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## VITAL HOME RUN STARTS TODAY AGAINST OLDHAM

THE disappointment of the failure at Stoke was felt by everyone connected with the club.

It was a difficult few days following the defeat at the Victoria Ground, especially with the manner in which we conceded those late goals and it really knocked the stuffing out of us when Stoke went two-nil and then three-nil in front.

The players were despondent after the game and at training on Monday, and everyone was very disappointed and hurt by the criticism.

But when you lose like that these are things that you have to expect, and we have worked hard on regenerating the atmosphere and belief, because results like that are disappointing for staff and players as well as supporters.

With this in mind we took a young squad to Italy for Wednesday's Anglo-Italian Cup game in Cesena, with Dwight Marshall the oldest player in the party, as the likes of Ben Chenery, Paul McLaren and 16-year-old Matthew Upson were included to mix with the first-team group.

It proved to be an interesting few days, especially for those supporters who were staying in the same hotel as the players, and they were able, I expect for the first time, to watch the training and preparation work.

Several people remarked on the desire and the determination the players have to do well for the club, and by Tuesday and Wednesday we were concentrating on the game ahead.

The opportunity for the likes of Upson to play alongside Steve Davis can only be beneficial for this club in the long term, and Luton of course has a long tradition of producing and bringing through young players. In Italy the young players have shown that this trend will continue.

Darren Patterson also made his debut and his willingness to be a winner on and off the pitch means he is a great person to have around. He did well for 45 minutes, and will now probably need a couple of reserve games before coming into the Division One reckoning.

After going 1-0 down we were able to manufacture through slick passing a marvellous equaliser, with Richard Harvey's cross from the left headed in by Dwight Marshall. We had peppered the Cesena goal for much of the game but could not force a late winner we needed to



LEFT: Town manager Terry Westley is interviewed by LWT's Matthew Lorenzo prior to the game against Charlton Athletic.

progress in the competition.

With two minutes to go we won a corner for which Kelvin 'Schmeichel' Davis went up, and from which we hit the post.

But from the rebound we conceded a free kick which the Italians took quickly, with a marvellous long-range chip beating Kelvin who was barely back in his goal.

The young team had performed magnificently well for the club only to have the stuffing knocked out of them at the end, but it was 'do or die' and we had to win to progress.

With the Italian adventure now over we once again turn our attentions to league points.

We must, and do continue to do the right things in training, and must believe that things will turn in our favour. I must keep believing that and most importantly so must the players.

Speaking to those supporters in the hotel in Italy, it was evident that the game is an opinion, and after one evening meal there were six people who could not agree on one simple issue. Final decisions though are the responsibility of the manager, and the manager has to be accountable for those decisions.

At the moment, as a young manager, being in the firing line is difficult, but again with the belief and the knowledge that the players are 100 per cent behind what you are trying to achieve gives you the courage to continue looking forward and be positive.

What makes a good team? Should you play the ball early to the front men? Should you be patient and play the ball across the back four players, trying to induce your opponents out? Should you play with out-and-out wingers - a

dying breed. Liverpool against Brondby was a classic example of one team overpassing, but then again Forest against Wimbledon was a classic example of a team giving away possession too quickly.

In my opinion you have to play slick, quick passing with players interchanging positions to create space for others, and wide players crossing the ball in to brave front players to get on the end of these opportunities.

Opportunities are difficult to create in the modern game, so when they are presented we must take our quota.

We can't change the past only look forward, and try to put these things we believe in into action.

With that in mind we turn our attentions to this afternoon, and welcome Oldham Athletic, their players, supporters, directors and officials.

Oldham you would class as a 'footballing' side, but with strength and power, added to by the on-loan signing of Paul Wilkinson.

With two home matches to come, followed by the 'derby' at Watford, and we all know how important that game is to everyone, we search for those elusive two wins on the trot.

Confidence has a major part to play, and is generated by winning matches.

The rebuilding of confidence and the start of a good run of results will start somewhere, and with the right commitment shown by everybody that can be today.

A personal thanks to all those supporters who made the journeys to Stoke and Cesena. Brighter times are around the corner.



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Terry Westley



## DARREN'S BACK IN ACTION



LEFT: Darren is welcomed to Luton Town by manager Terry Westley and chairman David Kohler.

### "It's the longest I've been out in nearly 10 years!"

DEFENDER Darren Patterson resumed full training last week after the ankle injury which has kept him out of the Town side since his summer move from Crystal Palace.

And the Northern Ireland international was due to play his comeback game on Wednesday, in Italy with the first team in their Anglo-Italian Cup clash at Cesena.

"Darren is conscious that he was a key signing during the summer and is desperate to play in the side, especially as results have not gone our way," said Town manager Terry Westley.

The player himself admits it has been a "nightmare" start but is ready to resume his league career and press for a recall to the Northern Ireland squad.

"I can't wait to play again, and it seems like an age since the start of the injury problem," admitted Darren this week prior to departing for Italy.

"It will be good just to get 45 minutes under my belt, because this is the longest that I have been out of the game since I started playing.

"My previous longest spell out was three weeks, and I've been playing nearly 10 years now.

"It's difficult to describe how frustrating it's been, and the whole situation has been a nightmare and through nobody's fault.

"An injury that was supposed to be two or three

weeks has gone on for 12 weeks or so, but everyone at the club has been very helpful and supportive, and I'm just glad that now it seems to have healed and I will be playing football again.

"I'm not a good watcher and with things not going that well at the minute you really just want to get your boots on and help."

Would it be a case of gently easing himself back in?

"I'm afraid I'm not the type to be able to take it easy unfortunately," said Darren.

"I have got 12 weeks of frustration inside me and I will be raring to go. I'm not 100 per cent fit yet, so I need games, and I've no idea when I'll be back in the first team.

"Maybe the manager will put me in fairly soon, and as soon as I'm able, I'm available and up for it!"

He is also aiming to win back his place in the Northern Ireland side. Bryan Hamilton's team still have an outside chance of qualifying for the European Championship finals, and entertain Austria on Wednesday.

"I was beginning to get a regular slot in the Northern Ireland side, but hopefully the lads can get through and I can push for a recall," added Darren.

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FRONT COVER: Dwight Marshall pictured during the televised clash against Charlton Athletic. See pages 36 & 37 for more action from the match against the Addicks, with last Saturday's game at Stoke on pages 16 & 17.



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## LEADING THE LINE

by Club Captain STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Stoke goalkeeper Mark Prudhoe thwarts this Town attack at the Victoria Ground last Saturday.



NOW is the time for a determined effort from all concerned.

We the players must have confidence in our abilities, and maintain our efforts for the full 90 minutes.

We would probably all prefer to forget much of last week at Stoke, but we must learn from the mistakes made and try to take heart from the positive points.

The players know that supporters expect and deserve better.

At 1-0 down, with 15 minutes to go, we felt we were in with a chance, but the second and third goals in quick succession killed the game.

Away from home we had managed to keep things fairly tight, and so to lose by five goals was

especially disappointing.

The away performances had compensated in some way for our lack of points at home, but now we must turn our attentions to winning here at Kenilworth Road.

Four of our next six games are at home, starting with today's visit of Oldham.

Then we tackle in-form Birmingham, with the trips to Watford and Barnsley ahead of home games against Tranmere and Wolves.

There are no easy games in this division but that is the same for everyone, and we must approach every one with a positive attitude. We have seen nothing to frighten us in the matches so far.

Oldham currently have Paul Wilkinson on loan, and he is an experienced front player who will be alongside Sean McCarthy.

Infact they have experience throughout the team, but it is a match we have to win.

I am writing these notes prior to departure for Italy, where hopefully we can achieve some sort of boost from the match in Cesena.

Darren Patterson travelled with us, and was due to play his first game of the season. That in itself was a boost, because I'm sure his competitiveness will be a key ingredient in the weeks ahead.

We need determination, and support from all quarters.

### Thanks to Town supporters

I WOULD like to thank supporters in the Kenilworth Stand at the game against Charlton last Sunday, for their patience and co-operation at the end of the game, when we closed one of your normal exit routes.

This exercise, together with the one involving the emergency services outside, has highlighted some potential problems which we now have to discuss.

When our plans have been upgraded, we will publish details in the programme for everyone's benefit.

