take place on Sunday, October 9, kick-off 2.55pm.

This is because the match will be shown live on Central and LWT, but not, as far as the club is aware, on Anglia. Ticket information can be found on page 9.

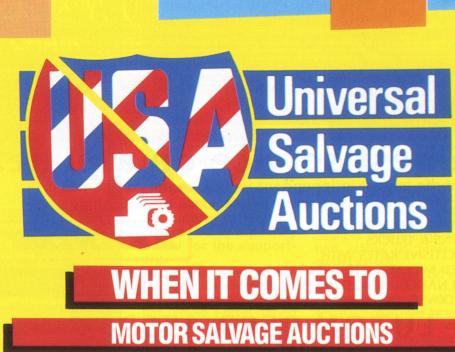
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DAVID Pleat's column in the Herald and Post, sponsored by Universal Salvage Auctions, has given another major boost to charity.

Pictured above is USA's Cliff Bassett (right) handing over a £500 cheque to Luton North Rotary Club president Peter Edwards, as David Pleat looks on.



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# FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



#### with JOHN SMYLIE

OUR reserve side are to play their Avon Insurance Combination League matches at Hitchin Town FC over the winter months.

All home matches in October, November, December, January and February will be played at the Top Field ground, starting on Wednesday, October 19, when we entertain Norwich, kick-off 2pm. Following maches will also be on Wednesdays, with a 2pm kick-off.

Admission will be £1.50 for adults and 50p for senior citizens and juniors, and there are some excellent games in prospect with Tottenham, West Ham and Arsenal among the visitors.

The move to Hitchin is being made to give as much protection as possible to the Kenilworth Road pitch over the winter, and we hope that supporters in the town will still continue to follow the reserves, despite the slightly greater distance involved, and also look forward to seeing many of our Hitchin and Stevenage-based followers

# LEADING THE LINE

by TREVOR PEAKE



WE were pleased to bounce back from the defeats against Burnley and Bolton with two fine away performances, and the victory at Watford was of course especially sweet for the supporters.

I mentioned in my last programme notes how the result at Vicarage Road last season had proved a great turning point, and hopefully it will prove the same this time around.

Certainly we continued well at Millwall, and there have been times in the last couple of seasons where we would have fallen away under that type of pressure but we kept at it and got a deserved point.

Even though we were under pressure at the New Den we always looked dangerous on the break, and it would have been lovely to have converted one of the chances we created. But at the end of it all we had to be pleased with an away point.

Dwight Marshall had a couple of chances at Millwall, and of course he starred at Watford. He has given us an extra dimension in that we can knock the ball in the channels now, or over the top of the fullback and know that we'll have a willing chaser with speed and pace who can get on the end of it.

At worst you win a throw down near their corner flag, and although I know it's not really the way Luton like to play but it gives you an extra option when you're under pressure.

Meanwhile at the back, I have been quite pleased with our new system, and while it's by no means a finished product it has worked quite well so far. Millwall for example didn't have a hatful of chances even though they had plenty of pressure around the box.

Behind us Juergen did very well, and came for a couple of crosses in the second half which is a great relief for centre-halves, and he has come through well after a sticky week or two.

Now though we have to put things right at home.

Perhaps it's just a matter of fortune, a penalty in the last minute maybe to win 1-0 to just set us on our way and give us that bit more confidence at home.

People do come with tighter defensive systems to Kenilworth Road and it has proved difficult to break down. But we have to keep plugging way, and believe that we can win here.

The away form has picked up compared to recent seasons, but obviously that's no good if your home form has gone in reverse. We had a very good home record last year, after a sticky start, but we are confident of getting things back on track and of course we'll be aiming to do that against Bristol City today.

Like Millwall though, they are a side managed by a former centre-half, and without wishing to blow the trumpet for the 'Centre-Halves Union' too much, they are another side with a good defensive record.

# News and views from Kenilworth Road



FOLLOWING our request for pictures of Town fans on their travels, we received this shot of 12-year-old Tony Friend from Milton Keynes, proudly displaying the Luton colours in the magnificent 120,000 all-seater Nou Camp stadium, in Barcelona.

WE have also received a letter from supporter Nick Albone who has a large number of Luton Town programmes for sale. Anyone requiring a list can write to Nick at 4 Jacobs Close, Potton, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2SG.

A REQUEST for penpals has come from Town fan Lameck Khumalo, Dalny Mine, 11 Surnace Road, PO Chakari, Chakari, Zimbabwe. THE Football League have announced a new ticket booking service for fans of Firts Division clubs which is designed to make attending Endsleigh Insurance League matches even easier.

