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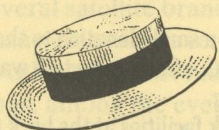
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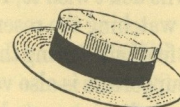
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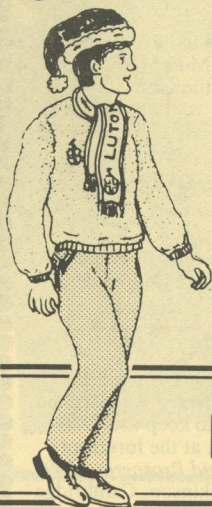
Merry Christmas

**and a
Prosperous New Year
to all our members**

**From the
LTSC Committee**



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HATTERS NEWS

VOICE OF THE FANS

Message from the Supporters Club Chairperson

Dear Supporters,

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the committee to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and let's hope the festive season ends with Luton Town higher in the League table.

If you haven't finished your Christmas shopping it's well worth calling into the club shop, where you will find a vast range of good quality gifts and don't forget, if you produce your L.T.S.C. membership card, Bev Tyler will give you a 5% discount off all items.

For those of you either unable to travel away with the first team, or who don't wish to, I can thoroughly recommend an afternoon watching the reserves, as John's boys play some attractive football. During the quiet spells on the field the banter from the supporters is also very entertaining.

For those ladies interested Sara Watson has begun to organise our womens football team so, if you would like to know more and attend the training sessions, please drop her a line c/o the football club. (No more applications for the job as physio please lads, the vacancy has been filled!!)

Since our last publication we have had two excellent speakers. The first one was Simon Inglis, author of football books and an Aston Villa fanatic. Simon and wife Jackie, joined myself and my husband, Robert at Kenilworth Road for the Aston Villa match where we met up with the Violinist Nigel Kennedy and his girlfriend, another Aston Villa fanatic. Simon has a great deal of interesting knowledge to share and the supporters who came along to listen to him were most impressed.

Kirk Stephens came along to a Supporters Club evening in November. Our thanks go to Kirk for a really smashing nostalgic evening. He could have gone on talking for ever with his tales of fun and laughter, and he has promised to come back with Jake,

and maybe one other team mate of his time. His love of Luton Town brought tears to the eyes of people in the audience. When I hear the phrase "Trap Two" spoken in the future it will conjure up a totally different picture than it did prior to Kirk's evening.

On a more serious note, the committee have been very aware of the disabled area at the football ground, and would desperately like to see it improved, or even more so would like to be able to improve it. We would like to be able to provide more cover, especially as the weather turns colder and wetter. So, if anybody reading this can offer some help of any kind please get in touch, we'll love to hear from you.

We recently made a small donation to the 'David Longhurst' fund at York City F.C. after a collection was taken up at the Simon Inglis evening.

Although our kiosk facilities at the back of the main stand aren't grand, they do provide an adequate service, for supporters to come along and pick up tickets for the forthcoming events or to have a chat with the resident committee members.

On closing my notes can I just say a big thankyou to Brian Swain, he always makes himself available when we need him — Cheers Brian.

Pam

Merry Christmas and
a Prosperous New Year
from

PAM GRAY — LTSC Chairperson



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Social Arrangements

At the time of going to press we are still to confirm further dates for social events over the Xmas period and early January 1991. Look out for further details in future LTFC programmes and local press.

For the new year we are at present arranging a trip to see RUSS ABBOT in Pantomime, called RUSS ABBOT's Palladium 'MAD HOUSE' to be held in the London Palladium on February 8th 1991.

STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS...

"WELL DONE YOU HATTERS" on winning the 1990 Guinness Soccer Six Tournament held recently.

You 'hit em' all for SIX.

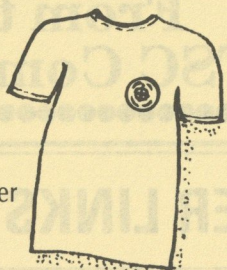
PS. Keep it going Jim & Co.

For those of you which are still thinking of last minute Xmas stocking fillers then why not treat someone to one of our New LTSC T-Shirts made from good quality Cotton/Polyester and printed with our own logo. At present we only have one size, X-Large, which will fit the average fashion-conscious supporter. Price — £6.50 + £1 p&p. Send your order to the usual address OR you could purchase one from our Kiosk AFTER any first team home match. (The kiosk is positioned to the side of the main stand.)

LTSC T-SHIRTS

Only £6.50

Good Quality
Cotton/Polyester
All one size
Ex-Large



LETTERS EXTRA!!

Dear Supporters Club,

I enjoyed your "Seasons to Savour" part one article as produced by Mick McConkey. I would like to see more of the same.

Yours in Sport,
Maureen Ingram, LTSC Member

Editor —

Many thanks for your letter. Look to the centre pages for part two.

Another letter of thanks was also received from: Mr. Neal of Dunstable, Beds. Keep up the good work Mick.

Dear LTSC,

Firstly I would like to thank you for the latest copy of the Hatters News. Keep up the good work you are doing to keep the good name of Luton Town F.C. at the forefront.

Happy Xmas and Prosperous 1991
From Mr. Richard Larkinson, Cambridge

A VIEW FROM A SATELLITE

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB (MILTON KEYNES BRANCH)

In the history of the Luton Town Football Club, when Alec Stock was manager, he initiated the setting up of many satellite branches of the Luton Bobbers Club. One of the many branches born then was the 'Bletchley Bobbers', which since then has never ceased to function. In 1988, when the official Luton Town Supporters Club was set up, the Bletchley Bobbers came under its umbrella and changed its name to the Milton Keynes Branch of the Luton Town Supporters Club and officers of the association took up positions on the main Supporters Club Committee. The organisation of satellite branches was one of Alec's many ideas for attracting more supporters through the gates each home game.

Over the years our branch had run various fund raising events and with the monies, has made many donations to the football club.

When there were several satellite branches functioning, we had many enjoyable evenings in competition with each other with dart matches, domino games and quiz evenings, among the events and Town players were always in attendance at these functions.

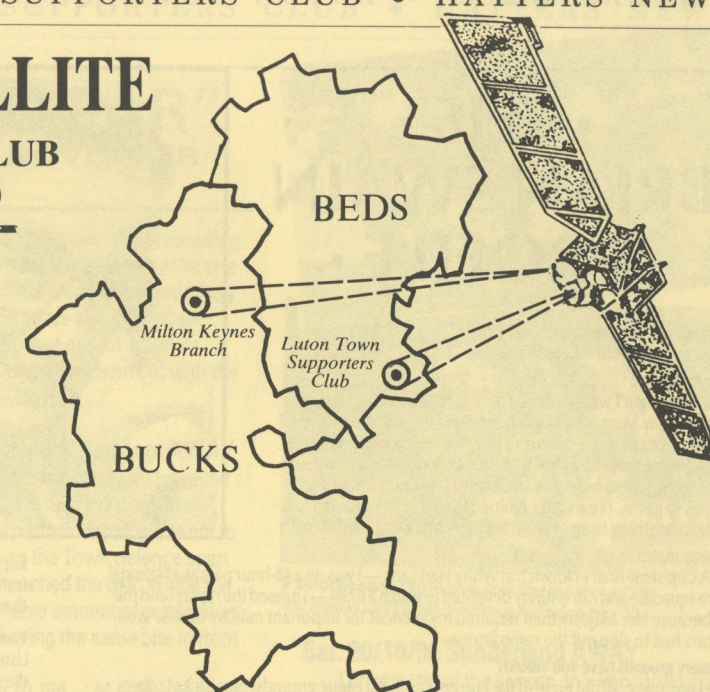
In the early days of fund raising, the types of events run were jumble sales and discos, and since then we progressed to car rallies and up to the present day, where some of our most successful and enjoyable events have been theatre trips mainly to London shows, which we now run twice a year in June and December. A member of our committee is also a lottery agent and fellow members sell tickets and all commission made is ploughed back into club funds.

