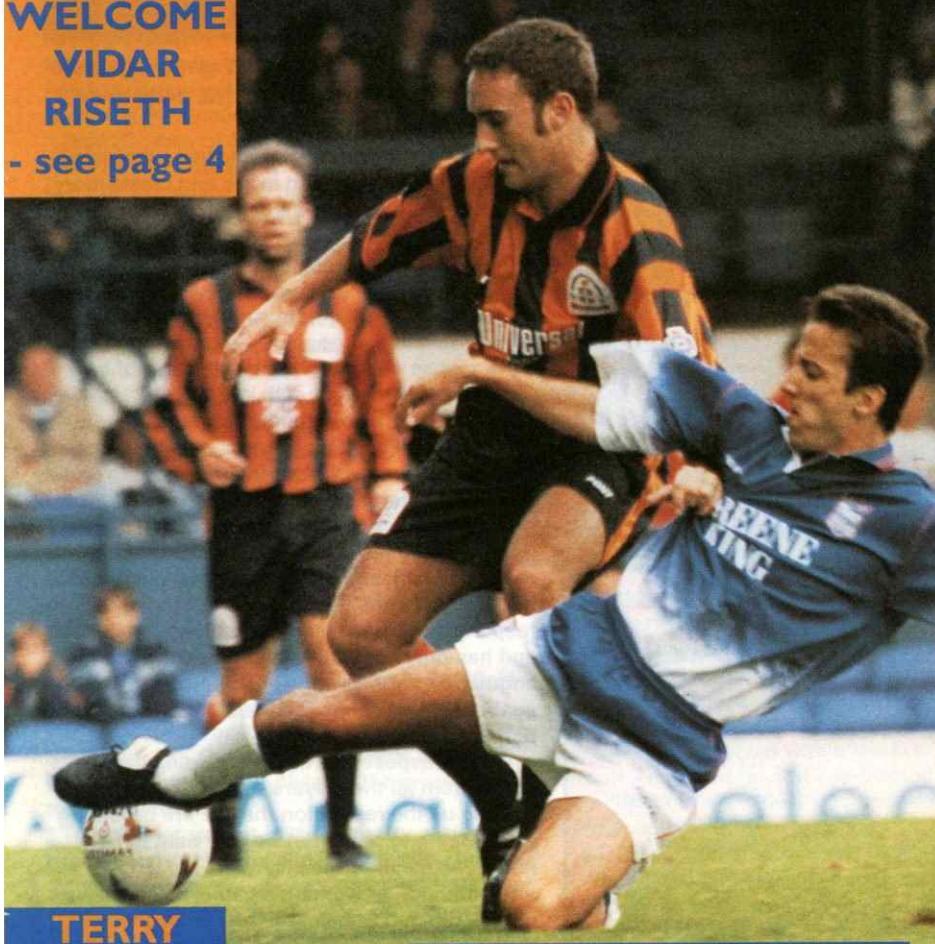


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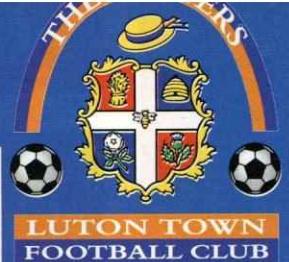


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## THERE IS NO BETTER FEELING THAN THE JOY OF WINNING

THE hard-fought win in last Sunday's TV game against Ipswich gave everyone connected with the club, and that includes supporters, a massive lift.

It wasn't a classic game, but the players showed tremendous commitment and nerve to hold out and in the end create more clear cut opportunities than Ipswich, and go on to collect three invaluable points.

An away win is so much more precious if followed up by a home victory. Again with the match live on television, this time on LWT, we have the opportunity to win back-to-back matches and hopefully impress upon the TV audience and pundits that we can still be a force in this very tight division.

May I take this opportunity to welcome Charlton Athletic, their players, directors, staff and supporters, and hope that both teams can put on an entertaining match for the cameras.

Referring back to our win at Ipswich, I felt there were some key pointers in the game, such as David Oldfield breaking his duck in front of goal. The boy has never shirked any responsibility, has faced the criticism head on, and has now hopefully broken through the anguish of not scoring so this club may once again see a much more consistent level of top performances from him.

Another aspect was the outstanding defensive duties from all the players, which is hopefully gaining us the reputation that we are becoming a hard team to beat - but we still want to be known as the entertainers.

The emotion of winning a game, any game, is always difficult to take. You feel emotionally drained when you lose matches because you believe you have done everything possible to set the team up to win.

But on Sunday I experienced the other side - the emotional effect the game had on myself, the staff and most of all the players.

The joy on their faces was their for everybody to see, and their commitment to this club is beyond question. Their desire and their efforts to carry this club forward is again unquestionable.

I believe hand on heart that if I ever needed convincing that the players of Luton Town want to achieve, it was shown that afternoon on the final whistle at Portman Road. There is no better



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feeling than winning, and I stressed to the players in the dressing room afterwards that the feeling that they had then must be repeated, and that we must strive for success and for the combination of successive wins.

We have managed this week to complete the signing of Vidar Riseth, a Norwegian centre-forward, who we strongly believe has the attributes to make a real impact in the English game.

Only 23 years of age, he has genuine pace, stands over six feet tall, can attack the ball at the far post, and once settled down into full training and the pace of the English game will be a genuine asset to this club.

Why, I hear supporters asking, are so many clubs now signing players from abroad? It is quite simple. The economics of the transfer market in this country is going through the roof.

For example we enquired about a centre-forward from a Division Two club, who, like Vidar, would be a gamble in that he is not an established Division One player, but the transfer fee quoted for this player was over £1 million.

From the Premier League where Middlesbrough have signed Juninho, Sheffield Wednesday have signed two Yugoslavian players, Arsenal and Chelsea have signed Bergkamp and Gullit, and Newcastle have Ginola, through to our division the answer remains the same.

The transfer market in this country and the expectations of the managers regarding fees for players is unrealistic, so everybody will shop in different parts of the world.

The other answer, which has always been the case for the likes of this club, and indeed Charlton, is to produce your own quality players. But that takes time and hard work.

Our youth department with John Moore, Paul Lowe and all the coaches and scouts who assist with our centres of excellence, is still very active and it means we can still compete against the best clubs.

This week for instance, over half-term, we have had junior matches every day to enable us to look at players from the ages of 11 to 18.

Once these young players become established at the club, and by established I mean in the 19 to 23 years of age bracket, they



A QUICK word of advice for substitute Bontcho Guentchev, in the closing minutes of last Sunday's win at Ipswich.

have in several cases tasted first team football at the smaller clubs such as ours. I am of the opinion now, as a first-team manager not a youth team coach, that this is a crucial age and time for the development of players.

They find it desperately hard to cope when they are not involved within the first team group. That is when real self-discipline, motivation and the desire to want to be a top player has to come to the fore.

We are fortunate at this club that we have senior professionals with outstanding attitude and dedication to their profession. The younger element need to watch them closely, learn from them and then strive to knock them out of the team.

There is no easy platform for success. It starts with hard work, it continues with hard work, and then you must work harder to stay there.

The joy, the relief and the excitement we all felt after the victory last week must be felt again.

With your support, which was again tremendous at Ipswich, we can strive for that elusive 'two wins on the bounce' which will see us climb the table steadily, remembering that we are only eight points off a play-off position.

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## WELCOME VIDAR RISETH



NORWEGIAN striker Vidar Riseth signs for Luton Town, watched by manager Terry Westley.

## Norwegian striker opts for move to England

LUTON have completed the signing of Norwegian striker Vidar Riseth, from the Kongsvinger club, for a fee in the region of £100,000.

Vidar, 23, came to England two weeks ago, and bagged a hat-trick inside the first half of a special trial match arranged at Kenilworth Road, prompting manager Terry Westley to set the transfer wheels in motion.

The young centre-forward returned to Norway to see out the final weeks of the domestic season there, before opting for Luton ahead of several Norwegian sides, and German club Borussia Moenchengladbach.

"I was very keen to come to England, because the game here is very highly regarded in Norway," said Vidar.

"At the recent international in Oslo between Norway and England, I spoke to the English-based Norwegians Henning Berg (Blackburn), Stig Bjornebye (Liverpool) and Jan-Aage

Fjortoft (Middlesbrough) and they all said that coming to England, and coming to Luton, was the right move for me.

"I could have signed for several Norwegian clubs, or gone to Germany, and the people in Norway are disappointed that I am leaving, but it is a good move for me."

Vidar was one of the leading scorers in Norwegian football in this last season, with 20 goals in all competitions for first division side Kongsvinger. He started his career with Rosenborg, recent conquerors of Blackburn in the Champions' League, and they were keen to have him back.

"We have been searching for a six-foot plus centre forward who is quick and good in the air," said Luton manager Terry Westley.

