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Welcome to DE-PLEATED, the first of what will hopefully become a regular fanzine for you, the supporters of Luton Town Football Club. In each new issue we will try to put across interesting features, with funny and even controversial sides of our Luton, which may provoke you into some sort of response. Oh yes! we will be looking for some input from you as well.

At present our club is going through a rough period both on and off the field, and it would not be too difficult to start off by slinging the dirt at certain parties within. I would hope that what is said within these pages can be done constructively, yet if slagging needs to be done then it should be done with a positive attitude. With this in mind we may be able to satisfy most peoples views and ideas.

Remember that it is you, the supporters, that keep the club alive, so your views are important. This is the fans eye view, an alternative to the match day programme, so please use it!

On the playing side, it has to be said that the lads have not played up to their potentials. With time running out it is important that team work comes back to the fore, just as it was in the past. I, as I think many people might agree have been disappointed with the recent departures within the club, and it has be asked why so many valued players have been allowed to leave at such a critical time of the campaign. Clubs in similar positions to us hold onto and indeed strengthen their squads by not only keeping these valuable team members but by also adding to it, whilst we are only just catching up with this fact. A new broom sweeps clean you might say! There will be articles on this subject and on the pitch, away supporters ban and the LTFC board in future publications.

So please let me stress my point by saying that it is up to you the fans to give us feedback. If you don't like a certain item then tell us. It would help to improve the standard of what hopefully will be a regular fanzine, informing fans of what is happening in our club.

In the next issue we will hope to publish some of your replies and comments. So get writing

Until then,

The Editor.

GREAT PLAYERS RADDY ANTIC REMEMBERED

D.P. Series on the Great Heroes of Luton FC

Born in Yugoslavia on 22nd November 1949, Raddy Antic will always have a special place in the hearts of Luton fans who were privileged enough to see him play.

Signed by David Pleat in June 1980 from Spanish first division side Real Zaragoza for around 50,000 it was thought that the Yugoslav would take up a sweepers role behind the back four, but after a few games the system was abandoned and Raddy was pushed forward into a midfield role where he was to stay for the rest of his chequered career at Kenilworth Road.

Antic proved to be a valuable member of perhaps the greatest squad Luton ever had, and was part of the championship winning side of 1981/82 in which he played 17 full league games and 13 as substitute. Indeed half his playing career was spent on the bench playing second fiddle to the likes of Ricky Hill and Nobby Horton.

In the 4 seasons at Luton, Antic played 100 league games, 54 full and 46 as substitute and scored 9 goals. Almost every goal from him was a memorable one and especially the winner at Man. City on the final day of the 1982/83 season.

He was a tremendous striker of a dead ball and whenever Luton had a free kick within 25 yards of goal the cry of "Raddy, Raddy" went up from both the Maple and Oak road terraces, in anticipation of what was to come. Of course his failures from these kicks must have out-numbered the successes, but who cares! I remember seeing him hit our 2nd goal in a 2-3 home defeat by Cardiff in the promotion year from fully 25 yards past a goalkeeper who never saw the ball 'till it was in the back of the net.

Another "Raddy special" that springs to mind came late on in season 1982/83 at the Dell. Town had won a free kick fully 30 yards out, and Horton and Moss were standing over the ball.



Instead of playing it for Moss, Nobby rolled it sideways for Antic to fire a low drive just inside of Peter Shiltons right hand post. A truly magnificent strike to earn us a 2-2 draw. To beat perhaps the worlds number 1 goalkeeper from that range is a feat rarely acheived. His most valuable goal, however, came on May 14 1983 at Maine Road, Manchester..

Town new that only victory would keep them in the top flight, yet with 26 minutes remaining and the game still 0-0 Pleat made probably the most inspired substitution of his managerial career.

