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The fanzine that's also a pop record

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Another young hopeful ➔



Matthew Jackson
— ***was he the new***
Tim Breacker?

leaves the picture ➔

August....."No pressure to sell players"

September.....£1.5 million for Black

October.....£600,000 plus for Jackson

Kohler....."The fans don't seem to understand"

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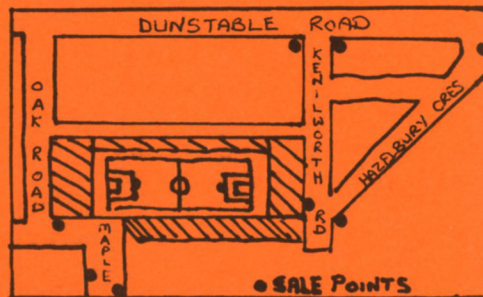
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CHRISTMAS ISSUE - December 20th.....

Any submissions must reach us before the end of November. Particularly good ones will entitle you to a free, exclusive D.PLEATED badge. So get writing, etc.

Editorial

Well what a difference two and a half months make in football eh? The last time we went to print Kingsley "I'm happy to stay at Luton" Black had just been flogged for £1.5 million. This time around one of our most promising fullbacks for many years (even more so than Tim Breaker) Matthew Jackson, has been sold to Everton for around £600,000. Some say that it was a good price for a kid with only a handful of league games under his belt. But let's face it, if he wasn't good (and we've seen that he is) then Kendall wouldn't have signed him. I suppose we'll see him on display this afternoon in the blue of the Toffeemen.

Now I know we are only supporters and our opinion counts for sweet F.A. but it has got to a point ONCE AGAIN, where Luton Town F.C. are being sold down the river as it were. O.K. so big Mick is back and Phil Gray has played well alongside him. We have indeed come along way since the opening games to solving our striking problems. Well done David. But now it's time to get our awful defence sorted out. If we can't stop the ball from entering our net then surely we have to get some new blood in and some old heads out. Yeah! Beaumonts gone and I'm disappointed but then that's another story.

What really pisses me off though, is that we turn up week in and week out to shout the lads on only to see the decent ones sold off one by one, month by month. It has now gone on for the last two years since Roy Wegerle went to QPR, Harford, Wilson, Kennedy, Breaker, Dowie etc... No doubt Ceri Hughes and Mark Pembroke will be on their way in a few months time to clubs who realize their potential and can look after them.

The Chairman ?? keeps going on about poor attendances and high policing costs crippling the club financially, plus the banks insistence on paying off the overdraft. But what does he expect? When people see quality players sold to be replaced by fellas (through no fault of their own) not able to do the job in hand, it is not surprising that they stay away. Talk to people who have stopped coming to the games. They will tell you they've seen it all before and have given up. Well I'll tell Mr Koeller this now.

There's a hell of a lot of people feeling this way.

If the man in charge is not prepared to put money back into OUR club then he should do the right thing and stand down to let somebody who is prepared to back us financially take over.

Once again there are demonstrations against the board because of their unpopular decisions. There is not another League clubs board who have made so many decisions against the wishes of their supporters in the country as here. That is simply because no other clubs supporters have been prepared to take the crap that has been thrown at us over the recent years.

All I can say is please keep supporting the players 100%

Now is the time to stick together and force a change

SACK THE BOARD

WHO'S THE WANKER IN THE BLACK

D.PLEATEDS GUIDE TO HITLERS FAVOURITE TRAINEE BLACK SHIRTS, THE WORST REFS AROUND.

1. DAVID ELLARAY

GAZZAS DAD USES HIS WHITE STICK AND GUIDE DOG TO THEIR BEST ABILITY DURING THE 90 MINS.NEED WE SAY MORE.

2. KIETH HACKETT

REFEREE FATMAN, SENDS YOU OFF IF YOU FLASH HIM A SMILE . BUT TURNS A BLIND EYE TO ALL THE OFF THE BALL STUFF.

3. CLIVE the book THOMAS

RETIRED NOW BUT CLIVE THE BOOK WAS NOBODIES FRIEND HE EVEN TRIED TO SEND HIS OWN LINOS IN FOR AN EARLY BATH.

4. GEORGE COURTNEY

MOST WELL KNOWN AND DISLIKED REF AROUND. HE SUFFERS FROM A CONDITION WHICH IS KNOWN AS BEING A COMPLETE AND UTTER

5. JOHN MOULES

RAY HARFORDS BROTHER IS FASH THE CASH BASHES BUM CHUM. COME ON EVERYBODY KNOWS HE SHOULD OF WALKED.

6. PHILLIP DON

TONY ADAMS SHOULD OF CRASHED HIS CAR INTO SOMEONESELS HOME, THAT TIME HE WAS DRUNK. VERY HARSH DECISION INDEED

7. ROGER MILFORD

GAZZAS UNCLE DIDNT HAVE THE HEART TO SEND THE FUNSTER OFF. WONDER WHY DID YOU GET AGOOD PAY OFFER ROGER?

8. ROGER WISEMAN

CONTACT LENSES, NO CHANCE THIS BLOKE NEEDS BENNY HILLS BOTTLE ENDS TO KEEP UP WITH PLAY.

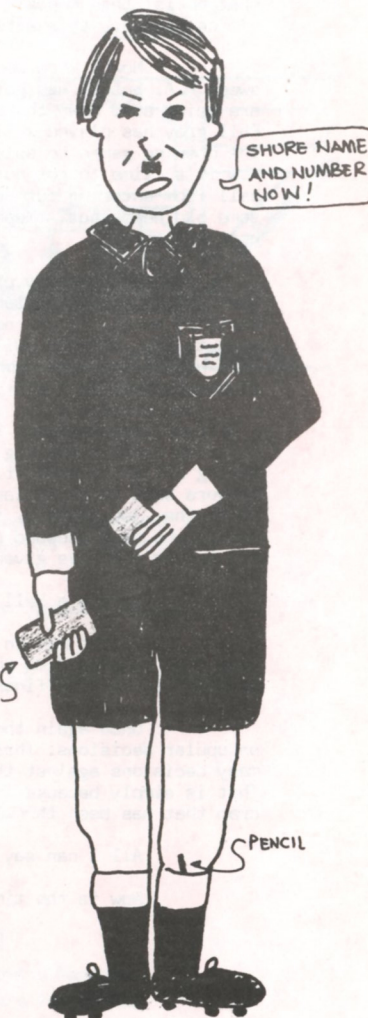
9. JOHN MARKS

THE WHISTLE BLOWER .INFACHT HE ALMOST PIPPED MY NAME IS MIKEL CANE FOR THE LEAD OR DID HE?

10. JOHN MARTIN

HOWARD KENDALS HUSBAND CAN NEVER BE FORGIVEN FOR HIS DISPLAY AT VILLA PARK THAT DAY . ALTOGETHER NOW THE REFEREES A.....

OTHERS WHO ALSO REQUIRE N.H.S. EYE TESTS TO BE CARRIED OUT BEFORE THEIR NEXT OUTING INCLUDE MIDGELY , GROVES, CALLOW , etc etc etc



RON NOADES ???

DOWNTOWN

A big thanks to the stewards around the main enclosure for the game against Notts County on 27th September, for letting everyone in the uncovered seats sit up in the new and main stands whilst the heavens opened. You saved us all from a good soaking.

Well at last we have a sponsor on our shirts and a few extra quid to keep the bank off our backs for a couple of weeks but why was there so much secrecy behind the Universal Salvage deal? Surely this could have all been sorted out before the start of the season. Mind you then it wouldn't have received the large media coverage that it did. Businessmen's thinking eh!!

Anyone seated in the main stand enclosure block B will know that Kurt Nogan has a new nickname, but some around are still trying to fathom out why "Fingers" goes up everytime the welsh man warms up on the side lines. If you're still not too sure ask somebody who went to Wimbledon for an explanation.