The Milton Keynes branch has also progressed to Match Ball sponsorship and for the past five or six seasons has sponsored one match ball per season. This is another way of offering financial support to Luton Town F.C. plus the opportunity for some of our members to enjoy

watching a game from the directors' box.



ex-Town captain, Alan West and his wife Cathy,



Our branch was pleased to donate the Luton Town Supporters Club Player of the Year Trophy of which the first two winners have been:

Mick Harford — 1988/89 season
Tim Breacker — 1989/90 season

We also provide each year a replica trophy for each player to keep.

Our branch has had quite close links with several Town players over the years, but perhaps our closest liaison was with the ex-Town captain, Alan West. Alan and his wife, Cathy, attended our functions whenever their timetable allowed and he always went out of his way to help us in whatever way possible.

Most of the fans in the Bletchley/M.K. area travel to games by car. There is now no direct rail link. But if you are a Town fan living in the M.K. area and sometimes have difficulty getting to HOME matches — there is a regular coach service to each first team fixture at Kenilworth Road. These coaches are run by the 'Bletchley Hatters Club' (a separate organisation from the Supporters Club).

Coach pick-up points:

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| Starting from Bletchley | | |
| The Dolphin, Whaddon Way | 1.20 | 6.20 |
| Harts (formerly The White Hart), Whaddon Way | 1.25 | 6.25 |
| The Shoulder, Shenley Road, (The Three Trees) | 1.25 | 6.25 |
| The Plough, Water Eaton | 1.30 | 6.30 |
| Aylesbury Street | 1.30 | 6.30 |
| The Wheatsheaf, Bow Brickhill | 1.40 | 6.40 |
| The Library, Woburn Sands | 1.45 | 6.45 |
| The Square, Aspley Guise | 1.45 | 6.45 |
| M1 Turning (Junction 13) | 1.50 | 6.50 |

Coach Fares

£2.00 if bought in advance.
£2.10 if bought on the day (plus a day membership fee of 20p)

If a coach ticket has not been purchased in advance, members should go to Aylesbury Street, or any subsequent pick up point, where travel on the coach will be allowed subject to seats being available.

Please contact Mr. K. Nichols on 0908 377750 for further details.

Merilyn & Vic Fussell

• THE • BRIAN SWAIN • PROFILE •

How long have you been watching Luton?
Ever since I found out where Watford is.

First home match:

About 1945, when I was seven — Luton 0 Arsenal 1. I got a good hiding from my Mum when I got home because she didn't know I had gone — nearly three miles on a three-wheeler. Turned out she was niggled because I had left it parked in Beech Road. It would have been two good hidings if she knew I had crept under the turnstiles to get in. (Years later I joined the St. John Ambulance Brigade... anything to swing free admission to Kenilworth Road!)

First away match:

1959 FA Cup semi-final v Norwich at White Hart Lane — I was on a 48-hour pass as a National Service squaddie and not entirely delighted to watch a draw — I missed the replay (and the final) because Her Majesty then required my services for important military duties. Well, someone had to slop out the camp latrines...

How many grounds have you visited?

To see Luton play: all but eight of the current Football League grounds, plus a lot of others not in the League — I'm a sucker for friendlies at places like Newport and Minehead.

Best ground:

Maine Road — because of happy memories as a Luton fan, and I used to support City when I worked in Manchester for a couple of years in the early sixties.

Worst ground:

As a working journalist, White Hart Lane. The "Press Box" is in an appalling viewing position, and I have hated it ever since the day Wimbledon beat us in an FA Cup semi-final.

Most memorable match:

Raddy Antic's day at Maine Road in May 1983 just shades it ahead of Brian Stein's in April 1988 and Kingsley Black's at Derby last season.

Least memorable match:

Ask me after we play Wimbledon...

Favourite Luton player of all time:

George Cummins, a magician with a ball on his day, though not the most consistent player we ever had.

Favourite present Luton player:

David Preece, getting better he as he gets older.

Favourite all-time Luton team:

4-4-2 formation: Ron Baynham; Kirk Stephens, Sid Owen, Mal Donaghy, Seamus Dunne; Graham French, Bob Morton, George Cummins, David Moss; Gordon Turner, Malcolm Macdonald. Subs from: Steve Foster, John Aston, Paul Walsh and Brian Stein.

Best Luton goal:

Raddy Antic's at Maine Road for what it meant to Luton Town; Graham French's famous solo against Mansfield for precocious talent, and a David Moss header — yes, honestly — at QPR for sheer surprise. John Aston's volley in the 6-1 thrashing of Oldham in 1982 wasn't bad as an example of the art of an instinctive finisher.

Best goal seen against Luton?

You must be joking! See the goals against figure for an answer to a further question below, and wonder, as I do, how other teams could have got lucky 1,109 times.



Favourite other team:

Manchester City. In the early sixties I watched them and United in alternate weeks except when Luton were in the North, and City always played my sort of football. With players like Dennis Law, Francis Lee, maestro Colin Bell etc. even Malcolm Allison could develop that little lot into a championship team.

How many consecutive Luton matches have you seen?

At the beginning of this season the total in league, FA Cup, league friendlies, pre-seasons etc. The breakdown: 332 Town victories, 218 draws and 291 defeats. Goals for: 1,193; goals against 1,109. That includes all 432 games played since Chiltern Radio went on air and bravely appointed a bloke they hardly knew.

If you were in charge of football what changes would you make?

None to the way the rules are framed except to make handball to stop a scoring opportunity a red card offence, as it is for a foul to do the same thing. Off the field I wish football would get into the 20th century in terms of conditions for its main customers — too many clubs give the gin and tonic set a red carpet welcome and offer disgraceful conditions to the vast majority. On football politics I disagree with the Football League's version of democracy that gives more power to the First Division clubs than to those in the lower levels. It should be one club one vote, and the so-called

SuperClubs — Newcastle used to be one of those! — should not be allowed to run the League for their benefit rather than for the Tranmeres and Hartlepoons of this world. But really there isn't that much wrong with the game in this country — I couldn't imagine life without it.

Your favourite pastime outside football?

Listening for the Watford result! In the summer going to Cornwall, and following cricket — the other beautiful game, so different from football, but a joy to watch and umpire. I'm a lucky man: my job is my favourite pastime because all I ever wanted to be was a journalist. Being paid to watch the team you support is an amazing stroke of luck, and I can still hardly believe it happened to me.

Favourite TV shows?

I don't watch much, because a lot of television clashes with opening time. But I can enjoy Monty Python, Newsnight and that Cadbury's flake ad!

If you didn't work for the Luton News what job would you have done?

I shudder to think. When I left school the Luton News said they didn't have a vacancy so I went to work for Flowers Brewery in Park Street West — the wages were not brilliant but the perks were superb... you could take home as much drink as you liked so long as it was inside you. But I knocked on the Luton News door every week for six months to let them know I was serious and finally they gave in. I have worked for evening and national papers, but Luton always had a pulling power, and I couldn't help but come back to my roots after going North to marry a Manchester United supporter (and there's another reason why I became a Manchester City fan...)

How do you see Luton's chances in league and cup this year?

I fancy a good FA Cup run is a little more likely than winning the league title, although I haven't discussed that with David Evans. Deep down every season since we went into the First Division I worry about survival: just to be there is success for a club that gets such pathetic support from its local community. To stay there by playing good football is enough to delight a man who as a boy was taught that being in the Second Division was pretty good.

What future do you see for the England team?

A bit like the Town's — we do produce great talent occasionally and we could easily have won the World Cup last summer. But I don't think we will until or unless we get our grounds right so that we can have another 1966.

How does your wife feel about your time being tied up with football?

If I see her to talk to before next May I'll ask!

Anything else you would like to add?

Just that I am very grateful to the enjoyment I get from a job that is also a hobby — and most of all for all the many friends it has brought.

Brian Swain
BRIAN SWAIN

Xmas Competition IT'S ONLY A CHRISTMAS TALE

We are getting into the Christmas spirit and the Milton Keynes Branch of the Supporters Club are inviting Town Fans to join in the festive fun. Here's your chance to win a bottle of alcoholic beverage to wash down the turkey and toast the 'Hatters' over the Yule Tide.

