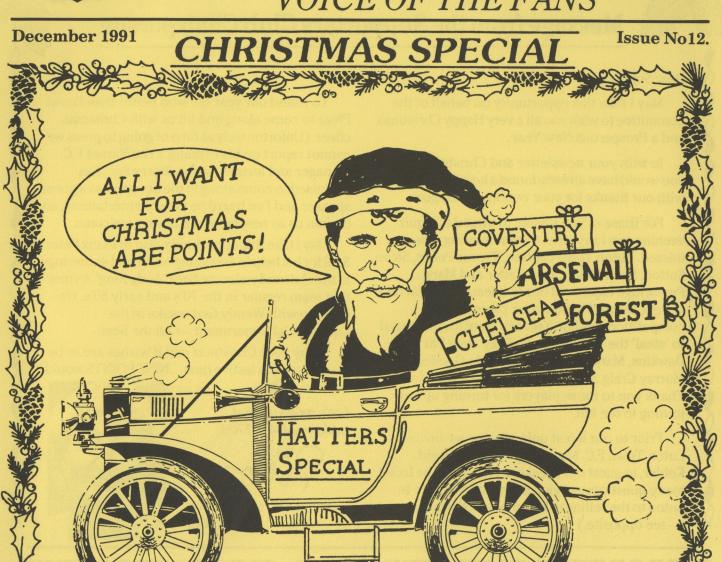


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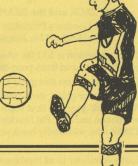
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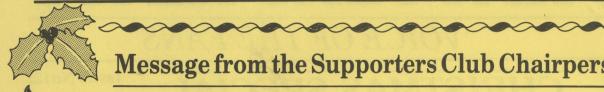


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From the Committee
of the
Luton Town Supporters Club



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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 a Prosperous New Year.

In with your newsletter and Christmas card you would have already found a keyring, it comes with our thanks for your continued support.

For those of you unable to attend our quiz evening can I say what a great evening you missed. Luton Town captain, Trevor Peake, Steve Sutton, Scott Oakes, Paul Telfer and Mark Pembridge captained our five teams. A great deal of light hearted banter took place but the competition was hot. Trevor's team just managed to 'steal' the winners cups. They were Pat Dawkins, Marjorie Goode, Amanda Goode, Murray Craig and Torino Cuiffini — Well done! Thank you to those players for turning up and joining in the fun.

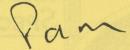
Prior to our latest quiz evening we invited Luton Town F.C. Managing Director, David Kohler, to guest our speaker evening and he faced many questions ranging from why he came to Luton to the selling of key players. (Further report — see opposite.)

To round our year off, who better than David Pleat to come along and fill us with Christmas cheer. (Unfortunately at time of going to press we cannot report on his evening.) The Barnet F.C. manager and former Hatter, 'Barry Fry', has promised to come along in the new year as a guest speaker and I've heard he is very entertaining, so do join us as new faces are always welcome.

May I take this opportunity also to thank Peter Saul for his help in arranging our social gatherings at the club and welcome back 'Andy King', former first team regular in the 70's and early 80's. He joins up with Wendy Grzbowska in the Commercial Department — All the Best.

Enjoy your Christmas and if wishes are to be made over this festive time ... NINE POINTS would be lovely!!!

Let's move up that table you HATTERS!



From LTSC Chairperson PAM GRAY

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FROM 5th OCTOBER TO 30th NOVEMBER 1991 BY MARK CHAPMAN

Sat. 5/10/91 Aston Villa AWAY

A dreadful Luton performance, which was summarised by the one good chance created, a penalty hit firmly against the bar by Phil Gray. It was Chamberlain at the other end who kept the score down despite being at fault for the third goal.

Attendance 18,722 M.O.M. - Chamberlain

Tues. 8/10/91 Birmingham City AWAY (Rumblelows C 2nd Rd – 1st Leg)

A second journey to the Midlands in quick succession, produced no improvement in the first performance and it wasn't until midway through the second half that there was an improvement with the Hatters taking the game to Birmingham and Phil Gray pulling back to two goal deaficite making it 2-2 on the night and 3-3 on aggregate, but with seconds remaining of full-time Nigel Gleghorn scorer of the second goal scored to win it for the Blues.

