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This afternoon we are delighted to welcome the Officials. Players and Supporters of Luton Town Football Club to our Meadow Park ground, for today's F.A. Challenge Cup (Sponsored by Axa) First Round match.

We also welcome any Officials from The Football Association and their Sponsors Axa, and The Ryman Football League who are in attendance, and of course BSkyB, who are covering the match live on television.

If today's match should end in a draw after ninety minutes, the Replay will take place at Luton's Kenilworth Road Stadium, on Tuesday 24th November 1998, with a 7.45pm Kick Off. We would then have an allocation of 2.000 Stand Seats for Wood Supports.

Anyway, let's be positive and try and get a result this afternoon. The Draw for the Second Round was scheduled to be made yesterday, and so the Winners of our match should already know who they will be playing!

Wood Supporters may be interested to know that our former player. Terry Robbins, has been appointed Player/Assistant Manager at Bishop's Stortford, and he returned to Meadow Park to play for them against Dagenham & Redbridge, last Saturday.

I see that former Wood goalkeeper, Kenny Veysey, is once again playing in goal for Torquay United. Another ex-player, Steve Talboys has transferred from Kingstonian to Sutton United.

Enjoy the game, and cheer the lads on!

John D. Gill Programme Editor.

FOR THE RECORD - 1998/99

MOLESEY v BOREHAM WOOD (F.A. Umbro Trophy - First Round) (28/10/1998)

Result: Won 2-1 Goalscorers: Samuels, Nisbet.

Wood Team: Taylor, Sanders, McCarthy, J. Shaw, Nisbet, Brown, Grime, Dixon, Heffer, Samuels, Sewell,

SUBS - P. Shaw, Hatchett, Xavier, Makin and Bethell (None used).

Report: Tony Samuels broke the deadlock with a well taken goal after 28 minutes to give Wood a deserved 1-0 lead. Molesev equalised somewhat surprisingly, through a goal from Neil Musgrove, who scored direct from a free kick after 73 minutes. Wood soon regained their lead when Skipper Garry Nisbet shot past goalkeeper James Wastell from close range, within a minute. Molesey battled hard throughout and their 'Keeper, Wastell made several fine saves to keep the score down! Wood travel to play Conference side Forest Green Rovers in the Second Round.

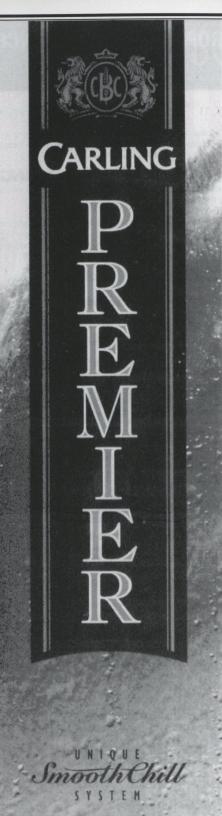
BOREHAM WOOD v SUTTON UNITED (F.A. Challenge Cup - 4th Qualifying Round) (31/10/1998)

Result: Won 1-0 Goalscorer: Dixon (pen.)

Wood Team: Taylor, Sanders, McCarthy, J. Shaw, Nisbet, Brown, Grime, Heffer, Dixon, Samuels, Sewell,

SUBS - Daly for McCarthy, Xavier for Samuels, Hatchett, P. Shaw and De Vito

Report: Dominic Grime made his 50th First Team appearance for Boreham Wood. Wood lost Alan McCarthy through injury after only nine minutes. The result was settled in the 21st minute, when Mark Brown was fouled in the Sutton penalty area, and up stepped Player/Coach Kerry Dixon to score from the resulting spot kick. It was fifth goal of the Season. Sutton could not penetrate the Wood defence and force a replay, even though the Referee added over eight minutes of stoppage time to the second half!







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MANAGEMENT VIEW

A warm welcome to Meadow Park to the management, players, Directors and supporters of Luton Town for this crucial F.A. Cup tie. I hope they enjoy their trip to Meadow Park and wish them a safe journey home.

In the last round I said that it was crucial to beat Sutton and gain a place in the 1st Round Proper, to give us an all-important crack at league opposition. I meant this because our league form has been disappointing to say the least this season and it's only a cup run that can ignite the passion and make it all seem worthwhile.