Wayne Turner made way for Antic and with only 4 minutes remaining Brian Stein received the ball on the right wing. After his first effort was blocked he crossed into the penalty area, Williams, the city keeper, could only push the ball out to the edge of the box and Antic fired past the packed defence into the corner of the net. This was to be the goal that kept Town up and made him a lifetime Luton hero with the goal captured by BBC TV for 'Match of the Day'. Antic said of it as "The best goal I've ever scored". Who could argue with him.

In his final season 1983/84 Antic was to start only 8 full league games with 14 on the subs bench. Many people said he was only kept on because of that goal in Manchester, but I fail to agree with that. He was a strong midfield player who when going forward was an impressive sight, and many a keeper was happy to turn a 'Raddy special' behind for a corner.

Raddy Antic left Luton Town at the end of the 1983/84 season without much fuss or publicity, heading home to Yugoslavia. He took up a coaching job at Partisan Belgrade, the club where he had started his footballing career as a teenager. It was sad to see him go but one thing is for sure he will never be forgotten by those who remember him most at Kenilworth Road.

"BRING BACK THE CHARACTERS"

Whatever has happened to the characters in the game Eh? Stars that were worth the admission fee alone just for the chance to see them play. Names come to mind, like BEST, CHARLTON, LAW, MARSH and BOWLES, players with individual flair and style, and whose talents were an inspiration to others.

The resurgence of the winger bought along names like STRACHAN, COPPEL and now BARNES, yet with the importance upon team play, the individual genius that once graced our field has more or less been squashed.

That is until now. The characters flood back under the guise of LARS ELSTRUP, the anagrammatical figure from Denmark, who has brought back the fun to football. The nights are very often 18 hours long in Denmark, so with nothing better to do, the Danes revert to the old 1-2 formation, with their partner. Certain members have received their marching orders trying to play the ill conceived 69 formation. However, once the deed is done, the Danes have to try to think of something to do for the next 9 months. This is where the national game of "Boomhole" (English translation is Countdown) has been derived. Partners have to pick letters of the alphabet from a jerry can, and over the course of time have to form the name of their offspring. Unfortunately for this Luton forward, it was the luck of his parents to only select 3 vowels, and even on champion Boomhole, it is very difficult to complete a name with just 3 vowels.

His parents were unsure of the sex of their child, so had chosen a few girls names, such as SAL PRE LUSTR, or the pretty LARSET SLURP. The only two they had for a boy was PAUL STRELLS or LARS ELSTRUP, and the rest, as they say, is history!

So with characters brought firmly back to the fore, can you come up with any additions to the Elstrup family tree, let us know at the address on the front of this 'zine, and we'll print a few in the next edition.

THE A-Z OF LUTON TOWN (so far in season 1989/90)

- A is for Away. Somewhere we couldn't win in the league for 14 months.
- B is for Brighton. Where we were humiliated by a lowly Division 2 side.
- C is for Crap. Our performance above (see B)
- D is for Drawn. Well it's better than losing.
- E is for Elstrup. A record signing yet to prove his value.
- F is for Four. The amount scored at Mansfield.
- G is for Goals. Too few seen this season.
- H is for Harford. The best centre forward in the league.
- I is for Iain (Dowie). A bargain buy from Hendon.
- J is for Jimmy. The man to keep us up?
- K is for Kop (Kingsley & Kurt). Silenced by 2 memorable strikes by the aforementioned.
- L is for Loss. A far to regular occurrence.
- M is for Mal (Donaghy). Even he couldn't stop the rot.
- N is for Nogan. A player for the future!!?
- O is for Oh No!!!. Not another one.
- P is for Pathetic. See B again & att. at Wimbeldon.
- Q is for QPR. Where our most skillfull player headed off to for 1 million
- R is for Roy (Wegerle). One of the most gifted players to have graced the plastic
- S is for Southampton. Where we scored 3 but conceded 6.
- T is for Terrible. See B yet again!
- U is for Up. As in the only way is....
- V is for Villa. How they won here still beats me.
- W is for Wilson. Our penalty ace.
- X is for Johnny X. The invisible Fulchester striker (Viz.) rumoured to be on his way to Luton.
- Y is for YEEEEEESSSSSSS!!!. When the final whistle blew at Wimbeldon.
- Z is for Zzzzzzzzz. Wake me up when we score!!

