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v GILLINGHAM

Tuesday, September 10th, 1996,
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From the manager's chair

TONIGHT'S game against Gillingham sees the first in a trio of successive home matches in the next week.

It goes without saying that three good results in these games would transform our season.

Our last two league games have been solid and professional, and have resulted in two one-nil scorelines which is pleasing after having conceded so many goals in earlier away games.

Sandwiched between those league wins was a defeat at Bristol Rovers (although we progressed into the second round of the League Cup on aggregate), but the second half performance at the Memorial Ground gave us considerable encouragement and that was born out in Saturday's away game at Wycombe, where although the result was only 1-0 the manner of our victory was convincing.

We did not create many chances but controlled the game throughout, except possibly the last 10 minutes, and restricted Wycombe to only a couple of chances.

Indeed, any other result would have been a travesty of justice.

We now have an excellent opportunity to build on these last two results, with home games against Gillingham tonight, and Chesterfield on



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

Saturday.

Gillingham, having been promoted last season, have made a very good start this term under manager Tony Pulis, and will come into the game tonight fancying their chances of continuing their good run.

We must show the same defensive discipline, commitment and work rate shown in the last two league games, perhaps with more attacking flair as we need to create more chances than we did in our last home game against Rotherham.

Nervousness and apprehension may have been factors in that game, but hopefully they have now receded with a couple of good results behind us.

One of the reasons for our poor start and improved form

in the last two or three games is the fact that we have at last come to terms with what is required in this division in order to succeed.

Although I would back us against any team in this league from a pure football point of view, many other elements are required to be successful in this division and signs recently have been that we are coming to terms with these requirements.

However, it means nothing unless standards are maintained, and if the players do not work as hard and are not as professional as they were on Saturday, then the game tonight will not be won.

But if we can repeat our performance there is no reason why victory should not follow.

On the injury front, Des Linton has a knee problem and may require a cartilage operation; Dwight Marshall is making good progress and could be training with us in two to three weeks; Richard Harvey's operation went well; and Aaron Skelton is still suffering with injury.

It is important that injuries clear up, as we will need a large squad of players in the forthcoming weeks.

Our progress in the Coca-Cola Cup means that we face a midweek game every week, bar one, through into October.

I have also made a change on the captaincy front, with



Gary Waddock captaining on the pitch, whilst Steve Davis retains the club captaincy role where he has proved a great ambassador for the club since his arrival at the start of last season.

Finally, a word of thanks to the

supporters for their enthusiastic and vociferous backing of the team at Wycombe on Saturday.

Hopefully you can produce the same again tonight, as I hope can we with another three points.

ABOVE: Supporters show their appreciation at the win over Rotherham which secured Luton's first league points of the season.

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BOTH Luton Town and Gillingham were 1-0 weekend winners, with the Hatters spoiling Ray Wilkins' Wycombe debut, and the Gills grabbing a late winner to beat Burnley.

Wilkins, just a week off his 40th birthday, was guesting for Wycombe just days after his departure from the manager's seat at QPR, but it was Luton who took home the points as Andrew Fotiadis' header created the opening for David Oldfield to net the winner on 52 minutes.

Fotiadis, 18, was making his full debut.

Gillingham beat Burnley with striker Leo Fortune-West netting the winner 10 minutes from time.

This Saturday's Division Two fixtures:

Brentford v Blackpool

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-Hatters midfielder Tony Thorpe starts a three-match suspension this evening, following his sending off at Bristol City. He will also miss Saturday's game against Chesterfield, and next Tuesday's Coca-Cola Cup match against Derby County.

Hatters & Gills are 1-0 winners at weekend!



LEFT: 18-year-old striker Andrew Fotiadis made his full debut for the Hatters at Wycombe on Saturday, and his second-half header set up the winning goal for David Oldfield.

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

FRONT COVER: Hatters goalkeeper Ian Feuer is pictured with our mascots for the game against Rotherham - Junior Hatters mascot David Garwood, and Commercial Mascots Scott and Lee Robinson. (Picture: ANDY HANDLEY).

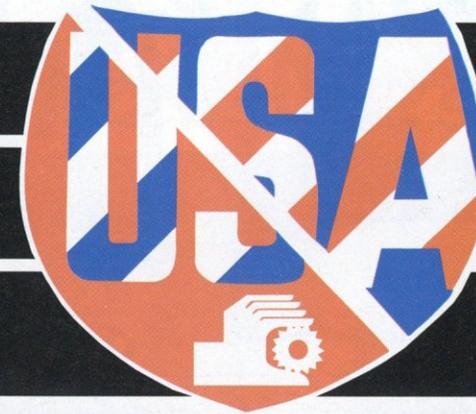
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LEFT: Gary Waddock, who has taken over as team captain, pictured in action against Rotherham.

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HOPEFULLY we have now turned the corner and can start a winning run to take us to the top end of the table.

The last two league matches have both seen us record 1-0 wins, and there is no doubting the importance of clean sheets after the 5-0 defeat at Bristol City.

Against Rotherham it was a question of being patient. They defended very deep, but finally we were able to grab a winner. Plenty of sides will come to Kenilworth Road with similar tactics - defending in numbers and hoping to snatch something on the break - and we will just have to break them down.

On Saturday at Wycombe, it was another tight match, but David Oldfield popped up with the all-important goal. We had to withstand plenty of pressure late on, but did so with the sort of resolute defending which served us so well in that unbeaten run, following the cup defeat at Grimsby, last season. Now we have two home matches, tonight and against Chesterfield on Saturday, which gives a real chance to make progress up the table.

Inbetween the last two league games, we progressed in the Coca-Cola Cup with a sound second-half display at Bristol Rovers.

We can now look forward to the visit of Derby next Tuesday, a team we held our own against in a 1-1 draw last season, but who are now two divisions above us. Playing a Premiership side though can give everyone a further lift in the quest for league points.

I look forward to that, now in the role of club captain, with Gary Waddock having taken over as team captain.

From the secretary's chair

Wolves cup date for youths

FOLLOWING their 3-1 win over Bournemouth in last week's Southern Junior Floodlit Cup preliminary round replay, the youth team will travel to Wolves in the first round.

The tie will be played at Molineux, on Tuesday, September 17, kick-off 7pm.

Apologies to supporters regarding ticket arrangements for last Saturday's game at Wycombe.

We were quite clearly informed in writing that the game would be all-ticket for Luton supporters, and that no tickets would be available at Adams Park on the day.

However, supporters who travelled would have seen that visiting fans could purchase tickets on Saturday.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused, but we



with **CHERRY
NEWBERY**

A reminder that we are still looking for Executive Stewards to work here on matchdays, and anyone interested should contact me, in writing, here at the club.

There are also vacancies for Car Park stewards. Again, please contact me, in writing, at the club.

can only act upon the information we receive.

As you can read elsewhere in tonight's programme, we have been drawn against Derby County in the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup.

The ticket arrangements are printed on the page opposite, together with revised opening hours for the ticket office in advance of this match.

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Tue Oct 15	Stockport C	£10.00	£8.00	1.15pm	2.15pm

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Luton Town v Chesterfield

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, September 14, 1996, kick-off 3pm

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

Bury v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, September 21, 1996, kick-off 3pm

Pay on the day only at Bury, terracing £9.00 (no concessions). An unsegregated family section in the Main Stand is available for families to use. Prices are £11 for one adult and one child (under 15), with additional children £3 and Senior Citizens £5. Please note this is a Family Area ONLY, and any supporter using foul or abusive language will be ejected without a refund. (The LTFC ticket office will be open from 9 to 11am, on September 21, for the sale of other match tickets).

Luton Town v Blackpool

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, September 28, 1996, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at the discounted prices. Normal guesting facilities apply.

Luton Town v Derby County - Coca-Cola Cup 2nd round, 1st leg

Tuesday, September 17, kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at the normal league prices. Please note that concessions only apply to children aged under 16 years of age, and Senior Citizens aged 60 and over. Normal guesting facilities apply.

Season Ticket Holders' seats will be reserved for them to claim up until Friday, September 13, at 6pm. Cup voucher A applies to this match.

Ticket Office opening hours between Monday, September 9 to Tuesday, September 17 are as follows: Monday, September 9 - 10am to 4pm. Tuesday, September 10 - 10am to 7.45pm*. Wednesday, September 11 - 10am to 4pm. Thursday, September 12, and Friday, September 13 - 10am to 6pm. Saturday, September 14 - 9am to 3pm*

Sunday, September 15 - CLOSED. Monday, September 16 - 10am to 4pm. Tuesday, September 17 - 10am to 7.45pm.

*Tickets for the above match will not be on sale for the two hours leading up to the Gillingham and Chesterfield matches. The ticket office will be open after both these matches.

Derby County v Luton Town - Coca-Cola Cup 2nd round, 2nd leg

Wednesday, September 25, kick-off 7.45pm

Please note this match is ALL-TICKET for Luton supporters. Seats only, priced at £18 for adults and £8 concessions. Season Ticket Holders can purchase ONE ticket each (subject to availability) until Friday, September 13, at 6pm. Any remaining tickets will go on sale to ONE per member (subject to availability) on Saturday, September 14, AFTER THE MATCH v CHESTERFIELD.

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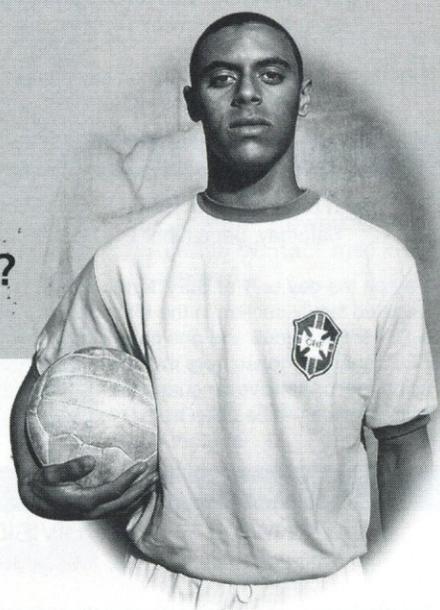
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Directions courtesy of FOOTBALL FAN'S GUIDE. Editor's note: This highly acclaimed and well-researched book will shortly be available in the Club Shop. There is an up-dated version for the 96/97 season, and it includes a wide range of information for the travelling supporter.

