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SEE YOU NEXT SEASON

Editorial

(THE DIABOLICAL SALE OF IAIN DOWIE)

If money was so urgently needed by the bank (the £600,000 for Tim Breaker didn't keep them happy for long did it,) then selling Dowie was the worst possible decision Nelkin could have made. The last thing a relegation battling team should do is to sell an irreplaceable, 100 % committed, towering centreforward. The £480,000 fee would surely have soared by the summer, if Dowie's outstanding progress had continued. Without a doubt his sale has ripped the guts out of the Luton attack. With respect to Farrell, he's not yet developed into a threatening first division centre forward, and Nogan well.

So it's Derby day again at the end of the season ; this time on our own plastic. Our fate may well have been decided beforehand, but if we're still in with a faint chance , we've got to do it without the fighting spirit of Kennedy , Wilson , Breaker and Dowie who were all so influential in last years brilliant finale.

Some may say that we are looking for a scapegoat- but you only have to read issues 4 (the front cover), 5 (the Christmas cover and "Wishful thinking") and the last issue , No 6 (the cover and the Editorial) to see that the writing was on the wall way back.

If you don't heed the warnings - suffer the consequences.

These last games will be as nailbiting as the previous seasons' but it is still up to us the supporters to do our best with encouragement and motivation for the lads in the white shirts of Luton (with or without Vauxhalls sponsorship). Our immediate future rests in their feet.

Go to it lads.

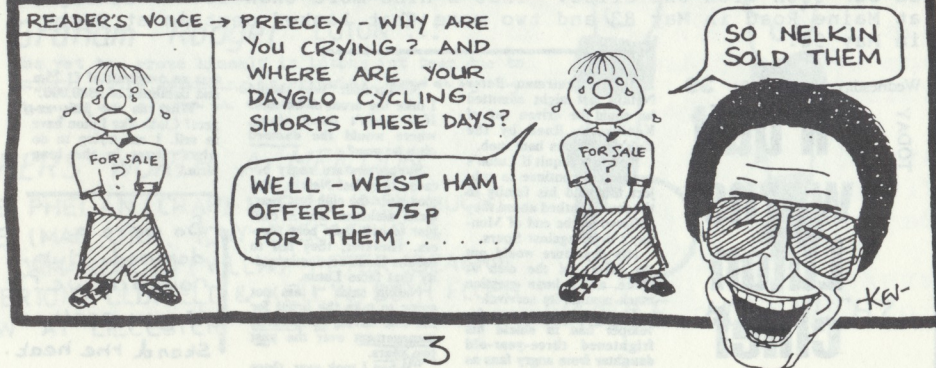
Respects to the squad can be paid with our Poll later in this issue which we hope you will return, for it has been a season of highs as well as lows and your comments are always welcome.

We hope you have enjoyed Depleted this season and would like to thank all who have contributed, sold and read and pray that next season we see the football and fanzine that we all so richly deserve.

So 'nuff said happy reading keep writing to us and

COME ON YOU HATTERS.

PREECE'S SHORTS



BULLSHIT BAFFLES BRAINS

I left the A.G.M. very pessimistic about the Town's future. Year after year the accounts show an operating loss. The accumulated losses for the last five years are £5.6m up to May 1990. Player sales have raised £2.3m and the sale of Kenilworth Road has covered the rest of the debt. But even now a substantial bank overdraft remains. There are no assets left to sell - only 1st Division footballers. The bank seems to have as much of a hold over the club as it did in the dark days of the mid-70's. The bank's tolerance of Town's overdraft is not helped by the recession. So what are the future financial prospects for the Town? The first objective has to be the reduction of wage costs. This is not easy in the short-term because all players are on contracts normally 3 years. Thus, players that are surplus to requirements can only be unloaded when their contracts expire. In the mean time we lose the likes of Tim Breaker and Iain Dowie to placate the bank. Matters have not been helped by termination payments totalling £250,000 to get shot of John Smith, Grim Harford & Henry Mancini. Personally, that's probably the best ½ million we've ever spent.

The board were very confident that 1990/91 would show a healthy profit - easy to achieve if you sell your crown jewels you might say. However, the stated aim of Peter Nelkin was that the club would operate at break-even levels in 1991/92, WITHOUT FORCED PLAYER SALES!

Cynics might argue that the directors should stump up some more cash and I wouldn't disagree in the short-run. The problem with directors loans is that when the director leaves he can demand his monies repaid and this has the effect of pulling the rug from under the club's feet. Evans took away £1 million and more - it would have been better for the club if he had never been allowed to put that much money in, under the so obviously generous terms that he granted himself.

Looking forward, the new stand being built where the Plod Centre was, will be financed by a grant from the Football Trust and the remainder of the cost will be paid to the contractor from ticket sales for those new seats - so the Town get 700 or so extra seats without spending anything. As far as the relocation to a new ground, we are told that plans are at an advanced stage and all being well an announcement is possible in April.

In conclusion, don't expect Town to join any super league within the next few years. First division status is the most we can honestly look forward to keeping. Our young stars will prove themselves and then be sold because Town cannot compete with the big clubs when it comes to salaries and signing-on fees. But remember, there are over 70 other league sides trying to get into the first division and if we can stay above Derby and Sunderland, next season will be our 10th with the elite. That's nine more than looked likely at Maine Road in May 83 and two more that looked certain at Derby in May 90.

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TODAY

I'll quit warns Luton chief

LUTON chairman Peter Nelkin last night admitted he could be driven out of Kenilworth Road by the club's infamous hate mob.

Nelkin will quit if Luton's supporters continue to subject him and his family to the foul-mouthed abuse they suffered at the end of Monday's draw against Spurs.

His departure would put the future of the club at stake, and a huge question mark against its survival.

The London property developer had to shield his frightened three-year-old daughter from angry fans as they left the directors' box.

Nelkin said: "Why should I take the brunt of all this? If I hadn't come along, where would the damned club be now?"

Supporters are angry because they feel Nelkin, who took over the club last year, lacks ambition and is content to sell their best players. However, they fail to see the harsh economic reality that faces Luton.

Nelkin said: "I am not going to take the brunt for the club having no financial management over the past two years. When I took over, there

was an overdraft of £1.25m and liabilities of £300,000.

"What do the fans expect? Clubs like Luton have to sell. I am trying to do what's best in the long term."

So we're a
damned club
now are we?
If you can't
stand the heat...

WHAT A WASTE OF MONEY!

DEPLETEDS GUIDE TO THE TRANSFER MARKETS TOP TEN WONDER BLUNDERS

1 Tony Cottey EVERTON

Top of the flops, the most expensive failure of them all. No star quality and way over priced.

2 Paul Stewart YIDOS

Most expensive player not to wear an England shirt & we all know why. Was never worth his price tag. A Tesco reject.

3 Danny Wallace MAN UTD

Yet to capture his Saints form to prove his value. Very nippy but utd probably signed the wrong Wallace.

4 Chris Waddle MARSEILLE

Is anybody worth that sort of money. Hes a good player but not that good. Crap Haircuts.

5 Colin Pates ARSENAL

Siggy Jonsson

These two qualify not for their price tags or ability but because they were unnecessary purchases. Combined together theyve made less appearances for Arsenal than Graham Rodger has for Luton.

7 Pat Nevin EVERTON

Mike Newell

Most expensive Subs in the league. Both quite good players but i dont think Mike was worth over a million in the first place

9 Clive Allen MAN CITY

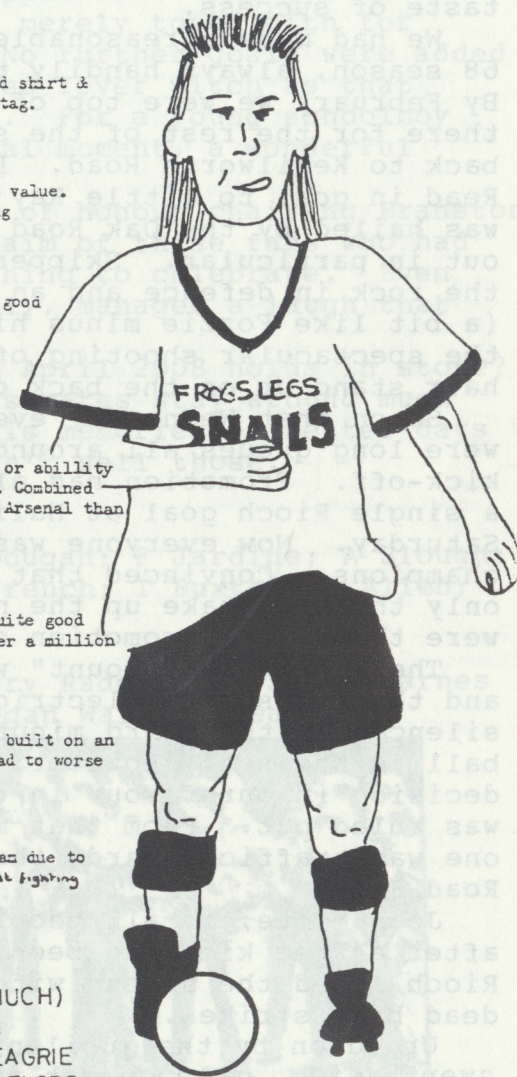
Million pound misfit with false reputation built on an emphatic season with the Yids. Goes from bad to worse, a complete flop

10 Graham Rodger LUTON ?!!

Has yet to prove himself in Lutons 1st team due to injury, youre awakening is arriving. Good at fighting though, as proven at Chelsea.

OTHERS WORTH A MENTION

MIKE PHELAN (CRAP) & PAUL (HOW MUCH) INCE (MAN UTD), TONY CASCARINO & IAN ORMANDROYD (VILLA) PETER BEAGRIE (EVERTON) OLDFIELD & KELLY. BOTH FLOPS NOW AT LIECESTER



WADDLE HOW MUCH?

THE CLASS OF 68

Our Littlewoods Cup triumph over Arsenal on the 24th April 1988 is a day that will be long remembered by us all. Exactly 20 years to the day before that Wembley victory there was also cause for celebration as Luton clinched the 4th Division championship. To those fans who had suffered the soul destroying drop from the top flight it was almost as good as winning the cup and for the younger generation like myself it was the first taste of success.