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

It has always been a ritual for thousands of football fans around the country to look forward to Sunday mornings and a read of their favourite paper. Whether it be the Mirror or Mail, the Telegraph or the Times it's great to study the soccer reports from the previous days games with over the top reports and the chance to study the League tables. You can always rely on a piece of scandal about so and so a few pages in from the back cover.

So it came as a little bit of a surprise to me as I opened that thoroughly believable rag the Sunday People on January the 7th to see a large picture of Bruce Forsyth's face staring up at me. Not the best of welcomes first thing in the morning I'm sure you'll agree. I was puzzled for a few moments as I stared at the headline "Send for Brucie", until I read further. The name of Luton Town was not far below it so it was with more than a little interest that I read on.

It was an article by the 'ace' reporter Mike "megamouth" Langley, commenting on the sacking of the Town boss Ray Harford by the then Chairman, Brian Cole. He stated that Harford was sacked for allegedly not smiling enough, and that if he wanted a manager who smiled then he should get in touch with the great !!? comedian Bruce Forsyth. Langley continued to tell readers that Harford had been unfairly dismissed even though he'd taken the side to 3 Wembley finals, winning 1, and had also kept them in Division 1. Fair comment maybe.

Then he made a scathing attack on the Luton fans for being biased, barracking refs, opposing players and even journalists. So has this man ever been to Highbury, the Den, Anfield or any other soccer ground in the country where you can guarantee that the home fans will be just as "one-eyed"? Obviously not if we go by his report. He continued by slagging off the town and its people by saying that Luton was a jumble of ring roads and prefab houses and was definately worth avoiding.

So what has this man got against Luton? Has he worked here or lived here for any period of time? Or is he the biased bloke that he reports of, so one eyed that when he drives his plush car off the motorway he can see no further than the football ground itself?

It makes me wonder why Mike Langley sticks up for Ray Harford when he had been sacked for obviously not producing the results that the board or supporters desired. Indeed Langley's own paper meddles in peoples personal lives by publishing material on events they can drag up from the past or present (Nb: Lou Macari and Swindon). So why differentiate in this case?

Is it because Mike is a good mate of Harford's that he feels he has to defend him? I doubt it.

Luton is an easy target for any sports writer who wants a good whinge about something and has bugger all else to write about. After all plastic pitches and the away fans policy are matters of importance aren't they?

There couldn't have been much to write about this particular week as Brucie's face took up as much of the article as the editorial.

Incidentally, in his column the following week Mike mentioned that after his thought provoking article he hadn't received a single letter from anyone in Luton standing up for the town. Perhaps Mike, it's because nobody bothers to read your meaningless drivel anyway.



Hove Horror - Brighton 4 v 1 TownTown support 2,000 +

We left home knowing that the town had a very good chance of winning down on the south coast, even though we hadn't won away since beating Mansfield in September. After all Brighton hadn't won a home game since November so the least we could expect was a draw, surely.

We made Hove in good time and headed straight for the pub which was full of Hatters all in good spirits. Yes I could sense an away win at last. There we found Brighton fans handing out leaflets with the message that the board had to go. It also told their fans to protest by having a sit in behind the main stand after the match. Yes, we were definately going to win, no problem. The game didn't start off too bad, Kingsley being given a run on the left, whilst Brighton didn't seem to have much up front to worry about, though suave Marv was having his usual 'mare, and James wasn't over confident either. So going in 0-0 at half-time didn't seem too bad.

The second half started with the home side on the attack and Town soaking up what came at them. Then it happened, Brighton went 1 up on the hour, through what I vaguely remember as a back post header with no hint of a challenge from our solid!! defence. But never fear, four minutes later a free kick floated towards Harford, caused Dublin to make an error and there was the penalty ace Wilson, to fire past Keeley. One all and surely this was our game.

