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v CHESTERFIELD

Saturday, September 14th, 1996,
Kick-off 3pm.

From the manager's chair

TUESDAY'S hard earned victory over Gillingham gave everyone a much needed boost, and following on from our 1-0 win at Wycombe at the weekend we find ourselves in the top half of the table, with our eyes on a top six place if we can manage to beat Chesterfield and obtain three points today.

We welcome Chesterfield, their players, supporters and officials, and in particular manager John Duncan who has done a marvellous job in his second spell at the club, with limited resources, just missing out on a play-off place last season and having made a good start to the campaign this time around, including two away wins already.

Chesterfield will be a well organised, direct and committed side, and we will have to show the same commitment and passion as we did on Tuesday, as well as the skill, and hopefully the same result can follow which can only serve to build confidence even further.

If we are confident and we are at our best, we certainly have no need to



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

fear any team in this league.

However, even if we are only a little below our best we become ordinary, and consequently it is of great importance that standards are maintained.

Another victory would also serve as a morale booster for Tuesday's home Coca-Cola Cup tie against Derby, although today's is by far the more important fixture.

It has been pleasing to see the players adapt to the demands of second division football, after a start to the season where we perhaps naively assumed we could 'football' our way through it all. But we have soon learned that other qualities are necessary

and hopefully they will be in evidence again today.

It is also pleasing to see players that were much maligned last year - David Oldfield and Bontcho Guentchev from time to time - get on the scoresheet, and indeed David is probably in his best spell at the club at the present time.

It has also been pleasing to note the emergence of Andrew Fotiadis, who has made a good contribution in his first year as a professional, and this will ensure that when all the front players are fit and firing there will be major competition for places in the area of the team where we need it most.

Ceri Hughes has maintained a continuous run of games, to a consistent standard, and hopefully that can continue as well.

The team is only as good as its weakest player, and in the last two games it has been difficult to find anybody who has let us down.

That certainly needs to be the case today, because if there is a weakness then Chesterfield will find it.

If we apply ourselves as a team then victory can follow.



There is one unfortunate piece of news on the injury front, as Des Linton has aggravated a knee injury, in the game at Bristol Rovers, which has resulted in a cartilage operation which

will sideline him for three to four weeks. Des certainly hasn't had the best of luck with injuries in my time here, and previously, and we wish him well for a speedy recovery.

ABOVE: Mitchell Thomas pictured in action during last Saturday's 1-0 win at Wycombe.

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BONTCHO Guentchev's first goal of the season set the Hatters on their way to a third successive league win with Tuesday's 2-1 victory over Gillingham.

The Bulgarian international converted a 13th minute cross from Steve Davis.

Luton went further in front on 52 minutes, when David Oldfield pounced to net his third goal in as many matches, after Gillingham keeper Jim Stannard could only parry a Ceri Hughes shot.

The visitors pulled one back with 10 minutes to go - Ian Chapman's free-kick finding its way through the defensive wall - but the three points moved Lennie Lawrence's side up to 11th in the table.

Meanwhile, this afternoon's opponents Chesterfield won 1-0 at Rotherham with a 39th minute goal from Jonathan Howard.

The win moved John Duncan's side to fourth in the table.

Elsewhere in Division Two, Brentford moved three points clear at the top with a 3-2 home win over Plymouth.

Marcus Bent scored their winner six minutes from time.

Watford moved into third place with a last-gasp win at Notts County.

The Hornets led 2-0 inside 20 minutes with two goals from Tommy Mooney, but County drew level with goals in the 83rd and 86th minutes.

Watford's winner, scored by Wayne Andrews, came a minute into stoppage time.

Bontcho's blast sets up third successive win



LEFT: David Oldfield scored his third goal in as many matches, with Luton's second in Tuesday's 2-1 win over Gillingham. The victory moved the Hatters up to 11th place in the Division Two table.

See page 46 for the up-to-date league standings.

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The Chairman and Directors of Luton Town Football Club undertake to ensure as far as humanly possible that all activities that take place at the Kenilworth Stadium are conducted in such a way that, as far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of everybody at the stadium is assured.

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FRONT COVER: 18-year-old striker Andrew Fotiadis made his full debut at Wycombe last Saturday, setting up the winning goal for David Oldfield. Picture: ANDY HANDLEY.

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LEFT: 18-year-old Andrew Fotiadis and 39-year-old Ray Wilkins in action at Wycombe last Saturday - a game the hatters won 1-0.

