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"Last season, the FA Cup quarter-final replay against West Ham was our only sell-out crowd," said Mr Kohler. "We had 12,500 for the Cup eplay against Newcastle, but in the league the only crowd over 10,000 was for the final game against West Brom. Our average home gate in the

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porters to take advantage of the discounted price by buying early.

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sion, plus the fact that the capacity has been reduced, we would ask sup-porters to buy their tickets before the day of the match," she said.

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points on matchdays to hopefully avoid too much queuing, but there is a special purchase price available to members who purchase their tickets 14 days in advance of a league

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Pleat sharpens competitive edge

Luton manager David Pleat is preparing to start his fourth season back in charge at Kenilworth Road, his appetite for the game boosted further by a two-week spell in the United States fulfilling a lifetime ambition to watch the Brazilians live.

David was in America as one of BBC

David was in America as one of BBC
Radio Five's expert summarisers, and
found the whole experience of World
Cup '94 quite breathtaking.
On his return to the Luton Town training ground, the manager found
the heat of Luton at least
matched the surrounds of matched the surrounds of Florida, Boston and New

Just hours into the 1994-95 season he was able to take stock of the situation, reflect a little and look ahead to the forth-

coming months.

"It's nice to have the players back in training, and I'm sure they enjoy it too, getting paid for something they love," said Pleat. "There's a very competitive edge at the moment because everyone is going to be seeking first team places. My first job was to select 18 players for the trip to Scotland for the three games trip to Scotland for the three games is the seeking first team places. My first job was to select 18 players for the trip to Scotland for the three games and the seeking first team places. My first job was to select 18 players for the trip to Scotland for the three games and the seeking first team places. My first job was to select 18 players for the trip to Scotland for the three games are sign," said Pleat. "He played in our private practice match against Northampton, and was very steady and ampton, and was very steady and appears to select the players for the trip to Scotland for the three games are sign," said Pleat. "He played in our private practice match against Northampton, and was very steady and appears to select the players for the trip to Scotland for the three games are sign," said Pleat. "He played in our private practice match against Northampton, and was very steady and appears to select the players for the sign, and the selection of the selection

playing format, although we must plan the start of our season without Mitchell Thomas and John Hartson who will both be suspended – that's something to think about straight away."

The time he spends with the players at training is rare time away from the phone for the master of the transfer market's wheeling and dealing. Back at his desk he was ringing round his many contacts, looking for recruits which, in Luton's financial position, means some-one relatively untried, or one who has done the rounds and can offer the guid-

"I feel we need a little more experi ence just to cover slightly for some of the younger element," explained Pleat. "They need to be shielded a little bit

yersa

There have been new arrivals too, of course, with Dwight Marshall signing from Plymouth for £150,000 and Tony Adock joining from Peterborough for a

"Dwight is a bright player and adds a bit of competition in the forward line," said Pleat. "We need some goal power up front and he will keep the other players on their toes.

"I am intrigued by him not coming into the pro game until he was 24, and having had three seasons plagued a little bit by injury. A striker needs a good run, and last year he came into his own, certainly after Christmas.

"As far as we are concerned if you

"As far as we are concerned, if you spend between nothing and £300,000 you are buying a certain type of player who has yet to prove himself. If you want to buy ready-made players then unfor-tunately you are quoted crazy prices in themselves.

give players a stage and an opportunity, and with the right players around them

and with the right players around them they will prosper."

While Dwight Marshall has the chance to show what he can do, the likes of Tony Adcock are proven goalscorers in this and other divisions. The 31-year-old has bagged double figures for Peterborough in the last two seasons, and Pleat was pleased to add him to the list of experienced pros at the club.

list of experienced pros at the club.

Talking about the transfer market he said "We got through last year quite comfortably

because of ou cup exploits, bu it's always tight. It's always tough here, but that's the name of the game to be involved as traders."