We had made a reasonable start to that 1967-68 season, always handily placed in the table. By February we were top of the league and stayed there for the rest of the season. The crowds flocked back to Kenilworth Road. Every player from Tony Read in goal to little Ray Whittaker on the wing, was hailed by the Oak Road Enders, but two stood out in particular. Skipper Terry Branston was the rock in defence and an inspirational leader (a bit like Fozzie minus his head band) whilst the spectacular shooting of Bruce Rioch made the hair stand up on the back of your neck.

So on that Wednesday evening in late April there were long queues all around the ground well before kick-off. Promotion had already been assured by a single Rioch goal at Halifax on the previous Saturday. Now everyone was ready to salute the champions. Convinced that opponents Crewe were only there to make up the numbers even though they were themselves promotion contenders.

The final "head count" was an amazing 18904 and the atmosphere electric, but the crowd was silenced in the third minute when Crewe had the ball in the net. However, we used to get the odd decision in our favour in those days and the goal was ruled out. From that moment on it was all one way traffic towards the Hatters' favourite Oak Road End.

John Moore, of all people scored the first goal after a free kick had been saved by Mailey and Rioch added the second with one of his typical dead ball strikes.

Urged on by the jubilant crowd, Crewe were simply swept aside. Slough got number three after a terrific goal mouth scramble although I still think he finally

punched it home - literally! The best goal of the night was scored by that man Rioch. He burst between two defenders on the edge of the area to hit a left foot volley - the ball a blur as it hit the back of the net. So that was that, four-nil up at half time, the championship was won and the celebrations began. I honestly believe that Luton would have beaten any team in the land on that first half performance.

We eased off a bit in the second period - the team that is, not the supporters. The job had been done and Crewe were merely toyed with for the rest of the match. No further goals were added but the excitement reached fever pitch as that final whistle approached. For a young schoolboy such as I it was a magical moment, a wonderful night.

The players did a lap of honour chairing Branston to receive the wild acclaim of those fans who had waited so long for something to celebrate. Even Frenchie, usually so surly, managed a laugh that night!

So I wonder what 24th April 2008 holds in store? Sod all if Nelkin and his mates stay around much longer. All we'll have is memories of better days - still at least they can't sell those.

TEAMS: 24-4-1968

LUTON TOWN: T Read; M Dougan; F Jardine; A Slough; T Branston; J Moore; G French; I Buxton; K Allen; B Rioch; R Whittaker;

CREWE ALEX: Mailey; Lowry Radcliffe; Stott Barnes Gannon; McHale Curley Regan Wallace Dearden

A.J.R.



ALL CHANGE

Look around the old ground today - look at it very carefully noting all the regular features that your eye usually skips over, taking it for granted. Look at it very carefully from the pitch level to the height of the Kenilworth stand for you will never see it this way again. Now I'm a sentimentalist (shed a tear with me if you remember the Maple boys) but no-one can argue with progress if it is to benefit the majority. So it will be no great surprise that we come back next season to find its all change at Kenilworth Road.

First things first. The plastic era is over. No longer can we all claim to have played on a 1st Division pitch in front of a partizan crowd of 30-odd. Our chance to be spotted by a scout when playing a blinder against a team of 11 year olds have been dashed. The plastic and the revenue that our excursions enjoyed will be lost to the "real thing". No not coke you plonker - grass.

This replacement will not be easy as the natural (or unnatural) camber of the pitch - remember how it used to be with the Oak Road end being lower than the Kenilworth? - will have to be worked in with drainage and perhaps some form of under-soil heating. It'll be back to bogged down centre circles and penalty areas in winter to be quickly replaced with iced over divots and touch lines in February ending in sanded pitches with very little grass towards the final home games in April.

We can look forward to changes on the terraces with firstly the erection of a small stand adjacent to the main stand. This addition should see the ground looking more compact, nay complete, than before. Then secondly a spruce up for the rest of the ground and grandstand, facilities, catering and the like.

There might be a necessity to replace the netting above the executive boxes as with the hammering it has taken this season (from Dreyer and co who seem to be going for the most lost balls of the season award) it looks to be on its last legs.

Lastly on the terrace front we have to hope that the Oak Road will see a controlled re-introduction of away fans. Lets face it the police had no trouble dealing with the well behaved West Ham fans back in January. There has got to be some merit in that and also to bring back some atmosphere, revenue and common sense to our old stadium. I say common-sense for where it there any in putting visiting supporters with home fans as presently seen?

I suppose we'll see changes in the playing staff and I do hope that it's not a steady flow away from Kenilworth Road as is the norm. So it might be the last time we see some of our famous faces. Think about that as you are about to shout abuse at one of your favourites. You'd never forgive yourself if your last word to the individual before his departure, was derogatory.

We'll probably see a new kit (hands up who really believed that the logo and kit could go another season without changing) which will entail us forking out another £27 to look like our heroes.

I hope we see a change in luck and fortune that may be enhanced by the change in refereeing. If this past year has been anything to go by it seems as though the laws and the interpretation of them, changes weekly.

Lastly - what about us fans - what changes will we go through? 3 months of boredom certainly dulls the braincells and it becomes harder to motivate yourself for the start of each season. Never the less most - if not all - will be back again - itching for the middle of August and the high expectations we have for the side. Wishing for 3pm on the first Saturday of the season the roar of the crowd the rush of excitement and hope that bristles through you - the agony, the extacy, the highs and lows, the joy and the pain.

NOTHING CHANGES REALLY IF YOU'RE A FAN
DOES IT?

TOWN TAKE TRANSFER MARKET BY DESERT STORM

The coming week will see Luton make their second major signing since wee Jimmy took charge.

The Town are at present setting up a player plus cash exchange deal with Iraqi 2nd Division side Tigris Town, who are now having an unfortunate mid season break due to the total destruction of their ground.

We hope to sign one of their local products, Ali Akbar Bum-Bag, which will see Town favourite Lars Elstrup going in the opposite direction with us raking in £150 plus 6 camels.

The Towns directors say they are very pleased indeed that they managed to get 6 camels, because at one time it was believed they'd only receive 3!

They also said the camel shit will come in very handy for spreading on to the new surface to be laid at Kenilworth Road at the end of the season.

Also they said the reason to release Lars, was because he simply had not scored enough goals this season.

As for Ali Akbar Bum-Bag, he's a very talented young centre half of 5 feet 2 inches.

FOOTNOTE: Once again the Towns board have shown their shrewdness and foresight, as to why they never signed Israeli international Ronnie "Scouser" Rosenthal and Shalom Tikva.

Well done the Town! Lets hope the tide of verbal bullshit remains free flowing.



"The brochure said come to sunny Luton, it has a major international Airport and a First division Football team. NOW after shitting here for 3 months it seems that the only truth in that statement is - YES - sometimes it is sunny".

LARS LAYS IT ON THE LINE

DID YOU FOLLOW ENGLISH SOCCER AS A YOUNGSTER? ANY FAVOURITES?
Yes I Did. I didn't have any favourite team.

WHAT TEAMS DID YOU PLAY FOR IN DENMARK?

Randers Freja 4 Years, Brøndby ½ Year, Odense 1½ Years.

WHY DID YOU SIGN FOR LUTON AHEAD OF OTHER CLUBS?

Luton came up with the most attractive offer

DID YOU FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO ADJUST TO THE ENGLISH STYLE?

Yes, it took some time. The style is different which requires a different way of thinking football.

HOW WOULD DANNISH FOOTBALL COMPARE TO OUR SET UP (I.E. CLUB SIZES, STYLES, ETC.)

There has only been professional football in Denmark for 5 years. There are not so big traditions in the clubs as here. Average crowds for 1st division is about 4-5000.

YOU SEEM TO PERFORM BETTER AWAY FROM KENILWORTH ROAD. IS THE PLASTIC A PROBLEM?

I wouldn't say the plastic is a problem just that I prefer playing on grass.

ANY INJURIES DOWN TO THE PITCH?

No

DO YOU GET MUCH PUBLICITY BACK HOME IN DENMARK?

To a certain extent all depending on my success here and how many goals I score.

HAS JOINING LUTON WORKED AGAINST YOUR APPEARANCES FOR YOUR COUNTRY (I.E. DOES THE NATIONAL COACH SEE MUCH OF YOU?)

I hope not and I don't think so. The Danish national coach, Richard Møller-Nielsen knows my qualities and occasionally sees our games.

WHAT'S BEEN YOUR MOST SATISFYING DISPLAY FOR LUTON?

Against Southampton away this season. We won 2-1 and I scored both goals.

RUMOUR HAS IT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FEELING HOMESICK LATELY. ANY COMMENTS?

What rumour? Yes it is correct that I sometimes miss my family and friends but who doesn't when you live abroad.

HAS THE MORALE OF THE SQUAD SUNK WHAT WITH SALES OF GOOD PLAYERS AND FINANCIAL WORRIES BEHIND THE SCENES?

No, I don't think the morale has sunk. A player being sold happens in all clubs at any level.

HOW DO YOU WIND DOWN AFTER A GAME?

With fish and chips

WHAT'S THE BEST STADIUM YOU'VE EVER PLAYED AT?

Highbury, Arsenal

ANY PLAYERS YOU SOCIALIZE WITH?

Yes, mostly Ceri Hughes

IS CARLSBERG AS PISSY BACK HOME AS IT IS HERE IN UK?

Carlsberg is probably the best lager in the world. Cannot be said often enough as it is true.

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA OF A GOOD NIGHT OUT?

Having a good laugh with friends

WHO'S THE UGLIEST PLAYER IN THE TOWN SQUAD?

David Galley. He is small, fat, greasy hair and is unfit.

WHAT ABOUT THE WORST DRESSED?

The other lads would probably say me, but that is because they do not know anything about fashion.

WHO WOULD YOU CONSIDER LEAST TO LENDING A FIVER TO?

Tumble. When we are playing cards he never pays me when he loses.

WHAT KIND OF MUSIC ARE YOU INTO?

Different kinds of pop music

FAVOURITE T.V. PROGRAMMES?

Sport, Wildlife programmes, Quiz programmes

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION OF DEPLETED (GOOD/BAD, TOO CRITICAL, TOO CRUDE)?

It is the best of its kind in Britain.

IS FAZZA A NUTTER OR WHAT? CAN HE SING?

Sure he is. He has given some great performances for the lads

WHAT'S/WHERE IS YOUR FAVOURITE PUB?