In conjunction with
Ticketmaster, the league have
launched 'Ticketline', an initiative which allows supporters
to book a seat for any Division
One match, 24 hours a day,
seven days a week on 0645
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All bookings will be taken by credit card and it is hoped that this scheme will complement the clubs' existing box office service.

The Football League's Marketing Executive, Steve Sutherland, commented: "In this competitive climate, it is vital that we promote live Football League action as a top family sport and convert more 'floating' customers into regular attenders. By making the purchase of tickets more widely accessible and by positioning our product as an entertainment, we will go a long way to achieving this."



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£16 per session (+VAT) (£15 + VAT for season ticket holders)

Contact (0582) 411622 to make an appointment.



# LUTON TOWN TICKET OFFICE NEWS

with CHERRY NEWBERY

## **Stoke City v Luton Town**

# ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sunday, October 9, 1994, kick-off 2.55pm

Pay on the day at Stoke only. Seats are priced at £11 (adults) and £6 (juniors and senior citizens), and supporters should use turnstiles in Butler Street, block A. Standing is £7.50 (adults) and £5 (juniors and senior citizens), and supporters should use turnstiles for Stoke End Paddock.

(Please note the Kenilworth Road ticket office will be open from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday, October 8, for the purchase of other match tickets).

#### **Luton Town v Middlesbrough**

# ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, October 15, 1994 Kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at the discounted price.

Normal guesting facilities apply.

#### **Sheffield United v Luton Town**

# ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, October 22, 1994 Kick-off 3pm

Luton supporters have been allocated the Stones Best Bitter stand upper tier, priced at £14 for adults and £7 for senior citizens and juniors. Pay on the day only, at turnstiles 16 to 20.

#### **Ticket Office Hours**

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For bookings, membership and enquiries, ring the Ticket Office direct on (0582) 416976. Supporters wishing to order by credit card can do so by using the 24-hour Credit Card Hotline on (0582) 30748.

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Address: Bramall Lane, Sheffield, S2 4SU. Tel: (0742) 738955.

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# ON THE OTHER SIDE

# OSMAN LOOKS TO BUILD ON CITY'S ANFIELD GLORY

LAST season saw City steadily improve their standing in the first division, but it was FA Cup glory that brought national attention to their football, with the 1-0 victory at Anfield in January being the highlight.

Although relativley new to football management, Russell Osman is already widely recognised as one of the best young managers in the league, and City look forward to the new season with some optimism

City's powerful finish towards the end of last season, only one defeat in nine games, consolidated their position as a strong mid-table team, and Osman's side certainly proved difficult to beat in 1993/94, conceding only 49 league goals.



Left: Striker Wayne Allison notched 20 goals last term. Right: Bristol City skipper Mark Shail

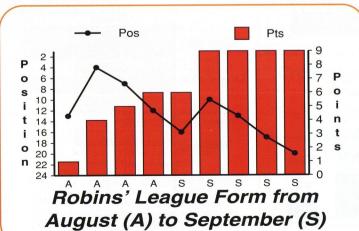


However, injuries to key strikers didn't help City's ability to score gaols, although Wayne Allison still managed to notch 20 in all competitions. They won 2-0 here against Luton in October, with a 1-0 win at Ashton Gate in April.

But the highlight of the 93/94 season was undoubtedly their dramatic FA Cup tussles with Liverpool, culminating in the well deserved 1-0 victory at Anfield with Brian Tinnion scoring the only goal.

Russell Osman has nurtured an excellent team spirit at Bristol City, and with the squad largely unchanged from the end of last season, there is great optimism that City could be a force to be reckoned with.

They haven't made the best of starts, and have failed to score in four of their five home games. But two of those games, with Port Vale and Sunderland, were drawn, and City scored an impressive 2-0 win at Bolton. Last Saturday, a 70th minute goal from John Hendrie gave Middlesbrough a 1-0 win at Ashton Gate.



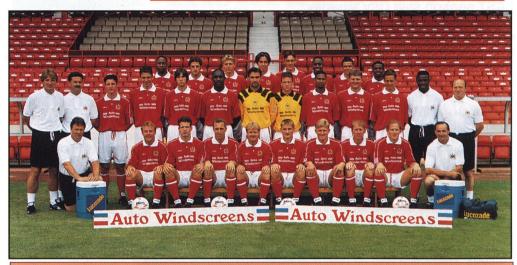


Above: Manager Russell Osman Left: Bristol's league form this term Bristol



# **BRISTOL CITY 1994/95**

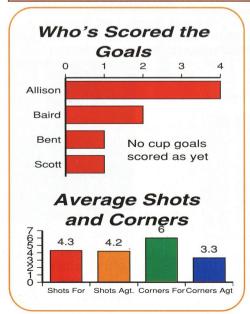
# SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS



Back row: left to right: Marvin Harriott, Scott Partridge, Stuart Duffin, Colin Loss, Mike Wyatt, Ian Brown, Rodney McAree, Junior Bent.