More wheeling

and dealing ahead then, but having signed a new con-tract there is no tract there is no doubt that Pleat's Hatters. What ther of the campaign to

"I'm looking forthere are some rea said. "It's just get ting the right ba ance of the team the mould, and course the rig players to do well.I they think they did well last season then they obviously

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with Stirling Albion, where Kerry Dixon bagged an equaliser for the Hatters. The ide was captained by Richard Harvey, slaying his first game for over a year, and here were also starting places for young-ters Aaron Skelton and Andrew Jukes. Paul Telfer gave the Hatters' party a care when he limped off with an ankle njury, but was fit to take his place in the second match against St Johnstone.

Despite the return of skipper Trevor Peake to the centre of defence the Town ost 2-0, although David Pleat was not too lisappointed.

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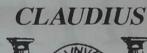
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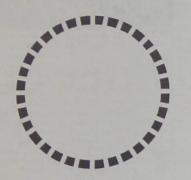
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Dwight Marshall



INSPIRED by the skills of the great Pele, Luton Town's new signing Dwight Marshall says hunger is the key to being a good striker.

Dwight arrived at Kenilworth Road in July, for £150,000 from Plymouth Argyle, and is confident that his goalscoring habits can survive the step up from Division Two to Division One.

"You have to want to score goals; to be hungry for them" he said. "Instinct plays a big part and strikers always have to be alert in the box. Chances don't come along very often. I like to think I'm quick off the mark and can take defenders by sur-

The 28-year-old scored 14 goals for Peter Shilton's Plymouth last season but, out of contract, he was keen to move up to the challenge of Division One football.

It's an exciting challenge to come to Kenilwo eally looking forward to playing in a higher division, and know I am going to learn a lot under David Pleat" he said Plymouth was proving to be a big burden and playing closer to home is another reason I'm happy about the move."

Dwight has two daughters, six-year-old Corinne and two

month-old Robyn.

Argyle suffered the agony of defeat in the promotion playoffs in May, after a high-scoring season in which, despite Marshall's 14 goals, he was only their fourth highest scorer.

"After netting so many goals it was a big disappointment not to go up" reflected the Jamaican-born striker. "In the play-off semi-final first leg we got a good result with a no-score draw at Burnley, but after going one up at Home Park we let them score three goals."

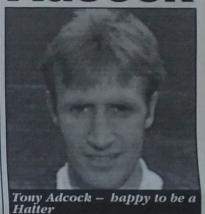
It was Marshall's third season at Plymouth, who signed him

from non-league Grays Athletic. He scored 15 goals in his first season in Devon but only six in an injury-hit second term. Now he is looking forward to forming an effective striking partner-ship for Luton alongside the likes of Kerry Dixon, Tony Adcock and John Hartson.

He missed both legs of the 1992/3 Coca-Cola Cup second round clash, when Argyle beat Luton 5-4 on aggregate, but he had played against the Hatters in a pre-season friendly.

His progress was monitored by David Pleat last season, resulting in the transfer, secured by the backing of club sponsors Universal Salvage Auctions and director Cliff Bassett.

Hatters News August 1994-5 Adcock



Adcock will turn out to be the ba gain of the season. And there is good reason for their optimism. He was snapped up for a nominal fee from Peterborough, where he was out of contract, and he brings with

him a healthy habit of scoring goa In fact in a career that has seen hall be at Colchester, Northampton

the back of the net 185 times. That is certainly not a record to be sniffed at. Luton are hoping that he will continu where he left off at Posh where, for the ast two seasons, he was their top score
At 31 he is an experienced, canny

striker who should help bring along the younger Luton players.



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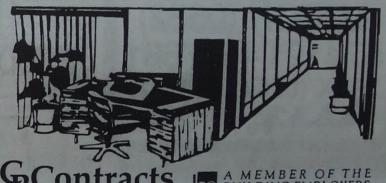
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Ten years with **Dynamo David**

WHO needs a Rolls-Royce when a Mini can do the job just as well...if not better!

