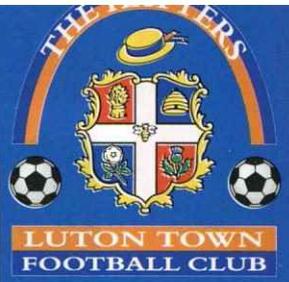


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## WE MUST COPE BETTER WITH THE EFFECTS OF A SETBACK

A WARM welcome to all players, supporters and officials of Sheffield United Football Club, for this afternoon's important fixture.

Our last home game of 1995 against Huddersfield Town saw a convincing and professional first-half performance, which saw us go in with a deserved 1-0 half-time lead.

The players had responded well to the different shape of the team and what was required of them.

But unfortunately the harsh sending off of Steve Davis early in the second half caused us to have to reshuffle our remaining forces and during this spell we conceded two goals, and but for a fine save by Ian Feuer would probably have conceded a third which would have put the game beyond our reach.

Players will make mistakes and decisions will go against you and those events are part and parcel of the game, especially when the team is near the bottom of the league.

However what has to be learned quickly is a better reaction to a harsh decision or mistake, and in that respect we conceded the first goal too soon after the sending off, and the second goal too soon after the first.

In short we fell to pieces for 15 minutes and coping with the immediate effects of a setback has to be high on our list of priorities.

Nevertheless, after a couple of substitutions, the players showed great spirit and commitment to force themselves back into the game, and indeed we created probably the three best chances of the day from being 2-1 down with 10 men, and from one of those David Oldfield scored a fine goal.

The day's efforts only produced one point, but in some respects it felt like three



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FROM left to right: Luton Town director Chris Green, new manager Lennie Lawrence, and Luton Town chairman David Kohler, at the press conference to announce Mr Lawrence's arrival at Kenilworth Road. (Picture: Gareth Owen)

points against a side which had only lost once in 10 games.

Events at Selhurst Park on Boxing Day morning prior to the advertised kick-off time of 12 noon can best be described as farcical to say the least.

Having stayed overnight nearby on Christmas night we arrived at 10.45am, promptly had a look at the pitch which was frozen and rutted, and there appeared to be no possibility whatsoever of a game being staged.

Talk of the sun being strong enough to soften the ground proved to be unrealistic and the game was promptly called off by the referee at approximately 11.15am, which must have been a great cause of frustration to the many Luton supporters who had set off on their journey only to hear of the late cancellation.

You would have thought that a club so recently in the Premier League would perhaps have been better organised.

The result of the Port Vale game is not

known at the time of writing, but hopefully a result there will have set us up nicely for this very important fixture today.

Sheffield United have also changed manager recently, with Howard Kendall taking charge, and at the time of writing have gained three consecutive draws and will come into this game with confidence fairly high.

As for us, we need to reproduce the performance we exhibited against Huddersfield last Saturday, without that 15 minute spell just after half-time.

The atmosphere was good against Huddersfield, and the support excellent, especially when we were up against it in the second half. So please get behind the team today, and many thanks for all the kind words and messages of welcome I have received since arriving here.

A Happy New Year to all Luton Town supporters, and I hope that 1996 is a much better year than 1995.

## AROUND THE TOWN

## WIN tickets for your junior side in our Team of the Month award

THE Loyal Luton Supporters Club have once again teamed up with LutonTown to offer junior teams in the area the chance to watch a Hatters home match absolutely free.

The fans have successfully applied for a grant from the National Westminster Bank, as part of the bank's community programme, and, supported by the Football Club, wish to donate tickets for youngsters in the area to try and attract new supporters to Kenilworth Road.

The tickets will take the form of a monthly award, starting with January 1996, which will enable the winning team, and their manager, to watch the next Hatters' home game the following month.

The winning team will be selected from YOUR nominations, and is not just aimed at the teams at the top of the leagues.

Managers or parents should write in telling us why your team should be the Team of the Month. It may be that you recorded a first win, or only lost narrowly to the top side in your

league.

Supporting the scheme, Luton Town spokesman Simon Oxley said: "This is a marvellous gesture by the supporters, which proved very popular last season.

"In total nearly 100 youngsters were able to come and watch Luton matches at Kenilworth Road, and all had an excellent day out.

"Initiatives such as this are very welcome, and shows the spirit that exists at Luton Town." Loyal Luton Supporters Club committee

member Kevin Lennon added: "We felt this was a successful venture last year, and thanks to NatWest we can do it again.

"This scheme complements our kit sponsorship for skipper Steve Davis this season."

Nominations should be sent in, by the end of the month please, to: Junior Team Award (January), c/o Simon Oxley, LTFC, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW.

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FRONT COVER: Put your shirt on them..... new manager Lennie Lawrence and chairman David Kohler hope there are better times ahead for Luton Town.

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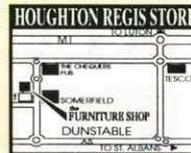


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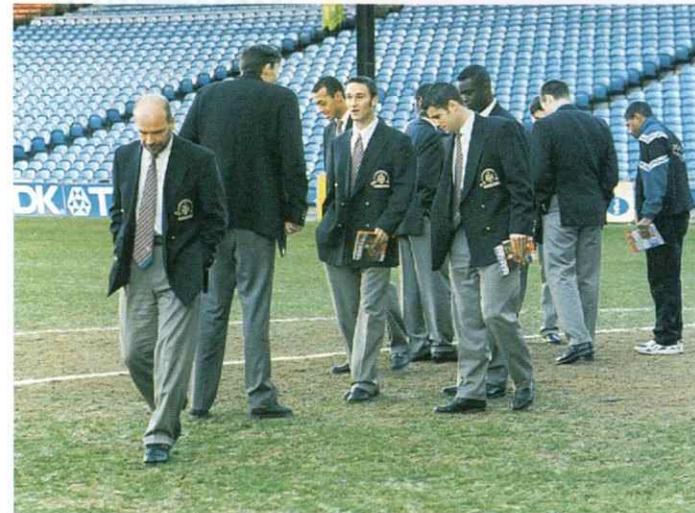
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## LEADING THE LINE

by Club Captain STEVE DAVIS



**LEFT: Coach Wayne Turner and the Hatters players inspect the Selhurst Park pitch on Boxing Day morning.**

A HAPPY New Year to everyone, and let's hope we can make a winning start to 1996.

Up to the game against Port Vale on Saturday, 1995 ended in fairly disappointing fashion for me, with that sending off against Huddersfield and then the frustration of Selhurst Park on Boxing Day.

I was obviously disappointed to be dismissed against Huddersfield, and felt that I had made contact with the ball rather than with Andrew Booth.

But as soon as the whistle went and the referee reached for his book I knew it would be a red card.

It was particularly disappointing given the position we were in, but I must compliment the lads on recovering to gain a valuable draw.

We were in good spirits for the trip to Palace, but as soon as we arrived at the ground there seemed no chance of playing.

It was rock hard everywhere, and would have proved too dangerous for the players, as well as ruining it as a spectacle for the fans.

The referee had no choice in my opinion, but it was frustrating to say the least for us, after coming back on Christmas Day to prepare for the game,

and no doubt for you the fans having travelled down there for a 12 noon kick-off.

Now though we look forward to a new year, and this afternoon's visitors Sheffield United.

I gather you had quite an eventful game against them here last season, when they won 6-3, and I have happy memories of playing at home for Burnley against the Blades.

We won 4-2, and yours truly netted number four! A Burnley colleague of mine from last season Adrian Heath, is now assistant to Howard Kendall at Sheffield, so I look forward to meeting up with him again today.

We need the three points, and then look forward to Saturday's FA Cup trip to Grimsby - a game I may now miss after that sending off. We drew there 0-0 earlier in the season, and have nothing to fear from a trip to Blundell Park.

Finally, a belated welcome to our new manager Lennie Lawrence. He is an experienced manager who is respected throughout the game.

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.

Keep up-to-date with all the news from Kenilworth Road on  
**LUTON TOWN CLUBCALL 0891 121 123**

Steve Davis

## FA CUP THIRD ROUND DRAW

### Matches to be played this coming weekend



**Saturday, January 6**  
 Crewe Alexandra v West Brom  
 Reading v Gillingham  
 Tranmere Rovers v QPR  
 Norwich City v Brentford  
 Leicester City v Manchester C  
 Aston Villa v Gravesend  
 Crystal Palace v Port Vale  
 Stoke City v Nottingham F  
 Swindon Town v Woking  
 Bradford City v Bolton  
 Huddersfield T v Blackpool  
 Plymouth v Coventry  
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 Peterborough v Wrexham  
 Barnsley v Oldham  
 West Ham v Southend

Walsall v Wigan  
 Millwall v Oxford Utd  
 Manchester Utd v Sunderland  
 Liverpool v Rochdale  
 Hereford v Tottenham  
 Arsenal v Sheffield Utd  
 Fulham v Shrewsbury  
 Ipswich v Blackburn  
 Charlton v Sheffield Wed  
 Notts County v Middlesbrough  
 Watford v Wimbledon

**Sunday, January 7**  
 Chelsea v Newcastle  
 Derby County v Leeds  
 Everton v Stockport  
 Southampton v Portsmouth



**DEFENDER** Nathan Jones (pictured left) has been released by Luton Town, and has joined Spanish side Real Badajoz.

The Spaniards are managed by former Newport manager Colin Addison, who was also manager at Merthyr Tydfil - Nathan's previous club.