I know these type of exercises can cause some inconvenience, but we will always try and keep it to a minimum. They are however an essential part of our emergency plans which are continually under review for your safety. - GEOFF LOVELL, Safety Manager.

Keep up-to-date with all the news from Kenilworth Road on  
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Steve Davis



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR with Cherry Newbery



I CAN now confirm that we will switch our reserve team games to Hitchin's Top Field ground next month.

The first game at Hitchin will be on December 6, against Bristol Rovers, kick-off 7.30pm, with the subsequent matches against Millwall, Portsmouth, West Ham and Brighton also being played there.

All games will kick-off at 7.30pm, with the exception of the game against Millwall on December 20, which will start at 2pm.

Admission at Top Field will be £2 for adults, and £1 for juniors/OAPs. Admission will be free for season ticket holders on production of their season ticket book.

Due to Arsenal's involvement in the Coca-Cola Cup, we have reversed our fixtures against them in the Avon Insurance Combination.

Hence, we will be at home to Arsenal, here at Kenilworth Road, on Tuesday, November 28, kick-off 7.30pm, with the match at Highbury taking place on April 3.

We have been drawn away to Barton Rovers in the second round of the Beds Premier Cup. As yet we have no confirmation of the date of this game.

In the FA Youth Cup, following our win against Cambridge City, we will travel to Leicester City in the second round. This tie will be played on Saturday, November 25, kick-off 2pm, at a venue to be confirmed. If a replay is required it will be here, at Kenilworth Road, on Wednesday, November 29, kick-off 7.30pm.

As we prepare for the onset of winter, I am again compiling a list of volunteers for 'snow duty' should we require help in clearing the pitch on the morning of a match.

This job would ideally suit able-bodied people who live locally, and any volunteers should contact me here at the club.

Finally, as it is Remembrance Sunday tomorrow, we have a bucket collection around the ground this afternoon in aid of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Thank you in anticipation for your generous support of this most worthy of causes.

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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
Tue Dec 26	C. Palace (based on 3pm)	£5.50	£4.50	10.30am	11.30am

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

## International football at The Valley

FELLOW Division One side Charlton Athletic are to host international football at The Valley later this month when England entertain Croatia in the 7th European Championship for Women, on Sunday, November 19, kicking off at 2pm.

This will be the English ladies' second qualification game in Group Three, with the home side firm favourites to produce a victory to take them a further step towards the finals.

It is the first women's international at The Valley for 12 years, with the last encounter producing a 2-2 draw between England and Sweden in 1983.

The Addicks have also confirmed a cut-price admission scheme on the day in order to attract a large crowd, with adults being charged £3 and children and senior citizens getting in for just £1.

Women's football is fastest-growing participation sport in the country.



## LUTON TOWN TICKET OFFICE NEWS

### Luton Town v Birmingham City

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, November 18, 1995, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal league prices. Normal guesting facilities apply.

### Watford v Luton Town

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tuesday, November 21, 1995, kick-off 7.45pm

Unreserved seating only for Luton fans at Watford. Prices are £11 for adults and £8 for juniors and senior citizens.

These tickets are available from the Kenilworth Road ticket office until 4pm on Monday, November 20, and also on the night at Watford.

Please note: There will be NO CONCESSIONS on the night at Vicarage Road.

### Barnsley v Luton Town

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, November 25, 1995, kick-off 3pm

Seating only at Oakwell for Luton supporters, priced at £12 for adults and £6 for juniors/seniors.

These tickets are available from the ticket office until 4pm on Friday, November 24, and also on the day at Barnsley. But please note there will be NO CONCESSIONS on the day at Barnsley.

(The Kenilworth Road ticket office will be open on Saturday, November 25, between 9 and 10.30am for the sale of other match tickets).

### Luton Town v Tranmere Rovers

#### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, December 2, 1995, kick-off 3pm

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## LUTON TOWN FAN FILE



Name: *Thomas Moller*  
Age: *26*  
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The first time I saw Luton play: *Littlewoods Cup Final 1988 v Arsenal.*  
The best Luton player I have ever seen: *Mick Harford.*  
If I had unlimited funds, which player would I buy for Luton, and why: *George Weah, AC Milan - haven't you seen him?*  
Best game ever seen: *The 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final - it was unbelievable!*  
My favourite away ground, and why: *Wembley - the only 'away' ground I've seen Town win!*  
One new football law I'd introduce: *Ban heading the ball back to the goalkeeper too.*  
What I like about Kenilworth Road: *It's simply our home ground.*  
And dislike: *Nothing.*

*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.*



TOWN fans Andrew Aston and Tracey Evans, from Bedford, pictured on the Nemesis ride at Alton Towers.



LUTON fan Mandla Thwala (left) is looking for penpals. He can be contacted at: 379 9th Street, Makokoba, PO Mzilikazi, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.



CLAIRE Hyde, from Leighton Buzzard, makes her feelings known to fellow holidaymakers on Walton beach, near Clacton.

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**STEVE REDMOND** - England international at all levels of youth soccer, but never received a full cap. The Latics paid £600,000 for the ex-Manchester City captain in August 1992, and now has extra responsibility at the heart of the Oldham defence following Richard Jobson's departure to Leeds. Was Oldham's Player of the Year last season.

**DARREN BECKFORD** - A £300,000 buy from Norwich City in March 1993, Had joined the Canaries from Port Vale for £900,000, but suffered with injury at the end of last season.

**MARK BRENNAN** - A £100,000 signing from Manchester City, the ex-Middlesbrough and Ipswich player has been a virtual ever-present since Graeme Sharp took over the managerial reins.

**CHRIS MAKIN** - A 22-year-old fullback who spent three months on loan at Wigan during the 1992/93 season, making 15 appearances and scoring twice. Wigan wanted to keep him, but Joe Royle wasn't keen to let him go, and he went on to become a regular at Boundary Park and was picked for the England Under-21 side in May.

**SEAN MCCARTHY** - The 27-year-old striker signed from Bradford City in December 1993 for £450,000. A prolific goalscorer with his previous clubs - Bradford, Plymouth and Swansea - he ended last season with 18 goals to become the Latics top scorer.

**NICKY BANGER** - Signed from Southampton last season for a £250,000 fee after spending a month on loan at Boundary Park.

**IAN SNODIN** - Experienced defender/midfielder who started his career at Doncaster before moving to Leeds. Later joined Everton where his career was disrupted by serious injury, and he left Goodison for Boundary Park in January, signing on a free transfer.

**PAUL RICKERS** - 20-year-old Yorkshireman, who broke into the first team last season, winning the man-of-the-match award for two of his three appearances.

**SCOTT McNIVEN** - Leeds-born defender who made his debut at the end of last season.

**DAVID BERESFORD** - Forward who hails from Middlesbrough, and has progressed through the junior ranks at Boundary Park.

**PAUL WILKINSON** - Currently on loan at Oldham from Middlesbrough. Experienced striker formerly with Grimsby, Everton and Watford. Scored an own goal in Boro's 5-1 defeat here last season.

## Meet the Manager



**GRAEME SHARP** is now the player/manager at Boundary Park, having joined the Latics from Everton for £400,000 in 1991.

The Scottish striker started his career at Dumbarton, before joining Everton where he netted 157 goals in 400 games.

He succeeded Joe Royle as Oldham manager, following Royle departure to Everton last season. Sharp's first game in charge, then in a caretaker capacity, was the 0-0 draw at home to Luton in November 1994.

Following Andy Ritchie's departure in the summer, he is currently the Latics leading scorer. Capped 12 times by Scotland.



LEFT: Nick Henry

## A Hatter and a Latic....

**VIC HALOM**, although born in Burton-on-Trent, signed for Charlton Athletic from school and was awarded a full professional contract by manager Bob Stokoe in January 1966.

When Stokoe was replaced by Eddie Firmani, the new man at the top had a clear-out with Halom being one of the casualties joining Orient for £3,000 in October 1967.