Well, we got lucky on both counts - a good win against Sutton and a great HOME draw against neighbours Luton who, of course, narrowly beat us 2-1 at Kenilworth Road a couple of seasons ago. There was never any doubt in my mind that we would play the game at Meadow Park. Last season, when we again reached the 2nd round, we were drawn away in both the 1st and 2nd rounds so we were due a little bit of luck. We've invested a lot of money to achieve our 4,000 safety capacity status and, since Luton don't travel with more than a couple of thousand at the most, there seemed no point in considering switching the tie. Moreover, there was always the possibility that **... Sky would want to show the romance of the FA Cup and that gamble paid off with the game today being shown live on TV for the first time in our history.

Naturally, our opponents are odds-on favourites to take the available place in the next round but I'd bet a few of my Albert Fisher shares that they won't be too happy with the draw. At least at home to another league club they'd know what to expect but there's always that worrying word 'giantkillers' that league clubs fear against non league opponents. I was always told in relation to FA Cup runs 'If you win, you're headlines - if you lose you're chip paper'. True words, but for a league against non league opponents it's the other way around!

GROUND UPGRADE

Our ground development is near completion and only the futuristic new glass entrances which will welcome visitors to out bar facilities remain to be completed - these are due for installation by the end of the month.

On the playing side, we've added 21 year old Matt Brady to the squad purchased from Barnet for a 4 figure fee. Matt is a left sided midfielder who we believe can get much better. On the minus side, Billy Harrigan has left to take up an assistant manager's post at another club - we wish him well. Now, to today - we need a great win to make us forget all about last Saturday, a match that some might say showed our players may have had today on their minds, and there's nothing better than equipping ourselves well against league opponents. The FA Cup is full of excitement and - sometimes - upsets, so keep your fingers crossed today if you support the Wood.

Whether you're watching or playing today, enjoy the game.

PHIL WALLACE

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Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to this historic Meadow Park occasion.

In view of the fact that this Season the First Round draw was National, it is an amazing coincidence that once again Wood are paired with Luton, but I feel we will see a very different match today, than that memorable clash at Kenilworth Road, two years ago.

Although our visitors cannot yet claim to have won the Trophy, their F.A. Cup record in recent Seasons shows three Semi-Final appearances since 1985, the last of

which was only five Seasons back, when a certain K. Dixon featured in a Wembley defeat by Chelsea. Kerry is of course one of the focal points of today's events, and his participation was probably the deciding factor in Sky T.V.'s interruption of a million Sunday roasts. From a Boreham Wood point of view, one hopes it is the Hatters that suffer the greater bout of indigestion!

Spare a thought today for Kerry's golfing partner Brian Stein, who spent the majority of the '95/96 Season at Wood, notching 18 goals in 52 appearances. He was feted not to feature in either F.A. Cup meeting, and how he would have enjoyed a crack at the Club where he achieved so much.

Winger Justin Gentle left Meadow Park for the Hatters in the Summer of 1993, although he failed to break through at Kenilworth Road, and a similar story can be told of two ex-Townies who made the opposite journey.

Jamie Woodsford featured in only thirteen matches for Wood, but left the Club clutching a League Cup Winners' medal, having appeared as Sub in the 1997 Final against Braintree Town. However, blink and you would have missed Robert Kean, who played for only 71 minutes against Uxbridge last February, before deciding his fortune lay elsewhere.

Each member of the crowd today will have their own memories of Luton Town, with Dwight Marshall featuring

in most Wood fans' nightmares following his brace of goals that sunk our hopes last time, in what was a fine Cup tie.

The Hatters in fact took part in one of the greatest F.A. Cup games I ever saw, nearly fifteen years ago, as they lost 3-4 after extra time at Watford in a pulsating match. Town fans will not thank me for reminding them of that one!

For a relatively small Club, Luton created more than a few ripples in the 1980's, warming the cockles of many a

Spurs fans heart by beating Arsenal to win the Littlewoods Cup, only months after enraging us all to write to our MP's deploring their members-only admission policy, that appeared at the time to create the precedent Maggie Thatcher needed to impose one on all of us.

Luton however had more cause than most to consider such measures, lest one forget the rearrangement of the Bobbers Stand by Millwall thugs a matter of weeks before the dual tragedies of Bradford and Heysel.

Happier Hatter recollections include David Pleat's demented dance of joy across the Maine Road pitch in '83, and the several occasions when I hired their sacred astroturf so modest park players like ourselves could sample the theatre, albeit without the audience.

One cannot mention Luton Town without a thought of their greatest ever Supporter - Eric Morecambe. Who could forget that Cleopatra sketch with Glenda Jackson as the Queen Of The Nile? The great man, as a Roman guard (with sock suspenders, of course), spins the standard he is carrying to alter the latin legend 'S.P.Q.R.' to 'L.T.F.C.' The world is a poorer place without him.

