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HATTER

A Luton Town Fanzine

GET KOHLER OUT!

THE BANK MANAGER PHONES..

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OFF A BIG
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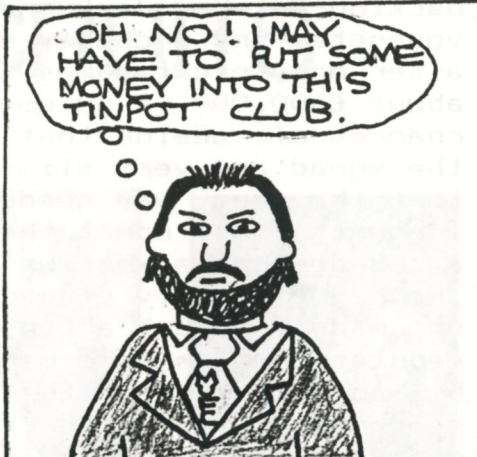
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THEN, KOHLER PHONES LIVERPOOL

YOU WILL BUY
CHAMBERLAIN?
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DO!

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AT THE NEXT HOME GAME...

WE WANT TO
KOHLER OUT

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EDITORIAL....

I would like to welcome you to this the first (and hopefully not the last) of "The Hatter". It is a short magazine or fanzine for all Luton supporters. Our aim is not to bring you the latest news about Luton, but to give you opinions about recent events concerning the club we all love. Some of the stories may be about things that have happened some time ago, but that is because they've been written quite a while before this issue has come out. It is not a very long publication but I hope you find 50p a fair price.

Results lately have been very poor. We are out of two cups, losing to teams from the Second and Third Divisions. David Pleat has already broken his promise of not selling players without his backing-Matthew Jackson, our most promising youngster and probably best defender has been sold after only eight games in a Town shirt. Gaining about £600,000 is no consolation at all as the chances of seeing that money spent on strengthening the squad are very slim-It said in a local newspaper that the money was needed to fund the club's accounts. Why don't the board put some money in for a change-that's what we've got them for.

We have recently signed Chris Kamara for £150,000 who made his debut against Everton. He has a reputation of a hard-man and he has already shown us his ability to get stuck-in. At last we've got someone with some experience although he is 33 years old, and may only play for about another year. Lets hope not.

It is hard to believe rumours that Darren Mc Donut is wanted at Blackburn by Ray Harford. Surely Kenny Dalglish would not even consider buying such a donkey! But let's all hope there is some truth in the rumour even if it means paying Blackburn to have him!

When Peter Nelkin sacked Jimmy Ryan he accused him of having a bad personality and said he wanted a "high-profile" manager. When we compare our position

in the table so far this year to our position this time last year, we see that our high-profile has got us to second from bottom where as our sacked manager had us in seventh position with a much healthier goal difference. When you consider the fact that we had signed no new players last year, it makes you realise how well poor old Jimmy Ryan did.

Finally if you've got anything to say about the Town please write to us. Any letters will be much appreciated and can be printed in any further issues. Keep supporting the Town as things can only improve (I hope!).

Simon-Editor.

NEW RECRUITS



DAVID PLEAT

story so far

David Pleat joined us for his second spell in charge at Kenilworth Road, and although we were all very disappointed at the way Jim Ryan was treated, we were pleased to see David back. As has always been his trademark, he came back talking good, sensible stuff, and we looked forward to happy days ahead. Bruno came back, and we hoped he had not lost any of his skill and fine finishing we all remembered him for. West Ham away (Luton Town second team-Dowie, Breacker, Thomas etc...) looked a tough opening match. Bruno ran his heart out, and the lads got a well earned draw. From there it has been for the most part a sorry tale. Our players are still being sold-Black, Jackson and the rest, and the money gone to pay our friendly bankers. Thompson came and went, and appeared a Pleat panic buy. Now we have two more young boys, when D.P. said we needed men. Peake seems a bit past his sell-by date and Dreyer astounds us at how bad he can get. Going away from home is like watching a re-run of the last one-CRAP.

But not everything is that bad. David bought back our hero Mick Harford, and Phil Gray looks a competent striker. They should develop a good partnership, and the sooner the better. David still keeps us hoping that we will turn the corner, and we hope he won't let the Board push him around.