We would like you to tell us your favourite Footballing Christmas Stories, then a bottle of something special (kindly donated by the Milton Keynes Branch) could be yours. So come on get writing NOW!

It could be about a match you saw, played in or were even told about. Maybe you had an hilarious

journey or found the club scout stuck up your chimney disguised as Santa Claus.

The names of the winners, along with the most interesting or amusing entries, will be published in the next edition of the 'Hatters News'. The tales can be as long or as short as you like but, to ensure a seasonal tippie, they must have a Christmas flavour.

Send your stories to:

Luton Town Supporters Club (Milton Keynes Branch),
c/o Luton Town F.C., Kenilworth Road Stadium,
1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds. LU4 8AW
— marked **CHRISTMAS TALE COMPETITION**.

Happy scribbling.

Merilyn & Vic Fussell



"THE SEASON SO FAR" FROM 25th AUGUST TO 10th NOVEMBER BY MARK CHAPMAN

With the season drawing near, I reflected upon the number of charges we had seen over the proceeding months. With the appointment of a new Chairman — Peter Nelkin and Director — David Kohler, and the sale in the close season of several experienced pro's including Danny Wilson to Sheffield Wednesday and Micky Kennedy to Stoke City. However, we had escaped relegation with a superb performance at the Baseball Ground and now we waited with anticipation to see if a very young side could improve on last season's position. With no new players arriving it looked as though the season would be long and drawn out with the press making us favourites and probably with some reason, for relegation.

Sat. 25/8/90 Crystal Palace HOME

Opening game of the season expectations running high and with John (Tumble) Dreyer appointed captain. Crystal Palace were building on last seasons F.A. Cup runners-up place and had made several signings in the close season to strengthen their squad, causing some comment from the Town support. Town started the game badly, never getting on top of a physical Palace side often using the long ball game. Predictably, falling behind to a set piece the Town rarely making any forward progress. However, just before half-time what proved to be the Town's best move of the game Elstrup getting clear on the left sending over a good cross, which was well finished by Dowie. The other bright spot was the performance by Ceri Hughes on the right side of midfield.

Result 1-1 Attendance — 9,583 M.O.M. — Hughes

Wed. 29/8/90 Arsenal AWAY

Daunting prospect, we were without a win at Highbury since the late 50's in the first division. For the first twenty minutes and last ten the Town looked the better side, we even took the lead deservedly. Elstrup eventually finished off after good work by Preece, the Town then chose to sit back on their lead which let Arsenal play and score two goals, with Chamberlain producing several good saves, one of which was world class.

Result 1-2 Attendance — 32,723 M.O.M. — Chamberlain

Sat. 1/9/90 Southampton AWAY

A far better Town performance, with several good attacking moves especially in the first half. We took a two goal lead both from Elstrup, one a thundering shot the second being a good header from a Breacker cross. However again in the second half, the team seemed to be prepared to sit on the lead and whilst Southampton did improve it left some questions to be answered. Chamberlain again produced several good saves.

Result 2-1 Attendance 14,878 M.O.M. — Elstrup

Tues. 4/9/90 Manchester United HOME

Town looking forward after a good away victory failed to find the net after some good approach play were punished by United who showed the way to goal. The Town's options up front were looking a little limited and with the United defence coping with everything that Luton could throw at them, the game ended in frustration for the Town.

Result 0-1 Attendance 12,576 M.O.M. — Preece

Sat. 8/9/90 Leeds United HOME

Kingsley Black scored a good headed goal early on after an accurate cross by Elstrup. The Town then failed to take up the pace and again let the opposition dominate for long periods. However the defence held firm, Chamberlain again contributing some good saves.

Result 1-0 Attendance 10,185 M.O.M. — Dreyer

Sat. 15/9/90 Queen's Park Rangers AWAY

A reasonably large Town contingent travelled to West London looking for the club to build on several promising away performances. It was not to be Wegerle totally pulling the Town defence apart virtually every time he touched the ball. Whilst the Town did have a reasonable amount of possession they never looked like having the same bite in front of goal.

Result 1-6 Attendance 10,186 M.O.M. — Hughes

Sat. 22/9/90 Coventry City HOME

A chance to recover from the previous week's drubbing. In a fairly poor match it was left to Dowie to snatch the points. Again the need for another striker was clear to see.

Result 1-0 Attendance 8,336 M.O.M. — Dowie

Tues. 25/9/90 Bradford City HOME

(Rumblelows Cup 2nd Rd 1st Leg)

Hope's were high for another good cup run. Harvey adding to these with a good early strike after he cut in from the left. However, we failed to build on this and let Bradford City back in with a deserved equaliser.

Result 1-1 Attendance 5,120 M.O.M. — Breacker

Sat. 29/9/90 Norwich City AWAY

This game was significant for firstly the return of Steve Williams, questions had been asked for a long time about why this experienced professional had not been given an opportunity. For the first half it made no difference with Norwich City dominating the game and unlucky to go in only one goal to the good.

But what a turnaround, with Preece finding space in the middle, Norwich were destroyed by 3 good strikes by Elstrup, two from perfectly flighted Williams free kicks. It must be one of the fastest Hat-tricks by a Luton player?

Result 3-1 Attendance 12,794 M.O.M. — Elstrup

Tues. 10/10/90 Bradford City AWAY

(Rumblelows Cup 2nd Rd 2nd Leg)

After the first leg we had hopes that the Town would be able to show up the divisional difference. It was not to be as Bradford City closing down quickly forced Luton into a long ball game, whilst they played some splendid football finding far more space on a very heavy pitch. Black scored from close range in the best move of the night, but too often it was left to Chamberlain to rescue the side. Penalties were the result with Dowie firing one over the top that was enough for Bradford to ease through to the next round. Earlier the news of Breacker's transfer to West Ham Utd. had broken. We were promised James was a good replacement on this evidence the travelling support was more than doubtful. Whilst most people accept the need to balance the books it looked as though this may have taken it too far.

Result 1-1 (Bradford won on pens 5-4) Attendance 6,180 M.O.M. — Chamberlain



• Shooting stars: Ceri Hughes (top) fires in a shot at QPR, and (below) Lars Elstrup in action at Anfield on Nov. 10.

Sat. 20/10/90 Sunderland AWAY

Longest trip of the season. In a very good open game there was some splendid attacking football from both sides. Sunderland were slightly on top for most of the game due to Gabbiadini, who ensured it was a long trip home for the Town and us the supporters.

Result 0-2 Attendance 20,005 M.O.M. — Chamberlain

Sat. 27/10/90 Everton HOME

Luton dominated the first half aided by the promptings of Preece and Williams. Unfortunately it only resulted in one Elstrup goal before half time. After the very one-sided first half, Everton came back into the game, but not enough to deserve the equaliser by Nevin, after a mistake by full-back Harvey punishing the Town for their inability to finish in front of goal.

Result 1-1 Attendance 10,047 M.O.M. — Williams

Sat. 3/11/90 Derby County AWAY

Luton started very promisingly with several good moves. After one a good cross left Dowie and Hughes with a virtually open goal, but they got in each others way. This seemed to prompt Derby County to life who went in at half-time 1-0 up. The Town then equalised immediately after the break, Black finishing a good move, and gave us hope for another 3 points, it was not to be with Nigel Callaghan scoring a tremendous goal from 30 yards.

Result 1-2 Attendance 15,008 M.O.M. — Black

Sat. 10/11/90 Liverpool AWAY

We travelled up optimistic, Liverpool were due to drop points!! Luton had shown promise on their travels. It was not to be Liverpool were two-up within quarter of an hour and it was all over. In the second half the Town did put together some good passing play after Liverpool had slackened their grip. Still Marvin Johnson's performance gave us some hope that he might be making the first team on merit at last and keeping Julian James out of the first team.

Result 0-4 Attendance 35,207 M.O.M. — Johnson

MORE REPORTS WILL FOLLOW IN OUR NEXT EDITION...