"He was brought to our attention by the same people who introduced us to Johnny Vilstrup, and he will be a valuable asset to this club."

The initial £100,000 fee could rise to £175,000 depending on appearances.

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FRONT PAGE: Scott Oakes returned to the Town side for last Sunday's win at Ipswich. More action from Portman Road on pages 16 and 17.  
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## LEADING THE LINE

by Club Captain STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Manager Terry Westley, joins skipper Steve Davis and the Town players to celebrate the win at Ipswich.

LET'S hope the television cameras are a lucky omen for us, after last week's success at Ipswich.

That was a tremendous team performance, and all the lads stuck at it for the full 90 minutes.

Trevor, Marvin and myself were able to cope with the aerial threat of Ian Marshall, and we can probably expect a similar, and probably tougher, test today against Carl Leaburn.

You know you are doing well away from home when the crowd either go quiet, or start criticising their side, and after David Oldfield's goal that was exactly what happened.

It certainly wasn't the best we have played this season, but we have played better and lost so I guess these things even themselves out over the season. I

### PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL SPECTATORS AT THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME

IN programme notes at the start of the season I advised you that various exercises would be taking place to test our emergency plans.

At today's game the fire and ambulance services, appliances being available, will be holding a joint exercise to test the routes into the stadium for their vehicles. It is essential that the fire and ambulance services are able to get to the stadium as quickly as possible.

On their arrival the fire service will be carrying out a test outside the stadium, so do not be alarmed if you see appliances connecting to the fire hydrants, or the hydraulic platform towering above the stadium. These exercises are for your safety.

Whilst on the subject of fire safety, I must emphasise the smoking ban in and under the main stand. We are still catching spectators smoking, and are currently ejecting an average of two per game.

This is two too many. I do not like having to take this course of action, but it is necessary if we are to maintain our safety commitment to everyone in the stadium. - Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.

feel we have looked very solid away from home, and now we need to finally follow it up with a home win.

It looked as though we would overcome West Brom, but it just wasn't our day. I felt particularly disappointed after that game after seeing my penalty saved when the scores were level at 1-1.

With Bontcho on the bench, I had no hesitation in stepping forward to take it..... but Stuart Naylor was having quite an afternoon!

But we must now look forward, and attempt to improve our home record against Charlton this afternoon. They have been making the headlines with some high-scoring performances in the league and cup so far this season.

It will be another difficult game, but as I have said before, the sides in this division seem very equally matched and we firmly believe we are capable of beating them all.

A good win today will set us up nicely for a tough looking November, with matches against top sides Birmingham and Barnsley, and the trip to Watford, which, I am very well aware, is of great importance to you the supporters.

Thank you for your support at Portman Road last week, and a special word of thanks to those who made the journey to Italy. I know it wasn't quite the result we hoped for, but your efforts in getting to Genoa were very much appreciated by all the players.

Keep up-to-date with all the news from Kenilworth Road on  
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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR with Cherry Newbery



OUR home matches in the Avon Insurance Combination will continue here at Kenilworth Road through November, with games against Norwich and Southampton.

But we are due to switch to Hitchin Town's Top Field ground starting with the game against Bristol Rovers on December 6. Matches at Hitchin will also kick-off at 7.30pm, and we will advise you when this switch is confirmed.

THANK-you to those supporters who made the trip to Genoa, and represented the club so well in Italy.

As you are no doubt aware we had some difficulty in clarifying the ticket situation with Genoa, but hopefully it was resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

For those of you travelling to watch the team in Cesena on November 8, I would ask you to again contact me here at the club for ticket information. We will again be operating a voucher system.

THE youth team were due to play the first match of their FA Youth Cup campaign at Cambridge City on Thursday. If that match ended in a draw, the replay will be here at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday, November 1, kick-off 7.30pm. Admission will be £3 for adults and £1 for juniors/ seniors.

Should this game be taking place, it will be announced over the PA system this afternoon.

FOLLOWING their victory over Brantham and Sutton, the youth team will play the second round of the Eastern Junior Cup at Kettering, on Wednesday, November 15, kick-off 7.30pm.

AS you are no doubt aware, this afternoon's game is being televised live by LWT. Live televising of matches is obviously an important source of income for the club, but rest assured that we do our utmost to make sure that any disruption to spectators is kept to a minimum.

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Sat Nov 25	Barnsley	£9.50	£7.50	9.30am	10.30am
Sat Dec 16	Portsmouth	£7.50	£6.00	9.45am	10.45am

Please note: Coaches from Cranfield also pick-up in Marston Moretaine, Stewartby, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning, and opposite the Luton Gateway Hotel, before departing from the junction of Hazelbury Crescent and Kenilworth Road.

You can book a place on the coaches in a number of ways:

- 1) From the ticket kiosk in the Kenilworth Road turnstiles. See Paul Deason or any other BTC committee member before any Saturday first-team home match between 2.15 and 2.45pm. (No bookings taken at midweek matches).
- 2) On the return journey from the previous away game.
- 3) Telephone Paul Deason on Bedford (01234) 750996

## Horton in charge of League XI

FORMER Hatters skipper Brian Horton, now manager of first division Huddersfield, is to take charge of the Football League squad for this season's match against the Italian League's Serie B.

The match will be played at Huddersfield's Alfred McAlpine Stadium on Tuesday, November 14, kick-off 7.30pm.

Managers throughout the three divisions will be contacted to give their recommendations for the squad, which will be selected on an Under-21 basis, from players qualified to play for England.

The last meeting between the Football League and the Italian League, in February this year, resulted in a 3-2 win for the visiting English side who were managed by the then Luton Town boss David Pleat.

It was the first time a League representative side had secured success on Italian soil.

Admission for the game at Huddersfield will be £5 for adults and just £1 for children and senior citizens.



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## WORLDWIDE HATTERS.....

### LUTON TOWN FAN FILE



Name: Elliott Kenyon  
Age: 16  
Area I live: Born in Luton; live in Flitwick.  
The first time I saw Luton play: Luton v Manchester Utd, October 5, 1985.

The best Luton player I have ever seen: Mick 'God' Harford. If I had unlimited funds, which player would I buy for Luton, and why: Alan Shearer - a class striker and finisher.  
Best game ever seen: The 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final.  
My favourite away ground, and why: Anfield, for the tremendous atmosphere generated by the Kop.  
One new football law I'd introduce: I would like to see more consistency from referees, and also players booked for play-acting.  
What I like about Kenilworth Road: It has character and you are close to the pitch.  
And dislike: The lack of atmosphere since becoming all-seater, also not having the seats going all the way back.

Would you like to appear here? If so, simply copy out the questions, complete your answers and enclose a passport style photo, and send to: Fanfile, c/o Programme Editor, LTFC.



PAUL McLaren and Kelvin Davis were special guests at the 21st birthday party of Town fans Alison and Beverley Stone.

ABOVE: Kevin White, from Toddington, is pictured at the Jolly Beach in Antigua.

But as Kevin points out, it's not so jolly now. Just a few weeks after this picture was taken much of the island was destroyed by a hurricane.



WHO needs fairy stories when you've got a copy of the LTFC programme.... 21-month-old Josie Oliver, from Caddington, catches up on all the news from Kenilworth Road.

If you would like to be featured in the Luton Town matchday programme, send your picture to Simon Oxley, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW.



# CHARLTON ATHLETIC 1995/96

**PAUL MORTIMER** - Midfielder back at The Valley for a second spell as part of the transfer deal that took Darren Pitcher to Crystal Palace in 1994. Made his Charlton debut in 1987 and moved to Aston Villa in season 91/92 and then on to Palace. Gained two England Under-21 caps in his first spell with Charlton.

**GARRY NELSON** - Joined Charlton from Brighton three years ago and established himself as a firm favourite with supporters. Started his career with Southend, and has also played for Swindon, Notts County and Plymouth. His recently published diary of the 94/95 season, entitled "Left Foot Forward - A Year in the Life of a Journeyman Footballer" has received excellent reviews.

**SHAUN NEWTON** - Made his first team debut three seasons ago at the age of 17. Another product of the club's youth policy who can play in midfield or at fullback.

**ANDY PETTERSON** - Signed by Charlton from Luton in July 1994 for £35,000 with additional payments depending on appearances.

Australian goalkeeper who made 14 appearances for the Hatters, and was recently on loan to Ipswich.

**JOHN ROBINSON** - Welsh Under-21 international winger, John joined Charlton from Brighton for £75,000 in September 1992. Plagued by injuries since arriving at The Valley.

**MARK ROBSON** - Signed from West Ham in November 1993, after starting his career with Exeter, before moving to Tottenham.

**RICHARD RUFUS** - Highly-rated defender who made his league debut last October. Was a member of David Pleat's Endsleigh League XI that beat the Italian Serie B XI in the spring.