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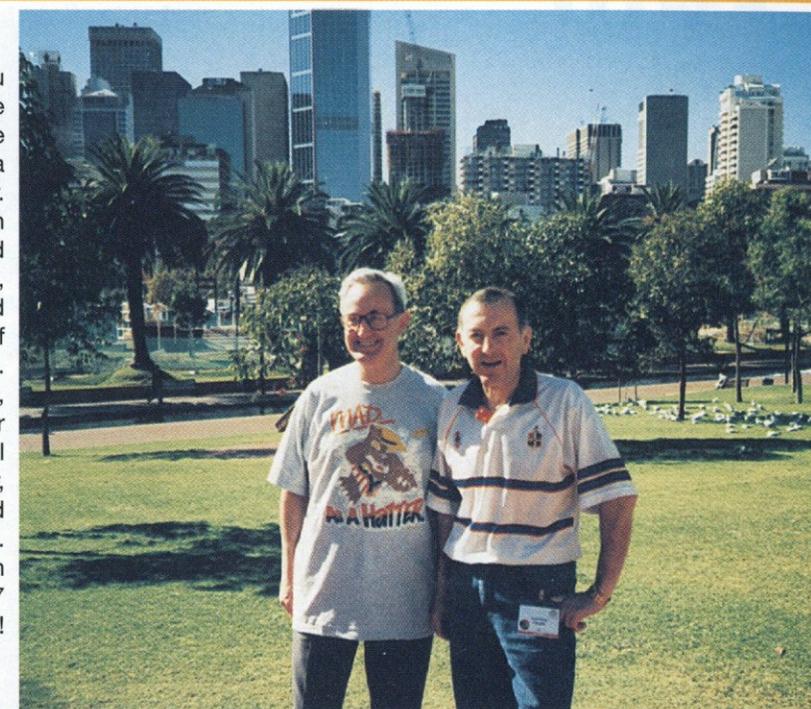
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RIGHT: It seems that even if you travel to the other side of the world, there's always a chance that you will meet up with a fellow football supporter. Dr Anthony Rubin, from London (left) met up with Luton-based Derek Rumley in Sydney, Australia, when both attended the 11th World Congress of Anaesthesiologists in April. Dr Rubin is an anaesthetist, whilst Mr Rumley works for PneuPac, a Luton-based medical instrument manufacturer, specialising in resuscitation and artificial breathing equipment. They both hope the Hatters can breath new life into the 1996/97 season!



Supporters are invited to send photographs, requests for penpals, or other information for inclusion in the LTFC matchday programme, to: Simon Oxley, Luton Town Football Club, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW.



CHEERS!



Bar facilities are now available for supporters on matchdays!

Eric Morecambe Lounge (season ticket holders only, passes to be shown): the bar will be open from 12 noon to 2.45pm on Saturday matchdays, and at midweek games from 6 to 7.30pm. Rolls and hot pies will also be available to buy, and entry to this bar is via Maple Road bridge.

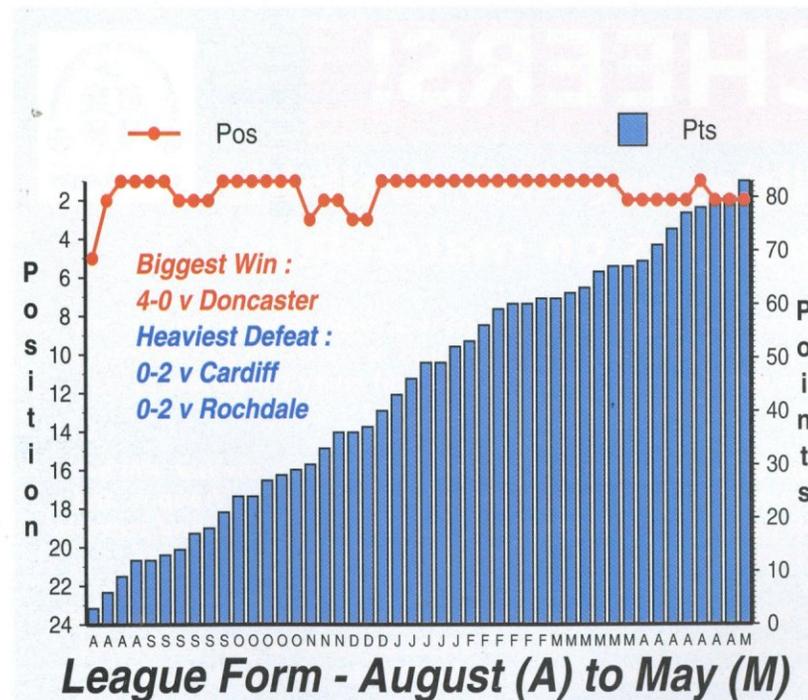
Nick Owen Lounge (season ticket holders only, passes to be shown): the bar will be open from 1.30 to 2.45pm and 4.45 to 7pm on Saturdays, and from 6.30 to 7.30pm, and from 9.30 to 11pm at midweek games. Rolls and hot pies are available to buy, and entry is via the door opposite the iron staircase at the rear of the main stand.

The Hatters Bar, under the Kenilworth Stand (members over 18): this bar will be open from 1.30 to 2.45pm on Saturdays, and from 6.30 to 7.30pm at midweek games. Drinks must be consumed in the licensed area which is marked by the wide yellow line.

GILLINGHAM



ABOVE: Former Watford skipper Andy Hessenthaler joined Gillingham in the summer for £235,000. He is pictured above, playing for the Hornets against the Hatters at Kenilworth Road last season - a game which finished 0-0.



LEFT: Gillingham's league form last season.

SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS



GRAPHICS BY:
 Football Information Services.
 Gillingham stats from 95/96 season.

JIM STANNARD - Experienced goalkeeper from Fulham, who spent a dozen seasons at Craven Cottage in all, during which time he figured in a club record 389 league games and 55 cup ties. Was transferred to Southend for £12,000 in March 1985 and made 118 appearances before Fulham forked out £50,000 to bring him back two years later.

RICHARD GREEN - Former Gillingham Player of the Year. Signed on loan from Swindon, he scored twice on his debut to help the Gills to a 3-2 win at Cardiff in March 1992, with the move becoming permanent two months later. Started his career as an apprentice at Shrewsbury and made 125 appearances before switching to Swindon in 1990.

MARK HARRIS - Experienced defender who was secured on loan from Swansea City at the start of last season, and signed for Gillingham in a £15,000 deal after the first month. Started his career with Crystal Palace after signing from non-league.

JON FORD - Signed from Bradford during the summer for an initial fee of £15,000. Played alongside Mark Harris at Swansea, before a £210,000 move to Bradford in August 1995.

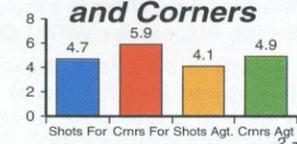
GLEN THOMAS - Scored for Gillingham nine months before making his debut for the club, as an own goal in only his third game for Barnet helped the Gills to a 2-1 win in April 1995. Signed in January 1996 for an initial fee of £15,000.

IAN CHAPMAN - Played 287 games for Brighton, before moving to Gillingham on a free transfer in the summer.

MATT BRYANT - Another summer arrival, having signed from Bristol City for £65,000. Defender who made 194 appearances for the West Country side.

JOHN HUMPHREY - Experienced defender who started his career at Wolves, making 164 appearances before a move to Charlton in July 1985. Played 231 times for the Addicks before a £400,000 move to Crystal Palace. Had a second spell at Charlton before moving to Gillingham.

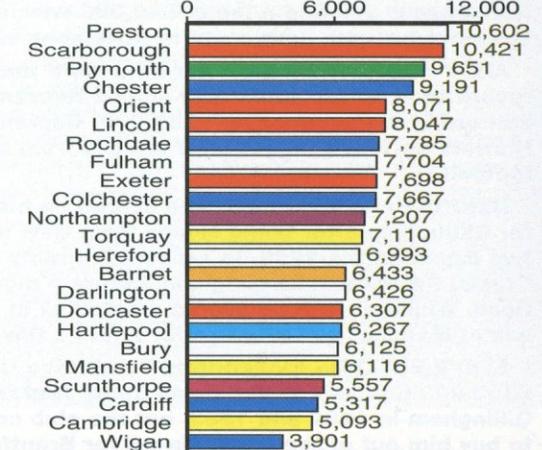
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Average Goals per Match



Gates at Priestfield



RICHARD Green



STEVE Butler



MARK Harris

RICHARD CARPENTER - Midfield regular for the past four seasons. Previously the club's youth team captain.

BILLY MANUEL - Now in his second spell at Gillingham, after spells at Tottenham, Brentford, Cambridge and Peterborough.

MARK O'CONNOR - Originally joined the Gills from Bournemouth for £65,000 in 1989, returned to Dean Court in 1993 and came back to Priestfield, on a free, in July 1995. Started his career with QPR, but has been ruled out since November last year with a broken leg.

DAVID PUTTNAM - Winger signed from Lincoln City for £30,000 in October. Began his career with Leicester City.

SIMON RATCLIFFE - Secured on a free transfer from Brentford during 1995. Capped by England at youth and Under 21 levels either side of a £40,000 move from Manchester United to Norwich City in 1987. Played 214 league games for Brentford after a £100,000 move in January 1989.

KEVIN RATTRAY - Midfielder who helped Woking to victory in the FA Trophy Final at Wembley last season and runners-up spot in the GM Vauxhall Conference.

NEIL SMITH - Initially arrived on loan from Tottenham five seasons ago and a fee of £40,000 was involved when the move became permanent in November 1991.

ANDY HESSENTHALER - The Gills more than doubled their record transfer fee when they signed Hessenthaler from Watford in the summer for £235,000. Captained the Hornets for four seasons after a move from non-league football.