The 22-year-old joined the Hatters in the summer, and despite a number of reserve outings did not make a senior appearance.

*If you are a Milton Keynes-based Hatters fan who finds difficulty in travelling to home games then the Bletchley Hatters Club could be the answer to your problems.*

*They can offer coach travel to all Luton Town home matches from various pick-up points in Bletchley, Bow Brickhill, Woburn Sands and Aspley Guise.*

*For further information, and bookings, please telephone Milton Keynes (01908) 377750.*

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Sat Jan 6	Grimsby Town (FA3)	£9.50	£7.50	9.00am	10.00am
Sat Jan 20	Norwich City	£8.00	£6.50	10.15am	11.15am
Sat Feb 3	Leicester City	£7.00	£5.50	11.00am	12 noon
Wed Feb 21	Derby County	£7.50	£6.00	3.15pm	4.15pm

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 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



## LUTON TOWN

### TICKET OFFICE NEWS

#### Grimsby Town v Luton Town

##### FA CUP THIRD ROUND

Saturday, January 6, 1996, kick-off 3pm

This is an ALL-TICKET match, and there will be NO tickets available on the day at Grimsby.

Season ticket holders can purchase one ticket each (subject to availability) until Friday, January 5, at 4pm.

Members can purchase one ticket per member (subject to availability), until Friday, January 5, at 4pm.

Seats only: £12 adults and £6 juniors/ senior citizens.

(The ticket office will be open on Saturday, January 6, between 9 and 11am for the sale of other match tickets).

#### Luton Town v Southend United

##### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, January 13, 1996, kick-off 3pm

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

#### Luton Town v Grimsby Town (prov)

##### FA CUP THIRD ROUND REPLAY

Tuesday, January 16, 1996, kick-off 7.45pm

In the event of a replay in the FA Cup tie against Grimsby, the season ticket details are as follows:

Season ticket holders' seats will be reserved for them from Monday, January 8 at 10am, until Friday, January 12 at 6pm, and remaining tickets will be on sale at normal league prices to members, and normal guesting facilities will apply.

(The ticket office will be open Monday to Wednesday 10am to 4pm, and Thursday and Friday 10am to 6pm).

#### Norwich City v Luton Town

##### ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, January 20, 1996, kick-off 3pm

Ticket details will be announced shortly.

### TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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Monday, January 1 - NORMAL MATCHDAY OPENING

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## AROUND THE TOWN

### LUTON TOWN FAN FILE



Name: *STEEVEN SHARPE.*

Age: 15.

Area I live: *Hatch End, Middlesex.*

The first time I saw Luton play: *v Crystal Palace in 1989 (ish).*

The best Luton player I have ever seen: *Mick Harford*  
If I had unlimited funds, which player would I buy for Luton, and why: *Lee Walker of Wealdstone - he heads the ball brilliantly!*

Best game ever seen: *Luton 3 West Ham 2 in the FA Cup sixth round.*

My favourite away ground, and why: *Highbury always has a good atmosphere.*

One new football law I'd introduce: *Four linesmen.*

What I like about Kenilworth Road: *You are close to the pitch.*

And dislike: *Lack of atmosphere since all-seater.*

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.



AWAY the lads.....Town fans Ray, Dave, Craig and Will on holiday in Lindos, on the Greek island of Rhodes.



LUTON supporter Clinton West has a number of Town programmes for sale, dating from the late 1950s to the 1990s. If anyone would like to receive a list of the programmes available, they should send a stamped, addressed envelope to Mr West at 63 Dingleway, Appleton, Warrington, WA4 3AG.

HAIR we go..... Town duo Marvin Johnson and Ceri Hughes joined Luton boxer Billy Schwer to launch the newly-refurbished Hairs and Graces, in High Street South, Dunstable.

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.



**JOHN GANNON** - Former Wimbledon player who has been at Bramall Lane for six years, producing consistent displays in central midfield.

**BRIAN GAYLE** - Club captain and centre-back with great experience and stature after spells at Wimbledon, Manchester City and Ipswich, before becoming United's record signing at £700,000 in 1991.

**CHARLIE HARTFIELD** - Began his career at Arsenal as captain and full-back in the reserves, but has figured in a central midfield role at Bramall Lane following his free transfer in 1991.

**GLYN HODGES** - Welsh international midfielder who joined the Blades from Crystal Palace in 1991 for £410,000. Has also played for Wimbledon, Newcastle and Watford.

**DOUG HODGSON** - Australian centre-back who signed last season, but suffered with injuries.

**PAUL HOLLAND** - Signed from Mansfield for £200,000 in the summer, after playing for England Under 21s in the Toulon Tournament.

**LEE INNES** - Newcastle-born youngster who turned professional in July 1994.

**ALAN KELLY** - Republic of Ireland goalkeeper who signed from Preston for £200,000 over three years ago.

**ROGER NILSON** - Norwegian international now in his second full season at Bramall Lane. Left-back or centre-back who cost United £400,000.

**JOHN REED** - Broke into the first team last season after developing through United's youth scheme.

**PAUL ROGERS** - Reliable midfielder whose consistent displays earned him the Coaches' Player of the Year last season.

**ANDY SCOTT** - Signed from Sutton United for £50,000 in 1992.

**ROB SCOTT** - Made his league debut last season, after signing, like his brother Andy, from Sutton. On loan at Scarborough last season.

**PHIL STARBUCK** - Former Nottingham Forest and Huddersfield Town player who signed for United, after a successful loan spell, for £158,000 in January 1995.

**SIMON TRACEY** - Former Wimbledon goalkeeper who has been kept out of the first team by Alan Kelly's excellent form.

**DAVE TUTTLE** - Defender who joined from Spurs for £450,000 in August 1993.

**CARL VEART** - Regular member of the Australian side, who joined United for £250,000 from Adelaide City, scoring 11 goals last season.

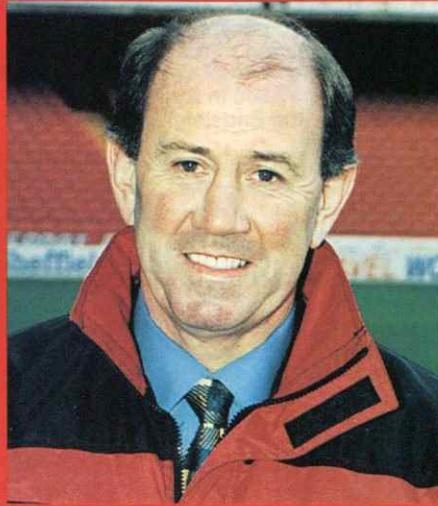
**MICHEL VONK** - Howard Kendall's first signing, for £350,000 from Manchester City, after a loan spell at Oldham.

**MITCH WARD** - Sheffield born player who has been with United since school.

**DANE WHITEHOUSE** - Another Sheffield-born product of United's junior system, who made his debut at Blackpool in 1988.

**DAVID WHITE** - Former Manchester City winger, currently on loan from Leeds.

## Meet the Manager



**HOWARD KENDALL** succeeded Dave Bassett at Bramall Lane last month.

Bassett had been in charge since January 1988, taking the Blades into the Premiership and to an FA Cup semi-final, but parted company with the club by mutual consent.

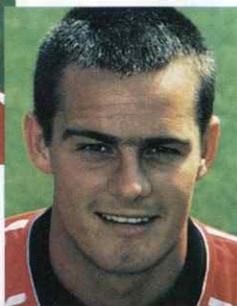
Kendall was quickly installed, and appointed Adrian Heath as his assistant, with Viv Busby, once a Luton player, as coach.

Howard Kendall is one of the most experienced managers in the country, with two spells at Everton bringing League Championship, FA Cup and European success.

He was also in charge at Blackburn and Manchester City, briefly at Notts County, and at club level in Spain.



LEFT: John Gannon



RIGHT: Mitch Ward

## A Hatter and a Blade.....

Hull-born **BOB HATTON** was missed by his home town club and, instead, was snapped up by Wolves where he made his league debut in 1966/67.