**MIKE SALMON** - Now established as Charlton's first choice keeper after arriving from Wrexham in 1989 for £100,000. Began his career with Blackburn, and also played for Chester, Stockport and Bolton.

**JAMIE STUART** - Made his league debut in February in the televised match against West Brom, and went on to make 12 first team appearances. Has gained England caps at Under 18 level.

**PAUL STURGESS** - With Scott Minto's departure to Chelsea, Paul established himself at left-back before injuring ankle ligaments midway through last season.

**COLIN WALSH** - A great servant to Charlton since moving from Nottingham Forest for £125,000 in September 1986. Scored the winning goal against Portsmouth on the club's return to The Valley in December 1992. Has been granted a testimonial next season.

**DAVID WHYTE** - Joined Charlton with Paul Mortimer, from Crystal Palace in 1994 as part of the deal that took Darren Pitcher to Selhurst Park. Scored 23 goals last season, including both winning goals in the 1-0 victories over Luton.

## Meet the Manager



ALAN CURBISHLEY took over as team manager in June, after four years in partnership with Steve Gritt.

The manager is still on a playing contract but did not make a first team appearance last season, and is still stuck on 91 appearances for the Addicks.

He played for West Ham, Birmingham and Aston Villa before first joining Charlton in 1984. He then had a spell at Brighton, but returned to The Valley in 1990 as reserve team coach.

A respected midfield player, he won England honours at schoolboy, youth and Under-21 levels.



## A Hatter and an Addick....

Rainham-born **DEREK HALES** was persuaded to leave part-time Dartford, and a job at the Post Office, in March 1972 to enter the fully paid ranks at Kenilworth Road.

He waited almost a year for his big chance coming on as substitute in a defeat at Brighton in February 1973, before making his full debut, and scoring, in a 1-1 home draw with Cardiff the following week.

After five full appearances, plus two as substitute, he was allowed to go to Charlton on loan before signing for them in October 1973 for £4,000.

As we have picked up many a bargain over the years I suppose the occasional mistake the other way can be allowed as Hales went on to become the Addicks' record goalscorer, in two spells at The Valley, netting 148 times in 320 league appearances.

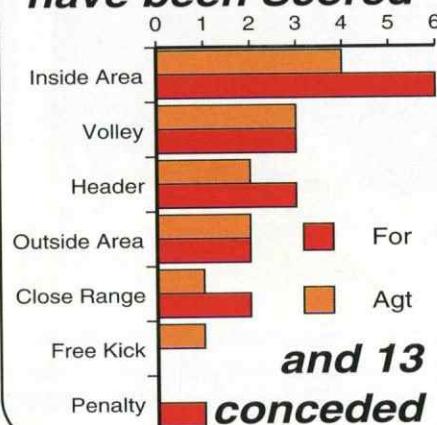
After an initial successful spell at Charlton he moved to first division Derby for £300,000 in December 1976, before eventually coming home again to The Valley, via West Ham, in July 1978.

Hales finished his career with a short

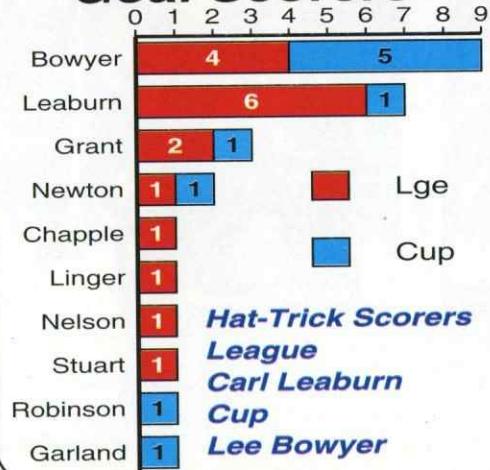


spell at Gillingham before leaving the game to enter the licensed trade. - **ROGER WASH.**

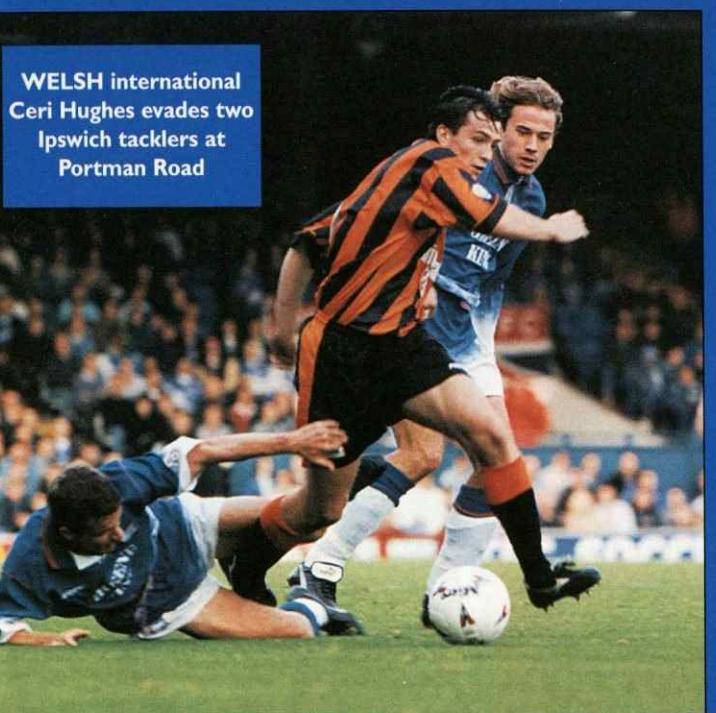
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## Goal Scorers



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Parents can pick up their children from inside the Family Room after the game. Please bring trainers and a drink.

We will be playing matches against the Junior Blues when Birmingham visit on November 18.

I'm sure many of you took part in this week's half-term coaching courses organised by the Community department.

We were at schools across the region, and continue with various coaching sessions in term time as well.

There is a discount for all Junior Hatters, and for full details contact the Community Office on (01582) 411622.



### MATCH DAY MASCOT



Name: Emma Humphries  
Age: 14  
School: Lea Manor High School  
Favourite Town player: Julian James  
Other hobbies: All sports, pop music, tropical fish  
Attends Town matches with: Grandad



EIGHT-year-old Adam Riley was our Junior Hatters mascot against West Brom, and is pictured with the match officials prior to kick-off, and (left) with Town skipper Steve Davis.

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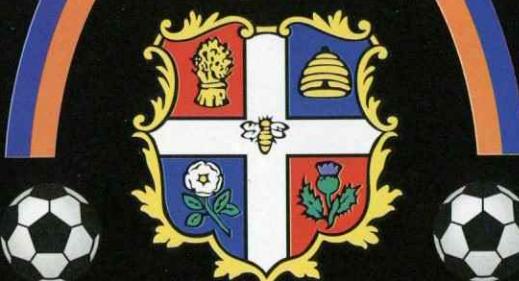
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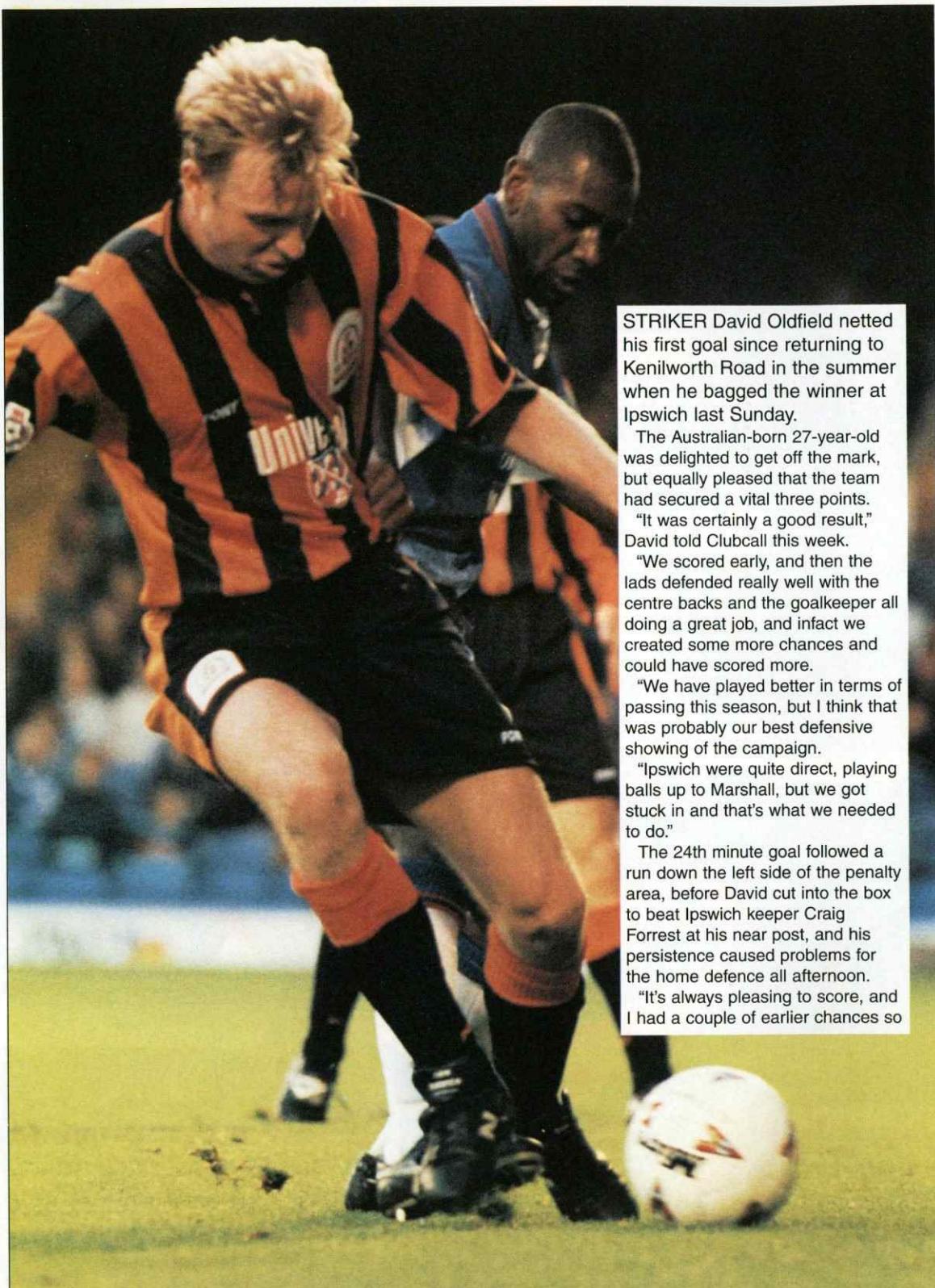


