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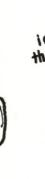
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MANY THANKS TO: All who have stuck by us this season. (Yet again

it is the same old tired faces). Thanks to all the players and staff for giving us all a run for our money this season and have made it "entertaining" to be a Luton Town fan. Thanks to "H", Pete Mernagh, Rob Roach, John Maher,

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A sad and sorry sight

When is a banner - not a banner? - Well this is not as much of a trick question as you would believe. In fact it is a question of principle, where one set of rules seem to apply, depending upon which side of the fence you sit.

It all has to do with the behaviour of people in the executive boxes. Remember the Charton game where the guests of the box closest to the Kenilworth Road Terrace were made to leave before the game finished? Yes you remember there were card board rectangles being held aloft by these people to spell "KOHLER OUT NOW". Now their demise, I was reliably informed was due to a clause in the contract of the hiring of the box. This stated that no banners or placards were allowed. When it was pointed out that there were none present and that only pieces of cardboard were; the police were called and the group were led from the ground.

So showing the usual high standards it was with great sadness that I witnessed the unfurling of a Wolves banner in box 17 (right next to the one where the previous incident took place). The banner was draped over the side and the overly excitable lads in the box were obviously trying to bring attention to it. They were also trying to cause merriment amongst the Kenilworth Road end by jeering and gesticulating in a most over the top manner. But were the steward "Stormtroopers" called in, was the presence of the police requested? I fear not, once again those in charge of Luton Town would far rather see a potential riot on their hands in order to be seen to be fair to away supporters. Yet I fear that the only losers in this one are those hard done by members of the Luton Action Group who have only succeeded in proving that the double standards of Luton Town F.C. mean that

As you can probably tell from the nervous disposition of the guy who sold you this issue, it's vital that we grab 3 points from this afternoon's match. The visit of Peterborough must end in a victory for us to ensure that it doesn't end up with us having to bite our nails for the umpteenth year in succession. It would be nice to visit Sarf'end next week in our band of ticket holders only without having the whole season hingeing on 90 minutes performance once again. Remember, we have seen both sides of the coin and would not wish that upon anyone else unless it's Cambridge, Brentford, Birmingham, Sunderland, etc etc, of course.

It has to be said that we have not performed too badly since our last edition. The inclusion of Kerry Dixon has been a Godsend. His ability may be in question but his presence has certainly helped Phil Gray's game. Someone extra to use as a foil for Gray's running, and the prodding and poking of Preece has been invaluable. The squad have held together nicely with the back four (well two of them anyway) being the basis of the side. Alec has shown us that it was right for him to come back as No.1 keeper and end a very humiliating 18 months for him seeing him back on top. We've seen great contributions from Marvin and Jesse in attacking forays and indeed have looked threatening every time the ball is filtered into the left channel. Our only problem has been getting back to cover once an attack has broken down. The midfield has been chopped and changed to fit around Preecy. It is true the guy makes the midfield tick, but he has every help from Shadwell Hughes, Rees, Oakes (hasn't he come on leaps and bounds!), Telfer, and the return of the nomad Kamara. Most of these put in 100% effort and determination and have brought back some of the style we expect to see in a Luton Town shirt, notably Mr. Kamara who delighted us all with his ferocious tackles, 20 foot sliders and sheer grit to stop the opposition playing. Upfront the inclusion of Williams to the strikeforce has ensured that we will one day have the talent to replace Oakes and Gray when they departoh, and what a goal

The reserves haven't performed badly. They had their season smashed in the cup quarter final but it has proved that the basis is there for the young blood to come through once again.

Off the field it has gone very quiet. Apart from a few digs by the Manager there has been no information filtered down about anything - player sales, player purchases, new ground, take-over bids - not a sausage. I would expect information to be made available about some of these points soon but wouldn't hold my breath. It seems that either this is the calm before the storm (i.e. something big is going to happen) or that nothing is taking place ... yet I find that hard to believe. I wonder if it is all avaiting the result of next week's game?

Don't forget that you can join in the great beach party down at Southend with string vests, hankies, shorts or rolled up trousers, and sunglasses the order of the day. We must organize a can-can, conga and the hokey cokey for half time to ensure that Roots Hall at least gets some decent entertainment this Season, Ha! Ha!

I hope you enjoy this crammed packed edition of D. Pleated as much as the regular crew have enjoyed putting it together. I'm sorry about some of the features but I wanted to put as much into it as possible and found turning the pages to landscape to be the best way to include everything. Don't forget to fill in the Poll of Polls as there is a genuine chance to win a Town shirt - this is not a hoax, the players deserve your support and here's your chance to prove it.

So its off to sunny Essex next week, lets hope that the backing at today's game will mean that next week's result is unnecessary.

Get behind the team and see you next Season.



HOME SWEET HOME

Well another season ends with still no response to our plea's for where will the new ground will be. It maybe that we will be advised during the close season or it may be that we will never be told for you can never be sure of the announcements coming from the club these days.

If it is to be expected that our short term future is to be at Kenilworth Road then there are surely a number of things that need to be addressed to ensure that we can rival other clubs that we are to meet in the next season. You can expect some of these to be as ludicrous as you would always hear from me, yet there are others that you would perhaps wish for yourself.

Here we go then:-

1) Season Ticket/Admission Charges

Now I know that we had a cut price season this year in order for us to attract the public to the games. It was obvious that we still had the hardcore 6,500 but with big games and the following that visiting sides brought that figure could swell to 10,000. Not bad for a tinpot club eh? The revenue from admission would obviously have been reduced for this season.

In order for us to remain viable, it would seem clear that a price increase should be the aim this year. I for one would not complain. The entertainment has been high, the laughs never ending, the skill factor unique and above all for a £1 per game extra I would prefer to see quality players stay in the side than be told there is a threat of losing our valuable assets. I know that this would not necessarily guarantee us the services of these players, but if we could see the money being used wisely then surely no one can grumble. I know some will argue that the recession is still biting deep into the pocket and I cannot disagree, but surely people would be happy to pay to see their money being used constructively (almost like a mini-shareholder)

2) Car Parking

Many people travel to the game by car. A lot of away supporters also travel in this way. Apart from the select few we have to park on the road, to the dismay of many a local house-owner. Whilst sympathizing with their plight I have to say that it is not easy to park anywhere at the moment whether you approach from the Dunstable Road end, the Town Centre side (even though there are car parks there) the Dallow Road side, or even behind Bury Park itself.

If the council are as committed as they say they are in helping us find a new home (and who are we to disbelieve them?), then surely they could do something to help us in the short term. The club could also help by possibly talking with local enterprises to ask for permission to use their premises as car parks. The Gibbs & Dandys on Dallow Road, Sainsburys in Bury Park Road and various other sites (the St Marys club in Westbourne Road, the Conservative Club etc. etc.) could charge a nominal sum and make something for their trouble. It must be worth a go to ease the policing outside of grounds, (for if you know where people are going to be you can adequately supervise them), and ease the congestion outside the ground.

3) Membership Cards

Are we going to get rid of these? We still have to run the gauntlet of accessing the ground through the 2 sets of turnstiles at the Kenilworth Road end. It should be time to stop this as we are out of tune with the majority of clubs.

4) Facilities

You can't cater for 8,000 people every week and expect to get it right every time can you? I mean toilets, refreshments, furniture etc all need a lot of work to maintain quality and ensure that all are happy. I would like to see an introduction of a bar behind the stands. I'm sure that the money that this could generate would keep the club happy (as long as Ceri and Grayboy don't drink during the game we should be alright). Is there any merit in adding a bookies so that along with a drink a bloke could have a flutter on the days result and a spin on a few horses?

Anyway - the basic idea was to get people to come to the ground early to spend their money - rather than down any other establisment

- thoughts gentlemen please!!!

5) Prematch - Half Time Entertainment

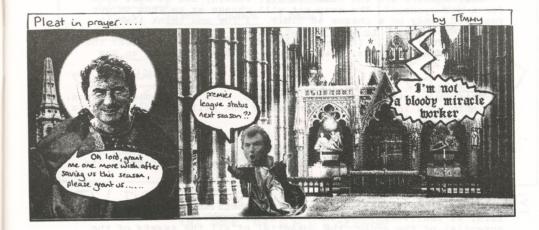
This is a dodgy one as I know we've had stuff in the past (remember the Christmas carolers and the leaders sponsor day etc) but it has been rather hit and miss. There are a lot of people who arrive at the ground at about 2 o'Clock, but if we could attract more to the game through the measures in point (4) surely it would be worthwhile.

