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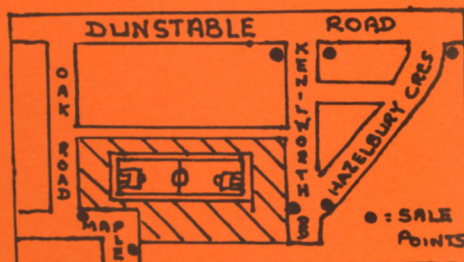
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 County on May the 2nd and get into the spirit with our theme party.
 (see back pages).

Editorial

So we go into the final months of another season with the odds
 stacked heavily against us yet again. Too heavily this time.....? well , only the
 lads on the field of play can determine the outcome of that one. But on the positive
 side we have a full squad of fit men for the first time this term (apart from Gray) ,
 and the bonus of playing neat , quick passing , fluent football with the ability to
 score goals. Our obvious Achillies Heel is our inability to defend our goal in the
 later stages of the game , but at least we can work on that, as seen against Norwich.

Recent performances suggest that with more resilience we can
 definately avoid the drop but must rely on other teams to slip up as well. Both West
 Ham and Southampton have other things on their mind with progress in the Cups and Sheffield
 (who ended our slim hopes of a season face saver in the FA Cup) are stringing results
 together. This suggests that it is a free for all at the foot of the table with Oldham
 Wimbledon , Notts county etc etc all struggling too. So it is still up to US to do our
 part in prompting success as we have to play most of our relegation partners in the
 coming weeks. We will have to inspire the lads with more of the excellent Luton singing.
 Keep it up Lads - You know who you are.

Off the field we've seen Farrell leave for Fulham and Rodger sold to
 Grimsby so that the total cash can be made available for the signing of Steve Sutton.
 If the latter falls through then expect to lose Pembridge to finance a purchase or a
 reinstatement of a thoroughly upset Alec. A selling of some sort must be due as they usually
 occur every 4 months in order to keep the Bank loan to a minimum. Most seem resigned to
 the fact that Mark will leave and his departure will put the club in the black for the
 first time in ages. It will be sad , but we've had to put up with sales in the past and we
 do have youngsters in the reserves who can fill these roles. Sad but true.

It is obvious that if Luton are struggling financially now, they are
 going to need the security that the Premier League will provide. The financial returns
 have to be far more rewarding than remaining in the Football League. This seems very
 hypocritical from one such as I , but the stark truth is that without such backing or
 Mr Big to step forward, Luton Town will end up like Doncaster and Aldershot. No money ,
 no ground , no support , no future. Is this what we want ?

On the subject of the ground it was encouraging to hear that the
 Town Council want nothing to do with the relocation of the Hatters. Afterall, they did
 purchase the ground 3 years ago so they've done their part haven't they. It was April 1990
 when we printed a statement to say the Council want to rid the Borough of the Football
 Club. Do you believe they have changed their position ? Statements like the above do not
 lead me to change my mind.

Kohler still claims a site will be found and papers are still saying
 MK is a proposal. My belief is that Kohler is fuelling the fire so that when an eventual
 site is announced in the close area it will be greeted with " Well at least it's not
 Milton Keynes" Ah well.....

Still , enjoy these last 7 home games,..... and those away

Keep singing for the lads

ED

Merry Xmas

Christmas 91 will be remembered for a few things for a Hatters fan. Each one of us remember it from a slightly different viewpoint I suppose but we all must have had to pinch ourselves to believe the real reason:-

WE WON 3 ON THE BOUNCE.

It has to be incredible for we had already been given the last rights by many people - and still maybe in the mire - but didn't we show them we can do it eh? It was remarkable for it had been 20 months since the previous occurrence and yes all 3 games were at home but so what! We didn't draw the fixture list up did we? That last time had been the victories over Arsenal, Palace and Derby that had ensured our survival 2 seasons back. Could this sequence see the start of our revival?

Never mind back to Christmas and whose decisions was it to switch the Coventry game to a Friday night. I was freezing my nuts off and at half time even thought about going down the pub. Persistence paid off of course and Harfords luck eventually came good. Still I thought Coventry were quick, youthful and stylish but thanks to an impressive defence, didn't really threaten. 2 things though. Why did Scott Oakes play linesman in the second half? And who invited the bleedin carol singers? Happy bloody Christmas indeed!

The place was buzzing for the visit of mighty Arse who proceeded to show us how to play football. Yes typically, whingeing, whineing, appealing for everything hands in the air at all times for offside, long high balls, backpassing boring, boring, yawn. So much for total football. Total crap!! Incidents few and far between but Limpar was unfairly treated by the crowd who must have known that this fair minded, honest Swede never cheats, and never did elbow Pembridge in the tie at Highbury - Donkey Adams showing John Dreyer how to make a complete Arse of yourself everytime

he touched the ball. (Which one would you consider as the best centre half - yes truly) and Mickys goal of course. I followed some Arse supporters out of the ground putting it down to the fact that the little club always lifts its game for the visit of the BIG CLUBS, somehow I don't think Arsenal are a big club anymore do you?

The Chelsea game was a farce as no-one knows how we managed to win, why Beasant stayed on, why Boyd went off, how Chelsea failed to score and why John Dreyer proved that as a penalty taker he's ok but as a centre half he's outmarked most of the best strikers in the country in the last half a dozen games. I must admit the free kick techniques wearing a bit thin, but when it works boy is it good.

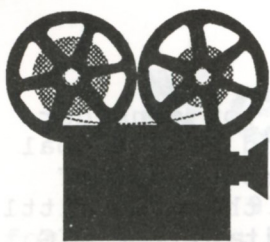
Also of note was the whinging going on behind us from a Blues supporter (no not Major) complaining about fans standing in the seated area, for Luton kicking the ball, for attempting to put the ball in the back of the net, for fans coming to support their team, oh how we cheered when he left 10 minutes before the end. I do like to see sporting losers don't you, mind you, we've had enough practice which is why I'm gloating in this piece.

Still it had to end on New Years day, but for only 25 seconds away from a 3 minute extra time period. And we did get a point from Forest who were really outplayed in a dogged, determined performance from the lads.

Lets hope we don't have to wait another 20 months.

PREECE'S SHORTS





film 92

with Barmy Moron



Barmy

Well hello there me old muckers and welcome to my regular column in this the latest edition of D.P. Fancy reviewing the latest film offerings from your firm favourites the Hatters, what about the recent video nasties from Kenilworth Road? Well sorry to disappoint you but the police video of all of these is still under lock and key. It appears that no-one will be able to view such obscenities as Pembo's elbow, Julians crosses, Preecys haircut etc. etc. etc. for quite some time. And I thought the police were supposed to keep tabs on the crowd and not events on the pitch.

Anyway, its time to review the latest pantomime performances, and why not indeed. From the partnership that brought you the classic "Leicester Relegation Shuffle" and "Debacle At Lincoln" comes the smash "Babes In The Wood On Ice". Pleat and Murphy have combined once again to produce a timeless classic that puts anything by Scorsese and Spielberg to shame.

Taking a well worked theme; and a childrens favourite to boot' these superb directors have added a slick movement and neat interchanging pattern with the introduction of an all star cast. The neat twist of staging the event on the Kenilworth Road ice makes the whole pantomime evolve into a farce.