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# GOAL-DEN OLDFIELD.....STRIKER REFLECTS ON PORTMAN CLINCHER



STRIKER David Oldfield netted his first goal since returning to Kenilworth Road in the summer when he bagged the winner at Ipswich last Sunday.

The Australian-born 27-year-old was delighted to get off the mark, but equally pleased that the team had secured a vital three points.

"It was certainly a good result," David told Clubcall this week.

"We scored early, and then the lads defended really well with the centre backs and the goalkeeper all doing a great job, and in fact we created some more chances and could have scored more.

"We have played better in terms of passing this season, but I think that was probably our best defensive showing of the campaign.

"Ipswich were quite direct, playing balls up to Marshall, but we got stuck in and that's what we needed to do."

The 24th minute goal followed a run down the left side of the penalty area, before David cut into the box to beat Ipswich keeper Craig Forrest at his near post, and his persistence caused problems for the home defence all afternoon.

"It's always pleasing to score, and I had a couple of earlier chances so

it was nice to see that one go in," said David.

"But it doesn't really matter who scores; we needed the result to get off the bottom, and now we have to look forward to Charlton, and we really need to start winning our home games.

"We haven't had the results I feel we have deserved in some games, but if we can keep defending like we did at Ipswich then that is the key.

"Defence is the base, and we must not concede goals."

With his former club Leicester currently leading the division, David is keen for the Hatters to put a run of good results together to get up to that end of the table.

"It looks a very even division and each team is capable of beating the others whether top or bottom," he said.

"Our spirit is good, we have been under a bit of pressure because we haven't been winning, but we have kept ourselves together, worked hard in training with the manager and Mick McGiven, and we now have to build on the win at Ipswich."



IPSWICH skipper Tony Mowbray (5) denies David Oldfield during the second half of last Sunday's match at Portman Road.

## Vilstrup settling in



DANISH midfielder Johnny Vilstrup was working hard this week to prove his fitness for this afternoon's match against Charlton.

He was substituted just five minutes into the second half at Portman Road, but as physio Clive Goodyear reports on page 27, there was no recurrence of his thigh strain injury, just a shortage of match fitness.

"It has been frustrating for this to happen just weeks after arriving," admitted Johnny, "but otherwise I have settled in well."

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## INJURY UPDATE..... with LTFC physio Clive Goodyear



**LEFT:** Dwight Marshall needed treatment during the game at Portman Road, but was fit to resume

to the side at Ipswich, and although both were substituted in the second half it was case of not being match fit as opposed to an injury problem.

Johnny has been suffering with a thigh strain, which was protected by strapping at Portman Road, whilst Scott suffered a calf injury after resuming from his hamstring problem.

Trevor Peake didn't train fully prior to the Ipswich game after the collision with Ian Feuer during the match against West Brom, but came though OK, with Mitchell Thomas now available again after a back injury.

Supporters will have noticed Dwight Marshall receiving treatment against Ipswich, but that has not developed into anything serious.

Darren Patterson has suffered no reaction to his achilles from the general fitness work he has been doing prior to resuming full training.

Meanwhile Aaron Skelton was due to see the specialist this week to confirm a date for his cruciate operation.

Johnny Vilstrup and Scott Oakes both returned

TOWN supporter Jim Williams has a large number of Hatters programmes, both home and away, for sale.

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We have also been asked to advertise a programme for sale of the 1959 FA Cup Final, when Luton played Nottingham Forest.

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School parties visiting Kenilworth Road are taught by Maurice Dawson, a lifelong supporter of Luton Town, and, until his retirement two years ago, a headteacher at a primary school in the town.

Schools wishing to take part can now apply to be placed on a reserve list for next term, (we are hopeful that the programme will continue into 1996), and enquiries can be made by telephoning Maurice on (01582) 591602 or by post to 27 Pegsdon Close, Luton, LU3 2LG.

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Wed Aug 23	Tottenham H (H)	drew 3-3
Tue Aug 29	Portsmouth (A)	drew 1-1
Wed Sep 6	QPR (H)	lost 3-1
Mon Sep 11	Watford (H)	drew 0-0
Wed Sep 20	Crystal Palace (H)	lost 1-0
Tue Sep 26	West Ham Utd (A)	lost 2-1
Mon Oct 2	Stotfold (A) (BPC)	won 3-2
Wed Oct 4	Bristol City (H)	won 2-0
Wed Oct 11	Brighton (A)	lost 3-1
Wed Oct 18	Charlton Ath (H)	won 6-2
Wed Oct 25	Ipswich Town (A)	
Wed Nov 1	Wimbledon (A)	2pm
Wed Nov 8	Norwich City (H)	7.30
Wed Nov 15	Oxford Utd (A)	7.30
Wed Nov 22	Southampton (H)	7.30
Tue Nov 28	Arsenal (A)	3pm
Wed Dec 6	Bristol Rovers (H)	7.30
Mon Dec 11	Chelsea (A)	7pm
Wed Dec 20	Millwall (H)	7.30
Wed Dec 27	Tottenham H (A)	7.30
Wed Jan 3	Portsmouth (H)	7.30
Tue Jan 9	QPR (A)	7pm
Tue Jan 16	Watford (A)	2pm
Tue Jan 23	Crystal Palace (A)	2pm
Wed Jan 31	West Ham Utd (H)	7.30
Wed Feb 7	Bristol City (A)	7.30
Wed Feb 14	Brighton (H)	7.30
Wed Feb 21	Charlton Ath (A)	7pm
Sat Feb 24	Ipswich Town (H)	2pm
Wed Mar 6	Wimbledon (H)	7.30
Wed Mar 13	Norwich City (A)	7.30
Wed Mar 20	Oxford Utd (H)	7.30
Wed Mar 27	Southampton (A)	7.30
Wed Apr 3	Arsenal (H)	7.30
Wed Apr 10	Bristol Rovers (A)	7.30
Wed Apr 17	Chelsea (H)	7.30
Mon Apr 22	Millwall (A)	7pm
Wed May 1	Swindon Town (H)	7.30

All home matches to be played at Kenilworth Road until further notice.

# RESERVES & YOUTH ROUND-UP

## WITH WAYNE TURNER AND JOHN MOORE

LUTON'S reserve side scored their second win of the Avon Insurance Combination campaign with a thumping 6-2 triumph over Charlton last Wednesday, at Kenilworth Road.

They opened the scoring after just seven minutes, when centre-half Gary Simpson volleyed home a Paul McLaren cross, and there were further chances for Stuart Douglas, Simpson, Mitchell Thomas and Julian James in the first 30 minutes.

But on 32 minutes Charlton equalised when a cross from Paul Linger was deflected past Kelvin Davis by McLaren, although the Town were back in front on 37 minutes when Tony Thorpe's pass sent Douglas clear to score.

