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THE LUTON FANS MAGAZINE



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ONE



FREE! JIMMY RYAN BADGE

TOWN TOWN TOWN

Welcome to Town issue one. We have decided to start a Luton Town fanzine to jump onto the bandwagon of arty football fan types who fancy themselves as journalists and write about their own particular team.

Therefore, expect to find nothing really different contained in this mag. What is different about this publication is that it is a Luton Town fanzine - Luton Town being the one team who really should be without honest football fan types (because in this day and age its in to be anti-Luton, Green and oxone friendly).

As I'm sure the editors of the other Luton fanzines would agree, it's pretty boring every other fanzine having a go at Luton all the bleedin' time, so we're here to do present a view from where it matters most.



In the eyes of other football supporters, Luton fans are a bunch of dickheads. Even in Luton, I used to get the feeling that anyone who was prepared to stand on a terrace shouting for the most unpopular team in the country, was looked on as a bit of a social leper. I've even travelled to see Luton, a couple of years ago, on a coach on which everybody was a twat (including me).

However, everyone who was at Derby at the end of last season knows that there is a spirit amongst the fans at Luton that many had thought was lost. Although supporters may feel battered by criticism, often totally misdirected at them and the team, Luton fans came out on top at the end of last season.

Even if being a Luton fan is totally unfashionable, it is always entertaining. Every season for ages there has been a promotion/relegation struggle or a great cup run. Supporting Luton seems to us to be much more exciting than supporting a team like Tottenham or Coventry or QPR who every season seem destined for a comfortable but boring mid table position. Or Watford who are still in the lower divisions aren't they?

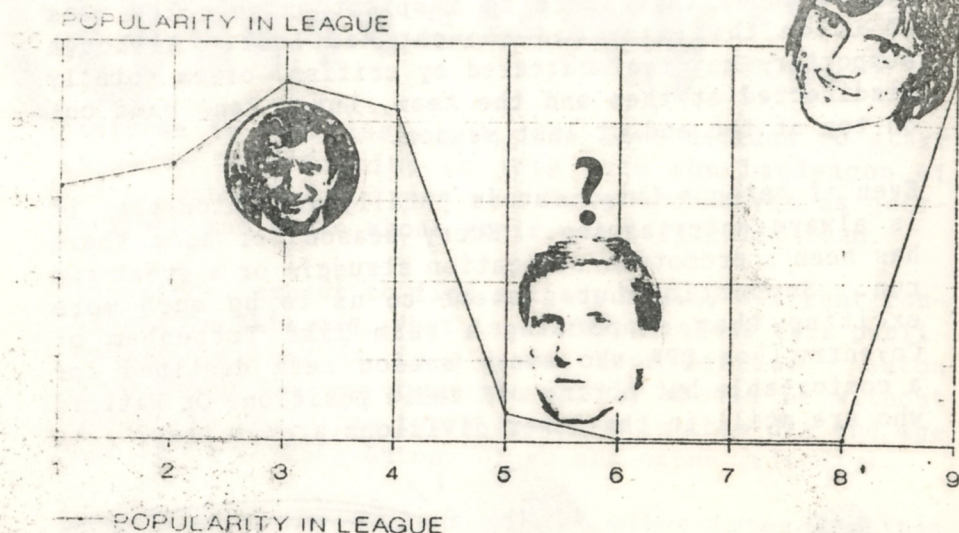


So there you have it. The first publication from Luton which doesn't necessarily agree with the club or its schemes but believes in and supports football in Luton.

If this first issue strikes you as being a bit crap, wait til the next one comes out. With any luck we'll have a few more contributors (who aren't as clueless as us), and loads of special offers for the faithful Luton thousands - should be out in early November. Till then please feel free to write to the address at the back of this mag with any contributions you might have written, typed or painted.

LUTON TOWN POPULARITY 1970-90

In comparison to all other league clubs



well, there you have it.

Luton Town, the only team go from Div 1 to Div 4 and back again, become the first club to be the most popular in the league, down to the most disliked and back up again. See how on our fun graph!

Point 1. Before Eric Morcombe. Point 2. The Eric Morcombe era. Point 3. 1982 promotion to Div 1. Point 4. The 1985 FA Cup Semi-Final v Everton. Point 5. The plastic pitch is laid. Point 6. Ooops! Our membership scheme earns few friends. Point 7. We win the 1988 Littlewoods Cup! Point 8. We stay up, Wednesday go down - Derby 2 Luton 3. Point 9. Town magazine released.

WHAT ABOUT LAST SEASON THEN?

Of course the end of last season was absolutely brilliant, staying up against all odds and the excellent atmosphere amongst the fans for the last few games. But anyone who saw the matches against Arsenal, Crystal Palace and more especially at Derby is entitled to ask what Luton were doing at the foot of the table anyway.

I remember travelling to Derby that Saturday with complete faith that the Town would get a result - and if we did go down it would be decided by Sheffield Wednesday and Nottingham Forest. On the day Luton played so well that, apart from the loss of concentration at the end of the first half, they looked as good as any team I'd seen in the league all season.

The fact is that if Luton had played with such spirit and determination all season, we'd have been looking at a top six place.



HERO: Two-goal Kingsley Black

"It was a free-kick we had never worked on - and when David Preece rolled the ball to

Black

yard drive hit the net.

magic

Luton's heroes that Sheffield Wednesday, who needed only a point to send Luton down.

a target for Brian Clough - scored the winner with his "wrong" foot.



then Lu- been on't he her ond had walk-on parts at An- field's title celebrations in midweek, were not giving any handouts.

Certainly at the start of the season, and especially around Christmas time, Luton looked a very poor side indeed. There seemed to be no quality left in the team since the departure of Ricky Hill, Brian Stein and Mark Stein. The backbone of the team was shattered as well.

Steve Foster, the best Luton captain I've ever seen, was sold. Mick Harford was always injured and when he finally got fit, he was sold. Mal Donaghy came back at Christmas from Man U, but could hardly have recognised the club he had once been such a major part of.

Ray Harford's biggest sin was that he tried to create a good squad out of young players too quickly, seemingly ignoring the experience of his older players. It took Danny Wilson a very long time to fill the skippers role after Foster's departure - and the rest of the team

locked a very pale reflection of the 1988 cup winning squad. Instead of experience we were left with bunch of talented, but unconfident youngsters. Kingsley Black, who looked like the excited sixth former in the Littlewoods Cup winning squad took the role of the Towns old campaigners. Experience beyond his years, as Brian Swain would say. And we bought Lars Elstrup....

Luton went out of the FA Cup at Brighton after Ray Harford was given the shove, and it was time for local hero Jimmy Ryan to try his hand. His first game in charge at Anfield saw Liverpool having to come back in a 2-2 draw.



