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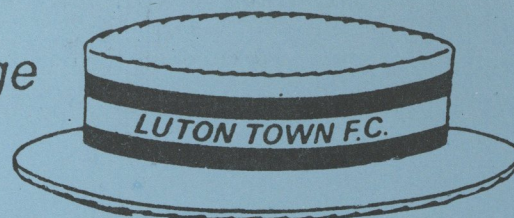
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 any way to L.T.F.C or its officials (but of course we do support
 the team).

a BETA video

Anyone see the official club video of the 1991/92 season. Entitled
 "The Final Frontier" and boasting 90 minutes of fast, action packed,
 flowing football (eh? I don't know where they managed to dig 90
minutes up from). This beauty is selling for a remarkable price
 of only £4.99. The version I have seen had been dubbed "A Comedy
 Of Errors" and had subtitles for the hard of hearing so that you
 could once again relive those magic moments like "For Fucks sake
 Nogan get off the pitch" - the classic "Thomson? - who's he?" and
 the never to be forgotten "James you are shit". It also shows
 every goal the Town scored at least 3 times whilst our opponents
 goals appear once. This gives the illusion that we won all of
 our games, even the ones we didn't score in.

The fast paced football flows throughout the 1 and half
 hours video and is a must for all true Town fans.

Our wonderful, forward thinking board thought up the idea for
 this gem and must be thanked for coming up with this initial video
 in a 3 year deal with Betamax, err...um..ahem, did I say Betamax...
 err... hands up anyone with a Betamax video... aren't they about
 as rare as a Brian Stein goal?

EDITORIAL

So the hoo-ha has all died down. The final day of the League programme,
 dodgy traffic on the approach to the M1 southbound, the F.A. Cup (yawn) final,
 Wimbledon (aagh that name) the European (yawn yawn) Championships, the Barcelona
 Olympics (wake me up) culminating in our pre season tours to Sweden and the South
 West of England.

Hooray I hear you cry, my dose of footy (and Boxing as seen in the QPR
 game) is up for renewal and I'll rush down to Kenilworth Road right away. Well
 don't worry me hearties, there's heaps for us to enjoy this season thanks to the
 changes introduced by the boss man (but we're obviously close to the truth when
 we ask just who is pulling the strings ?)

True , there's been the additions to our squad with soon to be household
 names Claridge , Brooks and Wright. The resurgence of injured players like Linton
 Hughes and the charismatic Gray along with the steady progress of Telfer will go
 more than a way for making up for the departures of Pembridge and Stein but sadly
 not for Harford. It is the sad sale of Big Mick, our player of the season, that
 really speaks volumes for the progressive way that the club is moving. I mean
 selling the spearhead of a lack lustred attack means that the seasons 2 top scorers
 have now left. It was not only his scoring talents, but his alround prescence that
 struck fear into the opposition. He will be missed in all departments.

There's no doubt that Marky will be missed but we have the talent (if
 not now the money) to fill his running midfield role. The reshaping of this midfield
 with its diamond pattern may be the key to unlocking many division 1 defences
 whilst shutting our own back door.

The new kit looks stylish (although I prefer the away colours) yet as
 I write sponsorship still seems to be a bit of a problem. This will undoubtedly be
 sorted out by our Board.

Some things never change , and this brings us neatly onto our Board. All
 the rumpus has died down over the proposed takeover and Mr Kohler and his Board
 remain intact. We must thank them for price decreases and the courage that must
 have taken. Our reward to them is to bring people back to the game , to watch our
 new breed of football. They are giving us every incentive to do so including buying
 a few players and making prices even cheaper for home fans purchasing tickets in
 advance. One disturbing point , however, is the fact that this has been offset by
 an increase for away fans visiting Kenilworth Road. Unsupported by any facts as
 I write; I must say that, if true, is quite disappointing and I would wholeheartedly
 ask the Board to reconsider. We cannot rip off supporters/clubs who on the whole
 do not reciprocate by charging us extra.

You'll notice the change in design for this issue (the cover Size
 dickhead) and that once again £1 of your hard earned cash was necessary to purchase
 this rag. We thank everyone for returning your poll forms to us, the results of
 which are interesting reading later on. The inclusion of an interview with David
 Pleat should also encourage us die hards to believe that something can and will be
 changed if you believe his words.

SO , it's onto the pitch for our first home encounters in the new
 Division 1 with fresh hopes and ideals. We have new meetings with arch rivals,
 quite a few local derbies (sort out that transport arrangement now lads) and
 plenty of action and thrills to look forward to. Forget the pre season results
 and departures that's just pretend stuff. Don't forget to give your satellite dish
 back cos the Premier League's shit and you'll still see the same old , tired faces
 on BSBSky. Tune into ITV , you'll see us quite a bit on there of that I'm sure.

Break out the drum roll , blow the fanfare, bring on the Champions,
 yet without Big Mick

STU ★ (on the happy pills once again)

PS This edition was put together during daylight hours so that the editorial staff
 could save the overheads of putting on the floodlights (does this sound familiar ?)

Post Mortem...

Its too late now to worry about where we find ourselves this season, but the real concern is how to address the situation so that we do not make the same mistakes again. Lets face it, under normal circumstances the fans would be baying for the blood of the manager of any team that has dropped down a division. It is true to say that the manager influences the team he resides over, and his decisions off the field contribute to factors on the field of play. Yet we here at Luton know the score don't we lads.

I'm afraid we cannot apportion blame at the door of Mr Pleat solely, nor indeed at the feet of the beleaguered board. No siree. The writing has been on the wall for the previous 3 seasons, we pointed out the facts until we were fed up to the back teeth. Did people listen? No, it seems not, successive Chairmen have sold our back teeth and our prized golden crowns, thus ensuring pitifully wasted seasons at Kenilworth Road.

It seems that the more attention that the star players received the easier it was for the clubs to prize them away from us due to our inability to haggle for more money or persuade players to re-sign for increased personal terms. No hang on a minute, that's how we got in this pretty mess in the first place. Remember the Littlewoods Cup winning side? It was the successive re-signing of players with big money that forced the big men at the top to quit early. They realized that the club was bleeding after trying to keep a nucleus of players together and that the only way out was to quit the sinking ship.

The new owners fell into the trap of not realizing these historical facts and were thus saddled with the burden of trying to make ends meet. The 1990-91 season proved there was no money coming in, thus no money became available for players. We struggled for the third season on the trot due to poor away form and injuries to key players, yet we knew in our hearts the only way to get better was for our young team to go down and ply their trade in the second division.

We saved ourselves in the final home game against Derby but I think we all realized that radical changes both on and off the field had to take place. We wrote the very same in our freebie leaflet for that Derby game. The changes took place off the field with David Pleat returning to the hotseat and we expected changes on it as well.

Sadly it took us 5 games to score and the 6th game resulted in a win against Southampton. Our defence or lack of it, proved to be our downfall and even the signings of Harford, Peake and Kamara failed to produce results especially with defeats away to Man Utd, Villa and the Yidos, prior to our dramatic Christmas turnaround. Jackson and Black had already departed and we had amassed a total of 12 points by December the 20th. (And one point to note was the excellent Nogan goal v Sheff Wed.)

It should have been the resurgence of form that the lads needed after a break away in foreign climes but successive defeats at the hands of Liverpool (which we should have won) at home to the Hammers (which we were appalling without Big Mick) and Sheff Weds, (where we let another away lead, slip us by) set the score for a "will we won't we" finale, where we still didn't manage two wins on the bounce.

So what is the underlying reasons for our demise:-

- 1) Appalling away form - who on earth can remember another side that failed to register an away victory and had such disgraceful refereeing decisions at crucial times in many games?
- 2) Not having a settled side much of the season - The inclusion of key players came too late to have any effect to halt our disastrous

start to the season. By the time we clicked we had numerous injury problems which caused new members to be included and change our pattern of play. (And we used 32 players last season)

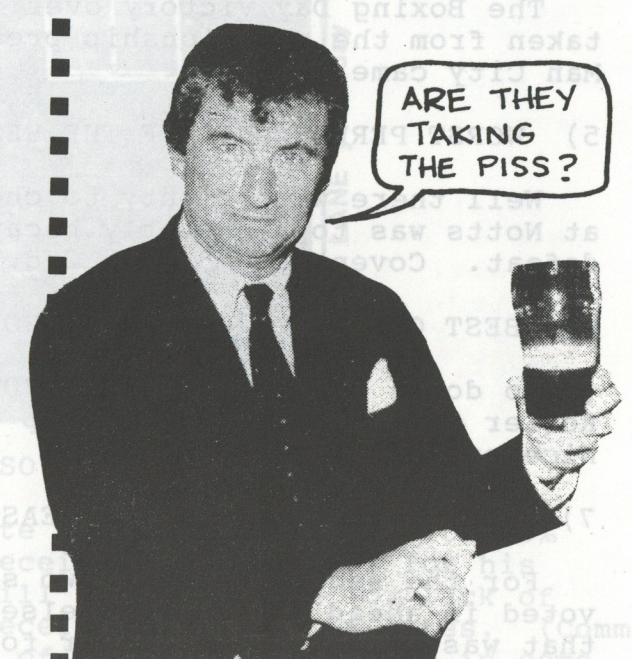
- 3) Giving away goals in the last fifteen minutes of a game. - It is true to say that we did score late on against Oldham at home and Norwich at home but these are totally outweighed by the late, late strikes we had inflicted on us. The game is 90 minutes long as we all know, but it must have been something mental with the guys on the pitch.
- 4) Goalkeepers - What was going on? Day, Sutton, Sommner, Petterson and Chamberlain all were in contention at one stage and only 1 loaned keeper managed the defence admirably.
- 5) Too much youngblood - Key games saw the inclusion of strange faces who might have had the raw talent to swing the game but sadly failed. Campbell, Rees, Linton, Williams, Farrell, Holsgrove, all failed to impress in key matches.
- 6) Goalscoring - Takeout Micks 13 and Pembriges 5 and were left with 20 goals (including 1 o/g). Micks goals came from 29 appearances - do we need some help here?..

What can we learn. Well whatever improvements on the field, in terms of playing staff and commitment, we will always need a slice of luck. In terms of injury, refereeing decisions and even the bounce of the ball and bookings etc.... The staff do need the backing of management and similar commitment from the board to have a single minded vision on where we need to be in the very near future. We know where we want the team to be; its up to the rest to show us that they know where they're going.

Sheffield United boss Dave Bassett is all smiles after scooping the new Achievement Award given by the League Managers' Association. The accolade is awarded to any manager who "in the opinion of his peers has worked wonders with the resources available to him to keep his club in its present division or even keep it afloat." Three cheers for the King of the Shoestrings!



and another notable winner.....



POLL of POLLS



it's your votes that counted

For the second year running the response to our Poll of Polls survey was overwhelming. Thanks to everyone who took time to fill in their forms with some excellent comments. Here goes.

1) PLAYER OF THE YEAR - BIG MICK (Inspirational)

Two players in the running for the big one but in the end Mick won it by a canter. Preecey was runner up for the 2nd year running.



2) MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - PEMBO

Much closer here with our ex Welsh-boy getting two votes more than Harvey. Dreyer was close behind.

3) MOST PROMISING YOUNGSTER - SCOTT OAKES

By far the highest votes to Showaddywaddy's offspring over 90% for Scotty. Darren Salton was 2nd here.

4) BEST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON - MAN UTD/ARSENAL

The Boxing Day victory over the Gooners was matched by the point taken from the championship pretenders in April. The 2-2 draw with Man City came 3rd.

5) WORST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON - NOTTS COUNTY (Away)

Well there were plenty to choose from in this one eh. The game at Notts was tops probably because of the disappointment felt in defeat. Coventry 0-5 came 2nd.

6) BEST OPPONENTS OF THE SEASON - LEEDS UTD

No doubt about this one. 80% of the votes went to the champions. Kohler and co. were runners up with a vote also for Barclays Bank!! Nice one.

7) WORST OPPONENTS OF THE SEASON - WIMBLEDON

For the second time in two seasons the South London thugs were voted in ahead of everyone else. Coventry were a bit behind though that was mainly due to their footballing skills or lack of them.

8) BEST TOWN GOAL OF THE SEASON - HARFORD'S 2ND V OLDHAM

This goal received 49% of your votes. Quite outstanding. A brilliant overhead kick completing a fairytale return for our hero. Pembo's cracker versus Villa received 21% of the votes.



HARFORD'S 2ND V OLDHAM
FIRST (JUST BEFORE HIS SECOND)

9) BEST OPPONENTS GOAL - JOHN SHERIDAN (Sheff Wed)

Sheridans last minute free kick just edged out Niall Quinn's cracker for Man City. Also to mention Des Walkers equalizer at Forest (last minute again).

10) BEST GROUND VISITED - Highbury (ARSE)

Yuk. How could you, I mean Arsenal? Well the votes were well spread here with the gooners getting 19% followed close by Shite Hart Lane and Anfield.

11) WORST GROUND VISITED - MEADOW LANE (NOTTS CO)

The building site received 50% of votes here. A horrible shit-hole I think you'll all agree. Southampton's Dell received 30% of the votes. We won't miss them will we!!



MEADOW LANE yesterday

12) WORST REFEREE - CLIVE WILKES (SO'TON AWAY)

This arsehole was always favourite to take the title with 39% of your vote, though Kevin Br een received 22% of votes for his inept display at Man City. Brian Hill's performance (or lack of it) for the Fashanu incident also received a couple of votes. (Comments weren't too complimentary i.e. All of them have been crap in some sort of way. The whole fuckin' lot the them!!)

13) BIGGEST DONKEY OF THE SEASON - McDONUT (HEAD START ON THE REST)

This was another close run thing with Julian James only one vote behind and Nogan and Dreyer just behind him. Others to mention. Merv Day, Chamberlain, Fazza, Fashanu and David Kohler. Comments - unrepeatable. I think you'll agree McDo nough is worthy of this one.

14) WORST HAIRCUT - PAUL WALSH (YIDO'S/QPR/POMPEY (now))

Our ex-striker hasn't had it cut since he left us back in the early eighties. Hippy. Roy Keane's Belson cut won a few votes too as did our very own Martin Williams. The Luton News' roving reporter Brian Swain got a mention and Peakey's Bouffant could be all the rage this season.



■ PEACEY WITH THAT HAIRDO OF HIS



▲ IAIN DOWIES LATEST ROLE! ▲

15) MOST MEMORABLE INCIDENT AT KENILWORTH ROAD - MICKS WINNER V OLDHAM

Once again the goal of the season by Harford takes the top vote. That last minute winner will live on and on. However the Pembo/Limpar incident wasn't very far behind. "Limpar receiving a deserved fracture of the lower mandible" was how one reader saw things. Marvellous. Bruno's first goal of the season got a mention too.

16) WILL YOU STILL ATTEND HOME GAMES IF PRICE INCREASE OCCUR?

YES - 95%

NO - 5%

Loyal bunch aint we. Reasons? - The love of it. What else is there to do on a Saturday. Play bloody good football. best drug available. Looney. To see the fight to stay in Div 2. I am a sucker. Addicted. Because I'm mad. Loyal Supporter. Glutten for punishment. I am a dreamer. I'm a L.T. junkie. Gross stupidity. I'm stupid. However crap we are I'm hooked. I can't help it. Cos I'm Town through and through. Cos I love the boys. After 26 years I'm addicted. Say no more.

17) HOW SAFE DO YOU FEEL UNDER THE CURRENT BOARD

Safe as Salman Rushdie. Safe as the Torquay player who rooms with Justin Fashanu on away trips. Safe as a turkey at Xmas. Not at all - don't trust Kohler. Wasn't Kohler captain of the Titanic? Better than last 3 years. Debts are down - and so are we.

18) WHICH PLAYER WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE SOLD TO WATFORD - KURT NOGAN

Fingers got 50% of your votes. Jules was runner up but by a long way. Kohler took one vote. Comments on Kurt - Could play with brother - both shite. Made for each other. because we hate them that much. Keep Watford a family club. Let the bastards have both no good brothers. Cos it pisses me off seeing him in the B. Tap every Saturday. So everyone can see how good his brother is.

19) WHICH PLAYER WOULD YOU SIGN (MONEY NO OBJECT) - S. SUTTON/S PEARCE

The on loan keeper last season took joint top spot with Forest full back. A popular choice as we all know. Others to mention. Des Walker, Marco Van Basten, Ally McCoist, Papin, Dean Saunders, David Platt, Steve Foster and a time machine.

20) WHICH TOWN PLAYER HAVE YOU NOT SEEN DOWN THE BREWERY TAP

Preecey and Alec took the pints here. Alec couldn't hold the ball let alone a glass and Preecey wouldn't pass as an adult!! Comments:- Always nice to see Ceri, always too pissed to notice.

21) STARTING LINE UP FOR 1991-92 (THE FANS CHOICE)

(1) Sutton (2) Linton (3) Harvey (4) Kamara
(5) Dreyer (6) Peake (7) Oakes (8) Gray
(9) Harford (10) Pembo (11) Preece SUBS:- Stein, Hughes

22) CAN FACILITIES BE IMPROVED? YES 73% NO 27%

Replace Kohler with seats, improve scoreboard (get it working), better programmes, stewards could improve.

23) WHY DIDN'T WE SIGN A REPLACEMENT FOR BIG MICK?

Many people mis-understood the question but most gave the same answer. it was really about Mick's suspension and injury problem, meaning we needed a good goalscorer. Once again no money.

24) HOW DO YOU GET OVER ANOTHER PAINFUL DEFEAT

Mope. Beat up my mum and dad. Sigh alot. I don't. Sulk. I never do. Vast quantities of Abbott. Tell everyone we are the team of the nineties. Play the Smiths at full volume. Amputate a limb. Go home and watch blind date. Moody till Monday. Drink heavily. Shag my bird. Tell myself its only a game - but it doesn't always work. Write loads of crap for D.Pleated.

25) WILL YOU STILL VISIT KENILWORTH ROAD IF IT TURNS INTO AN ALL SEATER STADIUM?

The consensus of opinion was that a standing area should always be available for those who want it. The majority of votes said they would still attend but only under protest. Now is the time to pull together if YOU want to stop this. By next season we may not have a choice so lets hear your opinions and maybe get the ball rolling.

WHO'S WHO IN DIVISION ONE

BARNSELEY: Very strange club who always finish mid table and have never been in the news. No decent cup runs in any competition and probably most famous for selling Carl Tiler to Notts Forest for £1.5 million. Best player probably Gerry Taggart cos he's an international for Ireland, though anyone can play for Ireland.

Predicted score (H) 3-0 (A) 2-1
(Luton's score 1st in each case)

BRISTOL CITY: Another club who never look like being promoted and usually too inconsistent to be relegated. Ex Lutonian Mark Aizlewood plays for them but their most promising player is probably "Jacki" Djeckanowski who is a polish national.
(H) 2-1 (A) 1-1

BRISTOL ROVERS: You're not gonna believe this, but yes, another great mediocre team. Their home kit looks something like a chess board and their ground isn't exactly world class either. Their best player scores all their goals (notably v Liverpool in their reasonably good FA cup run), and that's Carl Saunders.
(H) 2-1 (A) 2-0

CHARLTON: Relegated from the 1st a couple of seasons back and then were pretty useless. Now a changed side and marginally missed out on the play offs. The big question is, where will they be playing? Carl Leaburn is their best asset.
(H) 1-1 (A) 1-1

BIRMINGHAM CITY: No need to remind anyone that these were the buggers who kicked us out of the Rumberlows Cup and severely embarrassed us. A good team to be honest who deserve this league of football (but do we?). Nigel Gleghorn is probably their classiest player. But, revenge is sweet!
(H) 2-1 (A) 0-0

BRENTFORD: To be honest, I don't know a bloody thing about this bunch except they must be in form if they've just been promoted as champions. They play in red and white stripes and play down at Griffin Park, which doesn't hold that many away supporters. Dean Holdsworth is their best player by along way.
(H) 4-1 (A) 3-1

GRIMSBY TOWN: Not much about this lot to talk about. They now own a certain Mr Graham Rodger who will miss the games against us through injury. Apart from this, not much else to say apart from Dave Gilbert, who's quite a ticky winger. If you want quality though, the fishmongers will supply that.
(H) 3-0 (A) 2-1

MILLWALL: This is the club who forced us to use membership cards and who made us the most unpopular team in the league. So, I believe that they need their asses kicked, and that's exactly what we'll do, despite Malcolm Allen giving Tumble and Peaty some problems up front.
(H) 2-0 (A) 1-1

NEWCASTLE: How they got themselves in trouble at the bottom of this division is beyond me. They have the best ground in the division by far and with Mr Keegan as gaffer, will erase last season and

push for at least a play off place. Expect the Fashanu equivalent in the division, Micky Quinn, to cause all sorts of problems with his sheer presence.
(H) 2-1 (A) 0-2

NOTTS COUNTY: These bastards should be hung, drawn and quartered for denying us a place in the premier league. They in truth had the worst team in the 1st division last season, except Kevin Bartlett who was a bit of an exception. They'll struggle, especially with two defeats against us.
(H) 3-0 (A) 2-1

OXFORD UTD: Erm,.....er.....not alot do I know about this lot either. Barely escaped at the end of last season from 3rd division obscurity and won't do much better this time around. The last time we beat these was back in 88, yes, you can remember, the match that sealed our Littlewoods Cup Final place. Apparently, John Durnin scores most of their goals.
(H) 2-0 (A) 1-0

PETERBORO UTD: Well, how good this bunch are going to be in the 1st division, we'll just have to wait and see. A few years back, and they were sweating out 0-0 draws with Aldershot on a cold Wednesday night, last season, they had the cheek to beat Liverpool 1-0 and scare the shit out of Middlesborough. This season may see them struggle a bit, but not without Ken Charles banging in a few goals along the way.
P.S. check out their keeper. He's most definately on drugs.
(H) 2-1 (A) 1-1