David Preece has been the driving force behind many Luton successes since his arrival at Kenilworth Road in 1984 and 10 years on the player affectionately known throughout the club as 'Mini" is preparing for another campaign.

£150,000 10 years I have been here. I Kenilworth Road decade, but David Pleat those players. invested for Preece's signature from Walsall seems like a real bargain now, and many Luton fans set about the task. will tell you that Hoping had he been with more 'fashionable' club he would have collected far

than just three England 'B' caps in the way of representative honours. In his long spell at Luton he

has seen plenty of players come and go, so how does he ate the current crop of Town "Certainly two or three of them have a chance to go all the way, if not with Luton then certainly on their own ability,

but they have some way to go

to match the group who were here when I started. "Ten years ago there were the likes of Garry Parker, Stacy North, and Ray Daniel, and Tim Breaker and Mitchell Thomas were only 18 and 19.

Breaker and Thomas formed he full-back pairing in what Preece believes was the best Luton side he has played in.

The Best

"The 1986 side, just before the Wembley finals, was the best in my time here" he "Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy were alongside Mitchell and Tim in defence, with Les Sealey in goal, Peter Nicholas and Ricky Hill alongside myself in midfield, and Brian Stein, Mick Harford and Emeka Nwajiobi up front.

"I don't think I would have played in a better team if I had

moved anywhere during the the better during his have a very high regard for all

Even in the hot weather that greeted the Town players when they resumed training, there was no doubting the enthusi-

"Having watched the World Cup on television I think everyone just wants to get out as I am concerned the sooner the start came the better. I am hoping our League form will of ability. He shows more abil-

match last season's Cup per-

"I was sorry when John goalkeeper, Kelvin Davis, is Dreyer moved on because he the best prospect for his age is a good, quality player but I've seen in my 10 years here.' hopefully one of the young And what can we expect boys, David Greene or Paul McLaren, can come through and they have got the ability. Sometimes, though, you just can't beat experience.

World Cup matches and many like to keep injury free. of the rule changes got the Preece thumbs-up for bringing an improvement to the game.

"Three points for a win certainly helped in the group than I have been for years so games, just as it benefitted our games when it was introduced will come.

That was one change for

Preece finds the pace of soccer increasing all the time.

"The game's much quicker now. It can't get much faster because people will want to see more skill" he said. "I am asm with which Dynamo David hoping that in the next 10 years the game will slow down and as a result you will see players with more ability.'

So what can Town fans look forward to in 1994/95? "Everyone will hope that Scott there and play" he said. "As far Oakes will get among the goals again, while Paul Telfer has a good 'engine' and loads

ity in training at present, but that's just a matter of gaining confidence which will come with time. I'm sure he will be able to demonstrate his talent in competitve games.

Prospects

Skelton "Aaron missed most of last season, but in my book he is one to watch, and our young

And what can we expect from David Preece in the coming months?

"I'd like to think I'll score a few goals! I got six or seven last season - I don't keep David watched a lot of the count - and I would obviously

"I feel I have the ability to score more goals - it's just getting there to score them! But I'm fitter, touch wood, with any luck those chances

We all hope so, too.

John-in demand!

EVERYONE'S heard a joke EVERYONE'S heard a joke about an Englishman a Scotsman and an Irishman. Earlier this year there was a new twist to the joke. It concerns a Welshman and several red-faced Englishmen.

In fact what happened was that Luton striker John Hartson was notified that he had been selected for stand-by dity for the

selected for stand-by duty for the England under-21 squad playing

pens to be Welsh. So Welsh that

pens to be Welsh. So Welsh that he even speaks the language! The young man from Swansea thought someone was pulling his leg when he was first informed, but when he realised that it wasn't a jape he said: "There's no way I'm ever going to play FOR England, but I will be happy to play AGAINST them! John has already represented Wales at junior level. Next stop for him, he hopes, is full international recognition. For

THOSE WERE THE DAYS - 1946

THERE were 24,410 excited spectators who saw absolutely all the talents, with a Duncan, soon to replace Martin as Luton rally from three goals down to win 4-3 against a powerful Newcastle in November 1946. Many of them have now passed on to the great football stadium in the sky, and of those who remain only a handful can recall with any accuracy the sequence of events that culminated in one of the most thrilling comebacks in the Town's long history.

in the first full season after the 1939/45 war. Managed by George Martin, a former Luton player who had starred alongside the great Joe Payne in that memorable 12nil victory over Bristol Rovers, they had won only six of the first matches of the season and drawn two, so they were hardly setting the soccer world on fire.