A minute after a half-time a defensive mix-up allowed Garry Nelson to equalise for the visitors, but the Hatters made it 3-2 on 63 minutes when Thorpe again created the opening for Douglas.

Thorpe himself got on the scoresheet after 74 minutes, courtesy of Des Linton's pass, and then substitute Nathan Jones bagged two goals after 86 and 87 minutes, to make the final score 6-2.

Team: K.Davis, Chenery, M.Thomas, McLaren, Simpson, James, Linton, Evers (Jones), Douglas, Thorpe, Woodsford.

Subs not used: Power, Fotiadis.

The win over Charlton followed a 3-1 defeat at Brighton the previous week. With several players travelling with the first team squad to Genoa, the reserve side included six youth team players, with striker Andrew Fotiadis scoring the Luton goal.

Team: Barber, Power, Sharpe (J.Thomas), Waddock, Simpson, Willmott, Augustine (Issott), Evers, Douglas, Fotiadis (Kean), Jones.

The reserves were due to play at Ipswich on Wednesday, and travel to play

### Avon Insurance Combination Appearances and Goalscorers

	Apps	G		Apps	G
Barber	5		Boskovic	1	
Cheney	7 (2)		Fitzpatrick	1	
G Johnson	6		Douglas	3 (2)	2
James	4		Evers	5	
Greene	7		Taylor	1	
Skelton	4		Power	1 (1)	
Skilton	4		Alexander	1	
Linton	4	1	Augustine	1 (1)	
McLaren	8		Willmott	1 (1)	
Issott	3 (4)	1	Oldfield	2	1
Jones	6 (3)	2	Fotiadis	1	1
Matthews	3	2	Sharpe	1	
Woolgar	1 (2)		Simpson	2	1
K Davis	4		J Thomas	(1)	
Peake	3		Woodsford	7	2
Hughes	1		Kean	(1)	
Thorpe	5	3			
M Thomas	4				
Waddock	5				
Codner	2				

Up to and including Charlton (h) - 18/10



### South East Counties League, FA Youth Cup, Southern Jnr Floodlit Cup, and Eastern Junior Cup

Sat Aug 12	Crystal Palace (H) lost 5-2	Sat Oct 21	C Palace (LC2) (H) 1-1	Sat Jan 20	Wycombe Wanderers (H)
Sat Aug 19	Swindon Town (A) won 3-1	Thur Oct 26	Colchester C (FAYC) (A)	Sat Jan 27	Oxford United (A)
Sat Aug 26	Colchester U (H) won 2-0	Sat Oct 28	C Palace (LC2) replay (A)	Sat Feb 3	AFC Bournemouth (H)
Mon Aug 28	Coventry (SJFC) (A) 1-1	Sat Nov 4	Barnet (H)	Sat Feb 10	Bristol City (A)
Thur Aug 31	Coventry (SJFC) (H) 0-3	Sat Nov 11	Reading (A)	Sat Feb 17	Wimbledon (H)
Sat Sep 2	Wycombe W (A) lost 1-0	Sat Nov 18	Southampton (A)	Sat Feb 24	Brentford (A)
Sat Sep 9	Oxford United (H) drew 2-2	Sat Nov 25	LC3	Sat Mar 2	Brighton & Hove Albion (H)
Sat Sep 16	C'bridge (LC1) (H) won 5-0	Sat Dec 2	Tottenham Hotspur (H)	Sat Mar 9	Barnet (A)
Sat Sep 23	Bournemouth (A) won 4-0	Sat Dec 9	Bristol Rovers (A)	Sat Mar 16	Reading (H)
Sat Sep 30	Bristol City (H) won 3-2	Sat Dec 16	Bristol Rovers (H)	Sat Mar 23	Southampton (H)
Tue Oct 3	B'tham/S (EJC) (A) won 6-0	Sat Dec 30	Crystal Palace (A)	Sat Mar 30	Tottenham Hotspur (A)
Sat Oct 7	Wimbledon (A) lost 2-0	Sat Jan 6	Swindon Town (H)		All home matches to be played at Luton
Sat Oct 14	Brentford won 4-1	Sat Jan 13	Colchester United (A)		Rugby Club. TBA Brighton & HA (A)

Wimbledon next Wednesday, November 1.

Former Spurs and England striker Clive Allen, who has been training at Kenilworth Road, was in the side at Ipswich on Wednesday.

The youth team were yesterday due to replay their South East Counties League Cup second round tie with Crystal Palace, following last week's 1-1 draw when Andrew Fotiadis was the Luton scorer.

Team: Abbey, Turner, Sharpe, Evers, Willmott, Upson (Thomas), Sweeney, Fotiadis, George (Evers), Smith.

Kean, Douglas (Barr), Fotiadis, Smith.

In their league game the previous week, the youth side beat Brentford 4-1, with goals from Chris Willmott (penalty), Steve Augustine, Andrew Barr and Andrew Smith.

Team: Webb, Lawes, Sharpe, Kean, Willmott, Upson, Augustine, Sweeney, Barr (Fotiadis), George (Evers), Smith.

Sub not used: Douglas.

South East Counties League					
Div Two (up to and including 21.10.95)					
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Tottenham	10	5	2	3	24 17 12
Southampton	9	5	1	3	18 8 11
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Barnet	10	3	4	3	12 12 10
Brighton	9	5	0	4	11 12 10
Bour'mouth	8	4	1	3	14 16 9
Bristol R	8	4	0	4	14 11 8
Brentford	9	3	2	4	10 14 8
Oxford Utd	9	3	2	4	10 15 8
Swindon T	9	2	2	5	7 16 6
Wycombe W	10	2	2	6	11 21 6
Colchester U	9	2	1	6	9 20 5
Reading	9	1	2	6	8 29 4

### Youth Team League & Cup Appearances and Goalscorers

	Lge apps	Lge goals	Cup apps	Cup goals	
Abbey	4			4	
Turner	5 (1)			4 (1)	
Sharpe	9			5	
Sweeney	6 (2)			4 (1)	1
Jones	4 (1)			1 (2)	
Willmott	9		2	4	1
Augustine	7 (1)	3	2 (1)	2	
Evers	6 (1)	1		4	
Douglas	6 (1)	2	4 (1)	3	
Barr	5 (3)	5	1 (1)	1	
Kean	7 (1)			3 (2)	
Lawrence	(2)			1	
Fotiadis	6 (3)	4		4	1
Webb	5			1	
Upson	6 (1)			4	
Smith	5 (3)	2	4 (1)	1	
George	4 (2)	1	2 (2)	3	
Thomas	4 (1)		1 (2)		
Doherty				1	
Spring				1	

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"The decision to call a public inquiry on the 'Kohlerdome' was a disappointment and is one of many factors, but that is now a fact of life.

"The owners of the land have now submitted their own scheme with a stadium, which I personally don't believe will be the right one to further Luton Town.

"But that's because of my resources, and if somebody with many millions comes in that scheme might be acceptable to them." **Luton Town chairman DAVID KOHLER** on his decision to sell his controlling interest in the club.



"IT'S a bit of a dream come true taking a Division One team back to your home town club, but the important thing on the day is to get a good result.

"It's not about me, or Mick McGiven, or

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In the interests of public safety, the safety authority (Beds County Council) have imposed a NO SMOKING restriction in and beneath our main stand. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Bontcho, it's about Luton Town getting a good result.

"The spirit is good, and Clive Allen, who has been training with us, said he couldn't believe we were down at the bottom because the atmosphere was so bubbly and bright." **Town manager TERRY WESTLEY** prior to the 1-0 win at Ipswich.

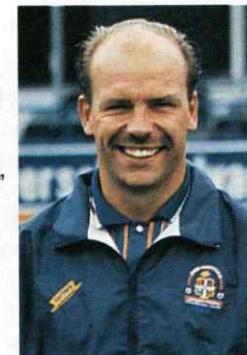
"WHEN we looked at the teamsheet before the game we thought it would be difficult, and it proved to be that way for the first hour.

"They had an experienced team out, and had pulled it back to 2-2 and it could have gone either way.

"But we came on strong in the last 20 minutes, scoring four, with Nathan Jones bagging two terrific goals.

"Stuart Douglas also scored two very well taken goals, and caused Charlton problems all night, and Tony Thorpe was on form as well, making three and scoring one."

**WAYNE TURNER** after the Reserves had beaten Charlton 6-2 at Kenilworth Road.



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# Goal rush ends the season



ABOVE: Steve Foster (5) powers home the winning goal against Middlesbrough in February 1989, which appeared to leave us in a safe position in Division One.

AFTER a single Steve Foster goal saw off Middlesbrough at Kenilworth Road on February 18, 1989, all seemed right in the world for Luton Town supporters.

We were virtually assured of a place at Wembley for the second year running, following a 3-0 Littlewoods Cup semi-final, first leg, win at West Ham the previous week, and were up to 13th position in Division One.