Middle row: Russell Osman (Manager), Clive Whitehead (first team coach), Martin Scott, Jason Fowler, Scott Paterson, Wayne Allison, Keith Welch, Richard Rowe, Henry McKop, Paul Milsom, Matt Hewlett, Leroy Rosenior (reserve team coach), Buster Footman (physio).

Front row: Tony Fawthrop (assistant manager), Liam Robinson (now Burnley), Matt Bryant, Brian Tinnion, Stuart Munro, Mark Shail, Dave Martin, Ian Baird, Rob Edwards, Gerry Sweeney (coach).





#### **VISITORS ON PARADE**

KEITH WELCH - Ever present last season, and now firmly established as City's first choice goal-keeper. Signed from Rochdale for £200,000 in summer 1991.

PHIL KITE - City's number two keeper signed on a free transfer from Cardiff City just before the start of the season.

MATT BRYANT - Centre-back who is a product of City's youth programme, making his league debut in January 1991. Injuries restricted his appearances last season.

STUART MUNRO - Free transfer from

STUART MUNRO - Free transfer from Blackburn Rovers in February 1993, Stuart played over 200 games for Glasgow Rangers before heading south. Consistent and versatile defender, has played in all back four positions.

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MARTIN SCOTT - Left-back signed from
Rotherham for £200,000 in December 1990, and
has now made over 150 appearances for the club.

MARK SHAIL - Centre-half Mark was a £45,000

bargain buy from non-league Yeovil Town in March 1993. Has represented England at semi-professional level, and became City's captain within six months of joining the club.

MARVIN HARRIOTT - A product of the FA's

MARVIN HARRIOTT - A product of the FA's Centre of Excellence at Lilleshall, Marvin finished last season as City's regular right-back.

SCOTT PATERSON - Summer signing from

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ROB EDWARDS - Welsh youth, Under 21 and B international, Rob joined City from Carlisle United for £135,000 in March 1991, and established himself as a midfield regular last season.

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BRIAN TINNION - Signed from Bardford City in March 1993 for £180,000, Brian began his career with Newcastle as a left back. Has performed well for City on the left side of midfield, and has now recovered from an ankle injury which kept him out at the start of the season.

COLIN LOSS - Recent acquisition from nonleague Gresley Rovers, who madehis first team debut against Port Vale in August.

HENRY McKOP - With over 40 international caps for Zimbabwe and playing experience in Germany and Switzerland, Henry has settled quickly making his debut in April 94.

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RODNEY McAREE - City's second summer signing from Liverpool, midfielder Rod has youth international honours for Northern Ireland.

JASON FOWLER - First year pro, who made his first team debut on the opening day of the season.

MATT HEWLETT - Made his league debut while iust 17 at the start of last season.

WAYNE ALLISON - Leading scorer with 20 goals last season, and formerly with Halifax and Watford. Scored four goals in his first five appearances this term.

IAN BAIRD - Formerly with Leeds, but joined City from Hearts in July 1993 for £295,000. His appearances have been restricted by serious injuries though.

JUNIOR BENT - Quicksilver winger who signed from Huddersfield in March 1990 for £30,000. IAN BROWN - with Luton as a schoolboy, and signed for City from Chelmsford in 1993.

SCOTT PARTRIDGE - Released by Bradford, and snapped up by City scoring four goals in six games at the end of last season.

#### **MEET THE BOSS**

A cultured central defender, RUSSELL OSMAN'S playing career spanned over 650 first team matches for Ipswich, Leicester,

Southampton and Bristol City.

During his 10 years at Ipswich, Russell gained 11 England caps, seven Under-21 caps, and was a member of the team that won the UEFA Cup in 1981.

He played under David Pleat at Leicester, and originally joined City on Ioan in October 1991 and was appointed assistant manager to Denis Smith in the 1992/93 season.

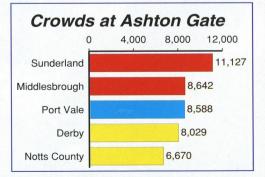
On Smith's departure in January 1993, Russell became caretaker manager and was confirmed as team manager at the end of April, guiding City to first division survival.