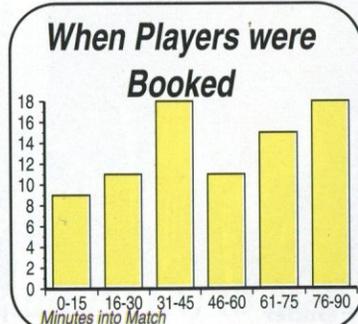
DENNIS BAILEY - Striker who scored on his league debut for Gillingham after being signed from QPR for £50,000 two days into the 1995/96 season. Formerly with Fulham, Crystal Palace and Birmingham, before a move to Loftus Road. Whilst at QPR he scored a hat-trick in a famous 4-1 win at Manchester United on New Year's Day 1992.

STEVE BUTLER - Signed from Cambridge United for £100,000 just before Christmas 1996. Had trials with Gillingham in 1982 and 1983, but the club could not afford to buy him out of the army. Played for Brentford, Maidstone, Watford, Bournemouth and Cambridge before finally joining Gillingham.

LEO FORTUNE-WEST - 6ft 4ins striker who signed for the Gills in June 1995 when supporters raised the £5,000 transfer fee from Stevenage Borough. Netted 81 goals in 137 appearances for Bishops Stortford, and averaged almost a goal every other game in the Conference.

LENNY PIPER - Ex-Wimbledon player secured for a £40,000 fee.

IFEM ONUORA - Recently joined the Gills from Mansfield for £25,000. Formerly with Huddersfield.



MEET THE MANAGER

TONY PULIS became the manager of Gillingham in June 1995.

Started his playing days as an apprentice with Bristol Rovers, for whom he made 162 appearances either side of a spell in Hong Kong with Happy Valley.

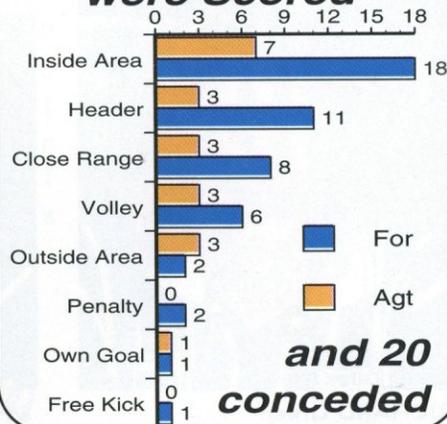
Went on to play in midfield for Newport County, Bournemouth and then Gillingham in 1989-90.

Returned to Bournemouth as player-coach at the end of that campaign, and succeeded Harry Redknapp as manager for two years - from 1992-94.

Achieved promotion in his first season with Gillingham, and with further investment this summer they are aiming for another promotion campaign.



How 49 Goals were Scored



A Hatter and a Gill.....



LEFT: Gordon Riddick lines up with the Town, at Rochdale, during his last season with the club.

(Back row: l to r: Bobby Thomson, Alan Slough, Alan Rivers, Tony Read, John Moore, Fred Jardine, Tony Thear.

Front row: l to r: David Pleat, Graham French, Gordon Riddick, Bruce Rioch, Ray Whittaker).

Although born in Watford, GORDON RIDDICK was spotted as a schoolboy by the Luton scouting system and after a period on the apprentice staff, was offered professional terms by Town manager Sam Bartram in April 1961. After making his league debut in a 2-1 defeat at Rotherham just before Christmas 1962, and then following it up in the next game, a 2-0 home defeat by Chelsea, he was obviously hoping for an extended run in the side, especially as the reversals were laid upon the shoulders of the more senior players in the team.

Unfortunately, the bad winter meant that we did not play another league game for two months, and by the time of the return to normality it was left to the senior players to carry us to relegation from Division Two.

Riddick made only 11 appearances in 1963/64 but more than doubled this total in the next season as the Town were relegated once more. By this time he was making a name

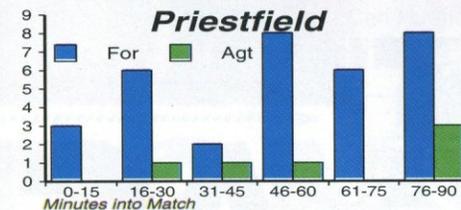
for himself as a goalscoring inside forward in a poor side and, although not universally popular with the Kenilworth Road faithful, he formed a useful foil to the more prolific John O'Rourke.

Gordon Riddick scored on his last Luton appearance, a 4-0 home win over Exeter in March 1967, before being transferred to Gillingham for £8,000 on transfer deadline day. He enjoyed a couple of good seasons at Priestfield before a £16,000 move to Charlton, followed by spells at Orient and Northampton and a long stay at Brentford.

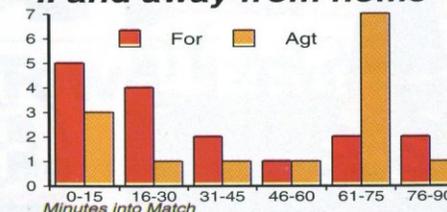
An injury finished his league career but he still managed to turn out for Wealdstone whilst also starring in village cricket for Abbots Langley.

After joining and playing for the Town during probably the worst period in our history, it is ironic to note that, with hindsight, he left at precisely the time that the club's fortunes changed! - Roger Wash.

When Goals went in at Priestfield

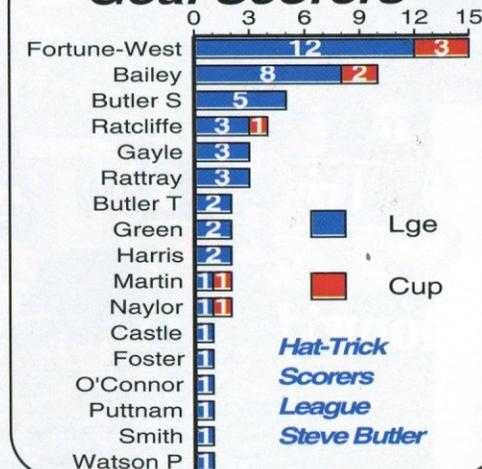


.. and away from home



GRAPHICS BY: Football Information Services. Gillingham stats from 95/96 season.

Goal Scorers





David Oldfield's early shot, from Paul Showler's cross, went just wide.

David Oldfield (9) and Bontcho Guentchev (13) put Rotherham goalkeeper Steve Cherry under pressure.

Congratulations for Mitchell Thomas after his 58th minute header put Luton 1-0 in front.

Ceri Hughes does his best to evade the challenge of Rotherham's Ian Breckin (4).



ACTION STATIONS

Luton Town 1 Rotherham Utd 0

(Thomas)

Saturday, August 31, 1996 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 4,547

Pictures by Andy Handley



Saturday Club starts up again this weekend.....

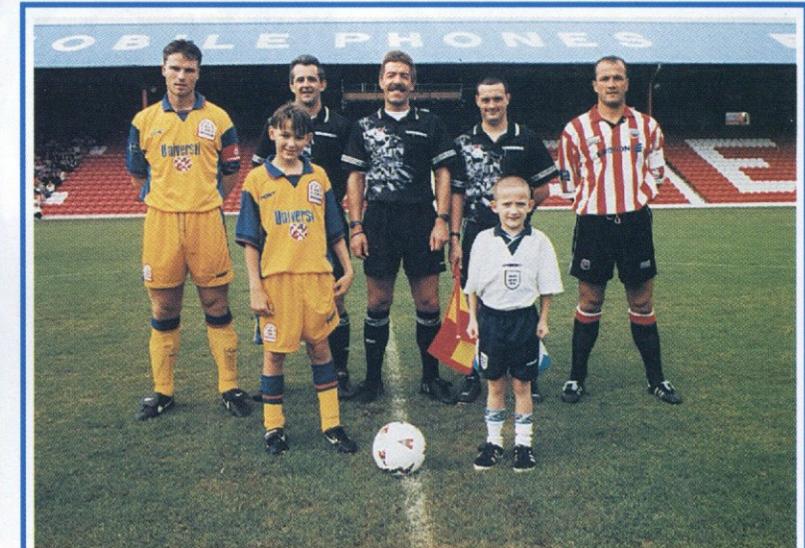
THE Saturday Club starts up again this Saturday, September 14, when we are at home to Chesterfield. Bookings are now being taken for this match at the Club Shop.

We were unable to re-open the Saturday Club any earlier due to the school being closed for the summer holidays. So apologies for any inconvenience.

For those of you who haven't attended the Saturday Club, you don't know what you're missing! The Saturday Club is fully supervised, begins at 12 noon, at Dallow Road, Luton. We play football and other games for fun, and then have sausage and chips for lunch, so all you need to bring is suitable footwear and a drink.

After lunch it's a short walk to the ground and to the family room in the Kenilworth Stand, and we watch the game from the Kenilworth End. At the end of the match your parents can collect you from the Family Room. Five hours of fun costs just £3.50 for Junior Hatter season ticket holders and £6.50 for Junior Hatters - but please book by 4pm the Friday before the match.

Last Saturday we were at Wycombe, and took part in a penalty shoot-out at half-time.



ABOVE: Glenn Lewis was our Junior Hatters mascot last month at Brentford. He is pictured with his opposite number from Brentford's Junior Bees, the team captains and match officials, prior to kick-off.

Don't forget..... we are at home to Derby County in the Coca-Cola Cup on September 17. See p22/23



Today's mascot



Today's mascot is 13-year-old JOHN PILE, who attends Lealands High School.

He plays football for his school team, likes all sports, and his favourite Luton Town player is Tony Thorpe.

Look out for our wide range of kids leisurewear in the Club Shop, or pick up one of our new LTFC Merchandise Catalogues for a full list of items

It's.. TRIVIA TIME

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TRUE or FALSE?

1. Mark Hughes played for both Barcelona and Wales on the same day.

2. BBC's 'Match of the Day' was first broadcast in 1964.

3. Italy were the hosts of the first World Cup.

4. Cricketer Brian Lara grew up in Trinidad with Aston Villa's forward Dwight Yorke.

? QUICK QUIZ?

- Who captained Arsenal in their 1979 FA Cup Final victory?
- From which club did Manchester City sign Gheorghe Kinladze?
- What is the nationality of Rotherham's Shaun Goater?
- Who knocked Manchester United out of last season's UEFA Cup?
- From which club did Leeds sign Richard Jobson?
- How many times have Liverpool won the European Cup?