PORTSMOUTH: Narrowly missed out on the 2nd division play offs, but so did quite a few teams. Had a great run in the FA Cup and if they could take penalties just a little bit better, could have been another team to dump Liverpool out of cup competition. Selling their best players certainly won't help them, unless they decide to do a bit of spending. Colin Clarke will probably be quite a threat, forming a decent partnership with Guy Whithingham.
(H) 1-1 (A) 1-1



SOUTHEND UTD: Another team to have come from the brink of nowhere to almost claim a place in the play-offs. Former assistant manager, Colin Murphy is now their manager, and I'm sure he'll want to put one over us. And with the angel of a player up front Brett Angell (good pun, eh?), he may well get one over on us, thought not at Kenilworth Road.
(H) 2-1 (A) 1-1

SUNDERLAND: Quite a big club who have quite a nice ground too. Had a terrific cup run until they were beaten by the scousers from Anfield on cup final day. Possess some incredible young talent in the form of David Rush and Kieran Brady. Also have some good experienced pro's such as Ball, Norman and their prolific goalscorer, and possible buy of last season, Johnny Byrne.
(H) 2-2 (A) 0-2

SWINDON TOWN: Apparently, this lot supposed to be an attractive, open team who play some excellent football. Well, should be interesting when we play them, or perhaps the two similar styles will cancel each team out. Gaffer boy is Glenn Hoddle and he'll obviously use his confidence and experience to help his bunch out. A certain Steve White is still seen knocking in a goal or two.
(H) 2-0 (A) 2-1

TRANMERE ROVERS: Erm..... not exactly the most well-known team around, largely due to them being situated in Merseyside, who plays host more famously to the Goodison Gyp's and the Liverpool louts. If we're to beat this lot, we need to sign the Terminator, He-Man and Bruce Willis to man mark John "Dave Beasant is my best mate really" Aldridge. If we do that, we'll beat em (though quite where the money will come from to buy these 3 men, I'm a bit unsure).
(H) 3-1 (A) 2-1

WATFORD: Bollocks to this lot.
(H) 4-0 (A) 2-0

WEST HAM: Though I'm an avid Town fan, (and have been for 11 years now), I did feel a little sorry to see this lot go down. There's no way did they deserve to finish bottom and they, in fairness, are a premier league side. But, if you can't win games, you know what happens. Us and West Ham could be the teams to beat in the 1st division, if we maintain our form we showed last year. Two very tough matches.
(H) 1-1 (A) 1-1

P.S. Ian Bishop is v.good in midfield.

WOLVES: erm....er...yeah....
I know bugger all about this lot as you can work out. Very, very, very mediocre team who have obviously signed a deal saying that each season they cannot finish higher than 13th spot and cannot end up lower than 14th spot. Worth paying the admission money just to see Stevie Bull(shit).
(H) 2-1 (A) 2-1
2nd division teams who cocked up in play offs.

CAMBRIDGE: When we went down, you could hear the massive sighs of relief with people saying, "well, at least we won't be playing Wimbledon next season". Er...sorry to disappoint you folks, but....erm we will. The only difference is that they've changed their name to Cambridge. C-A-M-B-R-I-D-G-E; got that? Mind you, football at 33,000 ft sound quite appealing, that is, if you've either got a 33,000 ft long neck or an incredibly huge pair of binoculars.
(H) 2-0 (A) 0-0

DERBY: With a president who pumps more money into his club than sense, Derby could well be pushing for a premier league place this season. Have some very good players and somebody called a Sutton, who most certainly rings a bell. We could well have some good tussles with this bunch and remember to keep your eyes out for a Sutton, by the name of Steve.
(H) 2-1 (A) 2-0

P.S. Erm, look out for a new signing. He's about 5ft 6 inches, ginger air, good at taking free kicks and kept our bank manager very happy.....

LEICESTER CITY: We do have an advantage here in that Pleaty knows this team quite a bit because of his past management with this lot. Narrowly missed out on a premier league place and will be a tough team to beat in the 1st. Have a quality side even with Steve Thompson in (ex Lutonian) who wasn't exactly brilliant for us, was he? Look out for Ian Ormondroyd, that's if you can see his head in the clouds.
(H) 1-1 (A) 1-0

According to my brilliant predictions, Towns record at the end of the season should look something like this:

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
46	30	14	2	80	34	104

Now, if that final table of results stands, I'll shoot myself!! I've calculated about 12 away wins (oh yeah, bloody likely) and just 2 defeats in 46 matches (oh yeah, bloody likely).

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

LEFT: FORMER TOWN COACH JOHN FAULKNER
RIGHT: FORMER TOWN COACH JOHN FAULKNER (PROBABLY)

PICTURE IT: Derby County's first game of the season and its a couple of minutes before half time.
Arthur Cox shouts to Mark Pembridge "Pembo give it everything, we'll be pulling you off at half time". Pembo reply's in thick Welsh brogue "That's O.K boyo, all we got at Luton was an orange". (Think about it).

PREECE'S SHORTS

HOLIDAY SPECIAL



I HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE FAIR WHILE ON HOLIDAY



I WENT ON THIS REALLY SICKLY RIDE. I WAS FEELING FINE 'TIL I SPOTTED SOMEONE AT THE SIDE



HE WAS WEARING ARSENAL'S AWAY TOP!



Gone to the Dogs (2)

From the comments expressed, we can see the sporting life tipster, thinks that a drop in grade will bring the confidence back, to the dog called Luton Town. No doubt the dogs trainer will feed it well, groom it and train it, to the best of his ability in order for it to win a few races and then be put in a higher grade. Somewhat different, are the football team of the same name, they have also recently taken a drop in grade. I would like to express the same sentiments as I did for the dog, about the teams chances, but if the people who run the club stay in control, then in the short term anyway I have a lot more confidence in the dog succeeding than the team.

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BETTING: 3 Genotin Diamond, Noisy Sister, Tracton Rabbit, 4 Jumbos Sally, 5 Luton Town, 12 Summersway Gem
Sel: TRACTON RABBIT (NB) D.: Noisy Sister FAlt: Genotin Diamond Trio/T'cast: 6-3-2
1 Jumbos Sally—drawn to feature but must get trapping together.
2 Genotin Diamond—set pace with three, may ruin each others chances.
3 Noisy Sister—hit the lids or two will take ground at every stage.
4 Summersway Gem—back from lameness,excluded from calculations.
5 Luton Town—a drop in grade will bring confidence back, middle.
6 Tracton Rabbit—on heels of railers, take over entering back straight.

THEY TELL ME I'M THE JOCKEY FOR No.5 IN THIS RACE



A KURT ABOVE THE REST

With the shock news that Kurt Nogan has not signed any contract for the Town and the confusion amongst many fans for the reasons, D.Pleated thought it was high time that we got to the bottom of talks around Kenilworth Road.

It's fair to say Kurt hasn't had the luck in the first team that his energy deserves, and the inclusion of his name on the transfer list couldn't have helped. Criticism from ourselves and fellow "fans" can only cause more aggravation for the lad but until we received this documentation today we had no idea why Kurt refused the contracts.

It appear the terms and conditions were very simple:-

- 1) Payment for a first team appearance, and reserve fixtures would be the same.
- 2) Payment would be on a monthly basis, changed from weekly direct debit to the Brewery Tap.
- 3) Company car would be given.
- 4) Bonus for scoring and for winning would be increased.
- 5) Sponsorship deal for kit and leisure gear would be announced making Kurt a very wealthy young man.
- 6) The club would purchase a 5 bedroomed mansion and pay for its up keep for Kurt.
- 7) A bevy of beauties would be lined up to woo Kurt from his state of bachelorhood and seduce him into married life.

So if all this was put before Kurt and assuming that he can read or it was read to him correctly; why did he not sign?

Well the small print clearly states that L.T.F.C would be happy to oblige all of the above clauses if Kurt signed on the dotted line to join....Berwick Rangers;

Berwick were not available for comment yesterday.

interview

It was with great anticipation that I met David Pleat on the Monday prior to the teams departure for Sweden. After a well worked training session we headed back to Kenilworth Road where I unleashed my questions upon the great man.



**David
Pleat**

Due to Davids enthusiasm for the topics and my own zealousness we spent longer than imagined. David was obviously very busy with preparations for departure uppermost, yet he was very polite with an upstart like myself intruding into his schedule. This issue will deal with the current situation we find ourselves

in, and we will attack the history of David in the next issue.

D.P. LETS START WITH LAST SEASON AND YOUR RETURN; WHY RETURN AFTER A VERY SUCCESSFUL FIRST SPELL?

PLEAT: It was suggested to me that the club needed guidance at the very highest level. It seems that there were people who were weeded out of this club who should never have left. I'm sure the people who were running this club were not aware or conscious about how the club should be run. For instance they were getting caught in the transfer market; waiting for deadlines, then not being able to use the money as the banks had it; this can be seen in the Dowie case. I don't think there was a rapport with the management at all - the club did need someone to steer it.

For these reasons there was a change needed and I felt that this was the right move for me. Sadly in putting the club right a little bit financially we've suffered a relegation. I haven't yet been able to change things as I would have liked and certain things haven't been solved yet.

D.P. THE REVENUE FROM PLAYER SALES HAS KEPT THE CLUB FROM GOING UNDER

PLEAT: Yes, we're always close to going under. The banks will always squeeze the little clubs as they see that the "Lutons" of this world can never stay long in the premier league. They haven't the resources, crowds etc and cannot therefore purchase top players to survive. That's what they see. So they want the return on their investment. We are currently a good grade B team and we want to be at the top of that grade. People may resent this statement but its true; we've got to be the best of our type.

D.P. HOW DID WE GO A WHOLE SEASON WITHOUT AN AWAY WIN?

PLEAT: It's a shame really. You can sum the season up in the last 45 minutes at Notts County. We had certain frailties last season (i.e no pace upfront therefore we could not take the pressure off ourselves when the opposition threatened us) which meant a 1 goal away lead would slip from our grasp. A group of circumstances meant that we did not win an away game. A horrible statistic, the sooner we win away the better.

D.P. AND THE NOTTS COUNTY GAME?

PLEAT: Well, Pembridge, Harford, Kamara all played under difficulties; they couldn't last the pace. There was almost an inevitability that someone said "you need to take a break from this, the competition is too fierce for you. You need to go and build the club again and bring the young players through". We've currently got Hughes Salton, Campbell and more that will do well.

D.P. HOW DEMORALIZING WAS LAST SEASON TO YOU PERSONALLY?

PLEAT: It was very disappointing. To have stayed up would have been an achievement. To go down when people said that I spent money on players but Jimmy didn't, is false.

D.P. SO WAS THE TRADING AN ACHIEVEMENT OF LAST SEASON?

PLEAT: I could say that I made 4 million last year but spent only £1.25 million on 4 players. Fair enough Jim only bought Holdsworth but I believe the board wanted me to start trading. The other trades saw me move out what I would call fringe players; that I'm sure the Luton public will realize in the long run would not be acceptable for an attractive team. I'm sure you know who I mean.

