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As always we at "Mad" would love to receive your contributions, in any form, for future issues. Articles, cuttings, cartoons, ideas for cartoons, photos, holiday snaps, letters, poems, and piss takes, in fact anything at all, should be sent to the usual address, which is: "

*We beat the scum 4-2",
292 Icknield Way,
Luton, LU3 2JS.*

Please use the full address as given here as we seem to have a Shitford infiltrator working in our local sorting office, and he will obviously need reminding of the result on a regular basis.

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PREECE'S SHORTS



EDITORIAL

Once again it's time to write something about things concerning the Hatters, but it comes easier whilst we're basking in the glow of a glorious victory over our old enemy. The win at Vicarage Road was more emphatic than most of us would have thought possible, and gave an idea of what our team are capable of when the mood takes them. We now have the best away record in the division, although that may no longer be the case by the time you read this, which may give some credence to Pleaty's idea that playing away is now easier than playing at home. It could, of course, be due to the players being offered an away win bonus, but that seems unlikely. The last time we won two successive away games seems like aeons ago, and probably is. But to get money in to the club, the team must start winning at home, and we must hope that that will start happening soon. If it does we could be in for a good season.

The team has taken time to find it's shape, and the addition of Gary Waddock has helped. Whether Ceri Hughes finds a new club or not, it does seem we can manage without him, and with money from his sale, a replacement should be bought to add strength to our squad. Overall though, we do not yet know what the prospects for the season are, and mid table obscurity still looks a tad optimistic.

Whatever is happening on the field we have to say that the club is starting to listen to the fans off the field, and trying to work with rather than against them. The club shop is beginning to get back to where it was at the end of last season, and the programme has improved tremendously. The club shop is even selling Mad as a Hatter! These are small steps, but all in the right direction, towards a situation where club and fans are pulling in the same direction. That is something we must all look forward to.

The club have even taken up our readers suggestion of introducing a new club song, and it does seem to catching on, albeit slowly. As they have paid to print the words in the programme we should commend them for their enthusiasm, and as soon as we start singing it they will save money by not printing it, so altogether now:

Bring me sunshine.....

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Grounds for Concern

I wrote most of this article for possible publication by the Luton News for the start of the season (they pay better than Mad). I like to think that they didn't print it because it was so politically contentious, although it's more likely they thought it was rubbish or it got lost in a drawer somewhere.

To be honest the kick off to the new season wasn't as miserable as I'd feared it would be. True, the atmosphere in the newly seated Kenilworth Road end is morgue like (we are now outsung not only by the away fans but also by the dozen or so away fan baiters in the Maple) and the football is invariably crap but, whether because of the usual misplaced early term optimism or that deep down we don't really resent this sitting down lark too much, the gloom I'd predicted would fall over the supporters hasn't taken hold as yet. Given time though, and given cold weather, the sound of "Jingle Bells" coming from Oak Road and attendances dropping; the future may begin to look bleak. Good news about the planned stadium is needed soon.

Sinister undertones of the council's attitude toward the club were reported in the letters page of the Luton News early this year when the leader of the council, Cllr Roy Davis, reportedly told a meeting of Slip End and Caddington residents "I want to get rid of them [the football club] too". I wrote a scathing letter to Cllr Davis about his comments, requesting he make the official council position known. I also wrote to our two MPs, John Carlisle and Graham Bright, and also to Town chairman David Kohler. From Cllr Davis I received a letter saying that his comments had been misconstrued, that he had been a fan of the great Town team of the 50s (with the names of his favourite players as proof) and that the council were behind the junction 10 plan. John Carlisle said that he too was in favour of the club moving to the junction 10 site (currently owned by Luton Hoo). Graham Bright, whose constituency covers the junction 10 site along with true blue Slip End and Caddington, tactfully declined to answer my letter. David Kohler on the other hand invited myself and a few like minded supporters to visit him and see how very real the plans are - but in the strictest confidence.

We saw how the stadium would look, how it would be paid for, and the revolutionary designs incorporated therein. We were impressed, even excited by the prospect. But that was in May.

Since then at least two of the revolutionary designs we saw have made their debuts at the World Cup. Plans for building, being slightly held up in May, are now a few months further behind. Meanwhile Luton townsfolk have seen

the pictures of BC Place in a full colour picture on the front page of the Herald & Post with the headline "THIS FOR LUTON". But why should Town supporters get excited about that when the same front page headline was used on the paper a year or so back with a colour picture of the Ferraris stadium in Italy?

Luton fans more than most have seen ambitious plans come to nothing and the scenario of the club running for years and years on dwindling gates and haggling with the council over rent, and lease extensions, at Kenilworth Road must seem more likely than our sitting in our brand spanking new all seater covered stadium in three years time.

One ray of hope that might make the idea more believable is if you re-evaluate the position of David Kohler as chairman of Luton Town FC. Ask yourself why he is still here even though he is unpopular with the fans and the local press, he has had death threats and openly admits that he doesn't have the money to put things right. Could it be that he sees the new stadium, for which he needs the club in order to get planning permission, as his goldmine? In our meeting he used the line about "giving the club a home for life" as if he was playing Santa Claus. That being so the stadium would be much more than a football ground with he, and his backers, all taking a healthy slice of the profits. Certainly it would seem that if the stadium is built then LTFC's position would have to be seriously looked into. Would it be owner, or merely a day visitor at the weekend? (A number of clubs have found the latter to be almost unworkable).

At the moment that would seem a nice problem to have to worry about (and the bonus is - we could still distrust DAK). In the meantime the supporters have still heard no news. I could spread rumours, but what's the point? Until David Kohler tells the press something concrete (something for which he can be held accountable) then we're stuck here at a Kenilworth Road that is fast losing it's charm and with council troublemakers breathing down our necks to move on.

Tim Kingston

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Morales 21	Oakes 30
Mooney 44	Dixon 32
Att: 8,880	Telfer 42 54
Watford Digweed, Bazeley, Johnson, Fitzgerald (Soloman, 45), Holdsworth, Ramage, Hessesthaler, Payne, Morales, Porter, Mooney. Subs (not used): Wilkerson, Nogan.	
Luton Town Sommer, James, Johnson, Waddock, Thomas, Peake, Telfer, Oakes, Dixon, Preece, Marshall. Subs (not used): Barber, Hartson, Linton.	
Referee M C Bailey (Cambridge).	