We don't even have to fork out a load of dosh if we don't want to. Looking at our own facilities we could use the junior hatters to stage a 5 a-side game on the pitch for 20 minutes (weather permitting) against our opponents supporters club. Lets face it the lads already play a full scale game in the morning, what better than to play in front of a crowd just prior to the big game. We could use one of our players everyweek in a ball juggling exercise and have a rolling total to see who's the best, with a prize for the winner. We could have John Smylie do a karaokee spot for us with members from the crowd guesting each week. At half time we could ask the junior hatters to have a penalty shoot out competition or a soccer dribbling race against their counterparts.

Then there's the obvious of hiring some talent to come and entertain the troops. The Luton area has a lot of good bands who would love to entertain 8,000 fans, what about it? Local celebrities from either side could come along and gee the fans

up.

I don't know about you but we need to be seen to be doing something not only to keep the fans we have, but to attract more people as well. For little outlay, and a lot of organizing we could have a reputation for treating the customer to a great load of entertainment, and the football. Get bums on seats lads!!



6)Policing/Stewarding

If you've got nothing to hide then you can't get found out can you? That's what we're always told, so what about these 2 then? To be fair the policing and stewarding at the ground is excellent on the whole. Not too officious, not too condescending, not too much strong arm tactics, not too much authority going to many peoples heads. Yet why is it that on certain occasions, certain individuals have to abuse the position that they have been granted. There aren't many "hooligans" (to coin a phrase) at Luton, no pitch invasions, no fighting, no scuffles etc. so why oh why have we had a bad relationship with these people? We've all been told to keep off the yellow gangways, to move out of the walkways, are we sitting in the right seat, etc. etc.. I know you've got a job to do - and number 1 must be public safety... but there must be some sort of public relations exercises to be learnt here lads. The majority have learnt... what about the

One big gripe (and I know its not the police's fault) and that is why it costs so much to police the ground compared to other clubs? I know that there are certain regulations but these must be well out of line when you consider a) the number of fans attending and b) the type of team and away support we have been receiving at Kenilworth Road.

The club are obviously as pissed off as me, yet I dare you to count the number of stewards/police at todays game, and don't you dare stop after 50.

7 The Pitch

Remember the 91/92 season, there was no problem, no rutting, no marks, no lumps ah... and no rain. So here we were in 92/93 with deep shit on the pitch (and no I'm not talking about some of the early performances). To be fair the club did receive a lot of praise for last seasons pitch, yet their skimping on acquiring top class soil as they were advised by En tout Cas, they decided to go for the cheaper clay impregnated stuff. Result... lack of drainage through the two-tiered mesh system. Sort it out.

8) The Scoreboard.... Aaaaaaaaghhhh Enough said, but it did work early season, perhaps that part went for a shit again. (You know the one we had to buy from America).

9) The Kit

Well rumours are the home kit will remain; but at what cost for a new sponsor? The away kit will change as we know so get your £32 handy or a cheque to D.M.F. I for one think that it is cool and trendy to wear the shirt out, but not trendy to change the kit every year. Its good business no doubt, but pisses the fans off none the less. Still at least its not as bad as Man Utd eh?!!

10) The Team

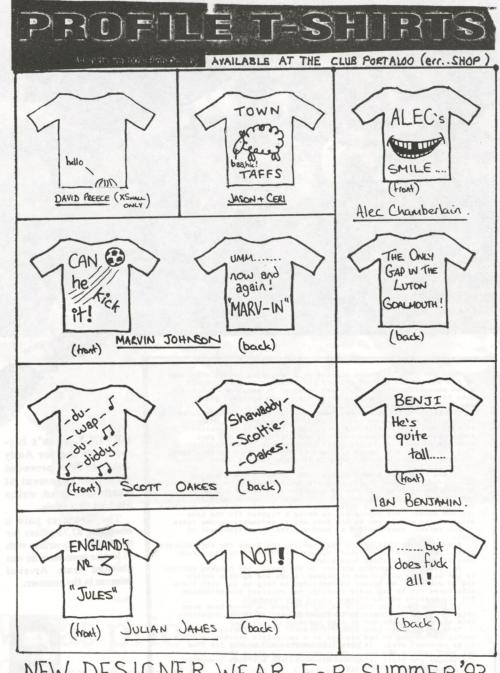
Keep it together; add strong members, (ooh err) I mean players, be lucky with injuries, get the run of the ball and build on this end of season form.

11) The Manager

Is given the freedom to do what he wants with his squad, sticks with his morals (even if \underline{we} don't agree) has the courage of his convictions and is lucky.

12) The Board

Realize where this club wants to be both short term and long term, at Kenilworth Road and A.N. Other venue. Can utilize the potential of the squad, the potential of all the assets of the business, treat the fans fairly and above all have the interests of the football club at heart.



NEW DESIGNER WEAR FOR SUMMER'93



When the 1991/92 season started on a beautiful August afternoon we had everything to look forward to; or so it seemed. We had a new manager, a new pitch, a new stand to be proud of, a new home kit, (although the away strip was as the previous year) and a new striking partner for Brian Stein.

For those of us at the West Ham game and the subsequent games at Coventry and at home to Liverpool, it was our first chance to view Phil Gray. With his swept black hair, his chisselled features, and boyish good looks it was difficult to see what made him such a star in the Spurs reserve side. To be fair to Phil, it took him a couple of games to find his feet in the first division but only a few minutes to find the face of Steve McMahon of Liverpool.

It was from that moment that we knew we had a superstar on our hands (or elbows as the case may be) and with each appearance his confidence grew. It was no surprise then to see him score his first goals for the Hatters. Strikes against Birmingham and Notts County quickly followed as did his call up to the Northern Ireland squad. His reputation as being a fighter (in the true sense of the word) came to the fore and as defenders became aware of his infamy, they decided to hand out their own treatment of

Remember that this rookie was fighting off Bruno for the Strikers shirt, but due to injury which was sustained early in the season Phil lapsed from a first team place.

We missed his bouncing strides on the field, his hanging ability in the air, the subtle use of elbows, studs and spittle during the 90 minutes. We looked to Pembridge to help us out with these attributes but he was sadly lacking, yet received the attention for his passing and battling.

If it were not for Phil's injury I'm sure he would have been able to put in performances that would have led to his departure from the club at the end of last season

This year things have been different. After leading the line mostly on his own he had emerged as a recognized striker, a force to be reckoned with. It certainly started off poorly for Phil but boy, look at him now. The commitment is still there, the challenges are still late, the diving in the box less frequent but yes - he is our Phil Gray.

For how much longer is the question, but whatever the answer it has been a privilege to see him learn his trade in the bargain basement of the football leagues.

Good luck Phil and thanks for those memories.

KEVIN Keegan's bigmoney swoop for Andy Cole will have provoked plenty of argument at Kenilworth Road, writes Michael Weinstein.

The Geordies paid a whopping £1,75million for the Bristol City striker with 11 league goals since he was plucked from Arsenal reserves in the summer.



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One Darren Salton

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road to recovery.

For Darren and for those present it was an emotional reunion. Here we had a young man who was possibly the hottest property in the under-21 Scottish side. Whose youthful looks belied the great talent and potential that would have taken him easily to the full Scottish side. Lets face it we were looking at a future legend.

Darren must be the first to admit that he must

Darren must be the first to admit that he must owe his life to the fitness he possessed and his own incredible determination and resolve to not only walk again, but to want to play again. His strength, courage and conviction should make all our worries crumple into insignificance. This belief in himself must have also been enhanced by the staff at Addenbrooks the visitors to his bed and from the good wishes of all. But you can only make things happen if you want them to happen.

We can learn about ourselves from looking at Darren Salton, and wish continued success that may one day see him grace the shirt of Luton Town in the not





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. put mistal So don't forget to get those swimming trunks out and stuff those tissues down the front (after you've taken them out of the box you dick head). We'll see you down there, if we get the ligths working. That's May the 8th then at 3pm down the Wardown Leisure Centre, Bath Road, Luton.... Oh shit, everyone's going to be at Southend to see if we can survive the drop... Pete... put those torches away, I think we've made a big mista

You've got to admit that this goes a long way to rectify the shambles that was last years event. The fancy dress just didn't work especially when Kurt Nogan came dressed as a footballer and Steve Thomson took the award for the best player of the season. For those of you who wondered what happened to the promised guest appearance of Chris Kamard, we are led to believe that he was somewhere "Oop North" as he couldn't stand living in the softie South.