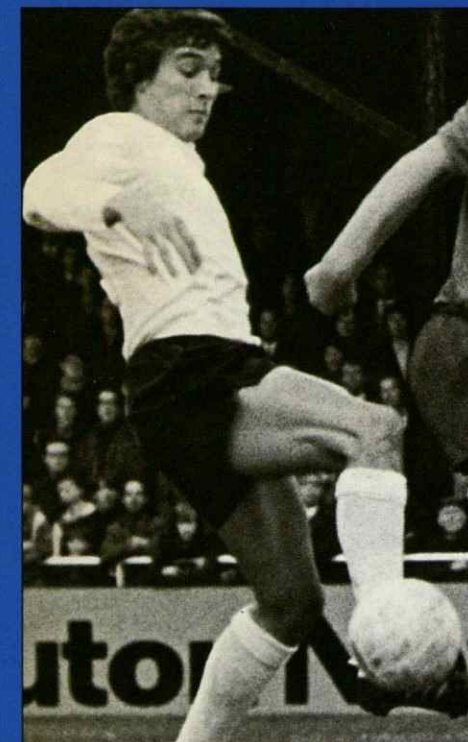
He soon made a name for himself at Brisbane Road with his goalscoring exploits and Fulham stepped in with a bid of £35,000 in November 1968 which came too late to save their second division status.

With the Town selling Malcolm MacDonald in the summer of 1971, manager Alec Stock was on the lookout for a 'safe' replacement and tabled a £30,000 bid for Halom who made his Luton debut against Birmingham in a 0-0 draw at Kenilworth Road in September 1971.

Sometimes compared unfairly to MacDonald, Halom was a steady performer and the highlight of his stay here was a hat-trick against Sheffield Wednesday at Kenilworth Road over Easter 1972.

In his second season he had scored a creditable 10 goals in 25 league appearances, winning over the fans in the process, when Bob Stokoe signed him for Sunderland which we were not happy about at the time.

At Roker Park, Halom enjoyed a cup run to Wembley, beating the Town along the way, in his first season, but on promotion to Division One

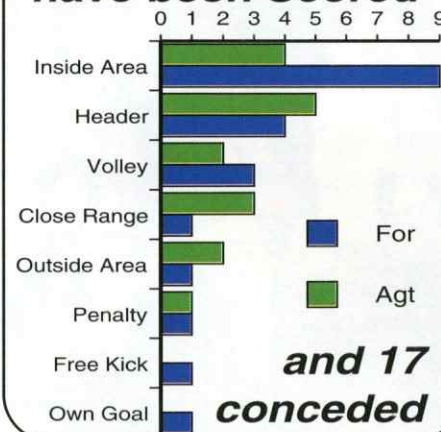


three years later Sunderland off-loaded him to Oldham where he had almost four years as a regular in the side.

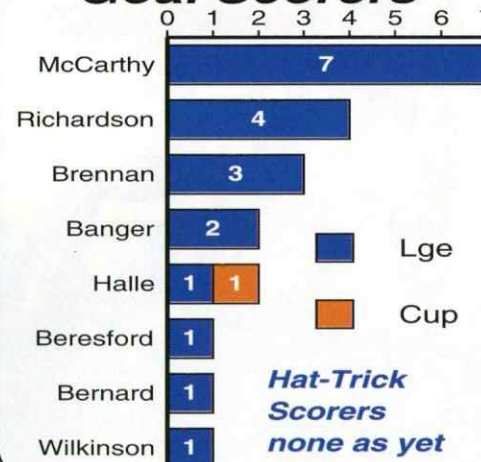
After a final move to Rotherham, a bad knee injury finished his playing career and after coaching in Norway he had spells as manager of both Barrow and Rochdale.

Vic Halom now works for an Oldham plumbing firm. - **ROGER WASH.**

## How 21 Goals have been Scored

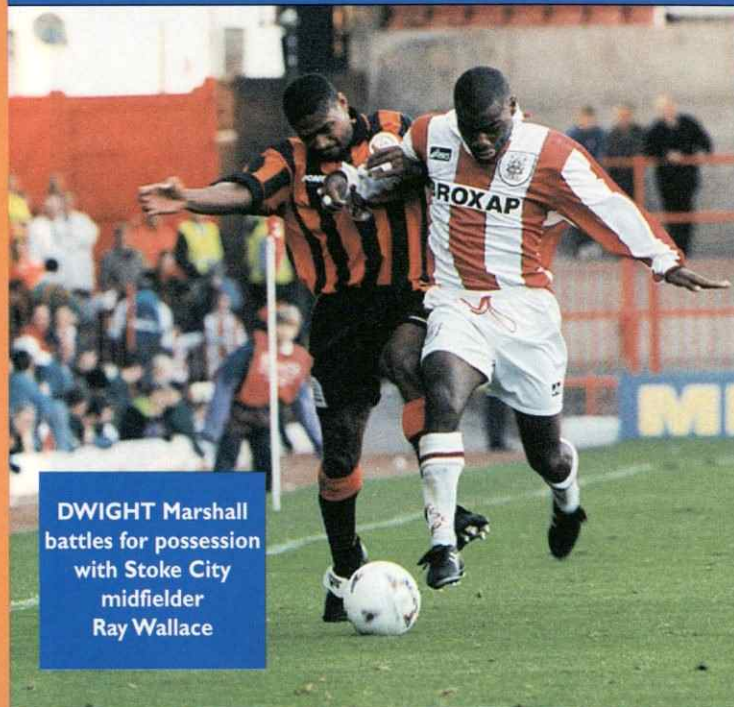


## Goal Scorers





# STOKE CITY v LUTON TOWN



DWIGHT Marshall battles for possession with Stoke City midfielder Ray Wallace

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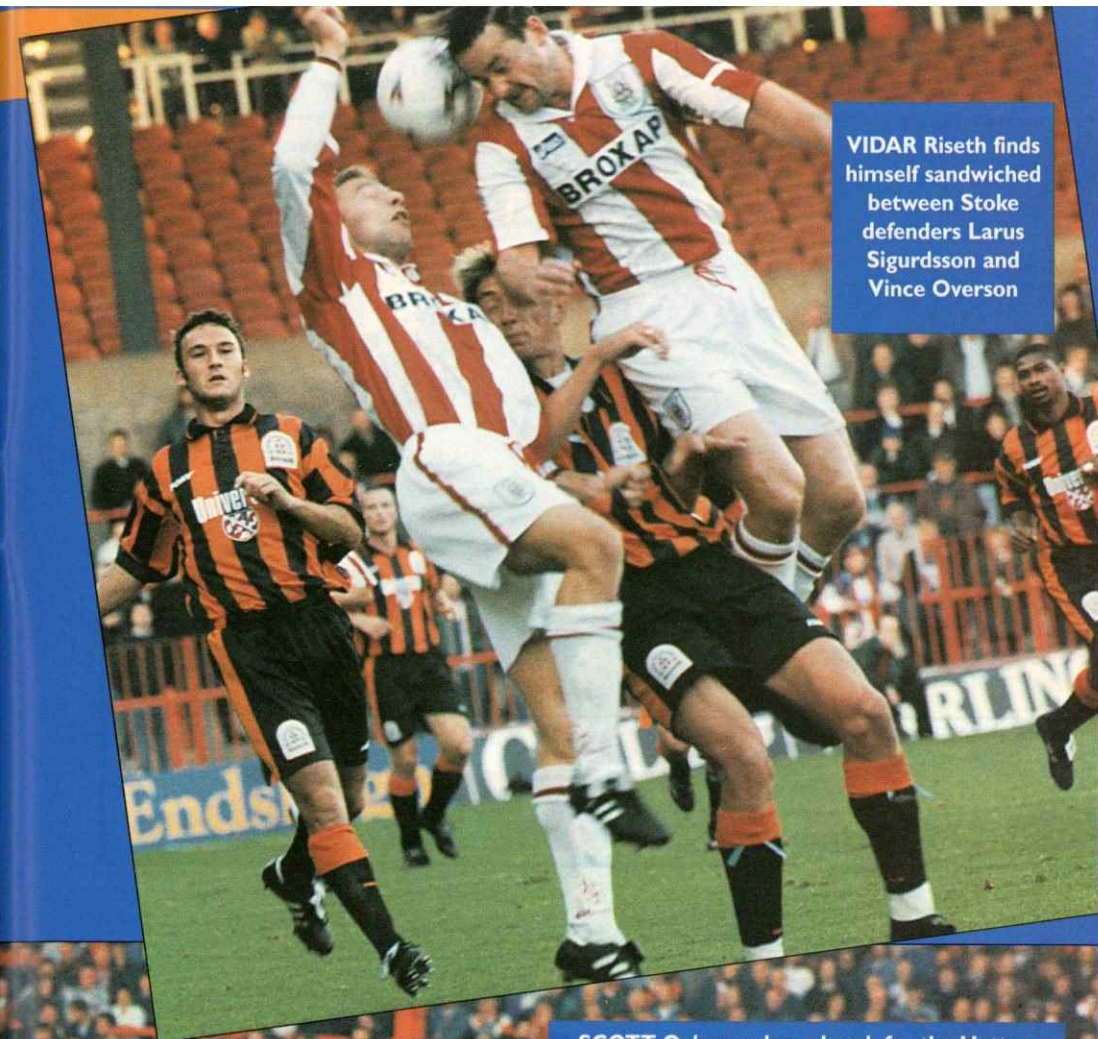
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ANDY HANDLEY



A SECOND-half scramble in the Stoke penalty area as Dwight Marshall and Vidar Riseth are denied



VIDAR Riseth finds himself sandwiched between Stoke defenders Larus Sigurdsson and Vince Overson



SCOTT Oakes makes a break for the Hatters during the second half against Stoke



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**RIGHT:** Several of our Junior Hatters half-term party to Cadbury World pose for the camera.