SHOOT DOWN THE SHOOT OUT

Now that the game's ultimate match has joined the increasing number of cup ties being decided by the pure chance of a penalty shoot out, it is time the authorities woke up to the fact that there is a fairer method. My reference to the 'ultimate match' is, of course Brazil v Italy, not Fulham v Luton Town!

When I say a 'fairer method' I mean a way that maintains the excitement, yet lets the game be decided in open play. It is called the 'withdrawal method' (not to be confused with another activity which reaches a climax). Basically, it involves players coming off (again, no confusion, please).

There are many variations that could be applied. I would favour extra time itself being played with less players. Extra time would consist of 10 minutes each way with 7 players on each side. If, at the end of the 20 minutes the teams were still level, there would be 5 minutes each way with 4 players on each side. If still level, then play would continue till the next goal. The team which scores it would be the winner.

Anybody with a knowledge of the game will realise that the potential for goalscoring will be greatly increased with fewer players on a full sized pitch. There is the added benefit that the scorers 'goals' will count whereas penalty shoot out goals do not. But more than anything else, more elements of the game will be retained - the pass, the tackle, the header, the corner, the throw in, the free kick, not to mention the diabolical foul, the professional foul, the hospital ball and, of course, the cock up (yet again, think soccer!).

Yes, I firmly believe the withdrawal method is much better than the lottery of a penalty shoot out. And a recent visit to Craven Cottage has only reinforced my views. I have a sneaking feeling that Messrs Telfer, Oakes and Marshall would agree with me.

Orpington Man

PS. We didn't want to win the Poxo Cola Cup anyway - nice drink, shame about the name!

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COMEDY

NUTTY.
A PERFECT COMEDY!

HILARIOUS

Gut-busting hilarity.

Inducing the most unexpected giggle fits.

YOU'LL SCREAM

WITH LAUGHTER

at

WATFORD F.C.

SHORT CUTS

the first leg 0-0.
NEW Fulham boss Ian Branfoot can claim his first major scalp. Fulham equalised in the last minute at Luton and will fancy their chances at Craven Cottage.
UNCOMRE who entertain Brighton, trail 2-1

UNITED STATES: Managed by a Yugoslav who has coached Mexico and Costa Rica, the US are an unhappy mix of home-based players who have been training at Mission Viejo and men who play for big European teams... like Luton Town. Only good enough to beat no-hopers. Beat England last summer.
RATING: Mission Impossible for the men from Mission Viejo.

Starting off with two cuttings from the London Evening Standard, who can't seem to make their minds up about us. Are we only a 'big' club when beaten by Fulham?

WATFORD v LUTON

DAVID PLEAT says Tuesday's 3-0 defeat by Bolton was just what Luton needed to inspire them for today's High Noon derby clash.

He said: "It's ideal for us. We've got to pick ourselves up and that's exactly what we will do."

Pleat is still without injured Tony Adcock and Richard Harvey, while striker Ceri Hughes is suspended.

Defender David Greene and midfielder Aaron Skelton are recalled, and Pleat will be looking to hitman John Hartson to fire them to their second win of the season.

Watford keeper Perry Digweed comes in for the suspended Kevin Miller, but new signing Peter Beadle is on the bench.

KEY MAN: John Hartson (Luton).
LAST SEASON: 2-2.

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HAPPY 21st DEAN

HAPPY 21st birthday to Dean Hall, who is a fanatical Hammers fan. Dean's favourite all-time player is Frank McAvennie and of the current squad he is thrilled most by Ian Bishop.

Best wishes are sent by Mum, Dad, Wayne and Ian and all at Upton Park.

Now an old cutting from West Ham's programme. Has Ian Bishop got a new boyfriend?

FOOTBALL RESULTS

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS CUP
 Semi-Finals, 1st leg

Benfica (1) 2	Parma (1) 1
Isaac 7, Costa 60	Zola 13
	00.000
Paris St Gn (0) 1	Arsenal (1) 1
Ginola 50	Wright 35
	46.000

And finally from the Daily Telegraph
 Are Benfica now playing at Plough Lane?

standard, like Roger Milford, could then be offered the door or trained up to a decent standard.

To aid referees, linesmen could take on a few more bits of the job. Instead of mindlessly waving their flags for offside every few minutes they could actively look for some of the other 'problems' that some teams get themselves in, i.e. dirty scum like Hurlock!

Perhaps the most contentious rule in the book, offside, should be changed, not just here but worldwide. FIFA, instead of making stupid changes (the back pass rule etc.) could free up the game and get rid of the offside trap. Extend the eighteen yard line from side to side of the pitch and have offside only in the end quarters of the pitch. It worked in the Texaco Cup (I think it was that!) a few years back. True, it would change Italian soccer, but for the best. Referees would then have one less problem to look out for!

Another point that gets supporters wound up is the seemingly arbitrary way that the wall at free kicks is organised. Hardly ever is the wall back the right distance, despite it becoming a booking offence several seasons ago! After a few bookings the whole thing went quiet!

So how can we have a better game? Simplify some of the rules and get professional, trained and paid referees! And get rid of the wankers that ruin it for the supporters and who cost clubs money and games.

Captain Kettle



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WHOSH it all about

Hatters on the Information Superhighway - an article of football and computers

I expect that most readers of this fanzine have already turned over the page having seen the word "computers" in the heading. While we've all been following the rise and fall of our favourite team a quiet revolution has taken place. The soothsayers say that it will affect the way we work and communicate. If you haven't worked out what I am talking about it's the Internet. This is a computer network where millions of people around the world can send messages to each other from their computers. Without going into the technicalities, each person has a unique "address" in much the same way as they have a phone number. You can send messages round the world at a fraction of the cost of the phone call and at much faster speed than the post. It is also possible to access large libraries of images and sound.

Enough of this technical bullshit. "What has this got to do with football?" I hear you ask. Because it is so cheap (sometimes free) people set up discussion groups in order to exchange ideas and information. It is therefore natural that the world's number one sport should be well represented. A discussion group (known as a Newsgroup) exists for football related issues (called `rec.sport.soccer`). This tends to attract the more moronic type of football supporter so if you want to tell the world how much you hate Watford this could be for you. Much better are the mailing lists. There is a general mailing list for football (listserv SOCCER-L) which was originally set up to promote the World Cup, so it's membership is mainly American though there is a strong Irish contingent.