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ng "Hatters, our only copy A promise that we won't be playing "Hat Hatters, what a great team, coz our onl was smashed at the last do.

A special "baywatch" section for all yo who like seeing flesh in bikini's (thaif we can talk my mate Pete's 13 year o into doing the business).

And the highlight as we sit around the and choose who exactly was the best pla

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cucumber some cheese straws and two rounds of cucumber sandwiches with the crusts cut off). At least 2 girls in attendance!! (I more than The promise of I Town than s of off 5)

A real disco with two turntables this year and the prospect of having stereo output.

The promise of a karaokee attachment if we run out of things to discuss (as long as we don't let Phil Gray sing).

A unique lightshow (well if you call me and my mate Pete turning a couple of torches on and off pretty quickly a lightshow).

A running buffet (my mum says that she will

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d go off following what better place to hold it than the Wardown Let Centre. It's a pity that the outside pool just isn't up to standard but the event should go off with a splash as the event can boast the followihighlights:-

Wes, that never to be forgotten experience of meeting like minded individuals and the chance to sip weak shandy whilst discussing football related topics has come round again. After the first seasons success down the telephone kisok at the bottom of the Oak Road to the glam surroundings of the Brewery Tap last year the event has reached a newer

week!! next 1s party season Of The

Get those gladrags on, get the old 78's handy take out that pack of condoms from your bedside cabinet (you know - the ones you haven't opened and is dusty as hell) and get your flares out of the wardrobe.

pool Twisting

FROM CLUBCAI MORE

to the Luton Town soccer line, the official voice of Lutrow Football Club, and remember folks everytime you ring in you'll hear my tinny voice reminding you that you've wasted 30p of your valuable money in telling you that this is Trevor Peake.....

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Ahhem - so there you have it. David Pleat refing on Saturdays game and spending another 30p of your money by going over the same thing twice, and looking forward to pulling it around for the next game this Saturday.

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"And what about conceding a goal?" CLICK

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Saturdays painful showing and we speak to David Pleat
about how we can pull ourselves around for this weeks game

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So that's it from the Luton Town soccerline, don't forget to ring in tomorrow to spend another £1.30 of your bosses phone bill to see if we actually have anything of interest and possibly understand what John Moore has to say. Lets hope we can pull it round for this weeks game, until then...keep spendir the money CLICK.
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ust admit that it was painful to again to another defeat, but there's do to ensure that we can pull ourselves game". "Yes well I must adn watch us struggle again plenty for us to do to around for this weeks g





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After a few minutes of marking a gangley youth without too many hassles, I noticed a switch in the style of our opponents line up. Yes, the enigmatic personal problem of the style of our opponents line up. Yes, the enigmatic personal problem of our opponents line up. Yes, the enigmatic personal problem of our opponents line up. Yes, the enigmatic personal problem of our our opponents me and took up his position giving me a few threatening looks. Now Kerry was a legend at his tender age of 18 and already a prolific goalscorer. Dunstable Town stalwarts would be eager to tell you about his exploits, about this strapping 6 foot 2 inch blond lad who could find the back of the net with ease.

Suffice to say I was torn apart by the burly centre forward come winger. He outpaced me - (yes I know you can't believe it looking at him now) he out jumped me at crosses and corners, he simply blew me away with his power and agression. We lost, Dixon got four goals, made me look stupid and to make matters worse I got extra training and press ups for coming a dejected last in the final sprint shuttles after the game. What a disgrace.

To add insult to injury I later found out that Kerry's name had been passed on to Reading Football the could be a scout at they gas is history. Kerrys goalscoring exploits never left him. Goals galore for Reading (so what if they were in division 3) goals galore for Chelsea, and there were some beauties weren't there and then a shock move to Southampton.

I've got to admit I'm not his biggest fan, but from what we've already seen of the big man he's got what if takes in this division, easily. He really is acting as the foil for phil Gray by taking the big central defender away from Grayboy and giving him the space and thme to look for his flick-ons. He does get his head to some important balls and he can also put a bit of muscle which has been so adly missing into our attack.

I've got defined the second in the club. So how's about it Kerry? - I think thats 2 drinks set for a deal here. le) style.
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asked to attend a tra side Dunstable Town. final the previous se thought that I had be Was in a hectic a training sessi ing session at the local had played there in a cup on for my schools side and session period the when Was

time I know it's true as I was actually there. I can claim a big part in the rise (and subsequent fall) of our beloved Kerry Dixon. I don't really want to brag about it as I really come out of this looking like a complete arse but tell it I must, it is my duty and even Mr Dixon could relive it with us.

SPEEDIE ON DIXON ever played alongside" He's the best player I've

final the previous season for my schools side and thought that I had been called there on merit. I found out later that this was a load of balls and was only due to the fact that my dad knew Brendon McNally the newly appointed Dunstable manager, and he had managed to swindle it for me.

Still, with youthfull optimism bursting to the fore and thinking that I really had made it, I changed with the rest of the assembled motely crew and old hands that had stayed at the club despite the old manager securing the services of some of those that had played for him the previous season.

The training was hard but comfortable for my low you may ask?) and I thought I was coping well.

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Where's The Surgeon now?

Well I'm sure you all have a copy of our now famous 7" single (which is now deletedand very hard to get hold of, apparently). But what about **The Surgeon** - the producer responsible for that cool dance sound? Well, he's now recording under the name **D-Code** and has a brilliant CD / double 12" / cassette out at the moment called the "Odyssey EP" and it's currently riding high in the dance charts. Including a mix by Justin Robertson, there are an assortment of tracks on the EP, going through ambient, atmospheric stuff through to some knockout dancefloor mixes and even a powerful acid track. And this time around, it's available exclusively from Our Price, who are obviously making up for not stocking our "D.Pleated" single.

Incidently, if you want to get hold of the "D.Pleated" single, The Surgeon has just found the last remaining box in his studio (which is moving to Camden) so while stocks last you can get one of these few remaining copies by filling in the special form below.

Meanwhile, watch out for a promo 12" D-C Jesus Jones. And watch the value of your raisingle soar in the coming months. (Probably) 12" D-Code rare "Surgeon" mix

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MESSAGE SCOREBOARD SEASON LUTON OF FROM THE END

The Town public relations officer neither confirmed or denied the attendance of the players but this writer can confirm that whilst at the bar on Saturday night he was approached by a leggie girl with beautiful hair. Thinking that I was going to be on a score I offered to buy her a drink. "Piss off mate" came the gruff reply "but make mine another lager if you're offering - I've got to stay sober for another training session tomorrow morning". I thought nothing of it really until the bird told me her name was Kerry. coincidence or reality?!!



he Taylor Report

shock update

So you've haven't you? be blamed on Why o you've wondered why we're in this position n't you? Well this is one thing that cannot lamed on the board, in fact it should perhap make things healthier on the balance sheet. perhaps sheet.

who wants to play lower reaches of t bound to pull in m division we're bou Well we're bound to sell a few players now, play for a struggling team in the of the football league? We're also in more fans as if we drop down a e bound to be near the top of it and des attract a lot of attention (isn bound n in the We're also

division we're bound to be near the top of it and successful sides attract a lot of attention (isn't that what we thought this season?)

And we will obviously save ourselves a lot of money from not having to comply with the Taylor report. You know the one where all Premier & 1st division sides have to turn their stadium into all seater. Lets face it; if we're not careful there's no way we're going to have to comply with that one is there.

I can hear the bank breathe a sigh of relief.



SKIDHOPPARGRAND 3 AS WE DO SORGIVIST LOVES DURING THE SEASON TO THE FORGET HEY -DON'T THE CLOSE MAD SWEDE TO WRITE MARTIN

SWEDEN





No more fears for the lads as they frequent the Tap, Legends, Chicago's and Skyline. The new proprietor can assure utmost confidentiality and supply a host of hair pieces to fit most shaped heads, and supply a range of hosiery and close fitting numbers to transform even the most hunky of centre-forwards into a voluptuous vision.

At a pre-opening display a bevy of Town beauties were seen sporting the latest fashions and wigs.

But can you see any similarities between the figures below and any regular Town stars?

Luton Town star can rest assured that their every need can be catered for when they visit "Chez Wiggy" the new selective wig salon opening up in the Town No mark for the contract of the Town of the form of the

Morried about going out on the town on a Saturday night? Concerned about being spotted whilst down the local disco? Don't want to worry about macho men recognizing you in the pub and wanting to pick a fight with you?