"best Luton teams since the war" were printed. These "teams" includ-ed players from different years, but I

sure all three of them would have

am sure all three of them would have held their own in any company had they been able to turn out together. I have been watching football at Kenilworth Road for more than 50

years and the article set my mind turning over some of the players who have given me the greatest pleasure since the war.

I would start with Frank Soo, an

I would start with Frank Soo, an England war-time international wing-half who joined the Town from Leicester. What a player! He really could make the ball 'talk' as belliarthese are Regular University of the country of the country

brilliantly as any Brazilian! He was just past his peak when he joined Luton, but he brought genuine class to Kenilworth Road.

In the same super class was the

superb forward line of Milburn, Bentley, Wayman, Shackleton and Pearson, arrived at Kenilworth Road even the most fervent Luton supporter could not have believed

And after half an hour it looked even more unlikely. Bentley, Wayman and Shackleton members of an attack good mough to represent England had each put the ball past Luton 'keeper Les Bywater. A trouncing of humiliating proportions looked in prospect.

Manager Martin had different

ideas. At half-time he gave the players a terrible roasting. He was so angry, it was reported afterwards, that he kicked a pail of water from one end of the dressing room to the other. "Now go out there and play" he shouted. Which is exactly what the chas-

tened team did. To everyone's astonishment, including their own, Luton were transformed from struggling no-hopers to a side good enough to meet, and beat,

forward. He was with the Hatters for a couple of seasons in the early Fifties and was responsible for bringing on Gordon Turner (another of my all-stars).

I'll always remember Bobby Brennan, a frail, pale-faced forward who was signed by Charles Jeyes, a chairman with a knack of buying turknowns' cheaply seeing them

chairman with a knack of buying 'unknowns' cheaply, seeing them develop and then selling at a big profit. Brennan was signed for about £2,000 from Belfast Distillery in 1948 and moved on to Birmingham a couple of years later for £20,000 - an unbelievably huge figure in those days but hardly enough to pay for a team's football boots today!

One of the most rugged defenders in my book was the vastly underrated Billy Cooke. Billy would never

the best. Scottish winger Dally manager, sent over a succession of brilliant crosses from the left and Billy Waugh, Mel Daniel and Hugh Billington equalised in a

heady six-minute spell.

The Magpies were shaken.

Duncan continued to mesmerise them and from another of his defence-splitting crosses Allenby Driver scored the winner.

It was a victory to be relished and talked about for years, but in fairness to Newcastle it must be added that they achieved a satisfactory revenge when the teams met again at St James' Park the following April. They won 7-2!

Teams for the game at Luton were:

Luton Town: Bywater; Cooke, Beach; Soo, Gager, Gardiner Waugh, Daniel, Billington

Newcastle United: Swinburne Craig, Graham; Harvey, Smith, Wright; Milburn, Bentley,

mg tackie into an art form. He played from 1947 until 1952.

Most of my other favourites were mentioned in the last issue - Syd Owen, Bob Morton, Bruce Rioch, Malcolm Macdonald, Bernard Streten and Graham French.

I'll finish by naming three more. They are Ricky Hill, of more recent times, Bert Mitchell, a left-winger who was the coolest penalty taker I've ever seen and Alan Slough, a versatile 'local lad' who I remember best as a wing-half. He played from the mid-Sixties through to the early Seventies and always gave 101 per cent.