Summary

With a third of the season gone the Town hold down a respectable mid-table position, especially after our fears from earlier in the season. However, goalscoring remains the problem especially at home, and unless this comes right, a drift down the table looks inevitable...

F.A. CUP-TIE-ROUND 4.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1933.
LUTON TOWN
v.
TOTTENHAM
HOTSPURS
KICK-OFF 2.30.

Admission: GROUND 2/-
 ENCLOSURE 3/-
 GRAND STAND 5/-
 (Centre Bay) 7/6

TICKETS for 3/-. 5/- and 7/6 admission will be on sale at the Ground from Saturday next onwards. All prices include Entertainment Tax.

Advertisement which appeared in the Luton News the week prior to F.A. Cup Match V Tottenham Hotspurs

Note: The admission prices! Those were the days

In the League this was Luton's worst season for eight years when they finished in fourteenth place, this was particularly disappointing after finishing seventh and sixth in the previous two seasons.

It was in the FA Cup where the Town made the headlines in the 1932/33 season by reaching the quarter finals for the first time in the club's history.

By November 26th, the day of the first round, the Town were in tenth place in the Division Three south table.

This first round tie would be a journey into the unknown when they were drawn at home to the amateur side Kingstonians, who played in the Isthmian League as they still do, although it is now called the Vauxhall League.

It would normally be expected that a professional team would beat an amateur side in those days, but that is not how it turned out.

Teams for this first round tie were as follows: Town—Imrie, Kingham, MacKay, Kean, Hayhurst, Fraser, Corkindale, Hutchinson, Rennie, Tait, Rowe. Kingstonians—Broderick, Baldwin, Urpeth, Lee, Daley, Keene, McCarthy, Gibson, Whitehead, Macey, Birks.

This was indeed a poor show by the Town who could consider themselves fortunate to go into a replay after a 2-2 draw.

The Town could not have got off to a better start however, when Tait scored from the penalty spot inside the first five minutes. This early advantage was not to last long though, some bad defending by the Town and a mistake by Kingham allowed Gibson to put Kingstonians level.

Town led again by half time through Andy Rennie, when he scored with a typical thunderbolt effort.

In the second half Town's performance improved somewhat to begin with, but were caught out on the hour when Birks broke away and put K's level once again with a fine solo effort.

After this setback the emphasis shifted and the Town had Imrie to be thankful for, as he made several fine saves to keep Kingstonians at bay and earn the Town a replay.

The home team went into the replay unchanged the following Wednesday, but the Town made four changes. Most notable of these was the return of regular pivot Hugh McGinnigle, so the Town's line-up was as follows, Imrie, Kingham, MacKay, Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser, Brown, Nelson, Rennie, Tait, Whalley.

This was to be far better performance by the Town and the 3-2 scoreline was no true reflection on the superiority they had during this match.

Rennie had two good efforts early in the game, shooting just wide and seeing Broderick save the other. Broderick was then forced to tip over another shot from Nelson, but Kingstonians were to survive the early pressure and the Town were stunned when Kingstonians took the lead. A cross by McCarthy was missed by Imrie and Birks forced the ball in by the upright.

SEASON'S TO SAVOUR

PART II · SEASON 1932/33 · BY MICK MCCONKEY

The Town stormed back and Rennie unleashed one of his thunderbolts, but Broderick saved and pushed the ball away for a corner from which the Town equalised. Brown's kick was headed on by Tait but the ball rebounded off the crossbar and McGinnigle rushed in to head the ball into the net, a rare goal for him.

Whalley should have put the Town in front soon after when he missed a glorious chance, nearly a costly miss as Kingstonians broke away and Macey shot just wide with Imrie clearly beaten. Whalley soon made amends when he set up Tait to score Town's second goal. By half time Kingstonians were level, MacKay lost possession and Birks set up Macey, whose shot was pushed out by Imrie straight to Gibson, who scored with ease.

Before people had chance to finish their half time cuppa Town scored their third goal. Kean played the ball through to Rennie, who scored from eighteen yards.

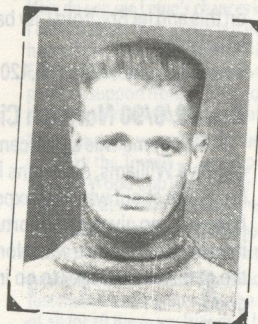
Very soon after another Rennie effort thumped against the cross bar. Although there were no more goals Town held on quite easily.

In the second round Town were drawn away to Stockport County, who were in Division Three North, so an even contest was forecast, and so it turned out.

The match took place on December 10th and the sides lined up as follows:

Stockport—Gale, Vincent, Beedles, Humpish, Carr, Lambourne, Foulkes, Stevenson, Griffiths, Taylor, Downes.

Town—Imrie, Kingham, MacKay, Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser, Brown, Nelson, Rennie, Tait, Rowe.



Thomas Tait
Centre-Forward

Top Goal Scorer this season with 18 league, 5 F.A. Cup and friendly match goal

Totalling 24 goals

Play was even for the first twenty minutes or so, then Rennie saw one of his typical efforts hit the cross bar.

It was Stockport who scored first. A good move down the left wing involving Downes and Griffiths made an opening for the latter who scored from close range.

The Town fought back and mounted a series of raids on the Stockport goal, the best chance fell to Tait but Carr blocked the chance and cleared by kicking the ball away over his own cross bar.

From the resulting corner, Town levelled the score. Brown's corner kick found Kean on the edge of the penalty area. He avoided two tackles before banging in a shot through a crowded goalmouth into the roof of the net.

In the second half Town went straight onto the offensive forcing a series of corners, and it was not long before the Town were in front. Rowe, who had so far a quiet match, got passed Vincent for once, and crossed the ball to Tait who had to turn before placing his shot into the corner of the net, giving Gale no chance.

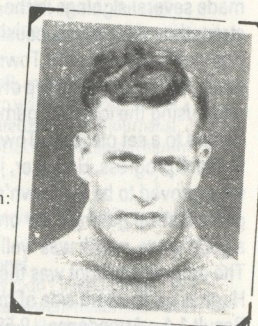
Town then had to endure some anxious moments both Taylor and Stevenson forcing Imrie to make a couple of fine saves.

Then there was controversy as the Town went 3-1 in front, Nelson played the ball through to Rennie, who appeared to be in an offside position. As the Stockport defence stopped, expecting the whistle to go, Rennie continued and placed the ball passed Gale, who was slow to react and the ball rolled into the goal.

The Stockport players protested strongly to the referee and there was a delay of several minutes before the game restarted.

Imrie, who thus far was having a fine game in the town goal then made a mistake which allowed Stockport to pull a goal back when he failed to hold a weak effort from Carr. Foulkes followed up and tapped the ball in.

Stockport then pressed hard for an equalising goal and there were several desperate challenges, which lead to tempers being frayed and the referee had to act on several occasions to keep the peace.



Andrew Rennie
Inside Forward

Second top scorer for Luton that season with: 11 League goals, 5 F.A. Cup, 1 Friendly match goal

Totalling 17 goals

Stockport's best chance came near the end when Downes' shot appeared to have the beating of Imrie. McGinnigle threw himself into the path of the ball and blocked it, the ball was scrambled away.

The third round draw was not particularly kind with the Town being drawn away to Barnsley, who like Stockport played in Division Three North, this game would be played on January 18th.

Before then of course, came Christmas. On the Saturday before Christmas the Town lost in the league 1-2 at Southend, a match which was refereed by Stanley Rous, the future president of F.I.F.A. This left Town in eleventh place in the League.

With Christmas day falling on a Sunday that year, there were no traditional Christmas Day matches, and with the Town away on Boxing Day what other entertainment was there in Luton that Christmas.

If theatre was your taste the Grand Theatre in Waller Street had a special Matinee on Boxing Day, showing a musical comedy direct from a huge West End success called "For the Love of Mike" with the original cast.