Well your fears are over. Every discerning

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DEAR BASTARD/WANKER/MR KOHLER

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PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED MY MONEY/MY TEARS/MY GENITALS TO RENEW SEASON TICKET/PACEMAKER BATTERIES/ANTI-ACID PILLS/CONDOM SUBSCRIPTION.

IT HAS BEEN ANOTHER WONDERFUL/PAINFUL/ARSEHOLE OF A SEASON. WITH US ONLY SELLING ONE/A HANDFUL/OUR BEST PLAYERS FOR PRICES/NO REASON/TO SATISFY YOUR EGO.

I CANNOT BELEIVE YOUR STILL THERE/WEWILLSTAY UP/WE WERE SO CONSISTENTLY AS FOR ALL THE EFFORT YOU PUT INTO THE CLUB IT IS NOW IN HEALTHY/PRECARIOUS/DODGY/SUICIDAL POSITION. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO LEAVE/STAY/CARRY ON THE GOOD WORK/MARRY YOUR GIRLFRIEND/COMMIT SUICIDE.

I KNOW I MUST BE MAD/SUICIDAL TOO/INSANE BUT PLEASE ACCEPT MY CASH/CHEQUE/BOOT/DRUGS TO PAY FOR THE RENEWAL OF SEAT/CLAPPED OUT BIT OF PLASTIC BEHIND THE STAUNTION PYLON)/CRAMPED STANDING POSITION FOR ANOTHER SEASON OF PREMIER/FIRST/SECOND DIVISION FOOTBALL.

I ACCEPT THAT YOU MAY HAVE TO SELL PLAYERS/COCK UP THE CLUB/SIT IN ORDER FOR THE CLUB TO CARRY ON/STRUGGLE/GO BUT MY PAYMENT MEANS THAT I HAVE FAITH IN THE CLUB/YOUR DECISION MAKING/YOUR ABILITY TO MAKE IT WORSE.

I HOPE THAT THIS FINDS YOU IN GOOD HEALTH/HOSPITAL/THE MORGUE AND THAT YOU CAN DO ALL YOU CAN TO MAKE NEXT SEASON A ONE THAN THE LAST TWO/A SHORT LIVED ONE FOR YOURSELF.

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VASECTOMY SNIP

DH! THEM GOLDE SLIPPERS

It's award time again and what better way of showing your appreciation to the guys on the park by voting at today's game.

After the lucrative BAFTA awards and the impressive oscar ceremony; the let down over the P.F.A. awards and the Golden Boot awards, D.P. lets you vent your anger by voting for the

! COMFY SLIPPER AWARD!

This award has been sponsored by "Meals On Wheels" and should be awarded to the player that you consider the most likely candidate to hang up their boots and retire at the end of this season. Criteria for judging the award can be at your discretion but as a quick taster these pointers should be borne in mind.

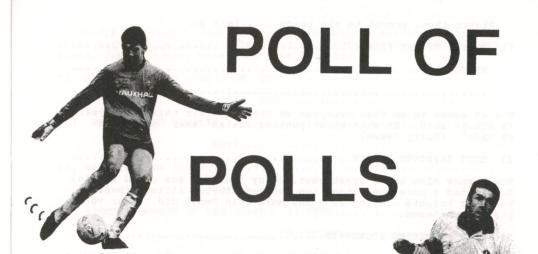
- 1) Would the candidate play better in these slippers than football boots?
- 2) Could the candidate benefit from a hot meal every day?
- 3) Would a zimmer frame be a handy attribute for the candidate?
- 4) Would your choice look good with a blue rinse on alternate wednesdays rather than playing snooker down the coral club with the lads?

Remember its your votes that count, and you'll be given your chance to vote at half time just prior to the teams coming back on the field. If you shout the name of your candidate loudly just as the players re-enter the field we could have our winner before the second half starts.

DO NOT BE FOOLED - LAST YEARS WINNER; A MR B STEIN HAS ALREADY MADE US EAT OUR WORDS BY HAVING A MARVELLOUS SEASON AT MR BARRY FRYS CRAZY CIRCUS AT BARNET.

PLAY YOUR PART IN SALVAGING A CAREER.





1992/93

yet another award ceremony mate, in a BAFTA -tastic type of way

A charity function for the underpriviledged at L.T.F.C.

Can you believe it? The year has rolled by once again and it's time to cast your memory back over the collective tragedies and misfortunes of another season. Back in the annuls of history are the moments we like to forget (err...we can't forget Bristol City at home, Oxford away, Grimsby home etc.) and the good fortunes we've had, on our travels.

Remember the loan players situation (remember we had our fair share of outgoings as well as the two that came in), remember the demonst tions against the running of the club, remember who Chris Kamara was? It was a season where we had a club record equalled, the season where we had the lowest number of professionals signed on for an awful long time, a season we sold 2 strikers and nearly a third and a season where we still had no scoreboard

to speak of.

As you look back through your diaries or wall charts to recall these memories I'd ask you to fill in your choices for the various categories detailed below. Don't forget to photocopy a few for your mates as they'd be pretty pissed off if you didn't let them vote for the ultimate accolade of the year. As an extra incentive we're offering each participant to enter a free draw to win their choice of club shirt or equal goodies from the club shop. (I can hear you all drooling at the thought of being decked out in the new away strip and being the envy of all your mates). For this purpose do not miss out on adding your name and telephone number.

Righto then, pencil to the readylets go
1) PLAYER OF THE YEAR
REASONS
Now it seems to me that everyone we choose to win this every year is always sold. So what about putting Julian James name down eh lads? (Sorry Jesse)
2) MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
Now I know Alec had a great year, Johny "Tumble" was solid (again) Scotty had a more consistent run out and Grayboy lifted himself to newer heights - which is a lot more than Benji did. Your votes please gentlemen.
3) MOST PROMISING YOUNGSTER
We've had to call on their collective resources quite a bit this year but don't just confine yourself to those on the fringes of the first team squad. The reserve and youth teams have had fine seasons too.
4) BEST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON
Now don't let your emotions get the better of you and say that any win over the scum from Vicarage Road would be the highlight of your year. Remember our away performances as well. The choice is yours.
5) THE WORST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON
Where to start really, check where you were on certain key dates and ask yourself why you weren't down the Arndale on those dates instead of at Kenilworth Road; Oakwell; The Manor Ground; St Andrews etc. etc.
6) BEST OPPONENTS OF THE SEASON
I know we've not had a lot of chance to dwell on this one but our record against the top 5 or 6 teams in the division hasn't been too bad (apart from Portsmouth). So go on try to tell me Derby were good, or Bristol City, or Grimsby - oh hell, this is a hard choice after all.
7) WORST OPPONENTS OF THE SEASON
Again, don't bring it down to the lowest common denominator and vote for W***ORD. This is a family fanzine. Try to think of a team that you saw play that just laid down and let us beat them this term. Aw shit!! I see your point lads.
8) BEST TOWN GOAL OF THE SEASON BY
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Yes if you recall even some of those painful defeats, we've still had some cracking goals. Benji, Marvin, Telf, Preecy, Grayboy, Dixon, James, Oaksy, We've had some beauties.
9) BEST OPPONENTS GOAL SEEN BY
FOR
10) BEST GROUND VISITED
WHY?
11) WORST GROUND VISIT
WHY?
12) BIGGEST DONKEY OF THE SEASON (1) TOWN
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13) WORST HAIRCUT (OR SHAVE) OF THE SEASON
14) MOST MEMORABLE INCIDENT AT KENILWORTH ROAD THIS YEAR
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16) DID YOU FEEL INFORMED ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON AT OUR CLUB.YES/NO WHAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE THIS?
17) DO YOU USE THE SOCCER LINE? a) Often b) Infrequently c) Never.
18) WHICH PLAYER WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SELL TO WATFORD AND WHY?
19) WHICH PLAYER WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE LUTON SIGN IF MONEY
WAS NO OBJECT

20)	WHICH IS YOUR IDEAL STARTING LINE U	P FOR THE TOWN THIS SEASON		
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21) LOOK AROUND THE OTHER DIVISIONS. WHAT WOULD BE A GREAT TEAM OF EX-TOWN PLAYERS STILL DOING THE BUSINESS.				
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22)	HAVE YOU ENJOYED THIS SEASON			
a) more than last year b) Not totally c) Its better than shopping on a Saturday d) Other				
23)	DO YOU VISIT THE REFRESHMENT KIOSKS? YES/NO			
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25)	WE"VE HAD A FEW LAUGHS THIS SEASON. MOMENTS?	WHAT WERE YOUR FUNNIEST		
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Well thanks very much for your time and trouble and don't forget the draw for the football shirt. The closing date will be mid June so that should give enough time for the new kits to be made, but they probably won't be available in the shops until Christmas. If you have any other ideas for the fanzine don't forget to jot them down and lump it all together for the price of a first/second class stamp.