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HOPEFULLY we have put the defeat at Bristol City well and truly behind us, with the three wins that have followed, and we go into today's game in confident mood.

I feel we are playing well as a team, defending solidly as a unit, and also showing some attacking flair in the final third of the field. I remember writing at the start of the season, that there would be plenty of games this season where it would be a case of knuckling down and doing a job, and we are beginning to get to grips with that.

The manager has stressed that there will be a lot of matches played in front of smaller crowds than we are used to, where the opposition will look to bombard us early, and it is up to us to withstand that early pressure or impose ourselves on the game first. We certainly had the better of the opening exchanges on Tuesday against Gillingham, with Bontcho opening the scoring with an excellent finish.

To get the second goal just after half-time was important, and we were confident of keeping a clean sheet. Unfortunately that wasn't the case, but I felt we were good value for the three points.

Marvin Johnson and myself have the bumps and bruises to show from our encounters with Mr Fortune-West, but so does he! As Andrew Fotiadis found out that's life in this division, but he has responded magnificently and, along with David Oldfield, gave the Gillingham defence real problems.

Now we turn our attentions to Chesterfield. They are among the early leaders, but there is little to choose between many of the teams at present. I know supporters look at Watford's standing in relation to ours, and whilst they may be 3rd to our 11th at present, there are only three points between us. We could be level by 4.45 this afternoon!

Tie at Derby is all-ticket

A REMINDER to supporters that the second leg of our Coca-Cola Cup match against Derby is all-ticket, on Wednesday, September 25. Full ticket details for this match, and the first leg on Tuesday, can be found on the opposite page.

Our away match at Gillingham on Boxing Day, December 26, will now kick-off at 12 noon.

This decision has been taken on police advice.

Our next home reserve match, against Bristol City, has now been put back 24 hours to Thursday, September 26.

Kick-off is 2pm, here at Kenilworth Road.

Following their victory over Bournemouth, the youth team

From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

have been drawn away to Wolves in the first round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

This game takes place on Tuesday, September 17, kick-off 7pm at Molineux.

Following the successful launch of our various bar facilities around the ground, we are now able to offer an extra half-time facility for season ticket holders (passes to be

shown) in the Nick Owen Lounge.

Tea and coffee will now be on sale in this lounge at half-time, and entry is via the door opposite the iron staircase at the rear of the main stand.

As you can read on page 29 of today's match programme, we are supporting National Action Week this afternoon.

This includes a bucket collection around the ground in aid of the NSPCC.

Please give generously to this very worthy cause.

Finally, it was nice to see our car park supervisor Fred Reed at the game on Tuesday night.

Fred is recovering from illness, and we wish him well.

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Sat Sept 21	Bury	£11.00	£9.00	8.30am	9.30am
Wed Sept 25	Derby	£8.00	£6.50	3.15pm	4.15pm
Tue Oct 1	Wrexham	£10.00	£8.00	1.30pm	2.30pm
Sat Oct 12	Shrewsbury T	£9.00	£7.00	9.30am	10.30am
Tue Oct 15	Stockport C	£10.00	£8.00	1.15pm	2.15pm

Coaches from Cranfield pick-up additionally at the following places: Marston Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning and opposite the Luton Gateway Hotel. All coaches then depart from the junction of Hazelbury Crescent and Kenilworth Road.

To book: 1) From the ticket kiosk in the Kenilworth Road turnstiles. See BTC travel club co-ordinator Paul Deason before any Saturday 1st 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.

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.

Wrexham v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Tuesday, October 1, 1996, kick-off 7.45pm

Pay on the night only. Seating: £11 adults & £8 juniors/seniors. Terracing: £8 adults & £5 juniors/seniors.

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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.

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.

LTFC TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday: 10am-4pm. Saturday (matchdays): 9am-3pm and 4.45-5.15pm. Saturdays (non matchdays): Subject to change. Please contact ticket office on 416976. For bookings, membership and enquiries, ring the Ticket Office direct on (01582) 416976. Supporters wishing to order by credit card can do so by using the 24-hour credit card hotline on (01582) 30748.

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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.



Back row: from l to r: Tony Lormor, James Lomas, Mark Jules, Lee Rogers, Chris Beaumont, Gary Lund.
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 Front row: from l to r: Tom Curtis, Chris Perkins, Phil Robinson, Dave Rushbury, John Duncan, Kevin Randall, Jonathan Howard, Paul Holland, Jamie Hewitt.