Now there are less people to get out. Basically there are 26 professionals, the squad is young and keen and ready to go with possibly 1 or 2 find, and I do need a goalkeeper. We've really trimmed down.

D.P. HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT LIFTING THE PLAYERS?

PLEAT: The players are O.K. Believe it or not they know the problems and as long as they are playing and winning games and as long as their wages are there they will raise themselves. They're good professionals. In a league where they can cope, their strength will encourage them and the supporters. The public will then come to watch a winning team.



D.P. I'VE HEARD IT SAID THAT YOU NEED £2M TO GET A TEAM INTO THE PREMIER DIVISION?

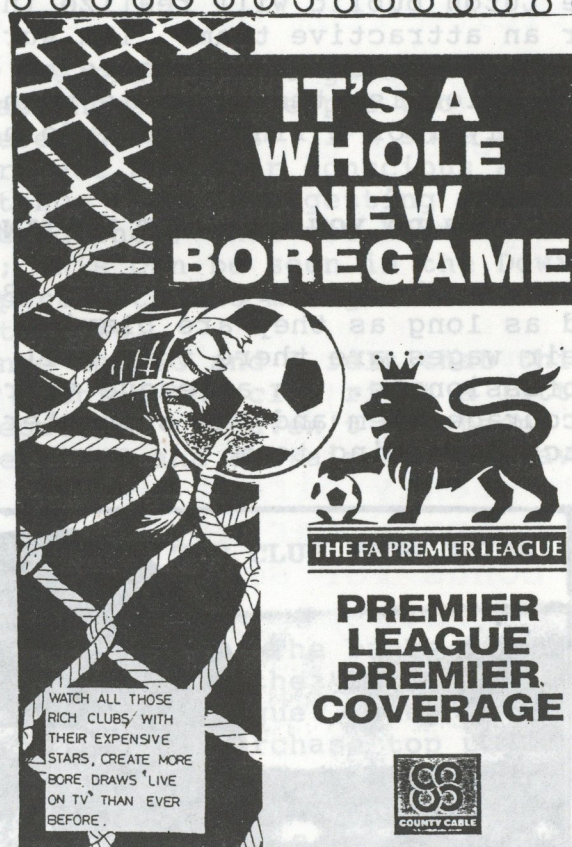
PLEAT: Not necessarily. A lot depends on the existing staff. Newcastle and Derby seem to be having a go with the money side of things, yet if a team does knit together it has every opportunity of success. Its not as though one club at this level is that much better than any other. We will have to draw on all the positive aspects and performances of last season and apply it this season.

D.P. WHO DO YOU SEE AS THE MAIN STAY OF THE TEAM

PLEAT: We've still the backbone of the team in Harford, Kamara and Peake. If we're strong down the middle we can build around that. They are all examples to the rest of the team. There's no greater strength than experience and those that remain like Preece, Dreyer and Chamberlain will have their part to play and have to show their qualities.

D.P. IS THERE A QUESTION MARK OVER KAMARA?

PLEAT: None at all, other than 1 or 2 northern clubs expressing >>>



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an interest from time to time over a classy player.

D.P. AND WHAT OF OUR YOUNGER TALENT?

PLEAT: Well we have got younger, and 1 or 2 players will emerge through the ranks. These players need to work on being mentally stronger next season. Players like Oakes, Telfer, Linton, etc. Most teams that win things are experienced and over 46 games there is nothing to beat experience and strength. We need to establish ourselves early and then I think we can do really well.

D.P. YOU COULD BE THE FIRST MANAGER TO TAKE US TO THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF FOOTBALL TWICE, YET ALSO LEAVE US TWICE.

PLEAT: Ah, the way things are at the moment, there is a job to be done. I did have a couple of job offers to work abroad in the summer. Yet there's so much that needs to be done at the club the challenge here seemed greater. There are a few important decisions to be made here, to avoid the continual syndrome of selling the best young players. As stated, I don't mind selling the older players who have done a job, but to continually sell the best youngsters is a recipe for disaster.

D.P. I AGREE BUT SELLING WILL UNDOUBTEDLY OCCUR IF WE HAVE A GOOD START TO THE SEAS ON. YOUNGSTERS WILL FALL PREY TO THE LURE OF MONEY.

PLEAT: Yes but its my job to keep them here and to make sure that we've got a group of players who produce good, attractive football. If players are playing in a way that they enjoy and is successful it will encourage them to stay and also attract new players.

D.P. THESE SOARING PRICES HAVE A 2 EDGED EFFECT ON LUTON DON'T THEY?

PLEAT: Yes we obviously can negotiate high fees for our players but we have to purchase either players out of contract like the lad Claridge; the non-league player like Brookes who can be bought for a nominal sum, or an older player at the peak of his career for about £100,000. The middle boy, the 21-25 year old outstanding player we're not in for.

D.P. THAT'S WHERE THE SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE REALLY PLAYS ITS PART. I KNOW YOU'RE KEEN ON THAT.

PLEAT: Yes. We've got to be more eagle eyed to catch good, young players. We've got some here today.

D.P. SO WITH THE DEPARTURE OF RON HOWARD HOW DOES THAT WORK?

PLEAT: Well, we've arranged the system slightly differently. We've got more people scouting out in the field yet the people that have brought good players to the club over the years are still out there doing just that. Now Paul Lowe collates all the information and feeds it on.

D.P. WAS THERE A CONSCIOUS DECISION TO CHANGE THE RESERVE GAMES TO THE MONDAY AFTERNOON?

PLEAT: This is simple. The switch gives me 3 benefits (1) It gives greater time for injuries incurred to clear up before

a Wednesday night fixture (of which we have a few) This extra time could be vital.
 (11) The pitch has more games this season. If it is necessary to switch the venue to protect the pitch I can do so with less aggravation than for a night game.
 (111) We come into line with other clubs.

D.P. SO WHAT DO YOU SAY TO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO WATCH OUR YOUNGER PLAYERS?

PLEAT: Come and support our youth team on a Saturday morning down here, there's talent there.

D.P. DO WE HAVE THE RESOURCES BEHIND THE SCENES?

PLEAT: Not at the moment, no. We haven't the resources to resist the chaos in football. It does need to be changed as I say. I don't believe we're excessive but it does need a new policy or strategy where everyone knows what we're aiming for, credibility and to get attention for all the right sort of reasons.

D.P. THE MEDIA STILL LOVED US LAST SEASON

PLEAT: Yes for a team going down we did attract a lot of press.

D.P. THE SAME COULD BE SAID OF SWINDON LAST YEAR - AND LOOK WHERE THEY FINISHED UP IN A PHYSICAL DIVISION

PLEAT: Yes and that's why some of their quality players left. They caught the eye and moved on. Teams such as West Ham, Derby and Portsmouth will be strong this year. We've got to be there too.

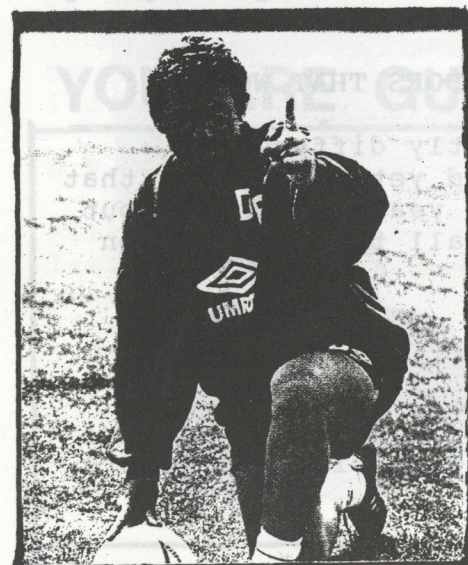
D.P. IS THIS THE SPRING BOARD TO SUCCESS?

PLEAT: Yes I would like to think we've got enough here to keep us boiling, here's to a good season.

D.P. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME. ITS BEEN A PLEASURE TALKING WITH YOU.

PLEAT: The same to you and keep it going for the fans.

DONT FORGET THE REST OF THIS INTERVIEW CAN BE READ IN THE NEXT ISSUE.



David Pleat
Team Manager

Said Preece: "All through my career I have never scored enough and that has held me back.
 "If I could put my finger on the reason why, I would probably not be playing at Luton.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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Q.P.R.	18	4	6	8	16	26	18
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Sheff U	18	4	4	10	24	34	16
Soton	18	4	4	10	14	28	16
LUTON	18	2	6	10	12	38	10

DAVID Pleat has signed Nottingham Forest striker Lee Glover on a month's loan, in a bid to cure the Hatters' goal shortage.

"He is an intelligent player, and the crowd will enjoy him," added Pleat.

FOR 70 MINUTES?

Luton rage at 'confused' ref

CONVINCED THAT his men would have achieved their first away win of the season but for the blackout interruption, David Pleat was encouraged by the Town's performance at White Hart Lane.

"I was feeling pretty confident until the lights went out," he said.

As revealed exclusively last month, the Kenilworth Road side are once again in a perilous financial position.

THE Kenilworth Road faithful took to Mervyn Day the moment he ran out for his pre-match warm-up against Crystal Palace.

Day's running joke with the fans over his greying locks ensured cult status during his stay with the club.

PRIME MINISTER John Major was at Kenilworth Road on Saturday to see his favourite team well and truly handbagged.

NEW Luton managing director David Kohler has denied he's trying to force out general secretary Bill Tomlins.

He said: "To say that my appointment is a ploy to get rid of Bill is rubbish — nothing could be further from the truth.

"He has a wealth of experience and is needed here — I'm not going to force Bill out.

"He is responsible for the day to day running of the club while my job is merely a title. I'm looking after the new pitch and the new stand, something I'm well qualified to do as a property developer."

Meanwhile, if you've got £200,000 to spare, Kohler wants to meet you!

● ALEC Chamberlain - produced two outstanding second-half saves to deny Chelsea's Kevin Wilson, but had no chance with any of the goals. The keeper was left totally exposed by his defence on all four occasions.

NEW-SIGNING Steve Thompson admitted it will take him five or six games to find his feet in the top flight.

LITTLE DID HE KNOW...

"It is very, very unlikely that Pembroke will be sold. I would fight against him going, but if someone comes along and offers £5million I have got to consider it."

SAY IT WAS £1.2m?

**Pleat:
'At two
down
we were
beaten'**

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VALUE FOR MONEY

- ① = a steal
- ② = fair price
- ③ = are you Luton in disguise?

▶ LOOKING ▶ FORWARD ▶▶

My first Town match was back in 1982 on a light Friday evening. We beat Shrewsbury Town 4-1 and won the second division championship... I can remember Steve White scoring two goals. Then, I was six years old. Now, I'm sixteen and just about in one piece. Next season I will be watching second division football for only the 2nd time in 11 seasons.

So, What can we look forward to in the coming season? Not exactly much.