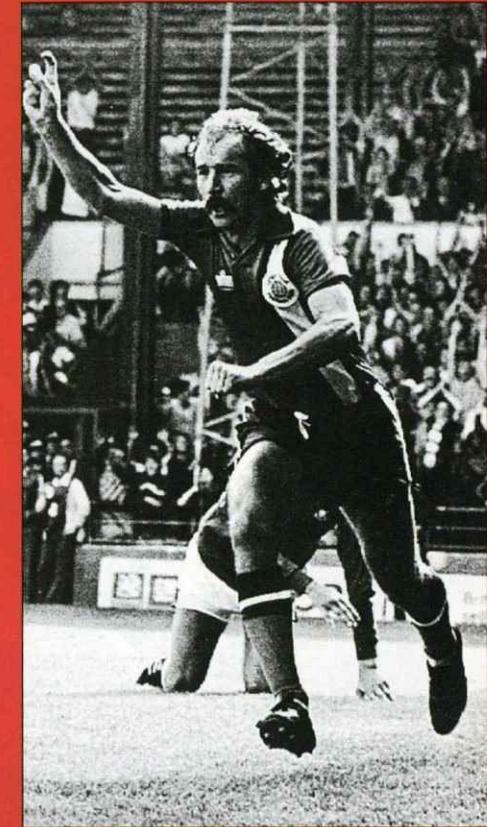
Despite seven goals in only 10 appearances he found it difficult to claim a regular spot at Molineux and was transferred to Bolton followed quickly by a move to Northampton in 1968.

Now getting a reputation as a football nomad, Bob stepped up a division and enjoyed a couple of seasons at Carlisle before Birmingham City came in with a big bid in October 1971 to make him the final piece in the jigsaw as the Blues returned to Division One.

Bob had five successful years at St Andrews playing alongside Trevor Francis and Bob Latchford, but in 1976 it was time to move on again, on this occasion to Blackpool.

Following the Seaside's relegation to Division Three, Luton manager David Pleat secured this proven goalscorer for £50,000 and he had two fruitful seasons at Kenilworth Road where he 'looked after' the emerging Brian Stein.

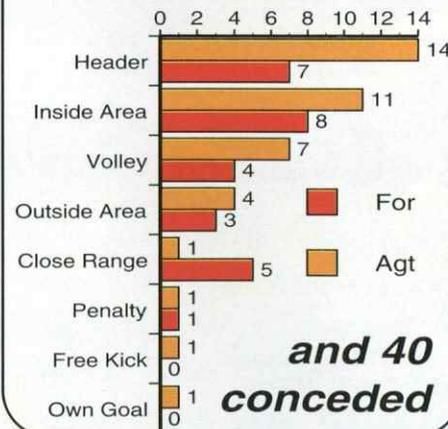
Not wishing to overstay his welcome he moved to Sheffield United for two years before finishing his playing career in Wales



with Cardiff City.

This veteran of 10 league clubs now works as a financial advisor for the P.F.A. in Birmingham. - **ROGER WASH.**

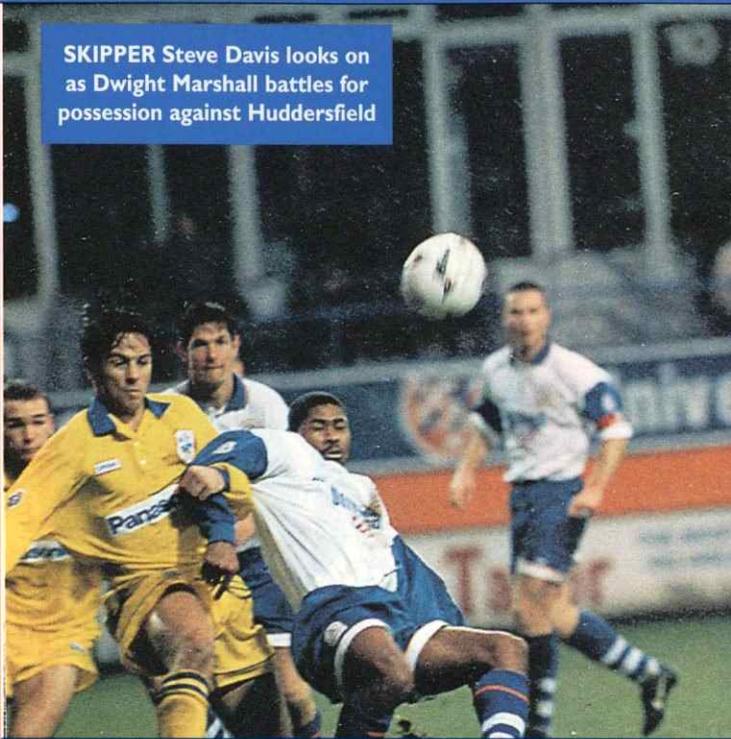
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## Goal Scorers



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**SKIPPER** Steve Davis looks on as Dwight Marshall battles for possession against Huddersfield

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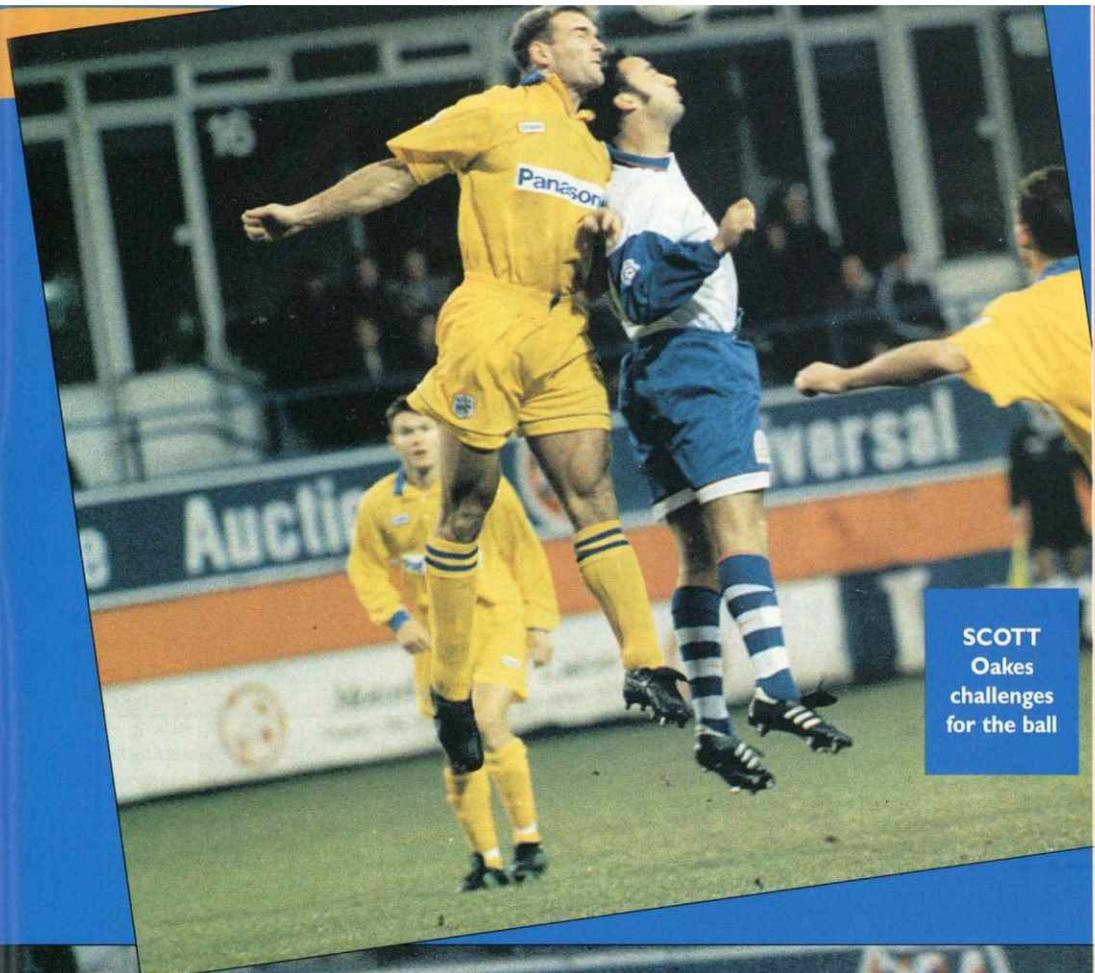
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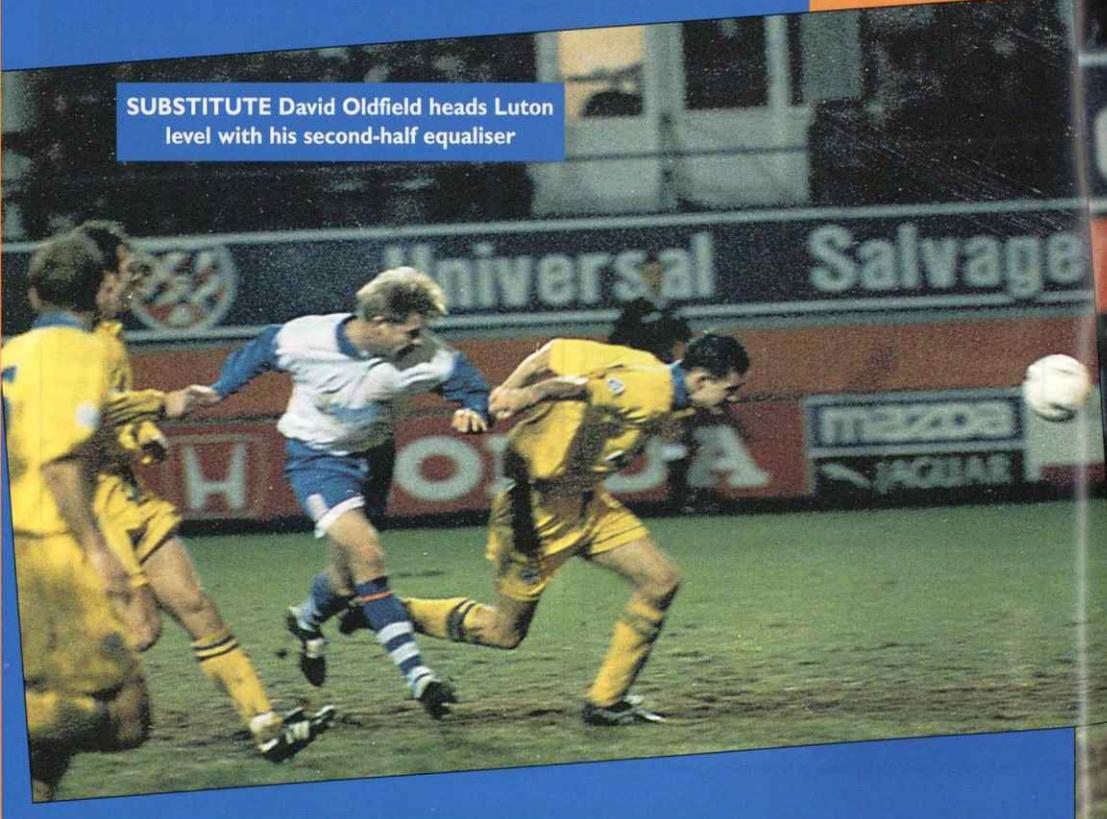
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**SCOTT** Oakes challenges for the ball