■ TOUCH OF GREATNESS — Luton's delirious fans just can't get enough of their hero Kingsley Black. Picture: IAN CRAWFORD

Since Ryan took over as manager he's had his good times and his bad. Away from home the town were still being beaten convincingly by the likes of Charlton (2-0), Man Utd (4-1) and Nottingham Forest (3-0). But at Kenilworth Road at least Luton are (at time of going to press) unbeaten in the 1990's (good statistic that, eh readers?).

Anyway, the last three games — the fact that we could stay up mathematically (but not feasibly) seemed to bring out the best from the players and the fans. Against Palace, Luton were 30 seconds from relegation before Iain Dowie scored his winner — and the scenes on the terraces were like the Oxford semi-final in 1988 (or when Wayne Turner scored against Watford in the FA cup in 85). So to Derby, which was a day I doubt I'll forget, winning 3-2 and eventually staying up.

This season I hope we will see the form that kept Luton up last season right from day one, and perhaps Peter Nelkin will achieve his ambition to 'win things'. As Bill Shankly once should have said "The fight for the Championship and the fight against relegation are exactly the same, except if you want a relegation struggle — you needn't start playing til after Christmas" (but he didn't).

Luton News



WE ALL AGREE
LUTON TOWN
ARE MAGIC.



LUTON TOWN COVERAGE BY BRIAN SWAIN

THURSDAYS 14p

Nobody knows more about football than "Mr Town" Brian Swain. He makes the Herald and the Citizen coverage look amateurish and our effort look like a school mag. In the last 90 years, Brian has not missed 1 Luton match — rumour has it he was born even in Kenilworth Road!

"Go with Nelks....."

The new season has kicked off - and Luton Town have a new chairman taking over from the charismatic Mr Smith. Peter Nelkin though has got much more going for him than the average fan can possibly imagine. So here, just a few facts about our Pete which, although strange, remain the absolute truth and may well have great bearing on the direction of the club.

13 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT ~~MR MONEYBAGS~~ PETER NELKIN

1. The names Nelkin, Peter Nelkin.



2. He's the new chairman of Luton Town.
3. He wears glasses.
4. He also often wears a pair of sunglasses.
5. He's got a friend, his name's David Kohler (he's got a beard).
6. He's got a million quid.
7. But he's not called "Mr Moneybags". It's Nelkin, Peter Nelkin.
8. He's an Arsenal fan with a season ticket at Highbury.
9. He's slimmer than ex-chairman David Evans.
10. He's a Chartered Accountant.
11. He replaces "wild" Roger Smith as Luton's top dog.
12. When the 1988 Littlewoods cup final started he was wearing Arsenal colours.....
13. When the final whistle blew that day he was well gutted.

MUSIC PAGE

This is a football fanzine isn't it. Pop musics no good anymore anyway, try the NME or Sounds for tips and stop listening to Soul to bleedin Soul and Kylie and Guns 'n' Roses and the Inspirals (who incidently are big Norwich City fans).

A busy day for Mr Evans in 1986. In the morning he launched the LTFC membership scheme, in the afternoon he picked up the Tory Party Sumo Championship trophy and in the evening he resat a CSE English exam (and failed again). See page 29.



When Manchester United won the FA Cup final everyone in Luton was watching their old favourite Les Sealey keeping goal for United. It was great to see him get his moment of glory which had always eluded him at Luton. His disappointments whilst at Kenilworth Road could be put down to a number of things an injury before the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final, a rush of blood in 1989 which made him give away that penalty and the way he got himself a new hairstyle for the 1985 semifinal v Everton and the Nottingham Forest cup final.

So now that Les Sealey has a winners medal (or did have one) and joined Man Utd where the fans seem to love him, it would be wrong to question his undeniable skill as a keeper (house keeper). No, instead I'd ask - Is Les Sealey a thug or what?

I always felt sorry for the Junior Hatters before home games taking shots at Sealey. Where as Andy Dibble let them score a few, and Jake Findlay would have trouble saving them, Les Sealey rarely let them score any.

The best goal he ever let a Junior Hatter score was when Steve Foster kicked a piledriver into the kids head, from which it went straight into the top corner. As the lad cried his eyes out Les laughed and told him to kick Fosters head or ass in. Other than that, Les took his clean sheets very seriously.

During a match Les used to manage a tight ship in his penalty area scaring the opposition as well as his team mates, and often played really well.

One occasion when Les played really badly at Oxford the Luton fans congregated in the infamous Oxford visitors terrace started shouting at him. John Aldridge was on his way to a hat-trick and Les was at sixes and sevens. One fan in particular was having a go at Sealey and was making his opinions known as regarding Les's ability. After a while Les had had enough of the cruel jibes and offered the bloke a fight after the match in the players car park. It was a dodgy moment which made us feel glad that Oxford had got massive great fences protecting the fans from Les Sealey. Whether Les 'Death Wish' Sealey cleared the Luton terraces of that particular punk it's difficult to say. Luton lost 4-2 and the Town fans were kept in for half an hour to give time for Les Sealey to be cleared from the ground.

Apart from these few occasions though Les Sealey was a fine goalie and a crowd pleaser. At Mal Donaghy's testimonial he was the life and soul of the party, more than happy respond to the crowd. Now that he's gone, it's up to Alec Chamberlain to fill the gap, as a competent keeper, and a crowd pleaser.

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JOKE SPOT by Derek Morcombe

In protest against plans to make Vicarage Road an all-seater stadium, a group of Watford supporters have said they "won't stand for it" and are planning a "sit-in".

My old man said be a Watford fan; I said - absolutely no chance of it Dad, you're out of order!

STRIPS

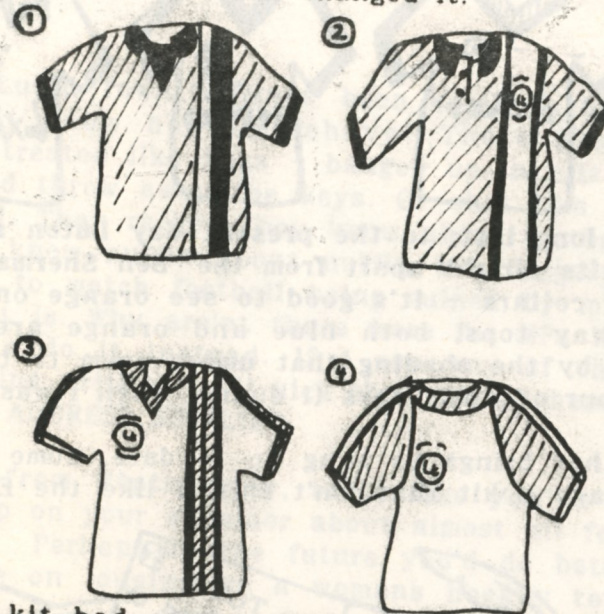


So, the Luton strips changing again - this time its just to change Bedford into Vauxhall for the advert. That means the team badge won't be changing or the stupid button down collars. No readers, this is not scraping the barrel, this is a worthy article about the changing strips of Luton Town - and the effect these changes have on the replica buying public. Including fantastic illustrations.