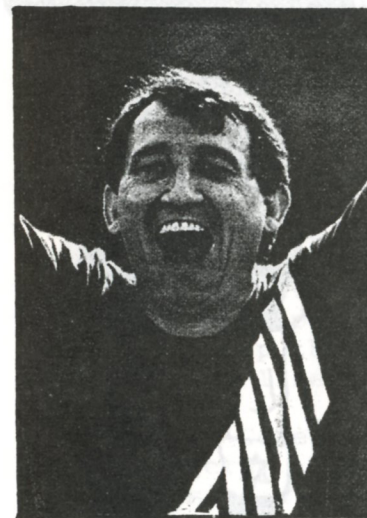
We'll obviously let you the punter be the judge of events but lets face it, it's packing them in at the moment so it can't be all that bad can it. As for the plot - well its based around 2 orphans, (Campbell and Salton) on the fringes of gaining

a first team place. They are teased and rebuked by a gang of lads who are slightly older and tougher. Their leader (excellently played by the Scot Telfer) makes life extremely difficult for the orphans but the breaks do occur. Romantic interest is included when Saltons sweet girlfriend (played by Karon Keating ex Blue Peter girl and a fresh talent to the big screen) interrupts a training session to profess undying love for the orphan and not to give up hope, before her mum whips her off for her tea.

All in all a worthwhile effort from the team involved, superb skill, excellent viewing and thoroughly entertaining apart from the usual pantomime sequence right at the end where the opposition always score.

And now for the top 10 British films this week.....

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE (BEFORE SWEDEN)



GRAHAM TAYLOR IN A JOVIAL MOOD PRIOR TO HIS ARRESST WARRANT ISSUE .

The Football League has issued the regional crime squad with a photo fit of a man , they want to question in connection with the games current state of disarray. The man pictured is believed to be responsible for the introduction of the long ball, the punt, direct play and harassment at league level and currently International level. Yes Graham Taylor was that instigator at darling Watford, and look what the managerial charlatan created. A super league full of up and under experts , palace , wimbledon , notts county, sheff utd, soton use it constantly , with chelsea , arsenal , man city , west ham and coventry using it to a certain degree . It is believed graham has several helpers including dave bassett, God only knows what would of happened if Smiler had stayed any longer? Id have had a hernia.

KEEPER WHATS THE SCORE

D.PLEATEDS GUIDE TO THOSE NUMERO UNOS WHO
PULL ON THEIR TECHNICOLOURED YAWN TOPS EVERY WEEK

1.NEVILLE MOUTHALL

SULKES IF HIS TEAM LOSES AND REFUSES TO COLLECT CUP MEDALS. EXPERT IN SIT DOWN PROTESTS AND HANDLING OUTSIDE THE AREA,HAS EVEN BEEN KNOWN TO REFUSE TO TALK TO HIS MANAGER.

2.BRUCE DROPALOT

A REAL ENTREPRENEUR, CHEATING SPAGHETTI LEGS IS BETTER EQUIPPED FOR THE CIRCUS RING THAN ANY FOOTBALL STADIUM.

3.ERIC THE VIKING

WEAR'S STUPID HORNED HATS AND DOES A LOT OF FISHING OUT OF NETS.LIKES A GOOD OLD BIT OF RAPING AND PILLAGING.

4.DAVID SPUNKBUBBLE

ENGLANDS MOST EXPENSIVE KEEPER!, WHY? SEAMEN FROM THE ARSE, A FREDDIE MERCURY LOK A LIKE WHO TOLD Q.P.R. TO STICK IT' WHERE IT HURTS.

5.PETE SCHEISSEL

ANOTHER PISSY CARLSBERG DRINKING DANE JUST OVER HERE FOR THE MONEY. GO BACK HOME YOU GREAT BIG SLICE OF GREASY FAT BACON.

6.LES SILLY

THE ODD ECCENTRIC, A REAL JEKYLL AND HYDE CHAP. TOOK LESSONS FROM NEV FOR WEMBLEY CUP FINALS AND GAZZA FOR STICKING HIS TONGUE OUT.

7.STEVE CHERRUB

SUFFERS FROM BLURRED VISION.MR GRECIAN 2000 TRIES TO GET PLAYERS SENT OFF BY WIPING HIS EYE, COS HE CANT REMEMBER WHAT A BALL LOOKS LIKE.

8.BRIAN GONK

JOCK STRAP FROM NORFOLK, THINKS FOOTBALLS ARE THINGS THAT LOOK LIKE HAGGIS'. MIGHT GET AN INTERNATIONAL CALL UP WHEN HES BAD ENUFF.

9.DAVE BEASTANT

A MEMBER OF THE HAIR BEAR GANG MR FAT BAST BEAST IS FAMED FOR SAVING A PENALTY AT WEMBLEY. TRIPPED PEMBO UP AND KNOWS HE SHOULD OF WALKED.

10.TONY SPOONS

REPLACED BY JAN STICKLEBRICK . WALES U 21 WHOS BRILLINTLY EQUIPPED FOR RUGBY BY BEING ABLE TO KICK A BALL INTO TOUCH.

OTHERS WORTH A MENTION WHO WE MAY OF MISSED
TONY COTTON, JOHNNY LOSTIT,LOODER,TIM FLOUR
CHRIS WOULD ETC ETC ETC



ERIC THE VICEKING

DOWNTOWN

Well its come full circle since last time I wrote this column. I was commenting on the fact that we are definitely not a one man team and bemoaning the fate of Mick Harford who has the dubious charge of competing for every ball that is thrown into the oppositions half.

But it must be said that without Big Mick for the Sheffield, Liverpool and Hammers games, we have once again looked decidedly weak up front where it matters most. I cannot complain about the lack of effort. I would not do that, nor single out individuals for blame. Micks involvement in the game is mainly as a link man; threading balls back to the busy midfielders or wide men and then looking for a scoring opportunity upfront. Whilst Steiny can hold onto a ball and lay off superbly his instinct has been lacking, and with the pressure on him to fill the role, has been unable to team up well with either Nogan or Campbell.

Welcome back Mick. May first division defenders quake when they hear you name and frame will fill the number 9 shirt.

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I've seen some crap on the Kenilworth pitch at times, and not just at half time. But 2 recent performances have left me reeling. We've seen cricket on the pitch, penalty taking, even a geezer who could keep the ball up on his head for 48 hours or something like that, yet these 2 really take the biscuit.

Firstly, Coventry at home and those angelic carol singers. Who on earth invited my dog to come and sing with these ladies? I just cannot believe that this was topped, but it was at the West Ham game when the whole ground stopped going for a half time leak (or burger, the smell is the same) to view the atrocities of the Leader cheerleaders Well call me cynical if you like but how can a group of pre-pubescent girls gyrating to a Gary

Glitter record be called entertainment eh? (It worked for Pans People and Hot Gossip ED)

It made me feel rather embarrassed and brought back memories of those other Kenilworth Krazies; the Luton Strikers, remember them? Except they were good. Never mind, things cannot get worse can they? It comes to something when an old boy next to me said he fancied the one at the front - I didn't have the heart to tell him that was the dragon.

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Can you doowapadoodalooda believe it? In our Scott Oakes feature (issue 10) we suggested that we weren't sure which member of Showaddywaddy Scott's dad was. Well it's not the drummer we said, as he's black. Fair assumption, eh? What we DIDN'T know (and this is no lie) was that the black drummer is actually DION DUBLIN'S dad! Dion plays for Cambridge of course, and that's exactly where Showaddywaddy are playing on 15th May. Should be a star-studded evening, eh folks?

PREECE'S SHORTS WITH McDonut



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Comment made to me after the Chelsea game, in which we had won our third game on the trot. "We will have to sell another player to pay for the win bonuses". I found this very amusing and laughed heartily. Less than two weeks later Sean Farrell is sold to Fulham for one hundred thousand pounds, is there any connection between the winning run and the sale of Farrell. I think we should be told. As for the statement made to me, many a word spoken in jest as they say.