**SUBSTITUTE** David Oldfield heads Luton level with his second-half equaliser



**DWIGHT** Marshall dribbles the ball round Huddersfield keeper Steve Francis to put the Hatters in front

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## HARRY OF THE HATTERS

### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL JUNIOR HATTERS

A HAPPY New Year to all Junior Hatters and thanks to everyone who attended our Junior Hatters Xmas Party, at the Dallow Road Junior School.

See page 45 of today's programme for pictures from the party attended by many first team players.

Don't forget 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.

This afternoon is Sam Walsh's final game in charge of the Junior Hatters before she leaves the club to take up a new appointment.

**RIGHT:** Santa and Happy Harry handed out presents to young fans before the game against Huddersfield



### MATCH DAY MASCOT



**Name:** Martyn Goodyear

**Age:** 13

**School:** Challney Boys

School

**Local team played for:** None

**Other hobbies:** Rugby

**Favourite players:** Dwight

Marshall and John Taylor



**RACHEL** Turner was our mascot against Huddersfield. She is pictured (above) with the team captains and match officials, and (left) with one of her favourite players Paul McLaren.

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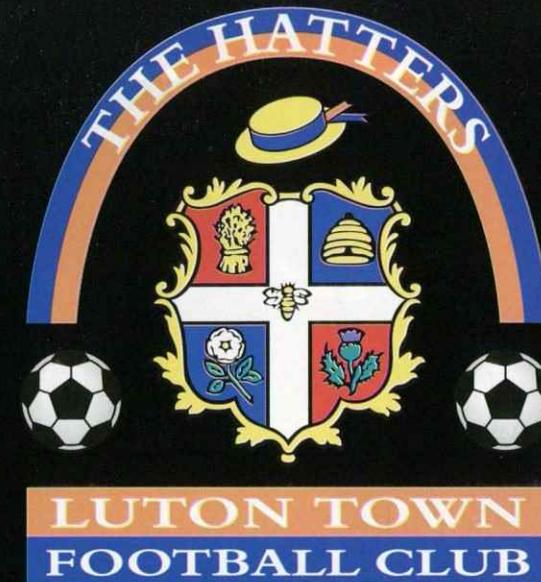
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**LEFT:** Early Luton fans watch the pitch inspection

THESE pages were reserved for action pictures from the Boxing Day match at Crystal Palace, but unfortunately the frost intervened and game was called off just 45 minutes before the scheduled 12 noon kick-off.

We will advise fans on ticket refunds, and a new date for the game, as soon as possible.



**BELOW:** Lennie Lawrence and chairman David Kohler



**LEFT:** Referee Paul Taylor makes his final inspection.  
**ABOVE:** John Moore and the Hatters players look on.



**ABOVE:** Wayne Turner, Lennie Lawrence and Crystal Palace's Director of Football Steve Coppell discuss the merits of pitch covers!



**RIGHT:** Bontcho tells Bulgaria..... it's off!

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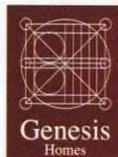
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## INJURY UPDATE.....

with LTFC physio Clive Goodyear



AT the time of writing, before the trip to Port Vale, there was a relatively clean bill of health to report.

CERI HUGHES is progressing well after his hamstring injury, although he would not have played in Wednesday's reserve game against Spurs.

The postponement of that match also denied JOHNNY VILSTRUP and VIDAR RISETH a possible return to match action, but they are back in full training.

TREVOR PEAKE has also resumed full training after his knee injury. Fortunately we did not need to consult a specialist regarding this injury, which had taken longer than normal to clear up.

DES LINTON has recovered from a thigh strain, whilst JULIAN JAMES should be in contention for a place in the reserve team this coming week, after his nose operation.



DES Linton



CERI Hughes



ABOVE: The Chalney School Band provided festive entertainment at the match against Huddersfield, with a variety of seasonal tunes.

### 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.
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## LTFC in the Community

with the club's 'Football in the Community' officer  
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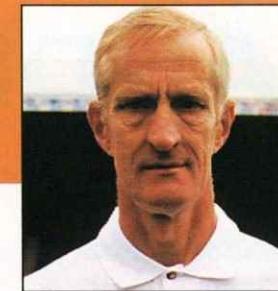
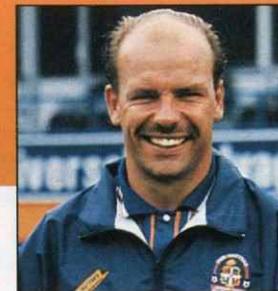
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# RESERVES & YOUTH ROUND-UP

## WITH WAYNE TURNER AND JOHN MOORE



**THE Town's Avon Insurance Combination matches have been hit by the weather in recent weeks.**

**The home match against Millwall, scheduled for December 20 at Hitchin, was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch, while the trip to play Tottenham, at St Albans FC, on**

**Wednesday, December 27, fell victim to frost.**

**The away match at QPR, scheduled for next Tuesday, January 9, has also been postponed.**

**This is because the youth side travel to Liverpool the same evening for their FA Youth Cup tie.**

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 (H)	lost 2-1
Wed Nov 15	Oxford Utd (A)	lost 3-2
Wed Nov 22	Southampton (H)	won 1-0
Tue Nov 28	Arsenal (H)	lost 4-0
Wed Dec 6	Bristol Rovers (H)	won 4-1
Mon Dec 11	Chelsea (A)	drew 0-0
Mon Dec 18	Barton (A) BPC	lost 2-1
Wed Dec 20	Millwall (H)	postponed
Wed Dec 27	Tottenham H (A)	postponed
Wed Jan 3	Portsmouth (H)	7.30
Tue Jan 9	QPR (A)	postponed
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 (A)	3pm
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.