Since the brilliant orange, white and black shirts (which Jimmy Ryan wore) we've had some good and bad and some ugly strips. Anyway, that first kit must of been out in about 1973 and I'm told (by unreliable sources) that Eric Morcombe designed it. Also, it WAS white and BLACK strips because we've got the photos. This was undoutable the best Luton Town kit and for this reason we made a couple and wore them at Derby last season. You might even be one of the people who shouted "bloody hell, look at that" at the sight of our replica 'Johnny Astons'.

What was the away kit - well, I dunno, so on to the next kit which was the first to carry the LT design we all knew and loved (and the Sun still uses to illustrate its LTFC stories). This kit too was a corker, two thin blue strips with a fat white one in the middle and the new logo on the white strip. The away strip was a white shirt with a thin orange line - and eventually seemed to become the home kit. Why we couldn't have stuck with the orange tops I really don't know, but there you go.

Sadly, in the late seventies, Luton stopped using Admiral kits and started using Adidas gear. The first kit (the Bob Hatton) wasn't too bad. The strips down the left became adidas strips and the badge moved to the right. I got this kit for my birthday one year (including shorts and socks), that was in June and next season they went and changed it.

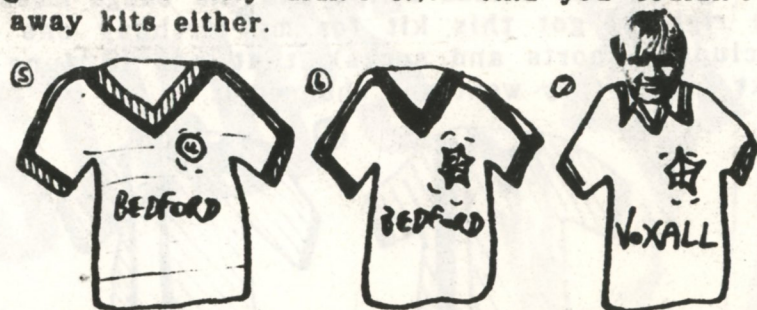


The new kit had orange arms on a white shirt (the Steve White). I don't really know why, but I always hated that kit (and Steve White). As far as the replica went, the orange away top was good, but the badges always peeled off in the wash. The next season they changed it again because the strips on the arms changed colour. Fans may well remember that the goal nets had Trimoco written in them, and that it looked crap). Still, that shirt took Luton into Division One so god bless it.

Next came the best Luton shirt for ages. It was that V neck with orange blue and white trim. Apart from giving you (well, me anyway) sore nipples, the replica top was dead good. Especially when the blue ones came out (after their debut at Tottenham when we won 3-1), although the orange shirts never came out (shame).

When Luton announced they were bringing back the old "as used in 1959" badge, I was a happy lad. When I

found out that orange was out, I was outraged. The strip immortalised in 1988 was flippin lousy in my opinion and I ruined mine before the Oxford semi-final by writing "Going to Wembley" all over it (I thought I'd get on the telly didn't I?). And you couldn't get the away kits either.



So, at long last, to the present day Luton shirts. The home kits alright apart from the 'Ben Sherman' buttons on the collars - it's good to see orange on it again. The away tops, both blue and orange are horrible, ruined by the shading that umbro seem to be so much in favour of these days (I dunno, when I was a lad).

Well, that brings us bang up to date. Come on Umbro! Lets have a kit that isn't shit. I like the England top too.



Letters

Letters page - as our editorial committee nears the stage of drying up, we would like our readers to write in to us to put over their own views. You can write about anything. You might think membership card scheme is ace, and want to let us know. Perhaps you want to moan about the awful seats in Oak Road. Or perhaps you reckon Peter Nelkins flippin gorgeous in his sexy sun glasses - whatever the reason, drop us a line (or write us a letter). After each letter we'll try to write a smart-alec reply like you get if you write to the NME or Shoot. We will print all letters unless

they're obscene or totally not worth reading.

N.B. Only one whinging letter from non-members a month, sorry but we can't get you in (thugs).

As its only issue one we have very few letters - but heres the ones we've got.

DISGRACE

This new Luton Town fanzines' been wrote up by fugs! They don't know how to behave! There Fugs and should be treated like Fugs - banged up in prison and they should throw away the keys. Or shot like vermin better still. They reckon they know about football but they dont know nuffin about nuffin but fuggery. Why do I have to watch football being ruined by mindless fugs like it is. Why are'nt there more fat MPs like me prepared to do it instead. If I see any of them so called fanzine writers - I'll kick their bloody heads in. NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

Well Mr E from Westminster, looks like you've got a serious chip on your shoulder about almost all football supporters. Perhaps in the future you'd do better to concentrate on lousing up a womens hockey team in India.

RON & KEN

How curious that ITV and BBC chose Big Ron Atkinson and Kenny Dalglish to comment on the world cup in Italy. Surely ITV should realise that 'Champagne' Ron knows precious little about football, and the BBC that Kenny Dalglish is very very boring.

T VENABLES North London

Too right mate. I should also have liked to have seen Jimmy Hill and Jimmy Greaves shot. Wasn't Des Lynam great though, and Ray Wilkins did lovely. Our favourite was our old mate Nick Owen though, of course, bet he was wearing his LTFC boxer shorts on the telly eh?

JIMMY GREAVES T-SHIRTS

Wasn't Jimmy Greaves funny with them t-shirts he wore (no doubt done in Luton market). Me and me wife laughed, and me mates at work laughed, and the neighbours laughed.....

A GITT Sundon

No Mr Gitt, Jimmy Greaves's t-shirt were flippin lousy.

Disbanding Town FC would end problems

THERE is a simple and clear-cut solution to the stupid idea of siting the Luton Town football stadium at Butterfield green.

The question is not where such a stadium should be sited — no one in their right mind would want such a monstrosity within 50 miles of their home — it is whether a stadium is needed at all.

If we do not have a football team, the problem would be solved. In addition, the many problems associated with it, such as litter, violence and hooliganism, the burden of policing the event and the general sense of fear each match induces, would all disappear with the team.

After all, divide the number of people who go to matches into the number of people in the town. This shows that football is, by definition, only a minority interest, and I would argue it is a diminishing one at that.

And as for any arguments about 'civic pride' in the team, that must surely be seen as fatuous

nonsense when we have to ban visiting 'fans' as the only way of preventing mass carnage.

The exercise of personal skills with a ball are part of many individuals, but their application to a 'game' which generates fear and tribal warfare can be no justification for imposing the exercise of those skills on everyone else.

The answer to the problems of Butterfield Green are simple, and they do not consist of a 'not in my back yard' mentality. Nowhere needs the Luton Town football stadium, because the vast majority of people in Luton do not need Luton Town Football Club.