But as Greavsie tells us "It's a funny old game" especially when you go to watch Luton play. It only took five minutes before the home fans were singing again, a shot by Curbishley, from 20 yards beat Chamberlain with ease. Worse was to follow ten minutes later when Codner was put through with the Town defence playing the offside trap, worse than a Sunday pub side, and he gave Chamberlain no chance.

It was at this time that we tried to leave the Golstone ground with no luck. The police decided to make us suffer the twelve minutes or so left, and it was at this stage the 2,000+ fans let their feelings be known. Why the players have to let down their biggest away following in years leaves me scratching my arse.

Brighton added insult to injury by scoring a fourth and we had been humiliated by a struggling 2nd division outfit (remember Reading). The players left the field to chants of "What a load of rubbish" "Sack the Board" and "Where's the money gone?" I hope it didn't go into the pockets of the 11 so called footballers who had let the name of LTFC down again. With other shocks around on the day it wasn't even worth a radio mention. Obviously soccers' main men realised it was a game between two equally matched average sides. Town weren't even average on the day.

Best for Town, Terry Mancini for his after match comments. P.P. The sit down protest never happened. I wonder why?

KINGSLEY KURTThe Mighty Reds 2 v 2 Town Sat 13/1/90Town support 500

We headed off to scouse land with only one worry. How many would we lose by at Anfield? I needn't have worried as Jim and co. had it all worked out.

The Town ran out to rapturous applause from the travelling thousands, alright the 500 or so who had made the long journey north. All tongues were set wagging as the Tannoy's announced "No. 8 Kurt Nogan" "Kurt who?" was the cry. Kurt Did Jim know something that we didn't?

The game kicked off with Liverpool predictably playing around with the ball but going nowhere, merely pleased to keep possession. Eventually they began to dominate and on the half hour a through ball from Beardsley was handled by Mal. As soon as Barnes struck the ball we were one down and it was back to the wall for the next 10 minutes. Half time was reached and it was still only 1-0 but Liverpool opened the 2nd half the brighter for the break. All except Rush who was brilliantly tackled by Breaker with only the keeper to beat and had a weak header blocked on the line by Wilson.

So we survived yet another storm and managed to move the ball upfield with Harvey, who had played well in the defence. He played a high ball in for Harford and in the resulting clash with Hysen the ball dropped to Kingsley 20 yards out. The wee man hit it first time on the volley giving Grobblear no chance. The whole Luton contingent were up on their feet singing and chanting, it was magic!

Wimbledon 1 v 2 Town Weds 14.2.90

Town support 230

We were still singing when the unthinkable happened. The left hand by-line was reached by Kingsley who pulled a great ball back to the rather quiet Nogan. He toe poked it past the desperate keeper into the corner of the net to shun the Kop end into silence. We done the mental it was superb, the scousers were gutted. The cry of "Jimmy Ryans blue 'n' white army" went up and we began to think of victory. Wouldn't it be great to get our first away win in 13 months at Anfield. Alas read on:-



Barnes went down the left and crossed to the far post where Nocol beat Harvey to the ball to head home for the equaliser (Bastards). From then on it was a tidal wave of red and it looked like curtains, but the midfield helped the back four superbly, harrying and chasing in a great display, and did enough to keep the Cup holders out.

The final whistle was greeted with victory cheers by the travelling "mass" with singing and chanting continuing until the lads came over to receive their well earned applause.

(the first time in yonks that this has happened and well appreciated too).

So all in all a great day out with every man playing his part in a superb display of grit and determination. Why were we so shit at Brighton.

Best for Town:- from the 11 players to manager, coach, subs and the "hoardes" in the seats.

Our 1st away League win since Harfords strike at Derby back in Dec '88 was witnessed by Plough Lanes "biggest" attendance for many years.