**BEN CHENERY - a regular for the reserves**



**TONY THORPE - four goals in nine games**

### Avon Insurance Combination Apps and Goalscorers (11/12/95)

	Apps	G		Apps	G
Barber	7		Fitzpatrick	1	
Chenery	14 (2)		Douglas	5 (3)	2
G Johnson	10	1	Evers	6 (3)	
James	8	1	Taylor	2	1
Greene	8		Power	3 (4)	
Skelton	8 (1)		Alexander	3	
Linton	8	2	Augustine	1 (1)	
McLaren	9		Willmott	1 (2)	
Issott	3 (6)	1	Oldfield	8	1
Jones	10 (4)	2	Fotiadis	2	1
Matthews	3	2	Sharpe	1	
Woolgar	1 (2)		Simpson	8 (1)	1
K Davis	9		J Thomas	1 (1)	
Peake	3		Kean	(2)	
Woodsford	14	3	Guentchev	7	4
Hughes	1		Allen	1	
Thorpe	9	4	Turner	1	
M Thomas	8		Sweeney	(1)	
Waddock	7		Patterson	1	
Codner	2		Vilstrup	2	
Boskovic	1		Abbey	1	
Barr	(1)		Riseth	(1)	

### 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 20	Wycombe Wanderers (H)
Sat Aug 19	Swindon Town (A)	won 3-1	Sat Oct 28	C Palace (LC2)(A)	lost 4-1	Sat Jan 27	Oxford United (A)
Sat Aug 26	Colchester U (H)	won 2-0	Sat Nov 4	Barnet (H)	lost 2-1	Sat Feb 3	AFC Bournemouth (H)
Mon Aug 28	Coventry (SJFC) (A)	1-1	Sat Nov 11	Reading (A)	won 4-0	Sat Feb 10	Bristol City (A)
Thur Aug 31	Coventry (SJFC) (H)	0-3	Wed Nov 15	Kettering(EJC)(A)	won 11-3	Sat Feb 17	Wimbledon (H)
Sat Sep 2	Wycombe W (A)	lost 1-0	Sat Nov 18	Southampton (A)	lost 3-1	Sat Feb 24	Brentford (A)
Sat Sep 9	Oxford United (H)	drew 2-2	Sat Nov 25	Leicester C (FAYC)(A)	2-1	Sat Mar 2	Brighton & Hove Albion(H)
Sat Sep 16	C'bridge (LC1) (H)	won 5-0	Sat Dec 2	Tottenham H (H)	drew 2-2	Sat Mar 9	Barnet (A)
Sat Sep 23	Bournemouth (A)	won 4-0	Sat Dec 9	Bristol Rovers (A)	won 1-0	Sat Mar 16	Reading (H)
Sat Sep 30	Bristol City (H)	won 3-2	Sat Dec 16	Bristol Rovers (H)	won 1-0	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 Rugby Club.
Sat Oct 14	Brentford (H)	won 4-1	Tue Jan 9	Liverpool (FAYC) (A)			TBA Brighton & HA (A)
Sat Oct 21	C Palace (LC2) (H)	1-1	Sat Jan 13	Colchester United (A)			



**BONTCHO GUENTCHEV - four goals for the reserves**

South East Counties League										
Div Two (up to and including 9.12.95)										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt			
C Palace	13	11	1	1	44	11	23			
Barnet	16	6	5	5	24	20	17			
Wycombe	16	7	3	6	24	28	17			
Wimbledon	13	8	0	5	30	19	16			
LUTON T	14	7	2	5	29	20	16			
Tottenham	15	6	4	5	32	29	16			
Brighton	14	7	2	5	19	17	16			
Bristol City	16	5	6	5	24	25	16			
Bourn'mouth	15	7	2	6	24	15	14			
Southampton	14	6	2	6	22	15	14			
Bristol R	15	5	3	7	20	20	13			
Brentford	15	5	3	7	16	24	13			
Oxford Utd	13	5	2	6	18	19	12			
Swindon	14	4	4	6	15	21	12			
Reading	16	4	3	9	17	44	11			
Colchester	15	2	2	11	15	32	6			

Avon Insurance Combination										
Div One (up to and including 6.12.95)										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt			
Tottenham	16	12	2	2	34	16	38			
Arsenal	17	9	6	2	36	17	33			
Chelsea	16	10	2	4	31	18	32			
Norwich	17	9	4	4	35	22	31			
QPR	16	10	1	5	32	23	31			
C Palace	15	8	5	2	18	9	29			
Wimbledon	18	9	2	7	34	30	29			
Southampton	16	7	5	4	29	21	26			
West Ham	16	6	4	6	29	26	22			
Ipswich	13	5	4	4	26	16	19			
LUTON	17	5	4	8	26	28	19			
Charlton Ath	14	5	5	5	22	24	19			
Oxford	17	4	2	8	25	29	17			
Bristol City	17	5	4	10	13	23	17			
Brighton	15	4	4	7	15	29	16			
Portsmouth	16	4	4	8	18	35	16			
Watford	17	4	3	10	21	34	15			
Bristol R	16	4	1	11	24	36	13			
Millwall	15	3	4	8	22	37	13			
Swindon	16	0	8	8	10	27	8			

Youth Team League & Cup Appearances and Goalscorers										
	Lge apps	Lge goals	Cup apps	Cup goals						
Abbey	7			6						
Turner	10 (1)			6 (2)						
Sharpe	14			9						
Sweeney	9 (3)			6 (1)	1	Statistics up to and including Saturday, December 16.				
Jones	9 (1)			1 (3)						
Willmott	12 (2)	3		7	2	Also played				
Augustine	11 (2)	5		5 (2)	2					
Evers	10 (1)	1		8						
Douglas	9 (2)	3		5 (2)	6					
Barr	8 (3)	8		2 (2)	6					
Kean	12 (1)			6 (3)	1	Lawes - 1 league app + 1 cup app				
Lawrence	(2)			1						
Fotiadis	9 (3)	6		8	5	Ryan - 1 league app				
Webb	8			3						
Upson	11 (1)			5 (1)						
Smith	8 (5)	2		7 (1)	3	Cox - 1 league app + 1 sub				
George	7 (2)	1		3 (2)	9	Provencal - 1 league sub				
Thomas	8 (1)			4 (3)						
Doherty				3	1					
Spring	(2)			3						

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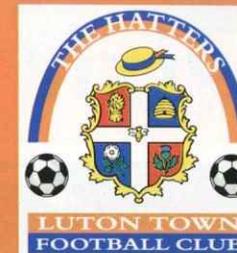
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"LUTON are in a position which I have experienced before. I think they are a very good club which has been run on very good lines for the last few years, and they find themselves in a little bit of difficulty, which I hope is temporary.

"I have faced this situation many times before, with some degree of success and I hope that I can put the same formula to work for Luton Town Football Club because I think it belongs in the first division.

"It is important for everyone concerned with the club; the fans, the players, the management and the staff, that it stays in the first division and we will be doing everything possible we can to ensure that takes place.

"I like a challenge, and let's not beat about the bush, we are in a relegation battle here and the challenge is to keep Luton up and move them up the table as quickly as possible.

"At Charlton we didn't have too many problems staying up in this league apart from the first year when I took over in very similar circumstances to this 13 years ago.

"We survived that time, and most of our battling from then on was done in the 'old' first division.

"But I learned a few things there, good experiences, and hopefully we can bring some of that experience to bear and climb the league.

"I was delighted to be interviewed by Luton,

and I am even more delighted to have been offered the job.

"I think it's right for me, and I think I am right for Luton at this present point in time. The situation that the club finds itself in, and my experience, go together.

"Hopefully those words won't come back to haunt me, but I think it's the right move for me and the club.

"I think one of the reasons for my appointment was also that my teams play the passing game, and I think with the players that there are here it's a little bit pointless trying to lump it from one end to the other.

"Having said that we may need a bit more of a cutting edge to things, and I understand that Luton have been playing with three centre-backs and we will have to see whether that continues.

"I know John Taylor from Bradford days, and I have crossed paths with one or two other players. Trevor Peake was at Lincoln years and years ago when I was a coach; and I had Dwight Marshall on loan at Middlesbrough for a while when he was at Plymouth.

"It is a crucial time at the start when I feel we need to pick up a couple of wins from the four Christmas matches, and I shall be leaning heavily on Wayne Turner and John Moore to mark my card on the players.

"We need to get something together, we need a shape to the team, a formation, a style, something the players can hang their hats on straight away and are comfortable with.

"But time is short and we have to aim to do that as soon as possible."