## HARRY OF THE HATTERS

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The match against the Hornets is on Tuesday, November 21, kick-off 7.45pm, and the Junior Hatters coach will leave Kenilworth Road at 5.30pm.

Prices are £8 for Junior Hatters and £10 for adults and junior members - and that includes your match ticket.

To book a place on the coach please contact Sam Walsh on (01582) 411622 or book at the Club Shop. We hope to organise a half-time penalty competition against the Junior Hornets at

Vicarage Road.  
We are also hoping to run a trip

to Barnsley on November 25. Please contact Sam if you are interested.

This morning many of you will have been to our Saturday Club.

The popular Saturday Club is for Junior Hatters on home matchdays, meeting at Dallow Road Junior School at 12 noon.

The cost is £6.50, which includes your match ticket, (£3.50 for season ticket holders), lunch and supervised activities, with a visit from a Town player.

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 next Saturday, November 18.

Coming soon..... Details of Christmas events!

### MATCH DAY MASCOTS



**Name:** Marcus and Malcolm Clark  
**Age:** 11  
**School:** Icknield High  
**Favourite Town players:** Marvin Johnson and Dwight Marshall  
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**Attend Town matches with:** Mum and brother



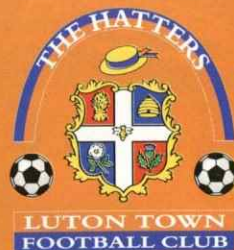
**EMMA** Humphries and **Mark** Wells were our mascots for the home match against Charlton. They are pictured with team captains Steve Davis and John Humphrey, and the match officials, prior to kick-off.

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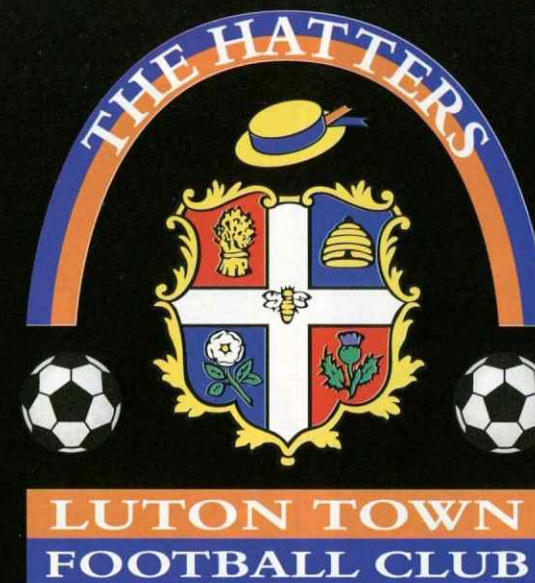
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## HUGHES CELEBRATES WELSH CALL UP



HATTERS midfielder Ceri Hughes has made the first step towards resurrecting his international career with a place in the Welsh squad for Wednesday's European Championship qualifier in Albania.

Having overcome injury to regain his place in the Luton side, Ceri is now hoping to win a place in Bobby Gould's new-look Welsh side.

Gould has named an unchanged starting line-up for the game in Tirana, following Wales' narrow defeat by Germany in Cardiff last month, with ex-Hatter Mark Pembroke, amongst others, keeping his place.

By naming the same side Gould has omitted the fit again Ian Rush and Mark Hughes, with Rush included alongside Ceri in the players vying for a place on the bench.

Also in the travelling group is another former Kenilworth Road favourite, John Hartson.

"By all accounts it was a good performance against the Germans, so it's up to the rest of the squad to force their way back into the side," said Ceri.

"I'm obviously delighted to be included again, and it's a real boost after the injury problems with my knee.

"I was in the standby squad for the game against Germany, and was due to play for a Welsh XI in a testimonial game the same week, but unfortunately I had to miss that game after pulling out of our match at Tranmere through injury.

"The knee is getting stronger all the time now, and I'm pleased that my career seems to be looking up once again."

Luton manager Terry Westley has been pleased with

Ceri Hughes' return this season.

"His selection for an international squad can only serve as a boost to everyone at the club," said Mr Westley.

"Personally I'm delighted for Ceri, who has worked hard this season after his knee injury and the early sending off against Southend.

"He has shown everyone what a good player he is, and that is why Bobby Gould has selected him."

Since making his Luton Town debut at Aston Villa in 1990, Ceri has made four appearances for the full Welsh side - in 1992 v Holland (sub), and in 1994 against Norway (sub), Sweden (sub) and Estonia.



**LEFT:** Ceri Hughes in action against Sunderland at Kenilworth Road earlier this season.

**ABOVE:** Ceri evades the challenge of Larus Sigurdsson at Stoke last Saturday.

### Kelvin called up for Endsleigh League

LUTON Town goalkeeper Kelvin Davis has been selected for the Endsleigh League squad to play the Italian League's Serie B at Huddersfield on Tuesday.

Kelvin, 19, has been included in a 16-strong squad selected by Huddersfield Town boss, and former Hatters skipper, Brian Horton, who has worked in consultation with FA advisor Jimmy Armfield and England coach Terry Venables.

The squad is made up of players under 21 and qualified to play for England.

Kelvin (right) was in the squad last season, and then in the summer played for the England Under-21 side:

He faces competition for the number one jersey from Barnsley's David Watson.



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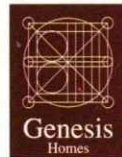
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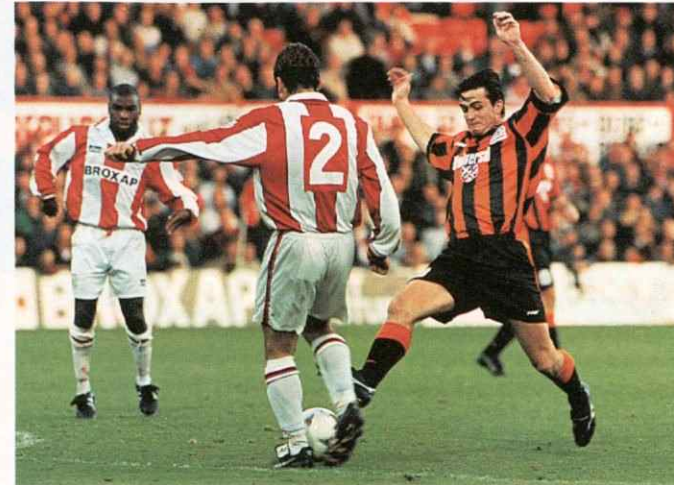
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## INJURY UPDATE.....

with LTFC physio Clive Goodyear



**LEFT: Ceri Hughes,** pictured in action at Stoke City, was unable to make the midweek trip to Italy due to a virus infection.



HATTERS defender David Greene heads for Portugal this week, with the Republic of Ireland Under 21 squad, for their European Championship qualifier.

IT was good to see **Darren Patterson** available for selection again after his ankle injury, and he was due to play for a half in Italy on Wednesday.

He will probably need a further outing in the reserves to get him near to full match fitness, but, touch wood, he has suffered no further problems with the ankle since resuming training with the first team group.

**Marvin Johnson** missed last Saturday's game at Stoke after suffering an injury during training on Friday.

He has a badly bruised calf and shin on his right leg, but, in my absence in Italy, has been receiving daily treatment from John Sheridan and should be fit this afternoon.