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It may be academic by now, but lets hope not, but the chanting from the Kenilworth Road end brought a tear to my eye. I'm talking about the West Ham game when that raving iron Bishop was "Injured" (with cracked ribs, was that Pembo again ed?) and there was a bit of a respite.

"Sutton, Sutton give us a wave" came the cry, to which our hero sneakily answered with a sly - "the boss isn't looking but I'll be careful anyway" wave. Then it happened, the question was sung in unison, "are you staying Stevie Sutton".

Skillfully Steve avoided any reply by shrugging his shoulders and meandering towards the edge of the 18 yard box.

I'm afraid only Pleaty can answer that one, but by the time you read this, we may know his fate.

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Who is writing all this stuff about Pembo, is it the young lad himself. I know we cannot expect too much but every week we hear rumours that Arsenal will buy him and then he's staying. A price tag of £1.5 million plus and rising, it has to be propaganda. Now I'm not saying that it isn't true, but for Christs sake leave the lad alone and let him develop. I'm sure Mark is beginning to think he is worth all that money and it's making his performances suffer. Enough said.

Thats enough of my drivel. Save to say see you all in the next issue - keep singing for the lads.

Away Day Blues

So hands up all of you who have stopped travelling to away games over the last year or so. Yeah me included and you can't really blame us can you.

It has only been in the last two months that the lads have been playing a bit away from home i.e Forest, Liverpool and Wednesday and yet the amount of fans travelling has dwindled.

The last time Luton won away from home was March 9th last year at Villa Park which by any standards is a pretty piss-poor record. Since then we have been hammered twice at Old Trafford (4-1 and 5-0) crucified at Coventry (5-0), massacred at Chelsea and Tottenham (both 4-1) not to forget being humbled by third division Birmingham (3-2) in the Rumbelows and Lowly Sheffield United (4-0) in the F.A. Cup.

So where does the problem lie? Well don't ask Pleaty, he hasn't been able to do anything about it in all this time and doesn't look as though he will either. O.K. so we've been oh so close on various occasions (too numerous to mention-ed) but so close is so far when the team is so vulnerable to conceding late, late goals.

After watching the painful endings of Forest and Anfield all I can suggest is that if we are one up with ten minutes left we should keep pushing forward to try to get a two goal cushion. They do say attack is the best form of defence and if you look at the times we've thrown games away then you'll see it was at a time when our defence was being bombarded. Lets face it they go to pieces when under pressure late on.

If the lads on the field are disappointed in losing games this way then think of how the travelling support feels up there in the seats with a few minutes left. I do not wish the feeling of utter despair and disappointment suffered by us at the City ground and Anfield in January on anyone. Except a Watford fan that is. So from now on for almost every other Saturday till the end of the season I'll be waiting by the T.V. at 4.41 to see how many we've lost by. See you at Notts County.

It Only Takes a Minute

With all the talk just recently of the lads going down to late goals I thought I would go through the games in question and see just how many points we've thrown away with time running out.

VENUE	DATE	OPPONENTS	TIME	RESULTS	POINTS DROPPED
H	SEPT. 28TH	NOTTS.COUNTY	88TH MIN EQUALIZER	1-1	2
H	OCT. 19TH	SHEFF. WED	89TH MIN EQUALIZER	2-2	2
H	NOV. 23RD	MAN. CITY	80TH MIN EQUALIZER	2-2	2
A	NOV 30TH	SHEFF. UTD	88TH MIN EQUALIZER	1-1	2
A	JAN 1ST	NOTTM.FOREST	90TH MIN EQUALIZER	1-1	2
A	JAN 11TH	LIVERPOOL	85TH MIN EQUALIZER 90TH MIN WINNER	1-2	3
A	FEB 1ST	SHEFF. WED	8TH MIN WINNER	2-3	1

By looking at the table above you can see that we have thrown 14 points away by snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. Some say that luck works its way out through the season. If that is the case then we are due 6 late point savers in our last 14 games (we beat Oldham with two late goals remember). Somehow I can't see it. Anyway you make your own luck in football but by adding the points up we'd only be a couple of points behind the Arse and safe in the premier league.

Just out of interest the lads went out of the Rumbelows at Birmingham after conceding an 89th minute goal (2-3) and out of the ZDS cup to Ipswich on penalties after conceding an 90th minute equalizer (1-1).

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ONLY THE LOAN-LY

We'll probably know by now but it won't change a thing I'm sure. I'm talking about the Steve Sutton saga and the fact that the extended loan period will be up as you read this. Now I haven't a crystal ball to predict if Steve will stay but one thing is for sure Dave & Colin will try to do what they can for the best interests of the club.

I'm not sure what to say about Steve as I must admit that Alec was not entirely to blame for our disastrous results and I was therefore biased against Steve from the start. Cloughie was keen for someone else to pay his contract players wages so we kept him for these past 3 months. We've not been too privileged in the loan departments (those we usually receive are from the banks) but Messrs Pleat and Murphy are quite used to such dealings with other clubs they have dealt with in the past. It isn't always clubs on a shoe-string budget that handle such dealings. Many managers see it as a good way of giving their younger players a regular first team place and gaining experience, especially in the lower divisions. It is also true that by not directly paying wages the host clubs do eventually reap all the benefits.

Luton have given loan periods to a few in the past. Notably Iain Dowie who went to Fulham before breaking into the Town's first team squad. Recently Sean Farrell spent a time at Northampton before a loan spell at Fulham saw him accept their offer of full-time, first team football. Graham Rodger had also been out on loan at Grimsby; possibly frustrated by the lack of first team footy but also to give himself a better grounding in what has been a chequered history at the Town.

Yes; there are good things about loans, I just hope that things prevail for us to see the good in the Steve Sutton deal and see him stay with us for a while.

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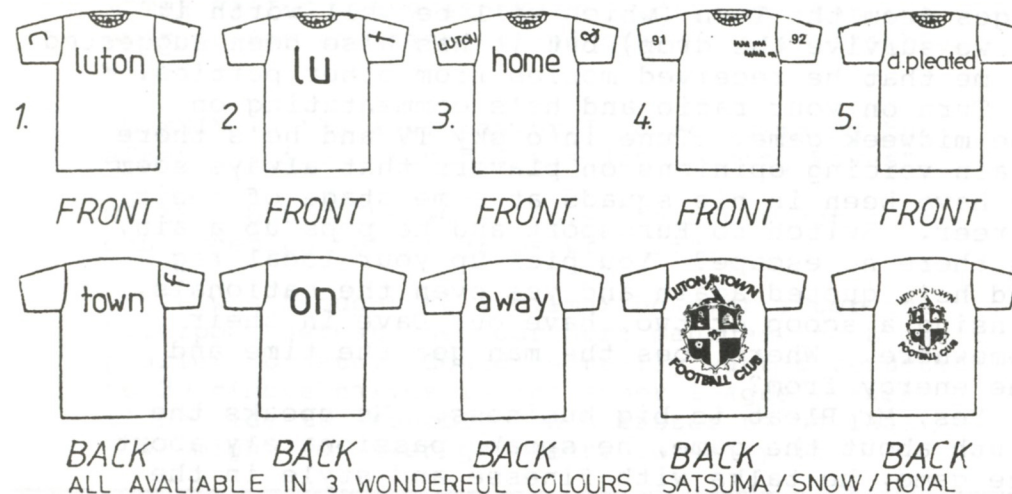
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SKY'S THE LIMIT

No matter where you are, it seems impossible to escape that boy David. Mr Pleat appears everywhere lending weight to comments made to me that he must be a millionaire. Not only does he receive his wages from the Town (which will be well worth it if we survive the drop) but it has also been suggested to me that he received monies from other parties.