BILLY MERCER - Goalkeeper who signed from Sheffield United in December 1995, for £93,000, following a successful loan spell earlier in the season. Formerly with Rotherham before a move to Bramall Lane.

ANDY BEASLEY - Goalkeeper who was a free transfer signing from Doncaster Rovers in August 1994. Chesterfield lost just three of 26 league and cup games when he took over from the injured Chris Marples for the second half of the 94/95 campaign. Formerly with Luton and Mansfield.

JAMIE HEWITT - Chesterfield-born defender, now in his second spell at Saltergate after rejoining the Spireites in October 1993 from Doncaster. Approaching 400 appearances for his hometown club.

NICKY LAW - Veteran centre-half and club captain who passed the 500 league appearance milestone in March 1996, having also been on the books of Barnsley, Blackpool, Plymouth, Notts County, Scarborough and Rotherham.

DARREN CARR - Defender who signed from Crewe for £30,000 in 1993, and was voted Player of the Year in 94/95. Last season serious injury restricted him to just one league outing - a game in which he was sent off!

LEE ROGERS - Longest serving member of the Chesterfield squad with 10 years at Saltergate behind him. Was awarded a testimonial in the summer, when Nottingham Forest provided the opposition.

MARK WILLIAMS - A bargain buy from Shrewsbury Town during the summer of 1995, the centre-half swept the board in the end-of-season awards.

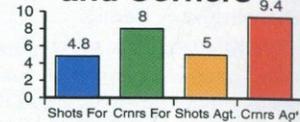
CHRIS PERKINS - Signed from Mansfield on a free transfer in 1994, he made 26 first-team outings in his debut season, including a Wembley appearance in the Play-Off Final.

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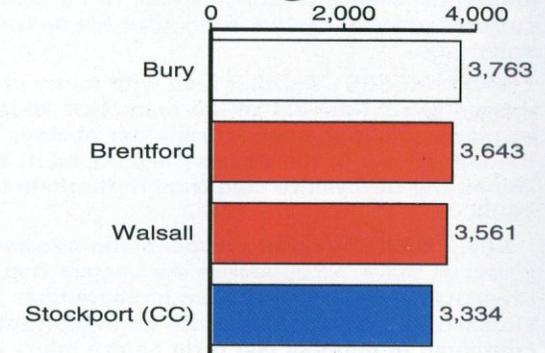
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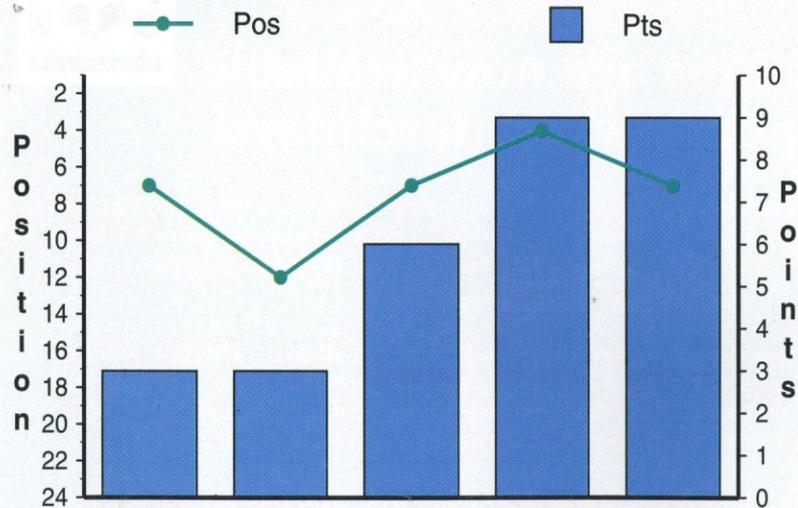
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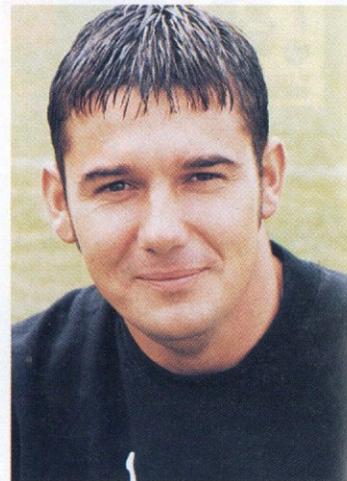
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Early Season League Form



ABOVE: Chesterfield keeper Billy Mercer, who signed from Sheffield United in December last year.