**LENNIE LAWRENCE speaking to ClubCall on the day of his appointment as the new manager of Luton Town.**



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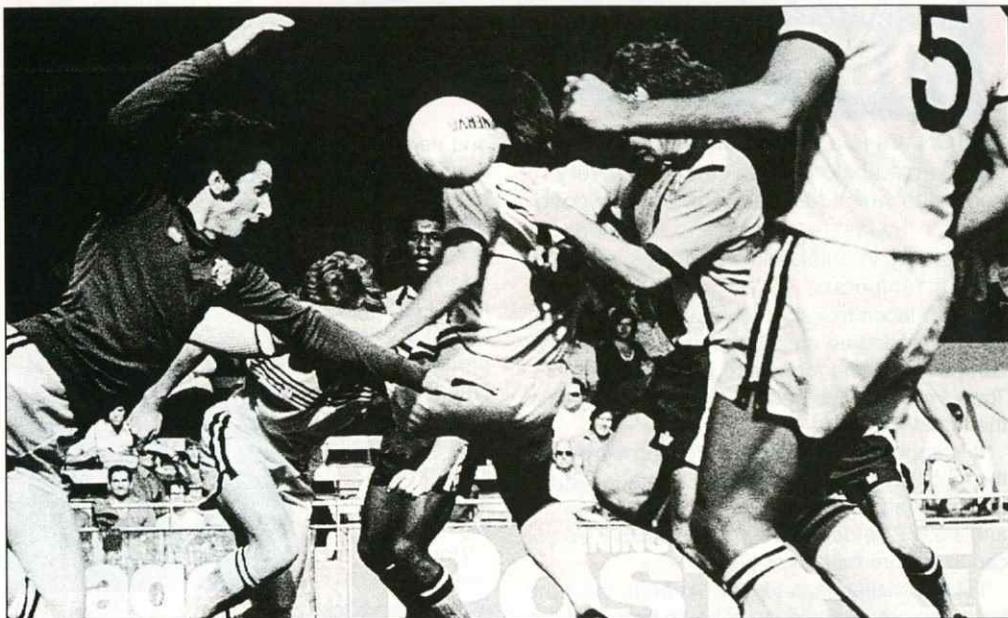
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# Dixie blunts the Blades



**DIXIE Deans in the thick of the action on his debut against Sheffield United.**

IT was looked on as a major achievement to finish the 1975/76 season in seventh position in Division Two, given all the financial problems facing the club at the time, and having got things more or less sorted out behind the scenes a push for promotion was hoped for in the new campaign.

Close season signings included Brian Gregory, a 20-year-old forward from Margate, and Jim McNichol, on a free from Ipswich, but many eyebrows were raised when Luton manager Harry Haslam paid £20,000 for ex-Scotland international, John 'Dixie' Deans.

Although Deans had enjoyed four tremendous years at Celtic, scoring 83 league goals in only 110 appearances, he had fallen out of favour at Parkhead and his signing for the Town was seen as a major coup and partially made up for the disappointing loss of Peter Anderson, Adrian Alston and Andy King, who were all sold the previous season to satisfy the bank.

As if to prove that we had not changed from being a selling club, four days before the start of the new campaign defender John Ryan was transferred to Norwich for a £60,000 fee but, as was pointed out by Haslam, this left the way clear for another of the club's promising youngsters to stake his claim for a place in the first team.

The first game of the 1976/77 season saw newly-relegated Sheffield United visit Kenilworth Road and the sun shone down on a crowd of 10,687 who turned up to have a look at Deans who was making his debut in English football.

Paul Price was handed the chance of making the right back slot his own, while two other youngsters, Ricky Hill and Lil Fuccillo, were also out to make an impression coming in for Ron Futcher and Alan West who were still in the United States having played there in the close season.

Although the Blades dominated the early play, their defenders were having increasing difficulty in holding Luton winger John Aston and as the game wore on the Town forward line, well serviced by Hill and Fuccillo from midfield, started creating chances and the game was as good as over in a 10-minute spell midway through the second period when Deans scored twice.

Deans, who was short and squat and looked nothing like a footballer, was on hand to power home two headers, both laid on from crosses by Aston, and the crowd were cheering a new hero.

Unfortunately the honeymoon period did not last and by the time of the return game, in January 1977, Deans had been farmed out on

loan to Carlisle, never to return, after 14 appearances for the Town, one sending off, and only four more goals.

We had been remarkably inconsistent during the first half of the season and stood in 12th position in the table by the time of our trip to Bramall Lane.

Good wins at places like Wolverhampton (2-1), Burnley (2-1) and Notts County (4-0) had to be contrasted with hammerings at home by Fulham and Southampton.

As at Kenilworth Road, the Blades got off to a storming start and it was only an amazing reflex save from Luton goalkeeper Milija Aleksic that prevented Chris Guthrie from opening the scoring for the home side.

Straight after the save the Town counter-attacked with Ron Futcher and Jim Husband beating the offside trap. Blades' keeper Jim Brown could only parry Husband's shot and Futcher tapped the ball into an empty net.

We comfortably held on to our lead and on the half hour scored number two when Husband hit home a spectacular 25-yard shot which we all saw again (and again) later that evening on 'Match of the Day'.

The scoreline was made even more emphatic when, with 15 minutes to go, Aston beat two defenders before crossing to Husband who side-footed the ball past Brown from six yards.

Little did we know at the time that this game signalled the start of a run which saw the Town win 10 and draw one of the next 11 games, and narrowly fail to achieve promotion for the second year running.

Luton (first game): Barber, Price, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, P Futcher, Husband, Hill, Deans, Fuccillo, Aston.

Luton (second game): Aleksic, Price, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, P Futcher, Husband, West, R Futcher, Fuccillo, Aston.

Sheffield United (first game): Brown, Franks, Garner, Flynn, Colquhoun, Ludlam, McGeedy, Woodward, Guthrie, Stainrod, Hamilton.

Sheffield United (second game): Brown, Franks, Garner, Longhorn, Colquhoun, Faulkner, Woodward, Hamilton, Guthrie, Hamson, McKee.



by **ROGER WASH**

## 5 YEARS AGO

1/1/91: The only bright spot from a dismal display in a 2-0 defeat at a rain-drenched Wimbledon was the Luton debut of Mark Pembridge. The Town had now slipped to 14th in Division One.

## 10 YEARS AGO

1/1/86: At the peak of his power, Mick Harford scored all the Town goals in a 3-1 win over Leicester at Kenilworth Road. The crowd of 10,917 saw the Hatters maintain 8th position in Division One.

## 15 YEARS AGO

3/1/81: A brilliant second-half display saw the Town emerge 3-1 winners in an FA Cup third round clash at Orient. David Moss with two, and Godfrey Ingram were on target for the Hatters.

## 20 YEARS AGO

3/1/76: Another FA Cup third round tie, with this time Blackburn seen off 2-0 at Kenilworth Road in front of a crowd of 11,195. The Luton scorers were Ron Futcher and Brian Chambers.

MORE ACTION FROM THE 2-2 DRAW AGAINST HUDDERSFIELD TOWN



ABOVE: Scott Oakes' second-half shot was cleared off the line



RIGHT: Dwight Marshall is sent tumbling by the Huddersfield defence

BELOW: Bontcho Guentchev's second-half shot went over the bar

Pictures by ANDY HANDLEY



ABOVE: Darren Patterson challenges for possession against Huddersfield



ABOVE: The visitors' defence try to get to grips with Dwight Marshall

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# Wembley dream can come true for kids

SCHOOLCHILDREN around the country were given an unexpected Christmas present this year, when the Football League announced a football competition for secondary school teams with the chance of playing at Wembley Stadium in the final as the latest initiative in support of their 'School Year' project.

For the last two seasons, the Football League has organised the Endsleigh Supporters' Challenge - a competition for clubs' supporters to give them the opportunity to play under the famous twin towers.

This being 'School Year' however, and the Football League having recently submitted a report to the Minister for Sport on ways of encouraging closer links between clubs and schools, it is appropriate for this season's competition to feature schools' teams.

The competition, which will run from January to May, will be on a six-a-side format with secondary school teams in the under-13 age group playing-off locally for the right to represent their local Football League club. There will then be separate competitions for the three divisions of the Endsleigh Insurance League which will culminate in the Divisional Finals of the competition being played prior to the corresponding Play-Off Final at Wembley Stadium on May 25, 26 and 27, 1996.

Football League Secretary, David Dent, commented: "It must be every schoolboy's dream to actually play at Wembley Stadium and I am delighted that together with our colleagues from the English Schools' Football Association and the Community Programme in Professional Football we are able to make this possible for youngsters who follow and participate in the national game."

IN response to the Football League and Sky Television's recent ground-breaking £125 million five-year deal, the two bodies have acted swiftly and held a special seminar for all 72 clubs and satellite company chiefs to get together.

The special briefing, at the Hilton Hotel in London, was attended by Chief Executives, Secretaries and Commercial Managers from the Endsleigh League.

The seminar was designed to enable Sky Television's marketing and research experts the opportunity to brief clubs on the true reach of the Sky Sports channel - analysis which is vital as some clubs are in the midst of re-negotiating sponsorship and advertising deals.