The smug looks around Kenilworth Road soon changed however as in the period leading up to the final we played eight league games and lost seven of them, with only a 1-1 draw at QPR giving us any hope as we plummeted into the relegation positions.

The Littlewoods Cup Final was a big anti-climax as, despite leading through a Mick Harford goal at half-time, we went down 3-1 to a Nottingham Forest side who stepped up a couple of gears in the second period.

It was now back to the league and with the distraction of the cup out of the way we prayed that a return to winning ways could come about with only six games to go.

Only 8,610 were at Kenilworth Road on the Saturday following the Wembley defeat for the visit of Coventry, and after taking the lead twice we could still only manage a point.

For once we looked like we wanted to win, but a

deflected shot from Coventry striker Cyrille Regis and a header from David Smith, which he knew little about, gave an unfair reflection on the game and left us still in the bottom three with five games to go.

A trip to St James Park, Newcastle, has never been an easy place for Luton sides to visit for league points, and we have only won there once - in 1937/38. With the Tynesiders also in the relegation dogfight our away game was never going to be easy, and we were grateful to come away with a point in a terrible goalless draw.

Two home games in three days were next on the fixture list, and the ideal opportunity to push ourselves out of the bottom three.

Unfortunately, Derby County, the first visitors, had lost only four times on their travels that season, while Charlton due to come to Kenilworth Road shortly afterwards, had just secured three important points with a fighting 1-0 home win over Manchester United.

Considering we had scored only six goals in our previous 10 games it came as a major surprise when we easily beat Derby 3-0 in a game which made a nonsense of our league position and finally gave something for the Luton supporters to sing about.

In truth the scoreline could have been more emphatic, but we all cheered ourselves with the thought that something big was being saved for the

visit of Charlton on the following Tuesday evening.

Much of the praise for this new found confidence was laid at the door of Terry Mancini, hired by manager Ray Harford on a short-term contract to liven up the dressing room and inject a few fresh ideas. His motivational abilities were certainly going to be needed for the relegation dogfight against Charlton.

A crowd of 10,024 turned up to see the Town attack from the first whistle and it came as no surprise when we took the lead in the 12th minute when Danny Wilson headed home, after the ball pinged across the goal following an interchange between Kingsley Black and Mick Harford.

The lead was increased after 25 minutes when Harford put over a teasing cross which was headed into his own goal by Charlton's Colin Walsh. (The goal was later credited to Black, but I was sitting behind the Oak Road goal, and was as near to putting the ball in the net as he was!).

With Bob Bolder performing heroics in the Charlton goal, the scoreline was kept down until just before half-time when two goals in three minutes gave the score a more realistic look.

Firstly Wilson grabbed his second, stabbing home a David Preece cross from a suspiciously offside position, and then Harford got the goal he fully deserved, getting on the end of a Roy Wegerle cross.

As was to be expected, the second half was an anti-climax as Charlton manager Lennie Lawrence made it a damage limitation exercise, and after Charlton substitute Andy Jones pulled one back after 70 minutes, Wegerle restored the four goal cushion shortly afterwards.

Jones hit his second just before the end, but the emphatic 5-2 win made us wonder why we had struggled for the previous three months.

For the record, we made sure of staying up by beating Norwich at Kenilworth Road on the last day of the season, while Charlton bounced back from their Kenilworth Road defeat with two wins from their final three games to secure their Division One place.

Luton: Chamberlain, Breacker, Foster, Beaumont, Dreyer, Wilson, Hill, Preece, Black (Cooke), Wegerle, Harford.

Charlton: Bolder, Humphrey, Caton (Williams), Shirtliff, Pates, Reid, Walsh, McKenzie, Mortimer, Lee, Crooks (Jones).



by ROGER WASH

## 5 YEARS AGO

27/10/90: A first-half goal from Lars Elstrup was not enough to secure all three points, as Everton equalised in the second period at Kenilworth Road. The point kept the Town in seventh position in Division One.

## 10 YEARS AGO

26/10/85: Despite losing 2-0 at half-time to Liverpool at Anfield, we caused a few scares in coming back and only going down 3-2 at the end. Steve Foster and Mick Harford were on the scoresheet for the Town, in front of a crowd of 31,488.

## 15 YEARS AGO

25/10/80: After a run of seven games without a win, we came back in style with a fighting 3-1 victory at Cambridge. The result was all the more surprising as we scored two goals when down to 10 men, after goalkeeper Jake Findlay was injured (we had already used our sub).

## 20 YEARS AGO

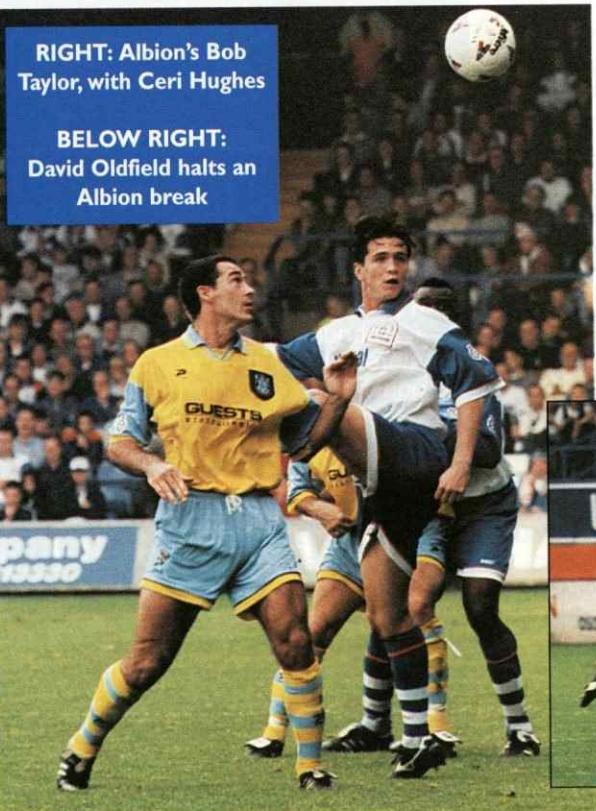
25/10/75: A disappointing 2-0 defeat at Sunderland was watched by a crowd of 28,338. The defeat pushed us back to 10th position in Division Two, while Sunderland reclaimed top spot.

Those were the days

## LATE-SHOW BAGGIES BAG ALL THREE POINTS



LEFT: Having a ball! Richard Harvey celebrates after putting Luton 1-0 in front against West Brom, midway through the first half (inset below)



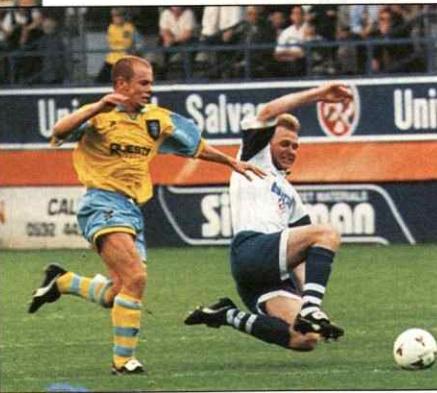
RIGHT: Albion's Bob Taylor, with Ceri Hughes

BELOW RIGHT: David Oldfield halts an Albion break

**LUTON TOWN 1  
(Harvey)**

**WEST BROM 2  
(Hunt, Ashcroft)**

Attendance: 8,042  
Pictures:  
ANDY HANDLEY



ABOVE: Ceri Hughes fires in a first-half shot against West Brom

RIGHT: Jamie Woodsford, making his second league appearance, attempts to outpace the Albion defence



LEFT: Dwight Marshall climbs high in a bid to force a second-half goal against West Brom



## The Italian Job II

LUTON Town are offering exclusive trips to Italy to watch the Hatters play in Cesena in the Anglo-Italian Cup on November 8.

### Package 1

Enjoy a three-day break in the luxurious surroundings of the 4-star Hotel Imperiale in Rimini. Depart Kenilworth Stadium on Tuesday morning, November 7, travelling with playing staff and management on the Club coach.

The flight from Heathrow to Bologna follows, and you will be provided with executive tickets to the match the following day.

The return flight to Heathrow is on Thursday morning, and you are due back in the UK at 3pm. Cost: £350. (for full details contact the Commercial Department on 01582 411622).

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This Supporters Special is for a two-day stay in Rimini, with bed and breakfast in a 3-star hotel. You depart Heathrow on a British Airways scheduled flight on Wednesday morning, with coach transfers from the airport to the hotel, and then to the Cesena Stadium.

The return flight is on Thursday afternoon, arriving back at Heathrow at 3pm.

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IT is with regret that we inform supporters of the death of Luton Town supporter Susan French.

Susan, who lived in Houghton Conquest, died suddenly last month, aged 26.