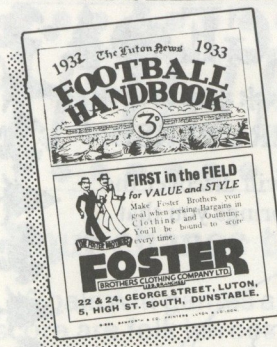
If you would rather go to the cinema the Plaza Picture House in High Town Road was showing Johnny Weissmuller in "Tarzan the Ape Man", or at the Empire in Bury Park Road (which is now a Jewish Synagogue) was showing Laurel and Hardy in "Any Old Port".

Away from the FA Cup the Town's first two home league games in the new year produced a real glut of goals, nineteen to be exact.

Firstly on January 7th Bristol City were the visitors and the Town had to twice come from behind to lead 3-2 at half time. Rennie with two and Mills cancelled out Scriven and Homer's efforts for City.

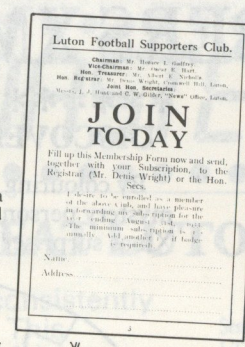
In the second half Tait put Town 4-2 in front before Rennie completed his Hat-trick, City then fought back Bowen and Scriven with his second leaving the final score 5-4 for the Town.

The next home match in the League was played on February 1st where Brentford staged a remarkable fight back after the Town had led 4-1 at half time, two goals by Nelson and two more by Tait, one from the penalty spot were the first half scorers while Holliday scored for Brentford. Two goals by Holliday brought Brentford back into the game at 4-3 before Tait completed his hat-trick, but Holliday was not finished yet bringing his own personal tally to five with two goals in the last ten minutes and a final score of 5-5.



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Back to January 18th and the third round tie at Barnsley where the teams lined.

Barnsley—Ellis, Richards, Shotton, Lax, Whitworth, Henderson, Ashton, Smith, Wallbanks, Andrews, Archibald.

Town—Harford, Kingham, MacKay, Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser, Mills, Tait, Rennie, Alderson, Roberts.

This was a hard fought cup tie which ended 0-0. Rennie went close for the Town early on but Barnsley could count themselves unfortunate as Smith had two efforts which found the woodwork. In the second half Town's best shot was just inches wide. Barnsley did have the ball in the net during the second half but Wallbanks' effort was disallowed for a foul on Harford.

For the replay the Town were unchanged while Lockie replaced Henderson for Barnsley.

The match was played in bright sunshine on a pitch that was a mixture of snow and mud.

Barnsley it was who got off to the best start with Ashton and Wallbanks both threatening the Town goal, but when the Town did get going Rennie it was who had the best chance, when well placed to get a shot on goal he kicked the ground instead of the ball and the chance was gone, Alderson then had a long range shot well saved by Ellis.

As the game flowed from end to end Harford was soon in action tipping over a drive by Archibald.

On the half hour the Town came closest yet when a shot by Roberts struck the post.

Within a minute or two the Town were in front, Alderson worked a good move with Roberts, whose pass to Rennie split the Barnsley defence and he ran through and beat Ellis before putting the ball into the vacant net.

But Barnsley came back, Kingham and MacKay both doing sterling work to keep the Barnsley forwards at bay. In the second half the Town laid siege on the Barnsley goal with Alderson, Roberts and Rennie all going close, but it wasn't until midway through the second half that the all-important second goal was scored, when a shot-cum-cross by Rennie totally deceived Ellis and the ball went in via the far upright.

The fourth round draw produced a real plum draw. A home tie against Second Division Leaders, Tottenham Hotspur, who would go on to win promotion at the end of the season which would put into perspective the fine performance the Town put on to achieve a deserved 2-0 win.

The tie took place on January 28th and the teams lined up as follows:

Town—Harford, Kingham, MacKay, Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser, Mills, Nelson, Alderson, Tait, Roberts.

Tottenham—Nicholls, Felton, Whatley, Colquhoun, Levene, Meads, Davies, O'Callaghan, Hunt, Hall, Evans.

The pitch was in a similar condition as it was for the Barnsley match and a crowd of 17,213 were packed in to witness this famous victory.

It was Tottenham who showed first, Hall and Hunt made an opening which the latter just failed to make count.

Nicholls was soon in action where he saved a couple of speculative town efforts.

On eight minutes the large crowd went wild with delight as the Town went a goal in front.

Mills crossed the ball low across the edge of the Tottenham penalty area, where Alderson running in cracked a low drive passed Nicholls into the net.

This was more than anybody could have wished for, but it got better and very soon the Town were 2-0 up.

Levene got tangled up in trying to clear from Alderson and played the ball straight into the path of the on-rushing Tait, who hit a crisp drive which Nicholls had no chance of stopping.

The Town held on to this lead comfortably until half-time, but the second half saw Tottenham put the Town defence under considerable pressure. MacKay and Kingham were again outstanding as was McGinnigle, who kept the ever dangerous Hunt quiet.

The draw for the fifth round was again a little unkind for the Town with yet another away draw against a club for the Northern Section of Division 3. This time it was Chester or Halifax.

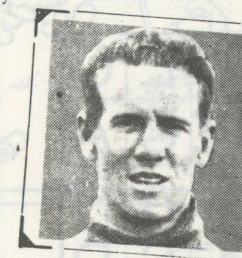
Halifax it was who won their replay so the Town travelled to Yorkshire once again for the tie on February 18th where the teams lined up as follows:

Halifax—Shirlaw, Flack, Barrie, Thompson, Craig, Parkin, Davies, Browne, Chambers, Wellock, Tunstall. Town—Harford, Kingham, MacKay, Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser, Mills, Tait, Rennie, Alderson, Roberts.

This match was played in near arctic conditions on a snow-covered pitch, and with the surrounding Pennines covered in snow it was a real wintery scene.

From the start the Town looked by far the better side. Tait, Rennie and Alderson all forcing Shirlaw to make good saves in the opening minutes. When Halifax did attack Tunstall did put the ball in the net, but the referee had already whistled for offside.

After some intense pressure by the Town they got their due reward when Tait's shot beat Shirlaw after taking a deflection off a defender. Soon after a driving snow storm developed and the referee decided to take the players off, as conditions were so bad and they did not return for some twenty-five minutes or so. Some spectators left the ground thinking the match would be abandoned while others passed the time by singing several choruses of "On Ilkley Moor" and other Sundry Tunes.



George B. Harford
Goalkeeper

No relation to you know who?

Once the storm had ceased and the pitch remarked, the players came out and the match recommenced in very difficult conditions.

Halifax seemed to adapt rather better than the Town and made all the play, Davies had a great chance but shot straight at Harford from close range. Then Tunstall saw his shot cleared off the line by McGinnigle but the Town held on until half-time.

After the break the Town came out with a more positive attitude and nine minutes into the second half they scored their second goal when Fraser centred for Rennie to shoot, but Shirlaw managed to block. However he was unable to hold on to the ball and Nelson following up scrambled the ball over the line.

Halifax never got back into the game after this and were restricted to long range efforts, which never really threaten the Town goal. The Town nearly scored again

near the end when a shot from Rennie came back off the cross-bar.

So the Town were in the last eight of the FA Cup for the first time, though their League form was suffering and they were now in the bottom six. While all the drama of the cup run was taking place, a drama of a different kind was unfolding on the other side of the world, where in Australia the infamous "Bodyline" Test series was taking place, but cricket would be far from anybody's mind in Luton on March 4th, when the Town backed by several thousand supporters, travelled to Merseyside to take on the mighty Everton in Round Six, for the record the full draw was as follows:

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| Burnley | v | Manchester City |
| Derby | v | Sunderland |
| Everton | v | Luton |
| West Ham | v | Birmingham City |

These were some of the best teams around at this time, so the Town were in good company.

For the match at Goodison Park the teams lined up as follows:

Everton—Sagar, Cook, Cresswell, Britton, White, Thomson, Critchley, Dunn, Dean, Johnson, Stein.

Town—Harford, Kingham, MacKay, Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser, Mills, Nelson, Rennie, Tait, Roberts.

The day was to turn out as one of big disappointment for players and supporters alike. Crusader of the Luton News described it as "A Virtual Surrender".