IN WHICH YEAR DID...?

Liverpool win the League, Manchester United win the FA Cup after a replay, Dundee Utd win the Scottish League, Aberdeen win the Scottish FA Cup, Kenny Dalglish win Footballer of the Year, and, the FA announce Canon as League sponsors?

ALL THESE EVENTS TOOK PLACE IN THE SAME YEAR

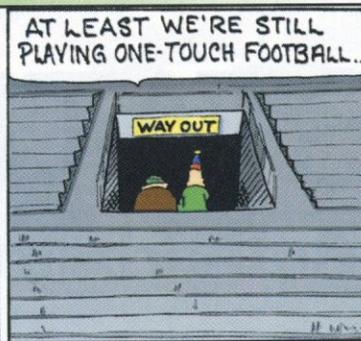
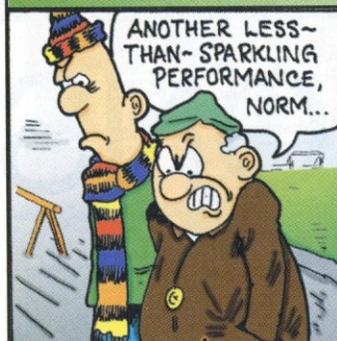


SPOT THE GROUND

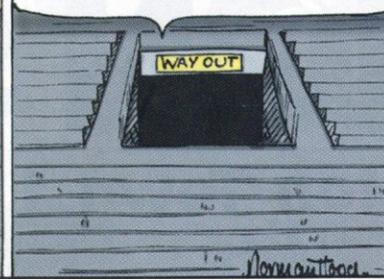
In 1889 the site was a pond surrounded by trees. Nine years later it was the best ground in non-league football. It became a league ground in 1920 and 'The Chocolate Boxes' were built just after the war, but were replaced in the 1970's by a new sloping stand. In 1951 it became the first English ground to stage a competitive floodlit match.

'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood



...WE GOT ONE TOUCH IN THE FIRST HALF, AND ONE TOUCH IN THE SECOND!



Answers

QUICK QUIZ: 1. Pat Rice; 2. Dinamo Tbilisi; 3. Bermudians; 4. Rotor Volgograd; 5. Oltham Athletic; 6. 4 times.
 WHO'S TROPHY CABINET?: Tottenham Hotspur
 TRUE OR FALSE?: 1. False, he played for Bayern Munich and Wales; 2. True; 3. False, it was Uruguay; 4. True.
 IN WHICH YEAR?: 1963
 SPOT THE GROUND: The Dell, Southampton

OVER THE BAR!

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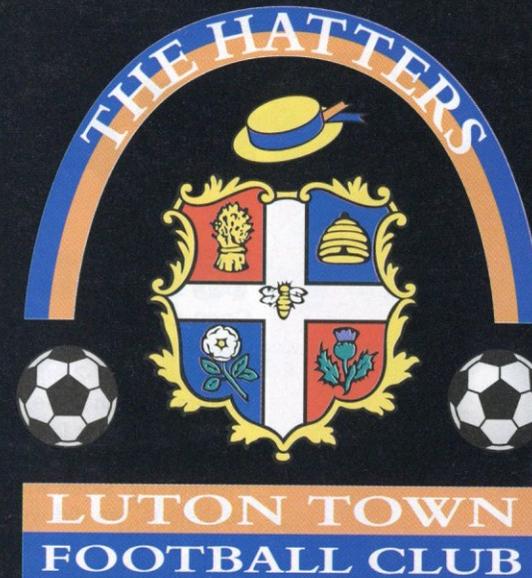
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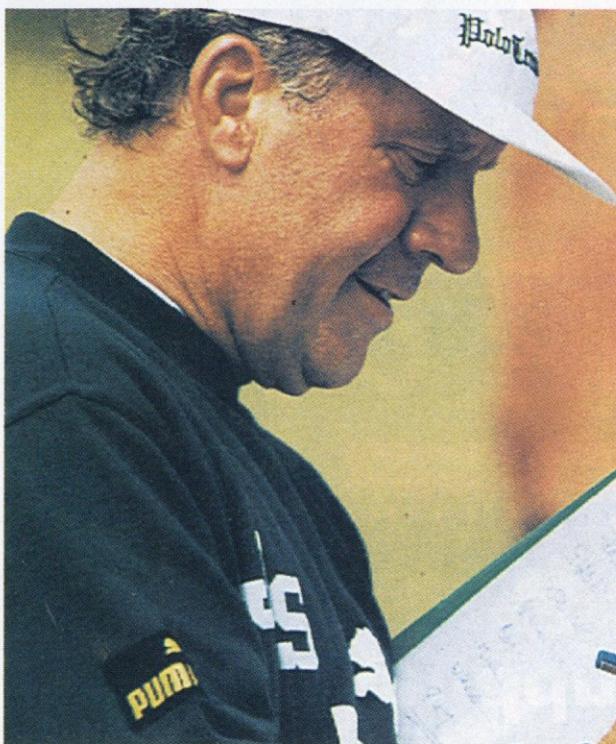
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'Over the Bar' Part Two is on page 44.....



ABOVE: Rams manager Jim Smith took his side to promotion from Division One last season. They won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road in September, with the Hatters drawing 1-1 at the Baseball Ground later in the season - courtesy of Dwight Marshall's equaliser.

Nationwide League hits the worldwide net

THE Football League, Nationwide and New Media Factory have completed the Nationwide Football League's new internet service - developing the concept into a fully working site within the space of four weeks.

This new worldwide service will allow supporters of Nationwide Football League clubs across the globe to access up-to-date results and match reports for every game throughout the three divisions, together with the latest fixture news and league tables.

Every one of the 72 Nationwide Football League clubs will have their own designated page, together with a full overview service of the world's original league football competition which will include statistics and an opportunity for fans to get on-line and share their opinions on this new internet service.

The web address for the site is <http://www.nationwide.co.uk/>

RAM-a-lam-a-ding-dong!

PREMIER League Derby County are Luton Town's opponents in the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup.

The Hatters booked their place in the second round with a 4-2 aggregate victory over Bristol Rovers in round one.

Town manager Lennie Lawrence told ClubCall: "It's quite a good draw for us, because although Premiership sides win these ties on eight out of ten occasions, we did well against Derby last year.

"We drew 1-1 at the Baseball Ground, and the majority of the players from both sides are still at the respective clubs.

"We will have to be at our best, and they will have to be a little below par, but if we can take some sort of result to Derby for the second leg we have a chance.

"Last season in this competition, when I was at Bradford we played Nottingham Forest. They hadn't lost a league game for about six months, were in

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Premiership Derby are Coca-Cola opponents

Europe, and were really flying, and we managed to beat them over the two legs."

Luton's win over Bristol Rovers was their first in the League Cup competition since the 1989/90 season when the Hatters beat Mansfield.

Ticket information for both legs of the second round tie against Derby is given below.

Full second round draw:
Sheffield Wed v Oxford Utd
Fulham v Ipswich
Preston v Tottenham
Blackpool v Chelsea
Southampton v Peterborough
Oldham v Tranmere
Barnsley v Gillingham
Bury v Crystal Palace

Wimbledon v Portsmouth
Middlesbrough v Hereford
Nottm F v Wycombe
Swindon v QPR
Brentford v Blackburn
Scarborough v Leicester
Bristol C v Bolton
Lincoln v Man City
Barnet v West Ham
Charlton v Burnley
Leeds v Darlington
Stockport v Sheff Utd
Everton v York
Huddersfield v Colchester
Watford v Sunderland
Luton v Derby
Port Vale v Carlisle
Coventry v Birmingham
Stoke v Northampton
Ties to be played in weeks commencing September 16 and 23.



ABOVE: Croatian international defender Igor Stimac starred for his country in Euro 96, and is a key figure in Derby's bid to retain Premiership status.

Luton Town v Derby County - Coca-Cola Cup 2nd round, 1st leg

Tuesday, September 17, kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at the normal league prices. Please note that concessions only apply to children aged under 16 years of age, and Senior Citizens aged 60 and over. Normal guesting facilities apply.

Season Ticket Holders' seats will be reserved for them to claim up until Friday, September 13, at 6pm. Cup voucher A applies to this match.

Ticket Office opening hours between Monday, September 9 to Tuesday, September 17 are as follows:

Monday, September 9 - 10am to 4pm. Tuesday, September 10 - 10am to 7.45pm*. Wednesday, September 11 - 10am to 4pm.

Thursday, September 12, and Friday, September 13 - 10am to 6pm. Saturday, September 14 - 9am to 3pm*

Sunday, September 15 - CLOSED. Monday, September 16 - 10am to 4pm. Tuesday, September 17 - 10am to 7.45pm.

*Tickets for the above match will not be on sale for the two hours leading up to the Gillingham and Chesterfield matches. The ticket office will be open after both these matches.

Derby County v Luton Town - Coca-Cola Cup 2nd round, 2nd leg

Wednesday, September 25, kick-off 7.45pm

Please note this match is ALL-TICKET for Luton supporters. Seats only, priced at £18 for adults and £8 concessions. Season Ticket Holders can purchase ONE ticket each (subject to availability) until Friday, September 13, at 6pm. Any remaining tickets will go on sale to ONE per member (subject to availability) on Saturday, September 14, AFTER THE MATCH v CHESTERFIELD.

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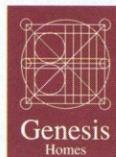
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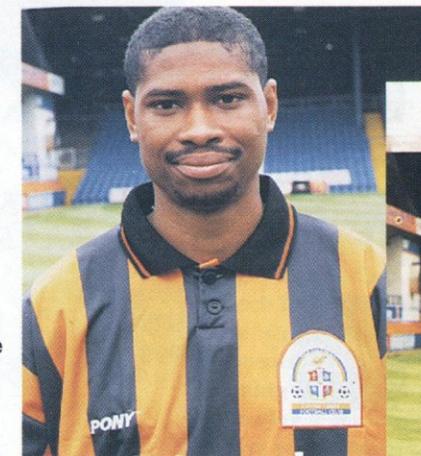
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Harvey's knee op success



DWIGHT Marshall



RICHARD Harvey

RICHARD Harvey has successfully undergone his knee operation, following the injury sustained in the pre-season friendly against West Ham.