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1988-The Aftermath

or who we let go

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PRESENT CLU

MICK HARFORD

\$485,000
(Brought for £325,000
but sold for

Mighty Mick is an asset to any club, but at Luton "asset" was an understatement. Won almost everything in the air, great touch on the ground and well... an asset. Proved a bargain buy for Chelsea, before a lean spell set in. Rumour did circulate that he might have been on his way back as "player manager". Yet left Chelsea to join his home town, Sunderland so we should have the grazes to prove it as you read this.

ROY WEGERLE £1,000,000 COVENTRY

Sold to QPR, and was playing for Big Jack's lads, Wegerle was masterfully skilful. Possessed amazing touches and control, we couldn't believe that a player of his quality was playing at our club. He cost us £70,000, yeah, a steal and now he's worth 2 million. Now known as "Roy Of The Rovers", and still a wonderfully class player, but covener could be his long term Stay.

MIKE NEWELL £5 00,000 BLACKBURN

As with Luton players, Newell was class. Classier he is now than when he was playing for us, but, he looked class. Scored many goals for ourselves and we won't forget his hat trick against Liverpool in 1986. 4-1 was the score. Never hardly got into any trouble. Amazing to think that he and Wegerle spearheadd Backburn's attack (without Shearer)

DAVID OLDFIELD £600,000 LEICESTER CITY

Yet another player, who, at Luton, seemed an average player, but now seems to have come on enormously. We always have had the habit of producing decent strikers, and David, I thought, was decidely average, but did have that bit of pace that we have never really had upfront.

However, £600,000 for a player of 23 is not a bad bargain, especially for the bloke from the inland revenue.

MARK PEMBRIDGE £1.25 million DERBY COUNTY

To produce a player of this quality through the club is an achievement by any standards. Mark had pace, guile, tenacity and the determination that made him a winner. Consistency was his middle name, and he and Preecey complimented each other so well. But, the fact remains, he was the little bastard who kicked us out of the F.A. Cup....

KINGSLEY BLACK

£1.5 million

NOTTS FOREST

Quite a skilful player, but, and I think the majority of us would agree, was enormously overrated. We've never really had any left sided wingers, apart from old Dave Moss, Kingsley's been the only one since. Possessed a lot of talent, but similar to a Mr Oakes, never really showed his true potential.

In fact, very similar to Scottie, Kinglsey was afraid to take on players, something a winger should be able to do. But, a nice big cheque from Cloughie anyway.

LARS ELSTRUP

£buggered off SOME BANK

O.K, so he pissed off back to Lurpakland, but Lars was an excellent player. I can remember the first few games he played, he looked pretty useless, and quotes of "You Danish Pastry" were heard around the terraces. But after adapting to the game, Lars was a revelation. Remembered Best for his shooting and lightning pace (can you remember at the City around two season ago, he outpaced Walker for 50 yards before slotting home), we had the "Lars Laugh" over many other teams.

- IAIN DOWIE

£585,000(?)

SCUMHAMPTON

What can we say about Mr Ugly? Anyway is he that ugly? I dunno, but he did score a fair few goals for us. He always tried 100 per cent and often won a large majority of balls with his head. Who can forget his last minute goal in 1990 v Crystal Palace to keep us up?

Enough of the compliments, piss off you lanky piece of shite.

MARK STEIN

£300,000 STOKE CITY

When I first saw him, aged about 6 then, he looked shite. After 2 years, he was whipping defenders asses. Possessing the ability to run between defenders legs, Mark was indeed a problem for the most accomplished of defenders. Very quick, with an eye for goal, QPR decided enough was enough and paid us £300 grand for his services. Rather like his elder brother, Brian, don't you think? (Fair enough, I'm no Bernard Manning)

BRIAN STEIN

FREE

BARNET ??!!

Will always be remembered for his match winning performance at Wembley in 1988. Brian was the cornerstone of the side during the 80's. Why he left for free after his cup final feat, was slightly, a surprise to many. When we heard he was coming back, we all got rather excited. Sadly, he didn't really excite us. making Trevor Peake look fast, Brian just couldn't adapt to the ultra quick premier leaque game. We were lucky to get a free from Barnet for him.

MATTHEW JACKSON

£600,000 EVERTON (& other bonuses)

Seven appearances at right back for a decidely average team earnt us a very nice sum of money indeed. Yeah, he looked class

and at the time he was playing, stood out over every other player. Very quick and skilful, he wasn't dissimilar to Timmy boy. Since his arrival at Goodison, over 15 months back, he hasn't really showed the form which suggested he could be a future England player.

TIMMY BREAKER

£600,000

WEST HAM

A superb player whose only weakness was his over enthusiasm. A right back and winger as one, Timmy spent more time down the opponents flanks than defending his own half.

Had tremendous speed, and was ever so reliable in crossing the ball. Crowd favourite Timmy, was sad to see go. When he left, Jackson came in, and when he left, we now have Marv. Will our full back phenomenon ever cease to exist?

DANNY WILSON

£300,000

SHEFF WED

A fairly good player, and captain, who worked as the engine room in the middle of the park. Perhaps best remembered for his equalizing goal at Wembley 88. Wilson did in fact score quite a few important goals, when, either in 88 or 89 scored the penalty v Norwich which kept us up. Now playing regularly for the Owls, and is also spotted occasionally in the Sunday papers as a scorer.

MICK KENNEDY

£100,000

Mick was the kinda player that most teams put a tank out to

Making Vinny Jones look decidely a poofter, Metal Mick was short on footballing skill, but made up for the rather lack of this, with a tough guy image to make Schwarznegger tremble in a tiny damp corner.

"If you can't beat em, beat em up" was Kennedy's motto and I'll never forget his Tai-Kwan-do somersault kick on some unlucky Wimbledon player a few years back, which may have warranted a life ban. The mother of hard men.

FOZZIE

£75,000

BRIGHTON

One of our best defenders of recent years, and our only ever player to hold a trophy aloft at Wembley. A solid player, who with Mal Donagy, was a pillar of defence which only Mick Kennedy would find easy to break through.

Competent in the air and thunderous in the tackles, many strikers

were put into place by big Steve.

The strange thing was the fee he attracted - £75,000 when Rob Johnson earned us £150,000. Slightly peculiar that.

MAL DONAGHY

£600,000

CHELSEA

As already mentioned, formed a rock solid partnership with Fossie. Mal was a dedicated player who really is a Luton player through and through.

Timed his tackles so well and was also good in the air. If you wanted to see a goal from him though, you'd have to wait years and years. And I mean years. Des Walker has a better goalscoring record than Mal.

THE NUTTER £FREE MAN UTD

Self explanatory title, yep, dear old Les. The "keeper to beat all keeprs", Les was the eccentric. Desperately in need of a psychiatrist, Les hated more then any other, two things, referees and secondly his teammates. Les with referees was like us getting on with Kohler. Hate, hate, hate. And can you remember our League match in, I think, 1989 v Aston Villa at home. Marv was early on his career and lobbed the nutter from fully 30 yards. Les went apeshit. He roared flames. To this day, I'm not sure how Suave Marv still has his kneecaps.

BEST OF THE REST

Claridge came, scored a few, and pissed off. Beaumont was fairly decent, before he pissed off to haggis land. How did we get £100,000 for Farrell? I'll pay Brighton to keep Nogan. Rodger wasn't too bad, or good. Can you remember Weir, one tricky player knocking in the goals at Hibs. Rob Johnson now at Barnet, was o.k, but certainly not Marv Johnson. Dibble played his part in April 88, are you reading Winterburn? (DAD DARBLE SCARE AT THE PFA EVENING?)

Where is Robert Wilson and Raphael Meade? Who in hell cares? Grimes was good and had cultured left peg. And Steve Thompson, selling him gave us Des Walker and super Scott. By the time you read this, Phil Gray may be gone too. the list will continue I'm sure....



A CHAMPAGNE SEASON

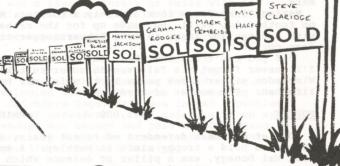


EVEN , MARVINS GETTING BETTER .



"When I said, 'Play the ball into space!" . . . "

After four years...



The GREEN shoots of recovery?

FUTURE SALES FOR THE SUMMER OF '93 ..