Turn on your radio and he's commentating on the midweek game. Tune into sky TV and he's there again voicing opinions on players that always seem to have been in his squads at some stage of their career. Switch to Eurosport and he pops up again, is there no escape? You pick up your local rag and he's quoted again and yes even the nationals, sensing a scoop or two, have our Dave in their somewhere. Where does the man get the time and the energy from?

Yes, Mr Pleat is big business. He speaks the truth about the game, he speaks passionately about the game, he talks with finesse and style in the way that he wants his teams to play the game. But when you talk so much you have to make sure that your words are not misconstrued or taken out of context. Recently Mr Pleat has been made to appear foolish with certain statements whilst voicing opinions in the media.

Whilst covering the AC Milan v Torino game last month Pleat was heard to utter "great work from the boy Gullit, who I once had under me at Leicester but had to let go due to language problems - money didn't talk his language".

During the same programme he commented that "at the end of the day its all about who scores the most goals in 90 minutes". (Sic)

The TV companies loving all this signed Pleat up for more sports related programmes where he spurted these pearls to describe great sporting achievements:-

FENCING - "I tried it once but I couldn't quite see the point".

SKIING - "Its a shame about the demise of this sport, but its going downhill fast".

ROWING - "Well in real terms its a sport thats going backwards instead of forwards".

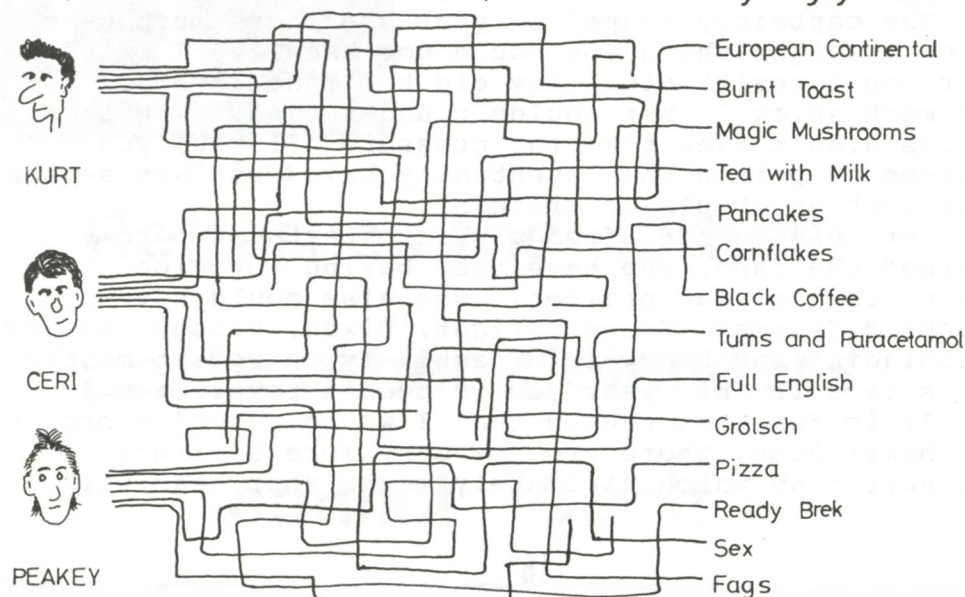
MOTOR RACING - "My experience tells me that who ever drives the fastest and stays out of trouble, wins".

SWIMMING - "As a youngster I loved swimming but after a while I found I was just making waves".

GREASY POLE CLIMBING - "Love the sport but just cant seem to get to grips with it".

It was brought to a climax however after the Liverpool defeat when our hero managed the biggest pearler to date. Could he really want a reduction to 30 minute halves in the super league? Even if he did, it probably won't matter to us lads - we might not even get there to enjoy it.

Welcome to another Captain Peakey Quiz. Lets see if you can spot what breakfasts Kurt, Ceri and Peakey enjoy most.



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DEAR JOHN

The local papers were flooded last week with the usual valentines messages from desperate people seeking a way to get a loved ones attention.

None could be as desperate as the one which D.P. found out about quite by accident which if blown in the nationals could be quite an embarrassment.

It was addressed to the football club offices and the contents read as thus:

Dear John

You may or may not know who I am, but I've been a regular fan of yours since you joined us from Oxford. Ever since I first laid eyes on you in the Luton strip I knew you had to be mine. Your dark, handsome looks, your broad rugged shoulders, the enigmatic smile, lithe, quick body and oooh, those legs - yes - you were the complete athlete for me and Saturday could not come soon enough.

You slipped quietly into the pattern of play not arousing too much attention and I assume that was the way a mild mannered gentleman as yourself would have wanted. It was all to change however.

The captaincy heaped on your shoulders must have been a weight which you could not handle. I cried for you I really did. Why did the fans give you so much stick I just couldn't understand. The penalty kicks didn't even take the pressure off you; you earned us points that eventually saved us last season. For that we should be grateful.

Yet this season after a shaky start you have turned the fans, who have been baying for blood, into singing your praises. Who else could have handled Chapman, Deane, Wright, Dixon, Clough, Saunders, Gabbiadini and Fleck so effectively in recent months. Lets face it this year you've been a revelation.

It is for that reason that I write. You've broken my heart John, there are now many more admirers of your play which ultimately means your head will

be turned from me. Do not feel sad for me - I'm sure I will love again but remember me as the one who saw your potential first.

Yours forever.

MANDY.

P.S. Is there any hope in me switching my favours to Julian James?



DREYER

... Refreshes the ladies
parts other defenders
cannot reach

DON'T BLAME IT ON BRUNO

"Who put the ball in the Arsenal net, Bruno, Bruno
Who put the ball in the Arsenal net, Bruno, Bruno Stein"!!

At the time of this song; sung on the barmy late spring of 88, we were not to know that Bruno would no longer be at Kenilworth Road come Autumn to hear us singing it in his honour. No; we all wondered why the prolific goalscorer and hero of the Littlewoods Cup had been allowed to leave the club, and at such a time when it appeared that we needed him most. I suppose Brian wanted out while he was at the top of his trade, the lure of sunshine and money too great for this 30 year old ex-England striker. Where else could he obtain this and security, certainly not in the English first division. Who would have paid for a man of his age even with such a pedigree?

Lets take a look at this Luton legend who joined us from Edgware for the 77/78 season. He made his debut in the league cup second replay at Old Trafford against Man City. The first division side triumphed 3-2 but Steins season saw him settle in well with Ron Futchur up front. David Pleat originally spotted Stein and prompted then boss Harry Haslam to sign the man up, a wise decision indeed when Stein scored twice on his home debut in a 4-0 defeat of Sheffield United.

We all knew Stein was good. He could shield a ball well, turn and elude defenders with grace and skill, and could he score? He was lethal. As seasons went by he learnt his trade, knew how to ride the knocks and the lean spells when goals didn't come naturally. It culminated in 2 seasons 80/81 and 81/82 in which Stein was leading scorer for the Town (admittedly joint top with Mossy in 80/81), but for those of us that know Bruno we wondered how he would make the grade of the all important first division.

The second division was rough and tough, but defenders were



BRIAN STEIN

slightly clumsier than those of the first division. Steins favourite trick was to receive a throw in with his back to goal and float, sprite like, to the edge of the box and turn to shoot past a despairing keeper. How would this work against defenders who wouldn't allow him time to turn?