Tait went close in the early minutes but on twenty minutes Stein scored Everton's first after Harford had failed to hold a centre from Britton. Before half-time it was 2-0, Dean setting up a simple chance for Johnson.

In the second half it turned into a rout, despite the efforts of Kean who played a true captain's part by running himself into the ground, but to no avail.

Three minutes into the second half Dunn made it 3-0. Other goals soon followed, Johnson with his second and Stein with his second made it 5-0 before inevitably the great Dixie Dean got in on the act to make the final score 6-0.

Apart from Kean only McGinnigle came out of this game with any credit for the way he handled Dean. Everton eventually won the cup beating Manchester City 3-0 in the Final.

This cup run placed Luton well and truly on the map, indeed the FA decided that Luton should not have to play in the FA Cup until the Third Round in the immediate future, despite being a Third Division side, and although they would not progress so far again during this period they took some notable scalps, Chelsea, West Ham and Blackpool, three very respected sides during the thirties.

As far as the League was concerned a slight improvement at the end of the 1932/33 Season was a prelude of what was to follow over the Next Four Years when positions of sixth, fourth and second were achieved.

THE LEAGUE DIVISION III SOUTHERN SECTION

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| Exeter City | 42 | 24 | 10 | 8 | 88 | 48 | 58 |
| Norwich City | 42 | 22 | 13 | 7 | 88 | 55 | 57 |
| Reading | 42 | 19 | 13 | 10 | 103 | 71 | 51 |
| Crystal Palace | 42 | 19 | 8 | 15 | 78 | 64 | 46 |
| Coventry City | 42 | 19 | 6 | 17 | 106 | 77 | 44 |
| Gillingham | 42 | 18 | 8 | 16 | 72 | 61 | 44 |
| Northampton T | 42 | 18 | 8 | 16 | 76 | 66 | 44 |
| Bristol Rovers | 42 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 61 | 56 | 44 |
| Torquay Utd | 42 | 16 | 12 | 14 | 72 | 67 | 44 |
| Watford | 42 | 16 | 12 | 14 | 66 | 53 | 44 |
| Brighton & Hove | 42 | 17 | 8 | 17 | 66 | 65 | 42 |
| Southend Utd | 42 | 15 | 11 | 16 | 65 | 82 | 41 |
| LUTON TOWN | 42 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 78 | 78 | 39 |
| Bristol City | 42 | 12 | 13 | 17 | 83 | 90 | 37 |
| Queen's Park R | 42 | 13 | 11 | 18 | 72 | 87 | 37 |
| Aldershot | 42 | 13 | 10 | 19 | 61 | 72 | 36 |
| Bournemouth | 42 | 12 | 12 | 18 | 60 | 81 | 36 |
| Cardiff City | 42 | 12 | 7 | 23 | 69 | 99 | 31 |
| Clapton Orient | 42 | 8 | 13 | 21 | 59 | 93 | 29 |
| Newport | 42 | 11 | 7 | 24 | 61 | 105 | 29 |
| Swindon Town | 42 | 9 | 11 | 22 | 60 | 105 | 29 |

In the next issue we will look at 1936-37 season when the Town won the Division 3 South League Championship.

JUNIOR MEMBERS XMAS PAGE

FUN WITH WORDS AT CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS SONGS SLIP-UP

One of Santa's helpers was on his way to a concert carrying the words of some well-known carols and songs. Suddenly he slipped on the ice and they went EVERYWHERE! He managed to get the titles or first lines together but couldn't unscramble the letters or put the words of each one in the right order.

How quickly can you help him sort them out?

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11. rtsif fo hiCrtamss yda nO hte
12. rermi oyu shwi a smCirhtas eW



***** DISCOVER THE MYSTERY PERSON

By colouring certain shapes you will discover the mystery person — who every year brings you that Xmas surprise?



* CHRISTMAS *

SEASONAL WORD GAMES

How many Christmassy words can you find here? Read them forwards, backwards and diagonally, in straight lines.

There are other words hidden in the grids that don't specially relate to the season. Make the game harder and try to find them!

There are more seasonal words to be discovered in this second grid, too ...

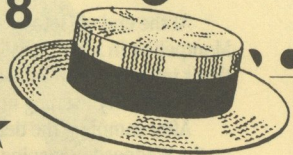
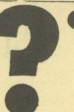
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"HATTERS MASTERMIND" No. 8



★ Your chance to win a GREAT LUTON TOWN PRIZE! ★

Goals win games and players who consistently score are folk heroes to football fans. This Mastermind is based on the careers of three Town players who rarely failed to excite Hatters supporters — Mick Harford, Malcolm MacDonald and Bruce Rioch.

- No. 1** From which clubs did Luton sign Mick and Malcolm?
- No. 2** Against which clubs did they score their first league goals for the Town?
- No. 3** Which clubs did they join from the Town?
- No. 4** Bruce had a brother who also played league football. Name him.
- No. 5** All three played International football, for which countries?
- No. 6** How many hat-tricks did Malcolm score for the Hatters in league games?
- No. 7** How many goals did Mick score at Wembley for the Town, and who against?

Send your list of all seven answers, or as many as you can answer, on a postcard or paper to: LTFC Supporters Club, "Hatters Mastermind" No. 8, c/o LTFC, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds. LU4 8AW. Can be given to any committee member or received by first class post no later than Saturday 19th January 1991.

Rules of entry — All entries to be limited to LTSC members ONLY and in the event of any close result the committee's decision will be final. Also no present committee can participate.

In the event of a tie all the correct entries will be put into a hat and the winner drawn out at the nearest social event after the closing date.

★ COMPETITION WINNER OF THE OUR SEVENTH ★ HATTERS MASTERMIND

With another postbag of correct entries to all eight questions a winner was drawn out of the hat, and that lucky person is:

Martin Smith, 37 Drummond Ride, Tring, Herts.

WELL DONE ... WELL DONE!!

Answers to No. 7 Hatters Mastermind were as follows:

No. 1 Don Givens, Ken Goodeve, Peter Woods. **No. 2** John Aston. **No. 3** Sutton United. **No. 4** Max. **No. 5** Motherwell. **No. 6** DN 4 Championship 1967/68. **No. 7** Brighton, Northampton Town. **No. 8** Jim Ryan — Carlisle United 14/1/70, John Moore — Newport Co. 4/9/65, John Faulkner — Bristol City 28/10/72.

CHRISTMAS SPOT-THE-DIFFERENCE

Why not have a try at our Xmas Spot-The-Difference Competition.