Yet we look awful, and we are struggling. With a s**t defensive record, we are even losing to tinpot Second and Third division sides. If we don't improve soon we will go down. We have not given up yet though, and do not intend to. We managed last season with young lads and no money, and even managed the odd bit of good football. It seems we will have to do it again. Mr Pleat must guide a steady path through these troubled times, even if Kohler, Smith & Co. will do everything possible not to help us. If

we get relegated it could spell disaster, and D.P. must keep us in the manner we have become accustomed to. If he can't do it, who can? So let's get behind him and the lads, and back him up all the way. We may hate Kohler, but it's not the lads fault really.

Support the players and call for Kohler to resign.

poor signing..?

Signing Steve Thompson from Bolton was not the best transfer move David Pleat has ever made. Thompson, who cost £180,000, played only five games for the Town. In his massive Luton carrer he managed to give three goals away.

Against QPR at home, he gave the ball away to let Rangers score their winner. At Old Trafford, Paul Ince scored United's first after Thompson lost the ball in his own area. The twat's third error came in his final league game for us at Villa Park-He got caught in posession outside our area to let Villa in to score in the second-half.

Mr Pleat finally decided it was worth swapping his new signing for two unknown youngsters who couldn't even get in Leicester's team. Thompson scored the winner in his debut for Leicester after a great performance. Why couldn't he play like that for us?

What do you call a man with
a toilet on his head?
Steve Harrison!

a-z of L.T.F.C

It's been done before and lacks originality, but here's our effort.

A is for Alec who is better than the rest,
B is for Bruno who is past his best,
C is for Cock ups in every game,
D is for Dazzer-What a shame,
E is for Everyone who thinks we will go down,
F is for Fozzie who should come back to the Town,
G is for Grezza who makes us groan,
H is for He is so injury prone,
I is for Injection of money we need,
J is for Jacko who was sold lately,
K is for Kohler-I won't say any more,
L is for Luton-Just one of his chores,
M is for Money which we haven't got,
N is for Nelkin who ran off with a lot,
O is for Oak Road end we all know,
P is for Place for away fans to go,
Q is for Quite small are our players,
R is for Rubbish that sums up Dreyer,
S is for Stuffing that we always get,
T is for Telfer who can't find the net,
U is for USA who sponsor the kit,
V is for Vauxhall who left us in shit,
W is for Willow and Wilson-We sold the lot,
X is for Xellent players that we haven't got,
Y is for You probably find watching Luton boring,
Z is for Zzzzzz-You will be snoring!

There is no truth
in the rumour that
Phil Gray was offered
a job as a stuntman
after winning his oscar
for diving!

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HATTERS DIARY

19.10.91 Sheff. Wed

For the second home game in a row, we conceded a last minute equaliser. We had taken the lead early on after a great volley from "Big Mick". It came after a corner which Harford and Gray both went for. Harford was the one who got to the ball and we were winning. We looked to be playing quite well until just before half-time. We couldn't clear the ball after a corner, and it ended up in the net.

We made a much worse start after the break and were lucky not to concede an early goal when Wednesday hit the post with an open goal. Nogan had a hatfull of chance to take the lead and eventually did so with his most difficult chance. It certainly shut the northern idiots in the Oak Road up! We looked set to take three points until the last couple of minutes. Bruno Stein was chopped down in an awful challenge. The referee then gave Wednesday a free-kick. It was so obvious they would score. I was so annoyed.