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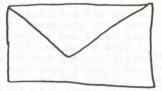
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D. PLEATED

3B SWANSTON GRANGE
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LUTON, BEDS.
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Dear D.P.

Had a fuckin great laugh at the Barnsley game yesterday, and bought a copy of your mag too. Congrats on your latest publication it was an excellent read and by what I heard from other people around the ground they found it hugely captivating. I liked the change in style and notably the excellent articles.

There are certain things that worried me however.

- a) The abuse aimed at marvellous Marvin. He isn't as bad as the article "Away With The Lads" suggests. Lets face it he has scored some great goals this season and let him run at a defence and he does create panic.
- b) Why was it not possible to go into detail about the boardroom Wrangles? I'm sure that there would be no legal problem, but surely you have a right to inform us fans of what you know. To stop short and merely wet our appetites must be a cop out by yourselves.

Still moaning over I'm sure you'll be happy with the fact that many people I speak to think that it is still one of the best fanzines in the country. It mixes a great sense of humour with some excellent serious topics. Well worth the money.

So keep the good work up and lets hope it doesn't go down to the last couple of games eh?

c Barber - Luton

Dear Neil,

I'm writing back to thank you for the fanzine that you sent us. Naturally I'm glad to see that you've kept it going because, apart from anything else, it is one of my few links with LTFC.

Yes I was there at Tranmere, along with a Trany fan I dragged into the away end with me, and to say I was impressed would be a complete understatement. The team performed better than I ever thought they could, (even though it must be said that Tranmere were total crap.) Also pleased to see that the fans are sticking by the club, I dunno how many were there, but it's pleasing to see that they haven't given up hope. It must have been about 200 odd miles to get to Birkenhead for you lot - mind you, it was only a 40 minute trip on the train for myself!

Great to see that you've introduced little reports on away matches, whilst this is good reading for any supporter, it makes invaluable reading for people like myself who cannot get to see them. Please

keep this bit going!

One final point concerning the team. Last week I was reading the local paper and found that two clubs were after Wrexham's loan signing Mike lake, and one of them was LUTON! Now it seems likely that Mike isn't going to sign for Wrexham (there's arguments involving the directors etc. etc.) so its likely he is going to move on somewhere else. I don't know how much you down in Luton have heard about this (probably very little I guess) so if Mike appears in Luton colours remeber where you heard it first! By the way I've seen him play a couple of times and he'd make a great difference to the team.

Thanks again

Chris Trevor - Wrexham

Dear D.P.

I have just received my February/March 1993 issue of D.Pleated, which was brilliant. The best page was the "revealed..." about the T.V. programs. I often think about this bloke with shit in his beard and a very expensive salary and yet David "please can I have a job as I've just been told to piss off by Leicester" Pleat doesn't get to buy anyone (apart from Benji who is a thing), and I don't know what Kerry "I'm playing shite at the Saints" Dixon has let himself in for and Chris "Why am I playing here" Kamara appears to be shipped all over the country. I have just a few things to say to the M.D:-

- 1) Where is our new stadium, according to W.S.C Mr Kohler has found a site but he's not going to tell anybody (Bastard)
- 2) Mark Pembirdge went to "When will we win a game at home" Derby, why didn't he stay, he didn't stay because Mr Kohler wanted some pocket money.

The only way we can keep the club going is to stick together. Chant, "Kohler OUT!!" and then hopefully he'll resign or he will sell to somebody with money. Unfortunately I am only able to go to one game this season which is on Saturday March 27th (vs Cambridge Utd) and I will be standing in the Kenilworth Road end and hopefully if we all come together we will remove it. Could some fans please tell me how I can join Luton Action!! Many Thanks

Anthonly Reid Kings Lynn - Norfolk

Dear Neil & Stu (the mad bastard Hatters)

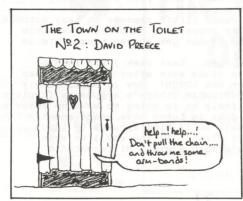
Thanks for the great day out. We all had a tremendous time at the Newcastle game and owe it all to you lot. According to our great trio you are both complete head cases of the best sort. The game looked better on the telly the next day and it was good to see the chances we missed whilst taking a leak.

Sorry we associated with that steward. Its difficult to know who to trust nowadays. I would also like to thank the Luton fans for a top day out and a great treatment from all the Hatters. We are really pissed off that we didn't score but that's life.

Hope to see you when you play Blunderland, a few beers in Newcastle or South Shields or whatever. Keep the faith.

Cheers - Reuven Fletcher

(HALF MAGPIE HALF BISCUIT. THE NUFC INDEPENDENT FANZINE) - ITS FUCKIN ACE LADS SO BUY A COPY OF IT TODAY.



ERRY Dixon, whose marvellous volley set Luton on the way to a vital victory, had a message for managing director David Kohler yesterday: "Sell your On loan to his home-

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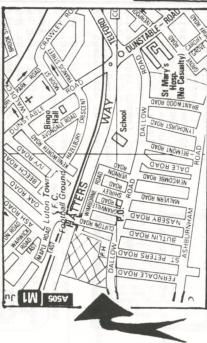
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Sore

I've found it, you can stop looking, the search is over. Yes the great mystery is solved. No longer will you have to take a swipe at the town council, or the owners of the Luton Hoo, or the club themselves, for I have found the perfect place for Luton Town F.C. to relocate.

I know you must think that I am joking, I bet you believe I am not of sound mind but I can reassure you that this place is less than 400 yards from our own mecca at Kenilworth Road. Look at this map and I will explain.



You see the land just to the west of Clifton Road. (yes that's the one where the bridge runs over the new road, Hatters Way). Well I bet you didn't realize that this prime land that was prime industrial units has been vacant for some time. I wonder if you also realize that the council have also opposed a bid to turn the site into one of student housing and to turn the site into one of student housing abid commercial units. Mammamm... the plot thickens; any ideas starting to evolve in your minds gentlemen, as to why the council would turn down this site for prime buildings?

g about Dallow Lets look at the area itself. We're talking abou too sq metres of land encompassing an area off Dall Road, behind the Yeoman Public house and a good 300 metres to the immediate left. This stretches back to the new Road and a sizeable amount of land that would be. Due to the buildings that are currently situated there it is difficult to assess the full size of the land but is quite a large "L" shaped size site.

The access to the land is not that good, but is at least of a comparable nature to the badly situated Kenilworth Road. Dallow Road offers a good service to the Luton Ring Road in one direction and the Hatters Way in the other. Either can lead you to the motorway very quickly. The aspect that I found enthralling was that it could be very beneficial for train passengers if a station was to be built on this side of the tracks. This would no doubt please those protesting to re-open the line to Dunstable and help in keeping supporters in one place prior to the game.

Car parking need not necessarily become a problem. To be fair it might be possible for the Town to keep their car park in Maple Road East, which is where the players and Chairman have their cars currently; and link this land to the new site with a footbridge across the new road and railway.

There would also be opportunity to park a limited number of cars on the new site depending upon the

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club not have the ideal pedigree for us to base the new design on. Thus for space we will need to construe a more squarer, neater ground. Let's not get too ahead of ourselves here but a stadium to cater for 15,000 people would take up roughly 54,000 square It is obvious that have the ideal pe our cramped little ground does construct

actual position the new ground and all that goes with it takes up. To make it even better for pa perhaps the Yeoman could be worked into the equaso to allow for parking for both the pub and the the equation and the

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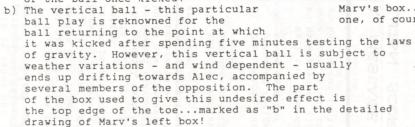
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We here at D.Pleated have a theory on the somewhat unpredictable nature of Marvin's ball skills. We offer a theory which can explain the inch perfect balls - as well as the clearances which travel vertically upwards/backward/diagonally - or generally in any direction other than the direction intended!

The theory to explain this? Well, we believe Marvin wears "boxes' for boots!! Now you may laugh - he started with the boxes used to deliver the programmes in his youth days. His appearance in the first team has seen him use the discarded boxes that other players boots were supplied in. This would explain the "addidas" appearance of his footwear.

To support the "box theory" - we can illustrate every ball that Marvin plays with the characteristics of kicking a ball with boxes on your feet.

a) The inch perfect ball - struck with the flat sided "toe" or "side foot" area of the box (shown by the shaded area & labelled "a"). This allows Marvin to control, to some extent, the destination of the ball once kicked!