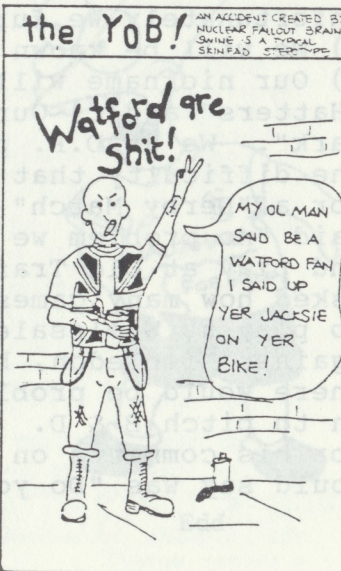
The White Horse in Eaton Bray

AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE?

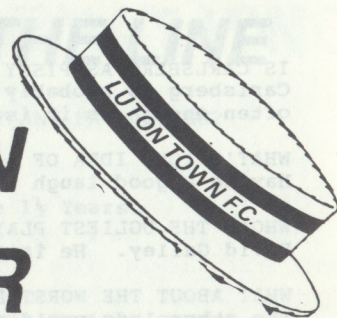
Be happy, stay healthy and enjoy life

SIGN HERE PLEASE

Lars Olsen



TOWN IN RELOCATION SHOCKER



We at D.P. can exclusively reveal the location of the new ground, thanks to one of our readers in Cheshire, who is also a County Councillor, his name Mort Mugginshaw, so its thanks to Mort for this up to the minute information. For those of you who thought Milton Keynes would have been too far to travel for a home game how do you fancy a local derby with the likes of Man Utd and Man City and if we keep selling our best players eventually Altrincham. Yes we can reveal Luton Towns new ground is at the Sale recreation ground "Pitch C". Mort Mugginshaw revealed, "apparently Luton Town first had talks with Luton Borough Council and were offered Pitch B at Lothair Road but when told the hire for a match was now over £20 their initial interest soon cooled. We at Sale can offer them a pitch of similar quality for £14. We originally wanted £15 but they knocked us down, pointing out that after all Luton were a first division team". Unfortunately we further learned from Mort that:-

- a) We will be known as Sale Town not Luton Town
- b) Our nickname will now be the "Sellers" not the "Hatters" and c) Our ground will be called "Wholesale Park".

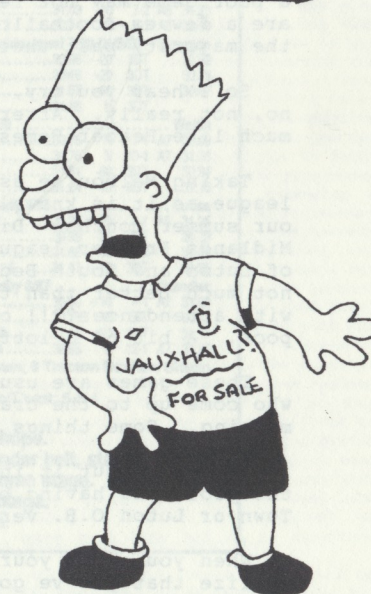
We at D.P. pointed out to a club spokesman the difficulty that might arise from a big crowd for a "Derby Match" v City or United. The spokesman said "no problem we just give up home advantage and play at Old Trafford or Maine Road." We then asked how many games we would actually be able to play at Wholesale Park. We were told only one, against Wimbledon, because in all the other games there would be problems with the large crowd spilling on to pitch B & D. When we asked Peter Nelkin for his comments on the above information all he would say was "Do you want to buy a player?"

MUTANT SOCCER HERO EDDIE

Yes thats right folk's for sometime now Luton Town Football Club have been disguising a mutant soccer hero as a member of it's playing staff. Even though Edd as he prefers to be called produced some sparkling debut performance's in his teenage years, his talent was left stagnant in the seasons to follow. Those were strange days even though Edd out on the wing , had just played a major part in capturing the Littlewoods cup for Luton , a change was being brewed. Grinner Ray let success go to his head, which made his brain over function. He had an idea which was going to destroy all that had been previously created. His master plan would be to introduce new team tactics and to change the style of play, this would include the use of the long ball and a compact four man midfield. The consequences were shattering , the center of the park was totally avoided and Edd who was pushed back into a dormant midfield role, found his skill and talent being wasted . This did his confidence no good , but with his international career flourishing with Northern Ireland he persisted with his consistent performances on the pitch and waited silently for a change and patience is a virtue . Because there came a ray of sunshine, Jimmy Ryan took over as manager and football was back and Edd with it . The passing game returned and Edd ventured forward to join the attack again. Once more he delivered the goods by playing a major part in Town's Great Escape at the Baseball Ground. Our only wish is that he can turn his consistent performances into consistent brilliant performances as he possess'es the extraordinary talent to do so.

Have you guessed who we're talking about yet ? well if you haven't , you obviously should watch Luton more often . As we are refering to that attractive number 11, Kingsley Lutons very own box of Black magic. Why is he refered to as Edd or Eddie we do not know but thats what it said on his player profile.

EAT MY SHORTS RAY!



Edd

AUSSIE POOLS

By Des Clarke and Harold Bishop

With the season almost over another unsuccessful campaign with Littlewoods ends and we turn our attention to the other side of the world. Australia to be exact, to see if exotic sides such as Frankston and Caulfield City can produce that all important three points for a draw and mega-bucks on the pools.

But how many of us actually know who these sides are and what sort of standards they are playing? Not many I'd say.

Now it is well known that the Aussies play a fair few sports, pretty impressively against us Poms in recent years it seems. Rugby League is the game for the folks from Sydney and Brisbane whilst Aussie (no) rules attracts the thugs from Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. These of course are their winter sports and believe me they do get winters down-under. They are also well attended by spectators with, I might add, very little violence (thought what takes place on the field of play is another thing!!!).

So here's an interesting fact. Australia's second most participated sport (netball is the first) is football or soccer as it is known. The national league consists of roughly a dozen sides mainly from Sydney and Melbourne most of these sides are of ethnic origin i.e. Sydney Olympic (Greek) Melbourne Croatia (Yugoslav), Sunshine George Cross (Maltese) and get a great deal of money from their respective communities. However they play to crowds of anything between 1,500 to 8,000.

The standard of these games can vary as much as attendances. A good game could be compared to perhaps a top 4th Division one whereas a poor game may not reach the heights of a Beazer homes match. There are a few ex-football league players doing battle in these games, the majority past their best but doing O.K. in the sunshine!

So I hear you cry, is this where our pools money is going? Well no, not really. After the national league they have feeder leagues, much like Beazer Homes/Vauxhall/HFS Loans are to the Vauxhall conference.

Taking Melbourne as an example four of their local leagues (Victorian league as it is known) usually appear on the pools coupons throughout our summer months. Division one would probably compare to the South Midlands Premier league whilst a Division four might hit the heights of Luton and South Beds league. These games are played on pitches not much better than those at Lothair Road or Stockwood Park and with attendances??!! of maybe 40 or so with changing rooms just as poor. A bit of a lottery? Maybe.

These games are usually officiated by a referee and two linesmen who come up to the crap standards we are used to here on a Sunday morning. Some things never change.

Anyway to put it into its true context would you consider doing the pools and having big money resting on Shillington versus Leighton Town or Luton O.B. versus Harlington. I think not.

When you check your coupons in the months to come you'll probably realize that you've got no chance as South Yarra put seven past the St. Kilda keeper. But then again Caulfield City and Frankston draw two all with an 89th minute goal from Joe Mangle giving you 22 points. You're guids in! Remember where you read it first. (Any chance of a tenner mate?)

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wollongong.....	5	3	2	0	10	4	8
Syd Croatia.....	5	4	0	1	8	5	8
Marconi.....	5	3	0	2	12	8	6
Olympic.....	5	2	2	1	6	2	6
Sth Melbourne.....	5	1	4	0	5	2	6
Mlb Croatia.....	5	2	2	1	6	7	6
Brunswick.....	5	1	3	1	6	6	6
Sunshine.....	5	2	0	3	7	12	5
St George.....	5	2	0	3	11	8	5
Footscray.....	5	1	2	2	5	5	4
Apia L'hardi.....	5	2	0	3	5	8	4
Brisbane Lions.....	5	1	1	3	7	10	3
Preston.....	5	0	3	2	0	3	3
Adelaide City.....	5	0	2	3	2	10	2

THE AUSSIE GAME



GOING TO THE DOGS

From the form write-up at the bottom of the page, it seems the dog in trap 4 has been aptly named.

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BETTING: 5-2 Winton Wit, 4 Pimco, Pennys Flower, Luton Town, 6 Tracton Dasher, Shean Miley

Sel: WINTON WIT D.: Pennys Flower F.Alt: Luton Town Trio/T'cast: 5-3-4

- 1 Pimco—can slip round if others tangle at corner.
- 2 Tracton Dasher—stealing a clear lead is his only hope.
- 3 Pennys Flower—beat these with couple of runs under belt, stays.
- 4 Luton Town—difficult to assess, thereabouts at some stage.
- 5 Winton Wit—quickly strike front, hold on to advantage.
- 6 Shean Miley—age has blunted his speed, runs on.

By the way the dog came fifth.
Anyone interested in purchasing the mutt should ring a P Nelkin on 0839 664466. All enquires welcomed.

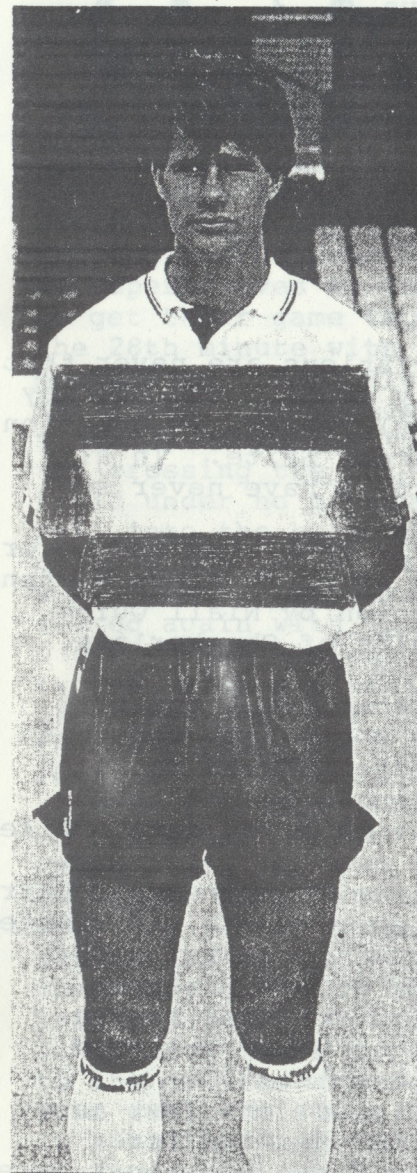
POLL OF POLLS

Please fill in and return to the fanzine address. It will make interesting reading for next issue and it will only cost the price of a 17p stamp.

