

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

HATTERS NEWS

"VOICE OF THE FANS"



The Luton Town Supporters Club Chairperson's Message ...

Dear Supporters,

On behalf of the Supporters Club I would like to congratulate the team on their fine performances on the field and especially in the F.A. Cup run of late and winning a place at Wembley in the Semi-Finals.

At the same time I think of the few thousand fans who have supported the team through all divisions and through thick and thin. You deserve your special day too.

Chairman, directors, management and players come and go but true Luton Town Supporters stay for a life time.

So make an effort and go along to Wembley and enjoy your day and remember we will be

playing for an even greater day on May the 14th!

I hope to see you all at this year's Presentation Evening on April 24th at Legends, please don't leave it too late before you send for tickets, as we sold out early last season. Come on you HATTERS!

Yours PAM GRAY



LTSC NEWSDESK ... LTSC NEWSDESK



LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB 'Player of the Season' PRESENTATION EVENING Sunday 24th April 1994

This will again be held at Mick Harford's LEGENDS NIGHTCLUB, John Street, Luton, and is to the rear of the Arndale Centre.

Tickets cost — £4.00 and will run from 8.00 pm til late. Food can be purchased from the Bar.

For our major event of the season there are 3 ways to obtain tickets:

- 1. By visiting our S.C. Kiosk in the Kenilworth Road turnstiles before or after any first team match.
- or 2. By sending an S.A.E. with the correct remittance in the form of a cheque or P.O. made out to LTSC and posted to: Luton Town Supporters Club c/o Mrs. Pam Gray, 19 Kingsdown Avenue, Luton LU2 7BU
 - 3. By telephoning Luton 391574 and reserving your tickets first with payment either handed in at our kiosk or sent via the post. This event is open to members and non-members.

LTSC members questionnaire

Those members who still have not yet returned their forms, could they at the nearest possible moment, as we are now compiling a survey based on the finding of our membership. We hope to have this report in our next newsletter due out by the end of the season.

May I take this opportunity to thank those who have returned theirs already.

LUTON TOWN S.C. Souvenirs on sale in our kiosk BEFORE & AFTER every game.

With Summer coming up why not treat yourself to an LTSC T-Shirt?

TALK ON L.T.F.C.

We have just been informed of a talk by the Luton News Sports reporter, 'Brian Swain', on Luton Town Football club which is to take place on April 20th at the John Dony Field Centre, Lancaster Avenue Recreation Ground. Old Bedford Road, Luton, Beds. at 7.30 pm.

CARDIFF CITY F.A. CUP INCIDENT

After the appalling scenes witnessed during and after the game the position to find the main cause of trouble has not been further investigated. As far as we understand, after many letters and phone calls and an official letter from LTSC sent to the local police and Cardiff City, the Welsh F.A. have not fined the club further on top of the £25,000 for trouble caused at Fulham, and at home v Swansea where their own fans went on the rampage.

The LTSC committee feel frustrated at the light treatment handed out to Cardiff City after the many witnesses and innocent fans that were injured during the match, and whilst waiting to leave the ground.

Any further information concerning this subject and we will keep you informed.

Concerned Member

We have had a very emotional letter from a member who feels concerned on the number of true Luton Town fans that have not rejoined our club over the past year or so. He goes on ...

Our membership has been in decline, so I propose that every member enlists one person (or more) to secure our future and build the Luton Town Supporters Club into a force to be reckoned with.

Ed — Thanks very much for your letter Mr. Johnson, which we heed very strongly. With the recent upturn of success on the field and the football club in a position of not having to sell players we will hopefully be in a position to buy to strengthen the squad, which will further our progress. I hope that with the two new directors and hopefully more cash injected into the club, that we can increase our membership and put a smile back on the face of all supporters concerned.

PLAYER OF THE SEASON - 1993/94?

VOTE NOW!

By returning the enclosed Voting Slip by the date mentioned. From August '93 until the day you vote, who has been Luton Town's player of the season?

> The winner will be announced at the sixth L.T.S.C. Presentation Evening.

Previous winners of this coveted title have been:

1989 — Mick Harford

1990 — Tim Breacker

1991 — Alec Chamberlain

1992 — David Preece

1993 — John Drever

1994 — ? be there to find out!

...VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE ...



* YOUNG SUPPORTERS CLUB MEMBERS SPECIAL AWARD *

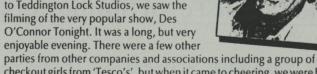
All votes cast by junior members of the Supporters Club will nominate a winner for ... The Young Supporters' Player of the Season Trophy.

You can either post your voting slip to the stated address or hand in to any committee member present at our kiosk before or after the match

Supporters Club Television Studio Trip ...