The injury was not as bad as first feared, but the cruciate in his right knee still needed reconstruction.

However, the medial ligament had healed, and so no plaster or brace is required.

He is currently on crutches, but should be able to start gentle exercises soon.

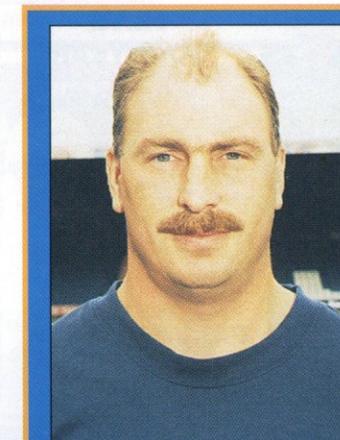
Our other long-term injury, Dwight Marshall, is also progressing well and has started ball work, increased his running and is getting stronger by the day.

Obviously his return to playing action is some way off, but he could be back in training by the end of the month.

Jamie Woodsford was involved in a clash of heads during the reserve game against West Ham, soon after coming on as a substitute, and was taken to hospital suffering from concussion.

He has recovered, but under league regulations cannot play again for two weeks, but has been able to continue general fitness work without any problem.

Aaron Skelton is still receiving treatment for an ankle injury, whilst Des Linton has an on-going knee problem. This has



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JAMIE Woodsford

kept flaring up throughout the season, and he was due to see the specialist yesterday (Monday) and was ruled out of contention for Saturday's trip to Wycombe.

Bontcho Guentchev, Marvin Johnson and Mitchell Thomas all collected minor 'knocks' at Bristol Rovers, but all were available for the Wycombe game.

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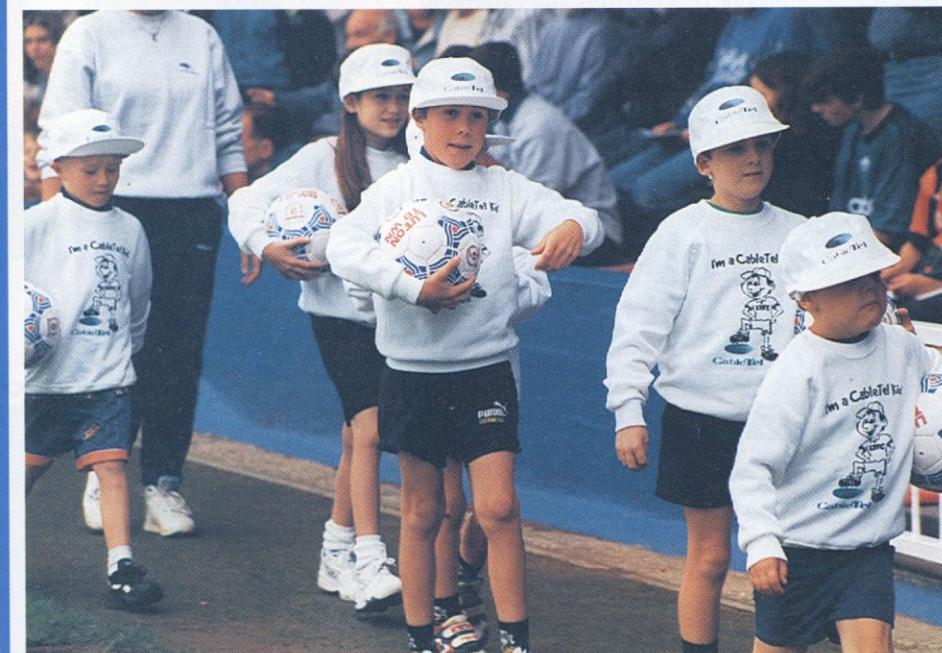


SEVENTEEN-year-old defender Matthew Upson made his league debut when he came on as a substitute against Rotherham on August 31.

Matthew made his Luton Town debut last season, aged just 16, when he played in the Anglo-Italian Cup match in Cesena.

He is ruled out of contention for this evening's game, following a sending-off in the youth team's Southern Junior Floodlit Cup match at Bournemouth.

LUTON Town's Football in the Community department are hosting an after-school coaching course at Northchurch St Marys First School, Northchurch, on Monday, September 23, from 3.45 to 5.15pm. The cost of this course is £3, and for further details please contact Jeff Vetere on (01582) 411622. The Football in the Community department visit a number of schools across the region, both in term time, and during school holidays. If your school would like to host a course, contact Jeff on the same number.



LEFT: CableTel kids pictured before the home game against Rotherham.

LUCKY local youngsters are being given a special chance to help Luton Town to victory this season.

For each home match, 11 children will be picked out of a hat to become CableTel Kids for the day.

It involves them each presenting a football to one of the players on the pitch before the game, and receiving a signed certificate and framed photo as mementos of the occasion.

Dinni Jain, managing director of Luton-based CableTel Bedfordshire, which has launched the scheme, said: "As a local company we wanted to support our local team and give our customers' children a special day to remember."

To nominate a child to become a CableTel kid, write to the company in Luton or call them free on 0800 602603.

RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



Wed Aug 28	WEST HAM (LC)	lost 3-0
Thur Sep 5	WIMBLEDON	lost 2-1
Wed Sep 18	Portsmouth	7pm
Wed Sep 25	BRISTOL CITY	2pm
Thu Oct 3	Arsenal (LC)	2pm
Mon Oct 7	Swindon Town	2pm
Wed Oct 23	WEST HAM UTD	2pm
Wed Nov 6	TOTTENHAM	2pm
Wed Nov 13	Charlton Athletic	2pm
Mon Nov 18	NORWICH CITY (LC)	7pm
Wed Dec 4	Ipswich Town (LC)	7.30pm
Mon Dec 9	OXFORD UNITED	7pm
Tue Dec 17	Crystal Palace	2pm
Mon Jan 6	SWANSEA CITY	7pm
Wed Jan 15	Bristol Rovers	7.30pm
Mon Jan 20	CARDIFF CITY	7pm
Wed Feb 5	Ipswich Town	7.30pm
Mon Feb 10	BRIGHTON	7pm
Thu Feb 27	Arsenal	2pm
Wed Mar 12	BOURNEMOUTH	2pm
Wed Mar 19	Southampton	7.30pm
Wed Mar 26	WATFORD	2pm
Wed Apr 9	Norwich City	7.30pm
Wed Apr 16	CHELSEA	2pm
Tue Apr 22	Millwall	2pm
Mon Apr 28	Queens Park Rgrs	7pm

Games in CAPITALS denotes home fixture.
Home matches played at Kenilworth Road will now kick-off at 2pm. Home matches will be played at Hitchin Town FC from November 18 to February 10 inclusive, and will kick-off at 7pm.
LC - Avon Insurance Combination League Cup.

THE Town's reserve side lost 2-1 to Wimbledon on Thursday afternoon at Kenilworth Road.

The Dons took a fifth minute lead with a goal from Gary Elkins, but the Hatters equalised from the penalty spot after 70 minutes.

Tony Thorpe converted the spot-kick after a foul on John Taylor.

But Wimbledon netted the winner nine minutes from time through Stewart Castledine.

The Reserves are now without a game until September 18 when they visit Portsmouth.

The next home game is on Wednesday, September 25, when Bristol City are the visitors in the Avon Insurance Combination. Kick-off is 2pm at Kenilworth Road.

The youth team have progressed into the first round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup after beating Bournemouth 3-1 in their Preliminary Round replay.

After a 1-1 draw at Dean Court, the Hatters took a 2-0 half-time lead in the replay with goals from Andrew Barr and Andrew Smith.

Bournemouth pulled a goal back, but Luton sealed the tie with a third from Steve Augustine.

Team: Tate, Clarke, Sweeney (Lawes), Spring, Jones, Upson, Augustine, George, Barr, Cox,

Smith (Scarlett).

Sub not used: Boyce.

In the next round, the Hatters have been drawn away to Wolves - the game will be played on Tuesday, September 17, kick-off 7pm at Molineux.

The youth team suffered their first defeat in the South East Counties League, with last Saturday's 3-2 reverse at Colchester.

The Town scorers were Gary Doherty and Liam George.

Team: Webb, Lawes (Hillyard), Smith, Spring, Doherty, Jones, Scarlett (Boyce), George, Barr, Augustine, Cox.

Sub not used: Ayres.

The youth team travel to Rushden and Diamonds in the Eastern Junior Cup, on Wednesday, October 16, kick-off 7.30pm.

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Sean EVERS	2	
Ben CHENERY	2	
Paul McLAREN	2	
Gary SIMPSON	2	
Chris WILLMOTT	2	
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	1	
Tony THORPE	2	1
John TAYLOR	2	
Stuart DOUGLAS	2	
Robert KEAN	2	
Jamie WOODSFORD	(1)	
Andre SCARLETT	(1)	
Matthew UPSON	1	
Steve AUGUSTINE	(1)	



TONY Thorpe



JOHN Taylor



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

Sat Aug 17	Bristol Rovers	won 4-1	Sat Dec 14	BRISTOL CITY	11am
Sat Aug 24	READING	won 7-0	Sat Dec 21	BRISTOL ROVERS	11am
Tue Aug 27	Bournemouth (SJFC)	drew 1-1	Sat Jan 4	Bristol City	
Sat Aug 31	Colchester	lost 3-2	Sat Jan 11	COLCHESTER UTD	11am
Tue Sep 3	B'MOUTH (SJFC)	won 3-1	Sat Jan 18	Southampton	
Sat Sep 7	SOUTHAMPTON	11am	Sat Jan 25	Crystal Palace	
Sat Sep 14	Cambridge U (LC1)		Sat Feb 1	Reading	
Sat Sep 21	CRYSTAL PALACE	11am	Sat Feb 8	TOTTENHAM	11am
Sat Sep 28	Tottenham		Sat Feb 15	Oxford United	
Sat Oct 5	OXFORD UTD	11am	Sat Feb 22	SWINDON TOWN	11am
Sat Oct 12	Swindon Town		Sat Mar 1	Wimbledon	
Wed Oct 16	Rushden & D (EJC)	7.30pm	Sat Mar 8	WYCOMBE W	11am
Sat Oct 19	LC2		Sat Mar 15	BOURNEMOUTH	11am
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Andrew BARR	2	2		
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Russell LAWES	1 (1)			
xxxx HILLYARD	(2)			
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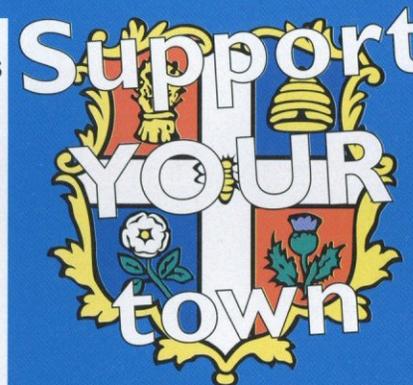
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AFTER the euphoria of the Fourth Division title win of 1967/68, followed by the near miss in gaining further promotion the following season, it was felt by a lot of us that we had shot our bolt and that glory days were going to be just a memory.