The game itself was never going to be a classic being played in the pouring rain with conditions extremely slippery.

The first half went by with very little entertainment, and I can remember us having only one shot on target with the Wombles just about matching our effort.

The 2nd half started in much the same manner and it looked like a case of here we go again. But with 7 minutes of the half gone Wilson picked the ball up some 25 yards out on the right. He sent over a cross which was left by 2 defenders for King Kurt to nip in and head the ball firmly past Segers.

After a missed opportunity the home side began to get back into the game and Dennis (Arsenal set to sign) Wise put the ball in the net from close range only to see it ruled out for an earlier infringement. It was all Wimbledon now and Wise crossed from the right and Cork saw his effort bounce agonisingly against the post and into Chamberlains welcome arms.

They were finally rewarded with 15 minutes to go when Cork flicked on a cross to the unmarked Wise who lashed home the equaliser past the helpless keeper.

Wimbledon continued to press for the winner but the Town defence held firm and the game seemed destined for a draw. In the final minute Wilson picked the ball up 10 yards into the Wombles half and played a defence splitting pass into the path of Preecey on the left. He in turn took it to the by-line before sending his cross to the far post, where it was met by the diving Iain Dowie, for a great winning goal. The delighted travelling contingent had only a few seconds of worry before the ref blew the final whistle and the well earned celebrations began both on and off the field. A great night out even if the weather was crap and it was witnessed by the lowest ever Division 1 crowd of 3,496.

Where have all the Town fans disappeared to? Surely a 1st division side can expect more than a couple of 100 fans cheering them on only 40 miles from home.

Best for the Town :- David Preece

BACK TO BASICS

Charlton Ath 2 v 0 Town Mon 19.2.90

Town support 500

In strong winds down at Selhurst Park it was Charlton who started the better when it should have been the Town showing confidence from their latest victory. The defence looked dodgy from early on with Dryer and James being tested by runs from Jones and Williams, and with Boulders' kicks being carried by the wind it was to be a tough 1st half. Even when pushing forward the Town were caught off-side too many times for comfort.

Charlton took the lead after 12 minutes in bizarre circumstances. Jones ran onto a long ball from the midfield which dropped between Dryer and Chamberlain, neither of the Hatters' players reacted and Jones headed bravely over the keeper into the unguarded net.

The 2nd period continued with Charlton in the driving seat with the Town rarely looking threatening. However, the game exploded for all the wrong reasons when Kennedy, who'd been earlier booked, dived into Peake. The referee had no option but to send the Luton player off for what, in itself, was a disgusting challenge. I hope the individual realises that he let the whole side down with a rush of blood to the head.

Chamberlain made 2 fine saves when all seemed lost after a mistake by James, but he could do nothing to prevent a 2nd goal after 78 minutes when Colin Walsh chipped in from the edge of the area, after good work down the Charlton right. So that was that. In the end we were lucky to lose by just the 2 goals in what was the first defeat by the Town under the management of Jimmy Ryan.

It does raise the question however of how difficult will it be against more worthwhile opponents than Charlton especially as the points are becoming more and more valuable the closer we get to the dog fight at the end of the season. What chance do we have of bringing back points from places like Forest and Villa?

Please write in with your own match reports as we will have pages set aside next issue for your contributions.
Go on write now.. We need your support.....

THE FORGOTTEN MAN

In March 1989, Luton signed a young footballer from Bournemouth for a fee in the region of 125,000. A young fella who, it was obvious, had the potential ability to be a top class winger in the First division. His name, Richard Cooke.

Starting his career as a schoolboy with Tottenham, he had shown enough promise to gain 11 first team games. However, it was difficult for the small winger to get regular first team action and so he headed south to AFC Bournemouth.

After 57 games and 13 goals, Cooke had a number of first division clubs knocking on his door. Luton was one of those teams, and Cookie obviously decided that Ray Harford could offer him first division football in a struggling but talented team. How wrong he was!