Result 2-3 Agg 3-4

Attendance 13,252 M.O.M. - Gray

Sat. 19/10/91 Sheffield Wed. HOME

A battling Luton performance saw them earn a deserved draw. A win denied by a superb equaliser struck by Sheridan from a free-kick with minutes to go Earlier Harford and Nogan had given Luton hope of a much needed win. Result 2-2

Attendance 9,401

M.O.M. - Preece

Sat. 26/10/91 Norwich City AWAY

The team carried a large number of injuries as it travelled to Norfolk, six first teamers missing. However Chamberlain produced an outstanding performance,

keeping out everything Norwich could throw at him. The youngsters did well, notably our new signing Scott Oakes from David Pleats' old club Leicester City, who hit the bar from a well taken free-kick, however there was not enough experience to muster a result. Result 0-1 M.O.M. - Chamberlain

Attendance 10,514

Sat. 2/11/91 Everton HOME

New signing Chris Kamara from Leeds made his debut, and in the first half did sufficient to look an asset, however the rest were very poor and once Everton did score in the second half there was only one winner.

Plus points - What a surprise it was to see million pound plus players wearing Luton kits — due to Everton turning up with only their home blue kit, which would have clashed with our new kit

M.O.M. - Kamara Result 0-1 Attendance 8,022 (very low due to the Rugby World Cup Final

Sat. 16/11/91 Tottenham Hotspur AWAY

Town travelled to North London after the two weeks break which they made use of by playing a 4 team tournament in Tunisia. The town were still without the injured Gray. However, they proceeded to dominate the game, Harford giving Luton the lead after Stein forced a mistake in the Spurs defence. This pattern continued after the break until the lights failed, the game then swung a full circle with the home side showing how to finish to produce a somewhat flattering score to say the least. Result 1-4 Attendance 27,543 M.O.M. – Pembridge

Sat. 23/11/91 Manchester City HOME

In the best game at Kenilworth Road this season, Luton attacked from the outset, with Harford, Kamara and Scott Oakes combining well, taking the lead through Harford after a mistake by Redmond. The rhythm was then broken by another injury, this time to Des Linton. Man. City produced an equaliser straight after the break, however Dreyer gave us the lead back, only for Quinn to volley City back level. Redmond was then sent off for his second bookable offence when Stein was clean through on goal. He got away with the first challenge when Pembridge had gone clean through 10 minutes earlier. Result 2-2

Attendance 10,031 M.O.M. - Drever

Sat. 30/11/91 Sheffield United AWAY

The fact that this game was described as a SIX pointer and it occurred before Christmas, illustrates Luton's plight. The Blades had the better of a poor first half. On-loan Sutton from Forest excelling on his first appearance, although many were questioning the decision to drop Chamberlain who would have been playing his 100th consecutive game for the Hatters. In the second Luton came more into the game, taking the lead through Telfer, his debut Division One goal after the home defence failed to clear. However, for the third time in as many games this lead was surrendered in the last two minutes Result 1-1

Attendance 21,804

M.O.M. - Sutton

SUMMARY

With Luton firmly anchored at the bottom of the table points are needed quickly, these must be forthcoming over the Christmas period. Performances have improved, with the acquisition of Chris Kamara and if Gray and Hughes can return to add to the competition for places then the position can only improve. However, this will need the support of everyone from player to supporter, and may need some capital injection should further injuries strike.

Hopefully next edition's comment will be even more

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As we go to press the S.C. is organising a New Year Trip to a London Show to cater for all ages. You'll have a 'Lorra-Lorra' Fun and Laughs as

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at London's Piccadilly Theatre, on Friday 17th January 1992 Cost per person is £11.00, which includes the

coach fare to and from your departure point. Don't miss out on this great evening of Fun. To book your place, drop into see us at our NEW kiosk after any first team game, or telephone our Mrs. Pat Dawkins on LUTON 22858 who will kindly book you down

Just a reminder to all members that joining us you can enjoy the benefit of having 5% Discount off all purchases at the Luton Town Sports & Souvenir Shops in Oak Road and Kenilworth Rd. So, get down there for those Xmas presents!

LTSC ITEMS FOR SALE

With Christmas just around the corner how do you fancy buying any of the following items?

L.T.S.C. T-SHIRTS at £6.50 each (Good quality cotton/polyester with our logo on the front). At present we only have one size, X-Large, which will fit the average fashion conscious supporter. L.T.S.C. PENS at 30p (That's good value!)

L.T.S.C. BADGES (If you have lost yours or just require an additional one, then for £1.50 its all

SOMEONE SWITCH THE LIGHTS ON!