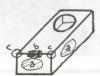
c) The "where the ****'s that gone?" ball. This has become less of a feature in Marvin's game - but can rear its ugly head every now and again. It's the corner of Marv's boxes (circled & marked "c") that are responsible for the illustrious random direction effect - which Marv has no control over!

Other factors which lead us to believe this theory is the exaggerated size of the feet that wearing boxes as footwear has! This would explain Marv's occasional stumble as the stiff cardboard and sheer size combine to tangle Marv's unfortunate limbs.

There is hope however....with the forthcoming sale of Phil Gray (cheers Phil for everything), Mr Kohler may see fit to purchase Marvin a pair of leather boots endorsed by Paul Gascoigne or Gary Lineker or someother twat! You lucky guy Marv.....

SING IT LOUD & PROUD.... "MARV-IN, MARV-IN".





Mary's box ... (left one, of course)

ball to go flying out of the ground. He tells me that its usually as a long punt upfield arrives is our half when Dreyer/Johnson/James attempt an easy clearance then he instinctively knows to get his running shoes on. Paul told me that it is a natu reaction now and he doesn't even have to be watch the game to know that it has cleared the stand. I asked was it the noise it made as it hit the rown and running before its even cleared the roof. So what about the court appearance I asked. P then explained that it was during his seventh ret during that ill fated Cambridge game that his democame about. He noticed that the ball had become stuck on a roof of an outhouse in Ivy Road and wa in the process of climbing up to get it when a do barked.

"I can usually stand dogs" he mentioned "but the fact that it had one of my bollocks in its mouth as it barked made me a little bit wary. As the dwent to bark again I slipped out of his tender grand started to climb again. It was then that the roof gave way, I fell the eight feet or so and la quite softly despite the drop".

"Is that how you broke your arm?" I ventured to ask. I would have
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uy doesn't get the recognition he deserves for all he effort that he exerts during the 90 minutes. is effortless running, stamina, determination and ersistince goes unnoticed by almost all of us as e take his role for granted.

Paul Johnson is the guys name. Heard of him? on either had I until I was sitting in the busy ourtroom at the Luton magistrates reporting on local reaches of the peace and other scandalous information or the sleazy Luton News.

I was busy scribbling down the notes for the last ase (featuring 2 Welsh men and a sheep dog - the heep dog was suing the 2 taffs for shagging his it of stuff - a Welsh ewe called Gwyneth) when I asually noticed this poor wretch of a man being ragged into the dock by 2 police constables. I hought nothing of his tatty appearance, black eye not broken arm and continued with my notes. (The revious case was thrown out of court when it was ound that the sheep was a two timing ewe with previcor running a brothel called the "Sheep Dip" in Guilfteret).

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1 Gray's agent is seen here with the priceless of paper which has seen Phil depart for newer.

To be fair to the agent there was no way hil could have remained in the top flight first Division at Luton. The interest that generating through his exploits and in the per columns meant that it was only a matter newspaper columns of time before he piece of climes. Phi1 the

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"Is it any wonder then" said his agent Mr Dan Percent "that this good looking, free scoring centre forward should look to pastures new when opportunity arose?".

"on no" said Don "its not the Arsenal he's going to, he's going to join the Chippendales roadshow, all those hunky good looks, strong cheekbones, strapp: thighs and Linford Christie lunchbox should come in very handy when he's packing them in at the Hammersmith Odeon". So how's he going to settle in not. So I suppose no at the Arsenal "Oh no" said to, he's going

ce one Phil - here's what a good agent do for you - loads of screaming fans, teeth everwhere, pieces of clothing being you, many voices urging you to score..... sounds it? Yeah nice n really do hands and

Good luck Phil.



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It was with deep regret that I learned of the demise of Richard Cooke recently. It was reported that due to an injury to his right knee that was sustained earlier in the season, Richard would have to retire from playing football at the age of 27.

For those of you who remember, Ray Harford bought Cooke for roughly £125,000 in MARCH 1989, from Bournemouth. Under Harford,Cooke only made a handful of appearances until 26.12.89 when he scored an acute angle goal against Forest that had us all thinking that he would break into the first team on a regular basis.

Alas it was not to be and under Jimmy Ryan, Cooke was cast aside and eventually left to re-join Bournemouth at the end of the 89/90 season.

Good Luck Richard, we shall remember you.

MANAGER'S VIEWPOINT BY DAVID PLEAT

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM, WE WILL RY TO MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR YOU

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Next Issue: We ask David Pleat about the Footballing tactics he believes in.



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DUMB SHITE!

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BEST SELLERS

Most publications have details of the best selling books - both fiction and non-fiction - well, today we shall be recalling past sales and hopefull future ones....

NON-FICTION

- 1) Mark Pembridge a strong creative midfielder whose elbows are sorely missed by many!!
- 2) Mick Harford Just reminiscing... too old to come back?
- 3) Matthew Jackson- Didn't see the best of this bright hopeful before his early departure!
- 4) Lars Elstrup Hated for what he did when he left, but never for what he did in front of goal! Ohh, "Lars
- 5) Mark Stein Just creeped on this list as he may well haunt us next season, like so many ex-Luton boys?!!

FICTION

- 1) Julian James If only? If not, please attend Bobby Charlton's
- summer soccer camp to grasp basic skills.
- 2) Des Linton As above, doesn't seem so bad recently....because we ain't seen him play!!!
- 3) Ian Benjamin After three,...1...2...3....jump! Oh shit,
- try again.
- 4) Trevor Peake Done us proud considering but increasing age and dwindling pace is against him.

 Any offers?
- 5) Chris Kamara Lost interest & bottle in mid-season, but has been strong since his return...does his heart lie with Luton or long for the North??

Senile dementia can stril could you be next?

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BRISTOL CITY V LUTON 0-0

THE LESS SAID THE BETTER, THIS WAS BASICALLY A CRAP MATCH BY TWO TEAMS WHO SEEM DESTINED FOR RELEGATION BATTLES. CITY JUST HOOFED THE BALL FORWARD LOOKING FOR 'NAT KING' COLE WHEREAS WE PLAYED THE FOOTBALL, YET ONCE AGAIN LACKED THE KILLER TOUCH.

THE BEST 2 CHANCES FELL TO GRAY WHO HIT THE BAR WITH A GOOD HEADER, AND THEN, WHEN BY HIMSELF 12 YARDS FROM GOAL HIT IT STRAIGHT AGAINST EL SPICO (WHO HAD JUST COME STRAIGHT FROM AN AUDITION AT EL DORADO)

LUTONS MOM: JOHN DREYER - IN THE MIDDLE OF DEFENCE SEEMS AS SOLID AS DAVID MELLORS

COCK (ALLEGEDLY) FOLLOWING: A QUIET 500

TRANMERE V LUTON 0-2

THIS WAS OUR BEST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON SO FAR. NO LUTON PLAY-ER COULD BE FAULTED, THE DEFENCE WAS SOLID, THE MIDFIELD SHOWED AMAZING BATTLE AND FIGHT WHILST GRAY WAS A SHINING EXAMPLE.

TOWN TOOK THE LEAD WITH PHIL GRAY BEATING NIXON WITH A ONE ON ONE. IT WAS A GOOD JOB HE HADN'T BEEN SOLD IN THE WEEK AS I COULDN'T SEE BENJI SLOTTING IT HOME. THE SECOND WAS PURE CLASS. CERI AND MAGIC GAINED POSSESSION, SENDING MAGIC THROUGH. HE GHOSTED PAST THE LAST LINE OF DEFENCE AND CRACKED IN A SCREAMER. IT HAS TO BE SAID THAT MAGICS FORM OF LATE HAS BEEN BRILLIANT. A GREAT RESULT AND ONE WHICH INFLICTED THE FIRST HOME DEFEAT ON A TEAM DESTINED FOR THE PLAY OFFS.

LUTONS MOM: MAGIC ABSOLUTELY SUPERB. CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY THE OTHER 10 PLAYERS FOLLOWING C 500 WELL DONE FOR MAKING THE JOURNEY AND ADDING MORE VOCAL SUPPORT THAN THE HOME SIDE

PORTSMOUTH V LUTON 2-1

THIS WAS A GREAT PERFORMANCE BY THE TOWN IN A HIGHLY ENTERTAINING MATCH WHICH UNFORTUNATELY COULDN'T BE MATCHED WITH LUCK.