There are some major gains that we must look at first. At least we must win ONE away game of the season, even if it's not Watford, we must beat somebody away from home. The big thing to come out of relegation is the fact that we won't be listening to our radio's at 4.45 on a Saturday afternoon with the reporters saying "Man Utd 5 Luton 0, and Luton were lucky to score 0". Thank God we don't have to have another trip to "Manc land", where we didn't exactly do too well at Maine Road, losing 4-0, the referee obviously being a Manc himself. Losing heavily up in Manchester every year got so bad that Alex Ferguson believed he had mistaken us for a team of baboons, Erm.. Alex, we were relegated, but did you win the championship? I think not. Talking of champions, the passionate support of the Leeds fans will sadly be missed with their super loud chants of "superleeds". Beating Arsenal won't be a fixture this season either, and their support will also be missed. Bringing back away fans gave each game a good atmosphere, though sadly "atmosphere" was not present at the Wimbledon game at home, when the south Londoners could only managed a measly 200 (or less) supporters. Though, this in fact, was double the amount of support they got for home games.

I suppose seeing the same teams for a decade did get a little tedious, but then, of course you had the chance to create an upset.

There are other things I'll miss next season which probably stick in others minds too. For a start, we won't be seeing Nicky Tomner create goal of the century ("own goal", that is), we won't be seeing Cloughie in his green sweater and hearing where he'll shove his shreaded wheat if Crossley drops another cross, nor will we be admiring the circus act performed by Tottenhams defence. Gone are the days when midfield war breaks out between Vinny Jones and "Kammy" Kamara and I'll also miss the chance of shouting verbal abuse at Alex Ferguson. Damn it!

Things I will not be missing include Wimbledon F.C., Spurs F.C. (as a whole, not their crap defence), Everton F.C. Ryan Giggs making an effort to play football (poor sod), Ian Rush shouting crap at every ref who gives a decision against him and that wonderful gymnastics display perfected by Dean Saunders, Mark Hughes and Anders Limpar. I don't think anyone will miss Gazza.

Coming away from the Premier League, what can we expect to look forward to in the 1st division. Playing Watford, I hear you shout triumphantly. Every Town supporter has been waiting for this for years now, and now it has arrived! The possible thought of winning an away game is simply getting to me and Vicarage Lane isn't far to travel to see it!

We're going to be seeing new clubs this season, new players, new grounds, new sets of supporters, but I doubt if we'll see any new players.... players. Who will the manager start with this season? For a start, he's got one hell of a gaping hole in the midfield, now that Derby have snapped up Pembo. And with Preecey, Tumble and Alec on free transfers, presumably to kick out the wage earners, what backbone do we have? Will Pleat buy new players? It is going to be interesting to see who he does pick for next seasons squad of 13 for the 1st game of the new

season, but he has made it clear that he is using this opportunity to throw in his more talented youngsters, which makes me feel that being relegated does have its distinct advantages. I'm sure that Salton, Oakes, Hughes and Gray will be able to compete to much higher standards and we will surely see them shine through.

Hopefully, we will not be fighting a relegation battle for once and with a bit more luck than last season, we could well be pushing for a promotion place back to the big time. Just with a little bit more luck....

A.A.

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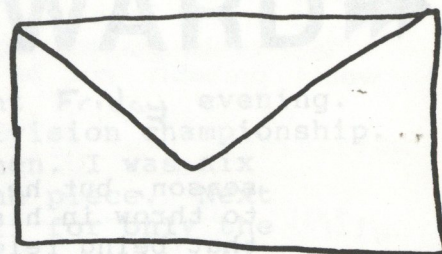
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D. PLEATED
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MAILBAG



Dear D.Pleated

Please find my enclosed "Poll of Polls" form. However, my entry as Player Of The Year was done before today's news that David Preece was being put on the transfer list - Chamberlain yes, Dryer maybe but Preecey! Just what is DP thinking of!!

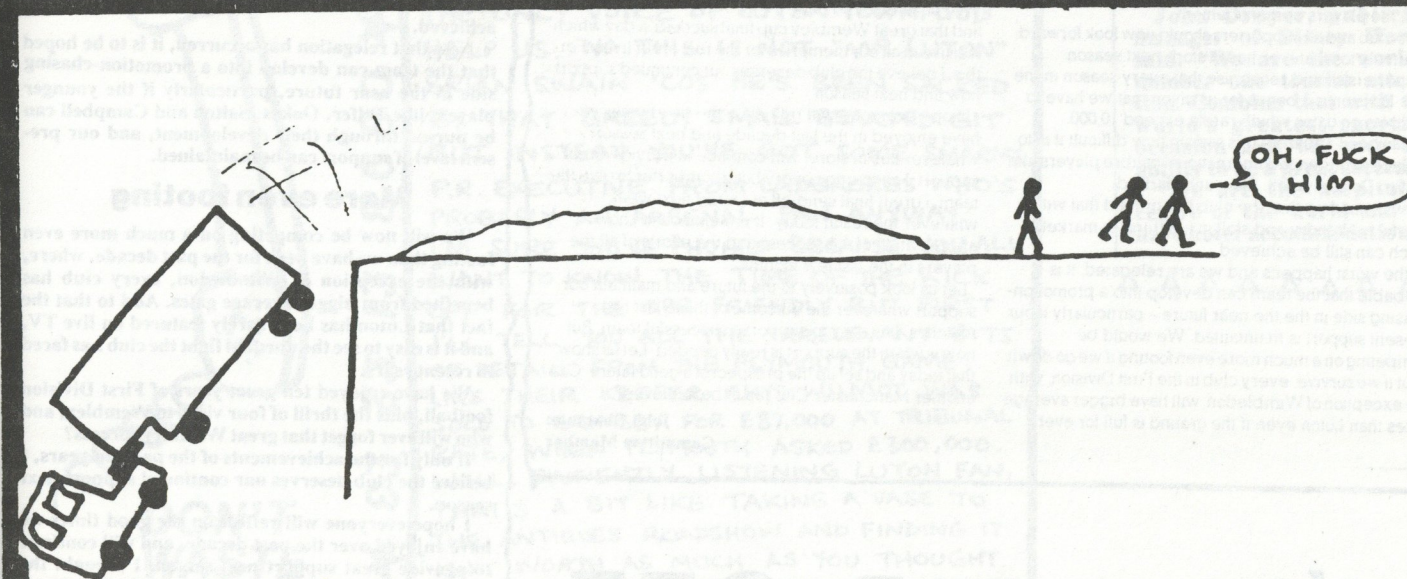
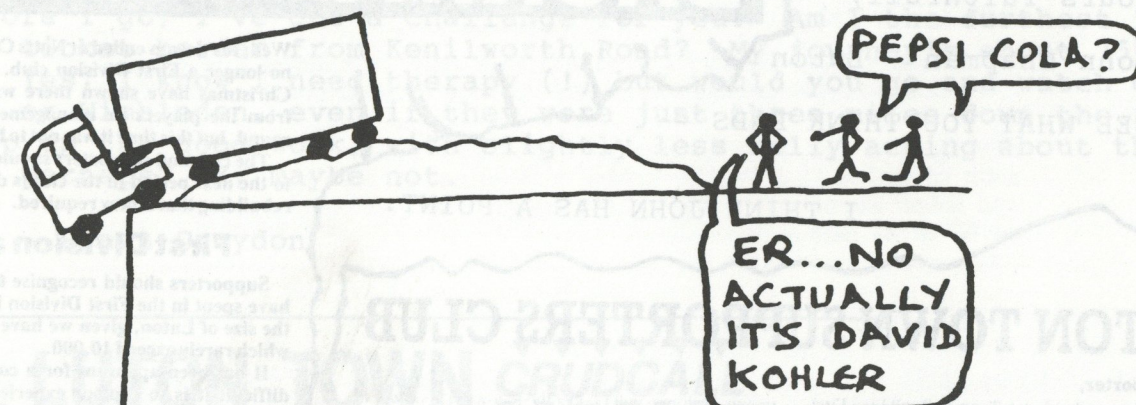
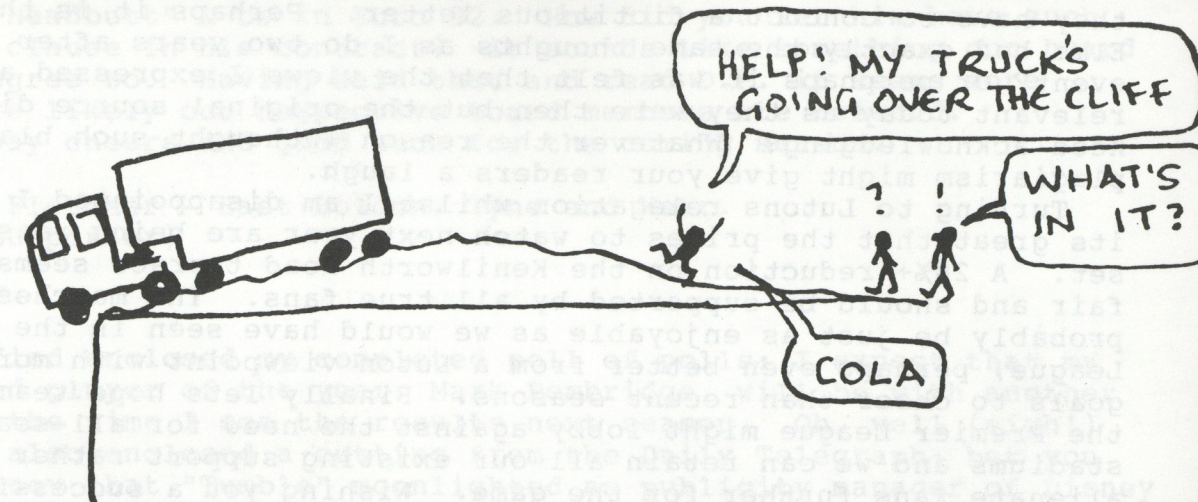
I have read today's Luton News which at least gives encouraging mentions of a possible takeover by Mike Watson-Challis, a man who must have the club's interests at heart more than the current MD (Mainly Damaging?) and news also that last seasons explosion in a paint factory shirt design will be replaced by something more suitable.

Three other points. The news says that admission prices will be reduced because of relegation; I for one would rather they had stayed the same as before and the extra (by my reckoning about £100,000.00 minimum) used in the transfer market or to repair the scoreboard which the club stated in August last year would be working again in a "couple of weeks". The other point is about Andy King - shouldn't he be sacked as his main club is not the Town but Everton! How can he be giving 100% in his capacity as a member of the commercial staff/fundraising when his attentions appear to be outside of Kenilworth Road. Perhaps he should get a job as a toffee salesman, something he is more suited to. Finally, Colin Murphy having departed to the seaside. Who will get his job? Bearing in mind I write in mid-May, how about Barry Fry as odds-on favourite (combining as Chief Scout). Also to be considered, Ricky Hill, Ian Bowyer and Ian Allison.

Yours in White/Blue/Orange/Satsuma.

Gerry Callagman - Stevenage Herts

another ^{Sad} Kohler joke



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Unfortunately, the sheds/boxes cannot be removed so you cannot return them to their natural habitat the beach! Yes, my annual holidays to Margate have never looked the same since Luton Town nicked off with the beach huts!!