Thank you for letting an old man reminisce. I wonder if any other 'old uns' have memories as vivid as mine. If so I'd love to read them.

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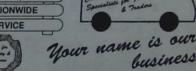
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Football club directors tend, in general, to be shadowy, unappreciated figures. While most fans are familiar with the name of the chairman, few can name the other members of the board. These men are usually anonymous. They are ignored by supporters when things are going well but are exposed to verbal flak when fortunes slump. Luton is no exception to the general rule. Hatters News aims to correct that gap by introducing the Hatters' directorial team to the public through these columns. We start with CHRIS GREEN, who was recruited to the board last November.

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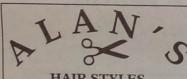
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ALTHOUGH a relative newcomer to the Kenilworth Road boardroom it is appropriate that we start with Chris Green for he has taken it upon him-self to help 'market' the Hatters to accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative, to quote from an old Bing Crosby song.

And it must be said that Mr Green is just the man to do that, He has, he says, got traces of show business in his blood and he is going to do his level best to bring an extra element of show biz fizz to Kenilworth Road.

"I want the whole town to watch the team, to talk about the team and to support the club wholeheartedly" he says. That began to happen with that marvel-ous Cup run at the end of last season. Now we've got to maintain and build on

In fact, Chris was the man behind the introduction of Hatters News in May. "I thought it would help generate a good spirit" he says. "I think people liked the first one. There was a little criticism from a few people who asked whether the club should be spending money on producing a newspaper but I was able to assure them that although we offered elp and co-operation it didn't cost the

Why did he volunteer for a job notorious for producing more kicks than ha'pence? Why wasn't he satisfied mereto pay for his ticket and support the earn from the stand?

"Well, I've been a keen supporter since I was eight and in the last couple of years I shared, with so many fans, the frustration of seeing the club having to sell good players simply to survive financially.

"I understood the logic but wasn't very happy about seeing so much talent move on. My friend Cliff Bassett, chair-man of club sponsors Universal Salvage Auctions, felt the same so we decided to put our money where our mouths are and offered to join a band of men who were becoming more and more isolated.

"It so happens that our arrival more or less coincided with the Cup run and that, too, helped ease the need to sell our best players. I hope that situation will be maintained. I'm sure it will if we can do well on the field this season and attract

Chris has taken on much of the marketing responsibility. He recommended the appointment of Kathy Leather from Chiltern Radio as commercial manager, and he is currently working on such schemes as the new scoreboard and a supporters' bar. He is also helping with organising sponsorship of matches and seeing that the executive boxes are all used every home game.

making real progress. I regard it as a marathon rather than a sprint but we'll get there. We are definitely in much better nick now than we were twelve

Conduct any footballing conversation with Chris and it will always return to the same theme: "We've got to ensure real entertainment, fun, cameraderie, team spirit between club and town, support that goes well beyond a mere couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon, and facilities that will attract people.

He, like everyone else associated with the club, is looking forward to an eventual move to a new super stadium. That will happen - but not tomorrow. In the interim he wants to make the present facilities as attractive as possible

What about that showbiz in his blood? His father built and owned the California Ballroom, an entertainments centre that for many years, nestled at the bottom of Dunstable Downs. "In its time it was the venue for dancing, roller-skating, swimming and shows by top names from the pop and stage world. We lived 'over the shop' so to speak so a lot of the atmosphere rubbed off on to me" he explains.

Chris is, by his own admission, no blushing violet. He is a confident optimist who believes in looking forward rather than back. He is now Director of Sales at Ford dealers Jewell of Watford and before that he spent 25 years at Trimoco (formerly Luton Motor Company and Tricentrol and now Hartwell Ford). It was there that he was first introduced to any form of football sponsorship, arranging loan cars for Town stars Kirk Stephens, Jake Finlay, Brian Stein, Brian Horton and Ricky Hill. This year he has arranged sponsored cars for members of the Town's backroom team.

ed every home game.