**Gary Waddock** has a knee injury and has also been receiving treatment this week.

Finally, there's better news of **Aaron Skelton** who will not now be undergoing a cruciate operation. After seeing the specialist it was decided he should resume training and fitness work in a bid to strengthen the knee, rather than opt straightaway for an operation which could sideline him for the rest of the season.

### LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

IN the event of any emergencies at Luton Town Football Club, the emergency services and the club have agreed on an evacuation policy which is designed to:

- Ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the ground.
- Ensure the dispersal of the crowd from the area to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks.

In the event on an evacuation of all or part of the stadium, you will receive instructions over the public address system on how you should leave the stadium. Stewards will direct you to the nearest exit. It may be that your normal exit route will not be available.

On leaving the stadium, you will find some roads closed to pedestrian traffic, to enable swift and unobstructed arrival of the emergency services.

Please leave the area of the ground as quickly as possible by the route directed. Your co-operation will be most appreciated.

GEOFF LOVELL, Safety Manager.

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

They date from 1959 to the present day, and anybody interested in buying can contact Mr Williams at 8 Speedwell Close, Luton, or by telephone on (01582) 574549.

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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with the club's 'Football in the Community' officer  
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The programme includes technique coaching, designed to help boys and girls enjoy and improve their football, whilst encouraging good attitudes and behaviour.

There is also a certificate for every participant, and a free match ticket for a forthcoming Luton Town home game, and these courses are available to all boys and girls aged between 5 and 14 years old, regardless of their footballing ability.

This week we also have a busy programme of after-school coaching in schools in Bedford, Redbourne, Luton, Marston Moretaine, Barton, Milton Keynes and Tring.

Coaches are also available for sessions during school time, a service which is provided free of charge.

So if your school would like us to assist the PE department with football coaching, please contact me here at the club.

Finally, a special thank you to today's matchball sponsor Geoff Holt, who has kindly donated his tickets to the Football in the Community department.

We are hoping to invite one of our promising young players, and his family, from our School of Excellence.

### COACHING COURSES

- a full list of courses for the Christmas holiday period will be announced shortly ...watch this space!

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For details of community events, contact Colwyn Rowe at:  
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Mon Aug 14	Swindon Town (A)	drew 1-1
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)	won 1-0
Wed Nov 1	Wimbledon (A)	lost 2-1
Wed Nov 8	Norwich City	
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 the end of November. From Wednesday, December 6, matches to be played at Hitchin Town FC.

TBA Barton Rovers (A) BPC

# RESERVES & YOUTH ROUND-UP

## WITH WAYNE TURNER AND JOHN MOORE

THE Town's reserve side recorded their third win in four Combination matches with a 1-0 victory at Ipswich.

But last week they went down 2-1 to a Vinny Jones inspired Wimbledon.

Against Ipswich, in a game played at Bury St Edmunds, the Hatters included former Spurs and England striker Clive Allen, with Bontcho Guentchev and Gavin Johnson playing against their former club.

Des Linton's volley secured



DES LINTON

the points for Wayne Turner's side.

Team: Davis, Chenery, M Thomas, G Johnson, Simpson, James, Linton, Guentchev, Allen, Thorpe, Woodsford.

Subs (not used): Jones, Douglas, Willmott.

The game against Wimbledon, played at Plough Lane, saw the Hatters up against an experienced Dons side including Vinny Jones and Efan Ekoku.

After a goalless first-half, the home side went in front, Julian James equalised, with Wimbledon then netting the winner soon after.

Team: Davis, Linton, Chenery, McLaren (Evers), Greene, James, Thorpe, Guentchev (Simpson), G Johnson, Woodsford, Jones (Douglas).

The youth team started their FA Youth Cup campaign with a 9-1 first round win at Cambridge City.

Andrew Barr scored five,

### Avon Insurance Combination Appearances and Goalscorers

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Barber	5		Boskovic	1	
Chenery	9 (2)		Fitzpatrick	1	
G Johnson	8		Douglas	3 (3)	2
James	6	1	Evers	5 (1)	
Greene	8		Taylor	1	
Skelton	4		Power	1 (1)	
Linton	6	2	Alexander	1	
McLaren	9		Augustine	1 (1)	
Issott	3 (4)	1	Willmott	1 (1)	
Jones	7 (3)	2	Oldfield	2	1
Matthews	3	2	Fotiadis	1	1
Woolgar	1 (2)		Sharpe	1	
K Davis	6		Simpson	3 (1)	1
Peake	3		J Thomas	(1)	
Woodsford	9	2	Kean	(1)	
Hughes	1		Guentchev	2	
Thorpe	7	3	Allen	1	
M Thomas	5				
Waddock	5				
Codner	2				

Up to and including Wimbledon (a) - 25/10



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

Sat Aug 12	Crystal Palace (H)	lost 5-2	Thur Oct 26	C'bridge C (FAYC)(A)	9-1	Sat Jan 27	Oxford United	(A)
Sat Aug 19	Swindon Town (A)	won 3-1	Sat Oct 28	C Palace (LC2)(A)	lost 4-1	Sat Feb 3	AFC Bournemouth	(H)
Sat Aug 26	Colchester U (H)	won 2-0	Sat Nov 4	Barnet (H)	lost 2-1	Sat Feb 10	Bristol City	(A)
Mon Aug 28	Coventry (SJFC) (A)	1-1	Sat Nov 11	Reading	(A)	Sat Feb 17	Wimbledon	(H)
Thur Aug 31	Coventry (SJFC) (H)	0-3	Wed Nov 15	Kettering T (EJC)	(A)	Sat Feb 24	Brentford	(A)
Sat Sep 2	Wycombe W (A)	lost 1-0	Sat Nov 18	Southampton	(A)	Sat Mar 2	Brighton & Hove Albion(H)	
Sat Sep 9	Oxford United (H)	drew 2-2	Sat Nov 25	Leicester C (FAYC)	(A)	Sat Mar 9	Barnet	(A)
Sat Sep 16	C'bridge (LC1) (H)	won 5-0	Sat Dec 2	Tottenham Hotspur	(H)	Sat Mar 16	Reading	(H)
Sat Sep 23	Bournemouth (A)	won 4-0	Sat Dec 9	Bristol Rovers	(A)	Sat Mar 23	Southampton	(H)
Sat Sep 30	Bristol City (H)	won 3-2	Sat Dec 16	Bristol Rovers	(H)	Sat Mar 30	Tottenham Hotspur	(A)
Tue Oct 3	B'tham/S (EJC)(A)	won 6-0	Sat Dec 30	Crystal Palace	(A)		All home matches to be played at Luton Rugby Club.	
Sat Oct 7	Wimbledon (A)	lost 2-0	Sat Jan 6	Swindon Town	(H)			
Sat Oct 14	Brentford (H)	won 4-1	Sat Jan 13	Colchester United	(A)			
Sat Oct 21	C Palace (LC2) (H)	1-1	Sat Jan 20	Wycombe Wanderers	(H)			

with Stuart Douglas netting a hat-trick and Andrew Fotiadis completing the scoring.

The Hatters will play at Leicester City in the second round.

Team: Webb, Turner (Upson), Sharpe, Evers, Doherty, Thomas, Sweeney (Augustine), Kean, Barr, Fotiadis (Douglas), Smith.

But the Town youngsters went out of the South East Counties League Cup two days later, losing their second round replay 4-1 at Crystal Palace. Chris Willmott was the

Luton scorer.

Team: Abbey, Thomas (Turner), Sharpe, Evers, Willmott, Upson, Augustine, Kean, Douglas, Fotiadis, Smith.

Subs not used: Spring, Barr.

Last Saturday, the youth team lost 2-1 at home to Barnet in the South East Counties League; Andrew Barr netting for the Town.

Team: Webb, Turner, Upson, Kean, Thomas (Willmott), Jones, Augustine, George (Douglas), Barr, Sweeney, Ryan (Smith).