Dear D.Pleated

It was with a growing sense of "deja-vu" that I read the letter from S.C. Elms (copy attached) in the Luton News last week. Having read it I then compared it to an article I had written in the C.Palace programme some two year previous (also enclosed). Uncanny isn't it!

Does the Luton News have so few people writing to them that they have to concoct a fictitious letter. Perhaps it is that S.C. Elms had exactly the same thoughts as I do two years after the event? Or perhaps it was felt that the views I expressed are as relevant today as they were then but the original source did not need acknowledging? Whatever the reason I thought such blatant plagiarism might give your readers a laugh.

Turning to Lutons relegation whilst I am disappointed I think its great that the prices to watch next year are being reasonably set. A 28%+ reduction on the Kenilworth Road terrace seems very fair and should be supported by all true fans. The matches will probably be just as enjoyable as we would have seen in the Premier League, perhaps even better from a Luton viewpoint with more home goals to cheer than recent seasons. Finally lets hope teams outside the Premier League might lobby against the need for all-seater stadiums and we can retain all our existing support rather than alienate fans further for the game. Wishing you a successful season 92/93.

Yours faithfully

John Chapman - Luton

SEE WHAT YOU THINK LADS -

I THINK JOHN HAS A POINT.

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

Dear Supporter,

We are all hoping that Luton Town will still be a First Division club next season, but with two games to go including today's clash with Palace our fate remains in the balance. Recent performances have shown that whatever the outcome there has been no lack of effort from the players or management.

The club and all supporters should now look forward positively to whatever lies in store next season. Supporters should recognise that every season in the First Division is a bonus for us given that we have to compete on gates which rarely exceed 10,000.

It has been apparent this season how difficult it is to replace experienced international calibre players like Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein and Harford. Notwithstanding this, the club has proved that with careful husbandry and skill in the transfer market much can still be achieved.

If the worst happens and we are relegated, it is probable that the team can develop into a promotion-chasing side in the near future - particularly if our present support is maintained. We would be competing on a much more even footing if we go down.

But if we survive, every club in the First Division, with the exception of Wimbledon, will have bigger average gates than Luton even if the ground is full for every

match. Revenue will be lost the following year when the plastic pitch is taken up and replaced by grass. Consider, in addition, that the club is rarely featured on live television and it is easy to see the unequal fight we have faced in recent years.

We have enjoyed eight years of First Division football and that great Wembley cup final success, a day which will live in all our memories for the rest of our lives. For this, I believe the club deserves our continued support now and next season.

I hope everyone will reflect on the good times we have enjoyed in the last decade and next season whatever lies in store, will continue to provide great support. I encourage every Luton supporter to give the team a great final send-off at Derby next week whatever the result today. It is a chance to show appreciation of the success and the efforts of all the players in the last few months.

Let us look positively to the future and maintain our support whatever the outcome of these last two matches. It is easy to support a successful team. But now is when the support is really needed. Let us show that today and set up the prospect of a good future. Can another Manchester City result be achieved?

John Chapman
Committee Member

BACKING NEEDED

Well, the dream ended at Notts County and Luton are no longer a First Division club. Performances since Christmas have shown there was no lack of effort from the players or management to turn the club round, but this time it was not to be.

The club and supporters should now look positively to the next period in the club's development and the rebuilding that is now required.

First Division a bonus

Supporters should recognise that every season we have spent in the First Division is a bonus for a club the size of Luton, given we have to compete on gates which rarely exceed 10,000.

It has been apparent for a couple of seasons how difficult it is to replace experienced international - calibre players like Donaghy, Foster and Hill, while the recruitment of Harford and Stein only served to remind us of their past accomplishments.

Notwithstanding this, the club has proved that with skilful use of the transfer market much can still be achieved.

Now that relegation has occurred, it is to be hoped that the team can develop into a promotion-chasing side in the near future, particularly if the younger players like Telfer, Oakes, Salton and Campbell can be nursed through their development, and our present level of support can be maintained.

More even footing

We will now be competing on a much more even footing than we have been for the past decade, where, with the exception of Wimbledon, every club has benefited from bigger average gates. Add to that the fact that Luton has been rarely featured on live TV, and it is easy to see the unequal fight the club has faced in recent years.

We have enjoyed ten great years of First Division football, plus the thrill of four visits to Wembley, and who will ever forget that great Wembley success?

If only for the achievements of the past ten years, I believe the club deserves our continued support next season.

I hope everyone will reflect on the good times we have enjoyed over the past decade, and will continue to provide great support next season. I thought the supporters' dignified response to defeat at Notts County reflected the appreciation of the efforts of the players and staff over the last few months.

It is easy to support a successful team, but it is now when the support is really needed.

S. C. ELMS
Mortain Drive, Berkhamsted.

Dear Neil,

Thanks very much for the clippings, photocopying and letter. The cartoons about the skill-less one will come in very handy.

Darron McDonaugh reminds me of an old Newcastle player called Kevin Dillon. He too was slow and skill-less but unlike McDonut he was burdened with the fact that his place of birth was Sunderland. They could have been twins!!

Saw your mate Lars "let me go" Elstrup on the T.V. beating Basil "Headbutt" & co in Euro 92. How did you let him have such a daft clause in his contract? It sounds like something our board would agree to. Having said that and read D.P. it seems more and more likely our respective board members are related.

Anyway cheers and good luck for the coming season.

Reuven Fletcher - East Boldon, Tyne and Wear.
(NUFC Supporter)

Dear D.P.

Please find enclosed my completed poll of polls; I expect that my nominated player of the year, Mark Pembrige, will be with another club by the time I see the results next season. Oh, well (sigh!)

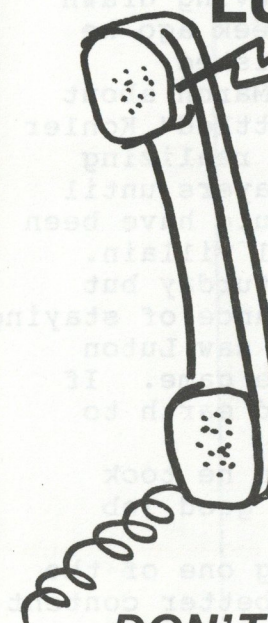
I've also enclosed a cutting from the Daily Telegraph; bet you didn't know that "Tumble" moonlighted as publicity manager of Disney World did you? No wonder he lost the Captaincy; obviously no time to write the totally original, non-cliched programme (sorry, official match day magazine) notes!

Before I go, I've got a challenge for you. Am I the furthest living season ticket holder from Kenilworth Road? My journey's about 75 miles! Yes, I know I need therapy (!) but would you go and watch Crystal Palace or Wimbledon, even if they were just three miles down the road?!

Keep up the good work, with slightly less belly-aching about the board, perhaps? OK, maybe not.

Martyn - Brawn Croydon

LUTON TOWN CRUDCALL



DON'T
WASTE
YOUR
MONEY

HELLO AND WELCOME TO CRUDCALL, THE ONLY VOICE OF LUTON TOWN, GOD HELP US. NO THIS IS NOT "MR. LUTON" BRIAN SWAIN 'COS HE'S BEEN SACKED BY THAT GREEDY SMALL BEARDED GIT BUT INSTEAD YOU'VE GOT SOME SMARMY P.R. EXECUTIVE FROM LADBROKES WHO'S PROBABLY AN ARSENAL FAN ANYWAY. I'M SURE YOU'VE PHONED BECAUSE YOU ALL WANT TO KNOW THE TIME OF THE KICK OFF FOR THE Q&R FRIENDLY BUT FIRST I'LL TELL YOU ALL THE IRRELEVANT BITS OF DETAIL FROM THE PLYMOUTH GAME, LIKE THEIR KEEPER RHYS WILMOT WAS SOLD TO GRIMSBY FOR £87,000 AT TRIBUNAL RATE, WHEN PLYMOUTH ASKED £300,000. WELL, PATIENTLY LISTENING LUTON FAN, THAT'S A BIT LIKE TAKING A VASE TO THE ANTIQUES ROADSHOW AND FINDING IT ISN'T WORTH AS MUCH AS YOU THOUGHT. RIGHT, LET'S HAVE AN INTERVIEW WITH MICK HARFORD ABOUT HIS VIEWS ON THE PRE-SEASON MATCHES AND LIFE IN GENERAL

which is bringing down internal flight prices by up to 50 per cent.

John Dreyer, publicity manager of Disney World, said: "We are the world's number one tourist attraction. Combine that with the world's greatest sporting occasion and we have the ability to be a great success. "We are the hospitality centre of the world and we have hotel accommodation in

IT'S A RIP OFF

NEWCASTLE
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Dear Hatters,

I always used to hate you lot, because to Geordies Luton symbolised David Evans, the fat Tory get, plastic pitches and a ban on away fans, yet all this changed over a few beers on Saturday 2/5/92. If you were one of the Luton crew getting it down your neck and singing in the Trent Bridge Inn before your game at Notts County, I salute you. There were about a dozen of us Newcastle fans on our way to Leicester and we were all united in our common belief that we would both beat the drop. Sadly of course you didn't, but I'm sure we'll both be there or thereabouts come this time next year. So when the fixtures come out for next year you can start planning your trip to Geordieland. Get yourselves into the Three Bulls Heads on Percy Street and we'll sink a couple before the match. If your team can match the pride and belief shown by your supporters, especially the nutters in fancy dress, then promotion is a certainty.

All the best for next season!!!!

IAN CUSACK
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SPITAL TONGUES

NOT SO FRIENDLY.....

The Luton v QPR friendly had to end with only 88 minutes played because more than half the players were involved in a massive brawl on the field!

Highlights of our West Country pre-season tour included the Spitfire-like form of trialist Paul Wright, turning both games in the final 20 minutes, and Julian James' party-pooing late equaliser at Plymouth which sent us 80 or so nutters wild.

Dear Neil,

I'm sorry I didn't send you anything else for the April edition of D.Pleated. I thought up some cartoons which I was having drawn by one of the inmates who is good at art, but about a week ago he got shipped out for drug dealing before he had them finished.

Did you see the article in The Sunday Times on 29th March about "Luton Cash Crisis". What a load of bollocks the "embattled" Kohler talks. What sort of businessman buys a company without realizing the wage bill? One who realizes he can keep selling players until he has earned a buck from a property deal. Still it could have been worse - he could have sold to Warren, now there's a real villain.

The Town had an encouraging win over Wimbledon on Saturday but I think they must win at Oldham this week to stand a chance of staying up. I managed to get a couple of days out in March and saw Luton v Spurs - not a great game but it was good to see a live game. If it looks like Luton could stay up I will move heaven and earth to get to the home match against Villa.

I wrote a letter to David Pleat and was thrilled when he took the trouble to write back to me. I think he is doing a good job in very difficult circumstances.

I saw your mention in Viz. D.Pleated must now becoming one of the more well known fanzines around, it certainly has much better content than most of the others I've seen. It is especially, better than the crap "Mad as a Hatter" which somebody sent me.