Here's to a great afternoon in the classic F.A. Cup tradition of David v Goliath.

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LUTON TOWN F.C. HISTORY

One of the oldest football clubs in England - they were the first in the south to turn professional - Luton Town have seen just about everything in football in more than a century of ups and downs.

The club was formed in 1885 when rival clubs Luton-Wanderers and Luton Excelsior decided to merge, at a time when Luton was on the threshold of a boom thanks to the growth of the hat-making trade and a new railway connection with London and the North of England.

As the town became bigger and more prosperous so did the football club, and it started paying its players in 1891.

Three years later Luton were founder-members of the Southern League, and in 1897 joined the Football League's Second Division.

It was not the most successful period in the club's history" patchy results and rising costs led to the club resigning from the League to return to the Southern League. And there Luton stayed until 1920, when the Southern League became Division Three of the Football League.

The Hatters have been in the Football League ever since, although there was a bit of a scare in the mid-sixities when fortunes slumped to their lowest ebb.

The Town narrowly missed promotion from Division Three South in 1936, when a centre-forward named Joe Payne terrorised opposing defences. A wing-half, his first appearance as leader of the attack was near-unbelievable: he scored ten goals in a 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road. It is a record which is likely to stand for ever.

The following year Luton did win promotion with Payne netting 55 league goals.

Luton were comfortable in the Second Division and in 1955 won promotion to the top division - what is now the Premiership - for the first time in their history.

But it ended in tears after six years. Luton reached the FA Cup final in 1959, but lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest. It was a team getting too old together, and from the high point of Wembley a slump set in. Within 12 months Luton were relegated, and by the sixth anniversary of their only FA Cup final appearance Luton had tumbled all the way down to the old Fourth Division. In 1967 they were perilously close to having to ask for re-election to stay in the League.

That indignity was narrowly avoided, and a new board inject new life and money into the club. The Division Four championship was won in 1968 and two years later another promotion was clinched to the Second

Division, by a team which included a converted full-back who proved a pretty good attacker: Malcolm Macdonald.

And in 1974 Luton made history again: they won promotion back to the First Division to become the first club ever to drop from top to bottom of the League and then complete the revival in the opposite direction.

That joy ended with relegation after only one season, but in 1982, led by David Pleat, Luton were back among the big boys again, despite operating on a shoestring in an antiquated ground.

Miraculously Luton survived for ten seasons, with the first providing one of the game's classic showdowns. On the last day of the 1982/83 campaign Luton travelled to Maine Road needing a win to stay up and to condemn Manchester City to relegation. City had only to draw, and got to within four minutes of success. But then Raddy Antic, a Serb who had gone as a substitute, struck the winner, and David Pleat was forever famous after that for his televised victory jig of delight across the pitch.

Luton lost in the 1985 FA Cup semi-final to Everton, but in 1988 a major trophy was landed at last, when Arsenal were beaten 3-2 in the final of the Littlewoods Cup.

Twelve months later Luton were at Wembley again to defend the trophy, but they lost... to Nottingham Forest, to revive memories for older supporters of the 1959 disappointment.

Three years later, with Pleat back at the club for a second spell in charge, Luton were relegated, missing the chance of being founder-members of the Premiership.

Pleat resigned for a second time to go to Sheffield Wednesday, and youth coach Terry Westley was given his job at Kenilworth Road. By mid-season Luton were in desperate trouble, and although new boss Lennie Lawrence produced a mini-revival, the Hatters went down again.

They nearly bounced back at the first attempt, losing to Crewe in the play-off semi-finals in 1997, and that disappointment seemed to cause a hang-over because last season Luton were too close to the relegation zone for comfort. Massive injury problems early in the campaign helped to sap confidence, but it was recovering nicely in the closing stages of last season, and the feeling at the start of this campaign was that given better luck with injuries this time Luton could have a say in the top six placings of the Second Division.