His first appearance as a substitute against Man. United ended as a 2-0 defeat, but a good effort that struck the post showed that he was a fair player.

Under Harford, Cookie only made a handful of appearances as substitute, until Boxing Day this season in the game against Forest, when he was probably the best player in a team that seemed to be suffering from Christmas hangovers. He scored the equaliser from a difficult angle to prove that he deserved the chance they gave him (even though it took 9 months to get it).

The rest is history, Harford out, Ryan in. Ryan has since said that Cooke would find it hard to break into the first team, as he sees Kingsley Black as the only winger in the side. Fair comment, or could we use an extra wing man?

Why did it take Harford so long to recognise a good player, and why is he still being overlooked even now, when Black has a history of injuries and inconsistent games. If Harford had used him as an extra forward instead of Weggerle or Elstrup then we might have picked up a few more points. We will never know, but who could blame Cooke for wanting to leave the club, and I believe that our loss will be someone else's gain. Whatever happens..... Good luck Cookie.

QUIZ

You are the Manager of a Famous First Division side who are having a few problems, using your skill and judgement decide the best option when discussing these points:-

1. You are trailing 3-1 at home on a miserable afternoon. The mid-field trio have been appalling:
Do you:- A. Put on 2 subs. B. Continue as you are
C. Sell Wegerle D. Sell Harford & Wegerle.
2. You are trailing 1-0 away when you are given a penalty:
Do you:- A. Give ball to Wilson B. Deny the penalty
C. Give ball to keeper D. Sell Wegerle
3. Whilst with the Chairman, he lets it slip he wants results at any cost:
Do you:- A. Say he'll have to sack you B. Resign
C. Buy him the Sports Pages D. Sell Wegerle
4. During a training session, your star striker admits his scoring touch is coming back:
Do you:- A. Put bromide in his tea B. Say "Well done!"
C. Stop him pulling the birds D. Sell him
5. Whilst on a mid-season break to Spain the hotel waiters beat you 4-0 with temperatures in the 90's:
Do you:- A. Sign 3 of the waiters B. Return Lutons pitch to grass
C. Manage the waiters D. Sell Wegerle.
6. After an away draw you stop at a Service station for a meal and discover you have no money:
Do you:- A. Do a runner B. Forget it
C. Say "The chairman will pay" D. Sell Harford to finance it
7. You are probably the most successful manager Luton has ever had, after a 3rd round Cup defeat:
Do you:- A. Resign B. Say nothing and work harder.
C. Blame everyone else D. Sell more players

RESULTS - Mostly A's - Optimist, B's - Realist
C's - Arsehole D's - You've got a real grudge pal.

THE TAYLOR REPORT

So, Lord Justice Taylor - the thinking mans Colin Moynihan, has decreed that football stadiums should become all seater by 1994. Well, I must admit that it sounds as though everything will be fine when we kick off the 1994/95 season. But, hold on a minute lets take stock of the situation, it is very easy to lose track of the issue in question, that is never to encounter the incidents which caused the tragic loss of life witnessed at Hillsborough last April. I feel that everyone has got it out of proportion, as the Taylor report suggests that fans in general and 'hooligans' in particular, were the main cause of the tragedy, when in fact it is due to a sequeuse of events usually never encountered at League fixtures.

It was decided to use Hillsborough to host this semi-final, an F.A. showpiece, as it had been used quite successfully the previous season. Demand for tickets was abnormally high and the allocation of tickets did not even cover the season ticket holders, let alone the fans who normally pay on the gate. The late arrival of some fans, due to traffic problems, only served to make matters worse, as did the decision not to delay the kick off. The opening of the gates and subsequent non-segregation of the fans all added up to the blackest Saturday in footballing memory.

It is easy to point the finger but nothing will bring back the 95 who died. But as stressed this is an abnormal occurrence only happening on a few dates during the year. Most weekends you have the same set of supporters turning up for home games, knowing where they want to stand and arriving in good time for them to gain access to the terraces. What seems to be the problem here then?

