Sports Trophies South Beds Sunday league

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Taverners	19	14	3	2	65	19	38
Chalgrove	19	11	4	4	48	28	26
Eaton Bray	16	10	1	5	49	29	21
Beds Tavernier	18	9	3	6	41	29	21
Marston Eagles	18	9	2	7	39	32	20
Stotfold Sports	20	8	3	9	33	46	13
Dunstable Park	19	5	3	11	32	48	8
Slip End Utd	19	2	0	14	21	61	4

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
The Oaks	20	15	2	3	71	27	47
Pastures Arms	14	13	0	1	49	14	26
ED Clothing	18	12	1	5	47	29	25
Caddington	17	10	2	5	45	27	22
Barnfield Cosmos	17	10	2	5	59	41	22
Wightmans WMC	18	8	1	9	42	36	15
The Unicorn	18	7	1	10	37	52	12
Hockwell Green Syd	18	6	2	10	32	44	11
Crystal Lotus 2C	18	5	1	12	28	61	7
Crown & Keg	19	6	1	12	41	82	14
Kingsbury	18	4	1	13	40	60	9
Albion	20	0	0	20	32	80	0

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Parkland	18	14	2	2	67	18	44
Dragons	18	12	1	5	61	34	37
Origins	18	11	1	6	53	24	35
Dunstable Utd	18	10	3	5	48	29	33
Sportsman	20	11	3	6	44	42	36
Maggiee Bar	19	7	3	9	37	44	24
FC Express	18	7	1	10	41	47	22
Tebworth	20	6	1	13	42	52	19
Toppesfield	20	5	2	13	29	57	17
Tuesday	20	2	2	16	27	76	8
Tigers	20	2	2	16	21	76	8

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NV Athletic	18	14	1	3	71	27	43
Kidsley Bar	18	12	3	3	71	29	39
Gardeners Cat	19	12	2	5	74	42	38
O'Neal's	18	10	3	5	57	40	33
Wigmore	18	9	1	8	51	40	28
Chalgrove Res	18	7	3	8	40	42	24
Caravan Club	18	7	2	9	40	50	23
Maggiee Bar Res	20	6	2	12	34	77	12
Stotfold+	18	1	1	16	42	92	1

Luton Sunday League champions

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
DFL	17	12	3	2	58	19	39
Les Sports A	18	12	3	3	61	27	39
AMC Utd	17	11	4	2	70	22	37
Luton Sunsiders	17	11	1	5	49	28	34
Flying Tavern	17	9	2	6	39	32	29
One Nation	17	7	1	9	37	47	22
High Town	17	5	2	10	32	50	17
AFC Barn Ch Utd	17	5	2	10	34	57	17
Lea Sports B	18	4	3	11	28	59	15
Farley Wks	18	2	1	15	22	73	7

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lea Sports B	18	13	2	3	82	19	41
Dunstable Rgts	17	12	1	4	67	29	37
GML Cont	17	11	1	5	60	32	34
Bedfordshire Rgt	18	11	1	6	49	33	34
Round Green Rgt	18	10	1	7	50	37	31
Emerald Utd Res	18	5	6	7	36	48	20
Dunstable Park	18	5	3	10	32	48	18
Leighton Town	18	4	3	11	32	54	15
Two Brewers	18	4	3	11	34	61	15
AFC Oakley Res	18	3	3	12	24	57	12

Leading places in the top divisions of the Luton and South Beds

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AC Oakley	21	15	2	4	82	31	32
Barnfield Cosmos	21	14	3	4	70	31	31
Caddington Utd	21	14	3	4	67	31	31
Chiltiddens	17	12	1	4	53	20	28
Dunstable Utd	17	12	1	4	52	20	28
Leverey Park	18	9	4	5	51	33	22
Wimborne Rov	18	9	4	5	47	33	22
Dunstable Park	21	9	3	9	41	44	20.5
Brickmakers Arms	21	8	3	10	27	32	19
Toppesfield Utd	21	8	3	10	27	32	19
White Swan	23	5	2	16	38	73	12
Stotfold Sports	21	3	2	16	21	61	8
Flitwick Town	23	3	2	18	34	79	8