Recently we received an invitation for a small delegation from the LTSC to visit the Spurs S.C. On arrival prior to the match we find that ronically their club was in darkness, the explanation given was the club had to shut due to an electrical fault, believe it or not

Later as you may know this was to be the downfall in the final result on the pitch 3-hours

GUESS THE PLAYER COMPETITION

Due to the small response to this competition we think it must have tested our members to the limit.

Many had got two of the first three pictures correct, but were stumped on Picture 'D' (young photo of player). We felt that this was the hardest pic of

them all so we decided to award the prize to: A. Greenidge of Aldwyck House, Dunstable Place, Luton, Beds. No. 928

Well done ... your prize will be with you soon.

The Four Players were as follows:

PICA Emeka Nwajobi PICB Clive Goodyear PICC David Carr

PICD Ceri Hughes (age 4 years)

MANY THANKS TO THOSE FOR TAKING PART

'OUR VERY OWN BOBBY' PC Palmer

An interesting evening was had on Wednesday 6th November when

Mr. Peter Palmer, the Bedfordshire Police Football Intelligence Officer — and fellow Luton Town supporter — came to tell us about his work with the Luton Town football supporters.

It was both interesting and pleasant to hear the improvement in the behaviour of football supporters, and in particular the praise given to Luton Town supporters. We always knew we were the best at something! It makes you realise what a difficult job the police have, and we would like to thank Peter for his honesty and the way he was prepared to answer all the questions fired at him.

It was disappointing that so few people could be bothered to come, but those who did had an enjoyable evening. It was certainly more interesting than what was on television that evening!

He also informed us that if anyone wishes to contact him they can always telephone the Intelligence Dept. at the local station on 394199.

David Kohler Guest Speaker Evening

Many thanks to David Kohler, our Managing Director, for his informative question and answer session on Wednesday 20th November. The evening went off exceptionally well, and the frankness with which he was prepared to answer questions was much appreciated. As the newest committee member, I agree that the



David Kohler, the MD who wants to abandon the membership scheme, and then lead the club to a New Stadium.

link between the supporters club and the football club should be close. As he said, we all support Luton Town.

As we approach a New Year, there are exciting times ahead and maybe details of a new ground. On the field, let us all get behind the team as the mixture of youth and experience take us forward into a new era and remember Luton Town will still be the greatest team to us all.

Les Skinner

PART VI · SEASON 1958/59 · BY MICK McCONKEY

The 1958/59 season will always be remembered as the season when the Town went all the way to Wembley. It was also the season in which the Town had their best ever start to a league season in Division One.

On Saturday Evening September 27th they sat proudly on top of the First Division, unbeaten in their first ten matches. They had beaten Preston 4-1 that day to knock them off the top. Prior to this they had beaten West Ham 4-1 and Manchester City 5-1 at home, and Birmingham 1-0 away. They had drawn six matches against West Brom, Bolton, Burnley, Manchester City and Leeds (twice).



Seeing is believing Top of Division One — Sept. 1958

Two weeks later the Town were rocked when long serving manager, Dally Duncan, resigned. He left to take up a similar post at Blackburn Rovers. After this the Town's league form slumped, they won only eight more matches all season.

When they did win the results were quite spectacular, 6-3 against Arsenal, 6-2 against Burnley 4-3 against Leicester, 4-2 against Newcastle and 5-1

Nottm. Forest. More about the latter result later. By January 10th, the day of the Third round of the FA Cup, the Town had dropped into the bottom half of the league, but would produce some of their early season form as they beat Leeds 5-1 on a snow covered Kenilworth Road, where the teams lined up as follows: TOWN: Baynham, McNally, Hawkes, Groves,

Owen, Pacey, Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

LEEDS: Wood, Ashall, Hair, Cush, Charlton, Gibson, Humphries, Crowe, Shackleton, Revie, Overfield.

The Town kept an unchanged side throughout their cup run. One noticeable absentee was Gordon Turner, more about that later.

Against Leeds the Town lead 1-0 at half-time, Bingham the scorer after sixteen minutes when he swept home a cross from Gregory.

Four minutes into the second half the Town were awarded a penalty kick. Gregory took it, he saw his first effort blocked by Wood, but scored from the rebound. Soon after Shackleton scored for the visitors. Morton soon restored Town's two goal advantage when he scored following a goalmouth scramble. The Gregory/Bingham combination then struck again to make the score 4-1 before Gregory closed the scoring with his second, following good work by Morton.