These feelings were reinforced when 'golden boy' Bruce Rioch was transferred to Aston Villa for £100,000 which was then a record fee for a player leaving Division Three.

In Rioch's place we welcomed Peter Phillips from Bishop's Stortford, Alan Guild from East Fife, and John Ryan from Fulham - all on free transfers. Also from Fulham, for the princely sum of £17,500, we signed defender Malcolm MacDonald - a player of whom manager Alec Stock said: "He's the right age for us, 19. We wanted younger players and we wanted a left back."

The pre-season friendlies did not bode well though, and a 5-2 defeat at Aldershot was followed by a narrow win over the Italian Under 21 side, and then a dull 1-1 home draw with Clyde.

During the second half of the match against Clyde, MacDonald was moved to the left wing in place of the injured Mike Harrison and retained his position in a 10-0 joke game against a Gibraltar side who had never played on grass before.

An extremely subdued crowd of 'only' 12,080 turned up at Kenilworth Road for the opening game of the season to see new boys Ryan, MacDonald and previous day signing from Reading, John Collins, take on Barrow.

In a fairly comfortable victory, goals from Keith Allen, Mike Keen and Collins saw off an average Barrow side, but the supporters were not satisfied. Barrow had conceded five at Kenilworth Road the previous season, and they were still wondering when the Rioch money would be spent.

Despite all this, a large crowd of Luton supporters went to Bournemouth the following week and swelled the attendance at Dean Court to 9,735. They were not



by **ROGER WASH**

disappointed as MacDonald scored his first senior goal for the club, when he sped onto a defence splitting pass from Keen, before rounding the goalkeeper and sidefooting the ball home. Little did we know that this was to be the first of many - not bad for a full back! The supporters were beginning to allow themselves to slip out of the doldrums after a home victory over Orient the following week, especially as the Town had fought back from 2-0 down to win 3-2, with the deciding goal coming from MacDonald in the 86th minute.

We were now on a roll but, as is often the case, we were brought back to earth when Halifax came to a wet and windy Kenilworth Road for a midweek game, and went home with a point following a 1-1 draw.

Although MacDonald scored the Luton goal, the tall Halifax centre half Chris Nicholl kept him under fairly close control all evening, and we were

pleased to hear afterwards that Stock had agreed to buy him for a huge (by Luton standards) fee of £34,000.

Nicholl had been tailed by Stock for several weeks but to us it seemed that he had signed him simply because he had kept MacDonald quiet. "He will play for England one day," said his old manager Alan Ball senior!

All those Town supporters who had doubted Alec Stock and his apparent failure to spend money were well and truly silenced the following day, when another £25,000 was spent out on Matt Tees, a proven goalscorer, who was dropping down a division to join Luton from Charlton.

"Both players will appear on Saturday at Gillingham," said Stock, which guaranteed there would be a large influx of Town supporters in the Medway Towns for the game.

The Gills were pointless at the bottom of the table and were desperate for a result to kick start their season.

They set their stall out early by clattering both MacDonald and Tees, who they obviously regarded as



ABOVE: Action from the home game against Gillingham in March 1969, which finished 1-1. The Luton players pictured are (left to right): Laurie Sheffield, Terry Branston and Keith Allen.

the danger men, but it was the Town that drew 'first blood' when Gillingham's Andy Smillie needlessly handled the ball in the area after 13 minutes, with MacDonald lashing home the resultant penalty.

The Town had the better of the first half without being able to make their superiority tell but, aided by some ruthless defending, Gillingham managed to claw themselves back into the reckoning early in the second period.

It was now the turn of the Luton defenders to show their worth, with Nicholl having an outstanding game and gradually things turned our way again with the midfield of Keen, Collins and Allen providing ammunition for the forwards, and Graham French in particular.

The two points were secured after 76 minutes when a cross from French was turned into his own net by Gillingham full back Mike Green, and although it was a scrappy win it proved that we could fight as well as play pretty football.

Luton: Read, Ryan, Bannister, Keen, Nicholl, Slough, Collins, MacDonald, Tees, Allen, French.

Gillingham: Simpson, Weston, Green, Machin, Williams, Quirke, Woodley, Yeo, Riddick, Smillie, Pound.

Gillingham finished the season one place off the relegation positions due in the main to away wins over the three top sides, Orient, Luton and Bristol Rovers. It was their win over Rovers at the end of the season that virtually guaranteed the Town promotion!

5 YEARS AGO

7/9/91: An injury-hit Luton side was soundly beaten at Wimbledon in front of a paltry crowd of 3,231. The 3-0 defeat pushed the Town down to 20th position in Division One.

10 YEARS AGO

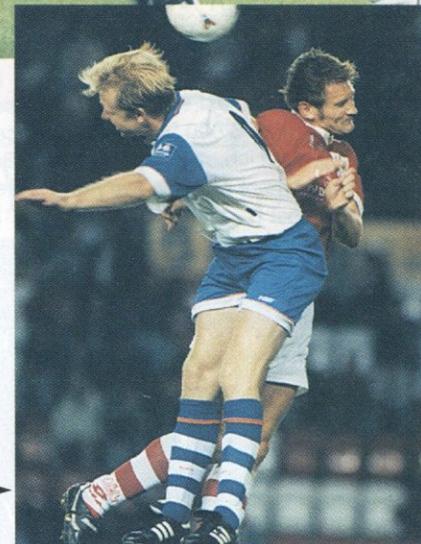
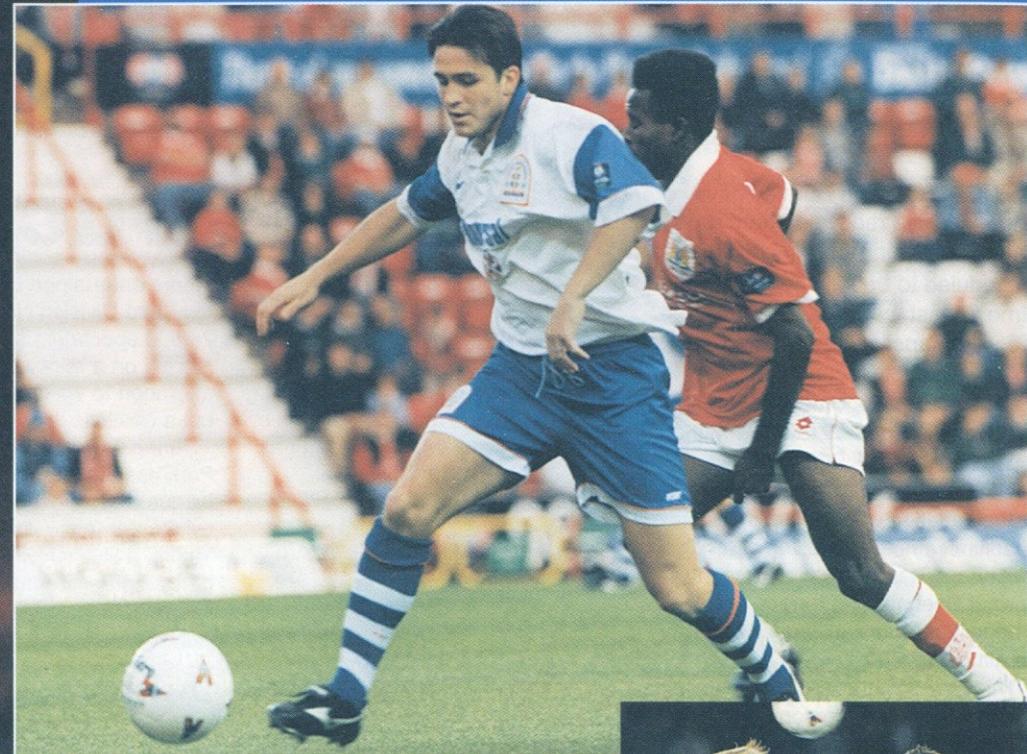
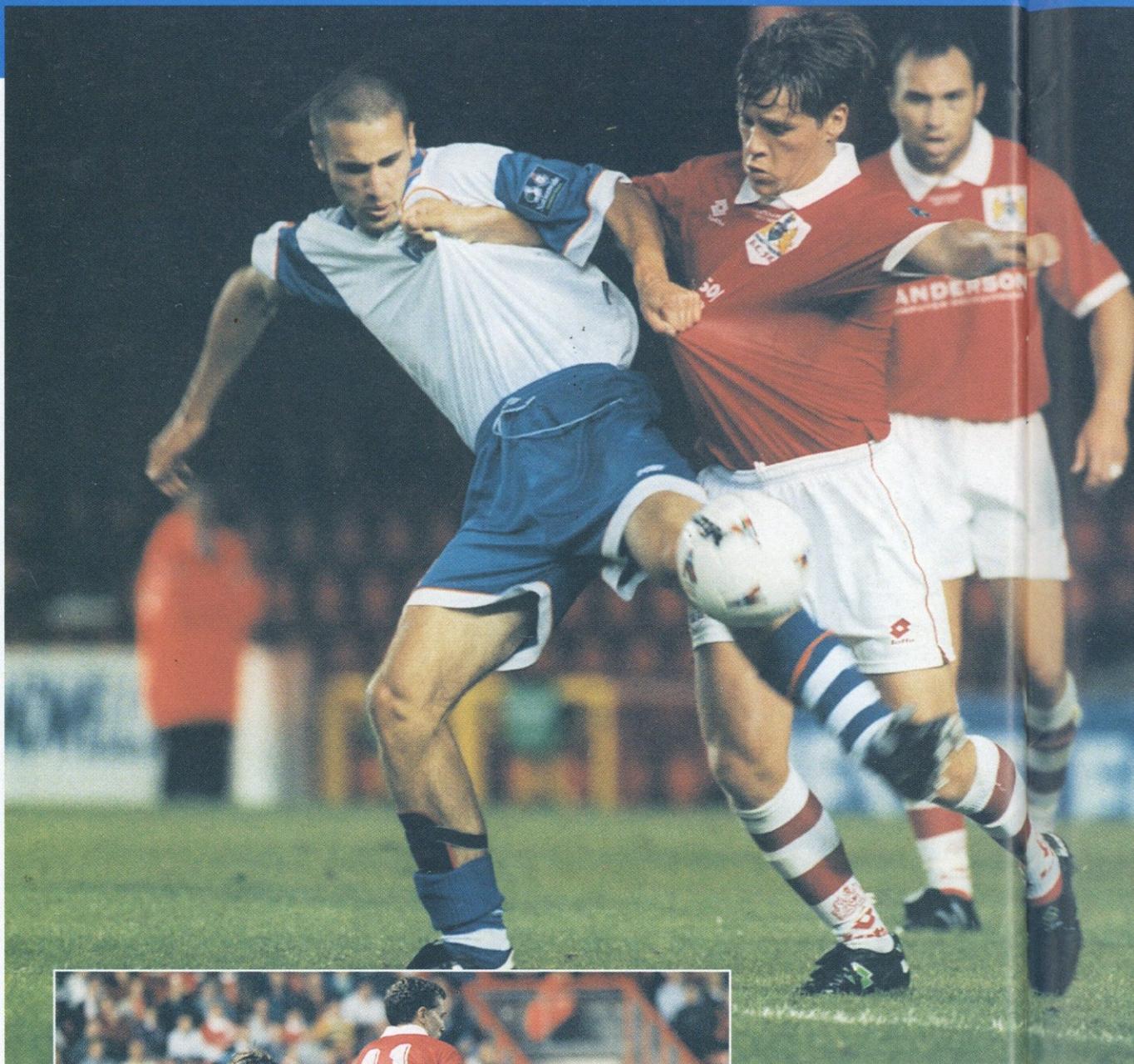
6/9/86: A surprising 3-1 win at Chelsea with Brian Stein and Mike Newell, with two, on the scoresheet. Ashley Grimes and Mark Stein were both called up for their first outings of the season.