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Monarch Aircraft	22	20	0	2	84	25	40
Caddington	22	16	3	3	72	29	35
Dunstable Rgts	22	14	3	5	70	44	31
Sportsman	22	12	4	7	60	56	28
Bedfordshire Rgt	22	11	4	7	63	44	26
Whitbread Log	23	12	3	8	57	44	27
Albion	22	11	3	8	54	47	25
Leverey Park	22	9	4	9	47	45	22
Brickmakers Arms	23	8	5	12	52	73	21
Toppesfield Utd	23	8	3	12	44	63	19
Luton DB Res	23	7	5	11	42	62	18
Dunstable Utd	23	7	4	12	44	67	18
Thomas De-La-R	23	6	5	12	34	56	16.5

Town sweep County aside

ON THE day fans were received to back Luton Town's dreams of a new stadium, the team underlined manager David Pleat's comments about the dangers of putting the cart before the horse.

Notts County play in a magnificent stadium. It has been rebuilt at massive cost, and players sold to help finance it. And they will be in the second division next season after the Town sent them to their 25th defeat of the campaign.

Kenilworth Road may be outdated and inadequate, but as the manager said there is business of a football club is about the future on Saturday afternoons.

The side he is building was unlucky not to beat high-flying Wolves. Four days before it was so much better than the visitors that it was almost embarrassing and the score double of the season was wrapped up with hardly a scare.

True, County should have been buried under an avalanche of goals, but on a warm summery day the fans asked for no more than another win.

It gives them a rare treat – Luton Town aide from all fear of relegation with half a dozen games to go, instead of the traditional clenching of teeth and biting of nails until the last whistle of the last day.

County were swept aside far more comprehensively than the result suggests.

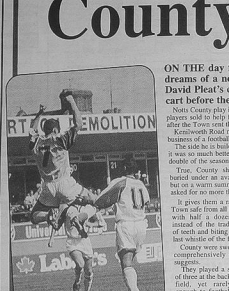
They played a strange formation of three at the back and five in midfield, very rarely looked good enough for football their way from one penalty area to the other.

By contrast, the Town were able to exploit a team lacking in confidence with a lot of excellent football.

Nigel Gray Waddock sitting firmly in control, the rest of the midfield all could put their forward unhindered and the only flaw was failure to score more goals.

Paul Telfer, an a very satisfying run of form recently, was the pick of the first Town move which sliced through County like rain readers attacking a wendy house.

LUTON TOWN 2
NOTTS COUNTY 0
(Half-time 1-0)



HANDED OFF... County goalkeeper Steve Cherry makes a last-ditch effort for the ball to deny John Taylor, also pictured inset.

David Preece, influential as ever to prove he is worth another contract, strongly flicked the ball over a would-be tackler and Richard Harvey forced the left wing.

The low cross went towards the near post and Telfer side-footed his tenth goal of the season, and his fourth in three match with his opponents anywhere near.

That was after only three minutes, so County were spreadeagled for the rest of the first half.

Dwight Marshall was let up twice to score for shots which brought nothing but passes to unmarked colleagues Preece and Telfer would have been disallowed.

Scott Oakes, revelling in a floating midfield, was unlucky with a drive which hit a post with the goalkeeper beat. And he should have made it unerring at the time, the pass to Oakes was played by Victor Peacock, who had ambled up in the attack.

It was, anyway, as always, was that one pin for so much good play was the sort of pay reward that might be punished, and so it before the interval Kevin Dyer curved the Town's lead.

Michael Johnson was played through for a rising shot and Dyer, the young keeper did well to keep out.

That seemed to lift County early in the second half, and briefly they offered little resistance and signs of a fightback. But it fizzled out, and also missed another chance when Julian Jones' header of a lofted pass towards John Taylor.

He held an emergent

PAUL TELFER ... Scored again on Saturday after netting twice against Wolves last week.

danger to leave County's defence split, but in a one-to-one with goalkeeper Steve Cherry, Oakes came off second best.

Taylor then set up the attack that brought the clincher, with a pass to send Marshall racing towards goal. Collin Hoyle tripped him, and Oakes, to a mixture of appreciation and relief, converted the penalty, to make the Town's spot kick record this season a too him and four misses.

Oakes might have had a hat-trick, and found by a save by Cherry and a clearance of the line by Hoyle, then headed over the bar from a cross by Taylor.