This performance lead "Chiltern" (Eric Pugh) of the Luton News to say in his report in that evening's "Green Un".

"The Town swept into the Fourth Round in most authoritative style, and such was the quality of their display they must have a chance of going further if they can reproduce this form."

Prophetic words indeed.

The Fourth Round draw paired the Town with Leicester City at Filbert Street on January 24th. As far as the cup was concerned City had a bit of a jinx on the Town, having knocked them out twice since the war, in 1949 and 1956, but now there would be revenge.

City lined up for the match as follows: MacLaren, Cunningham, Baillie, Newman, King, Keyworth, Riley, Kelly, Hines, McNeill, Leek.

Playing on a frost-bound pitch the Town dominated the first half, but without reward. Morton, Brown and Pacey all went close to scoring and Gregory had a shot kicked off the line by Baillie.

Five minutes into the second half McNeill scored for City. But try as they might, the Town could not force an opening until thirteen minutes from time when Bingham chased a through-ball, MacLaren and Cunningham seemed to leave it to each other and Bingham darted inbetween them to toe-end the ball into the net. It was no more than the Town deserved.

With no further scoring it was back to Kenilworth Road for the replay the following Wednesday evening.

The Town romped into Round Five with a resounding 4-1 win in the replay, thus avenging those two previous defeats. It was a night of personal triumph for Allan Brown, who scored a hat-trick.

In the first half he opened the scoring after just nine minutes and Gregory added a second ten minutes later. Ten minutes into the second half Brown completed his hat-trick scoring twice in two minutes to put the result beyond all doubt. Leek scored a consolation goal for City on the final whistle.

Elsewhere on the sporting front early in 1959 Henry Cooper was winning his first title when he defeated Brian London to win the Empire Heavyweight Championship. Down under Australia regained the Ashes winning the series 4-0 with one draw.

Locally the M1 was nearing completion and would open later in the year.

Dave Pacey

Scorer of the Cup Final goal v Forest made 36 league appearances and played in all F.A. Cup matches to the final.



Back in the FA Cup, and Round Five saw the Town drawn away to Ipswich Town, who were in Division Two. An awkward match on paper, but that's not how it turned out. Ipswich made it an all-ticket affair, and of course tickets in Luton were at a premium and the Club came in for a lot of criticism as to the way they were distributed, as they would be later for the Final.

The match took place on February 14th and Ipswich lined up as follows:

Bailey, Carberry, Malcolm, Belcher, Snell, Johnstone, Berry, Millward, Crawford, Rees, Leadbetter.

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There was a dramatic start to this match as both sides scored in the first two minutes. Ipswich scored first when Rees headed in a cross from Crawford. Town's immediate reply came when Pacey scored direct from a free kick.

Before this match had been going twenty minutes it was all but over as the Town added three more goals. It was 2-1 on thirteen minutes when Morton scored following a good move involving Bingham and Brown. A minute later it was 3-1 when Bingham headed in a cross from Gregory. The fourth goal came on the eighteen minutes when Gregory latched on to a through ball from Brown and blasted it past Bailey.

In the second half Rees pulled a goal back for Ipswich on the hour, but the Town had the last word when Morton headed in a cross from Gregory to make the final score 5-2. The Town were in the Quarter Finals for only the third time in their history. As for Ipswich, well just three years later they would be First Division champions. And what of their manager, Alf Ramsey? Well, that's another story.

The draw for the Quarter Final was a little unkind for the Town, as they were drawn away against the bookies favourites for the Cup, Blackpool. The full draw was as follows:

Aston Villa v Burnley
Blackpool v Luton
Nottm. Forest v Bolton
Sheffield Utd. v Norwich

The matches were to be played on February 28th. As in the previous round the match was all ticket, though as it turned out people were able to pay on the day. For supporters wishing to travel to Blackpool by coach both Bunty and Seamarks Coaches were advertising a day excursion for £1.10s (£1.50). In addition Seamarks were offering a return flight from Luton Airport and a coach transfer for £5.10s (£5.50), or if you wanted to make "a weekend of it" the new Central Hotel in Blackpool were offering bed and breakfast for £1.2s. (£1.10).

Certainly on paper this would provide the Town with their toughest task yet, this Blackpool side was a fine one and against the Town they lined up as follows: Farm, Armfield, Garrett, Hauser, Gratrix, Kelly, Matthews, Mudie, Charnley, Durie, Perry.