I've always said that the Luton supporters have a bit more grey matter than the average football fan. This is reflected in the Luton Town mailing list. Join this list by sending mail to `subscribe_ltfc@robots.ox.ac.uk` with SUBSCRIBE in the message. You will then receive news, reports and opinions from fellow followers of the Town the world over.

Interested? Wondering how to get connected? The best way is to ask your employer to get onto The Internet. This may not be

possible of course. You can get a connection via a phone line to a home PC for as little as ten pounds per month (plus phone charges) which is probably less than the cost of the seat you are sitting in at the moment.

In this short article I hope I've proved to you that computers and the people who work with them aren't all spotty and boring. Once you get connected you can contact me at ballj@stc.nato.int to find out more. Please address me by my first name.

John Ball



Why are Watford like Pampers?

Because they're piss at the front and crap at the back!!

Uncovering the Truth

Anglia TV have just announced that on Sunday 9 October they will not be carrying live coverage of the Stoke City v Luton Town match. A spokesperson said "We have listened to the opinions of our sports team who advised that our viewers much prefer black and white 'B' movies from the 1930's on a Sunday afternoon, and that football coverage should be restricted to teams in the Anglia region, and since they're both in the Premiership.....".

FSA London Branch Programme

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October 13th, 1994

A Man's Game? - Women in Football

November 10th, 1994

Football Spin-offs, Fantasy or Nightmare?

(Guest speakers at all events)

GOING TO SEE THE BOOT PUT IN

If you like to see the boot put in, a trip to a football ground in south east London would seem a likely venue. You would not have been disappointed had you joined me on my local trip to see the Town reserves defend their unbeaten record against Charlton stiffs at Welling United's ground (not far from a BNP car park!)

For regular followers of away matches the statistics of this game will seem a bit familiar. As normal we won 3-0 on bookings, won 7-5 on corners, and even managed 1-1 draws on penalties 'won' and hitting the woodwork. But, as ever, managed to lose on the score that really counts. However, it was entertaining for the home crowd (278, not including those in the bog and Wank Turner). Within 10 minutes Fred Barber had made one superb save to deny Charlton, but moments later 277 fans were delirious as they took a deserved lead, with a move that was like watching four condoms trying to stop Niagara Falls (much better description than words like knife and butter).

No problem, I thought. This Town side had loads of experience - wise heads like Dixon and Thomas, and young lionhearts Thorpe, Williams, and Houghton - so surely there would be a fightback. Sure enough, after the referee had added Thomas and Thorpe to his party invitation list, Williams made a scorching burst from the penalty spot towards the corner flag, only to be turned upside down just before he left the area. Thorpe duly sent Town reject Andy Pepperbum the wrong way to equalise.

It was then that the action really took off. A Charlton shot shook Fred's post and only poor finishing denied the home side until Campbell decided they needed help to regain the lead. 1-2 down, I went off for a cuppa.

In the second period (have you ever wondered who this 11 year old girl is that soccer writers keep referring to?), the Town replaced Woolpack with a player whom I did not recognise, so he will be referred to as 'fat full back'. Fat full back got his invitation to the ref's party before I'd finished my cuppa. For some reason Houghton thought it was funny.

I then witnessed an event of historic importance to Town followers. Fred Barber SAVED A PENALTY. Memories of April '88 came

flooding back - why does that seem light years ago? Then out of the blue, Dwarf Marshall hit a rocket shot from 40 yards which deserved better than hitting the post.

With the minutes ticking away, Charlton were awarded a free kick just outside the Town area and it was amusing to watch Barber trying to communicate to Williams what position the 'wall' should take. The kick was taken by Kim Grant. He completely miskicked the ball, and in doing so his boot flew off, arcing high over the wall. Barber had the boot covered, and was committed to that direction. The ball meanwhile came through the 'wall' skidding towards the opposite corner of the net. Seeing the ball, Fred took his eye off the boot, and both boot and ball thudded into the net. Grant retrieved, and held high, his boot to the great amusement of the crowd.

So, that was my visit to south east London to see someone put the boot in. It could only happen to Luton. Funny old game, it 'greaves' me to say!

Orpington Man

MATCH facts

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Well, here we are again with the exclusive guide to what lies in store for the season ahead. And what a season it's going to be - so full of incident and excitement that it will make The Terminator seem like the Archers! 100% accuracy is guaranteed, as this set of predictions is sponsored by the BBC weather forecasting team. *(This would have appeared in issue 22, except that our correspondent failed to predict the deadline for contributions - Ed)*

August

In accordance with a new FIFA directive, Eric Cantona is sent off for having dirty fingernails. Jürgen Klinsmann makes his debut for Tottenham Hotspur and is immediately signed by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

September 1st

Marvin Johnson joins Chipperfields Circus on a free transfer. The Sunday People exclusively reveals that John Barnes is set to move to AC Milan in a £5 million deal.

September 2nd

John Barnes joins Barnsley for £2,000. David Pleat announces the signing of Larry Adler for an undisclosed fee. "He's an absolute bargain for an 80 year old, and very fit. His defensive qualities are seriously underrated, he's much quicker than Stanley Matthews was at that age, and we need a good harmonica player. More importantly, he's cheaper than the Queen Mother".

October

Kevin Keegan causes a storm of controversy by defending Vinny Jones after he hacks Bryan Robson to death in a Coca Cola Cup match on television. "He was provoked. Robson should have known better than to wear that after shave. The sending off and 10 year jail sentence are too harsh. A yellow card and a word of warning would have sufficed. It is a mans game".

November

Kevin Keegan becomes a High Court judge. Under the headline "The Biggest Comeback since Lazarus", The Sunday People exclusively reveals that Bryan Robson has miraculously recovered from his fatal injuries and is about to sign a £4 million contract with Barcelona.

December

The F.A. insist that Terry Venables alleged connections with the Mafia, the I.R.A. and the Kray twins will not affect his position as England coach. However, they

did express concern at reports hinting at a close friendship with Jeremy Beadle. "You have to draw the line somewhere", said Graham "Laugh a minute" Kelly.