South East Counties League Div Two (up to and including 4.11.95)										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt			
C Palace	10	9	1	0	38	9	19			
Tottenham	11	6	2	3	26	18	14			
Brighton	11	6	1	4	16	14	13			
Wimbledon	10	6	0	4	25	13	12			
Southampton	11	5	2	4	20	11	12			
Barnet	12	4	4	4	15	15	12			
Bristol City	12	4	4	4	20	21	12			
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Oxford	10	4	2	4	12	15	10			
Brentford	11	4	2	5	13	17	10			
Bourn'mouth	10	4	2	4	16	21	10			
Wycombe	12	4	2	6	16	24	10			
Bristol R	10	4	1	5	16	16	9			
Swindon	10	2	3	5	8	17	7			
Reading	11	2	2	7	11	32	6			
Colchester	11	2	1	8	11	25	5			

### Youth Team League & Cup Appearances and Goalscorers

	Lge apps	Lge goals	Cup apps	Cup goals	
Abbey	4		5		
Turner	6 (1)		5 (2)		
Sharpe	9		7		
Sweeney	7 (2)		5 (1)	1	
Jones	5 (1)		1 (2)		
Willmott	9 (1)	2	5	2	
Augustine	8 (1)	3	3 (2)	2	
Evers	6 (1)	1	6		
Douglas	6 (2)	2	5 (2)	6	
Barr	6 (3)	6	2 (1)	6	
Kean	8 (1)		5 (2)		
Lawrence	(2)		1		
Fotiadis	6 (3)	4	6	2	
Webb	6		2		
Upson	7 (1)		5 (1)		
Smith	5 (4)	2	6 (1)	1	
George	5 (2)	1	2 (2)	3	
Thomas	5 (1)		3 (2)		
Doherty			2		
Spring			1		

Statistics up to and including Saturday, November 4.

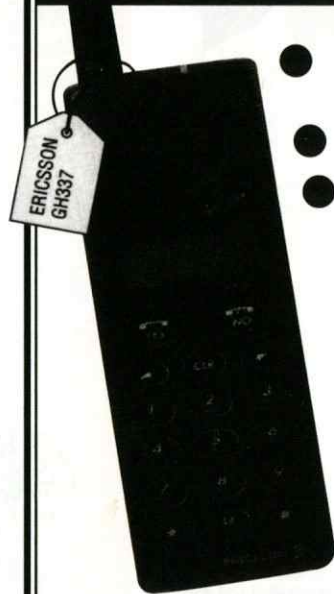
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**TERRY WESTLEY** on the decision to give Vidar Riseth his full debut at Stoke.



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"I'm not a good watcher and now I just want to get my boots on and help." **Northern Ireland international DARREN PATTERSON** looking forward to his return in the Anglo-Italian Cup this week.

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"In my days at Ipswich I can remember George Burley making his debut aged just 17..... against George Best." **TERRY WESTLEY** on the squad travelling to Italy for the game against Cesena.

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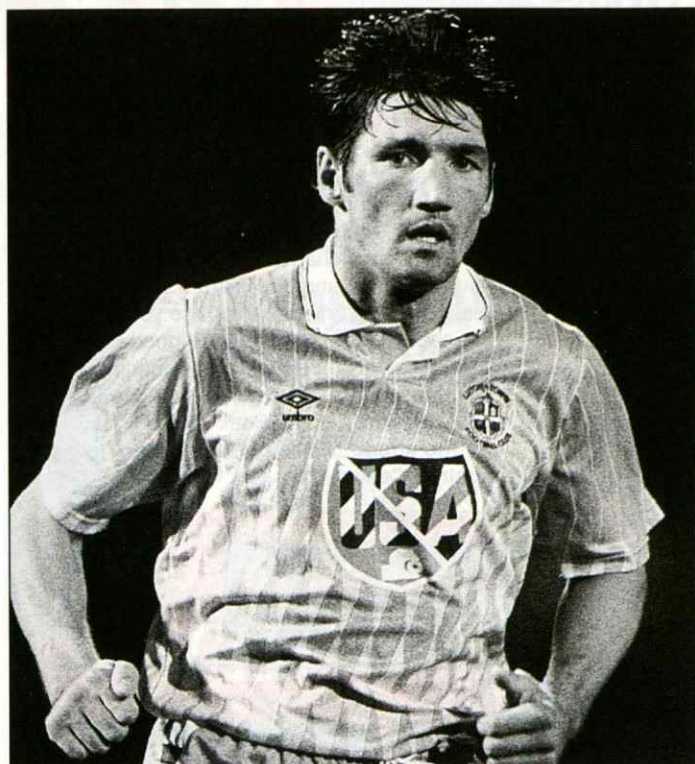


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# Mick of the Hatters is 'Roy of the Rovers'



**LEFT: Mick Harford marked his second 'debut' with both goals in the 2-1 defeat of Oldham in September 1991.**

A LOT happened in the summer of 1991. After the last game win over Derby to secure safety at the end of the previous season, we looked forward to a period of consolidation. Some chance!

A change of manager was the first news to hit the streets of Luton, with Jim Ryan departing to be replaced by David Pleat. The chairman resigned, the physiotherapist moved on, while the youth team coach left with the players having not yet come back from their summer break.

On the playing front, record signing Lars Elstrup had not returned from Denmark and was reported to have taken a job as a bank teller while threatening to turn out as an amateur for Odense.

Clubs were queuing up to buy local-born crowd favourite Kingsley Black, but we were pleased to see the return of old boy Brian Stein, even though he was 33.

The Town kicked off the season at newly promoted West Ham, and I think we were all heartened by a battling performance in a 0-0 draw.

Pleat had made his first big signing when he went back to one of his old clubs, Tottenham,

and spent £275,000 on Phil Gray, but unfortunately we went down 5-0 in the next game at Coventry with Sean Farrell sent off for a bad foul on Trevor Peake.

A 0-0 draw at home to Liverpool followed with Pleat making the announcement that Peake was to join the Town - presumably to keep a close eye on Farrell!

Two further away defeats were suffered at Arsenal (2-0) and Chelsea (4-1) before our first win of the season was recorded with a 2-1 victory over Southampton at Kenilworth Road.

The previous week Pleat had bowed to the inevitable and sold Kingsley Black to Nottingham Forest for £1.5 million, but had taken forward Lee Glover on loan from the City Ground. As if to typify the club's fortune at that time Glover was injured on his debut never to return.

A disastrous 3-0 drubbing at Wimbledon lead Pleat into the transfer market once again and Steve Thompson joined us from Bolton for £180,000. By this time our heads were spinning with all the comings and goings and we were told that even more signings were in the offing.

Pleat had talked about a 'Mick Harford type' of player to lead the attack, and it was therefore

not a surprise when a fee of £325,000 was spent on the best Harford-type in the business..... Mick himself!

The second coming of Mick Harford was greeted by a rapturous Kenilworth Road crowd who had turned up to see one of the promoted sides, Oldham, beaten out of sight and the season transformed just as it had in 1984 during Harford's first spell at the club.

As it turned out the game against Oldham started off in less than sparkling fashion with the Town pulling back defenders to counter the threat of the Latics strikeforce of Ian Marshall and Graeme Sharp, which resulted in few chances at the other end.

The only shot on target by the Town in the first half saw David Preece hit the crossbar with a volley but the players had to come out of their shells when Oldham took the lead with Marshall's header after 52 minutes.

Despite throwing everyone forward in search of an equaliser, the Town did not look like scoring until a double substitution was made with Paul Telfer and Kurt Nogan coming on for Brian Stein and Darron McDonough.

The two, fresh youngsters turned the game on its head with their enthusiasm and willingness to run at the Oldham defence, but as the minutes ticked away it looked as though the Latics would escape with all three points.

With five minutes to go the ball was worked down the right by Matthew Jackson and Telfer, for Nogan who put over a low cross for Harford, who had got in front of his marker, to tap in.

The crowd went wild and in true 'Roy of the Rovers' style Harford was on hand to take advantage of some hesitancy in the Oldham defence to hit a sweet overhead kick into the roof of the net in injury time and secure an unlikely victory.

Pleat said afterwards: "I have to be mean with Luton's money, and I think I paid about £75,000 over the odds for a man of 32, but I knew what Mick had to offer and what he was really worth to us."

The only question of Harford was: "Who writes your script?"

Luton: Chamberlain, Jackson, Rodger, Peake, McDonough (Telfer), Dreyer, Pembridge, Thompson, Preece, Stein (Nogan), Harford.