Last season they finished mid-table in Division One, after FA Cup success against Liverpool.

# When The Robins have Scored and Conceded 4 3 For Against 2

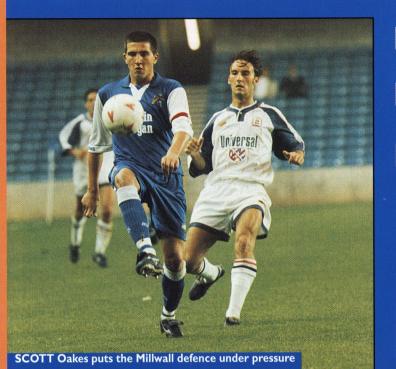
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WE are delighted to announce that the popular Saturday Club for Junior Hatters will start again on Saturday, October 15, prior to the home game against Middlesbrough.

The fully supervised club, starting at 11.30am, will again be based at the Dallow Road School, and includes football, competitions and lunch before moving on to the match itself.

It costs £3 for season ticket holders and £6 for members (which includes match ticket) and all

booking must be made through the ticket office in advance.

Away travel for Junior Hatters will also be available again from next Sunday, for the trip to Stoke. Places cost £10 for adults and £6 for juniors, and the coach leaves the Kenilworth forecourt at 11am.

Again book at the ticket office, and remember all juniors must be accompanied by an adult.

BEING a matchday mascot really is a great day out for any young Hatters fan. The fun includes a chance to meet the players, and run out onto the pitch with the team prior to the big kick-off.

All Junior Hatters and junior season-ticket holders have the chance to be selected as a mascot, so join today!

#### **MATCH DAY MASCOT**



Name: Christopher Davies

Date of birth: 8/4/83

School attended: Alban Middle School. Great

Barford

Hobbies: Football, fishing

and mountain biking

Favourite Luton player:

Paul Telfer

Local team you play for:

Sandy Colts

Who accompanies you to

Luton matches: My dad

WELCOME to all Junior Hatters for this afternoon's game - especially if you are enjoying our special offer to watch the game free

The scheme, for youngsters aged 11 or under to come free, provided they are accompanied by an adult in the special main stand section, has proved very popular, and may be repeated in the near future... see local press for details.

Remember, it only costs £2 to join the Junior Hatters, and you can enjoy a number of other benefits including the chance to be a matchday mascot.

#### COMING SOON...

Look out for a brand new character on the Junior Hatters page, who will become a regular feature at Kenilworth Road on matchdays.

And, starting at our home game with Barnsley on October 29, there will be a variety of prematch and half-time entertainments for all the family.... watch this space!

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO ALL JUNIOR HATTERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER





# **CENTRE SPOT**





#### ABOVE: Paul Telfer in action against Bolton Wanderers

PAUL Telfer was Luton's two-goal hero at Watford, with strikes either side of half-time that sent Luton on their way to a famous 4-2 win.

The former Town traineee, who made his first-team debut at Everton towards the end of the 1990-91 season, first netted an excellent individual effort, before rounding off a superb team move to seal the three points 10 minutes into the second half.

He scored eight goals last season, ironically bagging the first and last goals of the campaign, with the first against Watford on the opening day of the season and the last a late penalty to secure a 2-2 draw at Stoke in the final match of 1993/94.

The goals against the Hornets this time around came after the disappointment of two home defeats, and Paul acknowledged the team were especially keen to do well.

"We had talked a lot about what had gone wrong against Burnley and Bolton, when we had played ever so well in the first half, with a different story in the sec-

ond period," he said.

"We came out at Watford and got goals in the first half though, which steadied us for the second, and it was also important to come back from agoal down.

"We had talked about how we weren't bouncing back, but we did with three quick goals after Jamie Moralee had put them in front.

"Scott's was a great strike, as was Kerry's, and then I got the third," he recalled.

"I think the lads would have killed me if I hadn't scored that third one, because there were about five of them queuing up for the pass. I just cut inside, the defence had backed off, and it left some space.

"Unfortunately we conceded another before the break, but again we showed good character to hit back.

"Dwight has great speed, went down the line, turned the defender and then put a great ball in, which I managed to knock home."

Here's to more of the same today, as Paul bids to add further to his Scotland Under 21 and B international caps.