Anyway, thanks for the last issue that you sent me, I look forward to seeing number 12, the end of season bumper edition.

All the best
THE HATTER INSIDE.

Dear D.P.,

The main reason for writing to you is to ask for your help through your Superb fanzine.

As a loyal supporter I would like to travel to as many away games as possible this year so what I would like to know if through your publication I could ask if there is any loyal L.T.F.C fans interested in sharing cars & costs to away games this season. Perhaps taking it in turns to drive depending on the destination, but generally to enjoy a good day out with less expense and who knows the odd 3-points. The person need not have to be local to me as we are bound to be passing each other going North or South (aagh! Watford).

I would be grateful if you could print this plea in your next issue & help me enjoy those away days again - hopefully.

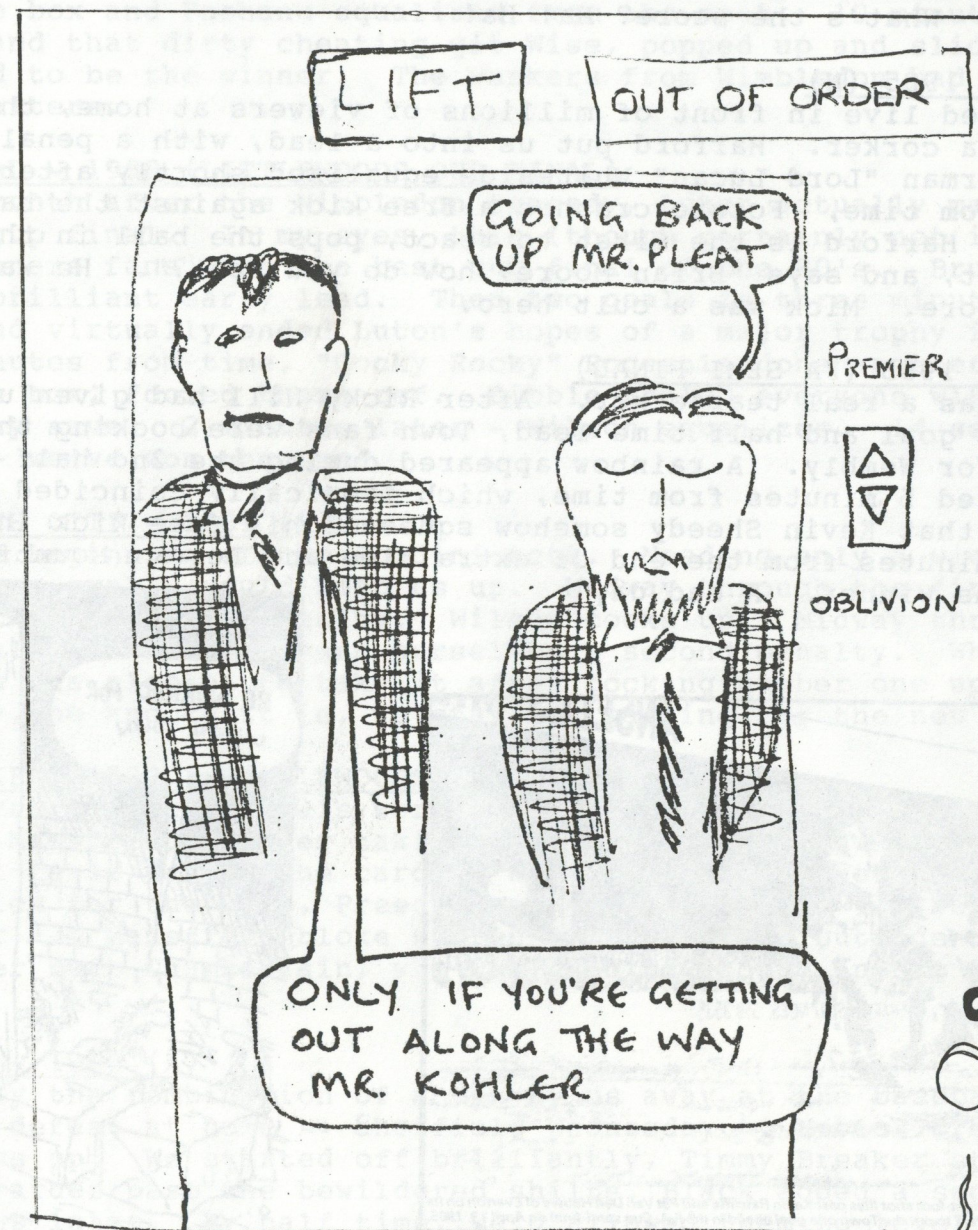
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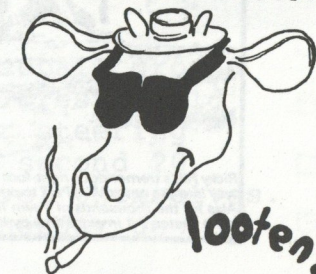
Yours faithfully

NICK WHITE

another Kohler joke



club as fuck



☆ Blast from the past ☆

Since Luton had spent 10 years in the top flight, I decided to look back in the archives and introduce you to those matches, moments and goals which will surely dwell in most supporters minds. Yes, Kenilworth Road did have its moments.....

MAN CITY - 1983 (A)

You aren't a Luton supporter if you haven't heard about this game. 4 minutes to go and Luton have signed their doom to the 2nd division. Raddy Antic says "we stay up, City go down" in some foreign language and unleashes a thunderbolt which makes Mr Pleat go all very silly in the middle of the pitch. Unforgettable.

MILLWALL - 1985 (H)

Unforgettable for all the wrong reasons. The night that began the membership scheme, lets hope we shit on Millwall this season and waste them. By the way, nicely taken goal Brian.

SOUTHAMPTON - 1985 (H)

"Luton 7 Shilton 0", read the daily newspaper the next day, as Luton, er, beat the sinners from Southampton by rather a lot of goals. And Shilts was at his best then. I can't actually remember who scored all the goals but I do remember Steiny putting away a hatrick. What's the score? Ha! Ha!

Man Utd - 1985 (H)

Screened live in front of millions of viewers at home, this match ended as a corker. Harford put us into a lead, with a penalty, before Norman "Lord Lucan" Whiteside equalized shortly after. 15 second from time, Fozzie crashes a free kick against the bar and old Micky Harford is the first to react, pops the ball in the back of the net, and says "Brian Moore, how do you feel?". He was gutted was Mr Moore. Mick was a cult hero.

EVERTON - 1985 (FA SEMI FINAL)

This was a real tearjerker. After Ricky Hill had given us a brilliant goal and half time lead, Town fans were booking their tickets for Wembly. A rainbow appeared during the 2nd half and disappeared 5 minutes from time, which ironically coincided with the time that Kevin Sheedy somehow squeezed his free kick into the net. 5 minutes from the end of extra time and Derek Mountfield headed the winner. A sad day.



Ricky Hill's tremendous right-foot shot flies past Kevin Ratcliffe and Pat Van Den Hauwe of Everton on its way into the net at Villa Park to put the Town one goal ahead in the F.A. Cup semi-final on April 13, 1985. Alas for the thousands of Town fans who travelled to the match Luton could not retain their lead and were beaten 2-1 in extra time by the League Champions.



LIVERPOOL - 1986 (H)

This was a match to remember. Kenny Dalglish didn't know what had hit him by the time we were 3-0 up at half time. Nor had Brucie Dropalot. "Three jewells from Newell" read the sports pages and Mick Newell had become rather a bit famous. The score ended up 4-1, all scousers looked a tiny bit embarrassed and Mr Dalglish didn't find the plastic too nice at all. Sod the scotch git.

LIVERPOOL - 1987 FA 3RD ROUND

BBC T.V. decided to screen this 3rd round match live, only because they suck up to Liverpool. At the end of 3 ties, sucking up to Liverpool was a rare thing. The first match was snowed under, so on came the orange fluorescent thingy. After a 0-0 draw, we went up to Anfield and amazingly come back with a 0-0 draw. So after we'd won the toss, the teams came back here for a third, and what was to prove, final match. Bruno gave us the lead with a superb free kick and goals from Hill and Harford (penalty) won us the tie 3-0. Brian Moore was speechless, Kenny Dalglish couldn't keep his mouth shut. Shame.

WIMBLEDON - 1988 (FA CUP SEMI)

Avoiding Liverpool and being drawn against Wimbledon was a godsend. The teams gathered at White Hart Lane. A few minutes after the break, Mick gave up the lead but shortly later Dennis Wise "Klinnsmanned" in the box and Fashanu equalized from the spot. 10 minutes from time and that dirty cheating git Wise, popped up and slid in what proved to be the winner. The wankers from Wimbledon had humbled the hatters.

ARSENAL - 1988 (LITTLEWOODS CUP FINAL)

A month after the Wimbledon tragedy, Luton actually made it through to a cup final. In my eyes, this (though certainly not in the eyes of gunners fans) was the best cup final of the 80's. Bruno gave us a brilliant early lead. Then two goals in three minutes near the end virtually ended Luton's hopes of a major trophy in 104 years. 10 minutes from time, "Cocky Rocky" Rocastle done another Klinnsman in the box; fooled there ref. Dibble fooled everyone with a tremendous penalty save. 2 minutes later - Wilson equalizes. 14 seconds from time - we've won the cup!

NORWICH CITY - 1989 (H)

The beginning of the Houdini acts. Needing only a win, however large or small, would keep us up. Midway through the first half, we get ourselves a penalty. Wilson cocks up. Midway through the 2nd half, we somehow earn ourselves a second penalty. Why Danny Wilson was elected to take it after cocking number one up is a mystery. Anyway, he knocks it in, we stay up, waiting for the new season.

MANSFIELD 1990 - LITTLEWOODS CUP 2ND ROUND

5 years since 7 goals were scored at Kenilworth Road and along comes Mansfield. After taking the first leg 4-3 away from home, a goal feast was on the cards. We won 7-2, Lars netted his first hatrick for the club, Preecey managed to net one, as well as Tumble Dreyer. A Mansfield bloke scored a corker from outside the area, another beat Chamberlain, who was dancing around in his "D", silly man.