We needn't have worried. Stein had learnt in his time with the Town. Readjustment didn't take long with Stein hitting the equalizer against Spurs at White Hart Lane on the opening day of the season. Stein was at the heart of the Town side for six first division seasons, still learning, still scoring and still making us happy with his performances.

Despite carrying the "can" for Englands failure to qualify for the European Championships when called to represent his country in 1983 and a slouch in his form, Bruno bounced back and the rest as they say is history.

His return and subsequent performances seem shoddy to that of the man we remembered. However considering his age, the style and pace of football he was used to in France, and that from the English game as Stein remembered it in 1988, isn't any wonder that he is struggling?

Defences are tighter, the game is faster, his first touch allows a chance for interception but his shielding and lay offs are still there. He's played with the best Luton have had to offer, Moss, White, Hill, Hatton, Walsh, Harford etc and yet he's still scored goals.

So don't blame it on Bruno, remember he's still got more skill in his feet than most of us and he's got the trophies and caps to prove it. Keep singing his praises and remember who won us our only trophy in our 106 year history.



STEIN STARS

BRIAN Stein, top scorer in Luton's Division Two Championship success, was the division's most impressive player last month. But it was a close-run thing, with Barnsley striker Trevor Aylott just pipped at the post. Both men finished with an average mark of 8.25, but twenty-goal Brian just took the award by virtue of three star ratings to two. In third place was young Gary Waddock, one of the most improved players in the Queen's Park Rangers side.

DIVISION TWO		
PLAYER	GAMES	AVERAGE
Brian Stein (Luton)	4	8.25
Trevor Aylott (Barnsley)	4	8.25
Gary Waddock (QPR)	5	7.80
Paul Stancliffe (Rotherham)	4	7.75
Dave Bennett (Cardiff)	4	7.50
Mark Barham (Norwich)	4	7.50
Brian Horton (Luton)	4	7.50
Colin Walker (Barnsley)	4	7.50
Mal Donaghy (Luton)	4	7.50



BARMY MORONS

Top 10 Videos to rent

"Now for this weeks look at whats good to take home and enjoy with a pizza and a bottle of wine".

- 1) DANCES WITH WOLVES - Our Heroes show us the way to division 2 with a special conga with the lads in gold from Molineux.
- 2) OUT FOR JUSTICE - Todays game against Sheffield, we must surely see good triumph against evil.
- 3) SILENCE OF THE LAMBS - Shock yourself silly as once again the Arsenal supporters are speechless after their defeat, and go home with their tails between their legs. (Also in Welsh)
- 4) KINDERGARTEN COP - Luton police on duty appear to be getting younger and younger, is it something they put in the tea?
- 5) PREDATOR 2 - He's back, Big Mick is the all new robotic masterpeice. (PG)
- 6) HOME ALONE - Comedy galore as we all turn up for a home game but Norwich only bring 200 or so.
- 7) FANTASIA - Disneys classic which sees Luton stay up yet again, famous for its ballet scene with the whole first team squad.
- 8) THE GODFATHER 111 - David Pleat returns to the big screen in this gangster movie shot on location in Brook Street.
- 9) TOO HOT TO HANDLE - Kim Bassinger and Phil Gray star in this charismatic tale of love, lust and shots on target.
- 10) MISERY - The latest shocker from Steven King as twenty to five arrives and 10,000 people feel dispair as the Town lose again.



What a Screamer

Word has reached us hear at D.P. that thankfully the Town will have to revert to their white shirts of last season, and do away with the monstrosity that the lads have been wearing this season. Apparently there has been an increase in the occurrence of ear complaints within a two-mile radius of Kenilworth Road, every time the Town are at home; the reason, the horrible piercing noise from the shirts rumoured to be one of the loudest in the league. Dr Snuggles Chairman of the Beds Health Authority told us "perforated ear-drums have become a real nightmare and the staff at the Luton and Dunstable hospital are having to deal with these cases, which are reaching epidemic proportions. The strange fact is these cases only seem to appear every second Saturday when the Town are at home; coincidence I think not". Dr Snuggles told D.P. exclusively that the noise-abatement society will be at the next home game to measure the decibels when the lads appear from the tunnel.

On health grounds, the fact that the shirts make me sick, I will be delighted on the change back to white. This season's shirt looks like it's been put together from the droppings on the cutting room floor. When the lads run out they look like refugees from an acid-house party not a football team and the away kit of orange apart from the fact that they never win in it, makes them look like a bunch of jaffa's on stilts. So Arsenal, Spurs and Watford and all other clubs with these new creations beware or the noise-abatement society will soon be paying you a visit.

LETTERS EXTRA LETTERS EXTRA

"Dear" D.Pleated

I have written in to say how pleased I was that you printed my article in issue 10 (the John Dreyer lookalike - ie DONKEY). Cheers. Below is a list of ten current "Town" players. The question is "are they good enough for the 1st division?"

Well, I'd be pretty pleased if you could print this in issue 11 (Sheff Utd - Feb 22). By the way, "D.Pleated's" humour is comical, very "taking the piss" (which is great) and overall for just 50p, a brilliant value for money read.

Keep up the great work!

ANTONY ALCOLES.

What a Shock !!

LUTON



TOWN

Remember when Happy Harry our smiling manager presented this trophy to our super skipper Bobby Thomson? Some of you youngsters won't remember either of these great legends. But you can hardly forget that shirt can you?

With the current trend for football shirts as mentioned on the left it seems as though our Bobby was a little too advanced for his time. This photo is believed to be taken at the presentation for the player of the year trophy. Yet my humble informants lead me to believe that Harry is presenting the 'cool' Mr Thomson with the 'most hideous shirt' award

WHAT DO YOU THINK ?

LETTERS EXTRA LETTERS EXTRA

Dear Neil

Just a quick note to thank you for taking the trouble to find me that elusive missing copy. I promise to try harder to buy my issues when they come out (or to head down to darkest mombosa myself - how is Emeka by the way?)

I do enjoy the mag (and those of your rivals as well) so keep up the good work. I'll try to put pen to paper one of these days, but I already contribute to a christian fanzine - style magazine (I kid you not) which takes most of my time.

Have a nice year.

Steve Whitehead - Aylesbury

UNITY IN UTD'S COMMUNITY?

KNOW WHAT I MEAN



Bassett... "insensitive"

Soccer boss race clanger

RACE watchdogs yesterday blasted football boss Dave Bassett for using the phrase "niggers in the woodpile" on TV.

Dave, manager of First Division Sheffield United, was referring to soccer stars' agents - whom he also called "a bloody nuisance."

Sheffield Racial Equality Council branded the

phrase in a Sky TV discussion "insensitive" and urged him to withdraw it.

Merseyside's race relations boss Ash Das called it "insulting". He said Bassett should be disciplined by his club.

Sky TV said: "The debate had got stormy..."

HARRY!

Just like Michael Jacksons pieced together body and LP Black and White, in which entertainment is not a top priority, so is Dave Bassett's Sheffield United side. But while the Town take on Harry's Blade Runner android side this afternoon, Mr Bassett may not be present.

Because Luton's mayor (concerning the above) almost denied his admittance in to the Town. Permission may be granted if Harry attends a meeting with the mayor, during which Bruno, Marv and Des give him a good kickin. With regard to the above TV comments, Dave should of chosen his words more carefully. Especially when your most valuable robot is on the receiving end.

As for Glynn Hodges what a Watford Wales Wally, of course Luton are the better side (PROVE IT TO HIM LADS)

Still the games got to better than last years tie, theres more at stake for a start and no Vinny Jones.