- 1) PLAYER OF THE YEAR.....
- 2) MOST IMPROVED PLAYER.....
- 3) MOST PROMISING YOUNGSTER.....
- 4) BEST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON.....
- 5) WORST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON.....
- 6) BEST OPPONENTS OF THE SEASON.....
- 7) WORST OPPONENTS OF THE SEASON.....
- 8) BEST TOWN GOAL OF THE SEASON.....
- 9) BEST OPPONENTS GOAL OF THE SEASON.....
- 10) BEST GROUND VISITED.....
- 11) WORST GROUND VISITED.....
- 12) WORST REFEREE OF THE SEASON.....
- 13) BIGGEST DONKEY OF THE SEASON.....
- 14) MOST HEAVY HAND POLICE.....
- 15) DO YOU AGREE WITH AWAY FAN BAN?.....
- 16) DO YOU AGREE WITH MEMBERSHIP CARDS?.....
- 17) DO YOU AGREE WITH ALL SEATER STADIUMS?.....
- 18) DO YOU AGREE WITH THE MOVE FROM KENILWORTH ROAD?.....
- 19) WHAT WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL STARTING LINE UP FOR THE TOWN FROM THE SQUAD THIS SEASON? 1).....2).....3).....4).....5).....6).....7).....8).....9).....10).....11).....SUBS.....
- 20) DO YOU FEEL FACILITIES AT THE GROUND HAVE IMPROVED?.....
- 21) WHERE DO YOU CURRENTLY SIT OR STAND TO WATCH THE TOWN....
- 22) DO YOU READ ANY LUTON FANZINES?.....
- 23) DO YOU READ ANY OTHER FANZINES?.....
- 24) HOW LONG HAVE YOU FOLLOWED THE TOWN?.....YEARS

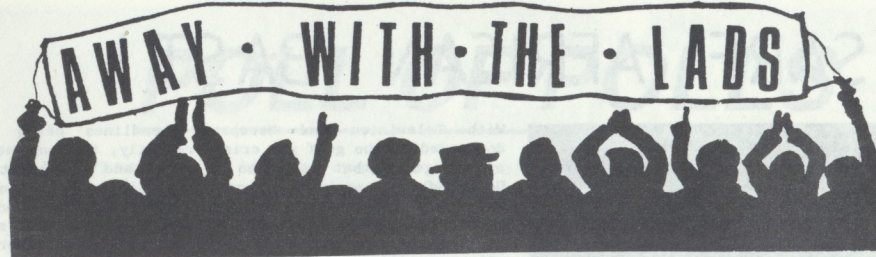
Results will be published for the first Depleted of 1991-1992 season. Cheers.

SARF AFRICAN BAST!



A concerned former Town striker Roy Wegerle adopted son of Winnie and Nelson Mandela.

With Television and Newspaper headlines being mainly dominated by the gulf war crisis recently, the current state of emergency that has been declared and in operation in South Africa has virtually gone unnoticed by all in Great Britain. But one person who did notice and is very concerned about the current state of affairs is former town striker Roy Wegerle, who says that there has been massive uprisings all over the provinces, involving violent hand to hand street fighting between police and demonstrators in the shante town areas of the big cities which have ended in unnecessary bloodshed. The internal disturbances have said to have been caused indirectly by Roy and his adopted parents Winnie and Nelson Mandela, who are all key members of the African National Congress political group. Due to internal pressure created within the party, although it has been common knowledge in Great Britain for sometime, it was embarrassing recently when the Mandelas were forced to reveal their adopted sons declaration and ambition to play soccer for the United States at competitive international level in time for the next world cup, rather than play for his native South Africa. This decision didnt go down to well with the general public with whom Roy is heroworshipped, they were said to be very dissappointed, dazed and distressed about it and took to the streets to show their disgust and anger. It has also been noted that the South African government have taken a keen interest in Roy, who they have been trying to trace for several years now. He has also been blacklisted by the secret police and has been on their wanted list for sometime now, after he slipped away from South Africa and avoided doing his national service by emigrating to the United States before settling in Great Britain. Winnie and Nelson refused to put blame on their runaway sons shoulders and claimed that although he would dearly love to represent South Africa at international level he would not receive the fame, acclaim and financial reward that he is longing for, plus it would also mean that he would not be able to play in the F.I.F.A. world cup finals. The Mandelas also fuelled the internal squabbling further by claiming that Roys Former teenage sweetheart Miss Zola Budd, the Ex sex kitten of former president Boutha, has been financing the secret polices operation to take Roy back to South Africa for an unpleasant surprise party in a Johannesburg court room. The secret police has so far denied all connections with Miss Budd (who delinquent hatters fan Kylie Minogue has bigger breasts than), but it is common knowledge in South Africa that Zola knows how to pull the right government strings as she demonstrated by shamefully demanding a British Passport as her ticket to 1984 Olympics. At present she dismisses to acknowledge any connection between herself and the current Queens Park Rangers ball magician, and refuses to talk about their sorrid teenage love affair. Roy whos adopted parents have informed about all the present going ons, has said that he is not surprised by Miss Budds actions and said that she had the right to be angry with him as he did leave her and their five children in a state of poverty to channel his own selfish ambitions. The Mandelas who will be flying out to Great Britain shortly, now realise how important to their homeland their visit will be when they are linked up with their adopted son. They will need to persuade Roy to overturn his decision to play for the United States, depart his current frailing Queens Park Rangers team and return home, where he can patch up the differences with Miss Budd and publicly apologise to the masses who heroworship him, by pulling on a South African jersey. Or pherhaps maybe not, maybe hell stay and do an aboutturn altogether and choose to play for England? For those of you who are interested Simple Minds will be playing a benefit gig on the behalf of the Mandelas and Roy to finance the help needed to ease the pain and suffering caused to the innocent grief stricken victims of these latest disturbances. Please send a S.A.E for all ticket information to Depleted.



QUINN PEAKS

MAN CITY 3 v 0 TOWN 5.3.91

SUPPORT 96

When you follow Luton expectations are never that high when we travel to big city clubs. But the way the lads played on this particular night in question can only be answered by one word. Shite. In all the years I've followed the side I have never seen a more lack lustre performance.

Dowie was injured in an early collision and never recovered. City took the lead after 20 minutes when McDonough got caught in possession by Niall Quinn who ran on to place his shot wide of Chamberlain. Whose the donkey now?

The homers carried on with some sweet football and after what seemed like the whole back four had pissed around with the ball Rodger passed to Allen who rounded Alec but was challenged by the guilty defender who was adjudged to bring Allen down. Allen buried the penalty.

A few minutes before half time White roasted Hair-Dreyer to tee up Quinn for an easy header. A minute later White again found "Hair out of place" only to see his cross go inches wide of the far post.

The second half was all City with Alec saving us on at least half a dozen occasions. It could and should have been a bigger margin.

To the faithful few (me included) who lost money by having the day off work....You deserve more. To the players - except Chamberlain - how about more commitment? To those who didn't bother - fair play to ya!!

M.O.M. Alec Chamberlain - player of the season without a doubt, give it to him now eh?

VANISHING VILLA & VENGLOS

ASTON VILLA v LUTON TOWN 9.3.91

SUPPORT: 350

After the previous Tuesday's nightmare (for Elm Street read Maine Road) the Town grabbed a vital win, their first away in the league in almost six months. For the first twenty minutes Luton were really under the hammer, with Penrice and Platt being put clean through, dodging the spuds growing in the penalty area but both being thwarted by superb saves by Chamberlain. Luton then started to get their game together and took the lead in the 28th minute with a bizzare own goal by Derek Mountfield. Lars Elstrup collected the ball on the right, cut inside and slipped a good ball to Kingsley Black who took the ball on in his stride and crossing the ball into the middle found Mountfield under no pressure at all who smashed the ball into the back of the net. Thanks Derek you owed us one, after breaking our hearts in the "85" semi final. Luton were now on song and nearly scored again with Spink making a fine save from Dowie. Then a minute before half-time Luton went two up, with a stunning volley from Mark Pembridge, his first goal for the club, after a cross from the left from David Preece, after a short corner routine. Five minutes after half-time Villa were awarded a penalty after some shirt-pulling by Dreyer on Cascarino. Platt hit the penalty straight at Chamberlain and when the rebound fell to Cascarino the keeper done well again to save his shot. Things were now really starting to hot up and Lars Elstrup usually so deadly should have wrapped things up when sent clear by Beaumont but had his shot brilliantly saved by Spink. Villa were pressing forward in great numbers but leaving themselves vulnerable to the counter-attack. They pulled a goal back with twenty minutes left through a Cascarino header. In a nail-biting last twenty minutes Platt and Yorke went close for Villa, with Pembridge and Black going close for Luton, but Luton held on for the win which delighted the travelling support.

M.O.M. Alec Chamberlain (great saves)

BUTCHERED

COVENTRY CITY V LUTON TOWN 13.3.91

SUPPORT: 600

In a game of two halves, Luton gave a real Jekyll & Hyde performance. They took the lead in the 11th minute when a deep corner from David Preece was knocked back into the middle and turned in from 8 yards by Graham Rodgers against his old club. Then after a fine passing movement Kingsley Black stole half a yard from Alan Pearce and was clearly fouled in the penalty area but the ref amazingly waved play on. In the second-half Coventry played with a lot more vigour and pinned Luton back for long periods. They drew level in the 60th minute from the penalty spot, after a mix-up between Rodgers and Chamberlain, Gallagher nipped in, and Chamberlain was adjudged to have brought him down, Chamberlain disagreed and was booked for his remonstrations. It would be fair to say that the penalty awarded to Coventry did not look as clear-cut as the one denied the Town in the first half. From the ensuing spot-kick Borrows' kick hit the post, hit Chamberlain on the back and was adjudged to have crossed the line. Luton were now pinned back and attacked only spasmodically, but should have done better when Dowie won the ball on the half-way line, raced toward goal and shot lamely from 30 yards when a pass to the unmarked Black would have been a better option. Coventry scored the winner 7 minutes from time, when a free-kick from Woods was powerfully headed home by Pearce at the far post. So a disappointing end to a game that had started so promisingly.