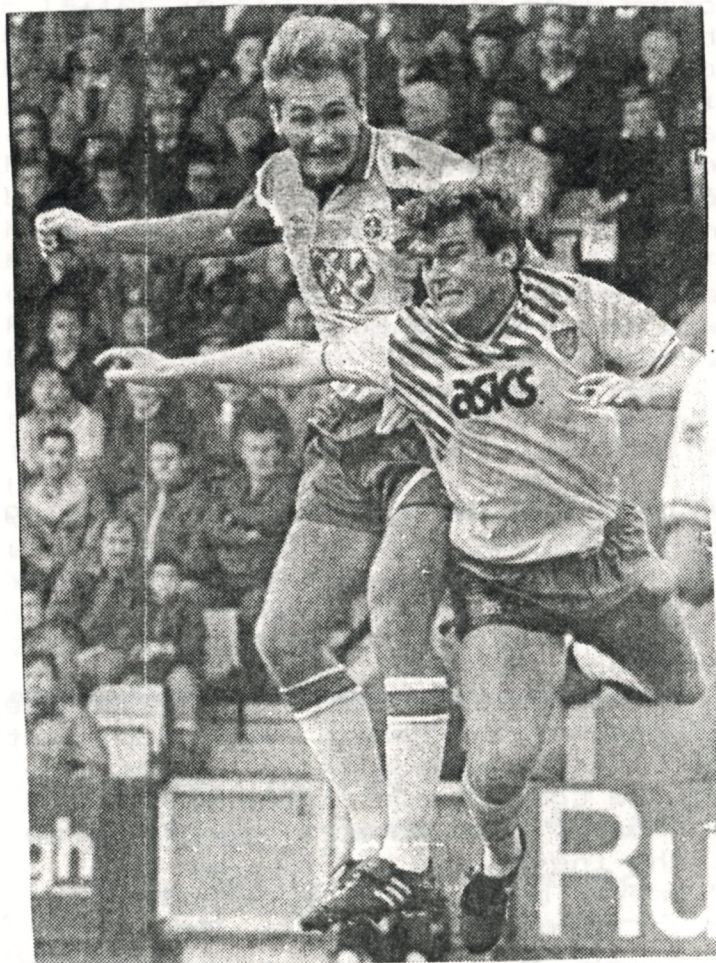
26.10.91 Norwich City

This was a game where we never looked like winning, and with Kurt "no good" our only forward it was hardly suprising. There were nine team changes in our line up to that of the match programme. Dreyer recovered from flu to play in a sweeper's role (he shouldn't of bothered), and Paul Telfer played at right-back with Julian James in midfield. Jason Rees played his first game of the season along with Scott Oaks and Desmond Linton who made their debuts. The defence looked quite comfortable at the start, and we nearly took an early lead after a stunning free kick from Oaks. The inevitable had to come though. "Tumble" Dreyer made a typical blunder to

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to give the farmers a half-time lead.

The second-half saw Chamberlain make a number of excellent saves to keep us in with a chance. Our best chances to score were wasted by Nogan who twice took a dive in the hope of a penalty. Des Linton came on as a late substitute and looked fairly useless. The few hundred Luton fans who made the journey saw us lose to a bunch of farmers. After the game, Mr Pleat said that he wasn't too disappointed with our performance. I would like to know if he was watching the same game as me!



*Grezza
amazingly
managed
not to
get injured
here.*

2.11.91 Everton

This must go down as an absolutely appalling game. Those who decided to stay at home and watch the rugby had the right idea. The scousers came out with our away kit on and played just as bad as when we wear it (except they won). After a terrible first-half we made a good start to the second. This lasted for a few minutes then we went back to the usual rubbish. We let the decisive goal in towards the end of the game-A typical cock-up in defence made this possible. Harford and Gray both looked unfit but Chris Kamara played well. We sung "Kohler out" at the end-How much more will it take? To end a terrible day we found out that England had lost.

OUR NEXT AWAY GAME

30.11.91 Sheffield Utd

The scene of a rare away win in the cup last year courtesy of two goals from Lars and one from Fazza. We also lost 2-1 there in the league last season, after we chucked away a half-time lead. United have been playing as bad as us so far this season, so the trip may be worthwhile. If we lose, we're in real trouble.

How to get there...

Take the M1 north to junction 31, then take the A57 into Sheffield. On the A57, take the third exit from the roundabout into Sheaf Street. Take the fifth exit from the second roundabout for the ground. There is street parking nearby.

toilet trained

Luton have announced a daring new signing to boost the fortunes of the club, and improve the poor results. The name currently on everyone's lips around the Town at the moment is... STEVE HARRISON.

The witty, humorous, laughing, happy-go-lucky former England coach, has a new role within our coaching staff, as official club clown. His job is to entertain the Luton lads before the game with his cutting wit and amazing "toilet joke routine". David Pleat said, "Steve seems to be very popular among the lads, particularly with the ones who appreciate his humour, like John Dreyer, Dazza and Kurt Nogan". Steve himself said, "It's a challenge, and gives me a great opportunity to joke my way back into the England set-up".

When asking the players for their reaction, Dreyer said, "er, he's great", Dazza grunted and fell about laughing at the slightest mention of the "toilet joke", and it was too much effort for Nogan to give me a response.

WITTY STEVE HARRISON JOKES:

There is no truth in the rumour that Steve Harrison was offered the job as Head Toilet Cleaner at Millwall F.C. A spokesman said, "The job of cleaning our toilets is no laughing matter".

What is the difference between a bog brush and Steve Harrison?

One's in sanitation and the other one's in-sane.

bad luck Steve!

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old & new



Lets compare the present Luton Town team to a selection of LTFC players past. All of whom are men the Town got rid of, and most have moved on to better things.