Poor old Andy Reston the BBC Radio Beds commentator (buy D.Pleated, the record). After two seasons reporting on Luton he's been demoted to reporting Watford's demise into obscurity and not enjoying it one bit (the games that is). He tells me his Saturdays are just not the same anymore. Keep taking the tablets Andy!!

Did you see the programme for the Southampton game (4th Sept). Inside Thomas Möller from our Scandanavian supporters club is seen presenting Kingsley Black with Presidency of his club. Funnily enough this happened on the same day that Black signed for Forest. How bizarre and what a let down for our overseas friends.

And finally back to our new sponsorship deal. Did you see how quick the club were in trying to withdraw shirts that didn't carry the U.S.A. logo on them from sale, then saying they had no obligation to "update old models" but they will anyway (at a price no-doubt). Who wants the logo on anyway. Why pay for the privilege of giving U.S.A. free publicity?

P.S. Our mole within the club tells me that there's no truth in the rumour that the Town sent officials over to Beirut to try to sign Jackie Mann cos they heard he was on a free!!!

P.P.S It seems that some of our players age from week to week. Phil Gray has lost two years since he has joined us according to the Luton News who state his age as 21 yet he was 23 when he joined us!! And Trevor Peake, 34 when he signed is now 31. I thought all these defeats would have the opposite effect on ageing!!!

Man goes into the ticket office and says can I have two £7.50's, the bloke behind the counter replied do you want 2 defenders or 2 midfielders.



A big thanks to one wag in the Maple Enclosure who managed to fire up Brian Stein to set up our second against Wednesday. As Brian and Ceri warmed up to shouts of "Bruno Bruno" our hero called out

"I named my dog after you Brian"

A compliment indeed which left our Steiny perplexed to say the least as he did not know if this was detrimental or not.

Never the less he vented his anger on the field of play

Nice one Bruno.

It's a R.I.P. Off

Thanks to our feature of "Memorable Programmes Of The Past" - research has gone to prove that we must be obtaining a really low level of output from our good friends in the programme pricing department, or should I say "MATCHDAY MAGAZINE".

Now I am not knocking the actual content of the programme. Lets face it the colour content is high, (but what about those covers) the quality is good, the information is up to date (usually), there is an abundance of colour pics (used for space filling) and all the usual news. What I do object to is that we the fans who have forked out extra money to get in - have to hand over £1.50 to read the thoughts of David, catch up with the latest sponsorship deals and look at lots of adverts (yes even the back page).

Its no joke is it. Many clubs are facing problems with printers - but in real terms costs have gone down to produce the size of run the programme achieves and repro prices have also dropped. Why are the fans being taken to the cleaners again when we have gained nothing and can receive a lot of the information over the tannoy (recently improved) and possibly the electronic scoreboards (recently not repaired)

To be honest the club do sell a lot of programmes but must be disappointed with the amount they have left over - this must obviously be tied in with the print run they have.

If this is the case why do we the fan have to bear the brunt of the shortfall?

I must admit it really does sound like what a R.I.P OFF - with in this case the letters standing for

REALLY - INFLATED - PRICES.

WHAT HAVE MICHAEL JACKSON AND THE WATFORD GOALIE GOT IN COMMON?

THEY BOTH WEAR GLOVES FOR NO APPARENT REASON

THE YOUNG ONES

Rick Mayall and Ade Edmundson are seen here in a pose from their latest cult television series. D.P. caught up with the lovable rogues and asked them the secret of their success.

Ade burped and passed wind profusely and I asked if this action was the inspiration which had spawned the recent series.

"Nah mate" he retorted "we get all of our inspiration from watching that great team THE HATTERS".

Rick butted in quite literally "Yes matey - remember our first hit series "The Young Ones" based on the laughably inexperienced side put out during the best part of last season".

"What about "Filthy Rich and Catflap"?" I asked cautiously.

I was poked in the eye by the alert Ade and he laughed as he spoke "why; who do you think - the ex-chairman and a local M.P of course - but we had to change the names for legal reasons".

So it was no surprise as Rick concluded that the recent surge of form by our famous lads in the stylish kit, gave them the spark to write that all important series

Yeah you've guessed it BOTTOM!!!!!!!!!!



Steve Perryman was on his way to Vicarage Road one day when his car was pulled over by the police. The sergeant explained that as Steve was Watford's manager, he had to assume that he was either drunk or stupid. He therefore asked Steve to step out of his car to take a breath test.

Steve produced a card on which was written "Asthmatic - please don't take breath".

"That's fine" said the copper. "Would you mind giving me a sample of blood instead?"

Steve showed him a second card which read "Haemophiliac - please don't take blood."

"In that case I must ask you to accompany me to the station to provide a urine sample," the bobby told him.

Then Steve produced his trump card, which said "Watford manager - please don't take the piss".

"Maybe it's because I'm a Lutoner"

So come on. How many of you can honestly say that you enjoy that ten minutes or so at work on a Monday morning when half the fellas there take the piss out of you because of your undying allegiance for the Town. Well for one I don't. But what can you do?

The funny thing is that most of the blokes who rib you are actually from Luton yet don't support L.T.F.C.

So after a lifetime of piss-taking I thought that I would try to find out why us Luton fans are in (or so it seems) the minority.

The first thing I realized was that the Luton/Dunstable/Houghton Regis areas all have London overflows which families moved into in the sixties when the problem of overcrowding became too much. This, for one accounts for all your West Ham, Chelsea, Arsenal, Tottenham, Millwall supporters around town. "But why do kids support these sides even though they weren't born in London" I hear you cry. Well the obvious answer is that fathers/uncles etc. have drummed it into them from an early age that they've got to support so and so cos it's just not fashionable to support the likes of Luton.

Then there's the geographical position of the town to London. We live only 30 miles from the city which is 25 minutes on the train and not too much more on the M1. It is trendy, fashionable and good for the ego to follow a big London club with big support and it's so easy to get to. "Why should we follow shit like Luton"? That, believe it or not is a very common statement from a lot of blokes in and around the town.

My last point is that youngsters are very much influenced by T.V. and the media which means that most of the time kids will tend to follow clubs on their televisions, thus 80% of them around here sport Arsenal, Liverpool, Man Utd, Tottenham or Chelsea shirts. And of course people always want to be winners and by following these sides they have a very good chance of seeing a trophy lifted fairly regularly (except for Chelsea that is!!).

Just think of the catchment area Luton Town F.C. have. If you take a 15 mile radius from the ground you'll find something like 400,000 persons living within that area, yet for the reasons I have already stated this means nothing when Saturday comes.

Just stand on the platforms at Luton station on a Saturday morning and see blokes waiting to travel North and South to watch their sides even though the Hats are at home this week. The same goes for the M1 as Lutonians head off to Manc, Scouseland, Leeds and London to name but a few.

So if anyone starts running down our poor attendances in future why not state a few home truths. Tell them that if there weren't so many wankers like them around then maybe the club would double their home support and maybe be able to live with the big boys by being able to buy better players and get decent facilities for the supporters to enjoy the game from. Somehow though I think this will fall on deaf ears.

Still we can always live in hope.

Roaring Roy Hatters-ley

With the shocking start to the season still smarting for all of us the board have decided to make an unprecedented move to halt our terrible form. The ripping up of the plastic was seen as one of the reasons why early season results were drastic and another, the lack of star names, big crowd pullers for us to worship. The board also decided to end the speculation of a new site for the team to play in and have secretly been reorganizing all of their resources for all of this to happen.

The mentality of this is simple, draw the fans back to watch fast, attractive football, in a purpose built stadium with easy access. Throw in a few key players and a new all purpose surface for them to perform on and you're on to a sure fire winner.

So it was with great pleasure D.P. attended the opening ceremony this week. Seen below is the new star striker, roaring Roy Hattersley sporting the new look kit and silky skills that have seen him promoted from back benches. The new stadium looms in the background with impressive views for all fans.

A spokesperson said "we're giving the fans what they want. The bus route runs right down the centre of the pitch, the stadium looks like a home from home and our new talent is ready to roll". As for the sponsorship - well the logo still stands but as the image is going up market it will be seen on tie pins only and our new nickname will be the "Top Hatters".