Perhaps there should be a referendum on whether the club should be disbanded. I know which way my vote would go. If the vote was then FOR the club, let a demographic analysis of the votes determine where the stadium should be. Then, at least, it would be in the right back yards — ~~Middleton Road, Luton.~~

NUTTERS IN EXECUTIVE BOXES

Law abiding Luton fans who regularly go to matches at Kenilworth Road have been frightened out of their wits by maniacs in some of the executive boxes. These scarf wielding hooligans, it seems, have come to Kenilworth Road with the sole intention of watching the visiting team. Surely the away fan ban should be total, and not be breeched just because some fat business man has a fat business man client in Nottingham with two young kids who are ardent Forest supporters.

Derby 2
Luton 3

VIDEO REVIEW

For fourteen quid we bought a copy of the Derby County v Luton official match video. And were we ripped off or what? No not much.

Because the match is a bit historic it's good to have the full ninety minutes in your video archives even if the quality is a tad shitty.

The worst thing is that you have to adjust the tracking on your video to be able to watch the tape with any clarity, and even then the picture isn't too impressive.

The next worst thing is the annoying biased Derby commentator, who hadn't even got all his facts about the relegation struggle straight. At the end of the match when the Luton players and fans are dancing about he says "if they have gone down, they've gone down fighting", as if the Luton fans were clueless about the result at Hillsborough.

He also takes the mickey of the Luton fans at one point by joining in the fans chant of "Come on Luton" in a put on moronic voice. The Derby goals are seen as brilliant, and Kingsley Black's goals soft.

Apart from this though, the video is really good. Even though it seems all the microphones are in the Derby terraces, you can hear the Luton fans all through the match. The commentator couldn't explain why the Luton fans were going mad when we heard that Forest had scored after nine minutes. Tim Breaker's goal can be watched over and over again being so close to the beginning of the match and the scenes at the end of the match are unbelievable.

In short, it is a video very well worth watching, and can be bought from Sovereign House, 3-7 Sidney Street, Sheffield, S1 4RG for £14. If they're still doing them.

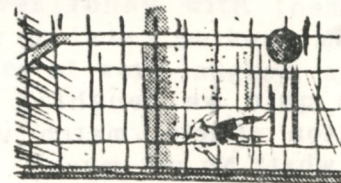
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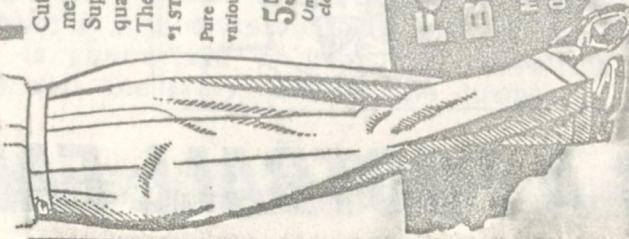
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AT THE MATCH

ROWDY, YOU OLD VERMIN,
LONG TIME NO
SEE MATE.

NAH, WHERE WERE
YOU AT DERBY
THEN?

ALEX
THE
ANT

VOXALY

PLANS?

YEAH, ME AND MAPLE
MOUSE ARE GOING
DOWN THE HATTERS WITH
OUR BIRDS.

WHAT BIRDS?

ONLY THE ENTIRE LUTON
STRIKERS DANCE TEAM
MATE!



DARREN
THE
DOG

COME ON
LUTON!

WELL, IT WAS TOO
FAR TO GO. I WENT
TO WATFORD WITH THE
HOPPANSTOPPER RABBIT
AND SAW MY OLD
FRIEND VICARAGE
THE VOLE



DOWIE THE DONKEY

EEEE-AOOR

I'M FREE TONIGHT THOUGH,
FANCY GOING DOWN THE
CAT'S WHISKERS FOR
A COUPLE OF PINTS?

NO THANKS KEN, I'VE
GOT PLANS



2-4-6-8 WHO DO
WE APPRECIATE?
L-U-T-O-N-WHOOOO!!

Revive-a-chant

Come on fans, so what if we've got no-one to sing to except on cup days. Let's not forget the good old chants we used to sing. Altogether now for this month's old fave.

What's it like (to be outclassed)?

What's it like?

What's it like?

What's it like to be outclassed?

Yes gang, whether it's beating Southampton 7-0 or dumping a 3rd division team out of the FA Cup, this tune is guaranteed to keep the opposition (and there fans) well and truly down in the dumps.

AS A FOOTBALL FAN -

YOU MUST HAVE HEARD OF US BY NOW

Luton Town

The World Cup this summer was a shot in the arm for English football. If you're like us at Town, and weren't even alive in 1966, it was the first thing we've ever had to shout about internationally.

However, as an armchair England supporter there's one thing you have to endure, one thing to rival dodgy Italian policing tactics, - the dodgy English commentating tactics.

blah

BLAH BLAH
blah brian



Listening to 'Champagne' Ron Atkinson's verbal contributions to World Cup 90, I was dazzled by the way he could speak endlessly without actually saying anything. Every line he spoke was filled with expression and emphasis, but the final outcome of all this counted for really nothing. It all sounded so convincing that viewers could almost be lulled into thinking he knew a lot about the game. 'Champagne' Ron is a fine actor; he gets paid for it too!

Only John "deadly dull" Motson succeeded in pipping Atkinson at the post for the worst footballing mouth-machine. For instance, ever remember hearing these Motsonisms:-

1. "now then, United have got a couple of players who are quite useful from this sort of distance.."
2. "now then, perhaps Barnes will have a crack from this sort of distance.."
3. "and it's interesting to note Brian that.."

Motson provides not so much a running commentary as a standing still one. He reads the game, but often 'skips pages', informing us of things that he thinks will happen, or have happened, only to be proved wrong by the play. His research is phenomenal and dull.

It's nice to hear voices such as Alan Parry or Barry Davies; - not established commentators and pretty

basic ones. You don't hear Al Parry covering up for a bad game with excuses or deceitful praise. Our old chum at Anglia, Gerry Harrison, or even Stuart Hall should be put in charge of the top matches. Some of Hall's "It's a Knockout" comments wouldn't go amiss in a full international. He's a right larf!

So, somebody is bound to say that this fanzine is a rip off for a quid - there's always one.

To prove that you're getting VFM we've counted together all the pages of the official Luton Town programme which costs 20p more than our fanzine and we've matched against our own mag.

The results are as follows we added up the number of pages in each publication and then turned that figure into a percentage of:-

	Programme	TOWN
Advertisements	31.25%	2.50%
Pictures	25%	20%
Articles & Statistics	43.75%	77.50%
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And there you have it doubting Thomas's proof that TOWN magazine is a good buy - and a good read.