January

Luton Town score their 100th goal of the season. Watford concede their 200th. Liverpool are knocked out of the Jim's Cafe F.A. Cup by Hucknall Town. A "Panorama" documentary raises allegations linking Tottenham Hotspur with the B.C.C.I. affair, the sinking of the General Belgrano, the Great Train Robbery and the start of World War 1.

February

There are fears that the transfer market has finally gone crazy after Manchester United sign Iain Dowie for £30,000. Phillip Don is struck off the F.I.F.A. list of referees for failing to send off the necessary quota of 50 players.

March

Everton are said to be close to signing Ian Wright. However, the deal falls through. "We never sign players from Arsenal", said an Everton director with a funny white sheet on his head.

April

Tony Daley of Wolves is sent off for having an offensive haircut. Mark Hughes again wins the Player of the Year award despite being injured since September. Paul Gascoigne returns for Lazio but breaks an arm and both legs in a training incident.

May

Luton Town win the Endsleigh League and every other competition worth winning. Watford are pointless (but we all knew that anyway) and John Fashanu explains how he manages to combine a football career with being Director General of the BBC, Prime Minister and Archbishop of Canterbury.

So, a season to look forward to? As Alan Partridge would say, "who knows?". Let's just hope the lads show the form that took us to Wembley last year - we know we can do it. . . . UP THE HATTERS!!!

Graham Johnson

PS. This article was written on August 6th - just one day before Eric Cantona was sensationally sent off, as predicted in this column! Remember, you read it here first.... *(Well, maybe not quite first... - Ed)*.

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Whatever happened to Bobbin Dino?



ON THE PITCH, WHEN WE PLAY; THERE SHOULD BE MORE SHOTS ON GOAL. BRING ME SHOTS - BRING ME THREE POINTS - BRING ME GOALS!

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RAVING MAD!!!

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Julian O'Dell

Eaton Socon, Cambs.

Dear "Mad"

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We want to know more about why people came to support their team - why they chose it over others - and what their team means to them. We want to hear from supporters of English Premiership, Endsleigh League and 'non league' clubs, as well as supporters of Scottish, Welsh and Irish clubs. If your readers are interested in helping us with this research, they can write to us (including their age and address) at:

Lancaster University
Department of Psychology
Lancaster
LA1 4YF

Thanks in advance for your help.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Mark Levine & Dr Susan Condor

Lancaster.

Dear "Mad"

Re Competition Corner answers on page 19 of issue 21:

1) Alan Slough also went in goal for the last 10 minutes of a cup tie, against Exeter. (*26 November or 1st December 1966 - Ed*)

10) Testimonials: Alan Sloughs testimonial match was against the Alan Slough All Stars XI, Alan did not actually play but Malcolm MacDonald was a member of the All Stars along with other players from Arsenal, Ipswich, Derby. According to my programme I appear to have omitted one of the All Stars team as only 10 players are listed, without numbers.

Yours faithfully,

N E Barnes

Wheathampstead

The programme copy Mr Barnes sent us lists the teams as follows:

Luton: Barber (Knight), John Ryan, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, P Futchter, Husband, King, R Futchter, West, Aston. Subs: Price & Spiring.

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We want to know more about why people came to support their team - why they chose it over others - and what their team means to them. We want to hear from supporters of English Premiership, Endsleigh League and 'non league' clubs, as well as supporters of Scottish, Welsh and Irish clubs. If your readers are interested in helping us with this research, they can write to us (including their age and address) at:

Lancaster University
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Thanks in advance for your help.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Mark Levine & Dr Susan Condor

Lancaster.

Dear "Mad"

Re Competition Corner answers on page 19 of issue 21:

1) Alan Slough also went in goal for the last 10 minutes of a cup tie, against Exeter. (*26 November or 1st December 1966 - Ed*)

10) Testimonials: Alan Sloughs testimonial match was against the Alan Slough All Stars XI, Alan did not actually play but Malcolm MacDonald was a member of the All Stars along with other players from Arsenal, Ipswich, Derby. According to my programme I appear to have omitted one of the All Stars team as only 10 players are listed, without numbers.

Yours faithfully,

N E Barnes

Wheathampstead

The programme copy Mr Barnes sent us lists the teams as follows:

Luton: Barber (Knight), John Ryan, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, P Futcher, Husband, King, R Futcher, West, Aston. Subs: Price & Spiring.

All Stars: Bob Wilson, ?, David Nish, Bruce Rioch, Chris Nicholl, Colin Todd, Alfie Conn, Brian Talbot, Malcolm MacDonald, Howard Kendall, Frank Worthington.

Can any of you, our readers, tell us who the missing player was? And were there any substitutes? Let us know at the usual address.

Dear "Mad"

I've been away in the Algarve for two weeks so I've only just seen your letter. I also had one from the club while I was away wanting me to renew my Midas club tickets, so I feel like I've been caught playing truant! Yeah, I know there are more important things to do on Saturdays between August and May, but it seemed like a good idea when the girlfriend kept on about holidays a couple of months earlier. Anyway, Bolton and Burnley at home didn't look like the seasons two most exciting matches, and from the scores I guess they weren't. However, as I only know the results and nothing else I'd better not comment. Funny thing was I couldn't find a Luton News anywhere in Albufeira during the whole fortnight to find out the details - I guess they must have sold out.

What pratt came up with the idea of a 12 o'clock kick off for the Watford game, it completely screwed up my weekend. The one stipulation I'd made when the other half booked the holiday was that I should be in Watford before 3 pm on the 17th. The best we could get was a landing time of 1.15 pm at Gatwick, and I spent ages working out that, providing we landed on time, I'd need 30 minutes to get out of the airport which would leave an hour to get to Vicarage Road, which should just about be possible.

I'd arranged for my brother to be outside the terminal with the engine running and the boot open and we'd sorted out a route that would by-pass the notorious M23/M25 roadworks. I'd got the girlfriend wearing shoes and clothes that she could run in, and I'd even got her to swim extra lengths of the pool while we were away to sharpen her speed up a bit. Our meal on the last night was full of carbohydrates so that we were both full of energy, although I did stop short of drinking Lucozade. I even got her to accept that if she wasn't at the car by the time I got my bag in she'd have to get the train home. I'd also made sure that I'd got plenty of Sterling with me to either buy a ticket or bribe a gateman in case the match was all ticket. It was all set, the only thing I needed was Air 2000 and Air Traffic Control to do their bit.