Preece also shot wide from a good position, and in the closing minutes, after a brief flurry of County attacking, Marvin Johnson decided to try his luck on a striker, and leaded wide.

It may ways it was all too easy, and it was to the Town's great credit that they kept their game going against a manufacturer not that seemed to know its place before it arrived in Luton.

REPORTS BY BRIAN SWAIN
PICTURES BY GARETH OWEN

Boss knows his soccer trivia

WORKING as a match commentator for BBC Radio at Sunday's FA Cup semi-final, David Pleat needed no time at all to answer a trivial pursuit question that came up when Everton sent on rub-David Amokachi against Spurs.

The match commentator wondered aloud if he was the first Nigerian international ever to play in an FA Cup semi-final.

Pleat remembered the dramatic day in 1985 when the Town were drafted in at Villa Park and promptly received that Amokachi had been born ten years before, by the Town's ballroom-dancing arrival Mika Newlands.

His fascinating Chelsweenadia, but anyone except him could pronounce it, is a Kenilworth Road, which was why he became Mika.

Now close to his 56th birthday, he is still a man of all professions, as a pharmacist in his old job and still a popular and popular visitor to Kenilworth Road on match days.

Big match facts

● TOWN: Davis; James (Luton 76 mins), Peake, Johnson, Harvey; Telfer, Waddock, Oakes, Preece; Marshall (Matthews 72 mins), Taylor. Goalkeeper sub Sommer.

● NOTTS COUNTY: Cherry; Murphy, Hoyle, Johnson; Short (Galloway 78 mins), Turner, Robinson, Nicol, Mills; White (Derdiri 69 mins), Simpson. Goalkeeper sub Reece.

Russell, Goodlass 1-6, 3 mins: Paul Telfer, near post side-foot shot from low cross from the left by Richard Harvey; 2-0, 68 mins: Scott Oakes, penalty the second converted by the Town out of six awarded this season.

● OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town: nine saved, eight wide and first-half bender by Oakes hit a post. County: three saved and five wide. Corners: 9-6 to County.

● REFEREE: Mike Pierce, Portsmouth. Kept control easily and had a good game.

● BOOKED: Shaun Murphy and Michael Johnson, both of Notts County, for fouls on Dwight Marshall and Paul Telfer.

● ATTENDANCE: 6,428, with the visitors bringing only 300.

● ENTERTAINMENT: Not as thrilling as the game suggested. Wolves had what a lovely result. County were pretty awful.

DAVID PLEAT

Pleat's mad at Haters!

DAVID Pleat's only complaint about the Town's performance was that they had wasted the opportunity to run up a much bigger score.

Of Notts County had taken a couple of chances when it was 1-0, we could have suffered another shock home result," said the Town manager.

"It happened against Bristol City and Burnley, even though when we lost to them I thought they looked like teams who would go down.

"But there were plenty of good things for us, and I was delighted for Kelvin Davis and the clean sheet."

The Town had no doubts that the penalty award was right, and Mr Pleat took quiet satisfaction from his decision to ask Scott Oakes to take the spot-kick. He had left it with his last penalty, against Swindon, but the boss said: "Scott was cool, he hit the net, with pace.

"Kevin Davis made Wayne Jones look like a manager of the season, admitted that it would need a miracle for his team to escape relegation.

He thought County might have got something out of the game if they had capitulated on their best spell just before the interval and in the second half before the Town's second goal. Instead they got nature, and lost, on a bad day for the Notts goalkeeper, and one, unexpectedly, by the manager of a team that is adrift at the bottom of the table, is aware of his future and of the job until the end of the season, following the sacking a week earlier of Howard Kendall, alleged to have drunk on duty.

"There have been a lot of changes in the club, and that's not easy for the people in it.

He had drawn inspiration from Liverpool for his formation, with three centre-backs providing, and five men operating in midfield.

"That can be added with a smile. The way Luton played in some spells, we would have needed to be like the Liverpool team of the 70s to hold them.

"I knew what to expect. I came to watch Luton against Wolves, and let my half an hour in that game Luton played the best football I have ever seen in my life."

Great Scot on manager's list

AFTER a flying trip to Scotland last week, would be Luton Town's next manager David Pleat has targeted a Scot to be the man.