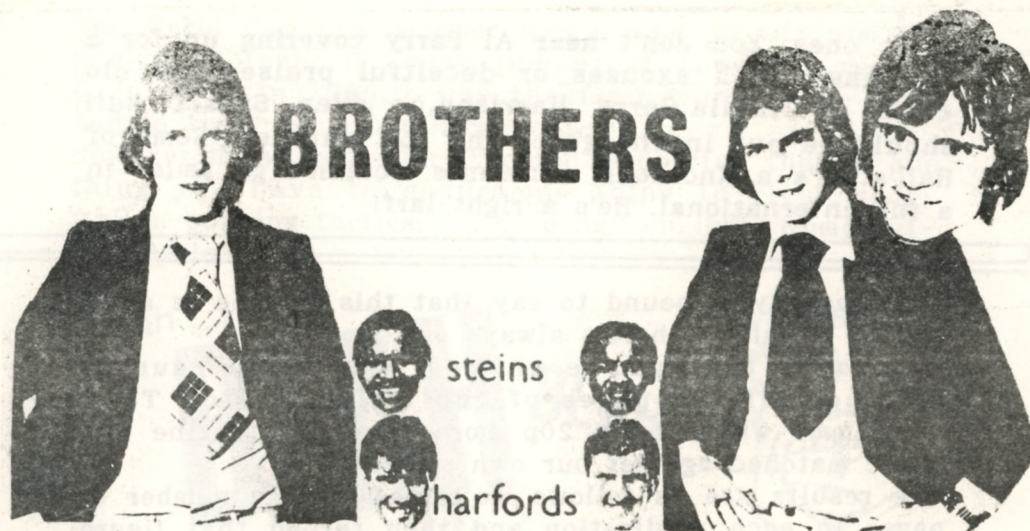


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THE LUTON FANS MAGAZINE



BROTHERS

The article that looks at some of the Town's footballing brothers - marking them against each other in a "who were the best brothers" kind of set up.

STEINS

Goalscoring

Brian - Always the man to watch in the box, a clinical striker of the ball. 9/10

Mark - Also an ace marksman, but not as experienced as his older brother 8/10

Speed

Brian - Sadly, Brians speed sometimes let him down on the break 7/10

Mark - Was a bit quicker than his brother 8/10

Temprament

Brian - The perfect gentleman on and off the field, except for the Frank Bruno episode. 8/10

Mark - His temper sometimes let young Mark down, especially when he found out he wasn't in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final squad. 7/10

Popularity

Brian - Was on of the fan's favourites especially when he used to wave at the crowd at corners 9/10

Mark - Mark was a little dynamo and everyone thought he was ace 8/10

TOTAL MARKS

Brian

33/40

Mark

31/40

HARFORDS

Goalscoring

Mick - Brilliant in the air and a constant worry to the opposition defence 9/10

Ray - Poor Ray never got the service he needed to score any goals 0/10

Speed

Mick - Surprisingly fast for a big man, Mick was always useful on the break 8/10

Ray - Underestimated for his speed, Ray made some excellent runs from the dressing room to the bench 7/10

Temprament

Mick - Big Mick never took any prisoners, was once sent off at Derby after about 2 minutes on the first day of the season 7/10

Ray - Gruff voiced Ray rarely let things get to him although he was cautioned once at Selhurst Park 9/10

Popularity

Mick - Another firm favourite, especially on his comebacks from injury 8/10

Ray - Stoney Faced Ray didn't quite hit it off with the fans, especially the Kenilworth Road boo boys. 3/10

TOTAL MARKS

Mick

32/40

Ray

19/40



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Dave Kirby

LUTON STADIUM

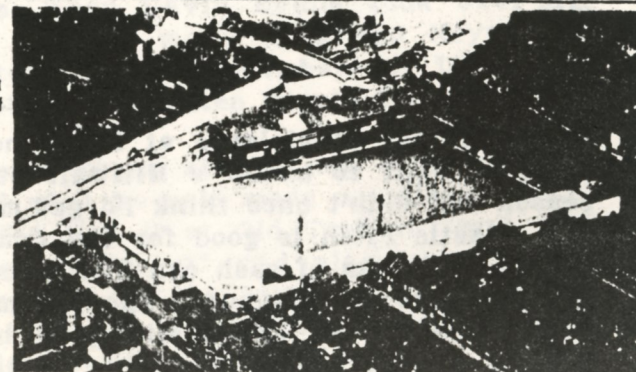
LUTON TOWN FC

Founded: 1885
Turned Professional: 1890
Limited Company: 1897
Admitted to League: 1897
Former Name: Formed by amalgamation of Wanderers FC and Excelsior FC
Nickname: 'Hatters'
Ground: Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton. LU4 8AW

Record Attendance: 30,069 (4/3/59)
Colours: Shirts — White with Navy trim
Shorts — Navy Blue
Telephone No: (0582) 411622
Ticket Information: (0582) 30748
Pitch size: 110 x 72 yds
Ground Capacity: 13,023
Seating Capacity: 6,563

Ground Facilities

Food & Drink: Snack bars throughout
Family Facilities: Location of Stand: Oak Family Stand
Capacity of Stand: 7,660
Away Families: None
Disabled Supporters:
Wheelchairs: Limited accommodation
Disabled Toilets: Yes
The Blind: Commentaries available
Club Shop: Oak Road
Opening Times: 9.00 5.00
Telephone No.: (0582) 411622
Postal Sales: Yes



Supporters' Club Information

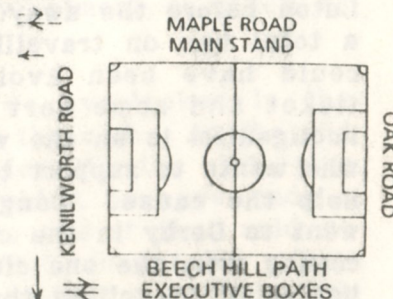
Administrator: Mrs P. Gray
Address: 1 Maple Rd., LUTON, Beds.
Telephone Number: 0582 411622

Membership Restrictions:
No non-members admitted

Travelling Supporters' Information

Routes: From North and West: Exit M1 junction 11 and follow signs to Luton (A505) into Dunstable Road. Follow one-way system and turn right into Kenilworth Road. From South and East: Exit M1 junction 10 (or A6/A612) into Luton town centre and follow signs into Dunstable Road. Turn left into Kenilworth Road (after railway bridge).

Car Parking: Street parking
Coach Parking: At Ground
Nearest Railway Station: Luton (1 mile)
Nearest Bus Station: Bute Street, Luton
Away Supporters' Entrances: None admitted
Away Supporters' Sections: None
Nearest Police Station: Buxton Road, Luton (¾ mile)
Police Force: Bedfordshire
Police Telephone Number: (0582) 401212



DAVID EVANS

At end of the 89-90 season David Evans left his position in the football club to pursue his political career. We say - Goodbye Mr Evans, and good riddance.

Of course we realise that, in his time, Dave Evans gained the admiration and respect of many people in and out of the game. Indeed, his fans include such noted public figures as - Mrs Thatcher, Colin Mohnihan, God and the bloke from the Supporters Club with the specs and tons of badges on his scarf.