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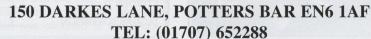
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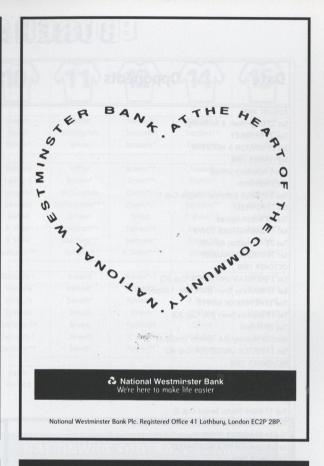
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Sat 10 Billericay Town (KICK OFF: 1.00pm)	L0-1	602	Taylor	Sanders	McCarthy	J. Shaw	Daly**	Brown	Grime	Simpson***	Heffer	Samuels	Ireland*	Nisbet**	Sewell*	Xavier***
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Tue 20 Enfield	W3-1	423	Taylor	Sanders	McCarthy-1p	J. Shaw	Nisbet-1	Grime	Sewell	Simpson	Heffer	Samuels-1*	Brown	Hatchett	Dixon	P. Shaw*
Wed 28 Molesey (F.A. Umbro Trophy 1)	W2-1	80	Taylor	Sanders	McCarthy	J. Shaw	Nisbet-1	Brown	Grime	Dixon	Heffer	Samuels-1	Sewell	P. Shaw	Hatchett	Xavier
Sat 31 SUTTON UNITED (F.A. Cup 4Q)	W1-0	541	Taylor	Sanders	McCarthy*	J. Shaw	Nisbet	Brown	Grime	Heffer	Dixon-1p	Samuels**	Sewell	Xavier**	Hatchett	Daly*
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MARTIN TAYLOR	14-0	6-0	20-0	335-1
STEVE HEFFER	14-2	5-1	19-3	224-33
MARK BROWN	10(1)-2	5(1)-0	15(2)-2	78-14
STEVE DALY	12-1	3(1)-0	15-1	140-12
TONY SAMUELS	9(4)-1	5-2	14(4)-3	224-102
BRUCE SEWELL	10(3)-0	4(1)-0	14(4)-0	28-4
DOMINIC GRIME	9(3)-0	4(2)-0	13(5)-0	50-2
ALAN McCARTHY	8-1p	5-1p	13-2p	69-2
STEVE SANDERS	9(2)-0	4(1)-0	13(3)-0	13-0
GARRY NISBET	8(1)-1	4(1)-1	12(2)-2	227-38
SIMON IRELAND	8(1)-1	2-0	10(1)-1	16-1
MARK XAVIER	5(8)-1	3(2)-2	8(10)-3	8-3
KERRY DIXON	3(2)-2	4(1)-4(1p)	7(3)-6(1p)	18-8
ROB HOLLINGDALE	5-0	1-0	6-0	89-7
SHAUN MARSHALL	4-0	0-0	4-0	65-45
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PAUL SHAW	2(4)-1	1-1	3(4)-2	30-22
COLIN SIMPSON	3-0	0-0	3-0	3-0
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PAUL MORAN	2-0	0-0	2-0	2-0
MATTHEW BRADY	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
CLAUDIO DE VITO	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
BILLY HARRIGAN	0-0	1-0	1-0	187-6
DEAN WALKER	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1

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Sat 30 AYLESBURY UNITED

Sat 6 Basingstoke Town Tue 9 SLOUGH TOWN Sat 13 SUTTON UNITED

Mon 15 St. Albans City Sat 20 Heybridge Swifts

Sat 27 BILLERICAY TOWN

Sat 6 Dulwich Hamlet
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Sat 27 Harrow Borough

Mon 5 Bishop's Stortford

Sat 10 ALDERSHOT TOWN
Sat 17 Chesham United

Sat 24 ST. ALBANS CITY

Sat 1 Gravesend & Northfleet

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PURFLEET	13	7	3	3	23	15	24	+8	LUTON TOWN	16	8	3	5	21	16	27	21
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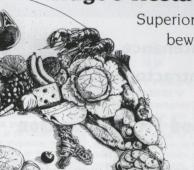


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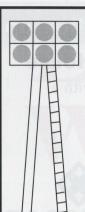
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LUTON TOWN WHO'S WHO



KELVIN DAVIS (Goalkeeper)

After seeing off two Americans, finally became first choice goalkeeper last season. A product of the Hatters' y vouth development programme, he started his league career on loan to Torquay early in the 1994/95 season but despite having few chances at Kenilworth Road because of the form of Juergen Sommer he won England youth, and under-21 caps. Davis eventually ousted Sommer, who is now back in the States but went through a rocky spell in a struggling Luton team and lost his place to lan Feuer, a giant American who cost £600,000 from West Ham,. Feuer left through injury and Davis replaced him. 55 appearances.