The Town were just seconds away from victory when Blackpool snatched a dramatic equaliser.

Bingham had given the Town a 1-0 lead with just six minutes remaining and it looked as though the Town were in the Semi-Final. But with just seconds remaining a last desperate attack from Blackpool had

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Ken Hawkes

North Eastern lad who played in the final with most league appearances by one player that season

come to nothing as Hawkes gained possession of the ball on the edge of the penalty area, all he had to do was wack the ball away down field or into the back row of the stand. Instead he attempted to pass the ball back to Baynham, made a complete hash of it and the ball went straight into the path of the on-rushing Charnley, who scored.

The replay the following Wednesday attracted the highest ever attendance to Kenilworth Road, 30,069. This, despite it was an afternoon kick off, there must have been a high absentee rate in local factories and schools that day. As for the match, it was dour struggle dominated by sound defence on both sides, and the longer it went on one felt that one goal would settle the issue, and so it proved.

It came on seventy four minutes when Brown ran on to a through-ball from Cummins and slid the ball past Farm. The irony is that last time Brown scored a winning goal in a Quarter Final it was for Blackpool against Arsenal back in 1953. Unfortunately for him he broke his leg in the process and missed out on Blackpool's Wembley triumph that year.



Final Team Captains
Syd Owen (right) and Jack Burkitt (left)
Tossing the coin and exchanging pennants

So the Town were in the Semi Final for the first time as were their opponents, Norwich City. Norwich were the surprise team that year. It must be remembered that they were only a Third Division side at the time.

They had beaten Manchester Utd. and Spurs from the First Division as well as Cardiff City and Sheffield Utd. from the Second Division. In the other Semi Final it was Nottm. Forest versus Aston Villa.

Cup fever had hit Town, many shops were decked out in black and white favours and everybody it seemed wanted tickets for the match which was to be played at White Hart Lane on March 14th, but of course not everyone was lucky.

The Norwich side that faced the Town was as follows: Kennon, Thirlow, Ashman, McCrohan, Butler, Crowe, Crossan, Allcock, Bly, Hill, Brennan.

The Town should have won this at the first attempt as they were clearly the better side on the day. They took the lead on thirty five minutes when Brown headed in a cross from Bingham.

It was largely due to Kennon in the Norwich goal that the score remained at 1-0 until twenty minutes into the second half. Then Norwich snatched an equaliser, when former Town player Bobby Brennan scored. A chance that was set up by Roy McCrohan who would go on to become first team coach at Luton.

The replay the following Wednesday at St. Andrews would be a much tougher task as Norwich caused the Town a few more

problems than in the first match. Bly, Crossan and Hall had good chances to put Norwich in front in the first half.

Eleven minutes into the second half came the goal that proved to be the winner, Bingham it was who scored it when he smashed in a low cross from Morton. So the Town were at Wembley but they still had fourteen league matches to play.

One of those was against Nottm. Forest, who were their Wembley opponents. This match took place less than four weeks before the final. That evening the Town (fielding the same side that would play at Wembley) thrashed Forest 5-1 with Allan Brown scoring four. Significantly Forest had several changes, but that result confirmed that the Town were favourites to win at Wembley.

Leading up to the Final the Town had problems mainly off the field, but I am sure that much of this contributed to the poor showing that was to follow at Wembley.

Team selection was a real sticking point. The side had remained unchanged for all the cup ties, but surely there was a point now for including Gordon Turner, after all he was the most prolific goalscorer in the Club's history. There also must have been a case for the fit again Jimmy Adam, who had been injured for most of the season. Since Dally Duncan resigned the side had been picked by the directors. What does the average director know about picking players?

As it was they stuck with the same eleven. A big mistake in my opinion, but it is always easy to be wise after the event.

Tom Hodgson
Director of the Club who
escorted the Luton team
out onto the Wembley
pitch.



Then there was ticket distribution. A lot of controversy here too. There was no voucher system or anything like that. After season ticket holders had taken their allocation the rest were sold on a ballot, one ticket per person. Needless to say many loyal supporters missed out.