She first attended Town matches at the age of seven; joined the Junior Hatters aged 9; had her first season ticket at the age of 10, and had only missed a handful of games since.

Susan's father Geoff, from Weston, recalls: "Her first real hero was David Moss, and she like all Town fans enjoyed the promotion to Division One.

"As a family we were at Villa Park for the FA Cup semi-final defeat by Everton, and then at Wembley for the Simod Cup defeat by Reading, but the win over Arsenal in the Littlewoods

Cup Final made up for those disappointments.

"After that Wembley win Kingsley Black became her hero, and of late her favourite player was Scott Oakes, as we enjoyed the great escape at Derby, and suffered disappointment at Notts County."

Susan combined a love of football with gymnastic success, winning the national schools under 15 title, and after leaving school worked as Pay Roll Supervisor at Excel Logistics in Bedford.

"All her family and friends will never forget Susan's enthusiasm for everything she did and the joy she gave us all," said Mr French.

All at Luton Town Football Club extend their sincere condolences to Susan's family and friends.

## AROUND THE TOWN, PLUS ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE NEWS

# Offside - Do you know the law or are you flagging?

FOULS, free kick awards, red and yellow cards and penalty kicks are all emotive factors in any football season.

However, beyond these examples, one other section of the Laws of the Game probably causes more heated argument and discussion than any other. Yes, offside (or not)!

It is, perhaps, surprising that this should be so because Law 11 (Offside) is actually one of the shorter laws and yet it does seem to cause opinions to differ and tempers to rise.

A minor re-wording introduced recently has simplified the application for match officials and, provided players halt only on a whistle signal and don't stop on seeing a linesman's flag signal (meant only as advice for the referee) they too should benefit.

A player can only be in an offside position if he is in front of the ball, ie he is nearer to his opponent's goal line than the ball. Even then, he cannot be offside if he is in his own half of the field of play or, if he is not nearer to his opponent's goal

In the second of a series of articles, the FA's Director of Refereeing, KEN RIDDEN, looks at topical issues, this week dealing with the ever-controversial topic of "Offside".

line than at least two of his opponents.

So much for his position at the moment the ball is played or touched by one of his own team!

To decide whether a man in an offside position is actually guilty of an offside offence in any phase of play, a referee must make a judgement concerning the player's activity in that position.

If the player, in the opinion of the referee, is considered to be involved in active play by actually interfering with play or an opponent, or, if he gains an advantage by being in that offside position, then an indirect free kick will be awarded to his opponents, unless he received the ball direct from a goal kick, a corner kick or from a throw-in.

Play is considered as a sequence of consecutive phases and each time the ball is played by a player a quick reappraisal of the two aspects, position and activity, has to be undertaken by the match officials.

Particular care has to be exercised by a linesman to ensure that he does not offer a flag signal prematurely and all linesmen are advised to pause briefly and think through each phase as it occurs, before only flagging if the signal will, in his view, assist the referee.

A further point is that even after a flag signal from a linesman, only the referee can decide whether play shall be stopped or whether it will be more advantageous to the non-offending team to allow play to continue.

The mobility and rapidly changing pattern of play makes offside judgements particularly difficult when players are almost aligned across the field because a player who is absolutely level with the second last opponent, or with the last two opponents, is not in an offside position.

Yes, a simple law in word form, but one that calls for expertise in making judgements and for understanding from those who might be critical of decisions made, and yet not be in an ideal position in order to confirm the correctness of the decision makers.

## Greene nominated for Republic of Ireland award

HATTERS defender David Greene has been nominated in the Under-21 category for the Football Association of Ireland/ Opel International Soccer Awards.

The ceremony takes place in Dublin on November 12, and is televised live by Irish television station RTE.



This is on the eve of the Republic's departure to Lisbon for the European Championship Group 6 fixture against Portugal.

David is a regular in the Under-21 side, and has played throughout their qualifying campaign - most recently against Latvia earlier this month.

Action pictures featured in the Luton Town matchday programme are available at the special price of just £2 per print!

Write to Simon Oxley, at the club, giving a brief description of the picture (programme and page number etc), and enclosing a cheque/ postal order made payable to Luton Town Football Club.

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WELCOME TO OUR MATCHDAY MASCOT



THIS afternoon we have a second Luton Town mascot, in addition to our Junior Hatters mascot.

He is MARK WELLS, aged 7, who attends Watling Lower School in Dunstable.

Mark plays for his school team, and his favourite Town player is Richard Harvey.

His other hobbies, apart from football, are computers and fishing.

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## COMMERCIAL CORNER with Kathy Leather

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to this afternoon's match and matchball sponsors

A WARM welcome this afternoon to our match sponsors THE WHITBREAD BEER COMPANY, and MRS SUE MILLER, and our matchball sponsor MR KEITH ANSELL.

THE WHITBREAD BEER COMPANY has had a long association with both Luton and Luton Town FC, with their head office now located in Capability Green.

They are proud to continue their relationship by jointly sponsoring today's game.

The Whitbread Beer Company have been supplying fine ales and lager for many years.

MRS SUE MILLER is attending today's game with family and friends to celebrate her 40th birthday.

She and her husband Les are regular supporters of the Hatters both home and away, and are this season also

sponsoring Ceri Hughes' kit. Our matchball sponsor is MR KEITH ANSELL.

Keith and Steve Ansell trade as Steve Ansell Plumbing and Heating, and have been established in Dunstable for 33 years.

Keith has been a lifelong supporter of the Hatters, and is a season ticket holder, and his grandson Mark (pictured left) is one of today's mascots.

Steve is also the official sponsor for his local pub team, The Glider Athletic Football Club, in Dunstable.

We trust all our sponsors will have an enjoyable afternoon at Kenilworth Road, and we thank them for their continued support.

If you are interested in match or matchball sponsorship, please contact Commercial Manager Kathy Leather on (01582) 411622.

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LEFT: The Loyal Luton Supporters Club sponsored our match against West Brom. Several of their members are pictured with Kathy Leather, and Town players Johnny Vilstrup, Steve Davis and Graham Alexander.



RIGHT: Our Golden Gamble matchday promotion is again proving popular, with over £500 being handed over at half-time against West Brom.

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## HATTERS UP FOR SALE

**Statement from Luton Town chairman  
David Kohler, October 16, 1995**



HISTORICALLY when one can no longer achieve the desired objectives, the honourable course of action is to resign.

This option is not however available to me as I have a great affinity to Luton Town FC and a significant financial investment in the club.

Therefore it is with great regret that I have decided to offer my controlling interest in Luton Town FC to any person who is prepared to further progress the club, and has the resources to do so.

Five and a half years is a long time to be running a professional football club, during which time I have married, started a family, and my circumstances and priorities have changed.

The financing of football clubs has seen a dramatic change over the last five and a half years. To compete at the level that Luton Town FC aspires, requires corporate backing or financial wealth which frankly is beyond my current resources.

I have tried to promote a fresh and innovative blueprint for stadia design intended to secure the future of Luton Town FC, on and off the field, well into the next century and beyond.

My plans have received full support from Luton Borough Council, but regrettably the Department of the Environment has decided to hold a public inquiry which has stalled progress. Time will tell if this application will be successful.

But even if it is successful I can see no prospect of me reaching agreement with the Luton Hoo executors or their chosen developers Wyncote, who have themselves submitted plans which include proposals for the football club.

To date they have not made a serious attempt to

### **Apology from FAST chairman over "ill-advised remark"**

THE Chairman of FAST (Fight Against Stadium Transfer) Len Elson, has apologised to Hatters chairman David Kohler over remarks made during a radio discussion on BBC Three Counties in July this year.

In a letter to Mr Kohler, Mr Elson writes: "In the course of the radio programme I stated that 160 forms submitted in support of the commercial development of the new stadium for Luton Town

*Football Club had been discovered by the local MP to have been forged.*

*"I now accept that this statement is not true and I regret any implication that you personally were involved in any impropriety.*

*"Obviously I will not repeat this allegation and I hope you will accept my apologies for any embarrassment caused to you and to Luton Town Football Club as a result of this ill advised remark."*

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### **Preece deal agreed**

LUTON have agreed a fee with Derby County for the transfer of David Preece.

The midfielder, who left Kenilworth Road in the summer, had claimed a free transfer, but the Football League have ordered the Rams to make a payment.

The clubs have agreed upon a £75,000 fee, with a further £25,000 due when Preece completes 25 appearances for Derby. A further £25,000 will be paid if Preece is in a promotion winning side at the Baseball Ground.

Hatters chairman David Kohler said: "I am pleased this situation has been resolved, and I think the outcome vindicates our stance on the issue of a free transfer."