CUP FIASCO

We here at this progressive thinking fanzine have been full of praise recently for the reintroduction of away supporters at Kenilworth Road. It has also been mentioned that the police contribution has largely been excellent and that their handling of the task in hand has been a real help to the enjoyment and safety to the majority of us supporters.

Unfortunately, it has to be said that the police force in general has been let down rather badly with their heirachys attempt to push the "self destruct button" and topple all the good will that each local force has tried so hard to gain.

Yes I'm talking about the cup replay rule and the farcical situations that have developed. I did read last November that Stockport were unhappy about being the first club to be dumped out of the F.A. Cup due to the penalty shoot out clause that the police have dictated to the F.A. As this situation did not gain a lot of support (or readership) I dismissed it as a joke. But no, after the 3rd round matches the criteria came fully to the publics attention.

Not only could there be 1 replay and 1 only, but the match resulting in a draw after 90 mins and a 30 minute extra time period will be decided on penalties. Try telling your wife/girlfriend that you were four hours late as your side eventually won 147-146 on penalties. Think also of the scorelines you could have with certain teams (although not ours "coz we miss" em eh Mick?)

Yet to actually have the replay it must be at least 9 days from the date of the original tie due to the fact that the police shall have enough time to assemble their resources. Whilst I can appreciate that the police have to amass recruits probably on overtime etc, but surely there are enough guys who need the extra bonce at short notice, especially if certain rates are to be believed (and I'm not just taking Luton here).

There are some who may argue that the curtailing of some of these lengthy ties that saw the semi-final stage being reached while one tie was still in the 3rd round is a good thing. You may also argue that for some clubs the staging of a replay is extra expense than that of actual gate receipts. You could also argue the new system must attract attacking football from the away side as who wants to be drawn into a penalty shoot out.

The other side of the coin means that clubs who thrive on turnstile throughput lose out, boring away teams can hang on for a penalty shoot out and that the F.A. cup is being some how devalued as a competition.

We all have our opinions but let us hope that this action is the only one that police will dictate to the sport. God knows what else we will have to suffer.

To end on a happier note. Did you wonder why the Liverpool police were already on 48 hour stand by if the 3rd round Monday night tie with Crewe was a draw? Well lets face it 48 hours is not long for the police to gather a force to patrol a Liverpool game considering most of the "supporters" watch them on T.V.

Also we must thank the optimistic Luton force who stated that if given the chance they would stage a replay in any cup anytime any where. Wishful thinking indeed lads.

D. PLEATED

Steve Sutton our on loan Keeper tells Mr Clough what he thinks of Luton and where their defence has been hiding

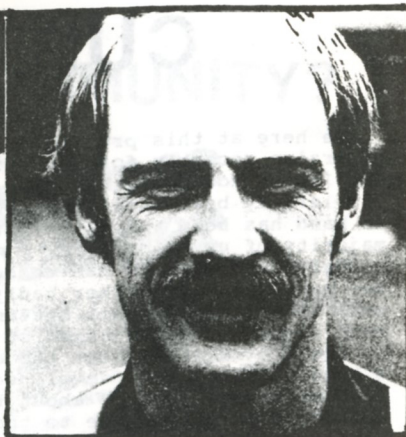


HAIR TO-DAY GONE TO-MORROW

I was browsing through some old programmes recently and came up with these monstrosities. Mad 'Maxi' was here first (above right) with the original 'Ralph Coates' look. A style which still suits now but isn't the rage for your average star these days. The unlucky Lil Fuccillo sports the perennial hippy curls popularised by many at the Town in the '70s yet sadly this was a little lost on Lil as he didn't sport the obligatory beard a-la Butlin, Garner et al..

The boss (below left) shows how to keep a cool head with the cheeky Judy Garland ringlets, whilst Westy shows how it should be done in the Kevin Keegan mould. Lastly and just to prove that he did have long locks Mini Man Preece shows us the haircut that tempted Pleat to purchase him from Wallsall all those years ago

GHASTLY EH ??????



THE CRAPPED-ON FACTOR

This is the latest offering from ITV to boost up its flagging viewing figures. It is based on a popular game show already in existence but is now aimed at finding the British 'Superfan' who must have the following attributes ,

- Gullability
- Easily satisfiable
- Non critical of the team

ROUND 1 MENTAL AGILITY

Your team sells a forward for £1.5 m and a defender for £0.5 m. How much money does your club receive ?

- £1 m now and £1 m later
- £2 m now
- £150,000 now and the rest of the money is owed to the bank.

ROUND 2 OBSERVATIONS

You watch the referee award a penalty to your team in injury time when the scores are level. Does your team,

- Score the penalty and win
- Miss the penalty and draw
- Neither, the ref was only joking it wasn't really a penalty at all.

ROUND 3 INTELLIGENCE

Your club has the luxury of 4 fanzines, but you choose to buy the official club programme. How many brain cells do you possess ?

- lots
- as many as Vinny Jones
- twice as many as our Vinny

ROUND 4 GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

How many clubs make up the Big 5 ?

- Judge Dread
- 93
- 5

Thought for Today

THE "BARCLAYS" FOOTBALL LEAGUE Just a bunch of bankers

The Football League

- A motley collection of 93 sporting enterprises of varying sizes.

The Bank

- An enormously rich financial institution.

The Sponsorship

- The bank donates large sums of money to the Football League.

The Sting

- The bank charges excessive rates of interest (between 3 & 7% over base rate) on the money it lends to the football clubs that it indirectly sponsors.

So, in a round-about way, the Football League sponsors itself.

Perhaps, it should be known as:

The "Football League" Football League.



LETTERS EXTRA LETTERS EXTRA

Dear fellow Luton fan

Here is some rubbish for the wonderful satsuma coloured fanzine. I am currently working on some written articles at the moment, but I didn't know the deadline day so I thought I'd send this little lot along anyway. Very pleased with issue 10 some great stuff in there, especially Kev's McDonut cartoons. All in all issue 10 was a very good read over a Christmas period which was very satisfying results wise as well. As for the recent home (v W.H. UTD), I thought the defence and midfield did more than O.K., (except J James who a chap I work with beat up once, apparently when he was just a school boy) but we looked powder puff up front. To make the result more disappointing, I had taken my beloved older brother along as he's a West Ham fan (nice of me wasn't it!), but the bastard just goaded me all the way home. (Brotherly love? eh!)

Yours

Missing Phil Gray

■■■■■ KEEP A CLEAN SHEET! ■■■■■

AND NOW LET'S RETURN TO ANFIELD, WHERE LUTON ARE LEADING 1-0 WITH 5 MINUTES TO GO... OH, AND I THINK THERE'S BEEN A GOAL

Couldn't get to that away game? Listening to the radio commentary where Luton are leading 1-0 at Anfield with five minutes to go and shitting yourself? Well here's the answer! With **Radio cum toilet roll holder** you can join in the excitement as the Town throw their win down the pan and you can keep a clean bottom.

PRICE ONLY
14.99
(batteries not supplied)

Radio cum toilet roll holder

For those tense last five minutes

THE PRICE IS WRONG

What price is paid for one hour's labour in 1992 and is it good value for money?

	<u>Per Hour</u>	<u>VFM</u>
Nurse	£5	YES
Solicitor	£50	YES
Teacher	£12	YES
Bus Driver	£8	YES
Farm Worker	£6	YES
Doctor	£45	YES
Car Worker	£16	YES
Miner	£18	YES
Policeman at		
Luton Town match	£125	?!*



THOMAS THE TANK TOP

Is Geoff Thomas really worth an estimated £3m ? Or is he infact worth an England jersey ? Well secretly the real reason behind Geoff's estimated price tag has been revealed.