He was following up a tip from a contact. The Scot, unfortunately, was not impress, but someone else in the Scottish game.

The Town boss, as always, is secretive about his quarry and will not even say which team he saw in action.

But he confirmed: "We have been doing a lot of scouting recently. I am planning to spend most of the John Hatton money.

"I went to Scotland to watch a game, and I saw someone who was good. I had hoped he was but it was no see if anything comes of it."

Slick Luton deserve more from a night of high entertainment

A NEUTRAL, manager gave the best verdict on a night of high entertainment at Kenilworth Road.

Wayne Jones, of Notts County, came to weigh up the Town against promotion contenders a few days before his Brighton clash with the same side. He said: "In the first half hour against Wolves, Luton were the best football I have ever seen."

When a draw against a team likely to be in the Premiership next season feels so disappointing, as a defeat you can be sure Luton Town have given value for money.

They did, in front of the biggest league gate of the season, with referee Graham Pooley adding nearly four minutes of unexplained stoppage time after Wolves kept their promotion challenge alive with an equalizer they shouldn't have scored.

On a pitch well watered by order of David Pleat the Town's smooth and patient passing game outplayed Wolves in the first half, and had scored two goals Paul Telfer left Graham Taylor's men in the rouge.

They reduced the arrears early in the second half, when they had their best spell, but John Taylor's first Luton goal restored the two-goal cushion and Wolves never had an inspiration, or a dangerous enough attack to make Luton Town's defence sweat.

Kevin Kelly, left on the bench until half-time, gave Wolves new life after making a 3-2 swap at the half hour left, but the Town never had to take control again except for the last desperate minute of extra time.

Mr Pooley had made no indication that he was stopping his watch for time wasting, and there had been only one short stoppage. But he played nine 29secs of injury time before Wolves scored, then 14 seconds more after the second.

But as The Town manager said, the result that we had been robbed was more balanced by the knowledge that we were more aggressive, one of the better teams in the First Division team had played some tremendous football, and it was great entertainment for the fans.

LUTON TN 3 WOLVES 3
(Half-time 2-0)

THE MATCH DETAILS

● TOWN: Davis; James, Peake, Johnson, Harvey; Telfer, Waddock, Oakes, Preece, Marshall (Woodstead 89 mins), Taylor. Other subs Matthews and goalkeeper Sommer.

● WOLVES: Stowell; Blades, Bull, Bellamy, Masters Lax, Cowans, Venison, Bull, Goodman. Goalkeeper sub Jones.

● THE GOALS: 1-0, 6 mins: Paul Telfer, solo run through and around the goalkeeper from a ground pass by Gary Waddock; 2-0, 11 mins: Telfer again, at the end of a mina; 2-1, 46 mins: Bull, a six-man passing move, header when a mina: David Kelly, back across corner was knocked back across the face of the goalie, to deflect a John Taylor, header; 3-1, 64 mins: Taylor, a Matthews cross and of yet another incisive move; 3-2, 69 mins: Kelly again, first-time shot from pass from Bull; 3-3, 90 mins: Bellamy 29secs. Scott Oakes own goal, trying to hack clear as he chased back

SCOTT OAKES

with Emblen.

● OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town: five saved and nine wide; Wolves: four saved and four wide. Corners: 6-2 to the Town.

● REFEREE: Graham Pooley, Stortford. Had a good game except for the mysterious addition of extra time.

● BOOKED: No-one.

● ATTENDANCE: 9,651, highest league gate of the season, including 2,000 from Wolverhampton, who helped to create a hampton, who helped to create a terrific atmosphere.

● ENTERTAINMENT: Absolutely magnificent, with the clever passing side deservedly Pooley, the man the draw against Graham Taylor's long-ball merchants.