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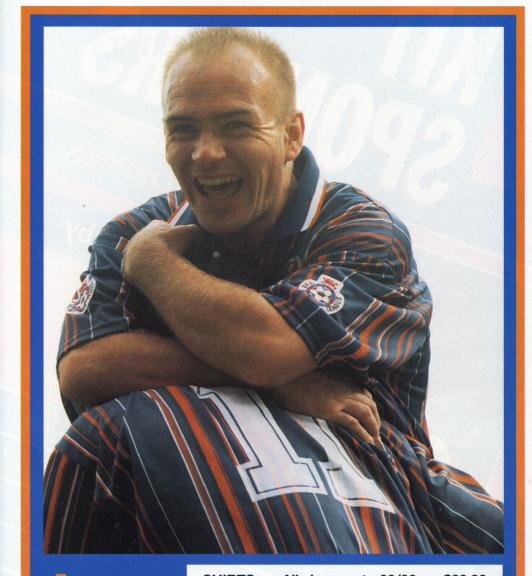












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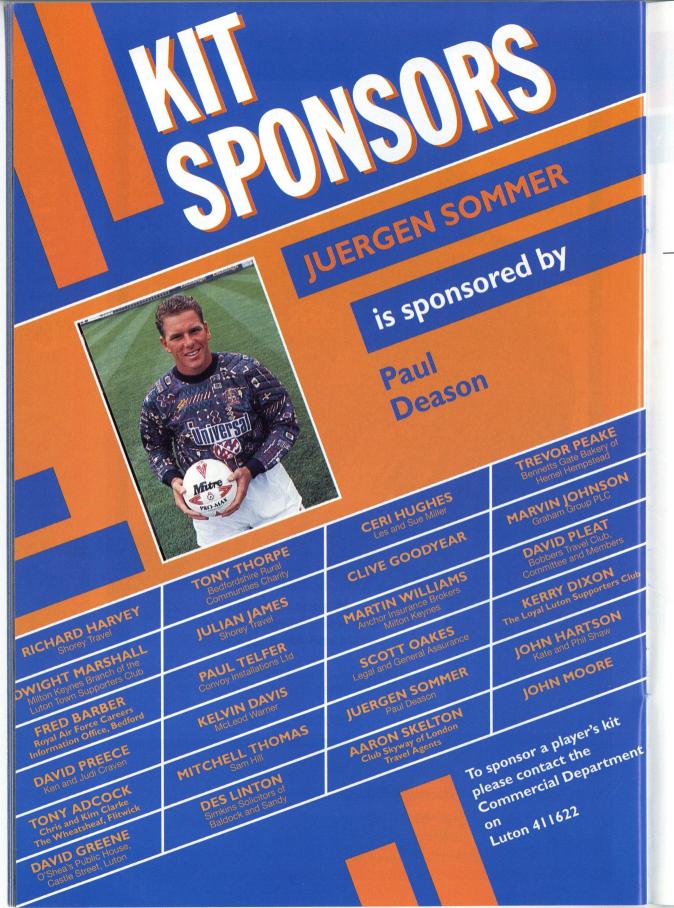
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Mon May 8 Chelsea 7pm

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Wed Mar 29 Ipswich Town 7.30pm

Wed Apr 5 BRIGHTON 2pm

Mon Apr 10 Millwall 2pm

February inclusive to be played at Hitchin Town FC.

# RESERVES AND YOUTH

#### WITH WAYNE TURNER AND TERRY WESTLEY

THE Town's reserve team went down 3-1 at Bristol Rovers, before bouncing back with a 2-1 defeat of Oxford United at Kenilworth Road.

At Bristol they had plenty of the play but found themselves 3-0 down at halftime.

"Dwight Marshall had a chance early on in the game, but was hauled down by their keeper who then stayed on and made a great save from the free-kick," reflected coach Wayne Turner.

"I don't want to see players sent off, but we must have some consistency."

The Town side, captained by Aaron Skelton, conceded two goals from corners just before the break, and although they again played some neat football after the interval they had only a Danny Power goal, from a Jamie Woodsford cross, to show for their efforts.



Team: Barber, Linton, Rioch, Skelton, Simpson, Campbell, Woolgar, Power, Williams, Marshall, Gibbs. Subs: Chenery, Woodsford.

Against Oxford, the Hatters welcomed back Ceri Hughes, playing his first competitive game after a three-match ban, as well as including David Greene and John Hartson.

After a goalless first-half, at the end of which Hughes was forced off with a shin injury, Oxford took the lead midway through the second period.

But late goals from Hartson and Des Linton gave Luton the points, to the delight of coach Wayne Turner.

"We played much better in the second half of what was a tough, physical game," he said.

"At the end we were down to 10 after Matthew Woolgar limped off, and Des Linton



was struggling with a groin injury, but still managed to bag the winner."