For it is not his footballing skills, or his tank engine work rate which is being summarised. But it is infact his ability to perform the naked balloon dance with his eyes closed for its entire duration, without revealing any naughty bits.

Geoff was able to achieve this incredible goal thanks to his Tutor and footballing idol Kieth Chegwin. You can check his skills out for yourself soon at Kenilworth Road.

Memorable Programmes of the Past

WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 1953

This match was a friendly against FENERBACHE of Turkey and was to celebrate the official opening of our floodlights. The cover design was re-used from 1951/52 and £1.50 that night would have bought no less than 120 copies - well it was almost 40 years ago.

The club notes told us that our visitors were "the Arsenal of Turkey" and that they were league champions. In that case you would be pleased to learn that their donkey was named KACMAZ AKGUN. Another interesting fact is that the English translation of the visitors name is "lighthouse in a garden". Presumably to make our opponents feel at home Luton played in the Turkish national colours of red and white.

The good old bobbys stand club were advertising the grand dance which they were organising on 24th October at the Winter Assembly Hall, Waller Street. For 4/- (20p) each you could dance the night away with the Regency Dance Band and perhaps an older fan will let us have a report on the event in due course.

Do you remember when G.A. Wild and Sons were in Manchester Street? They took a full-page advert on the back page and told us they supplied the Town with kit in those days. At that time footballs came with either a valve or a nozzle.

Oh yes the result was 7-4 to the Town and the proceeds of the match were donated to Tom Mackeys benefit as he had served the club for 21 years. Tom was signed from Sheffield Wednesday on 16th June 1932 and was a fine hard-tackling full-back who subsequently became trainer. He left the club in 1959.

Some information for Terry Venables - the lights stayed on uninterrupted throughout the match.

BOXING DAY THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER 1957

On the programme cover the Towns contribution to Christmas was a few sprigs of holly and mistletoe. But the league had served Luton a real treat as the Busby Babes were the festive fare.

Luton were forced by injury to make a number of changes including giving Marsh his only game of the season in goal. But United were strong and amongst others they fielded Gregg, Byrne, Edwards, Charlton, Taylor and Violet.

After the match you would have been spoilt for choice. Either going to "Rons" for a haircut or the Haley's restaurant for a special fish and chip dinner or tea then you could go on to Luton's finest ballroom and dance at the Cresta. Guess what car Vauxhall were selling at the time?

Shortly Luton were off to play a 3rd round F.A. Cup tie at Stockport and the proprietor of "The Rising Sun" a Wilsons house at Hazel Grove was inviting travelling supporters to call. It was only 5 minutes from the county ground and welcomed coaches.

Lillywhites Timber Company had a really stupid advert featuring their unique team of players as follows:- P. Roffit, D. Ores, S. Price, S. Ervice and B. Attens etc. The return rail fare to Stockport was £1.25 and Bunty Coaches were charging 76p for their trip to Wolverhampton on 11th January.

The club notes pointed out that previous division one meetings with United had been pointless for us but on this day we scored twice and picked up a point. We were sixth in the table then. On the previous day Luton had played their last ever league match on Christmas Day. (We lost and we didn't score). After the match both teams caught the same train to London for the return. It is sad to record that Luton were one of the last teams to play the Busby Babes as just 42 days later they were involved in the tragedy at Munich.

However I am determined to finish on a lighter note but as I must not be sexist I will just record an exert from G.A. Wild and Sons advert:-
Referees outfits - "blouses, shirts, shorts and hose"

TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 1985

Two hours of football spread over four shortened matches celebrated the club centenary with a main event against Watford.

Of course this was our first season on plastic and inside were pictures of our second ground at Dunstable Road, Luton and also the opening of Kenilworth Road in 1905. The shorts then bore some resemblance to Preecey's.

An article was reprinted from the Sunday Telegraph of 1st September 1985 raving about Luton's new artificial pitch - wasn't it incredible how quickly the media u-turned?

Brian Swain was intent on wallowing in nostalgia and recalled past meetings whilst speculating that at the Watford centenary due in 1991 we might be invited to take part. Again funny how things change - they invited the Arse instead.

Familiar names in the Town side that night were Brian Stein, Mick Harford and David Preece and inside lots of well-loved names from the past. Out of retirement for the "Old Luton" match came David Court and Mike Harrison who both apparently now sell insurance. Fred Jardine is a gents outfitter and he played as did John O'Rourke who has a newsagents shop on the south coast and John Aston who has two pet shops up north.

Writing a guest spot was Ken Hawkes who used to live in Kenilworth Road and who recalled "queues of Peterborough folk forming on match days at 11.30 a.m. "they must have been bloody keen".

Happy memories - here are a few of my favourites - Randy Antic, Terry Branston, Ricky's goal at Villa Park and that wonderfully happy picture of Eric Morecombe in the players bath after we'd won promotion in 1974.



Can you believe this one. This was a real memory searcher I can assure you as we haven't met our illustrious neighbours from Hertfordshire for quite a while now but I am sure that this is a true story.

Several coach loads of Watford supporters (by God it must be a long time ago to see that number of horns travel to see their side away) were heading back to the motorway after a customary defeat. They were heading up Castle Street towards a set of traffic lights when a lone Luton supporter was seen gesticulating and waving his scarf in a derisory manner. Just then the lights changed to red and the Watford fans seeing their chance disembarked and ran after the retreating Luton supporter who was disappearing up an alleyway.

Before the lights had chance to change green the hornet supporters had turned tail and fled for their coaches. The driver of one asked a lad what was going on.

"The cheating bastards" came the reply "we walked straight into an ambush

There were 2 of them."



DATE: 26th December

VENUE : Kenilworth Road

TIME: Late second half

Arsenals shell-shocked defence resort to desperate tactics to somehow try and stop Mick Harford.

The Top 10 Donkeys

- 1) **ALEC CHAMBERLAIN:** Player of the year last season. Flop of the year this time round. On average, spent 75 mins picking the ball from the back of the net, mostly through asking the opposition "kick the ball at me and you've just netted past me for the 5th time in 10 minutes". Does he go to the "Brucie Grobbelaar school of keepers coaching"? I'll let you be the judge.
- 2) **DAVE BEAUMONT:** When he was at the club, he was totally naff. Admit it. I've seen Gazza play better, honestly! Even with a turbo powered haggis up his ass, he still could only manage to cock everything up....
- 3) **JULIAN JAMES:** O.K., so he ain't that bad, but he ain't that good either. Being thrust into the 1st team at his age, considering a battle for survival, has to be hard for him. But, do we really care? If he's a real quality full back, my name's Arnold Schwarzenegger. (Is that how you spell it?)
- 4) **DONUT:** Wasn't really difficult thinking up a nickname for this dickhead. O.K. so he "scares" the opposition off with his 20 stone "muscle" (really flab) frame, but when it comes to soccer skills, "Donut" makes Kurt Nogan look a bloody good player, when he is most definitely not. Why does everyone hate him? There isn't an easier question to answer, believe me.
- 5) **JOHN DREYER** This guy (or donkey?), is actually, having quite a reasonable season. He seems to have linked up with "Peaky" pretty well. But, under those 1950 shorts of his, there lies one hell of a long tail....
- 6) **STEVE THOMPSON:** Hands up, does anyone remember this twerp? Cost £180,000 from Bolton Wanderers and Pleat told the fans "I have seen him, and he is a creative player able to make a pass and see a pass". Bollocks. For a month, he actually sent us to the bottom of division 1 with his brilliant passes - straight to the opposition who gleefully scored. If he'd stayed any longer with the club, Harford and Kamara would've broken both his legs, don't you think?
- 7) **KURT NOGAN:** Apart from being the quickest player at the club, (though I've seen Dreyer trot quicker), this so called "striker", isn't really good at all. In fact, a waste of crap. Everyone turns up in the terraces with their iron protective suits on, because they know damn well that when Nogan is 6ft from the goal with an empty net, he'll power the ball at some unlucky fan's head. Poor sod, Kurt. I've seen better strikers at Watford, honestly.....
- 8) **SEAN FARRELL:** Very much the same player as our Kurt (except without the pace). Mr Farrell is naff. Compared to the likes of a certain Wayne Turner, it's not really hard to see why. I've heard Accrington are looking for a striker.
- 9) **BRIAN STEIN** At 33 or so, the player still has good touches about him, but when asked if he would run in the "Rumbelows sprint challenge", he replied "no, I want to give kids like Lee Sharpe a chance to win". Yeah and Saddam Hussein's gonna win the Nobel Peace Prize Award. Hang your boots up Brian, you're embarrassing yourself real bad and you're making Tony Adams look really quick, when in fact, he's not at all quick, the "ee-aw".
- 10) **MICK HARFORD:** Completely crap. Useless touch on the ground, no heading ability whatsoever and about as much use as a turtle on rollerskates. At £325,000, I'd rather buy 2 Steve Thompsons, honest. A waste of money. By eckers like is he. There is only one MICK HARFORD. Easily, the best centre forward in the 1st division today. Anyone willing to argue.....?