So, to look objectively into the Evans regime, we must look toward the Pros as well as the Cons of his policies.

PRO'S

1. No threat of violence at Luton home games. Very true. I went to Luton v Millwall at the end of last season and didn't once think I'd get me head kicked in.
2. Plastic Pitch is good for the Community. Because anyone with lots of cash can hire it out.
3. The lavs are cleaner. Who remembers the old Oak Road toilets? Mr Evans did good by any supporter needing a Dave Bliss.

CON'S

1. Membership Scheme. So, we did have trouble at Luton before the away fan ban, but nothing to justify a total ban on travelling supporters. The Millwall riot could have been avoided by making the match all ticket and some sort of police strategy. Football hooliganism is on the way out - but labelling any fan who wants to support their team away a hooligan won't help the cause. Congratulating the Luton fans who went to Derby in the club news letter was hypocritical coming from the one club thats supposed to be against hordes of travelling thugs (as we should expect to be

seen).

2. Plastic Pitch. May be good for the Community but it's no good for football.



LUTON TOWN F.C.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

3. Milton Keynes. When David Evans took over at Luton he was all for the move to Milton Keynes - something Supporters Club (ex-members of LTSC 84) seem to have forgotten, the rotten flippin turncoats!

4. Bigmouth. David Evans always had something to say - and most of what he said made us cringe. Like "It's time we stuffed Man U at Old Trafford" and "we WILL beat Nottingham Forest" and slagging off Mal Donaghy as a has been in his testimonial year. But thats David Evans - a man who knows his football and is able to voice his shrewd opinions, a real gent too.

5. Public Opinion. Luton Town's popularity in the football world has taking a right nosedive since David Evans took over. Before he arrived we were always seen as the small club that done good. Eric Morcombe did loads for Luton's popularity, almost as much as David Evans.

So there we have it. What I've overlooked is the money that David Evans put into the club. At the end of last season he got repaid his loan by the club, plus £200,000 interest. And why shouldn't he have made a bit of profit from the club. Who was it that said he would have got a lot more if he'd have put his money in a building society? Fancy comparing a football club to the Abbey National anyway! Your true supporter pays out his cash every week - the only return they get on their money is if his team wins.

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Find the hidden words in our exclusive TOWN word-search. All the words listed are included, so pick up a pen and find them. THEN find out how you did on our time guide.

DREYER OAK ROAD BRIAN SWAIN LARS
DUGOUT NELKIN BOATER TOWN GRASS
CROSSBAR PREECE HATTERS JIM FAULKNER
NICK OWEN TERRACES RALGEX GROIN STRAIN
REF HAMSTRING FLOODLIGHT MAPLE WATFORD
SEAT.

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W A T F O R D T W A T S O T H G I L D O O L F H

1-2 Minutes - Blimey, you either lied or did very quickly, award yourself something.

3-4 Minutes - Very Quick

4-5 Minutes - Average

5-10 Minutes - Below Par

10 Minutes or more - You did badly.



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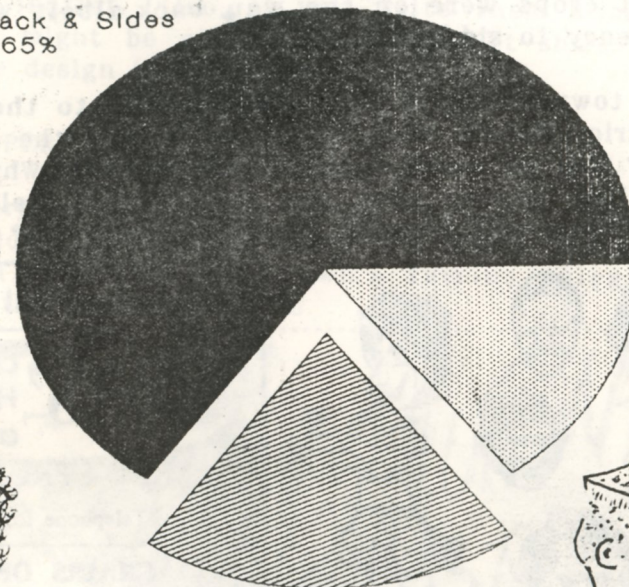


What's one of the few things that grows on the Kenilworth road pitch? Grass? NO!!

It's a substance by which footballing eras can be measured, - hair.

Take a look at our handy chart of Town styles over the years:-

Short Back & Sides
65%



Perms
15%



Flippin' Long
20%



The "short front and top" is now a raving success thanks to John Faulkner's hormone persistence throughout his Luton career. But it's the "short back and sides" which has dominated Town styles. This particular cut is pretty much in fashion, and has been since the mid 80s. It is a style that took hold in 1885 and continued unabated until it was washed out in the swinging 60s.

The post-hippy backlash was typified by the likes of Barry Butlin. It was moustaches like his that featured heavily in our rise to Div. One in 1974. (Our next promotion to the top flight was masterminded by a revolutionary early 80s weapon.....the 'perm'.)

The appearance of Les Sealey's Super-Perm in the '85 FA Cup semi-final was a tremendous shock for everyone. Perms, then, were on the way out, and yet Sealey was trying to bring about a one man revival!

What had once sufficed for the likes of Moss, Findlay, Bashir, Stephens, Saxby, Price and Steve White could not be popularised again by the lunatic and disturbing tastes of Mr. Sealey. No. Thank 'evans short crops were on the way back, albeit with a new tendency to sideburn.

The towns barbers are now whirring to the sound of electric clippers once more. But is this the end of the tale? Will we see a Graham Horn revival? Why did Tony Grealish persist with the 'lanky look' well into the 80s? When will Kingsley Black start shaving?



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LUTON IS LOOKING UP.

So, Lutons looking up is it? How come then that every week in the local press we get somebody moaning about drunks in the night and dogshit parks and Luton being such a dump.

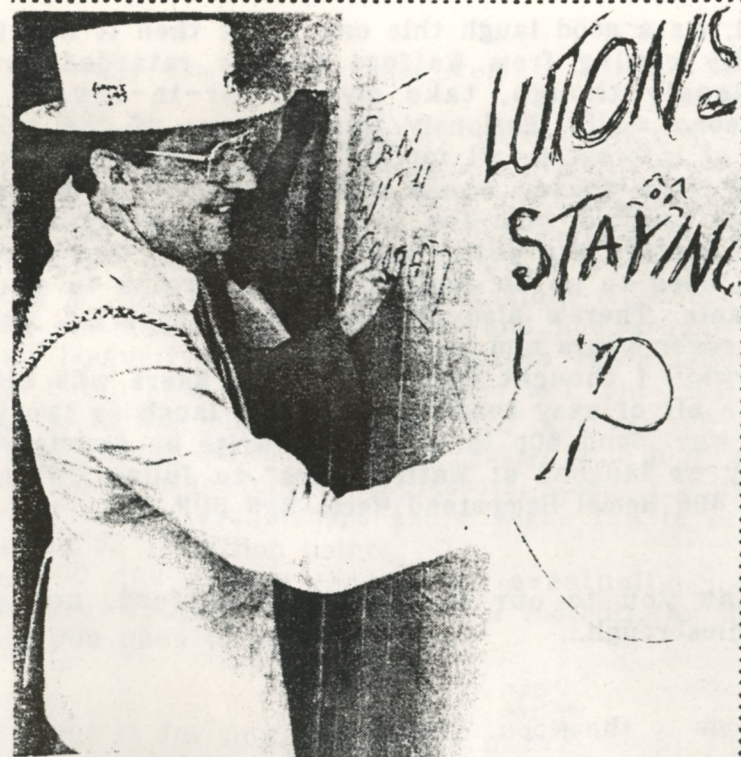
Well, thats just because people like a good moan and if you tell them Luton's getting better they love to tell you it ain't. So at the moment its just putting flowers along the roads and painted buses, but at least it's brightened up the town a bit - and that can't be a bad thing can it?