LUTON TOOK THE LEAD WITH A SUPERB HEADER BY PHYLLIS FROM AN OAKSEY CORNER. WHITTING-HAM, THE ONLY MAN WHO SEEMS TO SCORE MORE OFTEN THAN I DO AT THE WEEKEND, THEN EQUALIZED WITH A BRILLIANT INDIVIDUAL GOAL. POMPEY THEN TOOK THE LEAD WITH A HELL OF A SHITTY DECISION. WALSHY WAS TUGGED BY CAPTAIN BOUFFANT 5 YARDS OUTSIDE THE AREA. THE REF PLAYED ON NEVILLE ADVANCED AND SNATCHED THE BALL FROM WALSHES FEET AND THE REF GAVE THE PENALTY. A SAD MAN INDEED!

FAIR PLAY TO THE LADS WHO , UNLIKE A YEAR AGO , DIDN'T LET THEIR HEADS GO DOWN. WE PISSED ALL OVER THEM BUT COULDN'T GET THE BALL IN THE NET $\ LUTONS\ MOM\ BEAM\ ME\ UP\ SCOTTY\ OAKES\ FOLLOWING\ C1,000$

GRIMSBY V LUTON 3-1

AFTER THE LONG TREK TO THIS PULSATING GAME I AT LEAST EXPECTED TO BE GREETED BY THAT FAMOUS AND FAMILIAR SATURDAY MORNING AROMA..... FISH. WELL I SHOULD HAVE STAYED AT HOME, I RECKON HALF OF THE TEAM DID. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN APPRECIATED IF THE PLAYERS HAD SHOWN MORE HEART. REMEMBER LADS ALL THE SUPPORTERS DON'T GET DRIVEN 150 MILES ON A LUXURY COACH AND GET PAID FOR DOSSING IN THE SUN FOR 90 MINS. LUTONS MOM: DAVID GREENE (VERY PROMISING DEBUT PERFORMANCE) FOLLOWING C 750

MILLWALL V LUTON 1-0

SITE: BRIGHTON POLY, TIME 7.00 PM

KEV: "WELL THEN BOY FANCY ANOTHER DRINK?

IAN: "YEAH YOU'D BETTER MAKE IT A DOUBLE ROUND. I"M STARTING TO WARM UP

KEV: "ANYWAY HOW WAS THAT BIRD YOU PULLED ON FRIDAY?

IAN: LUSH, SEX ON LEGS, TITS LIKE BLOODY FOOTBALLS.

KEV: SHUT UP AND GET THOSE BLOODY DRINKS IN MAN.

UNFORTUNATELY YOUR INTREPID REPORTER MISSED HIS FIRST AWAY MATCH OF THE SEASON DUE TO A POXY WORK COURSE. I'VE SENT A LETTER TO THE COMPANY CHAIRMAN ASKING HIM TO PLAN NEXT YEARS COURSES AFTER CONSULTING THE TOWN FIXTURE LIST.

SCUM V LUTON 0-0

THE RESULT WAS A TOTAL INJUSTICE. THE TOWN TRIED TO PLAY FOOTBALL AT TIMES BUT CAME UP AGAINST A TEAM WHO DEFENDED IN NUMBERS AND JUST HOOFED THE BALL FORWARD. IF PERRYWOMAN RECKONS THE SCUM ARE/WERE GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE PLAY OFFS THEN JAMIE 'NICE HAIRCUT' CAMPBELL SHOULD BE ENGLANDS REPLACEMENT FOR ALAN SHEARER. LUTONS MOM SCOTT OAKES (THE ONLY PLAYER ON THE PITCH WHO LOOKED INSPIRATIONAL) SAD MEN SCUM FANS FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS BACKING OF THE TEAM. I'VE HEARD MORE NOISE FROM A GRAVEYARD.

TOWN FOLLOWING: C4000 - ABSOLUTELY SUPERB AND THE VOCAL SUPPORT WAS BRILLIANT. A PITY A FEW OF THE PLAYERS COULDN'T SHOW THE SAME DERBY PASSION. SEE YOU ALL AT SOUTHEND

P.S. SCUM SHOULD TAKE UP NETBALL - A SPORT FOR WOMEN WHERE THE BALL SPENDS MOST OF THE TIME IN THE AIR.

SWINDON V LUTON 1-0

BELIEVE IT OR NOT THIS WAS ONE OF THE LADS BEST FOOTBALLING DISPLAYS. ONCE AGAIN THOUGH WE POSSESSED A LIGHTWEIGHT PUNCH UPFRONT. CAPTAIN BOUFFANT ALONGSIDE JOHNNY BOY LOOKED UNBEATABLE IN THE MIDDLE WITH THE 2 FULLBACKS JESSE AND MAGIC LOOKING SOLID.

THE MIDFIELD JUST RAN THE GAME. PREECY HAD HIS BEST GAME SINCE WOLVES AWAY, KAMARA WAS SIMPLY BRILLIANT WHILE TELF SUPPORTED SUPERBLY. UNBELIEVABLY CERI GOT HIS HEAD OUT OF HIS ARSE AND PRODUCED SOME OF THE FORM SHOWN 2 YEARS AGO. KEEP IT UP BOYO.

OUR BEST CHANCE WENT ASTRAY WHEN DIXIE NOT ONCE BUT TWICE BLOCKED KAMMY FROM SCORING WHAT SEEMED A SIMPLE GOAL. JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE ANOTHER GOAL LESS DRAW, PAUL BODIN SCORED WITH A SHOT INTO THE FAR CORNER IN THE 83RD MINUTE. THIS WAS ONLY SWINDONS 2ND SHOT ON TARGET IN THE WHOLE MATCH.

TOWN MOM: HUGHES / KAMARA / PREECE / PEAKE

SAD MAN: GLENN HODDLE - YOU CAN'T CALL YOURSELF A FOOTBALLING SIDE IF YOU PASS AMONG THE BACK 4 AND THEN HOOF IT UP THE FIELD.

TOWN FOLLOWING: C 5/600 RATHER DISAPPIONTINGLY.

SUNDERLAND V LUTON 2-2

A 250 MILE ROUND TRIP IS A SMALL SACRIFICE TO PAY FOR THE PILGRIMIGE TO SEE GOD. IT WAS THIS ATTRACTION THAT SAW AROUND 300 LUTON FANS MAKE THE TRIP AND THE PLAYERS RESPONDED BY GAINING A POINT IN A GAME THEY MORE THAN DOMINATED. ON THIS PERFORMANCE IF BOTH TEAMS KEPT THE SAME PERSONNEL (HA HA) THE TOWN WOULD BE A GOOD BET FOR THE PLAY OFFS AND BLUNDERLAND FOR RELEGATION NEXT YEAR. (THAT'S IF THEY DON'T GO DOWN THIS SEASON.

LUTONS MOM DAVID PREECE (YET AGAIN)

SAD MAN THE REFEREE (YET AGAIN)

MATCH PROFILE ON GOD TACKLES 0 POSSESSION LOST 5 FOULS 2 OFFSIDE 2
KNOCK ONS: SUCCESSFUL 4 PASSES: SUCCESSFUL 11

UNSUCCESSFUL 1

UNSUCCESSFUL 5

HEADERS: WON 10 (MOST DEFENDING LUTON CORNERS) SHOTS
LOST 14 (MOST TO JOHN DREYER)

ON TARGET 1

ON TARGET 3

AND FINALLY 0 GOALS AND SUBSTITUTED OH WELL EVEN GOD HAS AN OFF DAY TOO.

BEAST OF BURDEN

"With all this hype about Bram Stokers Dracula'
I'm getting thoroughly pissed off" says the rejuvenated
Jason Rees. "Just because the new film shows a
more sympathetic view of the beast that is Dracula
I'm getting all sorts of fan mail asking me round
to girls houses to give them a damn good seeing
to if I promise to turn into a wild animal".

I asked why that should be a problem and was told by the Welsh wizard that he was supposed to be engaged to a little girl back in the valleys and there was no chance of him being unfaithful. Did this account for the reclusive nature of our Jason to dispel the theories that he himself was a creature of the night.

"Oh definitely" he mused "the reason that I never answer the door at night is because I'm tucked up in bed resting in order to save myself for the next game and for my betrothed. I'm a good Welsh lad and would always honour my mums words when she told me to remain faithful to Meryth my Welsh fiancée".

So the rumours that were being circulated about your sleeping in the day and flying around town were all made up I asked.

"Oh definitely" Jason sighed "It was hard for me to take but there was no truth in those rumours at all".

And what would Jason do if he found out that whilst he was living the life of a hermit, his Meryth had been serviced by most of the boys in the valley.

"Oh shit - pass me those fan letters mate - I can feel myself turning...... look what your God has done to me....."

To be continued.



YOUR VERY OWN