Luton's looking up eh?!!!



Receipe for disaster

YOU WILL NEED... 4 Defenders
1 Goalkeeper
1 Football
2-3 Forwards

PREPARATION TIME

5 Minutes

COOKING TIME

90 minutes

Force as much pressure on the defence as possible in the opening 20 minutes. It will help if they are away from home. Failing a goal in the opening minutes push midfielders forward and the defence will open up for you. Once this has happened simply attack the right flank and cross for the unmarked forwards to rise unchallenged to score.

You will find goalscoring easier in the later stages perhaps 3 to 4 times is the norm.

SERVES:- 3-4000(WIMBLEDON)
- 46,000 (MAN UTD)!!



Congratulations must once again go out to ITV Sport for bringing us yet another humdinger of a live game on Oct 6 (Man Utd v Liverpool). Only two pieces of excitement throughout the 90 minutes when Burrows, then Hughes were sent off for petty incidents. Then to add insult to injury Captain Marvel, Bryan Robson, receives Barclays man of the match award for no apparent reason other than Brian Moore wants him in the England team to face Trukey. Sad.

On a weekend when clearly 40 goals were scored in division one I.T.V. chooses the only game with no goals. OK goals aren't everything but all these games ever seem to produce are two defences trying to cancel each other out with the same end product everytime. Still we should be used to it by now after 6 years.

I can't wait for the "Souper Douper League"!!!

Heard on the grapevine about the first official complaint by Town fans of being mugged this season. And it has nothing to do with the re-introduction of away fans either. It seems that a few people believed they'd been robbed of their £6.50 by gateman after our 0-1 reverse against Q.P.R. Still those daft enough to carry that sort of money around with them should know better. Spend it wisely next time lads!!

Best in League ?

Congratulations lads. It has just been pointed out by the prestigious footballing press that the Town are the biggest crowd pullers of the season so far.

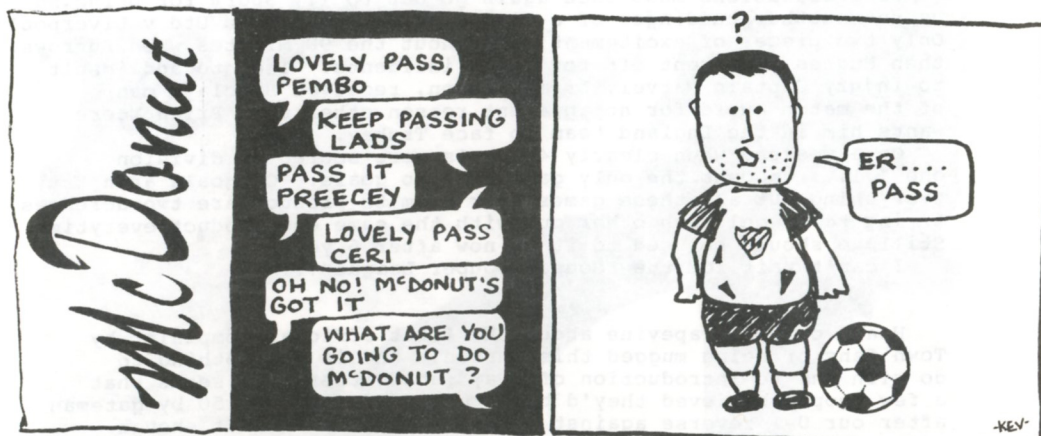
That's got to be great news for the board - for it was only recently that Luton were the most hated team in the league. The award has got to justify the faith in the return to grass, the re-introduction of away fans and must show that these measures are a big step in swinging the popularity in a positive direction.

No. No hang on the report adds that people are even talking about the team more. Hey that's got to be good. Is it the recent signings, the style of play endorsed by David Pleat, the new kit with its bold design? Its got to be hasn't it.

Wait a minute the footnote at the bottom of this report indicates that recent performances must be the real reason behind our popularity and indicates that some of the above theories might be correct. How can so many people flock to Old Trafford, Villa Park and Carrow Road recently - surely to see a fine cultured side play entertaining football?

Well that appendage at the bottom reads

"WHIPPING BOYS OF THE FIRST DIVISION"



Sing When We're Winning

Away fans back at Kenilworth Road must be laughing their balls off. It is no joke that they've had to fork out £13.50 to be "entertained" (what? ed) but once inside their day must be complete when the game commences and they see their opposition.

No I don't mean those magnificent men on the field of play even if some of the performances appear dodgy. I'm talking about the opposition on the terraces. Lets look at it closely..

They win their first corner and immediately burst into roars of approval. We defend well and head upfield and win a free kick just outside the box. Choruses of "come on you Hatters" resound around the ground. Their next tackle is greeted with approval and the name of the challenging player being voiced vociferously - we sing "come on you Hatters". You see where I'm going can't you, their game is still only slightly better than ours but their fans carry them through the game with a variety of chants and songs. Our variation on the theme is the ridiculously outdated abuse of the goalkeepers dead ball kicks.

Yes lads - you are shit.

The one thing the lack of away fans has done to us "loyal supporters" over the last 6 years, is to make us feel shy of singing our hearts out for the lads. I'm as guilty as the next man but our lack of mixing with other fans has meant that our ability to hear new songs and steal them for ourself has gone. We cannot sufficiently motivate the lads on the park with such a limited supply of material. It's got to improve for we are becoming the laughing stock of the league (apart from Wimbledon I suppose as they play "away" as such)

Originality is not always important but for christs sake lets keep the singing going throughout the game. Players names, "Blue Army" "Here we go" ritual abuse (in fun) of the away supporters anything please. Lets keep the swearing down to a minimum lads as you know we're being watched - but we can be witty and cutting to the opposition without using expletives.

Take todays game. Howard Kendall could come into the fray with his loyalty taking the headlines. Peter Beardsley could also have us enjoying a laugh at his expense - and not just the quasimodo connections.

Lets get it going eh? We can't let a few hundred away supporters embarrass us can we?



FREE for ALL
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Luton fan living in Leeds (likes Luton cos he saw the ground on telly once and thought - "what a brilliant place") wants any memorabilia - contact Richard Temple, 41 Kirkwood Drive, Cookridge, Leeds LS16 7DY if you've got anything to donate to this poor boy.

Tales of the Unexpected

With the disappointing viewing figures being thrust under their noses by the BBC, the ITV channels have commissioned a blockbusting series to counter the drastic autumn releases. Aimed to give the public right what they want during the cold winter months D.P. can exclusively reveal that ITV are revamping the classic "Tales Of The Unexpected".

This 10 part winner takes individual stories involving everyday people and ends up with a unique event that no one quite imagines possible. Sometimes funny, sometimes chilling, sometimes sad yet always imaginative. ITV see this as a sure fire winner to put bums on seats and bring back some credibility to the fold.

D.P. can also reveal the 10 episodes currently being filmed:-

- EPISODE 1. BIG RON
A big, bad manager buys heavily, drinks and smokes heavily, doesn't get results and pisses off leaving the Villa in the shit.
- EPISODE 2. "PENALTY"
A famous Liverpoolian team not playing in blue have gone a whole 2 games without being awarded a penalty. This episode shows us the scheming afoot to enable this unfortunate sequence to end; or does it?
- EPISODE 3. TEARS OF A CLOWN
Its European Championship time and the Crown Prince Gazza is left to turn on the waterworks as England fail to qualify.
- EPISODE 4. BANK HOLIDAY SPORT PART 1
Everyone's sure that Boxing Day matches will be made easier this year for travelling fans. Unfortunately the evil F.A. has a terrible input.
- EPISODE 5. BANK HOLIDAY SPORT PART 2
Easter is late. Crucial matches are about to take place. Can anyone with any sense act to stop mindless violence as hoardes of "fans" converge on seaside resorts? Unfortunately the evil F.A. have a terrible input.
- EPISODE 6. THE BIG WIN
The Town go on their travels. Its a place we've never won before but we're going to give it our best shot. We're going for "the big win" - watch our defence cock this one up.
- EPISODE 7. ON THE BOX
The ITV companies take a comical swipe at themselves on this "will they - wont they" show the big 6 on televised sport each and every week. For extra comical effect Luton are nearly mentioned in a live match.