At 10.35 am in Faro airport everything was going precisely to plan. The plane had arrived and been refuelled and re-stocked for it's return journey. There were no signs of a repeat performance of the trip out when the airline had insisted on spending nearly 6 hours stripping an engine to bits in full view of the 230 passengers waiting to board it (I've never seen so many people being travel sick before they've got on the plane). The duty

frees had been sorted out. It even seemed like the pilot couldn't wait to get home as he didn't hesitate at the end of the runway to build up the power, it was straight round and full tilt on the throttles, perhaps he wants to get to the game too, I thought. It was running like clockwork, I guess I should have known better.

The stewardess came round with a complimentary paper not long after take off, and although it wasn't the Luton News, it was Today which would have been my next choice. Quickly I went to the sports pages to check on any new signings etc... when the days fixtures caught my eye. Watford v Luton (12) it said. That's funny, I thought, how did they know the score before the game? Then it hit me, 12 o'clock kick off - the bastards.

Despite my attempts to persuade the stewardess to ask the pilot to get a move on, and enquiries to the effect of was it possible to land a Boeing 757 at Elstree or Leavesden I'd been beaten. All the rest and relaxation of 2 weeks sunning myself cancelled out in seconds.

On hindsight I reckon I was just about over the Isle of Wight when Telfs got his second and I made it to the car just in time to catch the end of match report on the radio. Never mind though, at least the result was worth coming home to and the goals were on the 5 o'clock news, so I taped them and watched them for 90 minutes instead!

Holiday during the season next year? I think not!!

Cheers

Keith 'Pico' Picton

Hemel Hempstead.

Oddly enough, we have heard of another case of a Town supporter leaving a return from holiday this late, and blowing out by missing our glorious victory. The moral of this tale lads, is to get back a day earlier in future, or not holiday during the season. - Ed.

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JULES IN OUR CROWN

I am sick and tired of hearing certain morons repeatedly slagging off JULIAN JAMES. He has been one of our best and most consistent performers in recent times. He always gives 110%, is the most versatile player in our squad and never hides when the chips are down. A pity some of the others can't follow his impeccable example. Keep it up JULES!

There is one other aspect of our fans behaviour that never ceases to Amaze me. The number of brainless cases who always applaud the lads off at the final whistle even after they have lost 4-0 and given the most inadequate and effortless displays of their lives. WHY DO THEY DO IT???

Wheels

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TOSSER OF THE WEEK

Speechless Roeder
Watford 2 Luton 4

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13.08.94 TOWN 1 WEST BROM 1

What a great start to the season - at least that's what Blob Taylor must have thought when he scored in the fifth minute. The Town had a pretty dire first half, but woke up in the second thanks to the half time sweeties. Scotties goal for some reason confused a lot of us who thought Dixon had scored. But we weren't complaining. Town looked stronger when Linton came on and were perhaps unlucky not to start with a win. But what is the point of paying £150,000 for a player and leaving him on the bench?

K.F.H.

16.08.94 TOWN 1 FULHAM 1

Jim 'Evening' Stannard was all that stood between the Town and victory, but no matter where the ball went, there he was. A draw against a side like Fulham simply isn't good enough, especially when soft defending allows a last minute equaliser. Marshall got a bit longer, but Houghton should have been allowed to go to Walsall before this game.

K.F.H.

20.08.94 DERBY COUNTY 0 TOWN 0

"What a waste of money", they cried, and we were happy to join the home fans condemnation of their own team. If this is what you get for £13m, then our bunch of kids can't be all bad. A great Town performance which really deserved a win, and was just what we needed to dispel the pessimism after the Fulham game. Best chance of the day went to Marv, whose effort was cleared off the line. In fact the best consolation for Derby fans came from Devon Malcolm's bowling figures at The Oval.

Ken Ross

23.08.94 FULHAM 1 TOWN 1

After a pleasant session before the game, the sight of the ground came as a bit of a shock (*Editorial misprint there, but it seems more appropriate somehow*) with stands with half the seats missing, and the terrace half closed and collapsing. And Fulham want to buy it! Again Stannard was the rock of their defence, and if I never see him again it will be too soon. Whether the Town performance was good enough is questionable, but the result was not. Hughes got sent off for stupidity, when we needed him on the pitch, and once we'd scored we didn't seem to be in the game. If Brazil had scored his penalty in extra time it would have saved us all a lot of messing about and let us get home earlier. As it was we had to endure the bloody shoot out as well.

P.J.Smith

27.08.94 TOWN 2 SARFEND 2 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENTS....

In my humble opinion, Tony Adcock will have no problem getting into the Hatters 1st team. He will score goals I'm sure. Anyway, the Town midfield had an off day and failed to impose any control on this game. Apart from his goal, Ceri Hughes had a poor game, Scott Oakes didn't know which position he was in (although hardly his fault, 'cos Pleaty kept moving him), Preecey was OK I guess, and Telfer was struggling. I'd put Oakes, Marshall and Adcock up front, with Telfer, Preecey and Hughes in the middle - then tell 'em to go earn their money! One more thing, Kenilworth Road is VERY quiet nowadays. C'mon you Hatters, we've got the BEST new shirts in the league, get behind the team - they need us!!

The Major Oak

30.08.94 TRANMERE ROVERS 4 TOWN 2

What is it about referees on Merseyside? Are they worse (more biased) than usual or have we got a phobia about that? This was a game when we were OK going forward, but the defence was left so exposed by the absence of a midfield, that defeat was hardly ever in doubt. Aldridge's first goal was inevitable, the second just as easy, the penalty came from a blatant dive, and Malkin's goal looked so predictable it was ridiculous. For the Town Hughes' equaliser should have been the catalyst for a point winning performance, and Hartson's goal only a late consolation for those Hatters fans persistent, or daft, enough to stay the full 90 minutes

Ken Ross

03.09.94 PORT VALE 0 TOWN 1 SINGING IN THE RAIN....

In a wet rain soaked Stoke-on-Trent, the Hatters used up a lot of energy (and good fortune for a change), to hold on for the first victory this season. It was at times a crazy game, the ref must have had it on his coupon for a draw, as some very dodgy decisions were made against us. Desperate defending saved us, and the woodwork pitched in. On the player front, Aaron Skelton had a MARE of a game, but the back four were giants. A fine move started by Dixon created a brilliant goal, as the Vale threw the kitchen sink at Luton, Marshall the man who dashed in the cross from Preecey. And anyway, what happened to the all seater ground regulation thing?