M.O.M. Graham Rodgers: except for the mix up with Chamberlain that lead to the penalty, had a superb game, never missed a header keeping one eye on the ball and the other on Cyrille Regis's flying elbows.

Ref Peter Jones (Loughborough) totally inept

SAD FOOTNOTE: The sight of a player I used to admire Cyrille Regis, resorting to rough-house tactics bordering on the illegal, to try and gain advantage.

NEVER ENDING STORY

MAN UNITED 4 v 1 TOWN

EST. SUPPORT: 600

Trying to end a monumental run of defeats at Old Trafford the lads were basically on a hiding to nothing.

Fazza against Pallister was simply a no-contest though our hero did show a few good touches. Unfortunately most of these were at defending corners.

Bruce put the reds one up after the defence failed to clear a corner but Preecey equalized with a fierce!!!! 30 yarder which took a wicked bounce off the O.T. turf.

Level at half-time but not for long. A false sense of maybe a point vanished two minutes after the break when Bruce was again unmarked from a corner to head home. It has to be said our defence is crap in these situations.

Robins added a third after 68 minutes and McClair wrapped things up with a forth 6 minutes from time though Marvallous seemed to be tripped by Hughes in the process.

So another disappointing result for the faithful including the pirates in the seats.

A word for Mr Nelkin. After the selling of Iain Dowie don't expect boys to do mens work. Also well done to everyone who joined in the "We want N..... out" chants. Keep it going.

M.O.M. Vic Reeves (a good night out)



Another Case For Sherlock Holmes.....

"HOUNDED BY BASSETTS-VILLE" or "the disappearing points"

SHEFFIELD UTD v LUTON TOWN 30.3.91

AWAY SUPPORT: 300

In a match where Luton started brightly and looked the better side in the first half, they succumbed to Sheffield's power play after the break. The Town took the lead in the tenth minute when after a throw-in Harvey crossed from the left, Elstrup had his shot blocked the rebound flew to Pembridge wide on the left, who volleyed it back across the area for Elstrup to guide a header across the area and into the net. Although the Town played well in the first half they rarely threatened to score again. At the back Rodger was having a fine game until it looked like he exacerbated the neck injury he had a few weeks ago in a collision with Brian Deane and there after was not the same player. Half-time came and with the Town 1-0 up I think most Luton fans were looking forward towards a 2nd half performance akin to the one they gave here in the cup, alas it was not to be. United equalized in the 55th minute when Alec Chamberlain came a long way off his line to punch a high ball, under pressure from Deane though it fell to Ian Bryson who veered to his left before smashing a shot into the top left hand corner. Three minutes later Glynn Hodges who seems to have turned United's season around, popped up in the middle to head a long cross powerfully past Chamberlain. Luton were really up against it now and could have fallen further behind, before Nogan and James replaced Black and Beaumont. Luton came back into the game slightly in the last 10 minutes, but Farrel Lobbed just wide and Elstrup shot wide from the edge of the box when he had the time, to bring the ball on. So 3 more points lost, unfortunately in the end we were just not strong enough physically to stop Sheffield United's amazing run of results.

M.O.M. Mark Pembridge - Luton

CHELSEA 3-3 TOWN Disgrace - and against 10 men as well.

22 Good to see Fazza score though.

IT'S A FUNNY OLD GAME



What is ? we hear you ask. Well according to that pair of television pundits Stain and Greasy football is. The T.V. critics who conjured up the saying are both Ex-players who have a good education of the game. But sadly they both failed to break into the managerial aspect of the sport, because their overall extent of football knowledge was lacking in some areas. So they both decided to take the easy option and work as muppets on T.V., but unlike most presenters these two had a chemistry which created charisma. One is very anti English and very very pro Liverpool, who has an attitude problem which shouldn't be allowed on the goggle box. But he is perfectly balanced by the other, who is an ex beer swigging, plump, loveable rogue who thinks he's a bit of a comic. But to establish some facts to see if football is hilarious we decided to investigate the pairs claims

REPEAT AFTER ME - IT'S
A FUNNY OLD GAME...



FACT 1 Football is a sport played by two teams who wear different tribal colours to identify one another.

FACT 2 The object of the game is to kick the hide of a dead cow around and with only using your feet, put it between your opponents two bits of wood into their net.

FACT 3 Each team contains 10 outfield players, 1 goalkeeper and at present 2 subs.

FACT 4 Each team has a manager who decides whether to use an attacking or defensive style of play.

FACT 5 The game has a complex set of rules which referees and linesmen must learn and enforce to their best ability on the pitch.

FACT 6 The match is governed by the referee who can over rule any decisions made by his two linesmen.

FACT 7 Unless you are a goalkeeper the sport only involves the use of your feet, except when the ball has gone out of play for a throw in.

We decided to stop at this point and put a Harry Enfield video on as we hadn't found anything funny about football yet. But we must add we did chuckle when we were reminded about Kenny Dalglish's live on T.V. fall into the dug out at Selhurst Park. So if you can remember any funny moments involving Town players or opponents during Town matches, send them through to the address enclosed. As for Stain and Greasy well that was a bit of a joke in itself. Ha Ha Ha Ha.

SACKED

"-I threatened to tell the truth."

Ex-Town employee & confidant

Depleted has scooped "Sunday Sport" "News Of The World" and "The Luton News" with the shock revelations of ex-Town employee, Fiona Bright.

She has sold her story exclusively to D.P. (for 5 pound, 2 editions of issue No. 3 and a crate of Jack Daniels) of how she was sacked for threatening to blow the whistle !! on the Hatters.

Fiona, affectionately known as "Martini" by the club staff, started work for the Town one Tuesday evening during the Pleaty era.

"I was standing down Brook Street outside my house, just adjusting my stockings which had laddered, when this car pulled over and the driver asked me if I was working that evening" recalls Fiona. "Lo and behold it was David Pleat"

"Anyway he had me over that refreshment stand on the Kenilworth terrace in no time. I was handing out cheese rolls, ham rolls and any sort of roll I could get in no time".

"Before long I was confidant to all that went on from the treatment room to the changing rooms at that club. Big Mick Harford was always a favourite of mine and you'd often find me playing with the apprentices on the pitch of an afternoon, those carpet burns were terrible. Anyhow my responsibilities grew and grew until I was head barmaid and in charge of entertainment and light relief at the club. But I was more of an agony aunt to the lads, just an older friend some like to call me, a schoolgirl, or just another stern woman in uniform, but they all came to me with their problems".

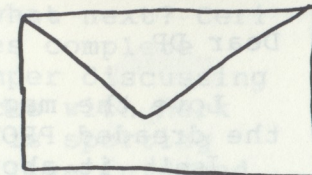
"All was going well until Jim Ryan took over, for some reason he took an instant dislike to me. He said I had to leave the bar just because I can't add up, and that the massages I used to give on the treatment table were no longer required. He even accused me of making the players too relaxed, can you believe it, and after all the favours I've supplied over the years for that club....." Unfortunately we had to terminate the interview as Ms Bright has just collapsed from the bar stool.

We have just spoken to L.T.F.C. spokesman, Mr Happy Hatter, who replied when asked of the reason for Ms Bright's dismissal "she worked in the bar, couldn't count, drunk the profits, got caught stealing and anyway she is eighty four!"



DEPLETED
3B SWANSTON GRANGE
DUNSTABLE ROAD
LUTON, BEDS.
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mAILBAG



Dear DP

Why all the fuss about Steve Williams? I find it very difficult to understand the adulations that has been heaped on the player by many Luton fans, particularly recalling the stick that was given to Danny Wilson (in my view one of our most underrated players of recent seasons).

Do you remember David Evans describing Williams as the finest midfield player in the country? What a mistake - the problem is I've no doubt that Williams actually thinks he is !!!

Whilst accepting that as an "ex-pat" Luton fan I don't see as many games as I'd like to these days. On the half a dozen or so occasions when I have seen him this season I've been appalled by what I've seen. Too often his passes are either intercepted or over-hit and when he's been caught in possession makes no attempt to win the ball back. I agree that he does have the ability to slow the game down and his free-kicks have produced the odd goal, but that is not nearly enough. Whilst Hughes and Pembroke have made commendable contributions, without Preedy we would surely be nowhere.

But most unacceptable of all is Williams' attitude - what sort of example does a player who has been booked 10 times already this season and who constantly hurls verbal abuse at both referees and opponents, set to the younger players?

It's about time the board dug deep in their pockets, (or alternatively brought back Nobby Horton!)

Yours

Peter Holmes - Nottingham

DEPLETED

Dear DP

Love the mag but felt it was time you mentioned the dreaded PROMO-PHOTO.

Isn't it about time that the club stopped subjecting the cream of Luton talent to the embarrassment of the sports shop promotional photograph? Look through your old programmes and cringe at some of the following:-

VS Burnley 27th September 1988

Timmy Breaker and old Tumble with two kids. Our Tim is decked out in yuckey blue annorak the hateful "red kit" and ORANGE SOCKS!! JD looks decidedly shifty in his casuals and his cup winners shirt. The headband on one of the kids is a disgrace.

VS Forest 26th December 1989

Danny Wilson and family - totally nauseating

VS Saints 24th February 1990

A classic! Tumble and Trickey Dickey posing with Jimmy Ryans senator with Marvin dashing to join them after a swift few in the Joe Payne lounge. Why has Marvin got pink bits on his trainers? Why are Trickey and Tumble trying to get into the same seat? Who's driving? (surely not Marvin?)

VS Mansfield 3rd October 1989

Kingsley "Young, gifted and " Black and Davie B looking very embarrassed at being caught in an elbow tickling session. "Gifted's" jeans were also a problem.

VS Arsenal 8th December 1990

My personal favourite. Marvin, Trickey and Cookie (who's he?) contemplating various purchases. How kind of Trickey to buy Jason Rees away kit for him. Why does Cookie need an away kit - he's lucky to be picked for the reserves? Is blue really Marvins colour? Did they all enjoy a game of "Match Winner" after their shopping exhibition? Jimmy Ryan should be told.