EPISODE 8.

IRREGULAR DECISION

A select group of men gather at a brainstorming meeting to thrash out ways to stop the professional foul. All is going well until a thrilling climax sees the red card come to the fore, and referees go mad.

EPISODE 9.

EUROPEAN BORE

3 English teams are left in the latter stages of these wonderful competitions. The commentators go ape over the prospect of an all English Final. Try to stay awake during this one

EPISODE 10.

"ONCE MORE UNTO THE BREACH"

It's the last day of the season. The Town need to win away to ensure 1st division safety yet again. Watch out for the twist in the tale as- oops! its not against Derby - oops! 3 teams go down this season and oops! we're so poor we lose anyway.

What a line up eh! Guaranteed excellent viewing for the dark Saturday nights. I have only 1 complaint though. I.T.V. did say that this series was to be called Tales Of The Unexpected.

After running down these episodes one may feel this to be slightly inappropriate as we all know that nearly everyone of these scenario's will be true.

USA AWAY

It was inevitable I suppose seeing as it had dragged its heels for so long but the sponsorship announcement was a bit of a shock for everyone. We clearly want to be a high profile club with a manager to boot (not my words) so why do we end up with a local salvage and scrap dealers (sorry salvage and auction company). Not exactly the sort of image to be boldly emblazoned across the chests of our heroes - or even ourselves God forbid.

Now I've got to admit that anyone wishing to put their hand in their pocket for the good of the local team for a two year period must be praised. To come up with that sort of cash and proclaim allegiance is more than we ourselves are doing so it has to be a good thing doesn't it. Even if it only goes to hold off the bank manager for a few more months it surely has to be good.

Unfortunately for us fans it is just another opportunity for us to be ridiculed by any other supporters. We used to be able to take the piss out of Palace with "Virgin" scrawled across their chest, or Man City with "B(r)other" but now we will be known as "that team sponsored by a salvage company" or someone even told me that now Luton are truly on the scrap heap.

You can hear the connotations being prepared now to fit the letters U.S.A can't you (unusually shaped appendages, useless shitty arseholes, unfortunately silly aircuts)

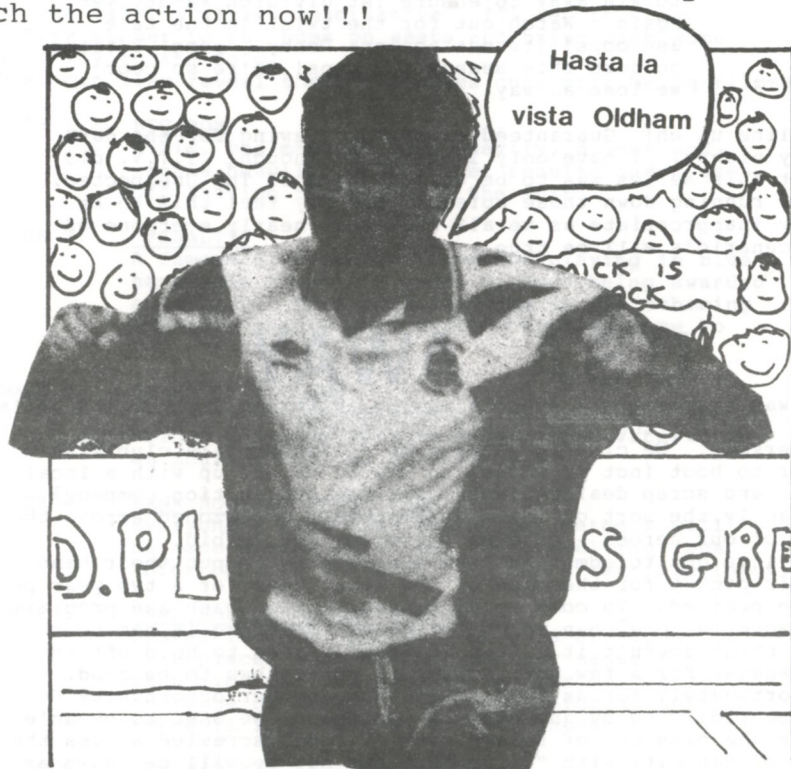
I myself am of the opinion that the Town are looking to the future with this deal (though If Mr Kohler is to be believed there were other offers on the table) and are preparing for 1994. Well to be more precise the World Cup in America. The quick thinking Luton board have actually promised the host side to provide their team kit for the tournament with the national monogram on the shirt front. Guess where they are coming from!!

2 TO RENT...ON VIDEO

He's back.....

he's mean, he's lean, he's primed,
he's older, he's bolder, and this time.... he's on
our side.

Action packed, full of stunts, blood, guts and gore,
with the odd yellow card thrown in for good measure.
Catch the action now!!!



TERMINATOR

2

You've shivered at the scenes from PSYCHO the original
version, starring Mick Kennedy

You've gasped at horrendous challenges during the
reign of terror Darron McDonough showed in
PSYCHO 2.

Now, be prepared to be taken further down the nightmare
road to hell with scenes from PSYCHO 3 starring the
photogenic Phil Gray. See him use elbows, fists,
knees, teeth and the occasional spittle in order to
get his man.

Makes Hannibal the Cannibal look like a wimp

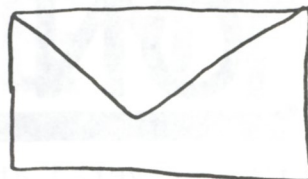


PSYCHO 3

Remember - if you can't catch these at your local
video dealer - don't worry. You can catch a double
bill (plus a few more horror performances) at
Kenilworth Road nearly every other Saturday.

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MAILBAG



Dear D.Pleated

Aren't we doing well eh? Went to Old Trafford on 21st September. Wish I hadn't bothered. One thing though the kit looks good with the new sponsor. Well 2nd from bottom things look promising!!

When I heard Mick Harford was back I couldn't believe it. I thought what a waste of dosh and I still think he is but then I didn't see him against Oldham or Q.P.R. And as for Stein how does he get in the side, I think he's a pile of *?!0.

Good to see umbro being punctual. When I was last in Luton (mid July) Bev Tyler in the clubshop said the new kits would be in within two weeks. Thats about 8 weeks ago now. Still no sign and I'm pissed off.

Anyway cheers

Richard Temple Leeds, W.Yorks

Dear DP

Re: Wimbledon away

Kurt Nogan was a talentless tosser with no commitment as his two fingered gesture to the Luton crowd suggested.

Yours

Kingsleysnotforsale, Riseley Bedford

Dear D.P.

Unprofessional, lacking originality, one-dimensional, unimaginative, etc. etc. These are the main things that really narked me at todays game. Yet for once I'm not talking about the plonkers on the park. I,m talking about your fanzine.

I bought it in good faith at the Q.P.R. game and can honestly say it was total crap. 40 pages of drivel. This sort of thing gives fanzines a bad name. From the weak editorial and endless pages of tripe about a super league, the crappy page fillers, jockspot?? (who the hell wants to know?) and repeats from the last issue.