MARK Jules



MARK Williams



JON Howard

SEAN DYCHE - Managed almost a full season last term, after three injury ravaged campaigns. Utility player who was signed from Nottingham Forest during the 89/90 season.

MARK JULES - Snapped up from Scarborough for £40,000 after a superb two-goal showing against the Spireites in the final game of 1992/93, he made just one sub appearance for his home town club Bradford City prior to a free transfer to Scarborough in 1991.

PHIL ROBINSON - Signed by John Duncan on a free transfer from Huddersfield in December 1994, and went on to finish on the losing side just twice in his 25 first-team appearances that season. He also chipped in with 10 crucial goals, including Chesterfield's second in the Play-Off Final victory against Bury. An apprentice at Aston Villa, he has also been on the books of Wolves, Notts County and Birmingham (loan).

TOM CURTIS - Midfielder who was Chesterfield's only ever-present player in league football last season, and who was, until recently, combining playing duties with studies at Loughborough University.

PAUL HOLLAND - Club record signing at £155,000 from Sheffield United in January 1996. The Sleaford born midfielder spent just six months at Bramall Lane after joining the Blades from Mansfield. But unfortunately he suffered a serious injury soon after his arrival at Saltergate.

ANDY MORRIS - Another man with injury problems last season, the influential striker made just 16 league appearances. Nicknamed 'Bruno' for obvious reasons, he is the tallest man in the Chesterfield squad at 6ft 5ins. Joined the Derbyshire club from Rotherham in January 1988.

KEVIN DAVIES - Local prospect who became the youngest player to appear in the League Cup when Chesterfield visited West Ham in September 1993. Finished as leading scorer with 13 in his first season, and continued to impress last term before injury ruled him out for the final two months. Capped by England at Under-18 level.

JONATHAN HOWARD - Sheffield born striker, who started his league career with Rotherham.

TONY LORMOR - Top scorer last season with 16 goals in all competitions. Signed on a free transfer from Peterborough, after spells at Newcastle and Lincoln.

GARY LUND - December 1995 signing from Notts County. Almost 400 league appearances and over 100 goals for Grimsby, Lincoln, Notts County and Hull.



MEET THE MANAGER

Formerly a striker with Tottenham and Derby, **JOHN DUNCAN** arrived at Saltergate for his second spell in charge following the departure of Chris McMenemy in February 1993.

Having led the Spireites to the Fourth Division Championship in 1984/85, he completed an unprecedented double a decade later by clinching promotion with Chesterfield for a second time as the Derbyshire club beat Bury at Wembley, in the Division Three Play-Off Final.

His first taste of management came at Scunthorpe United in 1981, before taking over at the Recreation Ground two years later.

Duncan went on to spend three seasons at Ipswich Town in the late 1980s and then dropped out of the game before leaving a

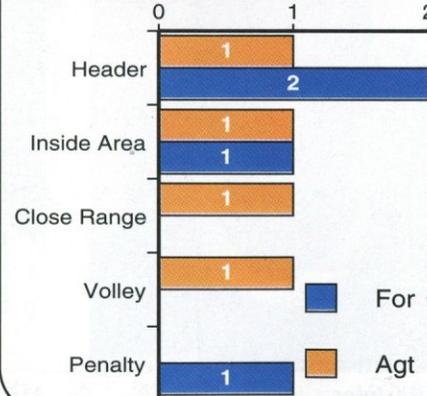


teaching post to return to the Chesterfield hot seat.

He signed an extension to his contract in February 1996, which ties him to Chesterfield until the year 2000.

LEFT: John Duncan

How Goals have been Scored



A Hatter and a Spireite.....

RODNEY FERN joined his local side Leicester City from school and signed professional forms for the Foxes in December 1966 on his 18th birthday.

He made his league debut just over a year later and played over 150 times for Leicester, including a blinding performance here over Easter 1971 when he destroyed the Town in a 3-1 win for the Foxes.

It was probably this performance that encouraged the Town to put in a £50,000 bid just over a year later, and he made his Luton debut on the opening day of the 1972/73 season in a 2-1 defeat at Cardiff.

He was blessed of sublime skills one minute, as witnessed by a superb goal at Aston Villa in 1972, and clumsiness the next, typified when falling over the ball in the home FA Cup game against, ironically, Leicester a couple of years later.