This outrage should be stopped - what next? Ceri "so good looking - so young" Hughes complete with authentic Welsh lambswool jumper discussing the finer points of the orange socks with Mark "orphan features" Pembridge. Who is sporting the stylish LTFC hat and scarf? I live in dread....

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Mel - Luton

Dear Depleted

Just a note to congratulate you on being the best of the LT Fanzines. (Grovel, Grovel). Due to being one of a minority, a Luton fan amongst hordes of Philistines (i.e Spurs, Chelsea, Man U and Liverpool fans) in Stevenage, I don't always get to read or hear any juicy gossip regarding our beloved football club. Therefore, can anyone explain the following questions please?

- 1) Where is Emeka Nwaijobi? Has he been signed up for the Nelson Mandela football club and then kidnapped?
- 2) What did Mike Saxby do to upset Pleaty in the early 80's? After recovering from a long term injury he never again got a look in for the first team. Even David Carr got a game instead of him. He was in my opinion an above average defender. Did he piss God off, if so how?
- 3) Has Richard Cooke; ditto the above?
- 4) Why do the media always portray Liverpool fans as knowledgeable, lovable and warm Scousers ready to cheer and applaud any footballing feat. It would seem that being a koppite is the equivalent of sainthood. I have no axe to grind regarding Liverpool fans but why have they gained this reputation? Heyssel and Hillsborough seem to have helped perpetrate this myth rather than demolish it. Most peculiar.

Any replies via Depleted would be appreciated.

Gerry Callaghan - Stevenage



FOLLOWING THE
DECISION BY
VAUXHALL TO
WITHDRAW THEIR
SPONSORSHIP OF
THE CLUB FROM
NEXT SEASON,
(ANOTHER FIRM
WITH FAITH IN

NELKIN), THE
LUTON TEAM WILL
NEXT SEASON SPORT
A 'FOR SALE' LOGO
ON THEIR SHIRTS
TO ADVERTISE THEMSELVES
RATHER THAN A PARTICULAR
COMPANY.

"IT'S AN EXCELLENT
WAY OF BRINGING MONEY
INTO THE CLUB" SAYS
CHAIRMAN PETER NELKIN
OTHER CLUBS SEE THE
SHIRTS, OFFER ANY PRICE,
WE SAY YES AND THERE'S
MONEY IN THE BANK. AND
IT MEANS WE WON'T HAVE
TO PAY THEIR WAGES ANY
MORE BECAUSE THEY WON'T
BE HERE" HE LAUGHS.

"Hey Keep the
noise down
you Kurds. We
can't seem to
get the World
Service to pick
up the Luton
result." --



We're out warming up, its quarter to three,
there's no number four, who will it be?

He limbers up inside, no one else near,
the team is announced, he's in; the crowd cheer!

Elegantly flaunting a gift pure and rare,
he sprays pass after pass that curl through the air.

Drifting into position, finding both time and space,
he outmanövers all others, irrespective of pace.

The play flows around him, today he's on song,
much prompting to team mates, none can do wrong.

Young lads begin to flourish, from being part of his game,
finding early maturity and a quick rise to fame.

A delight for the crowd, drawn close to our heart,
as without breaking sweat, he masters his art.

He's been booked again, the manager seethes,
the crowd growing restless, the teams on its knees.

Then losing his head, his words start to burn,
more back chat to ref, he never will learn!

Cohesiveness gone, our games falling away,
but still he mouths on, having his say.

Dejected we troop off, at a great cost,
another suspension, and the games just been lost.

Missing for a while, left out of the side,
he's stuck in the stiff, just playing for pride.

Another crisis is looming, he's been chosen to play,
brilliant again! what can Jim say?

The saga's not over, a decision to face,
is he worth keeping? What price to replace?

Signed

A friend of the last remaining member of the Ron Baynham fanclub.

Dear Sir

I am writing to you about the Luton v West Ham FA Cup tie. I had a ticket, provided by a club member, for the Kenilworth Road terrace. When I approached the turnstiles a policeman refused me entry as the club member had already gone inside the ground. I went to the ticket office but they would not help. I was told that it was a condition that the member had to be with me, but this was the first I had heard of it and I was not amused at having paid for a valid ticket - four days previously - and having travelled from London.

I tried reasoning - I asked if another member could vouch for me. I pointed out that they could check that my ticket had been bought by the person I said had got it. At 2.55 I left the ticket office after being told I would not get into the ground.

I would like to inform you I did get into the ground with the co-operation of two of your members. Inside the ground I again met and talked to home supporters disillusioned with the ticket/membership scheme. The atmosphere with many other West Ham supporters in the home section was good humoured.

I feel great sympathy for Luton supporters. They have been used as a political band wagon by David Evans, an opportunist totally out of touch with real supporters. The result - the ridiculous plastic, no atmosphere, a computerized ticket system that doesn't work. (My tickets have never worked, at the league cup semi final my terrace ticket got me into your main stand) a reputation as a miserable unfriendly club that most neutrals want relegated. Is this club really a model for the future of football? I don't think so and you should be grateful for the few supporters you still have - you don't deserve them. If we are ever drawn against you in the cup again I shall become a member to get a ticket for this reason I cannot sign this letter. As far as league games go, I do not envisage us meeting very often, if at all, in the foreseeable future.

Name and address received

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ON MAY 11th TOWN'S FUTURE AGAINST DERBY WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT OCCASION. AS I WRITE IT LOOKS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE DERBY'S LAST GAME IN DIVISION ONE AND UNFORTUNATELY IT COULD BE OURS TOO. IN ANY EVENT IT WILL BE THE LAST 1st DIVISION FIXTURE TO BE PLAYED ON THE DRASTIC PLASTIC AND ABOUT TIME TOO.

TO MARK THESE IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN FOOTBALL HISTORY WHAT BETTER GESTURE FROM THE BOARD THAN TO ALLOW IN DERBY SUPPORTERS SO THAT WE CAN ALL HAVE A BLOODY GREAT PARTY TOGETHER. SURELY THIS ISN'T TOO MUCH TO ASK AFTER THE RECOGNITION OF OUR PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASEBALL GROUND LAST YEAR. INCIDENTALLY RUMOUR HAS IT THAT NEXT SEASON WILL SEE THE HATTERS IN YET ANOTHER NEW KIT FEATURING, THIS TIME, THE NEW IN-VOGUE BAGGY STYLE SHORTS AS MODELLLED BY BRIAN STEIN OF CAEN AND OTHER FORMER TOWN STARS SUCH AS JOE PAYNE AND DALLY DUNCAN. PREECEY OF COURSE HAS BEEN WEARING THE STYLE FOR YEARS.

ANYWAY IF THE TEAM ARE TO WEAR FANCY DRESS WHY SHOULDN'T WE. UNDER MAY 11th IN YOUR DIARIES/CALENDERS AND FILOFAXES WRITE "END OF ERA PARTY". SEE YOU THERE

DAZMO'S MISSING PONY TAIL.

P P: Perhaps you can explain to me why Luton Town, the family club, losing "X" amount of Thousands of pounds a week, trying to encourage new supporters (ha,ha) revokes a Luton Town supporters' membership, because he was trying to encourage his friends to support Luton. Hard to believe? I say so, but true. No I wasn't the supporter who had the membership revoked, (He lives in Amptill) and I don't know who he is, but it could have been Me or You!

My connection with this matter is that one of his friends who he purchased a ticket for is my boss, a Company Accountant of a large Building firm in the South of England. An obvious candidate for Football hooligan of the year!

Since starting my new job in January I have channeled most of my energies into converting all the Yids, Gooners and Chelsea fans into a happy Hatters fan like me, (Not an easy job with brain deads) however I had more luck with my boss who happened to be a neutral supporter with a liking of the little Teams and underdogs. I was quite surprised with his knowledge of the Town, and how happy he was that they had beaten the Ars at Wembley in "88" and he spoke of genuine delight of players of the likes of Rickey Hill, Brian Stein, Mick Harford and Steve Foster. I thought I've caught him and with much bullshit from me I convinced him to come to see the new look Luton. Being a season ticket holder I offered to get him tickets, but as he was coming from Hendon, he was going to come with a friend who had obtained tickets from a Luton fan, friend of his who lives in "Amptill". What match was this, and why all the fuss, it was Luton 3 v Liverpool (The linesman has a scouse mum)!

My boss and his friend were stopped going into the Kenilworth by the Police, asked for membership cards (At an all ticket match !!) as they were not members, and were not with the member who purchased their tickets, they were refused entry, had their tickets taken off them, quizzed for 15 minutes and made to sign some sort of declaration. My boss said he felt like a common criminal. Needless to say he won't be making the effort to come and see Luton, the person who got him the ticket has had his membership revoked.

As for me I'm just known in work as the Dickhead who supports a Dickhead club.

"Thanks Luton Town you couldn't have proved what people think and what the papers say more RIGHT" YOURS

LOYAL LUTON SUPPORTERS CLUB MEMBER

THE WAYNE TURNER INTERVIEW

WAYNE, TELL US HOW IT ALL STARTED. WHERE WERE YOU BORN AND WHEN?
Born 9.3.61 in Luton

DID YOU HAVE ANY AMBITIONS AS A LAD AND DID YOU HAVE A CAREER IN MIND?

I was dedicated to being a footballer, but if I wasn't I would have been a painter/decorator which I am today.

HOW DID YOU START OUT IN FOOTBALL?

The first proper team I played for was the 3rd Chiltern Cubs team as centre forward aged 9. I played against Kerry Dixon and we were the top scorers in the league (what happened to me?)

WHEN WAS IT THAT LUTON CAME INTO THE SCENE AND HOW DID IT FEEL TO BE PART OF THE YOUTH TEAM SET UP?

Luton spotted me playing from 12-16 for a very successful Luton schools team. We won 4 trophy's in that time and 7 of the players signed app's for professional clubs. I signed for Luton.

DAVID PLEAT WAS MANAGER AT THAT TIME OF COURSE AND WAS RENOWNED FOR HIS YOUTH POLICY. DID HE HELP YOU AND OTHER LADS IN ANY WAY AT THIS EARLY STAGE?