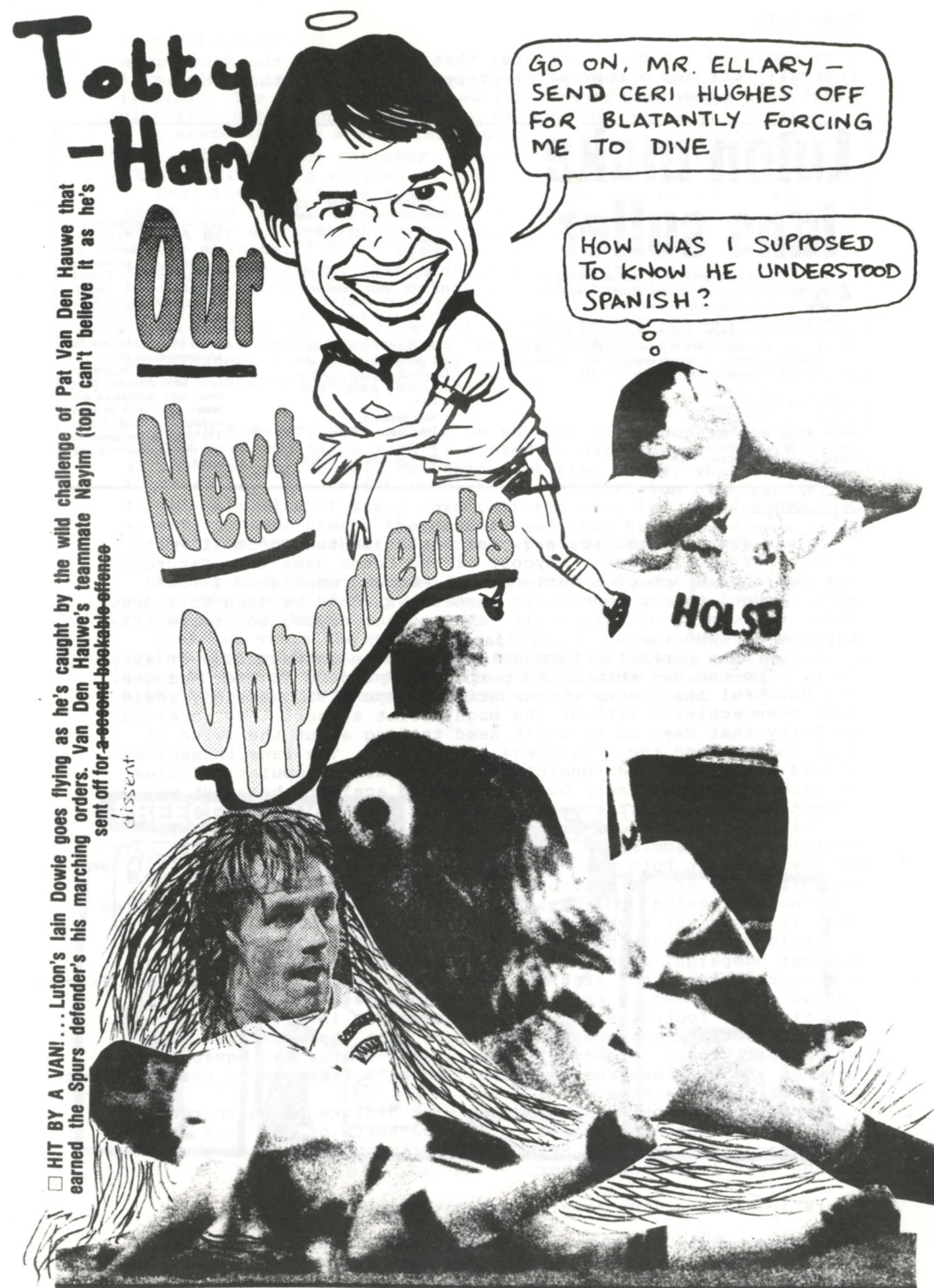
Yes I know it was the start of the season but it has honestly got to improve lads. For christ sake even nicking old pieces from old Luton programmes, even whole chunks of comic strips and then having the audacity to have a copyright clause at the front is just not on.

And to add insult to injury the backpage picture of Lee Glover is actually one of John Dreyer - ha bloody ha, and the front cover really deceived me lads - fancy changing the name to Mad As A Hatter,

Come on - you've got to be better than this

Pissed Off - Houghton Regis Beds

HIT BY A VAN! ... Luton's Iain Dowie goes flying as he's caught by the wild challenge of Pat Van Den Hauwe that earned the Spurs defender's his marching orders. Van Den Hauwe's teammate Naylm (top) can't believe it as he's sent off for a second bookable-offence



Dear D.P.

I've enclosed a copy of a letter that appeared in the Nottingham Football Post and a copy of my response to it. I thought you might find them of interest.

Luton make fans suffer

LUTON Town have never been that accommodating to supporters of visiting clubs — and the situation is getting progressively worse.

They've retracted their policy of excluding away fans, but at a hefty price. Not only are Luton games all ticket to away fans, they're also all-seater — and the admission charge is a scandalous £13.50, without any reduction whatsoever for juveniles or OAPs.

The Wheelbarrow Fanzine is boycotting Notts County's trip to Kenilworth Road in protest and we'll be launching a national anti-Luton campaign.

Anyone wishing to help with this can write to us at: 47 York Drive, Strelley, Nottingham NG8 6PP.

When Luton supporters can gain admission for as little as £3.50, it's obvious there's something wrong.

Relegation is too good for them. It's time the Football League, while it's still going, took action.

Neil Brennan,
Wheelbarrow Fanzie,
Strelley.

● Explained Luton

general manager/secretary Bill Tomlins: "The six-year ban achieved its objective of preventing hooliganism. Crowd behaviour and match security techniques have both improved considerably and we are confident visitors can now be accommodated safely."

"Visiting supporters have been allocated their own, fully segregated all-seater stand with its own turnstiles in Oak Road. The price is the same as for the equivalent home stand."

The Reply

I was disappointed to read your letter in the Football Post asking for backing for a boycott of the Luton game this Saturday and for the launch of a national anti-Luton campaign. I would have thought that a fanzine in particular would be keen to improve links between genuine football fans and not trying to create ill-feeling between them.

Luton fans generally have welcomed the re-introduction of away fans. The ban had served its purpose, if indeed it ever had one. Its doubtful that Luton's relegation escape (1990 version) would have been achieved without the magnificent support they received at Derby that day, so we don't need telling about the value of away support and the unfairness of the ban. The fans themselves should not be held responsible for the clubs unpopular policies of recent years and many have campaigned against them; but we cannot go and support someone else. It remains our club.

Neither "all ticket" or "all seater" are unusual in the 1st division. The admission prices are high but Luton fans also have to pay these in both the new and main stands. Luton aren't well supported and aren't well off — bluntly, they need the money. The "no concession" policy is not unheard of either but I do agree that it makes for a very expensive day out for a family man.

Obviously anybody connected with the club will be saddened by your campaign, especially at a time when the club itself is coming back into step with the rest of football. With the Super/Premier league going ahead in spite of the majority of fans, now is not the time for football fans to get themselves involved with the kind of factionalism and self-interest that characterizes much of football today (greedy players, greedy clubs, the squabbling between the F.A. and the league). Football fans aren't that different wherever they are from.

Finally I've got to ask whether your dislike of Luton really justifies encouraging people to deprive Notts of the away support they currently deserve. Surely supporting your own club should be the most important factor.

Yours in sport — John Amos, Daybrook, Nottm.

Some good points brought up by John. But I can't help feeling that all this anti-Luton stuff stems back further than the £13.50 per-head prices. It seems we are still despised because of the 5 years of banning visitors. ED.

Dear D.Pleated

I am writing this after yet another away defeat and humiliation (Villa). The club has hit a new low in the last month and a half with away performances which can only be described as pathetic.

It seems we have a very lack-lustre forward line without Harford and a shit defence whatever. How else can you explain the goal ratio of 1 for 23 against in 7 starts on our travels so far.

Over the past three seasons we have won around seven away league games from nearly sixty which makes very sad statistics. When people pay a lot of money to follow the Town surely they deserve better than this. Yes, true they do have a choice. And by the looks of things most have made it and prefer to stay at home on a Saturday afternoon and cringe at 4.45 when final score appears on T.V.

We used to have an excellent away following but until certain individuals are unloaded from the club and the team improves its performances then support will continue to dwindle.