DERBY - 1990 (A)

Only the combination of a win by us away at the Baseball ground and a defeat at home to Sheffield Wednesday by Notts Forest would keep us up. We started off brilliantly, Timmy Breaker steering a 35 yarder past the bewildered shilts, Black added a second 20 minutes later. By half time, we'd allowed them to level themselves. 68th minute, Black nets the winner, and poor sods Wednesday ge:

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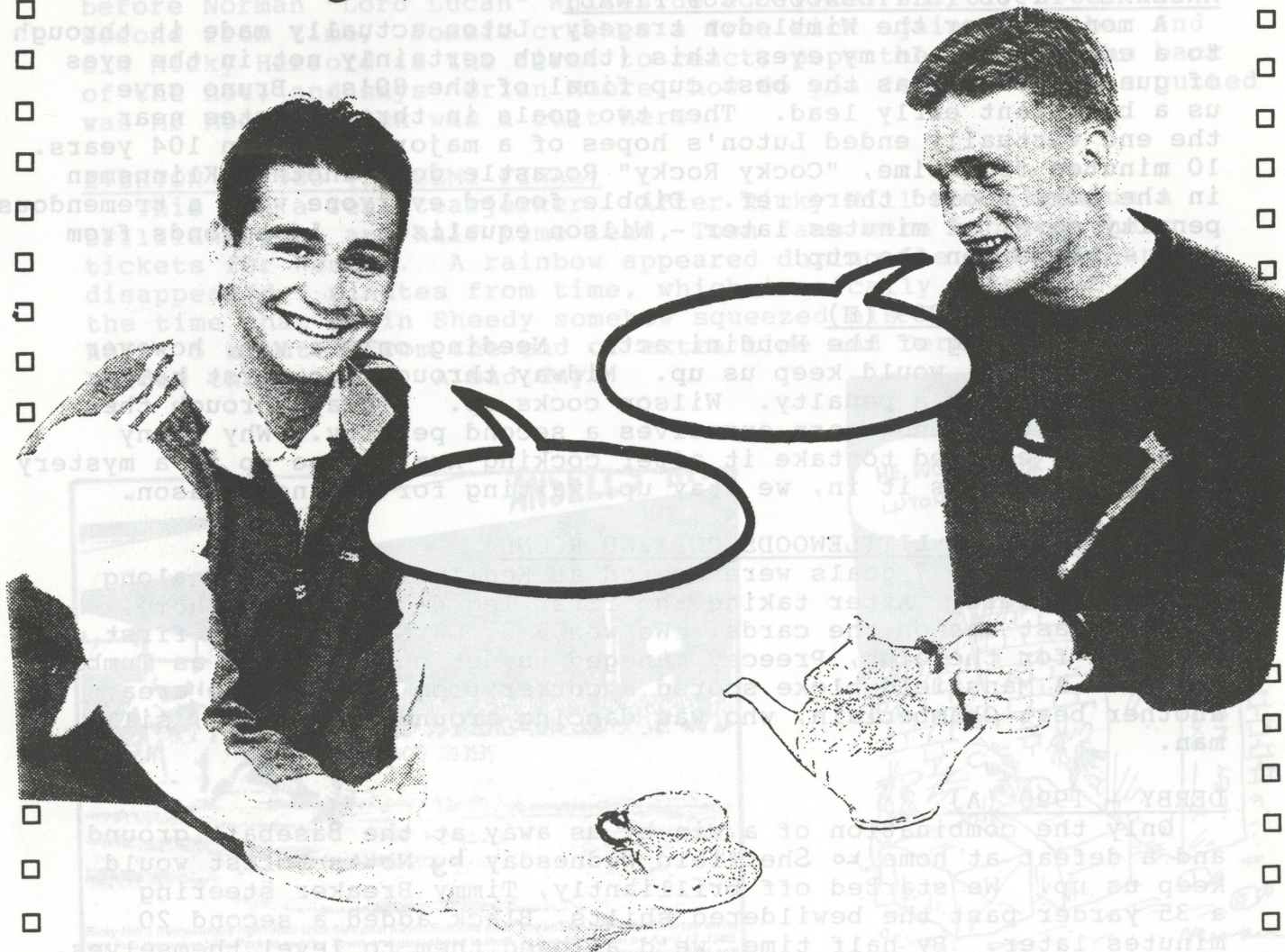
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A SIGNED ★ PHOTO ★ OF WAYNE TURNER

In each issue we'll be giving away a fabulous signed photo of Wayne to whoever sends us the wittiest idea for our caption. This month's caption - tell us what Ceri and Pembo could be saying. Closing date: 8/9/92

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beaten by Forest, 3-0. I'll always remember the T.V. cameras picking up a young supporter from Sheffield Wednesday who was balling his eyes out after he'd discovered we'd won.

LIVERPOOL 1991 (H)

All eyes were on Liverpool after the shocking resignation of Dalglish the day before. In stepped Ronnie Moran who didn't have much to party about afterwards. Liverpool took an early lead through a penalty, swept in by their Danish Pastry Molby. Shortly after the interval, Black headed in a rare goal and the Town took over. Our Danish counterpart, Lars set up Dowie for two well taken goals to give us a 3-1 victory over the reigning League champs. We'd beaten Liverpool again.

WIMBLEDON - 1991 (H)

Mysterious is it not, that Wimbledon F.C. could even figure in a handful of moments to remember in footballing terms. Well, we're not talking football here anyway, we're now talking Taikwon Do. A totally naff match was suddenly brought to life when Fash tackled Beaumonts head, 6 feet off of the ground, with absolutely no intention of playing the ball. As well as a sending off incident, the flying kick warranted some kind of ban, but after some delayed talking with the ref and linesman (who was standing right next to the incident), Fash was found not guilty, managed to stay on the pitch, and net the winner near the end. Is there any justice in this world I ask?

DERBY COUNTY - 1991 (H)

Needing yet another win on the last day of the season to ensure 1st division football for another year of hell, Derby were once again the opposition, this time, at our place.

We had shot after shot, but weren't surprised to be at 0-0, with Farrell leading the attack. A few minutes from the break and Harford gave us the lead, neatly flicking Rees free kick over the head of his own keeper. Great goal son. Two minutes after the break and Lars headed a decisive goal and ensured us of another, (but what proved to be, final) season in the top flight. To cap it all off, Jimmy Ryan earnt himself the sack. I bet he was pleased....

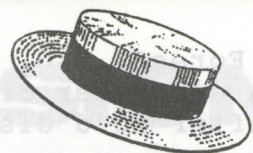
Other mentionable matches include the Liverpool match at Anfield in 1983 where we drew 3-3, and used 3 keepers, Jake Findlay, Kirk Stephens and Mal Donaghy, who each conceded a goal.

Can you remember the 1985 F A Cup match at home to Watford. We won 1-0, Wayne Turner the scorer?! Finally, last season, Liverpool at home. No goals to talk about but can you remember that miss from Dean Saunders. How did he miss that?

ONE EMPTY NET, ONE YARD OUT, EE AWW.

PREECE'S SHORTS





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OOH, IT'S REALLY GREAT
TO GET INVOLVED - AND
YOU CAN WEAR CRIMPOLENE
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"VOICE
OF THE
PREECEY WRITES..."

IT'S REALLY GOOD
HAVING TWO HEADS,
AND THESE PSYCHEDELIC
LOCKS ARE A REAL TREAT



Prizes
to be won

Dear Pam

Thank you for a lovely time
on Thursday at the football

from

David

FANS".....



MORE!

Dear Pam Gray,
Just a note to say how much my son Scott enjoyed his day out at
Luton Town F.C. yesterday. He had a really good time meeting all his
'heroes' and looking round the ground. He hasn't stopped talking
about it since he got home, and even slept with his autograph book
under his pillow.

I'm sure the day was a great success, and I'd like to thank you for
organising it.

Scott looks forward to more like this.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Oakes

If anyone can help, or has better ideas
Meet Committee Representatives after games

'I can't wait for the next time'
Pam Gray — Chairperson



LOYAL LUTON SUPPORTERS CLUB

Chairman: Tom Shanley . President: Alan Garner

After the disappointment of relegation last season after 10 years
in the top flight , a new season beckons for Luton Town. The bookmakers odds of
16/1 look tempting , as the current squad, to our minds , could run the
Championship close if the entire team was kept together for the whole of the
season. Unfortunately the current Board of Directors in their dealings in the
past couple of seasons, do not exactly inspire confidence. Many at the L.L.S.C.
can see a scenario where the team are doing well around Christmas time , and the
old chestnut about a shortage of money will be dusted off and brought into play
once again. This would probably result in the sale of some of our most promising
younger players , Telfer , Oakes , Salton etc.. A negative attitude possibly but
reading the form line who could blame us ?

There have been rumours that the Watson -Challis takeover deal fell
through due to 2 reasons. The first being that Kohler was asking a ridiculous
amount of money for the club, the second that he indeed wanted to stay on the Board.
If any of these statements are true ,and we stress that they are only rumours, then
if the past is anything to go by the club will continue to struggle and slide down
the League with this man at the helm. Hopefully during the season a proper Luton
Town supporter will take over and steady the ship , helping to turn things around.

Don't forget that we meet before and after every Saturday home game
and after every midweek game at the Brache Sparta football club at the top of
Dallow Road Luton. If you wish to join or come and see what we're about please
just pop along.

LOYAL LUTON SUPPORTERS MEMBERSHIP FORM.

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Membership fee £5.00 which includes badge and membership to the
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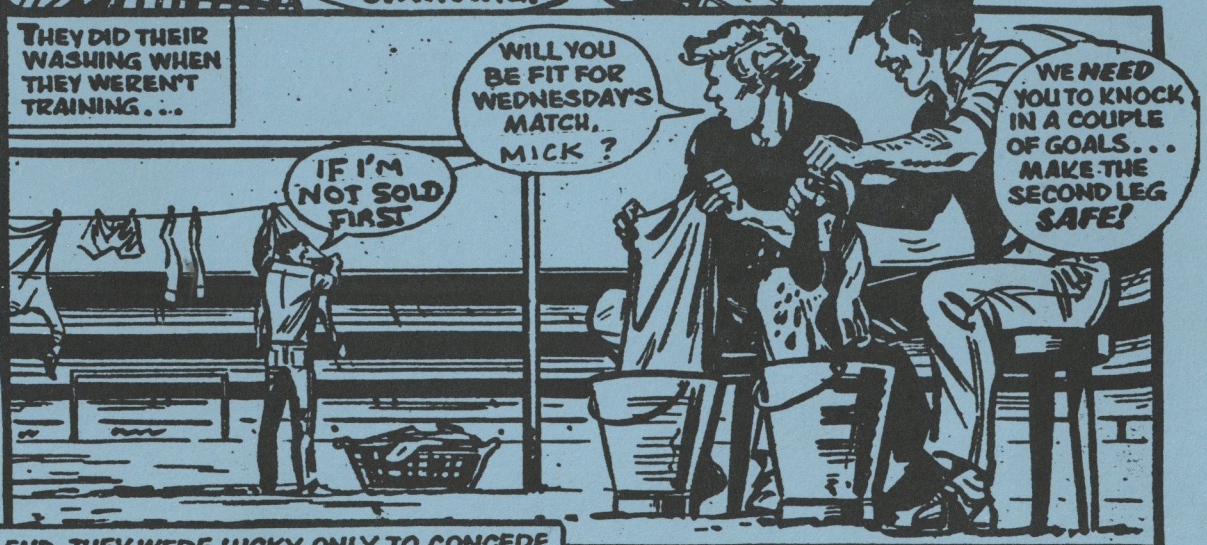
Cash Payments: To myself before and after every home match
at the Brache Club Dallow Road Luton.

Yours faithfully

N.J. Flack

Club Secretary.

What's
all this
then ??



SOUNDS FAMILIAR EH?