Lee Walker, the Football League's Controller of Broadcasting, who set the negotiations in motion for the deal, commented: "Sky have already indicated in their negotiations with me their desire to forge close links with our clubs to maximise promotional avenues and I believe this early initiative will prove extremely helpful."

## Programme Editor SIMON OXLEY recalls some personal Hatters highlights from 1995

THE review of 1994 contained such highlights as the Wembley FA Cup semi-final, and while 1995 didn't reach those heights there are still some memorable moments to review.

The first category is MATCH OF THE YEAR, and the recent games against Tranmere and Huddersfield here at Kenilworth Road take some beating. Against Tranmere, the Town twice came from behind to win 3-2, and last week drew 2-2 despite being reduced to 10 men.

The trip to Middlesbrough in April saw the Town lose 2-1, with Kelvin Davis saving a penalty, and both sides playing some good football, although it was the occasion of it being the last ever match at Ayresome Park which made the game a particular highlight. It was an emotional day for the home supporters with a parade of former players preceding the kick-off, and the travelling fans were made very welcome and played their part in the proceedings.

Other matches which stand out are the 1-1 cup draw with Southampton, and the 1-1 televised draw with Watford, but my vote in this category goes to the 3-3 draw against Wolves in April. The Hatters were 2-0 in front after just 11 minutes, with Paul Telfer scoring twice; Wolves pulled one back just after half-time; John Taylor (pictured below) restored the two-goal advantage; with David Kelly and Neil Emblen, the latter four minutes into injury time, earning Wolves a point.

That recent win over Tranmere comes into the PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR category, along with the hard-fought FA Cup replay win at Bristol Rovers, and a battling 0-0 draw at high-flying Bolton.

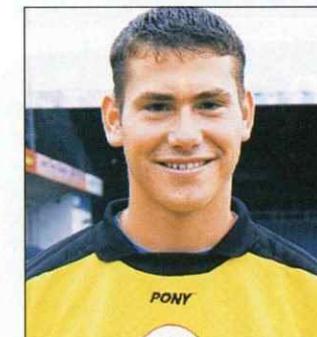


Twice this season the Town have been reduced to 10 men and come away with something, with a 1-0 win at Southend and last Saturday's draw with Huddersfield, while the 5-0 win over Ancona, albeit in a somewhat meaningless game,

featuring some excellent football.

But the vote goes to the 2-0 home win against then Division One leaders Tranmere in March, when goals from Julian James and Wayne Biggins secured victory. It could have been many more, and the visitors didn't manage a shot on target until the 90th minute.

For BEST PERFORMANCE AGAINST, it is worth considering Middlesbrough's display in the emotion of that day at Ayresome Park, and Norwich's 3-1 win here on the opening day of this season. Genoa gave a masterful performance against the Hatters in October, winning 4-0, but the vote goes to



Southampton, or should I say Matthew Le Tissier, for the 6-0 FA Cup replay win in February. Le Tiss did 'the biz' scoring two and generally winning the game single-handedly, and he was only on for 60 minutes!

For BEST GOAL AGAINST, Toddy Orlygson's goal for Stoke on the final day of last season stands out, and Grimsby produced some fine finishing in their 5-0 win at Blundell Park in February.

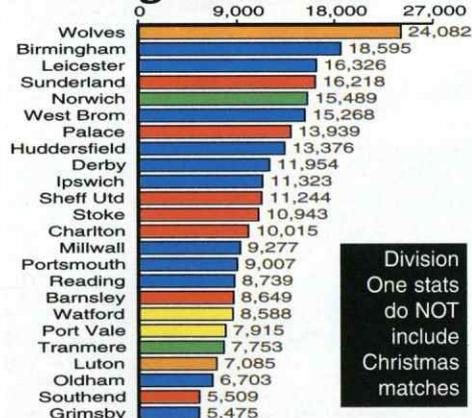
But for Kelvin Davis's (pictured above) save in the final minute in Genoa, Tomas Skuhravy's volley would be a clear winner, but the vote goes to Southampton, again, and Neil Heaney's goal, courtesy of a glorious pass from that chap from Guernsey.

Now to BEST GOAL FOR. What about Kerry Dixon's long range 'Nayim-style' goal at Barnsley in January, or Julian James' volley to put the Hatters 2-1 in front at Portsmouth. Four days later, Scott Oakes cracked in a spectacular opener at Bristol City, while more recently Tony Thorpe's run created a goal for Dwight Marshall against Wolves.

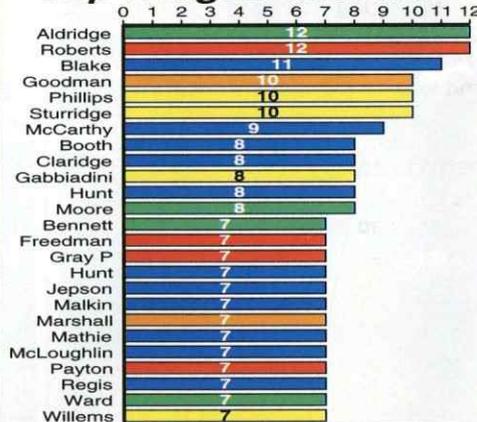
Stuart Douglas bagged a goal on his debut, at the age of just 17, but my vote goes to Richard Harvey for his first-half strike against Stoke in the final match of last season.



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**LEFT:** Mrs Sue Miller, on behalf of the Bobbers Travel Club, was one of our match sponsors against Huddersfield, and is pictured with David Oldfield, John Taylor, Mitchell Thomas, Marvin Johnson and Dwight Marshall.



**RIGHT:** Dwight Marshall scored one and made the other, and was voted man-of-the-match against Huddersfield.



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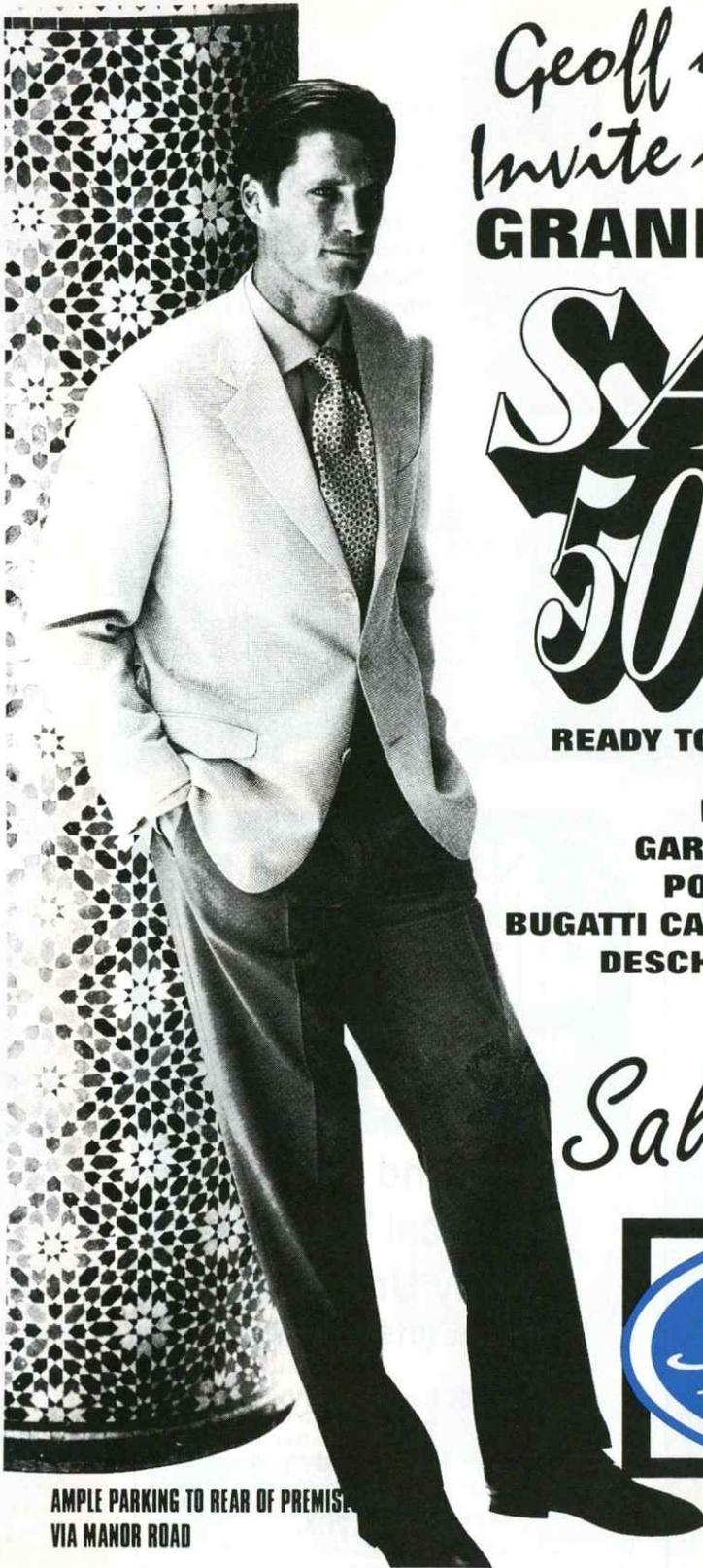
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 Johnson and Graham  
 Alexander, and (RIGHT)  
 with Scott Oakes  
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 GARETH OWEN