David Pleat always encouraged us all to play football and we worked on our technique all the time.

YOU WERE PART OF THE YOUTH TEAM THAT WON THE EASTERN JUNIOR CUP FINAL IN 1978. HOW DID THAT FEEL?

We had a great youth team at that time and to win the cup capped a great season for me. I also won the young player of the year award.

YOUR FULL LEAGUE DEBUT WAS AT HOME TO CAMBRIDGE UNITED ON AUGUST 18TH 1979 WHEN YOU SLOTTED IN A LEFT BACK. WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THAT DAY IN A 1-1 DRAW?

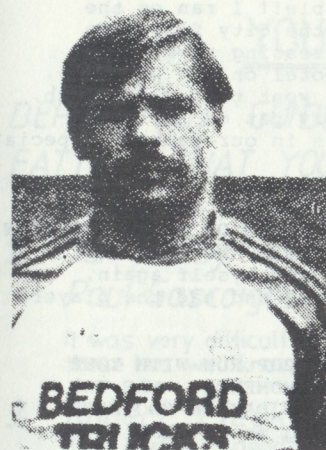
My actual league debut was against Wrexham away, replacing Alan West in midfield. We lost 2-0 but I really enjoyed it, playing in front of a large crowd. It was the last game of the 78/79 season. Playing against Cambridge was my home debut, the start of next season. There was two things I remember. One was I was playing left back which was strange to me and I had to stop a quick black winger called Christie (I've never met a slow one) and the noise of the crowd was great except I couldn't shout to Ricky Hill or Kirk Stephens because they couldn't hear me. It was a weird feeling at the time. Now it makes me laugh.

YOU STRUGGLED TO GET INTO THE SIDE FOR 2 SEASONS. DID THIS HIT YOUR CONFIDENCE AND DID YOU FEEL THAT A MOVE WAS NECESSARY?

I knocked on David Pleats door all the time asking to be in the team if not he should sell me. Thankfully he wouldn't, but he sent me on loan to Lincoln which changed my whole life. Going to the third division gave me a chance of regular 1st team football which I loved, but also I realized the 1st division was the place to be a player for as long as possible

EVENUALLY THE BREAKS CAME IN THE PROMOTION WINNING SEASON OF 1981/2 AND INDEED YOUR FIRST SENIOR LEAGUE GOAL AGAINST CAMBRIDGE. WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THAT AND THAT GLORIOUS SEASON?

I had 4 great months at Lincoln playing 20 games and only losing 1. I came back full of confidence and got back in the Luton team



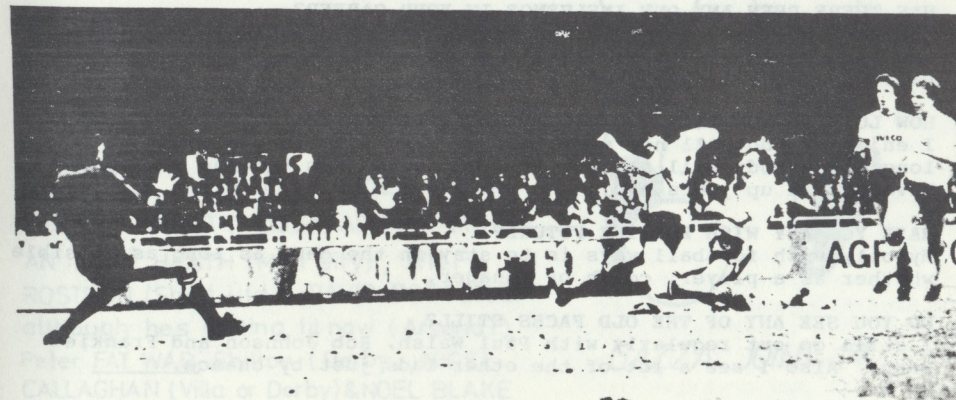
at left back. I played most games until the end but I missed out on a championship medal by 1 game. My goal against Cambridge was special because it was my 1st also it was on the T.V. I cringe now when I watch it when I look at that hideous beard I was wearing. Though it was a great season for the club for me it finished in disappointment. The night we were down the town hall showing the fans the cup, Lincoln were playing their last league game against Fulham which they had to win to go up. They drew 1-1, so I lost out on a medal with Luton and promotion with Lincoln all on the same night

THAT FIRST SEASON BACK IN DIVISION 1 WAS UNFORGETTABLE. YOU PLAYED 29 LEAGUE APPEARANCES WITH 1 GOAL TO YOUR CREDIT. THE EVENTFUL YEAR HAD MANY HIGHS AND LOWS, TALK US THROUGH SOME

That season in division 1 all I remember was goals, goals and goals. We scored about 60 and conceded about 80, and seemed to be on T.V. every week. The 2 most vivid games were Brighton at home when we won 5-0. I scored with an over head kick and the very next game v Liverpool away when we drew 3-3 after using 3 goalkeepers.

YOU WERE SUBSTITUTED IN THE MAN CITY MATCH FOR THE EVENTUAL MATCH WINNER RADDY ANTIC. WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THE LAST 4 MINUTES OF THE GAME AND THE AFTER MATCH CELEBRATION?

The Man City game was of course special. I remember sitting on the bench when Raddy replaced me (what a bad substitution) and being far more nervous than when I was playing. David Pleat was exhausted with tension and actually fainted for a short time.



Then the whistle went, we had won, unbelievable!! I ran on the pitch to celebrate when we were attacked by the City fans. We fought our way off the pitch and up to the dressing rooms where the celebrations started. We stopped at a hotel on the way home, then when we got back to Luton me and Walshy went to a night club, opened a bottle of champagne and enjoyed every pat on the back, which weeks and months before had been knives in our backs. (Especially mine) It was sweet.

THE FOLLOWING SEASON SAW GROWTH IN NOT ONLY YOURSELF BUT ALSO IN THE TEAM. WHAT WAS IT LIKE PLAYING WITH THE LIKES OF BASHER, HORTON, HILL, STEIN, MOSS AND THE "NEW BLOOD" LIKE FOSTER AND HARFORD? The next season was the same as the last proving myself again, except this time I was playing more in midfield and had the players you mentioned playing along side me.

84/85 WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR THE GREAT CUP RUN WITH YOUR STRIKE AGAINST WATFORD AS ONE OF THE SWEETEST MOMENTS. WAS THE SEMI-FINAL AT VILLA PARK YOUR GREATEST OR WORST DAY IN FOOTBALL? 84/85 was the season Brian Horton left allowing me to play in my favourite centre of midfield position. Scoring the goal against Watford and playing in the semi-final was brilliant, but again it finished sadly. After playing most of the season in the league side David Pleat brought Peter Nicholas and that was that.

DID LUTON AND YOURSELF PART COMPANY AMICABLY?

I was fed up playing out of position and when they brought Peter I new I had to go.

WHERE DID YOU GO TO AND HOW DO YOU FIND THE RECENT SEASONS AT BARNET?

I signed for Coventry and was made captain and played 16 games leading the team at some great grounds, but then I got 2 bad tackles to my knee and ankle ligaments and with two injuries combined I was out for 8 months and that was that. I was sold to Brentford.

Again at Brentford I was plagued by injury and I moved on to Barnet. My 1st season was a total success. We won the league cup and got runner up player of the year and also goal of the season. I missed the whole of last season because of 2 prolapsed discs in my back which I had removed. This season has been up and down. We've had a good F A Cup run and again were challenging for the league, but I've just had a small op on my knee to repair a torn cartilage.

THE "CONFERENCE" IS TOUGH AND IT IS A CREDIT TO YOUR STRENGTH THAT YOU ARE STILL PLAYING. WHO DO YOU FEEL IS UP AND COMING IN THIS ENVIRONMENT?

There are some good players in our league and our team like, Andrew Clarke, Mick Bodley, Gary Poole and many more.

HAS THERE BEEN ANY ONE INFLUENCE IN YOUR CAREER?

The one influence on my career when I was very young was my mum and dad then as I got older it was David Pleat, Danny Bergara and David Coates all from Luton F.C.

HOW LONG DO YOU FEEL YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PLAY?

I enjoy my football now more than ever so I'll keep playing as long as my body will allow. (If I did what it's telling me I would have packed up years ago)

HAVE YOU ANY WISH FOR THE FUTURE?

My only wish football ways is to stay in the game as long as possible whether as a player, coach or manager.

DO YOU SEE ANY OF THE OLD FACES STILL?

I still go out regularly with Paul Walsh, Rob Johnson and Frankie Burn. Also I see a lot of the other lads just by chance.

Thanks for your time Wayne.

YOU FAT BASTARDS !

DEPLETEDS GUIDE TO THE FIRST DIVISIONS TOP TEN FATTIES THAT YOU MIGHT SEE THIS SEASON

1. Jan Molby Liverpool
Paul Gascoigne spurs

It was very difficult to separate these two well known fat gits.

3. Robert Fleck Norwich
The Norfolk'n' good nonce

4. Billy Whitehurst Sheff Utd
So fat and unfit he hasn't started a game yet this season.

5. Mark Dennis Crystal Palace
Putting on weight in the reserves

6. Brian Kilcline Coventry
Meaty porka at the Butchers shop

7. Mark Falco QPR
A much travelled fat ex-yido

8. John Gayle Wimbledon
A monster in all proportions

9. Steve Bruce Man Utd
Theres still a dip in the carpet where he fell on his arse when committing that professional foul.

10. Russell Osman Southampton
Refused to travel to Ipswich as he wanted them to remember him as the slim Russ of UEFA glory days



OTHERS WORTH A MENTION

GARY FLABBUT (YIDOS), ADRIAN PINCH AN INCH HEATH (Man City), WILF ROSTRON (Sheff Utd), DAVID ROCASTLE although hes getting fit now (Arsenal), Peter FAT WAD Shilton (Derby), NIGEL CALLAGHAN (Villa or Derby) & NOEL BLAKE if he was still at Leeds.