Des O'Connor Tonight Show -25th January

When a coachload of us from Luton ventured to Teddington Lock Studios, we saw the filming of the very popular show, Des O'Connor Tonight. It was a long, but very



checkout girls from 'Tesco's', but when it came to cheering, we were by far the loudest — but we do get to practise most Saturdays. The first guest we saw was by far the best — it was the American Actor and comedian, 'Robin Williams'

A lot of what we saw and heard him do could not go out at 8.00 pm! Unlike the recently sacked England Manager, Graham Taylor. He was interesting apart from when he nearly walked out of the studio when Des told him we were there! Bradley Walsh (London Comedian) and International Star loe Longthorn, were also very good, and a great night was had by all.

Miss Liz Chamberlain.

Ed — Thanks very much for your letter Liz and in the near future we hope to be running more trips to see other shows, so watch this space for HATTERS NEWS • LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB • HATTERS NEWS



ONE FOR THE RECORD

THE FACTS & FIGURES ON THE HATTERS IN THE F.A. CUP

by Phillip Francis

FOLLOWING ON FROM THE LAST ARTICLE WE NOW LOOK AT THE TOWN IN THE F.A. CUP. IF YOU HAVE ANY WISH TO SEE ANYTHING ON ANY PLAYER, PAST OR PRESENT, IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE SEND YOUR REQUESTS TO P. FRANCIS, 23 MEADOW WAY, OFFLEY, HERTS.

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LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

- 1885 saw Luton's first venture in the F.A. Cup but they had to wait until 1888 for their first victory.
- 1914-1915 saw their record victory in the competition 15-0 at home to Great Yarmouth. 1932-1933 saw the HATTERS reach the 6th round for the first time, alas they went out 6-0 against
- Luton were drawn at home in 11 consecutive F.C. Cup ties between 1948 and 1953.
- In 1959 Luton got to the Cup Final by using the same 11 players in all 9 ties.
 The most unusual home cup game in which they were involved came on 28th January, 1961 in a fourth round tie against Manchester City. They led 2-0 but were losing 6-2 when the game was abandoned on a waterlogged pitch. Luton won the replay 3-1.
- David Pleat's record in the F.A. Cup is 6 appearances and scored one goal against Exeter.
- Keith Allen on coming on as substitute against Ware on 16.11.68 became the first Luton substitute
- Brian Stein in his long established career only scored 6 goals.

- When Tony Thorpe scored at Newcastle he became the 93rd player to score for Luton in the F.A. Cup.
 David Pleat sent on Mark Burke in the dying minutes at Upton Park, in doing so he became the
- 531st to wear a Luton shirt Congratulations to Scott Oakes on his hat-trick he scored against West Ham United, in doing so he joined an elite band to score hat-tricks in F.A. Cup ties.

Simms (3)	Tierney	Billington
Prentice (2)	Smith	Brennan
Turner (2)	Moody	Pye
Thring	Rollingson	Brown
J. Lomax	Woods	Allen
H. Whitby	Yardley	MacDonald
McInnes	Reid	Scott Oakes
Blessington	Rennie	

F.A. CUP APPEARANCES

BOB MORTON FRED HAWKES	1948-1964	48	DAVID PREECE
MALDONAGHY	1899-1920 1978-1989	40 36	BUDAHERNE
BOB HAWKES	1901-1920	35	TOM MACKEY FRED WHITE
RICKY HILL	1975-1989	33	CHARLIE WATKIN
BRIAN STEIN	1977-1999	31	ARTHUR TAYLOR
LES SEALEY	1983-1989	28	AKIHUKIAILOK
RONBAYNHAM	1952-1965	28	GOAL S
MICK HARFORD	1984-1992	27	GOALS
STEVE FOSTER	1984-1989	27	JAMES YARDLEY
SIDOWEN	1947-1959	26	GORDONTURNE
ANDYRENNIE	1925-1935	26	JAMES BLESSINGT
GORDONTURNER	1949-1964	25	ANDYRENNIE
CHARLIE FRASER	1926-1935	23	ERNIE SIMMS
TIMBREACKER	1983-1991	22	SIDNEY REID
DAVEPACEY	1957-1965	22	MICKHARFORD
BERNARD STRETEN	1946-1957	22	THESE ARE THE O
REG KINGHAM	1926-1936	22	DOUBLE FIGURES

DAVID PREECE	182- 5555	
BUDAHERNE	1948-1957	
TOMMACKEY	1932-1938	
FRED WHITE	1900-1909	
CHARLIE WATKINS	1948-1954	
ARTHUR TAYLOR	1886-1894	
GOAL SCC	DRERS	
JAMES YARDLEY	1926-1932	
GORDONTHRNER	1040-1064	