Then there was the general preparation. It is customary for teams to spend a few days away from home together in preparation for big games such as Cup Finals, but the Town did no such thing, they stayed at home. Indeed Ken Hawkes remembers having people knocking on his door at midnight on Cup Final Eve asking for tickets. And Dave Paccy remembers catching the bus to take him to Kenilworth Road on the morning of the match. This was no way to prepare for a Cup Final surely.



problems than in the first match. Bly, Crossan and Hill Dave Pacey's goal scored on the hour after Forest were two-up

As for the Final itself, which took place on May 2nd, Forest, like the Town had played an unchanged side in all their cup ties which read as follows: Thomson, Whare, McDonald, Whitefoot, McKinlay, Burkitt, Dwight, Quigley, Wilson, Gray, Imlach.



Blackpool (6th Round Replay) Record attendance 30,069 saw the game. NOTE — the cost 3d. (1½p)

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The match was all but over with just ten minutes gone as Dwight and then Wilson scored for Forest and one can only wonder what the score could have been when shortly after Forest's second goal Dwight went down injured after a clash with McNally. Dwight's leg was broken and Forest were down to ten men.

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Understandably the Town got back into the match a little more after this, but Forest defended bravely and the Town's only reward was a goal by Pacey on the hour. There were more chances for the Town later in the match, but it wasn't to be. Any other result but a Forest win would have been a travesty of justice.

The Town had a laid back approach leading up to the Final and there was no doubt they were caught cold in the early stages of the match.



At the end of the following season the Town were relegated. Syd Owen took over as manager at the start of the season, but he had gone before the inevitable happened

The slump continued and by 1965 the Town were in Division 4. There was, however, one good spell during this time. That came during the second half of the 1963/64 season, when the Town found themselves rock bottom in Division 3 by January 1964. What odds could you have got on them avoiding relegation? Well they picked themselves up and did just that in what must have been the Town's greatest escape, well at least until 1990.

Read how they did it in the next issue.

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I have put together a poem about the unfortunate fact that I am a Luton Town supporter. When you support a team like Luton you have to have the ability to laugh at yourself, especially at times like these.

I hope you see the amusing side of it.

BEING A LUTON SUPPORTER

Now being a Luton supporter, means I'm not all that likely to grin

You wear a big frown, When you shout for the town

Cause it's not very often they win.

I remember one game in particular, when me and my mate Robert Hall, Were caught at the back of the main stand, attempting to sneak up the wall. We felt a big hand on our shoulders, and a copper he said with a grin, "I know they are losing again lads, but I'm afraid I must take you back in."

Now being a Luton supporter, is sometimes a bit of a bore,

We all say Amen
When it's Two Nil to them,
Cause we sure don't look likely to score.

After a Seven Nil thrashing, our keeper was feeling depressed,
He sat on his own in the corner, because he had failed the big test,
He knew that the boss was not happy, and that he was going to cop it,
So he buried his head in his hands, "OOPS", I guess we all knew he would drop

Now being a Luton supporter, means we're starved of success in the main, It's been a good year,
If the town have kept clear,

Of the bottom three places again.

A man used to walk round the touchline, selling programmes and sweets from

When he stepped off the track, and the ball hit his back, and ricocheted into the

goal. We roared when the ref. said its legal, and he went home and told his wife Dora, That he was picked for the team the next weekend, cause he's now the town's leading goal scorer.

Now being a Luton supporter, is not a good reason to cheer,

But we don't hit the booze, Every time that we lose,

Or we'd be in a stupor all year

I was enjoying a game on a Saturday, we were winning six one at half time, Liverpool left the field crying, the way that they played was a crime, We were winning the league for the fifth time, sixty thousand were going

Then I was clipped round the head, by my Mum as she said, "Wake Up or you'll

Now being a Luton supporter, is sometimes a bit of a drag, We all wish for the day,

We beat Arsenal away

To give us a reason to brag.

You can pick out a Luton supporter, by the deep furrowed lines on his brow, He wears a strange look of frustration, like a bull that can't get to the cow, His face is unsmiling and stoney, as though it has been set in starch, And the tips of his mouth, always face to the south, in the shape of a viaduct arch.

I admit as a Luton supporter, that sometimes I've prayed to the Lord,

It cannot be a sin, To just ask for one win,

But my prayers up to now, He's ignored.

In my local pub just outside Tenby, in the south west hand corner of Wales, Hangs a Luton Town glass very proudly, awaiting my order for ale, Most boys in the pub shout for Arsenal, United or Tottenham or 'Pool, But I am a Luton supporter, They think I am a jibbering fool.

Badgers Holt, Jameston, Tenby, Dyfed, SA70 8QJ.