Primarily, of course, the aim of the initiative is to bring new business to the town. They're promoting Luton through videos and stuff. "I was so impressed I bought the football club" says Peter Nelkin.

Apart from the business side the Luton initiative is also backing loads of "events" in the 1990 Luton Autumn Spectacular (can't wait for that). Send off for your free leaflet. Also, if you write them a creepy letter you might be able to scrounge a t-shirt, even though the design is a bit rubbish.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Spotted here is Luton Town mayor, Councillor John 'the mouth' Goldsmith, pictured here in a Derby public lav at 5.30pm following the Town's famous relegation escape at the Baseball Ground.



● Luton mayor Cllr John Goldsmith

Mr Goldsmith was unavailable for interrogation yesterday.

Most important of all, your voice can have a real influence on the future of the game.

FANZIN REVIEW



Featuring reviews of other football fanzines that have found their way into the Town office. We're only reviewing three publications for this issue 'cos I canna be bother to do n'more.

Firstly, from Watford Hertfordshire.....

Mud, Sweat & Beers. - Issue 6.

Well, it's a good laugh this one - but then it had to be really coming from Watford FC our retarded cousin. Seriously though, take my mother-in-law, I wish someone would. Seriously though, some of the articles are of interest to all football fans - notably an interview with Gordon Banks and an account of a trip to 'Sport on Two' plus the sad story of Accrington Stanley. Letters are quite funny, especially from the fan who used to go on football special trains to see the Hornets. There's also the fan who's supported Watford for seven years and been to one game.

Anyway, I thought Mud, Sweat and Beers was alright for a bit of easy reading and had a laugh or two along the way. Send 50p for a copy or write an article called "why we laughed at Watford fans" to Julian Gilbert PO Box 436 Hemel Hempstead Herts HP3 8UF.

Thank you to our friends from Watford, now from Middlesbrough...

Fly me to the Moon. - Issue 31!

Flippin eck - everyone who thought them Northerners are football nutters are dead right. Reading this fanzine made me feel sorry that they haven't got a decent

(successful) team to support. The trouble most Middlesbrough fans went to to get a ticket for the Zenith Data Cup (or whatever) was quite touching and the excitement aroused by the final was awe inspiring. Personally, I'd hate to be so wound up in football as this lot seem - or the Sheffield Wednesday fans who cried when they found out we'd won at Derby. To me going to football matches is, and always has been, a good laugh and not too much more (except when we all got very emotional at the 88 cup final and promotion in 82).

However, I would strongly advise people to read this fanzine (find out about the North South divide) which is also very humorous in places. Couldn't find an address, but next time you're in a record shop up North just ask.

Thank you Cleveland. Now....

When Saturday Comes. Issue whatever.

When Saturday Comes (or WSC to us regulars) is THE voice of the football going public. Contained within is all the truth about everything to do with football." Before I read WSC I couldn't suss out Football Manager on the ZX81, now I'm manager of England" - Graham Taylor. As it is a national publication, most of the articles are about football politics and how stupid the football league/FA are. In most issues there is some sort of Luton slag off so we do quite well out of it. If anyone is feeling brave or stupid why not write WSC a letter justifying our membership system and just wait for the next issue for six professors, eight scientists of medicine, four archbishops and a Wigan fan to prove you wrong on 15 billion points.

I like WSC and always read it all eventually - it's available everywhere and if you're a football fan or a student you have to buy it by law.

That wraps it for now, if anyone wants to get there fanzine reviewed send us one free. I'll be sending a few copies of TOWN to various places although Jim Ryan badges are strictly members only.

CLASSIC MATCH



FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Luton Town v. Chelsea

WEDNESDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1976

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

■ It's a goal. Brian Chambers (left) volleys Luton's second (above)

Now watch the Town climb up the table

Luton Town 4, Chelsea 0

IT'S GOING TO be a happy New Year for Luton. Last night they thrashed Second Division leaders Chelsea out of sight and left the snow-covered Kenilworth Road pitch with the ecstatic cheers of their fans ringing in their ears.

It was their finest performance of the season and underlined that the form in the last two matches, which had threatened a tousing for somebody, could still take them back to the verge of the promotion issue before 1977 is very old.

Chelsea boss McCreadie said: "This match should not have been played and the referee knew my feelings before the game. Six of my players have bad grazes."

Luton manager Harry Haslam said: "Chelsea may complain about the conditions, but we beat them fair and square."

It was Luton who had the pedigree look. Inspired from midfield by Chambers and the deft Alan West, they never faltered once they had roared into the lead in

71 seconds. Chambers, a bargain £25,000 buy from Arsenal three years ago, sent full-back Paul Price clear on the right. A low cross found Husband unmarked at the far post and he skidded the ball back across goal.

As Chelsea's stranded defenders watched, Fuccillo swept home. Chelsea, with only Butch Wilkins able to match Luton's skilful play, slipped further behind in the 13th minute, - and reserve keeper John Phillips must take the blame. Phillips, playing his first game in two months, in place of the injured Peter Bonetti, didn't even move as Chambers looped a left foot volley high into the net from 18 yards.

Moments later Phillips was almost beaten again - this time as Fuccillo grazed the bar with a vicious shot. Luton were not to be denied and left Chelsea for dead with another quality strike in the 57th minute.

West, a strolling master in the arctic conditions, found Husband with a neat through ball. Husband, transfer-listed all season, turned unchallenged to drive a right



■ It's a goal. Lilly Fuccillo (10) taps in Luton's first goal - in the first minute

foot shot beyond Phillips.

Chelsea fans were drifting away as Luton rounded off a superb performance. Phillips dropped a Ryan shot and then could only upend Price as the ball ran loose.

The excitement of this dazzling Christmas Town display was even reflected in the gate figure, which dropped 3,000 to 14,000 after a hasty re-count.

Manager Harry Haslam said: "Before we started I went into the dressing room and told the lads: 'I know it's Xmas, but I don't want fairies.'"