27	COALSCO	KLKS	
27	JAMES YARDLEY	1926-1932	19
26	GORDONTURNER	1949-1964	18
26	JAMES BLESSINGTON	1990-1903	16
25	ANDYRENNIE	1925-1935	16
23	ERNIESIMMS	1913-1922	13
22	SIDNEYREID	1921-1928	11
22	MICKHARFORD	1984-1992	10
22	THESE ARE THE ONLY PL DOUBLE FIGURES IN F.A		HIT

F.A. CUP RECORDS WITH TEAMS **LEFT IN THE CUP** CHELSEA

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4th round			29-1	-83	. +	10-2
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	151	88 45	28 30	35 58	396 188	180

TOTAL 294 134 61 99 594 441

SOUTHEND 1-0 · NEWCASTLE 1-1, 2-0 · CARDIFF C. 2-1 · WEST HAM U. 0-0, 3-2 · CHELSEA?

Dear LTSC,

I'm a 21-year old British football fanatic and supporter of your club. I've seen six home games and two away games in the last two seasons. Every day I'm looking forward to go for the next trip. I think this will be in a month's time. At our first visit I bought a programme from the match, because everybody buys one (that was unbelievable for us). That was the first programme of my collection.

After that one it turned to be a hobby for me to collect programmes of your club. That's why I am writing this letter to you. Could anyone who has any spare Luton programmes please help me as it would be a great way to expand my collection.

I'm looking forward to receiving a reply and thank you in advance. I wish your club every success to the end of the season.

Yours sincerely,

Jurgen van de Goor,

Heischeutstraat 58, 5345 VX Oss, THE NETHERLANDS.

Ed — Thanks very much for your letter Jurgen — hopefully someone may send you a picture of your name sake, who is having a great season in Goal!

We have received a letter from a Luton Town fan from Turkey who wishes to make contact with any supporter who can help him with pictures of players, plus home and away programmes which he would like to add to his collection.

If you are interested please write to:

Mehmet Gelik, Meliksah Mah,

Müdafi Sokak 17, 42090 Konya, Turkey

Programmes for sale

We have been contacted by one of our members who has a very large collection of Luton Town League and Cup Home & Away programmes for sale.

His collection spans over the last 4 decades and he wishes to sell the collection as one and not individually. Interested? If so, contact:

Mr. Mike McCoard on Harpenden (0582) 713942

HATTERS MASTERMIND

* Your chance to win a SUPER LUTON TOWN PRIZE! *

For this Mastermind guiz all you have to do is solve the ten clues and

- Ikept goal but also scored a hat-trick against Notts County?
 First letter of my_surname
- I played for the Town during the sixties and rejoined them for one game against Southend Utd in 1967? First letter of my surname
- 3. Born in Australia, I scored on my league debut against Watford? 6th letter of my surname
- 4. I captained Luton Town's 4th Division Championship Team? First letter of my surname
- 5. Kerry's dad? 2nd letter of my surname
- 6. I managed Luton in their most successful season in the First Division? 2nd letter of my surname
- 7. My name suggested that I could have been a baker? 2nd letter of my surname
- I played for Luton in the early sixties and later owned a Toy shop?
 2nd letter of my surname
- 9. I joined Luton from Southampton in 1967? First letter of my surname
- 10. My brother was Paul? First letter of my first name

Send your answers on a postcard to: LTFC Supporters Club, "Hatters Matermind"
No. 19, c/o 19 Kingsdown Avenue, Luton, Beds. LU27BU. If you don't want to post your entry to us then pop into our S.C. kiosk in the Kenilworth Road turnstiles and hand it to any committee member present. All entries to be in by 10/5/94.

In the event of a tie, all the correct entries will be put into a hat and a winner drawn.

HATTERS MASTERMIND No. 18 WINNER

Many thanks once again for sending in your entries for No. 18 Mastermind, and with a very high standard of answers we had to put the winning entries into a hat and pulled out the winning name of:

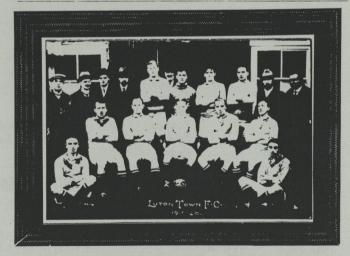
Mr. Anthony Smith of Linslade, Leighton Buzzard

Congratulations ... Your prize is on its way to you!

Answers to Hatters Mastermind No. 18 were as follows:

No. 1 Ron Cope. No. 2 'Happy' Harry Haslam. No. 3 Manchester City in 1977/78 Lost 3-2 Luton Scorer Gary Heale (2). No. 4 Don Givens. No. 5 Mick Harford. No. 6 David Preece. No. 7 Jack Crompton. No. 8 John Aston

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