A family man, Chris lives at
"There's so much to do, but we are
Edlesborough with wife Sue (she joined the ranks of Hatters supporters as a result of last season's FA Cup run), son James (15) and daughter Charlotte (12 and a mad keen football fan - even to the

extent of playing it!).

Last word from Chris: "I thoroughly enjoy my role on the board, but obviously it has to be fitted in with my day-to-day work. That means most of the football business is done in the evenings. It would be so easy to become totally consumed by football but then my day work would

suffer. That would be stupid.
"You have to be dedicated to be a good director. There's certainly no financial reward, but it is worth a lot when you see your ideas beginning to bear fruit, and that's already happening to me.'

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Juergen Sommer

AN AMERICAN'S DREAM

Goalkeeper Juergen Sommer was an absentee when the Hatters resumed their pre-season training... but with good reason – he was enjoying a well-deserved break after an extra month's football as part of the USA World Cun squad

World Cup squad.
With Tony Meola skippering the host nation from between the sticks, Sommer's chances of a starting place were always slim, but even from the bench he was able to savour the atmosphere which American sporting successions. sphere which American sporting suc-

"It was an amazing spectacle and the enthusiasm and atmosphere at the games was an experience of a lifetime," he said. "The experience gained from that gives me a great deal of confidence

for the current season.
"The U.S. team wasn't as lightweight as many people predicted. We have a lot of men who are playing at high levels throughout the world, and they gelled into a very strong side.

"Americans always bond well together the transactions of patients."

er with a tremendous feeling of national pride when their teams do well. It was a chance for a lot of people who have supported soccer for a long time to

come out and enjoy it as much as the players did.
"We weren't as threatening up front

as we might have been, but there was some excellent individual skill and our play improved against Columbia and Romania, Our dream ended when Brazi beat us.

Juergen is confident soccer will succeed in the States and hopes one day he may play a part in the professional league currently taking shape across the Atlantic.

the Atlantic.

"There's an election in the autumn for key posts in the Soccer Federation," he said, "and we know now that there is a lot of support for the game.

"We need a well-structured league, with a lot of resources to carry it through the first few years, and if they can overcome that they have a great opportunity."

come that they have a great opportunity to sustain a professional league as

Japan has done.

"One day I would like to play in the United States and take back with me what I have learned in England. But there's still a lot to accomplish here and leading forward to this season with I am looking forward to this season with Luton and hope to carry on the form that gave me that World Cup place."



WHEN the likes of Joe Jordan are singing your praises as a goalkeeper then you know you've made a good impression!

The no-nonsense Scot who led the forward line for Leeds United and Manchester United

United and Manchester United amongst others wasn't renowned for giving goalkeepers a second thought - or a second chance!

But Jordan had nothing but praise for 17-year-old Kelvin Davis, who kept Jordan's Stoke City at bay on the final day of last season.

The Luton youngster was making his League debut, and was subjected to life in the shoot-

ing gallery for much of the first 45 minutes as The Hatters trailed 2-0. Davis was powerless to prevent those goals, which came inside the first 20 minutes, but it was down to him that Stoke had-n't registered at least double that score before the break.

Immediately after half-time Scott Oakes cracked in a spectacular volley and Luton were on their way to a valuable 2-2 draw, with Davis again defying the home forwards, much to the disappointment of the Victoria Ground faithful who, no doubt, anticipated an end of season

goal feast.

With Juergen Sommer looking for a break from a busy season and a place in the USA World Cup squad, Andy Pettersen had played in the penultimate game at Bolton and manager David Pleat gave young Kelvin his big chance against Stoke.

"I played for the reserves on

"I played for the reserves on the Friday and both myself and the team did well. After that game I was told I would be travelling with the first team on Sunday" recalled Davis. "It was brilliant news."

Now this season, with the departure of Pettersen to Charlton, Davis is number two to Sommer. It may mean spending most Saturday afternoons on the

bench, but he readily admits that

there is still a lot to learn.
"We will just have to see how
things turn out" he said. "I would expect to be number two, although the manager could still bring in another keeper. Who knows? I realise that at my age I still have a lot to prove.