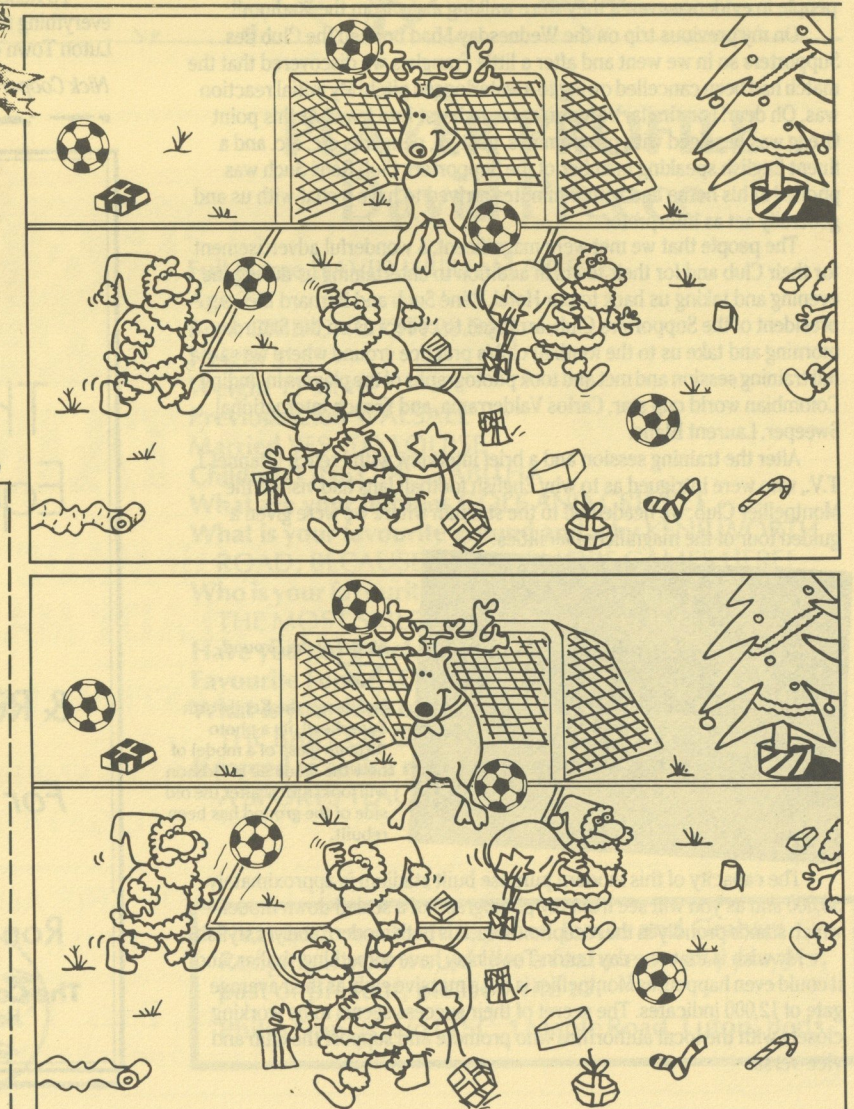
All you have to do is study the two Xmas Football Match scenes and simply fill out the form below with the 10 differences and post off to the address stated, marking your entry with your Membership Number.

If your name is picked out of the hat after the closing date (19th January 1991) you will be the lucky winner of a Luton Town Souvenir Prize.

The 10 differences are as follows:

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LTSC Members No. _____ DATE _____



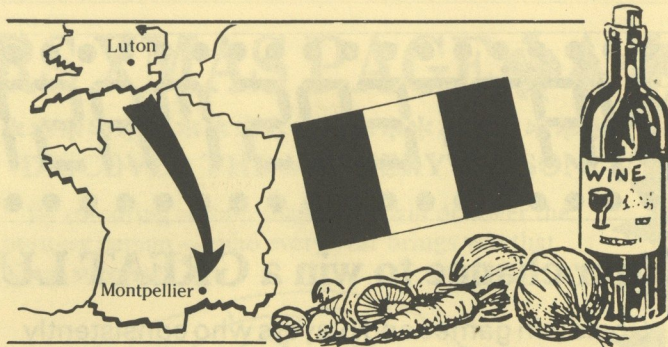
ENTENTE CORDIALE!!

BY NICK COOPER

At the end of October I was fortunate enough to pay a short visit to Montpellier in South Western France, purely by coincidence (or at least that's my story!) the local football team were due to be playing at home on the Wednesday evening in a Division One match against Metz.

After sampling the delights of what is a fascinating town I duly set off on the Wednesday evening only to arrive at a very dark and deserted Stade de la Mosson. In near desperation I made my way to the Club offices and met the French equivalent of the English caretaker in the process of locking up! After an hilarious five minutes of Anglo/French conversation he finally managed to explain to me that the match had been switched to Friday evening!

With mixed emotions I returned to the Hotel all set to try again later in the week. Eventually Friday arrived and along with my son Gregg this time (he was slightly unwell on the Wednesday) we encountered le weekend traffic and made our way out to the ground. The weather during the day had not been good with steady rain, the average sort of early summers day in



The club is not in existence just for professional football, but also for other sports such as basketball and handball, it is an integral part of the community and as French Cup Winners last Season the whole region is following their exploits in the European Cup Winners Cup with great interest and no little pride.

After the tour was over our friend René once again took us back to our hotel and we offered our grateful thanks for the kindness shown to us. We also discussed the possibility of an exchange visit, involving the supporters of both clubs.

As if further proof of the great hospitality were needed, when we returned to our hotel after an afternoon out, we were handed a carrier bag full of sweets and local specialities which had been left for my son by a supporter called Brizini Foued, who we had met that morning at the training ground. In the evening Brizini visited us and showed us his photo album which was full of shots of French football greats and also many West German stars and even Chris Waddle of Marseille!!

All our friends have promised to send us more souvenirs and Gregg and I have already done the same.

As my wife remarked to us as we returned to the hotel after our memorable day, "I never thought I would see you two so pleased at a match being cancelled!", for had the match taken place this great experience may never have happened.

To René, Bernard, Brizini and all at Montpellier, you displayed everything that is good about our great game of football. I only hope we at Luton Town can do the same for you when you visit us!

Nick Cooper

L.T.S.C. Committee Member



Gregg — Q. Fancy coming to play at Luton Carlos?

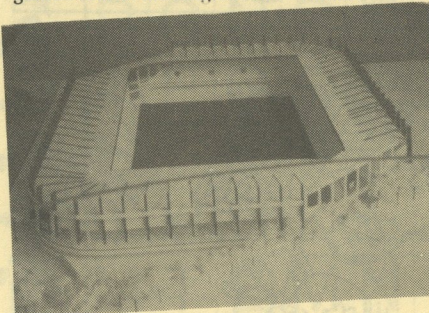
Carlos Valderrama — A. Gregg I know the airport, but they have a football Team there also do they?

England you might think, but imagine our horror when we finally arrived at a ground which was once again in darkness, but this time at least with a few people in evidence even if they were walking away from the stadium!!

On my previous trip on the Wednesday I had noticed the Club des Supporters so in we went and after a little Franglais we discovered that the match had been cancelled owing to a waterlogged pitch! My initial reaction was, Oh dear! (or similar). My son's was to burst into tears! At this point Gregg was besieged with programmes, posters, pennants etc. etc. and a fluent English speaking member of the Supporters Club René Such was phoned at his home and within minutes arrived to have a chat with us and generally act as interpreter.

The people that we met were magnificent, a wonderful advertisement for their Club and for their town. In addition to entertaining us during the evening and taking us back to our Hotel, René Such and Bernard the president of the Supporters Club, arranged to collect us on the Saturday morning and take us to the football club's practice ground where we saw a full training session and met and took photographs of the players including Colombian world cup star, Carlos Valderrama, and French international Sweeper, Laurent Blanc.

After the training session and a brief interview with French Channel 1 T.V., who were intrigued as to why English football fans had visited the Montpellier Club, we headed off to the stadium where we were given a guided tour of the magnificent facilities.



Model of the Ground

No, its not the Kenilworth Superbowl, its a photo through glass of a model of how the Stade de la Mosson will look in 1992 after the old side of the ground has been rebuilt.

The capacity of this modern purpose built stadium is approximately 36,000 and as you will see from my photograph of a scaled down model, which stands proudly in the reception area, it is both modern and yet stylish.

My wish is that one day Luton Town may have something similar, and it could even happen, as Montpellier is not a massive club, as their average gate of 12,000 indicates. The secret of their success seems to be working closely with the local authorities who promote and support the club and vice-versa.