NATHAN ABBEY (Goalkeeper)

A young goalkeeper who had a surprise first taste of the big time last season. Happily playing for Luton's youth team. He was given his first XI debut when both Luton's senior keepers were unavailable. Abbey played well in a 1-1 draw with Colchester in the Coca Cola Cup and has since built up more experience on loan to Woking in the Vauxhall Conference.



MITCHELL THOMAS (Defender)

Now the senior professional at Kenilworth Road and appointed player/coach at the start of this season. elegant left back Thomas is back where it all started as a boy. Luton signed him on schoolboy forms, and he moved up through the ranks to make a league debut in the old First Division, now the Premiership, against West Ham in January 1983. He won England under 21 honours. By the start of this season Thomas had made 456 league appearances for his three clubs, and was hungry for more, his coaching deal is for him to be 90 per cent a player 10 per cent a coach Luton record in his second spell to the start of this season, 175 appearances, 5 goals.



GRAHAM ALEXANDER (Defender/Midfield)

Bought for £100,000 from Scunthorpe in the summer of 1995, Alexander is a midfielder who can also fill in at the back if necessary. An injury crisis forced Luton to use him as an emergency right back several times last season, but his best performance have been on the right side of midfield. looking to back up the attack. He contributed eight valuable goals to help Luton out of relegation danger. Luton record to the start of this season: 145 appearances, 11 goals.



MARVIN JOHNSON (Defender)

A versatile defender, normally a centre-half but capable of filling in on the flanks of midfield. Johnson is celebrating a full decade as a first-team regular at Luton, his only club. Injuries have been a problem, but he has always bounced back, and is a former winner of the Players' Player of the Year award at Kenilworth Road after becoming a regular in central defence.

Luton record to the start of this season: 306 appearances, 8 goals.



PHIL GRAY (Forward) Greeted like a prodigal son when he

signed for Luton for the second time in September 1997, the northern Ireland striker soon discovered that football can be cruel. A succession of injuries struck, culminating in surgery to cure a back problem, leaving Gray determined to make up for lost time when this season kicked off. He was in Spurs reserves when David Pleat, exboss at White Hart Lane, and then in his second spell as Luton manager splashed out £275,000 for him in August 1991. Two years later he moved on to Premiership football with Sunderland, for £800,000 and after three years at Roker went to Nancy in France, and then Fortuna Sittard in Holland. 19 Appearances, 2 goals.



STEVE DAVIS (Defender)

A massive bonus from Terry Westley's short reign as Luton manager in 1995, Davis was formerly Burnley's skipper and the Turf Moor Club wanted £1.5 million for him, in the days before Bosman. Luton offered £300,000 and happily accepted a tribunal decision of £750,000. He was immediately appointed skipper, and as well as being a commanding figure in central defence has a habit of popping up in attack and powering in goals.

attack and powering in goals. Luton record to the start of the season: 144 appearances, 17 goals.



SEAN EVERS (Midfield)

Another young player brought on through Luton's productive youth squad, Evers was on the fringe of the league squad until midway through last season. But when injuries struck Lennie Lawrence had to ask boys to do men's jobs. The tenacious midfielder coped very well and established himself as a regular. Luton record to the start of this season: 32 appearances, 3 goals.



MATTHEW SPRING (Midfielder)

A competitive midfielder, Spring was a driving force in the Luton side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997, and it was o surprise when he was called up for a league debut, when still only 17, as a sub against Bristol City in September 1997. His full debut followed a month later, in a home victory against Plymouth and boss Lennie Lawrence called Spring's display "the best debut I have seen in a long time." Luton record to the start of this season: 13 appearances, no goals.



RAY McKINNON (Midfielder)

season gave the former Scottish under-21 international midfielder his second chance at making the grade in English soccer, after an unhappy experience with Nottingham Forest. he joined Dundee United as a YTS boy and in 1992 Nottingham Forest paid £750,000 for him. But Brian Clough resigned, and Frank Clark was determined to build his own squad. McKinnon made only eight appearances for Forest in 20 months before being transferred to Aberdeen. He had two years there, then returned to Dundee United. After two years, and vastly experienced, he took advantage of the Bosman ruling to try his luck in England again, and Luton beat several

other clubs to secure his signature



STUART DOUGLAS (Striker)

A real hotshot in youth and reserve team football, Douglas was still a 17-year-old trainee when he made his league debut for Luton against Oldham in 1995. He scored and won the sponsors' man of the match award. The pacey striker looked set to be a regular in Luton's league side last season, but was one of the unlucky victims of the injury plague which swept through Kenilworth Boad

Luton record to the start of this season: 25 appearances, 3 goals.