Team: Barber, Linton, Rioch, Skelton, Greene, Philp, Woolgar, Thorpe, Hartson, Hughes, Woodsford. Subs: Jukes, Harvey.

THE youth team recovered from the shock of their Southern Junior Floodlit Cup exit with a fine win over Norwich in the South East Counties League Cup.

This followed a 4-0 win over Reading, but last Saturday saw a 2-0 home defeat by Southampton.

At Reading, the goals came from Paul McLaren, Gary Issott, Jamie Woodsford and Sean Douglas.

Team: Davis, Willmott, Palmer, Thomas, Chenery, McLaren, Evers, Power, Issott, Woodsford, Douglas. Subs: Sharpe, Fotiadis.



The win over Norwich came after a reshuffle in the team, caused by Kelvin Davis' loan spell at Torquay.

Nathanial Abbey made his debut in goal, and was well protected by an excellent defence in which McLaren was outstanding.

"They played very well, especially after the previous cup disappointment against Coventry," said coach Terry Westley.

"Paul McLaren had an excellent game, and it was an interesting comparison between him and the Norwich centre-half who is the current England Under 18 international, and I thought Paul shaded that particular battle," he added.

Gary Issott scored both goals for the Town.

Team: Abbey, Willmott, Palmer, Thomas, Chenery, McLaren, Evers, Power, Issott, Woodsford, Fotiadis. Subs: Douglas, Kean.

But the same side went down 2-0 to Southampton at Luton Rugby Club.

Please note that all reserve team home matches in October, November, December, January and February will be played at Hitchin Town FC.
See page 7 of today's match programme for full details



#### South East Counties League and Southern Junior Floodlit Cup

Sat Aug 13 CRYSTAL PALACE 4-2

Sat Aug 20 Wycombe Wanderers 5-0

Sat Aug 27 BRIGHTON 2-3

Thu Sep 1 Coventry (SJFC Pre) 2-2

Mon Sep 5 Coventry (SJFC Pre) 1-2

Sat Sep 10 Reading 4-0

Sat Sep 17 NORWICH (LC1) 2-0

Sat Sep 24 SOUTHAMPTON 0-2

Sat Oct 1 Oxford United

Sat Oct 8 BRISTOL ROVERS

Sat Oct 15 Colchester

Sat Oct 22 LC2

Sat Oct 29 WIMBLEDON

Sat Nov 5 Brentford

Sat Nov 12 BRISTOL CITY

Sat Nov 19 Swindon Town

Sat Nov 26 LC3

Sat Dec 3 BOURNEMOUTH

Sat Dec 10 Tottenham

Sat Dec 17 TOTTENHAM

Sat Dec 31 Crystal Palace

Sat Jan 7 WYCOMBE WANDERERS

Sat Jan 14 Brighton Sat Jan 28 READING

Sat Feb 4 Southampton

Sat Feb 11 OXFORD UNITED

Sat Feb 18 Bristol Rovers

Sat Feb 25 COLCHESTER UNITED

Sat Mar 4 Wimbledon

Sat Mar 11 BRENTFORD

Sat Mar 18 Bristol City

Sat Mar 25 SWINDON TOWN

Sat Apr 1 Bournemouth

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# Tough start for Kelvin at Torquay...

TEENAGE goalkeeper Kelvin Davis (right) has impressed at the start of his loan spell at Torquay, despite a tough baptism.

He made his debut for the south coast side in their 3-3 home draw with Colchester, and then earned rave reviews for his display in the Gulls' Coca-Cola Cup second round, first leg match at Wimbledon.

The Dons won 2-0 at Selhurst Park, but several reports in the next morning's papers suggested that but for Kelvin it could have been at least double that!

Then last Saturday, the Leighton Buzzard youngster,



who celebrated his 18th birthday on Thursday, was again on duty in the 2-1 home defeat by promotion rivals Barnet.

"I gather that Kelvin did very well in his first game, and then I saw him give an excellent display against Wimbledon," said David Pleat. "There's no doubt that we have a very exciting young goalkeeper in our midst."

Youth team coach Terry Westley said the club had been delighted to accept Torquay's offer.

"It was not a question of should he go, it was yes straightaway and we couldn't get him there quick enough," he said.

"A month in league football, playing regularly with professionals, is a wonderful opportunity for him."

Kelvin is following in the footsteps of Juergen Sommer, who also enjoyed a loan spell at Plainmoor.

# BRING ME SUNSHINE!

THE Luton fanzine Mad As A Hatter has suggested an anthem for the club, to be played over the tannoy to give everyone a chance to join in.