Oldham: Hallworth, Fleming, Barrett, Kilcline, Halle, Adams, Milligan, Henry, Holden, Sharp, Marshall (Ritchie).



by ROGER WASH

## 5 YEARS AGO

10/11/90: The usual defeat at Liverpool, this time by a 4-0 scoreline, with three of the goals coming in the first half. The reversal pushed us down to 13th position in Division One.

## 10 YEARS AGO

9/11/85: After almost 40 years of trying, the Town won at Tottenham again! The Luton scorers in this momentous 3-1 victory were Mick Harford, Brian Stein and Ricky Hill.

## 15 YEARS AGO

11/11/80: A Steve White goal was enough to secure all the points in a 1-0 win at Watford. This was the fourth 1-0 victory in a row in games against the Hornets!

## 20 YEARS AGO

8/11/75: A late John Ryan strike was the only consolation as we went down 3-1 at Southampton in front of a crowd of 13,885.

Those were the days



## NELSON'S VICTORY... FIRST-HALF GOAL DECIDES TV CLASH



ABOVE: Steve Davis makes a break for the Hatters, supported by Vidar Riseth



ABOVE: Dwight Marshall challenged by Richard Rufus, with messrs Riseth and Davis looking on

RIGHT: Ceri Hughes takes on Charlton defender Phil Chapple



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ABOVE: Marvin Johnson heads wide during the second half of the televised match against Charlton



LEFT: Scott Oakes challenges for possession

RIGHT: Charlton keeper Mike Salmon denies Dwight Marshall midway through the second half





**Live ITV coverage**

THE following Division One matches have been confirmed for live television coverage in various ITV regions:

**November 12:**

Wolves v Charlton - Central/  
LWT

**November 19:**

Norwich v Ipswich - Anglia  
Leicester v Tranmere -  
Central/ Granada  
Southend v Crystal Palace -  
LWT

**November 26:**

Birmingham v Leicester -  
Central  
Watford v Norwich - LWT/  
Anglia  
Carlisle v Wycombe - Border

## League announce Mitre partnership

THE Football League have announced a major new sponsorship agreement with sports manufacturers Mitre Sports International Limited, involving the forthcoming Inter-League match to be played at Huddersfield Town's Alfred McAlpine Stadium this coming Tuesday, November 14.

Huddersfield-based Mitre Sports, the official ball suppliers of the Endsleigh League, will receive title sponsorship of Tuesday's match between The Football League and the Italian League Serie B to be known as 'The Mitre Challenge'.

Graham Walker, the Football League's Commercial Executive, said: "I am delighted that following the Football League's first ever deal with Mitre Sports in 1982 our relationship continues to go from strength to strength."

"The Football League and Mitre have agreed the basis of a new deal which will be worth more than £1.2 million during the next five years."

"The sponsorship of the Inter-League match will form part of this agreement."

## Birmingham boss Fry is Manager of the Month

BIRMINGHAM City manager Barry Fry was the winner of the Endsleigh League Manager of the Month award for October.

The Blues collected maximum points from four matches in October to move up to second in the table, looking to complete their second successive promotion season.

The Division Two award went to Swindon Town boss Steve McMahon, with Darlington's David Hodgson winning the Division Three prize.

Stoke City were the winners of the Yokohama 'Best Performance on the Road' award for October, for their 4-1 win at Wolves.

The Potters were presented with their award prior to last Saturday's win over Luton.

This award is new for the 1995/96 season, following a sponsorship agreement with tyre manufacturer Yokohama, and is given to the Division One team achieving the best away performance in all competitions each month.

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The correct application of Law 12 (Fouls and Misconduct) in every match is, therefore, of prime concern.

A recent re-wording of this law should lead to a more ready acceptance of the correct punishing of unfair challenges and, in particular, help spectators understand the degrees of punishments and their dependence upon the nature of the foul acts.

For years, match officials have had to make an enlightened guess concerning the true 'intention' of a player in making a challenge.

The words "intention" or "intentionally" figured prominently in the law. Now the terminology is easier to understand, with unfair pushes, trips and kicks, etc, being judged in terms of whether they are seen, in the context of a game, as being merely careless, decidedly reckless or involving an excessive amount of force.

In each case, the basic punishment for the offender will be the award against him of a direct free kick (or a penalty kick if committed on an opponent by a player of the defending team in his own penalty area) but the direct free kick may also be supplemented with a further punishment of a caution (yellow card) or dismissal (red card) depending on the perceived nature and intensity of

*In the third of a series of articles, the FA's Director of Refereeing, KEN RIDDEN, looks at topical issues, this week dealing with the application of Law 12 (Fouls and Misconduct).*

the unfair attack.

A simple trip will result in a free kick; seen to be sufficient punishment for the crime.

However, a reckless trip might be considered to be not sufficiently punished by a free-kick alone. A referee may, therefore, deem such a challenge to be a case of ungentlemanly conduct too, deserving additionally of a caution for this further offence.

Even more extreme would be the wild, brutal, excessively violent trip, as committed (thankfully, only rarely) by a harassed defender, racing from behind a speedy, skilful attacker.

For such an unacceptable violation, the offender, guilty clearly also of serious foul play, must be dismissed from the field.

In addition to the introduction of the qualifying terms, careless, reckless or the use of disproportionate force, in each case as considered in the opinion of the referee, in relation to pushing, tripping, and kicking an opponent, etc, the revised law also includes an aspect highlighted by FIFA last year and designed to further deter players from inflicting damage on opponents, ie "when tackling an opponent makes contact with the opponent before contact is made with the ball".

This further offence, quite understandably, also brings an automatic award of a direct free kick against an offender.

Some time ago, a prominent coach observed that while good, competitive tackling is a very important part of football, tackling requires great judgement, precise timing and intense concentration to take the ball away fairly from an opponent. How true are those views!

Carelessness, recklessness and excessive force and brutality in making challenges can only lead to fouls, bad fouls and even worse fouls.

Referees must ensure that players are protected from unfair behaviour by applying the sanctions offered by Law 12 firmly and swiftly for the benefit of all in and who watch our national sport.

### Royals' stadium scheme

OUTLINE plans for Reading's proposed new stadium have been unveiled by Royals' chairman John Madejski.

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LEFT: Ceri Hughes is pictured with Mrs Sue Miller and family after the game against Charlton. Mrs Miller was one of our match sponsors, and she and her husband Les are also Ceri's kit sponsors for this season.

RIGHT: Mr Keith Ansell was our matchball sponsor against Charlton, and his grandson Mark was one of our matchday mascots. They are pictured with Johnny Vilstrup, Marvin Johnson, David Oldfield and Trevor Peake.



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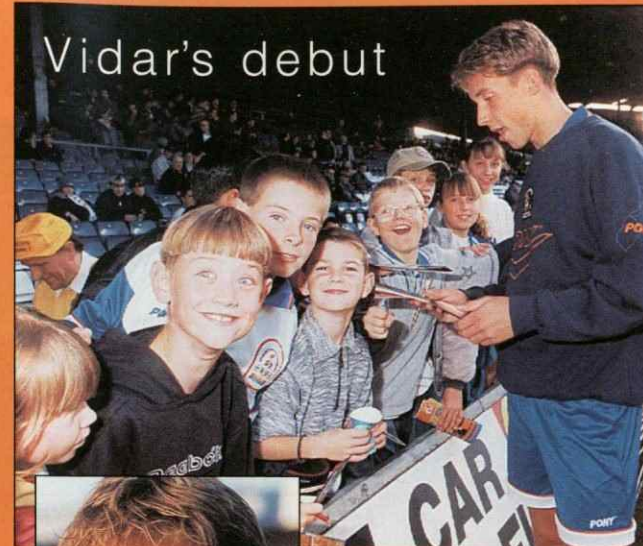
## VIDAR RISETH - ACTION EXTRA



NORWEGIAN striker Vidar Riseth is pictured up against Stoke skipper Vince Overson, during his full debut for the Hatters at the Victoria Ground last Saturday.

Pictures: ANDY HANDLEY

## Vidar's debut



NORWEGIAN striker Vidar Riseth made his Luton debut as a second-half substitute against Charlton, following his £100,000 move from Kongsvinger.