15 YEARS AGO

5/9/81: It was three wins out of three as the Town earned a 2-1 victory at Bolton in a Division Two clash. Brian Stein and Mark Aizlewood were the Luton marksmen.

20 YEARS AGO

10/9/76: In a thriller at Charlton, the Town went down to the odd goal in seven, in front of a crowd of 9,191. Charlton striker Derek Hales had a score to settle with the club that discarded him..... he scored a hat-trick.



↑ Ceri Hughes makes a break, pursued by City's two-goal hero Gregory Goodridge.

← Hatters sub Andrew Fotiadis battles for possession in the closing stages at Ashton Gate.

Julian James tackles Bristol's Brian Tinnion.

→ David Oldfield challenges City centre-half Mark Shail.



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Clarets complete ground reconstruction

SECOND Division Burnley have completed the extensive redevelopment programme at their Turf Moor ground, which was scheduled to be fully operational in time for last week's Coca-Cola Cup tie with Mansfield and the big derby fixture against Second Division Lancashire rivals Blackpool in the Nationwide Football League this evening.

The final phase of this amazing transformation of the Clarets' historic stadium sees the unveiling of a 6,000 seat East Stand, which replaces the former Beehole End terrace and brings Turf Moor's all-seated capacity to almost 22,000.

This new construction compliments the expansive Sanderson Ford Longside two-tier stand at the North end of the ground which was opened towards the end of last season, and can seat a further 8,600 fans of the East Lancashire club.

The development of these two new stands has cost Burnley Football

Club £5,700,000, although The Football Trust have grant-aided these splendid projects to the tune of £2 million.

John Howarth, Burnley's club secretary, said: "We now have one of the finest stadiums in the country as a result of the board's financial support and The Football Trust's backing of these remarkable redevelopments at Turf Moor."

"Burnley have some of the most loyal and passionate supporters in professional football and we are delighted to now be in a position to offer them unrivalled accommodation and facilities."

Last week's Third Division fixture between Hull City and Barnet celebrated the 50th anniversary of Boothferry Park as a Football League venue.

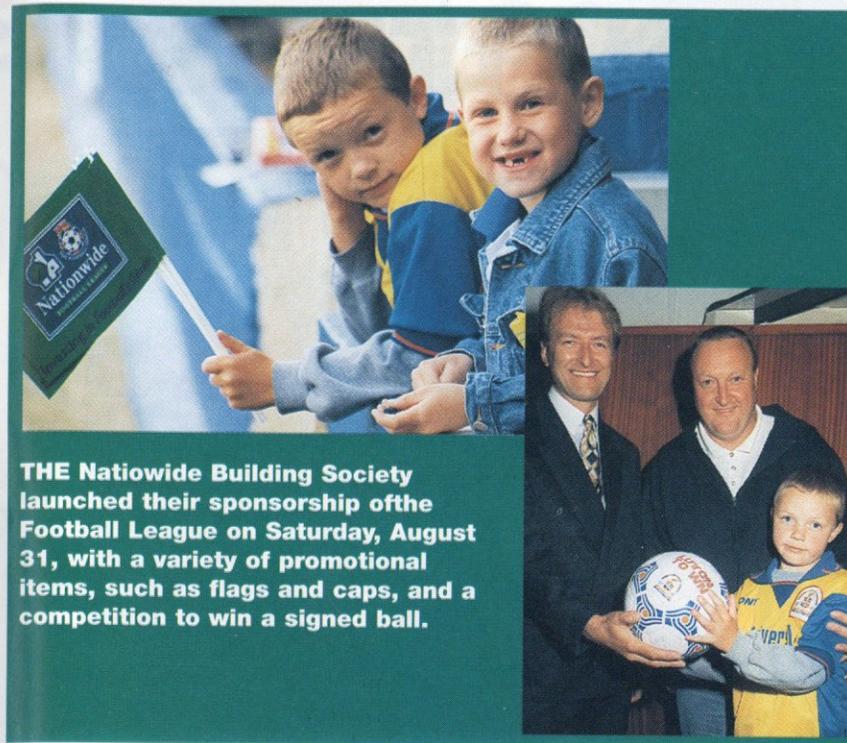
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Tigers entertained Lincoln City in the old Third Division North when over 25,000 spectators flocked to the new ground on a rainswept Saturday afternoon to watch the two sides fight out a goalless draw.

During its first 50 years, Boothferry Park has also played host to a Rugby league test match between Great Britain and Australia in the early 1980s, a Hull v Hull KR rugby league derby fixture, together with Under-21 internationals and last season's FA Sunday Cup Final.

Meanwhile, Bristol Rovers have returned to the city after a 10-year spell at Twerton Park, Bath, moving to share the Memorial Ground with Bristol Rugby Club.

Their first game back in Bristol was against Stockport, with Luton the second visitors for last Wednesday's Coca-Cola Cup tie.



THE Nationwide Building Society launched their sponsorship of the Football League on Saturday, August 31, with a variety of promotional items, such as flags and caps, and a competition to win a signed ball.

LUTON Town supporter Kristina Howells is collecting memoirs and stories from Hatters fans, with a view to writing a book 'for supporters, by supporters'.

She has also collated memoirs from former and current players and officials, but would like to hear more from fans of all ages.

Kristina would like to know your best and worst moments following Luton; your favourite and least favourite away grounds and why; and your favourite players over the years.

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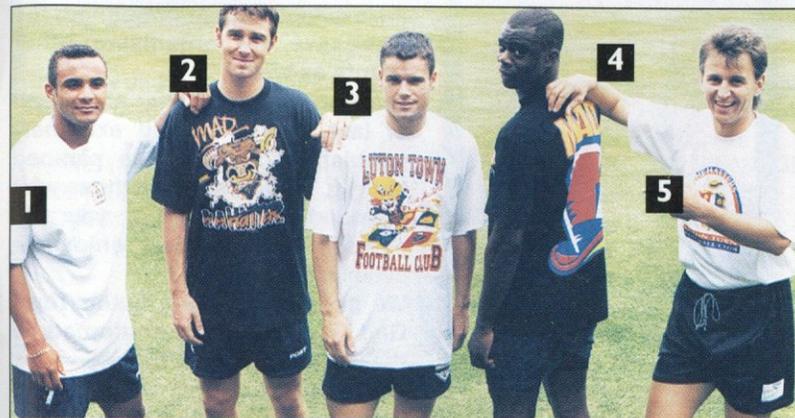
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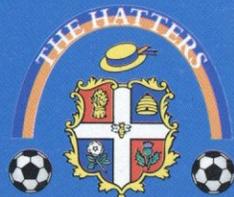
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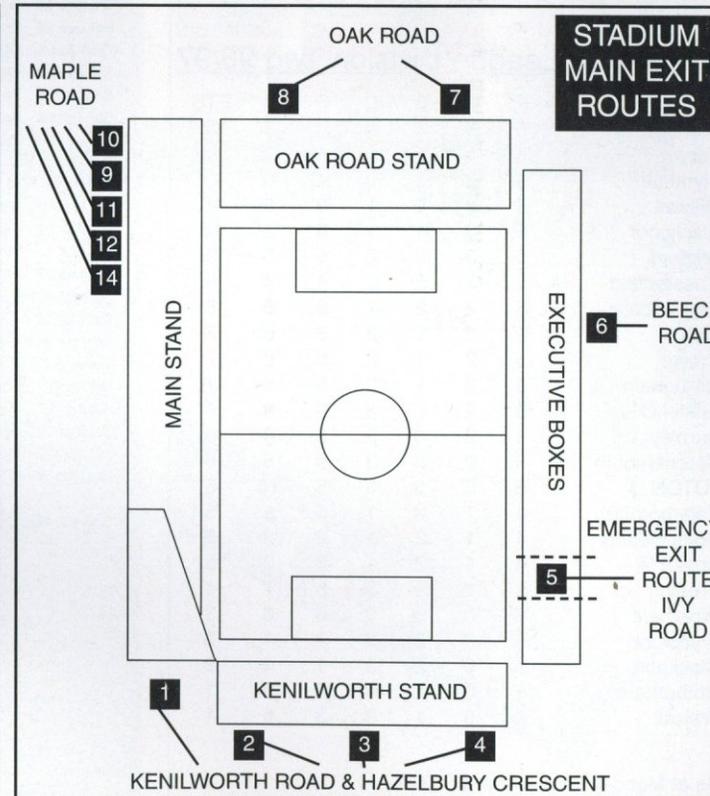
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LUTON TOWN 1996/97