"Andy Pettersen decided he wanted to move on, and I can understand that he wants first-team football. Sure, it would be tremendous to be in the first eam but I can learn a lot from just watching ."
He was on the bench for one

match last season - ironically the home game against Stoke - but wasn't needed as the Town romped to a convincing 6-2 win.
Perhaps he would have fancied
his chances outfield on that
occasion for he started his football life as a centre-forward in junior football before the coaches at Leighton Corinthians and Stony Stratford realised it would be in everyone's interest to have him stopping shots instead of

scoring goals.

He arrived at Luton straight from Vandyke School in Leighton Buzzard, and it must have been beyond his wildest dreams to have been playing football in the First Division less than a year later. Davis has had trials for the

seen him play. If he can build on his present form who knows what success he might maybe one day he will emu-late his hero, Peter Shilton, and make it to the England squad. He has the whole of achieve. He will not be short of advice and assistance at his career in front of him and, so far, he has won glowing



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The service still comes under the umbrella of the Clubcall company so the match day service will remain virtually unchanged, but

the aim is to carry more updates through the week.

The Luton Clubcall number is 0891 121 123 and money from your calls helps support Luton Town (calls are charged at 36p per

minute cheap rate and 48p per minute at all other times).

"Reporting from Kenilworth Road itself will give Clubcall much more access to the manager and the players, and will mean fast and regular updates on all types of news concerning the club"

"As well as reporting for Clubcall, my role also includes editing the matchday programme, and liaising with local and national media" he added.

Mr Oxley, 28, has worked for newspapers in Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire for eight years, and was previously Sports Editor of the Bedfordshire Times. He has also reported for BBC Three Counties Radio for the past four seasons, and will continue his coverage of Luton Town for the station

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• The first leg will be played at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday August 16, kick-off 7.45 pm. Normal guesting facilities apply.

• The second leg will be at Craven Cottage on Tuesday August 23, kick-off 7.45 pm. Seats are priced at £10.50 for adults and £5 for juniors. Terracing is £7 for adults and £3.50 for juniors. Supporters should pay at the turnstile on the night of

• The Hatters' first away League game is at Derby County on Saturday August 20, kick-off 3 pm. There is only terracing available for Town supporters who are asked to pay on the day at turnstiles 48 to 51. Prices are £7 for adults and £4 for juniors

Supporters are reminded that there will be no cash admission at the turnstiles this season following the change to all-seater accommodation.

In view of the reduced capacity and to avoid queuing, supporters are advised to purchase their tickets BEFORE the day of the match.

League game tickets go on sale one month before the match and can be purchased either personally at the ticket office, by post or by credit card over the telephone.

New kit's a hit

The home kit is predominantly white, while the away strip is blue and orange. The Luckhurst, our change is the first for two seasons and replicas are available in the restocked club shop.

The shirts, which will retail at £28.99 as opposed to £29.99 last season, also carry the name and logo of Luton Town's main sponsor, Universal Salvage Auctions.

Mr Kohler said "We have earinge the famile and workit, an idea pioned are town crest.

The production of the new kit has been handled by Lance with has been handled by Lance with as bean handled by Lance with as beadge and logo, Mr Kohler said: "We wantled to do design something associated with hats escociated with hats escociated with hats escotiated with hats escotiat

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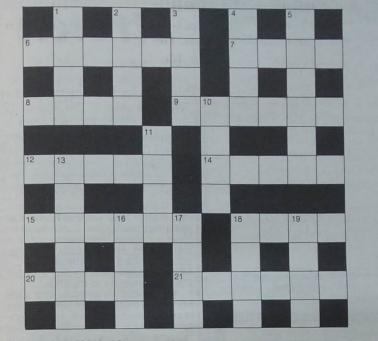
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A puzzle in words (6)



Luton Town players Ceri Hughes,
David Preece, Mitchell Thomas, Kerry
Dixon and Scott Oakes were a big hit
at Swanbourne School in July. The
popular players were on hand to sign
autographs at the club's stand at a
Sport and Leisure exhibition organised
by the Buckinghamshire school. Other
famous sporting guests included former famous sporting guests included former Olympic champion Seb Coe - now a Member of Parliament - and winning racehorse Desert Orchid.