Mad's suggestion was Bring Me Sunshine, made famous by the late Eric Morecambe, a former Town director and great favourite at Kenilworth Road.

We have printed the words again, and hope you will join in to make for a lively prelude to this afternoon's action.

#### SAFETY NOTE

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in your smile
Bring me laughter
all the while
In this world where we live
there should be more happiness
So much joy you can give
to each brand new bright
tomorrow

Make me happy
through the years
Never bring me
any tears
Let your arms be as warm
as the sun from up above
Bring me fun
Bring me sunshine
Bring me love

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# Sweeper system sinks sad City

DAVID Moss (right) was goal provider and goal scorer against Bristol City

AFTER narrowly missing out on promotion in 1979/80 the Town got off to an understandably slow start to the following season and at one stage, in early autumn, the relegation positions were a little too close for comfort.

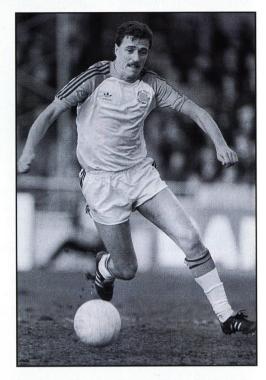
Gradually things on the field began to improve and, aided by four straight wins in December, the team entered the new year on the fringes of the promotion race joining a cluster of clubs attempting to chase runaway leaders West Ham into Division One.

A 2-0 home defeat by promotion rivals Grimsby at the end of February signalled the end of most supporters dreams, but manager David Pleat had other ideas as he masterminded a win over second-placed Notts County at Meadow Lane two weeks later.

By using Raddy Antic as a roving sweeper and withdrawing winger David Moss into midfield, Luton foxed County completely and before they could begin to counteract the system Brian Stein had stolen the lead which was held on to as a normal formation was employed in the second half.

County were now chasing the game which left big gaps for the Town forwards to attack and it was only poor finishing and a sound goalkeeping display from Raddy Avramovic that prevented the score from increasing.

Confidence had now returned fol-



lowing this excellent win and when it was realised that only three points separated the Town from third spot in the table, promotion fever returned with Bristol City the next visitors to Kenilworth Road.

The Robins were having a terrible time after relegation from Division One the previous season, having won only five games since the start of the campaign and it was only their rivals, Bristol Rovers, who were having an even more disastrous run that kept City off the bottom.

A crowd of 8,745 turned up at a wet and windy Kenilworth Road to see City attack from the start and take a deserved eighth minute lead when Howard Pritchard hammered home a free kick awarded when Luton goalkeeper Jake Findlay upended Trevor Tainton on the edge of the box. It was stated after the game that Findlay was lucky to escape a booking for his rash challenge but today it would have been an immediate red card! Luckily Bristol City were not good enough to defend their lead and it came as no surprise when Steve White took advantage of a loose ball in the area to ram home the equaliser, and then follow it up with a superb far post header getting on the end of an equally good cross from David Moss.

As the new 'fluid sweeper' system had worked again David Pleat decided to keep it going in the second half, but the players laboured against Limited opponents and it was a stroke of luck that put the game beyond the reach of City with 15 minutes left to play.

Moss ran through with the ball and was body-checked on the edge of the area to provide what we all thought should have been an indirect free-kick. Referee Les Burden saw it differently however, and awarded Luton a penalty which was put away with ease by a grateful Moss.

The sweeper system was not used much more that season if my memory serves me correctly but the change in tactics at that crucial time certainly kept the interest going right to the end of the campaign.

Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Saxby, Price, Donaghy, Antic, Hill, Grealish, Stein, White, Moss.

Bristol City: Moller, Stevens, Marshall, Whitehead, Hay, Aitken, Tainton (Mann), Fitzpatrick, Pritchard, Mabbutt, Smith.



by ROGER WASH

### 5 YEARS AGO

30/9/89: The Town went down 3-1 to a rampant Manchester City at Maine Road. Kingsley Black scored the solitary Luton goal in front of a crowd of 23,863.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

29/9/84: In a tremendous game at White Hart Lane, the Town were beaten 4-2 by Tottenham, despite being level 2-2 at the interval.

#### 15 YEARS AGO

29/9/79: The Town were easy 3-1 winners over Fulham at Craven Cottage. This victory helped maintain second spot in Division Two.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

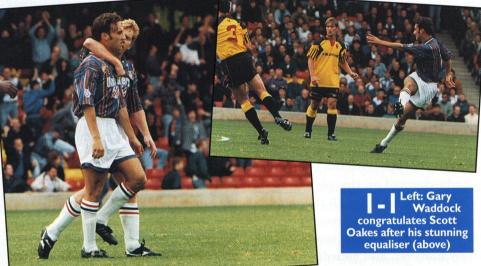
28/9/74: At the tenth time of asking the Town were finally winners when seeing off Carlisle at Kenilworth Road. Peter Anderson, Adrian Alston and Jim Ryan were the scorers in the 3-1 success.