Junior Hatters Christmas Party

# TEAM STATISTICS 1995-96

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	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	GUENTCHEV	Harvey	(Waddock)	(James)	Oldfield
Sat Oct 7	Tranmere Rovers	0-1	6,680	24	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.DAVIS	Waddock	McLaren	Alexander	Marshall	Oakes	(Guentchev)	Harvey	(Oldfield)	James	G.Johns'n
Wed Oct 11	Genoa AIC	0-4	3,759	-	K.Davis	(James)	M.Johnson	S.Davis	McLaren	Vilstrup	Linton	Oakes	(Oldfield)	(Guentchev)	Harvey	(Thorpe)	(Alexander)	(W'ford)
Sat Oct 14	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	1-2	8,042	24	Feuer	(Peake)	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	Hughes	Alexander	Marshall	Oldfield	Woodsford	HARVEY	Guentchev	(James)	McLaren
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)
Sun Oct 29	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	0-1	6,270	22	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.Davis	(Hughes)	(Waddock)	(Alexander)	Oakes	Oldfield	Marshall	Harvey	(Linton)	(Riseth)	(Gu'chev)
Sat Nov 4	Stoke City	0-5	9,382	24	Feuer	Peake	G.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	(Vilstrup)	Alexander	Oakes	Riseth	Marshall	Harvey	(Oldfield)	James	McLaren
Wed Nov 8	Cesena AIC	1-2	461	-	K.Davis	(Patterson)	Upson	S.Davis	McLaren	Vilstrup	Alexander	(Oakes)	Riseth	MARSHALL	Harvey	Chenery	(Douglas)	(Simpson)
Sat Nov 11	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-1	6,047	23	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Hughes	(McLaren)	Alexander	(Oakes)	Riseth	DOUGLAS	Harvey	(Patterson)	James	(Oldfield)
Sat Nov 18	BIRMINGHAM CITY	0-0	7,920	23	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	James	Hughes	(McLaren)	Alexander	Oakes	Riseth	(Marshall)	Harvey	(Douglas)	(Thorpe)	Oldfield
Tue Nov 21	Watford	1-1	10,042	23	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	(S.DAVIS)	Hughes	McLaren	(James)	Oakes	Riseth	(Marshall)	Harvey	(Douglas)	(Thorpe)	(Patterson)
Sat Nov 25	Barnsley	0-1	6,437	23	Feuer	Peake	M.Johnson	Patterson	Hughes	(McLaren)	James	Oakes	(Riseth)	(Marshall)	Harvey	(Douglas)	(Thorpe)	(Alexander)
Sat Dec 2	TRANMERE ROVERS	3-2	6,025	23	Feuer	Alexander	M.Johnson	Waddock	Hughes	McLAREN	James	Oakes	Thorpe	MARSHALL 2	Harvey	Guentchev	Riseth	Chenery
Sun Dec 10	WOLVERHAMPTON W	2-3	6,997	24	K.Davis	Patterson	M.Johnson	Waddock	(Hughes)	(McLaren)	S.Davis	OAKES	Thorpe	MARSHALL	Harvey	(Guentchev)	(Taylor)	Alex'der
Wed Dec 13	ANCONA AIC	5-0	2,091	-	K.Davis	Patterson	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	(McLaren)	(Linton)	OAKES	TAYLOR	MARSHALL	(Harvey)	(THORPE)	(GUENTCHEV)	(Thomas)
Sat Dec 16	Portsmouth	0-4	7,012	24	Feuer	Patterson	M.Johnson	S.Davis	Waddock	McLaren	(Alexander)	Oakes	Taylor	Marshall	(Harvey)	(Thorpe)	K.Davis	(Thomas)
Sat Dec 23	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	2-2	7,076	24	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	M.Johnson	(McLaren)	Oakes	(Taylor)	MARSHALL	(Thorpe)	(OLDFIELD)	(Guentchev)	(Harvey)
Tue Dec 26	Crystal Palace (postponed)																	
Sat Dec 30	Port Vale																	

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Derby County	24	12	7	5	39	28	43
Charlton Athletic	24	10	9	5	31	24	39
Birmingham City	24	10	8	6	34	30	38
Sunderland	22	10	8	4	30	19	38
Leicester City	23	10	7	6	39	34	37
Southend Utd	24	10	7	7	28	28	37
Huddersfield T	24	10	6	8	34	30	36
Grimsby Town	23	9	9	5	29	26	36
Stoke City	24	9	8	7	35	31	35
Millwall	24	9	8	7	25	29	35
Norwich City	24	9	7	8	34	28	34
Tranmere Rovers	22	9	6	7	34	25	33
Barnsley	24	8	8	8	33	41	32
Oldham Athletic	24	7	10	7	34	28	31
Ipswich Town	23	7	9	7	39	35	30
Crystal Palace	22	7	8	7	27	29	29
Portsmouth	24	7	7	10	36	38	28
Port Vale	24	6	8	10	29	33	26
West Brom	24	7	3	14	28	41	24
Reading	22	5	9	8	27	30	24
Watford	23	5	9	9	27	30	24
Wolves	23	5	8	10	28	34	23
Sheffield United	24	5	6	13	31	43	21
LUTON TOWN	23	4	7	12	19	36	19

Table up to and including Tuesday, Dec 26, 1995.

## 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	5		4		Rob MATTHEWS			(1)	
Mitchell THOMAS	2 (2)		1 (2)		Des LINTON	5 (1)			3
Marvin JOHNSON	21		4	1	Garvin JOHNSON	5 (1)			
Gary WADDOCK	11 (4)		2 (1)		Jamie WOODSFORD	1 (2)		(2)	
Ceri HUGHES	16	1	2		Aaron SKELTON				1
Trevor PEAKE	14 (3)				Sean EVERS				1
Graham ALEXANDER	16 (1)		3 (1)		Ian FEUER	16			
David OLDFIELD	11 (5)	2	4		Johnny VILSTRUP	6			2
Tony THORPE	4 (7)	1	2 (3)	1	Paul McLAREN	9	1		3
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	8 (7)	2	4 (1)	2	Scott OAKES	12	1	3	1
Richard HARVEY	22 (1)	1	6		Vidar RISETH	5 (1)			1
John TAYLOR	7 (4)		3	1	Darren PATTERSON	4 (2)			2
Juergen SOMMER	2		2		Matthew UPSON				1
Steve DAVIS	19	2	6		Stuart DOUGLAS	2 (2)	1	(1)	
Dwight MARSHALL	21	7	4 (1)	3	Gary SIMPSON				(1)
Julian JAMES	10 (3)		3						



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## TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Today's referee is

**GRAHAM POOLEY**, from Bishop Stortford, Herts.

Mr Pooley was a regular visitor to Kenilworth Road last season, refereeing the games against West Brom, Tranmere, Wolves and Stoke.



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# TEAM CHECK

## LUTON TOWN

Manager: Lennie Lawrence

## SHEFFIELD UNITED

Manager: Howard Kendall

<b>Ian FEUER</b>	1	<b>Alan KELLY</b>
<b>Darren PATTERSON</b>	2	<b>Paul ROGERS</b>
<b>Mitchell THOMAS</b>	3	<b>Roger NILSEN</b>
<b>Gary WADDOCK</b>	4	<b>John GANNON</b>
<b>Steve DAVIS</b>	5	<b>Scott FITZGERALD</b>
<b>Marvin JOHNSON</b>	6	<b>David TUTTLE</b>
<b>Paul McLAREN</b>	7	<b>David WHITE</b>
<b>Scott OAKES</b>	8	<b>Mark PATTERSON</b>
<b>John TAYLOR</b>	9	<b>Phil STARBUCK</b>
<b>Dwight MARSHALL</b>	10	<b>Glyn HODGES</b>
<b>Tony THORPE</b>	11	<b>Mitch WARD</b>
	12	
	13	
	14	

## OTHER DIVISION ONE MATCHES TODAY

Birmingham City v Wolves

Derby County v Norwich City

Grimsby Town v Huddersfield Town

Ipswich Town v Port Vale

Millwall v Leicester City

Oldham Athletic v Sunderland

Portsmouth v Crystal Palace

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West Brom v Watford



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