"Who will have the last Laugh"

Thank you for your poem, they are always nice to receive, As a Luton Supporter, you should not grieve.

We have good memories of the not too distant past, And we all feel confident that our current form will not last.

So don't be disheartened, you are not a jibbering fool, That's for those who support the Tottenham's, Arsenal and Pool

Hold your head up high and drink from your Glass,

Ten years in the First Division means, we do have some Class. Remind your Welsh friends of our determination and fight,

Of all the good things at Luton, that is just right.

Of course we have problems, which we must overcome And prove that supporting the Town, can be good fun.

With Pembridge and Hughes, Nogan and Rees, Four talented Welsh lads that play alongside Preece.

We have with our other boys, the determination and fight That with your support we intend to stay in the top flight.

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

LUTON TOWN S.C.F.C. REPORTS By Stuart Phillips

Firstly, may I on behalf of the LTSC and all the players of the football team, thank Bill Tomlins and Luton Town F.C. for supplying our team with our own kit. All the players are happy to have their own kit now, I only hope it makes them play better! Thanks again Bill, it is much appreciated.

v Chelsea S.C. (away) 1-7 31st August 1991

(played at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre)

This was a difficult game to play as our first of the season, as we played on a very poor artificial surface. We only played 10-a-side, as Chelsea could only raise 10 players, one of which was loaned to them from our side. He then went on to score twice for

If you add to that, some very poor defending, and very bad performance from our goalkeeper, it is therefore not surprising that we eventually lost 7-1. Five of the goals coming in the first half. There was, however, one brighter moment salvaged from the match, and that was our late reply from debutant John Deans, who after settling into a wide left-hand position, performed very well scoring with a very impressive volley.

The goal came in a short period where we attacked quite well, also hitting a post through Dave Joyce. The only players from our side could be happy with their performance were Brian Mugridge and John Deans. John especially who only 16 years of age, showed creditable commitment beyond his years.

Team: Stoner, Rittigan, Shotbolt, Mugridge, Hedge, Joyce, Deans, Greenage,

v Oldham Athletic S.C. (home) 0-7 14th September 1991

(played at Icknield School, Luton)

Injuries to two players, and our goalkeeper being on holiday, was not the best start to a game where the opposition had been playing regularly together for 8 years. However, we did start brightly with one well struck shot from Tony Ingram, on its way into the top corner until their keeper produced a fine save which was the turning point for Oldham to take control of the match. We were second best missing speed in the middle of defence and paying the price, 5-0 down at half-time.

In the second half we played a lot better, and very unlucky to let in two further

We had a few chances ourselves, the best falling to John Deans, who hit a splendid volley, as he run into the box, only to see the Oldham keeper make another fine save.

At the end of the day there was little reward, but there were promising debuts from John Rattigan (who made some good saves, despite having little cover), and Andrew Downie, who did well to fit in at right back at short notice. (Yet another of our young players under 18.)

Team: J. Rattigan, Downie, Shotbolt, Mugridge, Wharton, Townrow, Hedge, Connolly, Deas, Ingram, Joyce and subs - Roberts and Greenage.

v Manchester City (home) 0-3 23rd November 1991

(played at Icknield School, Luton)

This performance is by far our best ever to date, and although we lost, we easily created enough chances to win this match. In an evenly matched first half both teams had chances to score. Our defence and goalkeeper equal to all but one Manchester attack. Midway through the first half a ball into our box caused confusion between our keeper and full-back, which let in a Manchester player, to deliver a delicate chip over our back-pedalling keeper.

Our team had a number of chances to score the most significant falling to Dave Joyce, who beat the offside trap well, but his shot passed the keeper and went agonisingly close. Our best first half effort came from midfielder Shay Connolly, who cut inside the Manchester defence on the edge of the area, and struck a fierce shot on goal, which produced the save of the day.

The second half was much as the first, with one excellent chance falling to Dave Joyce, before Manchester scored again. A great through-ball by Shay Connolly put Dave through again and although he shot well passed the keeper it was just the

Manchester then scored twice in the last 10 minutes, one a lucky deflication off a leg and the underside of the bar. All things considered, this was a much better performance, and we now look forward to meeting Leeds.

Good performances came from Shay Connolly, Nick Ellingham, Dave Joyce, and our man of the match, Dave Stoner, who performed excellently in goal.