The Luton fans in the crowd urged the team on with verses of "Jingle bells", and taunted the humiliated Chelsea fans with chants of "Four-nil!" to the tune of Amazing Grace: - (quoted from Luton Evening Post)

Luton: Aleksic, Price, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, Paul Fitcher, Husband, West, Ron Fitcher, Fucillo, Ryan, SUB; Hill.

DIVISION 2
 CRILSLE (1) 1 BLACKBURN (0) 1
 Barry (pen) Svarc —8,852
 LUTON ... (2) 4 CHELSEA ... 0
 Fucillo, Chambers, Husband, Buckley (pen.) —17,102
 SO'ON (0) 2 BRISTOL R (1) 1
 Channon (2) Warboys —19,790
MATCHES OFF.—Charlton v Orient, Hereford v Plymouth, Nottm Forest v Notts Co, Wolves v Cardiff.

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	22	12	6	4	36	30	30
Bolton	21	12	4	5	37	27	28
Wolves	20	10	6	4	50	26	26
Blackpool	21	9	8	4	32	23	26
Nottm F	20	9	7	4	42	23	26
Sheff Utd	21	7	8	6	26	27	22
Millwall	19	9	3	7	31	25	21
Oldham	19	8	5	6	25	27	21
Blackburn	20	8	4	8	21	27	20
Charlton	18	7	3	6	37	32	19
Luton	20	8	3	9	32	29	19
Fulham	21	6	7	8	31	31	19
Stmptn	21	6	7	8	34	38	19
Bristol R	21	7	3	9	30	35	19
Hull	19	5	8	6	22	23	18
Carlisle	22	6	6	10	25	39	18
Notts C	18	7	3	8	26	31	17
Cardiff	20	6	5	9	28	34	17
Burnley	20	4	8	8	24	31	16
Plymouth	20	3	9	8	24	32	15
Orient	18	4	6	8	18	24	14
Hereford	19	3	5	11	27	44	11

SCOTTISH LGE. Div 2:
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● Yes, Luton - the town in Bedfordshire best known by people in a hurry to go somewhere else.

● It is also the home of the late Eric Morecambe's favourite football club.

● The town burghers are rather proud of their '60s style shopping centre and the Vauxhall car plant.

● Pop singer Paul Young was born there and cockney sparrow Lorraine Chase appeared in a Campari advert about the place.

● That's the one where a would-be seducer asks Lorraine:



"Have you wafted in from paradise?" She replies: "Na, Luton airport."

● Little else is known about the town except that it has a population of 170,000 and a lot of hats are made there.

● Now, for an hour or so on Sunday, Luton will achieve the fame it craves.

● Bobby Robson and the lads will make

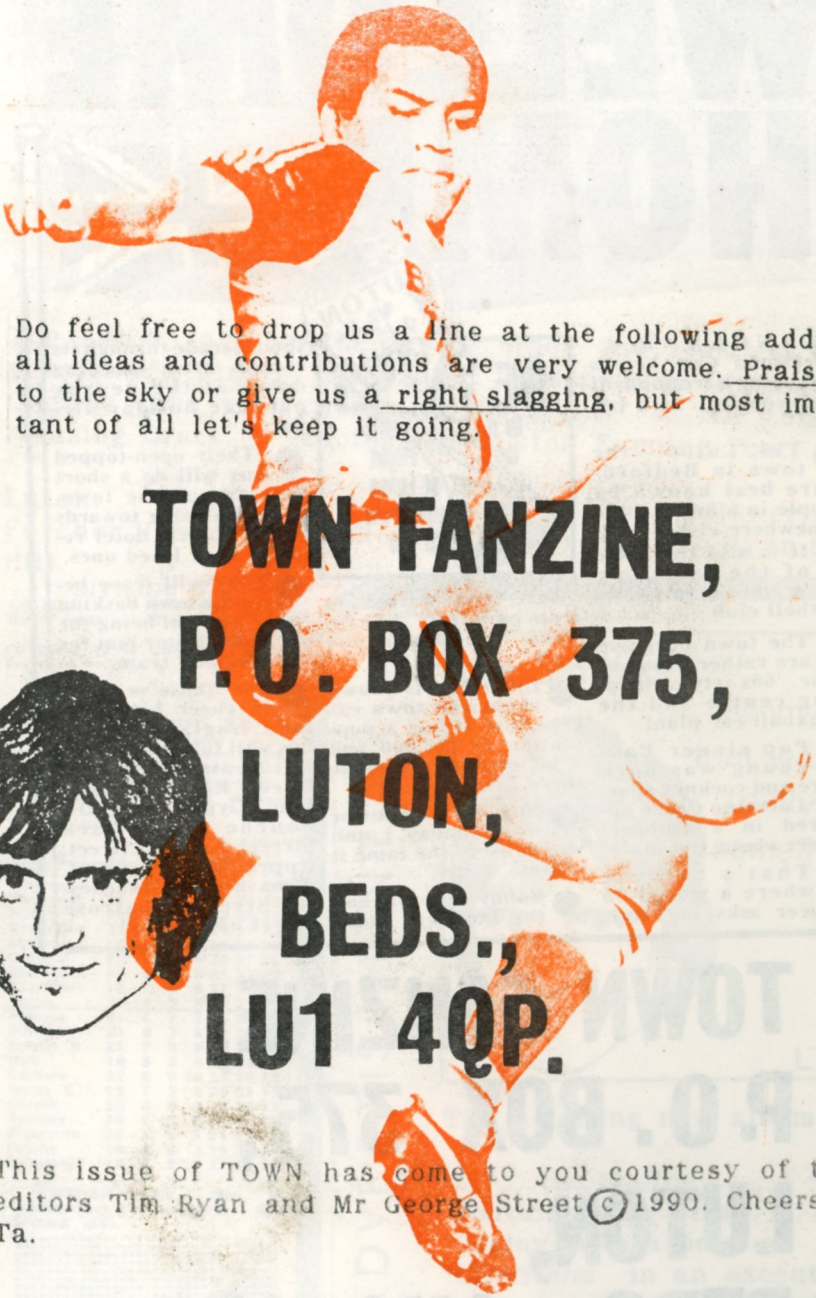
their parade through its centre, after touching down at the nearby package holiday airport.

● Their open-topped bus will do a short tour around the town, before heading towards the M1 and a hotel reunion with loved ones.

● They will leave behind a town basking in the glory of being the Welcome Home mat for the England team.

● For those wishing to cheer home the lads, England's glory bus will take this route: Luton airport, Eaton Green Road, Airport Way, Gypsy Lane, Osbourne Road, Park Street, George Street, Upper George Street, Alma Street, Manchester Street, Montrose Street and the M1.

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Do feel free to drop us a line at the following address, all ideas and contributions are very welcome. Praise us to the sky or give us a right slugging, but most important of all let's keep it going.

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