GAVIN MCGOWAN (Defender) A right back fighting for a Premiershir

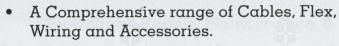
places against very stiff competition at Arsenal. McGowan signed for Luton for the third time in June 1998. The first time was a loan deal in March 1997, but that ended after only two impressive appearances. A calf muscle injury needed surgery, and after getting over that he joined Luton on loan again, this time for three months, at the start of the 1997/8 season. Lennie Lawrence rated him, but could not afford to make an offer, and was delighted to conclude a quick deal later when Arsenal offered the defender a free transfer.

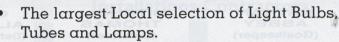
Luton record to the start of this season: 10 appearances, no goals.

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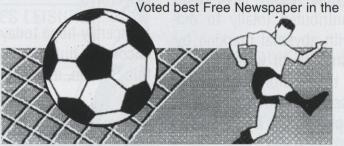
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FROM THE MANAGER

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's re-match of the F.A Cup fixture we played against Luton Town two Seasons ago, the difference this time of course being that we have been drawn at home.

It would be improper of me to concentrate this article on today's game only, as we have seen some rather mixed fortunes in the games we've played since my last article.

The good news was the five consecutive wins we enjoyed that helped us progress twice in the F.A. Challenge Cup, the F.A. Umbro Trophy and the Isthmian Football League Cup, whilst securing three much needed points in the League against Enfield away!

The bad news was our diabolical display against Aldershot Town last Saturday, that resulted in our losing 6-0. This is the heaviest defeat I personally have suffered as either player or Manager in twenty-six years of Senior Non-League football - a record I could quite easily have done without! We contributed totally to our own downfall with abysmal marking by our defenders, the like of which I have never seen from them before, and I can't remember Messrs. Daly, Nisbet and McCarthy ever playing as badly at the

same time - their previous record when playing as a unit would bear this out.

However the blame should not be laid in one particular place, there were lots of things wrong on the day - we've had a week to put those right and we shall see the end product today!

The fervour and mystique of the F.A. Cup has got a firm grip on everybody again and the first thing Alan and myself will be looking for today is to try and ensure that the players representing Boreham Wood give a good account of themselves. We felt bitterly disappointed to lose to Luton after being 1-0 up in the second half of the previous encounter, and I can still see the ball bouncing off Billy Harrigan's shoulder into Dwight Marshall's path for their equaliser. I don't think Luton will be too daunted by having to play us at Meadow Park - firstly the surface is as good as anywhere and secondly they did beat us convincingly here in a Pre-Season Friendly in August, and that was with a side made up mainly of Squad players!

I sincerely hope today's game is a closer encounter but with Luton's record so far this Season, it will be far from easy.

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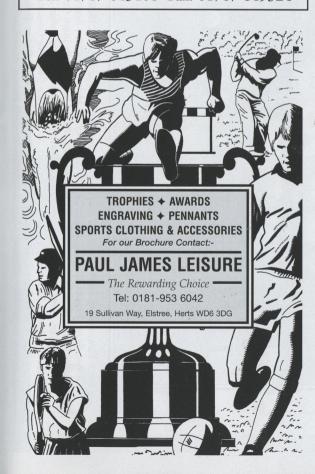
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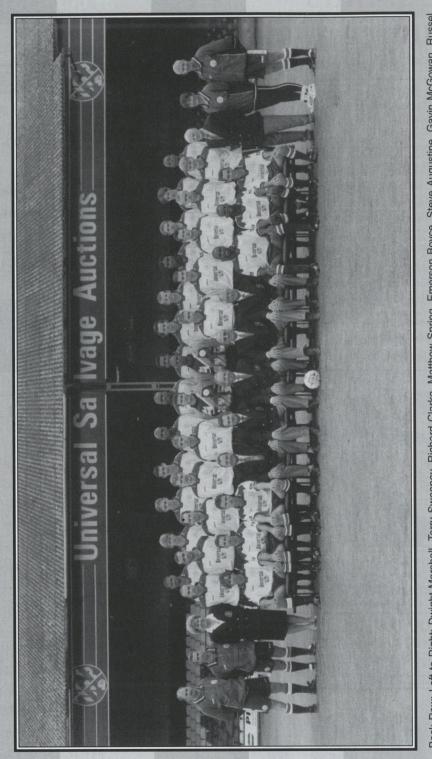
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