I.M. Pissdoff — Westoning Rd, Flitwick

Could somebody please tell us why the club shop on the corner of Oak Road and Maple Road is closed on match days. Surely this is the best day to sell souvenirs, shirts, books, whatever, to boost sales. I cannot believe how a 1st division club can afford to turn the kind of money down that the shop is. I have travelled to many grounds around the country and this has got to be a first. It can't be too much of a problem with away fans now back can it?

As has been stated before by this fanzine many people cannot get to the ground during the week due to work commitments so what chance do they have?

Over the years the club has gathered a large number of critics against its policies. Surely we should try to keep our supporters happy by making the shops facilities available on matchdays or else they too will become critical of its goings on.



Here's the first of hopefully many pieces from local poet John Hegley who's writing exclusively for D.Pleated.

AT HOME

At fourteen I was not seen

by the others in my form

to be normal.

In a classroom debate

Jonathan Hawkins once created great laughter

by addressing us all

as ladies, gentleman and Hegley.

But things were different

down behind the goal at Luton Town F.C. of a Saturday afternoon.

My pre-match chatter

mattered as much as anybody's,

belittling schooltime sniggers were no more

this was something bigger than schooltime

and at the entrance of the sacred twelve

swarming after their warm-up footballs

and soon to be put to the test

I was there with the rest

I was one of the crowd

I was part of the roar

LUTON

LUTON

LUTON

urging them to score,

and louder than Jonathan Hawkins.



X - ECUTIVE VIEW

Now I'm a traditionalist but not adverse to change if it can benefit the individual. It's the same with my football. Along with many I have certain habits on matchdays, things to eat, clothes to wear, places to park etc. etc., but have had to adapt to watching the team from various positions from around the terraces. Indeed habits have been altered for many of us by the switching of seating arrangements around the ground, but yes - we're getting used to them.

So it was a shock to the system to be invited to view a recent game from the prefab executive boxes. Whilst glad of the opportunity, for which I thank my hosts, I must admit I was a little sceptical of the atmosphere, view and involvement I usually feel at a home game.

Lets face it, for the last 6 years we have (for the most part) been totally alienated from this side of the ground. Oh yes we can all remember the old bobbbers stand, well I can only remember it seated but I'm sure some of you can remember when it was standing room only. This close, intimate stand used to have a great rapport with the players and manys the time a clattering tackle from an opposing player on that side of the ground was met with vociferous finger waving and cap throwing. Ah those were the days.

The destruction of that brought nothing but comtempt for the "rich men" that replaced them, yet I still feel this anger is misplaced. I'll go into this later.

From the onset you are treated well and indeed pampered. The football is only to be part of the experience that you will be party to and there is no hassle for you to be anywhere at anytime. The staff are hardworking and conscientious and make sure that you are well catered for. I was feeling at home, rather than out of place, no jostling down the bar like I'm used to but not as many friendly faces to have a laugh with and exchange views.

The boxes are a little cramped from what I was expecting, but with 5 or 7 the maximum number to be catered for they do the job adequately. The balcony part gives excellent unobstructed views and provides a different view from that previously remembered of our ground. The seated area in the Kenilworth looks good but the sound just doesn't seem to carry.

For the most part I was as vociferous as usual and surprised to see (hear) that others around me were the same. It is not as fuddy duddy as I expected and many around were as knowledgeable about the game as we ourselves think we are (if not more so).

I cannot believe that everyone was on a freebie like myself but it is obvious that these suites are frequently used for hospitality for clients and the like. It is therefore clear that we have a considerable amount of transient fans.

All in all I was comforted in the fact that these are real people we are talking about whose companies have benefitted the club with a great deal of money (a kind of sponsorship). These boxes ain't cheap you know. Yet I know it will not be the eventual way that we view football for it will certainly outprice even the keenest pocket. The club obviously need the finances and certainly know how to cater for the type of person that this can attract.

Good luck to the boxes and lets hear some good words sung about them in the Kenilworth eh lads?

"I'm turning into a vampire"

by Jason Rees

"Towards the end of last season my performances became lethargic, and I began to feel withdrawn. I thought I was getting a dose of influenza, so I booked an appointment at a private clinic "informed Jason. He said he stayed overnight whilst the clinic run a few tests on him but he says he greeted their analysis quite flabberghasted. For Jason was told that he possessed supernatural powers which were similar to that of a vampire. Jason:

WAS SHOCKED! When he grew toothed fangs alongside his milk teeth

SCREAMED! At the sexual craving he grew for the blood of young virgin girls.

SQUEALED! As he couldn't go to church or stand the sight of a cross

SQUIRMED! At his ray "Vampire" reardon hairstyle.

He continued "the good thing about it was the night life fun, but I had the problem of trying to hide from the sun." Yes this was an enormous problem, and the reason why his performances were becoming so drained. Jason said "I realized I had to make a decision. I either wanted to be a night life creature or a professional footballer." He sighed "that's why I had the blood transfusions. I can now tolerate being exposed to daylight for up to 6 hours at a time. Which means I can do all the normal things a footballer does such as training/promoting/public relations and of course playing."

Well good luck with the rest of the season Jas. We're COUNTing on you!

Pembo the new Gazza



SPURS want Luton's Mark Pembridge to replace Gazza.

They were close to a swap deal involving Paul Walsh and Paul Moran two weeks ago.

But Walsh has since gone to QPR on loan, Moran is injured and Luton have signed Mick Harford, leaving Spurs ready to make a straight cash offer.



Seen here our Jason who has been playing for the reserves saying "There's plenty of young blood here in the stiff's lads"

FOOTBALL VIOLENCE IN LUTON

1991-92

by a leading member of the notorious Inter Village Firm, better known as the I.V.F.

Now that away fans are to be allowed back into Kenilworth Road in large numbers at £13.50 a seat, we hooligans must think of clever tactics to outwit plod and give the L & D some Saturday custom.

We've recruited new members from Higham Gobion (population 37) and Tingrith (population 64). We're going to make it unsafe for anyone under 16 to stand at any bus stop between Bury Park Road and Waldeck Road.

Our new "calling cards" have already been printed. They read: "The next bus is at ten past 6. Congratulations, your journey home has been temporarily interrupted by the IVF"

What you must do if you want to join the IVF

- 1) Travel to all home games by bus.
- 2) Live in a village, preferably in Bedfordshire.
- 3) Wear trainers costing less than £20.
- 4) Show disrespect to the police by calling them "Old Bill".
- 5) Tie your Luton scarf round your wrist.
- 6) Buy a fanzine other than "Depleted".

So if you have paid for this copy of Depleted, you've automatically excluded yourself from joining. Just be extra careful next time you get on a bus on a Saturday!!

Not another A - Z

(A sort of rythmical one)

A is for Away where we still play shit,
B is for Bottom where I think that we'll sit,
C is for Chamberlain the Towns number one,
D is for Dreyer, who plays like a bum,
E is for Evans who we want to forget,
F is for Fazza who just can't find the net,
G is for Goals which just keep going in,
H is for Home where sometimes we win,
I is for Iain, Dowie you know,
J is for Joke cos he didn't want to go,
K is for Kingsley now he has gone,
L is for Luton the Town he is from,
M is for Money (see Kings), we got ripped off,
N is for Nottm who didn't pay enough,
O is for On, the live match we'll never,
P is for Pembridge who's skills are so clever,
Q is for Q.P.R. who we struggle to beat,
R is for Rochdale, who soon we could meet,
S is for Steiny who won us the cup,
T is for Table which we've got to climb up,
U is for Utter, crap we have played,
V is for Victories for which we have prayed,
W is for Watford the tossers from Herts,
X is for Xellent when we tear'em apart,
Y is for Youngsters including Kurt Nogan,
Z is for (Fan)Zine which pisses on the programme.....

OH MY WORD WOT A ?!"

D.PLEATEDS GUIDE TO THE BEST AND THE WORST LOVEABLE BUT DRONEABLE TV CRITICS AND PUNDITS

1. JIMMY HILL *bbc*

TOP TIT FOR TAT MERCHANT GOING ANALYTICAL BERRK, CRITICISM IS HIS SECOND GREATEST ASSETT, HIS GREATEST THAT CHIN OF COURSE THO' IT NEVER LOOKED THE SAME WITHOUT THE ITCHY BIT.