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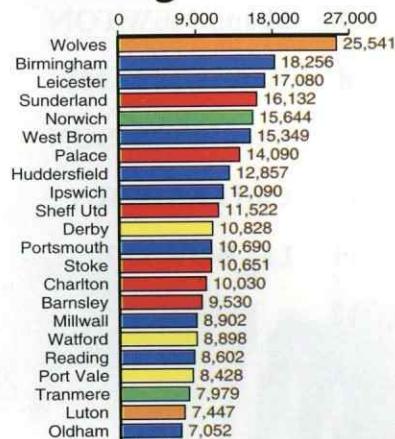
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Sun Aug 13	NORWICH CITY	1-3	7,848	-	K.Davis	Thomas	M.Johnson	Waddock	Hughes	Peake	Alexander	Oldfield	(Thorpe)	GUENTCHEV	Harvey	S.Davis	Sommer	(Taylor)
Tue Aug 15	BOURNEMOUTH CCC 1 (1)	1-1	2,728	-	Sommer	Thomas	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	Oldfield	Alexander	(MARSHALL)	Taylor	Guentchev	Harvey	Waddock	Peake	(Thorpe)
Sat Aug 19	Southend United	1-0	4,630	17	Sommer	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	Oldfield	(Alexander)	(Marshall)	Taylor	(Guentchev)	Harvey	(Waddock)	(THORPE)	(Thomas)
Tue Aug 22	Bournemouth CCC1 (2)	1-2	4,884	-	Sommer	James	M.JOHNSON	S.Davis	Waddock	(Oldfield)	Alexander	Marshall	(Taylor)	Guentchev	(Harvey)	(Matthews)	(Thorpe)	(Thomas)
Sat Aug 26	LEICESTER CITY	1-1	7,612	16	Sommer	(James)	M.Johnson	S.Davis	HUGHES	(Oldfield)	Linton	Marshall	(Taylor)	G.Johnson	Harvey	(Guentchev)	(Thorpe)	(Peake)
Tue Aug 29	Grimsby Town	0-0	4,289	11	K.Davis	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Linton)	Guentchev	(Marshall)	G.Johnson	Harvey	(Taylor)	(Woodsford)	(Peake)
Sat Sep 2	DERBY COUNTY	1-2	6,427	17	K.Davis	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	(Alexander)	(Oldfield)	MARSHALL	(Guentchev)	Taylor	G.Johnson	Harvey	(Woodsford)	(Thorpe)	(Peake)
Tue Sep 5	PERUGIA AIC	1-4	2,352	-	K.Davis	James	Skelton	S.Davis	Evers	(Thorpe)	Linton	(GUENTCHEV)	(Oldfield)	Hughes	Harvey	(Marshall)	(Waddock)	(W'ford)
Sat Sep 9	Reading	1-3	8,550	20	K.Davis	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	Alexander	(Linton)	MARSHALL	Oldfield	G.Johnson	Harvey	Evers	Peake	(Gu'chev)
Wed Sep 13	Millwall	0-1	7,076	22	Feuer	Peake	(M.Johnson)	S.Davis	Waddock	Vilstrup	Linton	Marshall	Oldfield	Guentchev	Harvey	G.Johnson	Evers	(James)
Sat Sep 16	SUNDERLAND	0-2	6,955	23	Feuer	Peake	James	S.Davis	(Waddock)	Vilstrup	(Linton)	Marshall	Oldfield	Hughes	Harvey	Greene	(Taylor)	(Gu'chev)
Sat Sep 23	Wolverhampton Wanderers	0-0	23,659	24	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.DAVIS	Hughes	(Vilstrup)	(Alexander)	MARSHALL	Taylor	GUENTCHEV	Harvey	(Waddock)	(James)	Oldfield
Sat Sep 30	PORTSMOUTH	3-1	7,795	23	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.DAVIS	Hughes	(Vilstrup)	(Alexander)	MARSHALL	Taylor	Hughes	Harvey	(Oldfield)	James	G.Johns'n
Sat Oct 7	Tranmere Rovers	0-1	6,680	24	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	McLaren	Alexander	Marshall	Oakes	(Guentchev)	Harvey	(Oldfield)	(Alexander)	(W'ford)
Wed Oct 11	Genoa AIC	0-4	3,759	-	K.Davis	(James)	M.Johnson	S.Davis	McLaren	Vilstrup	Linton	Oakes	(Oldfield)	Guentchev	HARVEY	Guentchev	(James)	McLaren
Sat Oct 14	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	1-2	8,042	24	Feuer	(Peake)	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	Hughes	Alexander	Marshall	Oldfield	Woodsford	Harvey	(Waddock)	(G.Johnson)	(Gu'chev)
Sun Oct 22	Ipswich Town	1-0	9,123	21	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	(Vilstrup)	Alexander	(Oakes)	OLDFIELD	(Marshall)	Harvey	(Waddock)	(G.Johnson)	(Gu'chev)
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Sat Nov 18	BIRMINGHAM CITY																	
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Sat Nov 25	Barnsley																	
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Sat Dec 9	WOLVERHAMPTON W																	
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Sat Apr 13	Birmingham City																	
Sat Apr 20	WATFORD																	
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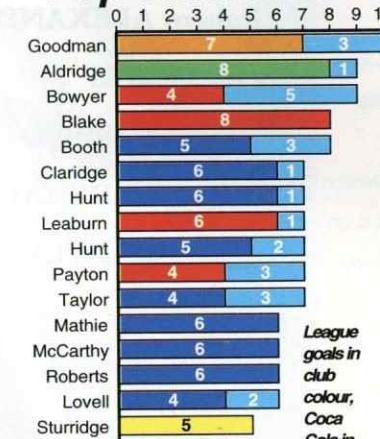
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Millwall	13	7	4	2	15	10	25
West Brom	13	7	3	3	19	13	24
Birmingham City	13	6	4	3	22	13	22
Sunderland	13	5	6	2	15	12	21
Tranmere Rovers	12	5	5	2	20	12	20
Oldham Athletic	13	5	5	3	18	13	20
Port Vale	13	5	4	4	18	14	20
Charlton Athletic	13	4	6	3	17	13	18
Huddersfield T	13	5	2	6	17	20	17
Grimsby Town	13	4	5	4	13	15	17
Southend Utd	13	5	2	6	12	16	17
Ipswich Town	13	4	4	5	20	20	16
Reading	13	3	6	4	17	18	15
Stoke City	13	3	6	4	15	18	15
Derby County	13	3	6	4	14	17	15
Wolves	13	3	5	5	17	19	14
Watford	13	3	5	5	16	17	14
Crystal Palace	12	3	5	4	13	15	14
LUTON TOWN	13	3	3	7	10	16	12
Sheffield United	13	3	2	8	17	25	11
Port Vale	13	2	5	6	11	16	11
Portsmouth	13	2	4	7	15	21	10

### Average Gates



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### Top Marksmen



### LUTON TOWN FC League and Cup Appearances 1995/96

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS	PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS
Kelvin DAVIS	4	2			Julian JAMES	6 (3)	3		
Mitchell THOMAS	1 (1)	1 (1)			Rob MATTHEWS				(1)
Marvin JOHNSON	12	3	1	1	Des LINTON	5	2		
Gary WADDOCK	6 (4)	1 (1)			Gavin JOHNSON	4 (1)			
Ceri HUGHES	8	1	2	2	Jamie WOODSFORD	1 (2)			(2)
Trevor PEAKE	8 (3)				Aaron SKELTON				1
Graham ALEXANDER	10	4	2 (1)		Sean EVERE				1
David OLDFIELD	10 (2)	1			Ian FEUER	7</td			

## TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Today's referee is  
**JOHN KIRKBY** from  
Sheffield.

Mr Kirkby, a Senior Business Administrator with Bass Taverns, was a regular visitor to Kenilworth Road last season. He refereed the home matches against Portsmouth, Swindon and Reading.

DS Bryan

JJ Wilkinson

## OTHER DIVISION ONE MATCHES TODAY

Norwich City v Tranmere Rovers  
Port Vale v Birmingham City

The next Endsleigh League Division One match at Kenilworth Road is on Saturday, November 11, when we entertain Oldham Athletic. The Hatters are also at home the following week, November 18, against Birmingham City.

## TEAM CHECK

### LUTON TOWN

Manager: Terry Westley

**Ian FEUER**

**Trevor PEAKE**

**Marvin JOHNSON**

**Steve DAVIS**

**Ceri HUGHES**

**Johnny VILSTRUP**

**Graham ALEXANDER**

**Scott OAKES**

**David OLDFIELD**

**Dwight MARSHALL**

**Richard HARVEY**

**1 Mike SALMON**

**2 John HUMPHREY**

**3 Jamie STUART**

**4 Colin WALSH**

**5 Phil CHAPPLE**

**6 Richard RUFUS**

**7 Shaun NEWTON**

**8 Paul WILLIAMS**

**9 John ROBINSON**

**10 Carl LEABURN**

**11 Lee BOWYER**

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