Team: Stoner, Ellingham, Shotbolt, Roberts, Nicholson, Mugridge, Connolly, Hedge, Ingram, Townrow, Deas and subs — Downie, Joyce and Phillips

Forthcoming matches

v Leeds Utd S.C. (University Branch) (home) 7/12/91 v Crystal Palace S.C. (home) 7/3/92

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PLAYER PROFILE Kurt Nogan

A series of questions were put to Luton Town first team players of which one is as follows:

Full Name KURT NOGAN

Date of Birth 9TH SEPTEMBER 1970

Birthplace CARDIFF Height 5' 11"

IN THE FIRST TEAM

Weight 11st 4lbs

What are your hobbies? PLAYING SNOOKER, HORSE RIDING AND ENJOYING A RELAXING DRINK IN THE

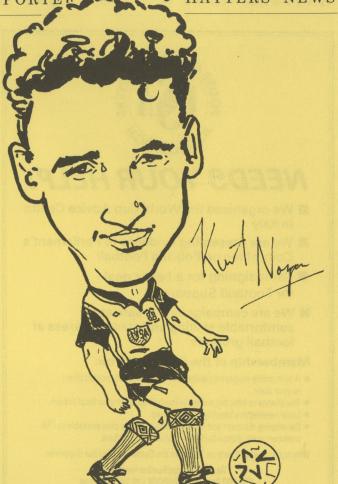
What is your favourite away ground and why? ANFIELD — IT IS A GREAT SURFACE TO PLAY ON AND SCORE SCORED MY FIRST 1st TEAM GOAL THERE

Who are your favourite pop stars? BOB MARLEY Who is your favourite player and why? IAN RUSH — HÉ MAKES SCORING GOALS LOOK VERY EASY

Have you got a nickname at Luton? FRUITY What is your favourite food? CHINESE What are your ambitions? TO ATTAIN A REGULAR PLACE

If you would like a feature on any players, past or present, or require just general information on any former Luton Town player, just write to:

Philip Francis, c/o The LTSC, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds.



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HATTERSMASTERMIND

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

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Solve the ten clues, identify the player and tell us about his record

Answer all ten questions:

No.9

- Scored for Luton at Wigan in the Littlewoods Cup Run. Second letter of my first name.
- Signed from Everton with John Bramwell. First letter of my first name.
- Signed for the Town from Man. United with three other players. First letter of my first name.
- Iscored at Peterborough in the League Cup 1969/70. No. 4 First letter of first name
- Captained the Town to the 2nd Division Championship. No.5 First letter of my nickname.
- Signed for Luton from Kirkintilloch Rob Roy in the early 60's. No. 6 First letter of my first name.
- Scored for the Hatters in the F.A. Cup Final. No.7 4th letter of my first name.
- I scored against Watford in a 3-0 League Cup victory No. 8 1969/70. First letter of my surname.
- 2nd letter of my surname. I managed the Hatters and was known as "Happy". First letter of my surname.

Signed from Leicester City in the early seventies.

Send your list of all ten answers, or as many as you can answer, on a postcard or paper to: LTFC Supporters Club, "Hatters Mastermind" No. 12, c/o LTFC, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds. LU4 8AW. If you don't wish to post your entry to us then you can hand it in to any committee member at our Supporters Club Kiosk at the ground AFTER any match. All entries to be in by first post on 29th February 1992

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★ COMPETITION WINNER OF THE ELEVENTH ★ HATTERS MASTERMIND

Many thanks to those members for sending in their entries for the last Mastermind. Many of you were caught out by the clue for the players name who scored his first goal at Kenilworth Road. NOTE — There was no mention of Luton Town.

With only a few members not being caught by the clue to players name from letters to the thirteen answers we put in the correct answers and pulled out the name of:

David Fleckney, 26 Atterbury Way, Great Houghton, Northants. Membership No. 265

CONGRATULATIONS ... Well Done!

Answers to Hatters Mastermind No. 11 were as follows: No. 1 Peter Cruse. No. 2 Milija Aleksic. No. 3 David Pleat. No. 4 Malcolm MacDonald. No. 5 Raddy Antic. No. 6 Ron Futcher, No. 7 Brian Stein, No. 8 Philip O'Connor. No. 9 Gary Heale. No. 10 Graham French. No. 11 Andy King.

Players name made from various letters from the 11 answers given was: MICK HARFORD — His first goal at Kenilworth Road was not for Luton but for Newcastle Utd v Luton on 17/1/81, 1-0 to NUFC.



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