2. BRIAN MOORE *itv*

THE GLARE FROM THE TV SET IS ALMOST TOO MUCH WHEN BRIAN MR SPURS MOORE CRAP COMES ON. HIS CHROME DOME LOOK USED TO SCARE ME AS A KID.

3. DAVID COLEMAN *bbc*

ER OH MY WORD, EERRR HE ISNT IS HE? WOT A GOAL. EERRR FANTASTIC, NO THE KEEPERS SAVED IT, EERRR NO I THINK IT IS ACTUALLY EERRR A GOAL?

4. JOHN MOTSON *bbc*

IAN IS ACTUALLY ON A STRICT DIET OF FISH AND HE HAD 2KG OF KIPPERS FOR BREAKFAST THIS MORNING AT APPROX 8.23AM DRONE DRONE DRONE

5. GEORGE BEST *g&t*

FUCK OFF ELTON WHO CARES ABOUT THE FOOTIE LETS TALK ABOUT TITS. I LIKE SHAGGING, GO ON GET EM OFF WHILE I GET THE DRINKS IN.

6. IAN STAIN JOHN *itv*

LIVERPOOL WERE THE ONLY TEAM INNIT THEY DIDNT DESERVE TO LOSE THEY WERE CHEATED OUT OFF IT WHINGE WHINGE WHINE(AS FOR SCOTLAND BLOODY ECK)

7. GERRY HARRISON *anglia*

I CANT READ OR RUDDY RITE BUT THAT DONT REELLY MATTER . I COME DOWN FROM NORWITCH CITY ON A RUDDY TRACTOR.

8. JIMMY GREASE *dog & duck ph*

HA HO HO HO HO HO HO HO ITS AFUNNY OL GAME HO HO WATCH IT ILL PUNCH YOUR LIGHTS OUT . HOLD ON GEORGE I LIKE SHAGGING TOO. ILL HAVE A PINT.

9. MIKE CHANNON *newmarket*

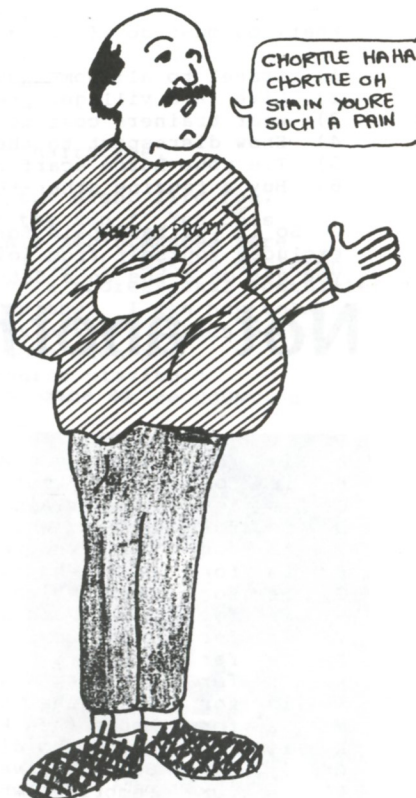
YOUVE GOT TO GET BODIES IN THE BOX AND YOUVE GOT TOO BOX THE BALL ITS WHERE LINEACRES MOST DANGEROUS

10. ALAN PARRY *rip*

WHAT A PRATT

RAY WILKINS *qpr*

PLAYING AGAINGST SPAIN IN BARCELONA RAY WAS HEARD TELLING A 10yr OLD DEIGO(NAYIM) TO GIVE HIM THE FUCKING BALL NICE ONE



GREASEY ho,ho,ho.

PLUS LOADS (INFACT TOO MANY TO MENTION) MORE

Campiões Campiões Olé Olé Olé

To celebrate our 10th season in Division one D.Pleated remembers our great promotion season of 1981-82.

After only two defeats in the 1st 13 games Town were riding high at the top of division two.

November brought Derby to Kenilworth Road. The East Midlands side had been struggling but were to be no pushover for us. Moss put us in front on 36 minutes and Goodyear made it two just after the hour. Derby pulled one back but Town regained a two goal cushion with Mal Donaghy's header. John Clayton made it 3-2 in the final minutes.

The following Saturday we visited Blackburn at Ewood Park. The Town without the injured Jake Finlay had signed Milija Aleksic on loan from Spurs however he was to have a quiet game as Luton dominated in every department and won the game on 79 minutes with a Dave Moss penalty to send the thousand or so travelling fans home happy.

Our next game was at St. James Park, Newcastle. Luton went behind after only 42 seconds when Alan Brown scored. Worse was to follow when Brown netted again on the half hour. But this Luton side had a lot of fight and when Stein was upended in the 18 yard box Moss reduced the arrears with 7 minutes left. And it looked as though we'd snatched a point when Donaghy equalized on 88 minutes. But in injury time Imre Varadi shot the Magpies to victory and we'd suffered our first away defeat of the season.

We hit back the following Tuesday against Bolton with goals by Moss and Stein to complete our first double of the season and then collect another three points on the final Saturday of November with a 3-1 victory at home to Rotherham with goals by Steve White, Donaghy and Stein again. This put us 8 points clear of second placed Watford who went down to Sheff. Wed.

Our next game was at Shrewsbury where we were expected to win comfortably but the homeside went one up after 5 minutes before White equalized. But the Shrews regained the upper hand on the half hour when Ian Atkins headed past rookie keeper Alan Judge. But with 14 minutes left Donaghy levelled and Stein should have won it with a header late on that the keeper saved.

With winter setting in our games against Chelsea, Barnsley and Cambridge were all lost due to the weather. So we had to wait until the end of December until we visited Norwich. A hard game was expected but Antic set us on course in the first minute with a screamer then White and Stein scored before half time to settle matters. City pulled one back in the second half but it was too late by then.

So going into the New Year (1982) we were 7 points clear of second placed Oldham and 10 clear of Watford.

To be continued.



- 10 - Out of this world
- 9 - Excellent
- 8 - Very good
- 7 - Good
- 6 - Average
- 5 - Poor
- 4 - Stinker !

Here's what was said in the Sun about the teams performance at the Villa game. Sums it all up really - what a stinker - can you guess who was really the worst?

POSTMAN PAT

-He's a footballing PRAT

In the sleepy Bedfordshire/Hertfordshire border village of Greendale, lives the unluckiest man in footballing history. Children know and love him in his TV series as the genial Postman but behind the facade of the bright lights and cameras Depleted were shown the truth about the legend Postman Pat.

The village was quiet as I pulled up outside Pats house save only for the laughter of children at the local school. The curtains were drawn on no. 21 and I had to wait a full 2 minutes, after knocking before the front door was pulled roughly open and the dishevelled face of the TV megastar appeared.

I was ushered into the dimly lit lounge cluttered with old sacks, letters and a vast array of trophies strewn all over available flat surfaces. There was a horrible aroma that I knew but couldn't quite place and a stale smell of whisky emanated from Pat as he asked me to sit.

I did as I was told and waited as Pat arranged himself wearily upon the chair opposite and talked to me whilst helping himself to vast quantities of whisky from a Jamesons bottle.

"So whats all this about Pat" I asked "I got your letter saying you'd spill the beans - what's troubling you?"

"You'd never guess" he said in his usual style and I wondered how he did that without moving his lips "but mine is a lengthy and sad tale".

The next 2 hours was lost to me as Pat told me about his unlucky past of schoolboy honours and critical acclaim he had received and the scholarship he had won to become a Luton Town apprentice in the 70's. I was only drawn from the tale once when Jess his black and white cat appeared and I realized that the strange smell that I couldn't place was that of cat shit and it appeared that I was sitting in some. I hastily moved seats.

It transpired that Pat was rejected by the Town as a no-hoper and for all the promise and enthusiasm he had shown in his youth, the door to professionalism was slammed shut in his face. He had tried to play in the local leagues but Greendale Rangers were forced to pull out of the division as it was found that illegal payments were being made.