PLAYER PROFILE Alec Chamberlain

A series of questions were asked to the players, answers to which we now relay to the Supporters Club

Full Name ALEC FRANCIS ROY CHAMBERLAIN

Age 26

Date of Birth 20-6-64

Height 6' 2"

Weight 13 stone 2 pounds

Previous Clubs IPSWICH, COLCHESTER & EVERTON

Married YES, TO JANE

Children NO

Likes EATING OUT, PLAYING CRICKET & GOLF

Dislikes SMOKING, ARROGANT PEOPLE

Favourite other Player NEVILLE SOUTHALL

Most Memorable Match MATCH AGAINST LIVERPOOL 2-2 (89/90) SEASON AND LAST GAME OF SEASON AGAINST DERBY CO. 3-2

If you were not a Footballer, what other job would you do DON'T KNOW

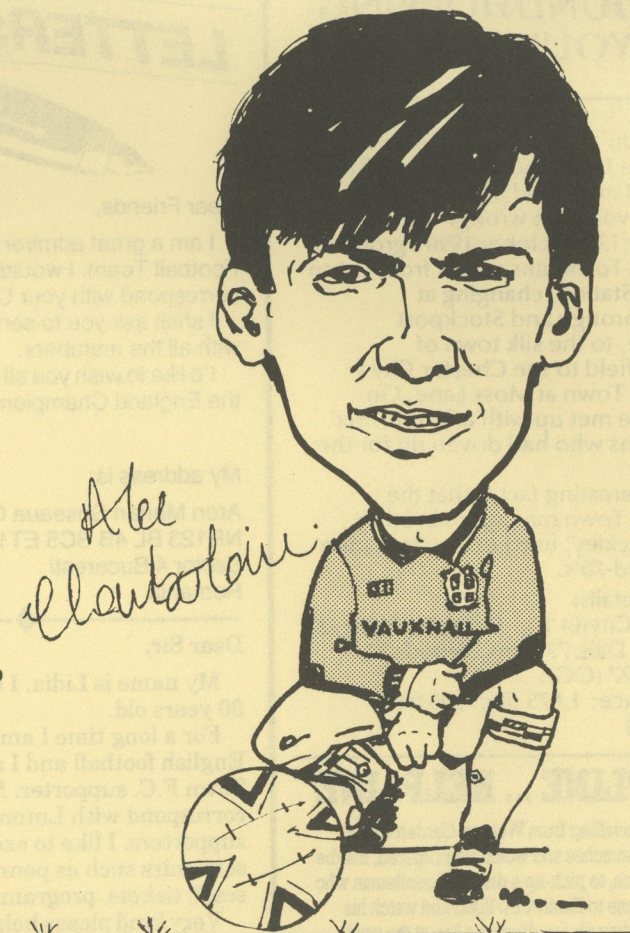
Favourite Television Show CHEERS

Hobbies outside Football CRICKET & GOLF

Favourite Food MOST ITALIAN FOOD

Favourite Drink TETLEY MILD

Favourite other Sportsmen PRO. GOLFERS. THEY ARE SO GOOD AT THEIR PROFESSION



PLAYER PROFILE David Preece

Full Name DAVID WILLIAM PREECE

Age 27

Born BRIDGNORTH 28.5.63

Height 5' 5"

Weight 11 stone

Previous Club WALSALL

Married YES, TO LOUISE

Children ONE GIRL, TABITHA

What are your hobbies GOLF AND CRICKET

What is your favourite ground and why KENILWORTH ROAD, BECAUSE WE WIN MORE GAMES HERE!

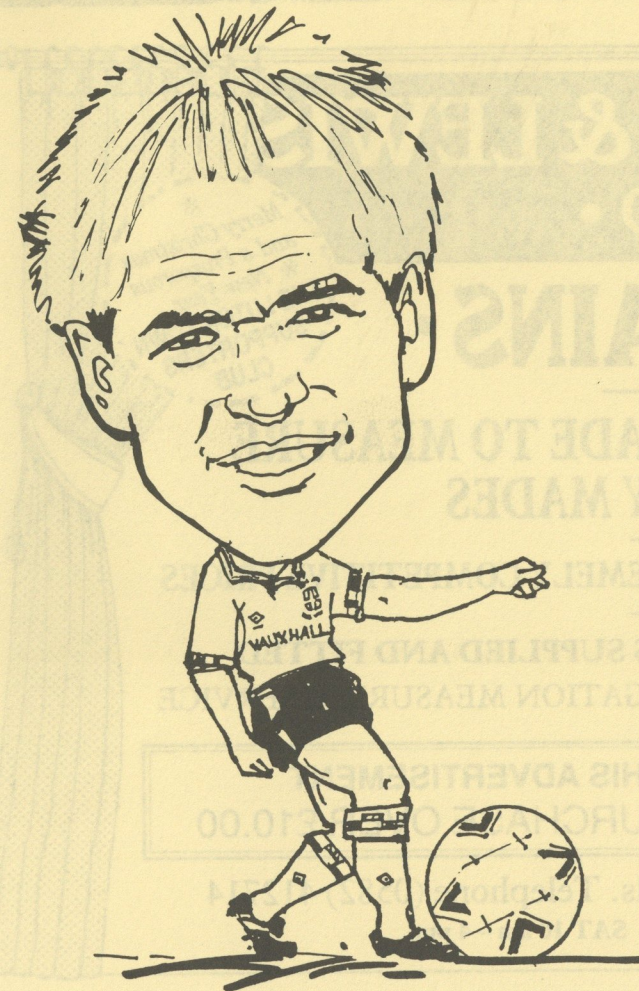
Who is your favourite other player and why GAZZA. HE IS THE MOST SKILFUL AROUND

Have you got a nickname at Luton YES, MINI

Favourite Food STEAK AND CHIPS

What is your idea of relaxation AN AFTERNOON WITH THE BABY OR GOING TO THE BOOKIES!

If forced to seek a new job tomorrow, what would it be A SPORTS TEACHER



Next issue we feature Julian James and Graham Rodger. If you would like a feature on any players, past or present, please write to:
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GROUNDHOPPING ON YOUR DAY OFF?

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Wouldn't you think that on a day when the Town had a Saturday off that all their fans would be resting too.

"Well you'd be wrong." On Saturday 13th October 1990 a group of 10 Luton Town fans set off from Luton Railway Station, changing at Loughborough and Stockport en-route, to the silk town of Macclesfield to see Chester City v Grimsby Town at Moss Lane. On arrival we met up with a further 'Six' Luton fans who had driven up for the game.

An interesting fact is that the Grimsby Town manager's brother, Steve Buckley, used to play for Luton in the mid-70's.

Match Details:

Chester City(0) 1 Grimsby Town (2)
Scorers: Dale 77 mins, Woods 21,
Bennett 27 (OG).

Attendance: 1,875 (inc. 600 from Grimsby)

HELPLINE ... HELPLINE

Anyone travelling from Welwyn Garden City to Luton home matches and would be prepared, maybe twice a season, to pick-up a disabled gentleman who wishes to come to Kenilworth Road and watch his team, could they please drop us a line at the usual address.

LETTERS PAGE



Dear Friends,

I am a great admirer of "Luton Town" Football Team. I would like to correspond with your Club.

I shall ask you to send me a poster with all the members.

I'd like to wish you all the good-luck in the England Championship.

Thank you.

My address is:

Aron Marian Soseaua Giurgiului
NR123 BL 4B SC5 ET10 AP200
Sector 4 Bucuresti
Romania

Dear Sir,

My name is Lidia. I am Polish. I am 30 years old.

For a long time I am interested English football and I am loyal Luton Town F.C. supporter. My dream is to correspond with Luton Town supporters. I like to exchange souvenirs such as pennant, badges, scarf, tickets, programmes.

Very kind please help me find Luton Town supporters to correspond. I am

very sorry for my poor English.

Thanking you in anticipation for and early reply.

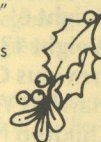
Yours very truly
Miss Lidia

In reply: Any prospective pen pals please write to Lidia direct. Please address any correspondence to:

Lidia Dolata
UL. Zeromskiego 38B/8
64-920 Piea Poland

"MY CHRISTMAS VERSE"

"Christmas comes but once a year"
"Good!" I hear you cry
But, it's not all bad for football fans
With a game on Boxing Day
With leftovers and hangovers
And bellies full and swelling
Presents, Pudding and Partytime
Our thoughts are truly dwelling
But into the cold air we trudge
Our loyalty second to none
And those thoughts soon turn to the game in hand
And of the three points to be won
Oh what a Christmas prezziel
For a "Lay-in" sacrifice —
To see our boys win another game
Would be more than rather nice!
So what did father Christmas bring you — Jim?
Take a look at the "Kenny" — going barmy
Did you ever ask for a Soldier Set?
Well — There's your blue 'n' white army!
So, — HAPPY CHRISTMAS everyone
(C'mon lads Lets have a win)
And only then can we truly celebrate
Best Wishes to all — from Lynne.



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