The Major Oak

It apparently passed without notice, but this game marked a milestone for David Greene. It was his first victory in a Town (1st team) shirt. We don't want to draw any conclusions from this, but it has been a long time coming.

Eds

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10.09.94 TOWN 0 BURNLEY 1

How to make a crap side like Burnley actually look quite useful:

- 1 Play Dwight Marshall out of position on the left wing.
- 2 Pass the ball as inaccurately as possible.
- 3 Fail to exert any sort of pressure on the Burnley goal, even in the last few minutes, when most sides would be going at it hammer and tongs to get an equaliser.
- 4 Make your goalkeeper act a total wally on the edge of the box.
- 5 Need I say more about this awful performance.....

Objét

13.09.94 TOWN 0 BOLTON WANDERERS 3 LUTON'S GAMEPLAN..... ACCORDING TO THE 'MASTER TACTICIAN'

- 1 Having in the past admitted that Dixon and Hartson are too similar to play together - PLAY THEM TOGETHER, instead of Marshall.
- 2 Only bring your attacking substitute on after EXACTLY 80 MINUTES. Rather than bring on Marshall when the score is 1-0 with half an hour left, wait until the result is beyond doubt, THEN BRING HIM ON.
- 3 Which of the following worked his socks off up front?
 - a) Kerry Dixon
 - b) John Hartson

Which of the following made hardly any contribution?

- a) Kerry Dixon
- b) John Hartson

Easy, huh. 5,000 people can't be wrong. Right, now try this one:
WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WAS SUBSTITUTED BY PLEAT?

- a) Kerry Dixon
- b) John Hartson

Had Bolton bothered trying in the first half, this could have been a rout. For a team that the national press were raving about only a few months ago to play so cluelessly, something has gone drastically wrong. Some of the players have certainly got what it takes, so why aren't they performing? There seems to be little motivation. Questions also have to be asked about Ceri Hughes' attitude. Surely if you wanted to play for a big club, you would work your balls off at your present club, until you got noticed. Fair enough, we are missing a central midfielder, but why haven't we replaced Alan Harper? There were enough bargains about in the summer to snap up. Look at Ronnie Whelan, still only 32 years old (so he says!) - it took a two page feature in The People to draw attention to him. Why didn't we try to keep John Dreyer, a man who always seemed to give his all for this club. Surely it would have cost less to give him a

Watford 2, Luton 4

decent wage than it will to replace him. Respect to Peakey, now surely in his last season, we have still got to buy a quality defender. Members of the David Pleat Fan Club draw your own conclusions, but who's to blame for the shite we saw against Burnley and Bolton, the players or the management?

Objét

17.09.94 SCUM 2 HATTERS 4
YES.....FOUR.....YESSSS!!!!

Well, what can we say....? After the complete ineptitude displayed in the previous two games we approached the Big 'Un with very little confidence among our seated ranks.

But what a wonderfully logical sport football is..... During the last week; HATTERS: two home defeats and no goals scored, SHITFORD: two away wins and no goals conceded. So 4-2 to LUTON!

How the hell can a ref book Peakey for jumping for the ball and apply exactly the same punishment to the two culprits of the "DIDDYMEN'S BRAWL". No doubt Preecey greatly enhanced his existing reputation among Shitford's sad supporters as their most hated player of last season. Pity he didn't knock Hessenthaler's square head off his shoulders.

Because of the alcohol free state of mind at the time, the joy and pleasure of the occasion only really began to soak in once the beer started flowing in St Albans after the game.

Well done to all the lads and TELFER and MARSHALL in particular. WHAT A GREAT RESULT!! MY LORDS, BLOODY HELLFIRE!!

Wheels



Watford 2 (2)
Hatters 4 (3)



Above: Marshall storms down the wing, and
Below: It's there, and the Watford players know they've been beaten.



Hatters Abroad



England may not have made it to the World Cup, but several Hatters did. Elliot Kenyon is pictured here, showing the colours in the wide open spaces of the Citrus Bowl, in Orlando, Florida.

PUZZLE CORNER with Happy Harry Hatter

QUESTION ONE:

What have I got in my left hand?

QUESTION TWO:

Does this qualify me to be a referee?



Stiffs News

Beds Premier Cup The reserves open their own cup campaign, on Monday 17 October, with a rare visit to north Bedfordshire. The first round opponents will be Wootton Blue Cross of the United Counties League. The game will kick off at 7.30 pm at the Wootton ground, Weston Park, which is situated at the rear of the Post Office (really!) on Bedford Road, which is the main road through the village.

Home and Away? A search is currently on for a winter home for the Town's Combination games. Last seasons use of Borehamwood FC's ground was not exactly popular, and if repeated would throw open the prospect of the away game against Spurs (Tuesday 4 October, 2 pm at St Albans City) being closer to home than some home games. However at the time of writing it looks like the games will be played at Hitchin Town FC, which is not quite so bad.

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Watford	2	(2)
Hatters	4	(3)

Crime and Punishment

As we started the season without the talents of Mitchell "Spider" Thomas and John "Elbows" Hartson, and have lately been missing the enthusiasm of Ceri Hughes, it is probably time to take a look at the standards of punishment to be expected this season. With a possible increase in the use of both yellow and red cards, we often find ourselves confused as to what suspension a player will receive, and when it will start.

Armed with this sort of knowledge, it is then a case of knowing when to use it, as bad timing could win the sort of abuse normally reserved for referees.

Among the interesting points to arise is that after being showing a card, the referee must give a written report, in duplicate, to the FA within 2 days (not including Sundays) of any caution, and referee and both linesmen must do so in the case of a sending off. Until this report is submitted the referee is not obliged to tell the player why he has been booked/sent off. On receiving this report the player then has to pay an 'administration fee' of £6.00 for the privilege of knowing why he has been 'carded'.

As for when the suspension starts, the correct wording is as follows:

"Any period of suspension arising from the accumulation of penalty points shall commence on the 14th day following the date of his last offence. The suspension shall cover all domestic league and cup matches and friendly matches until such time as his club's recognised senior team has completed the number of matches appropriate to the punishment in approved competition during the period covered by its opening match in the Football Association Premier League and ending in the final match in which the club is playing in a domestic competition organised by the Football Association or the Football Association Premier League."