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OUR soccer quiz in the last Hatters News proved what we already know - that the Town's fans come from all over the country!

We had entries from Bury St Edmunds, in Suffolk, from Spixworth, near Norwich, from Nottingham, Great Yarmouth, Milton Keynes and all over Hertfordshire, apart from many readers

But in fact only five entrants were 100 per cent correct and the first of those five out of the straw hat was Mrs S D Hobbs, of Meyrick Avenue, Luton, who says she is a keen Hatters supporter "following in the footsteps of my father and grandfather who were both proud of the town and the town team. She receives tickets for the League game of her choice.

The question that stumped most entrants was "Which Luton Town manager had the shortest reign?" The answer was Jack Crompton, a former Manchester United goalkeeper who had been coach and trainer at Luton in the 1950's. In June 1962 he was appointed manager but resigned just one week later

The correct answers were: 1, David Pleat; 2, Peter Anderson; 3, Paul and Ron Futcher; 4, Blackpool in an FA Cup replay in March, 1954; 5, Dave Pacey; 6, Jack Crompton; 7, Steve Foster; 8, Bernard Streten and Ron Baynham; 9, In a Cup-tie against Luton at Kenilworth Road Denis Law scored six times for Manchester City before the game was abandoned. He scored again in the replay but Luton won 3-1: 10, 1885.

Now try your luck in this second quiz. Send your answers to Soccer Quiz (AEM), 433 Luton Rd, Harpenden, Herts AL5 3QE to reach us before September 30, 1994. First all-correct entry drawn out of the hat wins two tickets to a League match of his or her choice at Kenilworth Road.

Which former Luton manage became a regular soccer wri er for a Sunday newspaper?

In which year was Luton's pitch dug up and replaced

For which club did Luton close-season signing Dwight Marshall play before he joined Plymouth Argyle?

: Name the Hatters'

Who was Luton's goalkeen er in the 1959 Cup Final?

Which Luton player scored a hat-trick against West Ham last season?

Name the London club Luton forward Ian Benjam. joined last season.

groundsman

Winger John Aston was a firm Luton favourite in the 1970's. He moved on in 1977 To which club?

> : In 1983 a late goal against Manchester City by a Luton sub kept the Town in Division 1. Who scored it?

10: And finally, where was the World Cup Final played this

Streten

ONE of the most colourful and popular - players ever to turn out for the Hatters died in May this year at the age of 73, and it is fitting that a tribute is paid to him in this newspaper, which is read by Town fans of

all ages.
The player: Goalkeeper Bernard Streten, who achieved the highest honours, playing for England both as an amateur and a professional. In many older fans' opinion Bernard was the finest goalkeeper Luton have had the finest goalkeeper Luton have had (and they have had several out of the top drawer). He was agile as a circus acrobat, had a highly-developed sense of showmanship and enjoyed a warm personality to match it.

He earned his amateur cap while serving in the RAF but joined Luton from Shrewsbury Town, on the recommendation of Frank Soo, another ime great' who played for Luton

just after the last war.

Streten, short for a goalkeeper at 5ft 9inches, won his full England cap against Ireland in 1949 - a match ngland won 9-2. Subsequently he had to fight for a first team place at Luton with another star who went on o play for England, Ron Baynham. In all, Bernard made 276 appear-

ances for the Town. He joined them n 1947 and retired 10 years later to ake over a business in Mundesleyon-Sea in his native Norfolk, His was soon lured out of retirement and joined Kings Lynn in the Midland League. Later he became a publican.

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