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Date	Opponents	F-A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 or GK	14
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)	(THORPE)	(Thomas)
Sat Aug 19	Southend United	1-0	4,630	17	Sommer	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	(Oldfield)	Alexander	Marshall	(Taylor)	Guentchev	(Harvey)	(Matthews)	(Thorpe)	(Thomas)
Tue Aug 22	Bournemouth CCC1 (2)	1-2	4,884	-	Sommer	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	HUGHES	(Oldfield)	Linton	Marshall	(Taylor)	G.Johnson	Harvey	(Guentchev)	(Thorpe)	(Peake)
Sat Aug 26	LEICESTER CITY	1-1	7,612	16	Sommer	(James)	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Linton)	Guentchev	(Marshall)	G.Johnson	Harvey	(Taylor)	(Woodsford)	(Peake)
Tue Aug 29	Grimsby Town	0-0	4,289	11	K.Davis	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	(Alexander)	(Oldfield)	MARSHALL	(Guentchev)	Taylor	G.Johnson	Harvey	(Woodsford)	(Thorpe)	(Peake)
Sat Sep 2	DERBY COUNTY	1-2	6,427	17	K.Davis	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Evers	(Thorpe)	Linton	(GUENTCHEV)	(Oldfield)	Hughes	Harvey	(Marshall)	(Waddock)	(W'ford)
Tue Sep 5	PERUGIA AIC	1-4	2,352	-	K.Davis	James	Skelton	S.Davis	Waddock	Alexander	(Linton)	MARSHALL	Oldfield	G.Johnson	Harvey	Evers	Peake	(Gu'chev)
Sat Sep 9	Reading	1-3	8,550	20	K.Davis	James	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	Vilstrup	Linton	Marshall	Oldfield	Guentchev	Harvey	G.Johnson	Evers	(James)
Wed Sep 13	Millwall	0-1	7,076	22	Feuer	Peake	(M.Johnson)	S.Davis	(Waddock)	Vilstrup	(Linton)	Marshall	Oldfield	Hughes	Harvey	Greene	(Taylor)	(Gu'chev)
Sat Sep 16	SUNDERLAND	0-2	6,955	23	Feuer	Peake	James	S.Davis	Hughes	(Vilstrup)	Alexander	Marshall	(Taylor)	Guentchev	Harvey	(Waddock)	James	(Oldfield)
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	Waddock	McLaren	Alexander	Marshall	Oakes	(Guentchev)	Harvey	(Oldfield)	James	G.Johns'n
Sat Oct 7	Tranmere Rovers	0-1	6,680	24	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.DAVIS	McLaren	Vilstrup	Linton	Oakes	(Oldfield)	(Guentchev)	Harvey	(Thorpe)	(Alexander)	(W'ford)
Wed Oct 11	Genoa AIC	0-4	3,759	-	K.Davis	(James)	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	Hughes	Alexander	Marshall	Oldfield	Woodsford	HARVEY	Guentchev	(James)	McLaren
Sat Oct 14	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	1-2	8,042	24	Feuer	(Peake)	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	(Vilstrup)	Alexander	(Oakes)	OLDFIELD	(Marshall)	Harvey	(Waddock)	(G.Johnson)	(Gu'chev)
Sun Oct 22	Ipswich Town	1-0	9,123	21	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.Davis	(Hughes)	(Waddock)	(Alexander)	Oakes	Oldfield	Marshall	Harvey	(Linton)	(Riseth)	(Gu'chev)
Sun Oct 29	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	0-1	6,270	22	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	(Vilstrup)	Alexander	Oakes	Riseth	Marshall	Harvey	(Oldfield)	James	McLaren
Sat Nov 4	Stoke City	0-5	9,382	24	Feuer	Peake	G.Johnson	S.Davis										
Wed Nov 8	Cesena AIC																	
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Sat Dec 23	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN																	
Tue Dec 26	Crystal Palace																	
Sat Dec 30	Port Vale																	
Mon Jan 1	SHEFFIELD UNITED																	
Sat Jan 6	FA Cup 3																	
Sat Jan 13	SOUTHEND UNITED																	
Sat Jan 20	Norwich City																	
Sat Jan 27	FA Cup 4																	
Sat Feb 3	Leicester City																	
Sat Feb 10	GRIMSBY TOWN																	
Sat Feb 17	MILLWALL																	
Wed Feb 21	Derby County																	
Sat Feb 24	Sunderland																	
Tue Feb 27	READING																	
Sat Mar 2	CRYSTAL PALACE																	
Sat Mar 9	Huddersfield Town																	
Sat Mar 16	PORT VALE																	
Sat Mar 23	Sheffield United																	
Sat Mar 30	IPSWICH TOWN																	
Tue Apr 2	West Bromwich Albion																	
Sat Apr 6	Charlton Athletic																	
Tue Apr 9	STOKE CITY																	
Sat Apr 13	Birmingham City																	
Sat Apr 20	WATFORD																	
Sat Apr 27	BARNSELY																	
Sat May 4	Oldham Athletic																	

## ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Millwall	15	8	5	2	19	13	29
Leicester City	15	8	4	3	27	20	28
Birmingham City	15	7	5	3	26	16	26
Sunderland	15	6	7	2	18	14	25
Tranmere Rovers	14	6	6	2	26	14	24
West Brom	15	7	3	5	22	18	24
Barnsley	15	6	4	5	22	27	22
Charlton Athletic	15	5	7	3	19	14	22
Oldham Athletic	15	5	6	4	21	17	21
Norwich City	15	5	6	4	21	18	21
Huddersfield T	15	6	3	6	20	22	21
Grimsby Town	15	5	6	4	16	17	21
Ipswich Town	15	5	5	5	26	23	20
Southend Utd	15	5	4	6	14	18	19
Stoke City	15	4	6	5	20	19	18
Reading	15	4	6	5	20	22	18
Derby County	15	4	6	5	17	23	18
Wolves	15	4	5	6	18	20	17
Crystal Palace	14	4	5	5	16	19	17
Watford	15	3	6	6	20	23	15
Sheffield United	15	4	2	9	21	27	14
Portsmouth	15	3	4	8	20	27	13
Port Vale	15	2	6	7	14	20	12
LUTON TOWN	15	3	3	9	10	22	12

Table up to and including Sunday, Nov 5, 1995.

## Average Gates



## Top Club Scorers



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## 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	13		3	1	Des LINTON	5 (1)		2	
Gary WADDOK	7 (4)		1 (1)		Gavin JOHNSON	5 (1)			
Ceri HUGHES	10	1	2		Jamie WOODSFORD	1 (2)		(2)	
Trevor PEAKE	10 (3)				Aaron SKELTON			1	
Graham ALEXANDER	12		2 (1)		Sean EVERS			1	
David OLDFIELD	11 (3)		4		Ian FEUER	9			
Tony THORPE	1 (3)	1	1 (3)		Johnny VILSTRUP	6		1	
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	8 (5)	2	4	1	Paul McLAREN	1		1	
Richard HARVEY	15	1	4		Scott OAKES	4		1	
John TAYLOR	5 (3)		2		Vidar RISETH	1 (1)			
Juergen SOMMER	2		2						
Steve DAVIS	14	1	4						
Dwight MARSHALL	14	3	2 (1)	1					



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## TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Today's referee is

**ANDREW D'URSO**, from  
Billericay, Essex.

Mr D'Urso, a bank manager, joined the league list in season 1994/95.



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Clingo

## OTHER DIVISION ONE MATCHES TODAY

Derby County v West Brom  
Grimsby Town v Barnsley  
Leicester City v Watford  
Millwall v Ipswich Town  
Norwich City v Crystal Palace  
Port Vale v Sheffield United  
Preston v Huddersfield Town  
Reading v Birmingham City  
Southend United v Stoke City  
Sunderland v Tranmere (OFF)  
Wolves v Charlton Athletic (Sun)

## TEAM CHECK

### LUTON TOWN

Manager: Terry Westley

Ian FEUER

Trevor PEAKE

Gavin JOHNSON

Steve DAVIS

Ceri HUGHES

Johnny VILSTRUP

Graham ALEXANDER

Scott OAKES

Vidar RISETH

Dwight MARSHALL

Richard HARVEY

### OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Manager: Graeme Sharp

1 Paul GERRARD

2 Ian SNODIN

3 Chris MALKIN

4 Richard GRAHAM

5 Craig FLEMING

6 Steve REDMOND

7 Gunnar HALLE

8 Paul WILKINSON

9 Sean McCARTHY

10 Lee RICHARDSON

11 Mark BRENNAN

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