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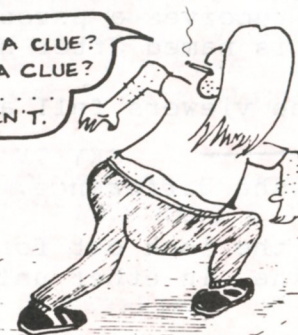
I don't know how many of you watched the live match Everton v Notts Forest on the 19th January. After the game as is usual, they showed the goals from the rest of the first division action, played the previous day. One of the main talking points from the action shown was the goal or the adjudged goal in the Villa v Wednesday game. Villa keeper and former Town star Les Sealey was adjudged to have carried the ball over the goal line by a linesman, Les disagreed and Les being Les got very upset at the time around the 78th minute, and again at the end of the game and had to be held back by Villa team-mates from the said linesman and referee George Courtney. Elton (Everton) Welsby asked Trevor Francis and Lee Chapman who were in the studio for their reaction to the incident, much tut-tutting and remarks about Les being unprofessional, why did Welsby not have the spunk to ask Trevor Francis about an incident in the previous weeks live game between Sheffield Wednesday and Leeds and the Penalty Wednesday were awarded when striker Gordon Watson dived upwards and across as though he had been hit by a snipers bullet. It was the best Jurgen Klinsman impression I have seen in my life. Now I have not read anywhere, or heard anything on various football programmes on T.V. about Trevor Francis taking action against Watson, for what was blatant gamesmanship, yet here was Trevor Francis saying Sealey was in the wrong. If Trevor Francis has taken action against Watson I apologize now, if he has not, then he has got double standards and is a hypocrite. As for Les well he did go a bit O.T.T., but do we football watchers want to see players accept every decision officials give like moronic zombies and never dispute anything. If we do then these hen-pecked men for most of the week, some of whom go power crazy come Saturday, will don jack-boots, start goose-stepping and no doubt invade Poland. As for Les he is a character, something sadly lacking in the game these days, probably the best keeper I have seen in a Luton shirt in nearly 30 years of watching them. I always got the impression if Luton got beat while Les was here, that he really got annoyed, no bad thing surely, while some of the other players did not give a toss as long as they picked up their wages. I say to Les don't change and long may your career continue to flourish.

POSTSCRIPT: Les also got a right blasting in one of the national newspapers for his outburst. The article said Les was out of order, which paper I hear you ask, it was the holier than thou, morally correct, fair minded, politically unbiased, known around the world for it ~~hits and berates~~ good journalism, yes you've guessed it, The Sun.

McDonut

does a famous impression No.2: Anneka Rice

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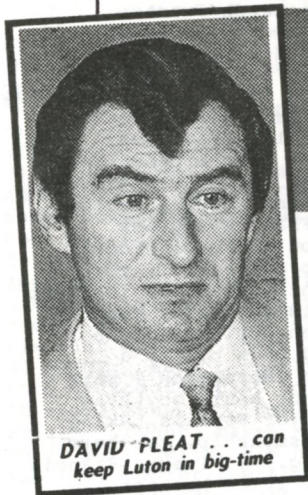


EXPAND YOUR HEAD...

★ THE McDONUT WAY! ★

SIMPLY FLICK THE CORNER OF THIS PAGE OVER TO SEE M'DONUT TRIPPING OUT AT THE RITZY.* DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME, KIDS, DRUGS ARE ONLY FOR OVERWEIGHT FOOTBALLERS. *(ALLEGEDLY)





DAVID PLEAT... can keep Luton in big-time

LUTON LADS TO COM-PLEAT JOB

● LUTON fans used to wear a badge bearing the legend "D. Pleated".

But they went out of the window when the fast-talking retriever of lost causes returned last summer.

● Luton hit the foot of Division One with a crash louder than an out-of-control lift. No players, no money, no love - and even less hope.

Yet now, with six points

out of six after wins over Arsenal and Chelsea, Luton are off the bottom.

● "My golden oldies and my young diamonds," is how Pleat describes his side.

Mick Harford and Brian Stein form the oldest attacking partnership in football.

● And I'd put more money on them being around in the First Division at the end of the season than Chelsea boss Ian Porterfield.

'THE SUN' MON 30TH DEC

What do you think of this then? No - not Davids haircut but the statement about the badges. Unfortunately some of us still wear the aforementioned articles but that is because the team still is (Depleted that is; and still a pun on the boy David himself).

Never mind eh? Still blowing our own trumpet did anyone watch SKY TV on Friday the 27th of December our hero David captivated an audience of 2 answering questions about his first love (no not that dodgy one) but football. He was asked a question about fanzines and the comic genius replied that he loved them and stated that he receives a personal copy of this here 'zine which is named after him.

At this point both of the viewers fell asleep so it is reputed that _____ SKY TV pulled the plug but no-one noticed the difference.

Don't forget to keep on the look out for appearances by Luton's premier fanzine in other unlikely area's.

BRING ME SUNSHINE

We here at D.Pleated know how much it means to you all to have some fun towards the end of the season. Lets face it, we don't seem to get a lot of fun during the rest of the year do we? With this in mind we're hoping to make this years final game at the county ground a theme party to remember

Interested? Read on :

"You can't see the join"

"What do you think of the Hatters so far"

Rubbish!!

BIG ERIC SAYS

"Little Ern and me want to invite you to a "flat cap and N.H.S. glasses day" at the county ground Nottingham on Saturday May the 2nd 1992. Our special guest stars include Angela Rippon, Glenda Jackson and other members of the Town first team squad performing in one of Mr Ernest Wise's plays what he wrote. Entitled,

"SHE WAS ONLY THE FISHMONGERS DAUGHTER BUT SHE COULDN'T HALF HEAD A BALL".

See you there sunshine Whey hey"



Brian Owen

and his bucket and sponge

FRIDAY...

"SUTTON'S X-RAYS DON'T LOOK TOO GOOD,
WE EITHER PLAY ALEC OR THE BUCKET
AND SPONGE, BOSS."



SATURDAY...

OH! FINE SAVE

MURRAY FOR THE BUCKET

YES..

GOOOOOO



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PEAKEY: Tums / Magic / Black Coffee

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