Pat turned his attentions to another profession and made the leap to head Postman but he still secretly yearned to ply his trade in the Luton midfield. His obsession grew and with whisky and gambling to add to his burdens he decided to take revenge on the one he hated most - Luton Town.

Pat was close to tears as he told me that he had used his position as postman along with his accomplice Mrs Goggins a dodgy scottish postmistress, to hold up all correspondence that was being sent to and from the football club. Pat owned up to countless instances where he had perverted the course of her majesties mail and we can clear up the case of all those missing Christmas cards for club members, the renewed membership cards, the lack of decent signings as the letters circulated by managers showing talent for sale just do not arrive.

I left Pat a distraught man - pleased he had repented but for me a scoop to clear up the mystery for us loyal fans. I'll never be able to watch Pat's video's and see him in the same light again.



EVENING ALL !!

Now I know that we here in this rag have not been particularly kind to our good friends the police recently. We've had occasion to slate their attitude over away fans, the way that they have handled us, the Luton fans and even turned blind eyes to incidents once inside the ground.

Hopefully that can be put behind us as we must compliment the way in which so far this season the police have handled, and the away fans behaved themselves. Now it could be argued that the controlled reintroduction has made it easier for the police to contain incidents in and around the ground. The sealing off of the Oak Road has certainly helped I'm sure. But the friendly yet persuasive attitude adopted by the police has also had a part to play in this.

Once everyone was treated like a guilty suspect just for standing in a queue behind the Kenilworth terrace for no-one quite knew whose favour the bloke next to you would be shouting for. Now its thankfully a much easier task. Everyone has their place and must now keep to it.

Common sense has at last prevailed and it must be stated that the police and club have at last got part of it right with regard to the public safety (yes even for those who don't go to the game down in Bury Park), attitude towards football supporters (not just those in the main stand) and rapport with the fans. Yes you can still have a joke with a P.C. if his inspectors not about.

There are still things that will be sorted; when to limit the "overkill" on a situation with dogs, horses and plenty of officers to spare. The police would say they would rather be prepared for any situation and need that cover just in case - who can argue with that. My only fear is that crippling costs will force the club to stop using police services inside the ground and problems inside will escalate as we hire professional bouncers to tidy up any problems. This may not help in the long run for the police presence will be the only deterrent and bills will still have to be paid for the escorting at the end of the game.

Ending on a good point - 1 policeman did tell me that he used his discretion in not evicting an away fan for jumping up and down, angry over a decision against his side. A nice touch son; perhaps more discretion in situations such as this should be exerted.

Memorable Programmes of the Past

Home to Barnsley - 15th May 1982

This was a bumper issue to celebrate promotion to Division one. We had 56 pages for our 50p. Though there were lots of adverts many had lovely words in them like "Congratulations" "Best Wishes" "Well Played" and "Welcome to the First Division". I wish we were still welcome at the top and hope that the image will soon change for the better

Still back to the programme. On the team page Trevor Aylott turned out for the visitors and the referee was John Martin. If you recall he even gave a penalty against us that day and the game finished as a 1-1 draw, with Brian Stein scoring for us.

Season tickets for the next year were to go on sale on the following Monday - the day of our last Match away at Cardiff. You would still be able to sit in the bobbars and the maximum cost was £70 for the whole season.

We were treated to a reasonable amount of information about our successful season and a souvenir spotlight on Roberto Dino - our very own cartoon character - (I must get round to reading that sometime).

If you still have a copy at home, dig it out, refresh your memory and re-read the short article by Roy Bentley of "The Sun" who wrote about the ladies knickers which the club sold at the time!

Home to Sheffield United - 21st August 1976

This was the opening game of a season that the club were lucky to see. Massive financial problems had hit the Town and a new board of Directors had taken drastic measures both during the previous season and in the new season. Peter Anderson and Andy King had left and the programme wished John Ryan well as he had just been sold to Norwich.

The programme was extremely poorly produced with an obviously "home made" appearance. The club had been let down and were fortunate to have anything on sale. Still it had 16 pages including a card cover and only one page was adverts. We were introduced to our three new senior players:- Dixie Deans - he scored 6 goals in 14 league appearances, Jimmy McNicoll - who appeared 15 times but is still going strong playing with Exeter and Brian Gregory - I think he went back to Margate.

Denis Mortimer was in the chair and good old Harry Haslam was the smiling team boss with a coaching team that include David Pleat. Brian Swain wrote an article called "All our yesterdays" and reminded us of a 2-0 win against Halifax ten years previously.

All things considered it was not a bad effort with plenty of reading and directions to get to Hull on the following Tuesday. We also had a nice picture of Ricky Hill in action and this match marked his third league game - little did we know that we had only got about 500 more chances to admire his silky skills.

OUR AWAY FORM OF THIS SEASON,
SUGGESTS THAT WE'LL GET NOTHIN',
SO DRINK YOUR ALE, NUMB YOUR BRAIN,
AND BE READY FOR A STUFFIN'!

Not "If You're All Going To..."

- NOV 16TH TOTTENHAM:- Get a Network Sth/East card and head to Kings Cross then to Oxford Street where you'll find an excellent selection of shops from which to select those early Xmas pressies. Wanting a record for a loved one? Try Virgin Megastore (D.Pleated by the Surgeon only £1.99). Its better than going to White Hart Lane!!
- NOV 30TH SHEFFIELD UTD:- Save the 120 mile journey and petrol money. Instead spend it on a day's shopping with the other half. Head to the Arndale where you can get anything from clothes (Mr Byrites) to condoms (oh thats Crawley Road sorry), knickers (Marks & Sparks) to knockers (the door store on the market). Or why not try Pete's Sports who always have a good selection of Town gear. (HMV. D.Pleated by the Surgeon £1.99).
- DEC 15TH C.PALACE:- This game is on a Sunday. So why not pop along to Poplars Nursery to make your garden grow. A huge selection of pot plants, trees, fish ponds and hanging baskets and only a five minute drive up the M1 to junction 12. This weeks special offer "A pot of pansies". Poplars the popular place for gardening at prices oh so low!! (ask for D.Pleated by the Surgeon only £1.99).

Seriously now. If our away results and performances do not pick up then many will stop spending good money on following the club. That has already been proven.

the writing is on the wall

"Today we have four youngsters in our first team squad who have not yet played 40 league games: Ceri Hughes, Mark Pembridge, Matthew Jackson and Philip Gray.

Three have come up through the ranks at Luton Town. I believe all four will go on to become full internationals.

And it is harrowing to even consider that one day they may not be part of our set-up. But that is something you have to think about."

the boss

THE SURGEON

"D. PLEATED"

The story of how we made our ~~new~~ single....
fantabulous

...DOWN AT 'THE SURGEON'S STUDIO'

WELL, THAT'S THE RECORD FINISHED

I LIKE THAT BIT ABOUT
THE 'VERY FAT PERSON'
GOING ABSOLUTELY MILD!

WELL I DON'T KNOW
MUCH ABOUT 'TOP' -
BUT I KNOW WHAT
I LIKE BOSS - AND
I LIKE THIS RECORD



SOME WEEKS
LATER THE
FABULOUS
MIXES
WERE CUT
INTO 7 INCH
RECORDS
AND NOW
THE FUN
WAS READY
TO BEGIN....
(EVEN IF
'OUR PRICE'
REFUSED
TO STICK IT)

I'LL DROP ALL THESE
OFF AT THE RECORD SHOPS
(EXCEPT 'OUR PRICE') AND
THEN I'LL DROP SOME OFF
AT THE LTFC CLUB SHOP

Okay - own up. How many
of you actually prefer
the "club mix" on the
flip side, featuring
a trendy Italia-house
piano riff and nothing
about David Pleat? Well
those of you who haven't
bought it yet - get down
to the club shop or HMV!

AND STD-CAN YOU DELIVER
THIS BOX OF MONEY AND DRUGS
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