There, nothing like seventy-six words without punctuation to clarify an issue.

Why, incidentally, 14 days? (the same for a sending off). This period is actually to allow for claims of mistaken identity to be investigated.

What, then, are penalty points awarded for? Amazingly, most cautions are for ungentlemanly conduct: a foul only becomes bookable when it constitutes ungentlemanly conduct. A list then of crime and punishment:

Crime	Pts	Crime	Pts
Foul Tackle	4	Encroachment by defender or	
Dangerous or foul play	4	attacker at a penalty	2
Shirt pulling	4	Intentional handling of the ball	2
Intentional tripping	4	Wasting time	2
Showing dissent	4	Any other ungentlemanly	
Intentional obstruction	3	conduct	2
Encroachment at free kicks	3	Entering or leaving the field of	
Persistent infringement of		play without ref's permission	1
the laws of the game	3		

(Apparently the term 'intentional tripping' refers to the act of causing an opponent to fall over, rather than anything associated with Diego Maradona)

The accumulation of penalty points then leads to suspension for which the punishments are as follows:

21 on or before last Sunday of November	3 match ban
21 on or before last Sunday of February	2 match ban
21 on or before 2nd Sunday of April	1 match ban
21 on or before end of season	Warning as to future conduct
31 on or before last Sunday of March	Additional 2 match ban
31 on or before 2nd Sunday of April	Additional 1 match ban
31 on or before end of season	Sever censure and warning
41 on or before end of season	Player has to attend a meeting of Disciplinary Commission.

Sendings-off also have various penalties, as follows:

2 cautionable offences	1 match ban	Professional foul	1 match ban
Foul/abusive language	2 match ban	Violent conduct	3 match ban
Serious foul play	3 match ban		

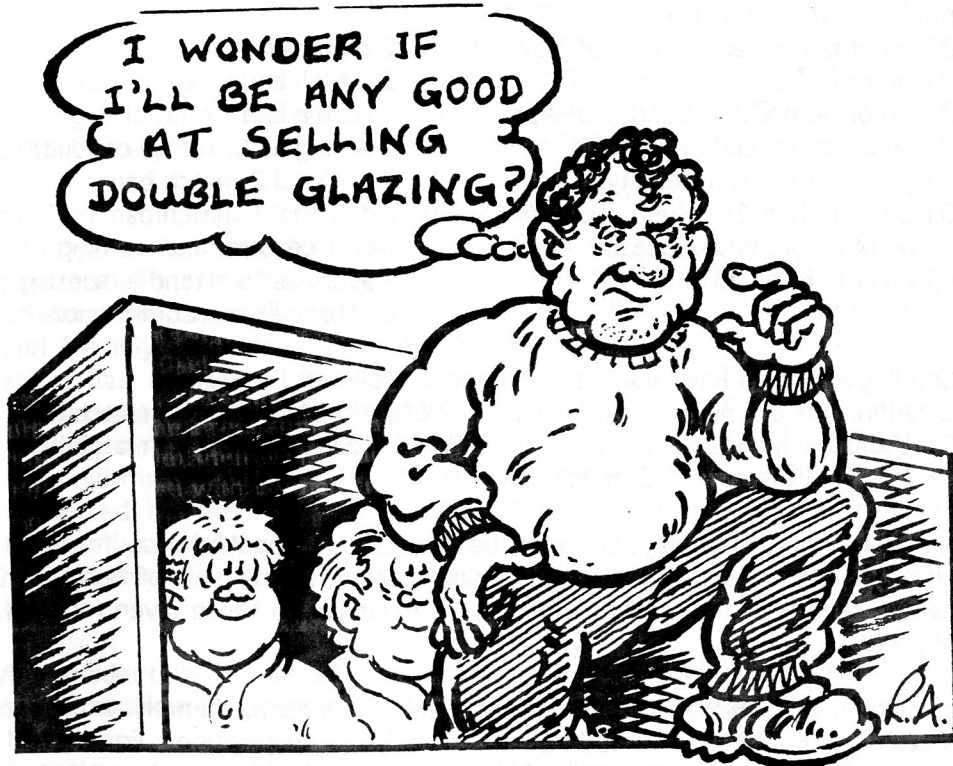
It may be noted that players cannot be dismissed or booked away from the pitch (ie in the tunnel or in the changing room), but this sort of behaviour can be reported, and punishments are often similar to those given for field offences.

If a player is dismissed for the second time in a season, then an extra one match ban is imposed in addition to the original suspension. For a third dismissal, 2 extra matches are added and so on. Clubs cannot re-arrange games to allow a player to complete his suspension in time for a specific match.

In addition to the above, clubs can be punished for the behaviour of their players if the accumulation of penalty points by all their players is considered to be excessive. The club may be fined, and fines "shall be disbursed to agreed Football Charities". This is marvellously imprecise, and rumours that the Sir Bert Millichip Fund for Homeless Claret, or the Graham Kelly Nutritional Research Society are big beneficiaries are unsubstantiated.

Of course, with increasing cases of violence on the field of play attracting the attention of the constabulary, the penalties are increasingly likely to be harsher on the individual player. But then with so many players regarding suspension as no more than a minor inconvenience, maybe they need a bit more hanging over their heads.

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HOME THOUGHTS FROM THE BUNKER!

Playing our song?

In the previous issue of Mad we carried a plea from a couple of Town fans, that we should do all we could to make Bring Me Sunshine, the club song. The club themselves have taken this suggestion on board with a vengeance, and it's possible that one day we'll hear the Town fans singing it as well.

But in the meantime, the first reaction to this was a phone call from Mr C. Gore, of Flitwick, who feels that we have no need of a new club song as we apparently already had a perfectly good one. Now we're not talking about the terrible "Hatters, Hatters, What a great team", but something from further back in the mists of time. This is a uniquely Luton song, proved by the reference to the burning down of the Town Hall, which happened in 1919!

Sung to the tune of..... ermm, well, we don't actually know, it goes as follows:

We're a jolly lot of fellows, yes we are,
We're a jolly lot of fellows, yes we are,
Cos we come from Luton Town
where they burnt the Town Hall down,
We're a jolly lot of fellows, yes we are.