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS
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Julian JAMES	5		2	
Mitchell THOMAS	5	1	2	
Gary WADDOCK	5		1	
Darren PATTERSON	3		(1)	
Marvin JOHNSON	3		2	
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	2 (3)		1 (1)	
Graham ALEXANDER	4 (1)		2	
David OLDFIELD	5	1	2	2
Kim GRANT	4		1	1
Tony THORPE	3 (2)	2	1	1
Andrew FOTIADIS	1 (2)		(1)	
Des LINTON	(1)		1	
Steve DAVIS	4 (1)		2	
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Paul SHOWLER	2		1 (1)	
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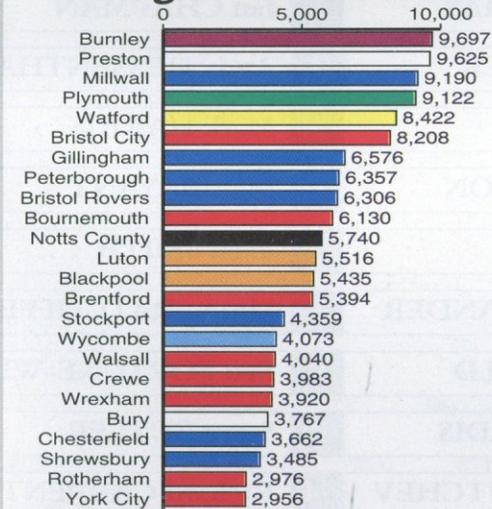
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Brentford	5	4	1	0	11	3	13
Bury	5	4	1	0	11	3	13
Plymouth	5	3	2	0	10	6	11
Millwall	5	3	1	1	9	5	10
Blackpool	5	3	1	1	5	3	10
Watford	5	3	0	2	5	5	9
Chesterfield	5	3	0	2	4	4	9
Shrewsbury	5	2	2	1	6	6	8
York	5	2	1	2	6	6	7
Crewe	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Gillingham	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Bristol C	5	2	0	3	9	9	6
Burnley	5	2	0	3	6	8	6
Bournemouth	5	2	0	3	5	6	6
LUTON	5	2	0	3	5	10	6
Peterborough	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Notts County	4	1	2	1	2	2	5
Bristol R	4	1	2	1	2	3	5
Preston	5	1	1	3	5	7	4
Wrexham	3	0	3	0	6	6	3
Wycombe	5	0	3	2	2	4	3
Stockport	5	0	2	3	1	4	2
Rotherham	5	0	1	4	4	9	1
Walsall	4	0	1	3	3	6	1

As at Monday, September 9, 1996

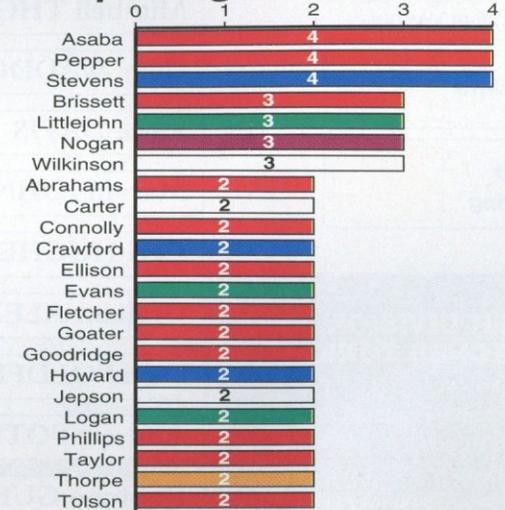
DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	POS	GK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sat Aug 17	BURNLEY	1-2	6,484	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	(Patterson)	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander (Oldfield)	(Grant)	THORPE		(Fotiadis)	(Linton)	(S.Davis)
Tue Aug 20	BRISTOL ROVERS CCC1 (1)	3-0	2,643	-	Feuer	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	(Johnson)	Hughes	Alexander OLDFIELD	GRANT	(THORPE)		(Patterson)	(Guentchev)	(Showler)
Sat Aug 24	Brentford	2-3	5,404	22	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	HUGHES	Alexander Oldfield	(Grant)	THORPE		Linton	(Guentchev)	Showler
Tue Aug 27	Bristol City	0-5	7,028	24	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	Hughes	(Showler)	(Oldfield)	(Grant)	Thorpe	(Alexander)	(Guentchev)	(Fotiadis)
Sat Aug 31	ROTHERHAM	1-0	4,547	19	Feuer	(James)	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander (Oldfield)	(Grant)	Showler		(Thorpe)	(Guentchev)	(Upson)
Wed Sep 4	Bristol Rovers CCC1 (2)	1-2	2,320	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Linton	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander OLDFIELD	Guentchev	(Showler)		Thorpe	(Fotiadis)	McLaren
Sat Sep 7	Wycombe Wanderers	1-0	6,471	15	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander OLDFIELD	(Fotiadis)	Guentchev		(Thorpe)	Showler	McLaren
Tue Sep 10	GILLINGHAM																	
Sat Sep 14	CHESTERFIELD																	
Tue Sep 17	DERBY COUNTY CCC2 (1)																	
Sat Sep 21	Bury																	
Wed Sep 25	Derby County CCC2 (2)																	
Sat Sep 28	BLACKPOOL																	
Tue Oct 1	Wrexham																	
Sat Oct 5	WALSALL																	
Sat Oct 12	Shrewsbury Town																	
Tue Oct 15	Stockport County																	
Sat Oct 19	PETERBOROUGH UTD																	
Sat Oct 26	BOURNEMOUTH																	
Tue Oct 29	Watford																	
Sat Nov 2	Plymouth Argyle																	
Sat Nov 9	NOTTS COUNTY																	
Sat Nov 16	FA Cup Rd 1																	
Tue Nov 19	Preston North End																	
Sat Nov 23	BRISTOL ROVERS																	
Sat Nov 30	Bournemouth																	
Tue Dec 3	YORK CITY																	
Sat Dec 7	FA Cup Rd 2																	
Sat Dec 14	CREWE ALEXANDRA																	
Wed Dec 18	Millwall																	
Thu Dec 26	Gillingham																	
Sat Dec 28	WYCOMBE WANDERERS																	
Wed Jan 1	BURY																	
Sat Jan 4	Chesterfield																	
Sat Jan 11	Blackpool																	
Sat Jan 18	WREXHAM																	
Sat Jan 25	WATFORD																	
Sat Feb 1	Notts County																	
Sat Feb 8	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE																	
Sat Feb 15	Bristol Rovers																	
Sat Feb 22	PRESTON NORTH END																	
Sat Mar 1	York City																	
Sat Mar 8	MILLWALL																	
Sat Mar 15	Crewe Alexandra																	
Sat Mar 22	BRENTFORD																	
Sat Mar 29	Burnley																	
Tue Apr 1	BRISTOL CITY																	
Sat Apr 5	Rotherham United																	
Sat Apr 12	Walsall																	
Sat Apr 19	SHREWSBURY TOWN																	
Sat Apr 26	Peterborough Utd																	
Sat May 3	STOCKPORT COUNTY																	

Game in BOLD denotes home match. Name in CAPITALS denotes goalscorer. Name in (brackets) denotes player substituted or substitute used.

Average Attendances



Top League Scorers



Division Two stats from 96/97 - by FOOTBALL INFORMATION SERVICES (Weekend matches not included).

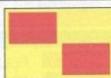
Today's referee is

CLIVE WILKES

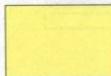
from Gloucester.

Mr Wilkes, a car trader, joined the Football League list in 1990, and refereed the 1995 Division 2 play-off final at Wembley.

SS Thiarra



MD Dearing



OTHER DIVISION TWO MATCHES TONIGHT

- Brentford v Plymouth Argyle
- Bristol Rovers v Bournemouth
- Burnley v Blackpool
- Crewe Alexandra v Bury
- Notts County v Watford
- Peterborough Utd v Millwall
- Preston NE v York City
- Rotherham Utd v Chesterfield
- Shrewsbury Town v Bristol City
- Stockport County v Wrexham
- Walsall v Wycombe Wanderers

LUTON TOWN

Manager: Lennie Lawrence

GILLINGHAM

Manager: Tony Pulis

Ian FEUER	1	Jim STANNARD
Julian JAMES	2	John HUMPHREY
Mitchell THOMAS	3	Ian CHAPMAN
Gary WADDOCK	4	Andy HESSENTHALER
Steve DAVIS	5	Mark HARRIS
Marvin JOHNSON	6	Matt BRYANT
Ceri HUGHES	7	Neil SMITH
Graham ALEXANDER	8	Simon RATCLIFFE
David OLDFIELD	9	Leo FORTUNE-WEST
Andrew FOTIADIS	10	Steve BUTLER
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	11	Richard CARPENTER
	12	
	13	
	14	



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