Luton Town's season at a glance

DATE... OPPONENTS... RESULT... TOWN SCORERS... ATTENDANCE... LEAGUE POSITION

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIV I

August 1994

13 West Brom (H) 1-1 (Oakes) 8,840
20 Derby Co (A) 0-0 15,062
27 Southend (H) 2-3 (Hatson, Hughes) 8,818
30 Tranmere (A) 2-4 (Hughes, Harrison) 5,480

September

3 Port Vale (A) 1-0 (Marshall) 8,911
10 Bristol C (H) 0-3 6,764
17 Watford (A) 4-2 (Telfer 2, Dixon, Hughes) 8,880

October

24 Millwall (A) 0-0 7,150

1 Bristol City (H) 0-1 6,633
8 Stoke City (A) 2-1 (Marshal, Preece) 11,719
15 Middlesboro (H) 5-1 (Marshal 2, Preece) 8,412

22 Sheffield Utd (A) 3-1 (James, Dixon, Hughes) 13,317
29 Barnsley (H) 1-2 (Taylor) 7,212

November

1 Grimsby Tn (H) 1-2 (Oakes) 5,279
5 Wolves (A) 3-2 (Preece, Marshall, Taylor) 26,749

12 Oldham Ath (A) 0-0 7,907
19 Portsmouth (H) 2-0 (Dixon, Preece) 8,218
26 Swindon (A) 2-1 (Dixon, Oakes) 9,455

December

3 Sheffield Utd (H) 3-6 (Hatson, Johnson, og) 8,516
10 Derby (A) 0-0 14,400
18 West Brom (A) 0-1 14,392
26 Reading (H) 0-0 9,500
27 Sunderland (H) 3-0 (Oakes 2, Hatson) 9,249
31 Stoke County (A) 1-0 (Telfer) 9,248

January 1995

2 Charlton Ath (H) 0-1 7,642
14 Barnsley (A) 1-3 (Dixon) 4,808

February

4 Oldham Ath (H) 2-1 (Marshall 2) 6,903
11 Grimsby (A) 0-5 4,615
18 Swindon (H) 2-2 (Oakes, Taylor) 6,595
25 Portsmouth (A) 2-4 (James, Taylor) 7,963

March

4 Millwall (H) 1-1 (Marshall) 5,864
11 Port Vale (H) 2-1 (Telfer, Dixon) 5,941
18 Bristol City (A) 0-3 4,558
21 Tranmere (H) 2-0 (James, Biggins) 5,660
25 Burnley (A) 0-2 (Marshall) 9,551
28 Watford (H) 1-1 (Telfer) 7,981

April

4 Wolves (H) 3-3 (Telfer 2, Taylor) 9,651
8 Notts County (A) 2-0 (Telfer, Oakes, pen) 6,428

May

6 Stoke City (H) 1-0 (Taylor) 9,936
13 Fulham (A) 1-1 (Marshall) 5,134

Luton lost on penalties.

FA CUP (Third Round)

January 1995

1 Bristol Rov (H) 1-1 (Hatson) 7,371
8 Bristol Rov (A) 1-0 (Marshall) 6,218

(Fourth Round)

28 Southampton (H) 1-1 (Biggins) 9,938

February

8 Southampton (A) 0-6 15,075

Who's who

APPEARANCES... GOALS

League appearances (as sub in brackets)		League goals	
Davis	46	Marshall	10
Peake	46	Telfer	9
Johnson	40	Oakes	9
Harvey	39	Preece	5
Sommer	37	Hatson	5
Waddock	36	James	3
Oakes	34 (5)	Taylor	3
Marshall	34 (5)	Dixon	2
Telfer	33 (1)	Johnson	1
Thomas	31 (2)	Biggins	1
Dixon	23 (5)	Hughes	1
Preece	11 (9)	Own goals	
Hatson	10 (1)	Oakes	1
Johnson	8 (1)		
Biggins	8 (1)		
James	7		
Harrison	4		
Hughes	4		
Taylor	3		
Williams	(2)		
Woodstead	(6)		
Emblen	(1)		
Matthews	(1)		

CUP APPEARANCES... GOALS

Cup appearances		Cup goals	
Sommer	6	Biggins	2
Peake	6	Emblen	1 (1)
Johnson	6	Hatson	1
Harvey	6	Houghton	1
Telfer	6	Cherkery	1
Davis	5	Williams	1
Oakes	5 (1)	Williams	1
Marshall	5 (1)	Own goals	
Dixon	4	Adebola	1
James	4		
Thomas	4	Marshall	3
Waddock	4	Hughes	1
Preece	3	Harrison	1
Hughes	2	Biggins	1