Victorious, victorious,
one pint of beer between the four of us,
Glory be to God, there isn't any more of us,
Cos one of us will surely drink the lot.

I'll be there, I'll be there,
when the beer is on the table, I'll be there,
when the beer is on the table,
when the beer is on the table, I'll be there.

That's it. If anyone knows the name of the tune we'd be interested to know, and if there are any other club songs from the past let us know about them as well. Maybe we'll be able to do the definitive collection!

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Cheaper Replica Kits?

The advertised prices for replica kits this season show shirts at a whole one pound cheaper than last season, but shorts at a pound more. With socks unchanged (in price) that makes a full strip exactly the same price. And as if to rub salt into the wounds of the club's claims that the new kits are cheaper, shirts for the 'larger' supporter are actually a pound more than last season. What a bargain!

Wanna Bet

Many of you won't be bothered by this, but what is the point of the continuing segregation of the front and rear sections of the Kenilworth end? The sole purpose of the exercise seems to be to keep the 'residents' of the front away from the bookies available to those in the rear. Morally commendable for sure, but the club must earn something from the bookies, and more customers must mean more dosh for the club.

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Us and Them

Isn't it a pity that in order to get some sort of result against Luton, the idiots at Vicarage Road had to resort to cheating during the half time 'shoot out' between the Junior Hatters and the Junior Saddo's. It's not that I mind a bit of gamesmanship, but you have to think of the effect it will have on the kids. A group of youngsters will now grow up suffering the double handicap of being Shitford fans, and thinking that beating Luton at Vicarage Road is a real possibility!

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The Horns (oo-er) could at least claim victory on one count. They easily won the 'contest' to see who could put most balls into the Rookery building site. And while we're on the subject, they've taken off the roof, and demolished the terracing, and the banking looks as steep as it ever did.

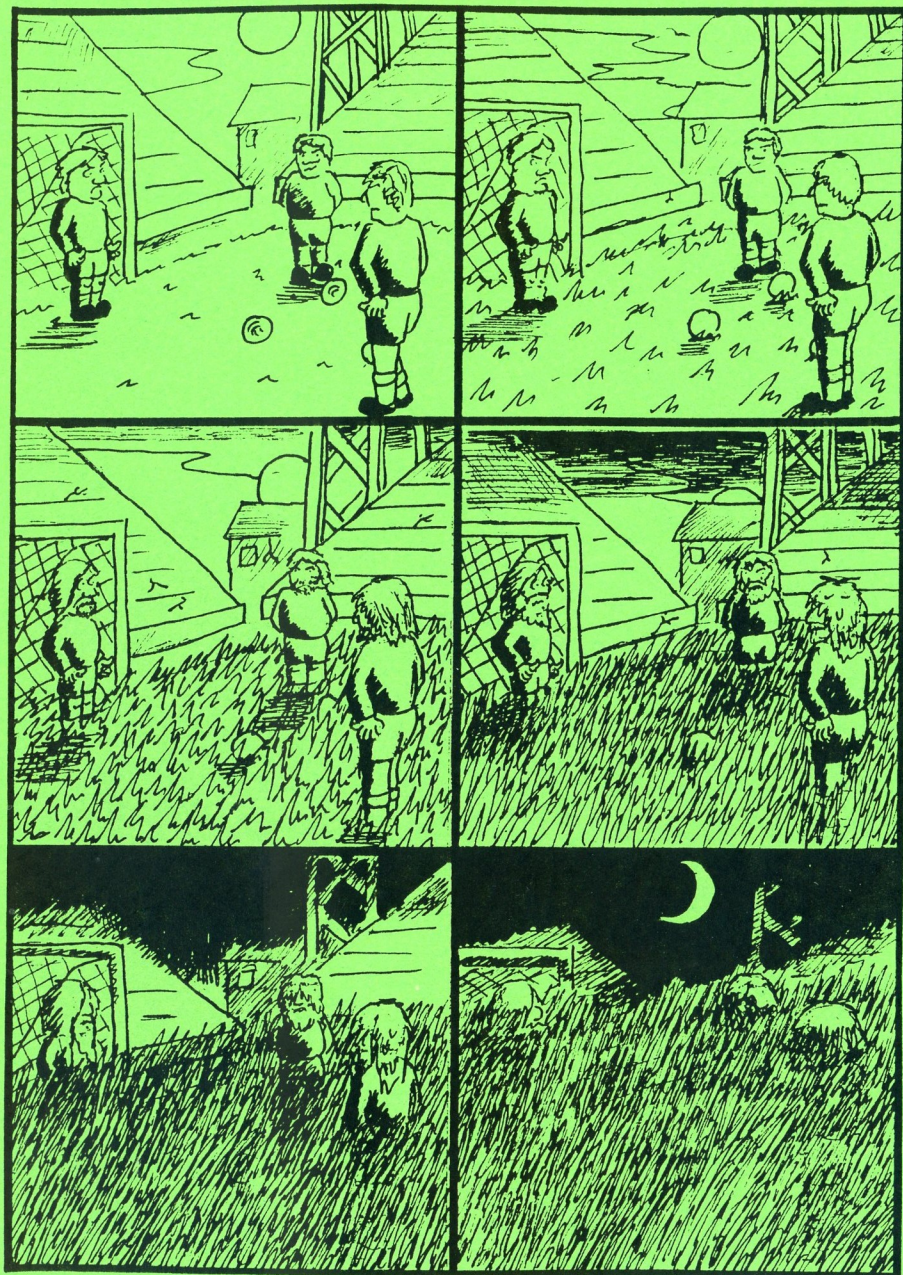
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Hertfordshire Police, increasingly these days, seem to react to visits by Luton in the manner that would suggest that adrenalin is brown and sticky. Their efforts to block the view of as many Town supporters as possible are a case in point. It is curious that they felt the need to stand in front of Town supporters who ran on the pitch, but did not feel it necessary to treat the saddo's at the Vicarage Rd end in the same way. It makes you wonder what they might have in store for us next.

★★★★★

We overheard, in a St Albans pub, after the game, that a Town supporter has entered two teams in the Telegraph fantasy league. As well as his main team he has put in a team of losers, designed to get minus points if possible. Why? In this years fantasy league they are running a "supporters league" where you nominate your club, and they make up a league table based on average points of that clubs supporters. So our man put in a team, for Watford, specifically to reduce their average points.

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