# v Luton Town Watford

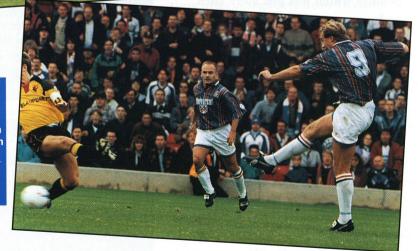


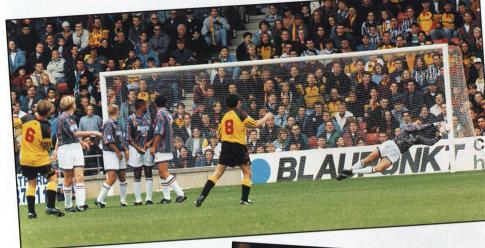
THE calm before the storm... captains, officials and mascots line up before the start of the big game.

PICTURES BY ANDY HANDLEY



I-2 Right: Kerry Dixon puts Luton Town in front with a right-foot shot from the edge of the penalty area





Above: Juergen Sommer keeps Watford at bay. Right: Mitchell Thomas (5) joins the attack.

WATFORD 2 (Moralee, Mooney)

LUTON TOWN 4 (Telfer (2), Oakes, Dixon)

at Vicarage Road, September 17, 1994. Attendance: 8.880





I-3 Left: Paul Telfer rounds off his fine solo run with a left-foot shot to put the Hatters further in front.

More action over the page...







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**RIGHT: Luton Town** chairman David Kohler presents a certificate of commendation to steward Patrick Moloney before the game against Burnley. Mr Moloney collected his award for good work during the pre-season friendly against Southampton, when he raised the alarm about a potentially dangerous staircase.



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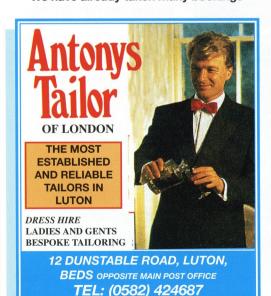
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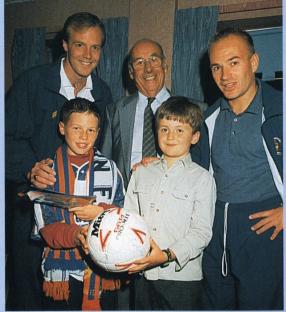
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Sat Aug 20	Derby County	0-0	13,060		1.	4	Somm	ner	James	Johnson
Tue Aug 23	Fulham CCC 1 (2)	1-1	5,134				Somn	ner	James	Johnson
Sat Aug 27	SOUTHEND	2-2	5,918		1	6	Somn	ner	(James)	Johnson
Tue Aug 30	Tranmere Rovers	2-4	5,480		2	0	Somm	ner	James	Johnson
Sat Sep 3	Port Vale	1-0	8,541		1	5	Somn	ner	(James)	Johnson
Sat Sep 10	BURNLEY	0-1	6,911		1		Somn	ner	James	Johnson
Tue Sep 13	BOLTON WANDERERS	0-3	5,764		2	0	Somn	ner	James	Johnson
Sat Sep 17	Watford	4-2	8,880		1		Somn		James	Johnson
Sat Sep 24	Millwall	0-0	7,150		1	6	Somn	ner	James	Johnson
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Sun Oct 9	Stoke City									
Sat Oct 15	MIDDLESBROUGH									
Sat Oct 22	Sheffield United									
Sat Oct 29	BARNSLEY									
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Sat Nov 5	Wolverhampton Wanderers									
Sat Nov 12	Oldham Athletic									
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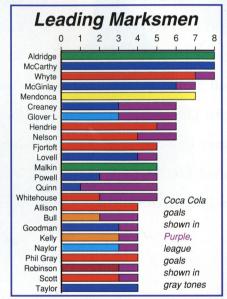
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Barnsley v Swindon Town
Bolton v Derby County
Burnley v Tranmere Rovers
Charlton Athletic v Watford
Grimsby Town v Portsmouth
Middlesbrough v Millwall
Reading v Notts County
Sheffield United v Oldham Ath
Sunderland v Southend United
Wolves v Port Vale
Stoke City v West Brom (Sun)

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