TOWN PRESENT

1. Chamberlain
2. James
3. Dreyer
4. Kamara
5. Rodger
6. Peake (c)
7. Preece
8. Gray
9. Harford
10. Pembroke
11. Oaks

Subs:

12. Hughes
14. Stein

TOWN PAST

1. Dibble (Man C)
2. Breaker (W Ham)
3. Aizelwood (Bristol C)
4. Jackson (Everton)
5. Foster (Oxford)
6. Donaghy (Man Utd)
7. Nicholas (Watford)
8. Walsh (Spurs)
9. Small (W Ham)
10. Wegerle (QPR)
11. Black (Notts For)

Subs:

12. White (Swindon)
14. Dowie (Saints)

Look at the players man for man, and decide for yourself which team you would rather watch each week playing in our colours. Certainly I would prefer the majority of our Old Boys to our present players. But that's tough luck, as we seem stuck with what we've got.

Foster is missed!



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CUP WINNERS 1988

It is nearly three years ago since we won the Littlewoods Cup, and with our current team we won't win it again. We have decided to recall that cup run round by round in each issue.

Part 1-September 1987
Town v Wigan (2nd Round)

1st Leg

We kicked off the road to Wembley with an away leg at Wigan's Springfield Park. This was our first ever Littlewoods Cup tie following the unfair ban the previous year. After only 18 minutes, Micky Weir our new winger from Hibernian scored what proved to be the winner. It was a great left foot drive from outside the penalty area. The game was his full debut, but unfortunately he left us after only three months feeling home-sick. He looked to be a good player. We managed to hold on to the lead despite lots of pressure from Third Division Wigan. A good start to the campaign!

Team: Sealy, Breacker, Johnson, Hill, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, Stein, Harford, Weir, Preece (Nua iobi)

Att: 5018-Wigan's best of the season

2nd Leg

We got through the Second Leg quite easily with a 4-2 victory. Big Mick scored a fine hat-trick and Donut scored the other (that was when he was good!). Foster also got on the score sheet after he knocked it past Sealey into his own net-nice one Fozzie! The victory gave us a home tie against Coventry. In this case the home time meant playing 70 miles away at Leicester!

Team: Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Mc Donough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, Stein, Harford, Black, Weir

Att: 4240

To be continued (hopefully!)...



Atmosphere?

Standing up in the Kenilworth Road as I do, the atmosphere, amount and volume of the singing sounds pretty good. Considering how little standing room there is now, I feel we make a reasonable effort.

But it seems it is not enough. That there is a bit too much onus on a 1,500 or so of us lot to get the team going, whereas the away fans of teams who bring enough supporters to fill the Oak Road have as many, if not more singing than we do. Like when Birmingham came to the Town. Also, our sound has to travel across the pitch from the back of the Kenilworth Road.

So what, I hear you ask is the answer? Well, perhaps for the fans in other parts of the ground to get together and sing along. It's not difficult, and who knows, you might even enjoy it. Simply to join in with a bit of singing, and it WILL gee up the lads and give them a boost.

At places like Highbury and Old Trafford there is noise coming from all sides of the ground, even those in seats. This does not help away teams one bit, as we've found out before. We could never expect to match that with a 10,000 crowd, but we could improve things around the place. So come on Kenilworth seats, New Stand and Main stand-get chanting.

Sing your hearts out for the lads!



Answers to "Quick Quiz"

Here are the answers to the quiz on the back page:

- 1) Lars Elstrup
- 2) Phil Gray against Chelsea
- 3) SM Caen & Annency
- 4) Bernard Streten & Ron Baynam
- 5) Leicester
- 6) Syd Owen
- 7) Ashley Grimes & Brian Stein

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Hopefully, we will be able to get our sales sorted out for further issues in the way of more sale points.

Please send any articles or letters to us so we can print them in the next issue which will be a Christmas issue. We're on our own at the moment!

The Hatter is not connected to Luton Town Football Club in any way (except we support them)

Anyone who feels misquoted or offended has the right to reply.

KOHLER OUT

a quick quiz

ANSWERS
ON PG.15

This is just a small quiz for you to do.

- 1) Who was the club's top scorer (league and cup) last season?
 - 2) Who scored our first goal this season and who was it against?
 - 3) Which two clubs did Brian Stein play for in France?
 - 4) Which two Luton goalkeepers have played for England since the War?
 - 5) Who did Mick Harford score his first ever goal for Luton against?
 - 6) Who played his last game for Luton in the 1959 Cup Final?
 - 7) Who scored the goals in our League Cup Semi-Final against Oxford in 1988?
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*Will
Alec
Be
Sold
Next?*