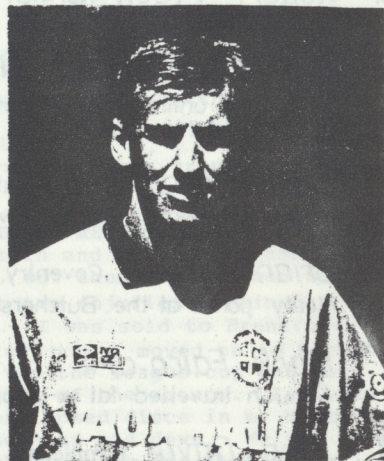
GAZZA JOINT 1st

SUPERFLY GUY

Quite recently Depleted spotted Luton Town's numero uno strutting his stuff at Dunstable's high tec disco bar Cinderellas. Alec was said to have been having a wail of a time, swigging beer and smoking tabs all night long. He was also seen freaking out on the dance floor as the DJ played his requested record "superfly guy". But after an eventful night, obviously not in a very fit state, Alec departed emotionally wrecked. Noticing the poor chap required help, we offered him a hand in getting him home safely. Once there, Alec mumbled his thanks and asked us in, which we duly accepted. So we all sat round talking till the small hours and eventually conversation got around to why Alec was so depressed and upset.

He revealed that he was being put under pressure from all sorts of angles from inside and outside the club. He explained that with the recent Government shuffle, the Labour Party had been spying on him because of his past relationship with the Prime Minister's father. Alec knew Mr. Major from a long time ago, as he once approached a circus acrobat for private lessons to improve his reflexes, agility, diving and allround goalkeeping ability. The lessons proved to be a great success and Alec was employed by Everton. Sadly the break that Alec was looking for didn't arrive at Goodison Park as he was left to struggle in the reserves on a low wage. Again Alec turned to Mr. Major for help as he

desperately needed to increase his income. Soon he was working part time as an acrobat with Mr. Major at local circus', but an even bigger break came on T.V. as he performed the athletic part of Zeberdee on the Magic Roundabout. Things started to look up and he was soon transferred to Luton. As he left Everton behind him he also left all his secrets there too, or did he? Alec started afresh and had no worries, until recently when Neil Kinnock found out about his connection with Mr. Major. Neil recruited several young Welsh boys and planted them in Luton's Youth and Reserve sides, to watch Alec's every move. They would constantly tease and taunt him throughout training, and the players who were good enough for first team football would continue the torture at senior level too. The outside influence which was causing him stress, came from the head of a local waste disposal firm. That man was David Evans Tory MP, the man who's connections brought Alec to Luton. Alec said that he had been advised to keep his mouth shut about his past with Mr. Major in the death threats that he was receiving from him. We advised Alec to visit the local nick and explain his complex situation to the Police. Rather than risk his own life or the boyos' lives Alec decided that this the best option. Currently Alec is a reformed character and playing well, the boyos get on with their own game and don't bother him any more whilst David Evans is still wallowing in his own creative dirt.



CHAMBERLAIN ZEBERDEE

WILD BILLS HICCUP

In the match programme for the visit of West Ham in the Z D Cup, I was stirred by an interesting column from Mr Bill Tomlins. (Is there anything interesting in the programme apart from the team sheet which is out of date and the statistics you ask?) Mr Tomlins was replying in a roundabout way, to criticism from Luton supporters over the amount of away fans attending the Arsenal game at Kenilworth Road on December the 8th. These grievances were probably due to the fact that the writer was standing in close proximity to some Arsenal fans and possibly felt uncomfortable by their presence.

Mr Tomlins argued the case that those people attending the game must have been guests of Luton Town members and therefore under the guesting policy (allowing a member to purchase 3 tickets prior to the game) these supporters were welcome as long as they abided by the rules.

He also stressed that people - and even Luton supporters - still have misconceptions that we have a ban on away supporters here at Luton. He added that this was incorrect due to the aforementioned guesting policy.

Overall Mr Tomlins handled the complaint well and smoothed a few ruffled feathers, but I would like to point out a few home truths about the scheme.

- 1) Luton have issued 25,000 membership cards. How many do you honestly believe to be in the hands of genuine Luton supporters and how many in the hands of supporters of other sides who just have a ticket for the visit of their side to Kenilworth Road?
- 2) How do we control the presence of these supporters when they are spread around the entire ground?
- 3) What happens to an away supporter that doesn't know anyone that can vouch for him?

What can the club do about this? The club you ask, why should the club be involved? After all Mr Tomlins states in his article that the guesting policy is in the hands of the members. **Oh really ?!!**

The club has issued these membership cards willy nilly to anyone that has called or written to them. We all know of cases where individuals have gone to the club offices and just because the address they give is a local one - a membership card is duly issued to that address. Similarly it must be the case for written applications. How can one disprove that a London address does not house an exiled Luton supporter. I'm not saying its easy to administer but it wasn't the fans that wanted this scheme - even after the Millwall disgrace (anyway thats a different subject we could talk all day about). So I find it unacceptable that the club do not shoulder the responsibility of the general running of the scheme.

This expulsion, therefore, of opposing fans who do not have a ticket or someone to vouch for them causes 1) loss of revenue and a chance to reach capacity figures for "big" home matches 2) A demand for tickets to be made available by other means. I'm not defending any touting but the club must see that the ban does create an illicit demand which does need to be filled. There also is the safety aspect (taking us back to Millwall eh?) where if a club like Spurs or Chelsea have an unruly element unable to get inside how can 49 police officers spread around the ground handle a situation if it were to develop God forbid.

Once inside the ground the problem becomes increasingly difficult as we are asking the same policemen to deal with potential "incidents" all around the ground as there is no segregation.

Bill also complained that if we did not have the guesting policy then there would be no way in which the capacity could be reached. I find this difficult to defend as surely Lutons attempted "Away fans ban" has been breached - local people decline to turn up to these matches for fear of trouble by these away fans - the very point that the original writer was trying to make me thinks.

Still the article did end on some sort of positive note as Bill stated the obvious saying that if we had to separate guests from the members who purchased their tickets that would mean that the club was operating a visitors scheme.

Well Mr Tomlins - all I can say is tell that to the other 91 Football League clubs who we are allowed to visit, and re-read the reports issued after the Bradford and Hillsborough disasters that state that the number of Police Officers required at a football event is slightly less than those currently in attendance for a "home only" crowd.

Happy reading Bill.

'Training' for the future

DAVID ICKE, the Hereford United goalkeeper whose career was prematurely ended this season by an arthritic knee, hopes to have his first book published soon.

Icke, at 21 a soccer has-been because of injury, is putting the finishing touches to a book he is writing about the railway system in the Isle of Wight.



"I'm still trying to get over the shock of not being able to play," says the man who played a significant part in Hereford's promotion success last season. "I've always been interested in writing and would like to make a career in journalism and sports reporting. I started working on the book last year and found it helped get rid of some of the tensions when we were challenging for promotion."

"Since I finished playing, I've been working full time on the book. The research work took up a lot of my time but now I've started the actual writing and hope that it will be finished in a few months."

The book combines two personal loves... railways and the Isle of Wight. Says Icke, (above): "My interest in trains began when I was a

youngster in Leicester. I wasn't a train spotter as such, I was more interested in the history of rail travel. I used to go to the Isle of Wight for holidays and became interested in the rail system on the island.

"At one time, there used to be some 55 miles of track stretching round the Isle of Wight but, as in other areas of the country, this has been drastically reduced and now there's only about seven and a half miles from Ryde to Shanklin."

The book will trace the history of the island's rail network from the start to the present time and Icke expects his manuscript to stretch to some 200 pages.

As for the future, the former United 'keeper hopes that his book will pave the way for a career in writing and that eventually he'll have exchanged his place in goal for a seat in the Press box at football grounds.



THE JOKER

ICKE UPDATE

STOP PRESS:

THE SON OF GOD IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING THE BOOK. DRESSED IN HIS TURQUOISE 'LOVE' SUIT, HE SAID YESTERDAY:

"IN THE NEW VERSION OF THE BOOK, FREAK ENERGY FORCES BLOW UP THE ISLE OF WIGHT IN 1997 ON A FULL MOON AND ALL THESE ELEPHANTS WITH WINGS FLY DOWN FROM HEAVEN CALLING FOR THE EARTH TO BE SAVED AND THE CHANNEL TUNNEL CRACKS OPEN AND LUTON TOWN SURVIVE IN THE FIRST DIVISION WITH PETER NELKIN AS CHAIRMAN

*DAVID ICKE WAS THIS MORNING BRANDED A COMPLETE CRACKPOT FOR PREDICTING THAT LUTON TOWN WILL SURVIVE IN THE FIRST DIVISION UNDER PETER NELKIN.

ITS KARAOKE TIME

The readers of Depleted end of season buffet and disco will be held in the public telephone kiosk at the bottom of Oak Road. This auspicious occasion is not to be missed so purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment and make a note of the venue and that date - 7.30 pm on Friday May the 17th.

This years star studded line-up should break all previous attendance records as not only has the venue been thoroughly refurbished (the graffiti being replaced with a melodious red and shiny new seat) and the catering switched to my mum, but all the Luton Town players and staff will be there to lend their support.

To add to the usual trophies and presentations such as the Depleteds player of the year, the worst miss of the season and most appalling haircut awards we at Depleted have decided to make it an embarrassing night for all with a stylish Karaoke presentation. (Well my mate Chris on a beat box any way).

As most of the players have returned their RSVP's and given us the lowdown on their choice of song we decided to let you all know so that you'd rush out and purchase tickets:-
 STEVE WILLIAMS - BIG MOUTH STRIKES AGAIN
 GRAHAM RODGERS - INVISIBLE MAN
 RICHARD COOKE - NEVER COMING BACK
 FAZZA - INTERNATIONAL BRIGHT YOUNG THING
 IAIN DOWIE - I'M FOREVER BLOWING BUBBLES
 PREECY - DON'T TALK ABOUT IT - about his haircut
 LARS ELSTRUP - CRACKERS INTERNATIONAL - on all his goals this season/ SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO
 JIMMY RYAN - MY WAY
 ANY WINGER MARV MARKS - ON MY OWN
 JIMMY RYAN REPRISE - ADVICE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The night should be brought to a rousing climax as all the lads show their appreciation for the travelling few who make it to away games only to see the side blitzed out of sight by singing "ROAD TO HELL"

See you at the main event of the season on the 17th and if you get lost - just follow the singing.

BACK PAGE CRISIS

David Beaumont's EYE TEST

READ FROM LEFT TO
RIGHT, LINE BY LINE

1 **WE**
2 **WANT**
3 **NELKINOUT**
4 ISAYWEWANTNELKINOUT

How WELL DID YOU DO?