The unfair penalising of the fans by installing seats at all grounds does not appear to be a rational way of dealing with the problem. The Taylor report seems to blame the standing terraces, indeed he referred to them as places of tribal warfare. This seems a very narrow view of the situation, as most terraces are used by the ordinary working man there to enjoy a cheap game of football, in a great atmosphere. How will people sit and still have the same sense of enjoyment?

What will happen is that the all seater stadiums will price the ordinary working man away from the game, just when the attendances were picking up again. The casual football fan will think twice about the cost of a seat as opposed to a good night out on the town!

Clubs may be forced to shut down part of their grounds, and only open the main stand, for instance, this could then lead to violence erupting between rival fans in the same enclosure. With no revenue from lack of enthusiasm and high prices, added to the cost of installation, clubs will be forced to fold and football will be the loser.

So what should happen? The following, is only an idea, and is meant to provoke thought and discussion!

If stadiums are forced to be all seater, then money should be made available to install seats in 1st and 2nd division clubs. The lower league clubs would be crippled and find they will not attract spectators, which after all is the clubs lifeblood.

Clubs know who season ticket holders and membership card holders are, and so should ensure ticket allocation for loyal supporters and followers. (There are a few critics here who say that Luton membership is 30,000, but the league gates are only 10,000, on this equation what price Man. United's membership allowance?)

Troublemakers, when identified, will have membership cards withdrawn, thus banning them from home games let alone away matches. There needs to be stricter control over ticket allocation, a lot of fans go to away games without tickets with the knowledge that there will always be touts outside the ground. So if you get rid of the touts, will the fans without tickets stop going?

This all adds up to price increases, due to the higher administrative costs, but would it be better than the cost of sitting, which will reduce capacities and possibly double or treble the admission fee to claw back revenue.

SOME HOPE FOR FOOTBALL IN GENERAL!!!

FANZINE REVIEW

For those new to the fanzine world, here is a brief summary of a few to be found on the market:-

AND SMITH MUST SCORE (Brighton) - the most unusual name out of all the fanzines, but an excellent publication none the less. Issue 9 had a good piece on our own Luton, with a fair bit of abuse (all in good taste!) about the then forthcoming cup tie. It is set out well, with good match reports on a struggling 2nd division side. A great picture of Albion fans at the end of an away victory at Bournemouth. A.S.M.S reviews players and sides visiting the Goldstone, good value and well worth a look. It's available from 88, Friars Oak Road, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 8PY. Price 50p.

A LOVE SUPREME (Sunderland) - Having read through a number of fanzines, it is not too difficult to see that it is very professional looking. The latest issue has an good interview with star mid-fielder Paul Bracewell, a feature on Bryan 'pop' Robson, plus a look back at the club through the 80's. Another good read, though a bit heavy in places. It is available from P.O. Box 25, Newcastle, Tyne & Wear, NE6 1QE. Price 50p

HEROES AND VILLAINS (Aston Villa) - An easy to read fanzine from the 1st div. leaders with lots of amusing articles from A-Z's to Bests & Worst. Available from P.O. Box 1703, Perry Bar, Birmingham, B42 1UZ. Price 50p

LEYTON ORIENTEER (Leyton Orient) - One of the longest running fanzines and still going strong, it is in it's 36th issue. The experience of the fanzines creators shows, with some good action photos from the past and present. In issue 35 there is an item on former O's player Ian Moores, which describes his somewhat lack of expertise at doing his job as a striker. It also has some good away day reports and letters. Another professionally made fanzine. Available from 1, York Road, Leyton E10, London. Price 40p.

Most fanzines can be found at SPORTSPAGES, Caxton Walk, 94-96, Charing Cross Road, London, WC2H. Well worth a visit for all fanzines, soccer books and magazines.

How many games did we WIN under you RAY?



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