At the end of the 1974/75 season he was allowed to move to Chesterfield for a small fee where he finished as top scorer for three of the four seasons he played there!

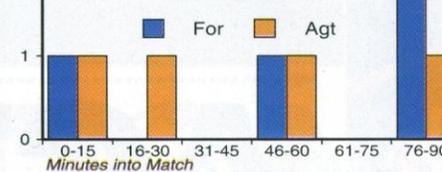
One final move was made, this time to Rotherham in 1979, and he helped the Millers to promotion to the old Division Two in 1981 and to stay there.

After hanging up his boots Rodney concentrated on his pub in Lount, Leicestershire, but it is rumoured that he is now a coal merchant in Measham, the village where he was born. - ROGER WASH.



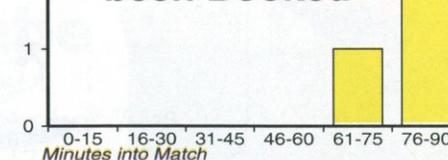
ABOVE: Rodney Fern

When Goals have been Scored

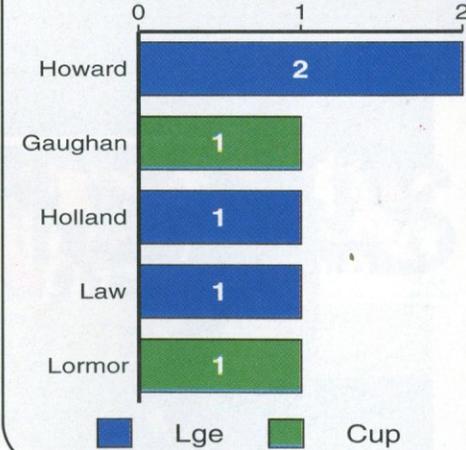


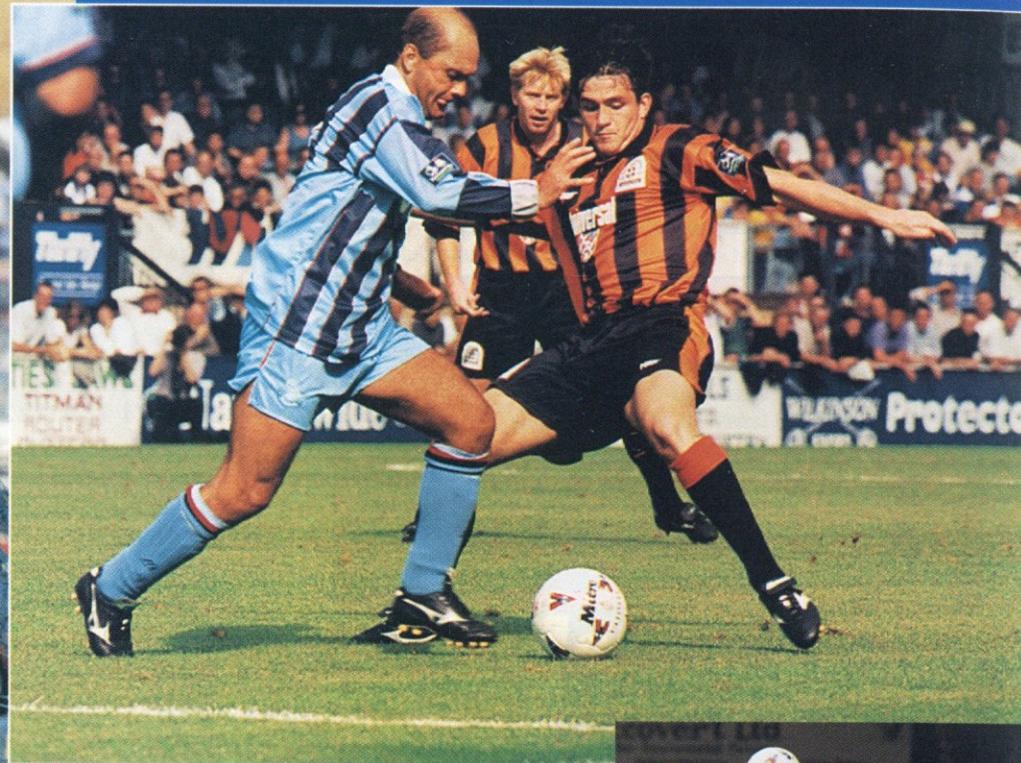
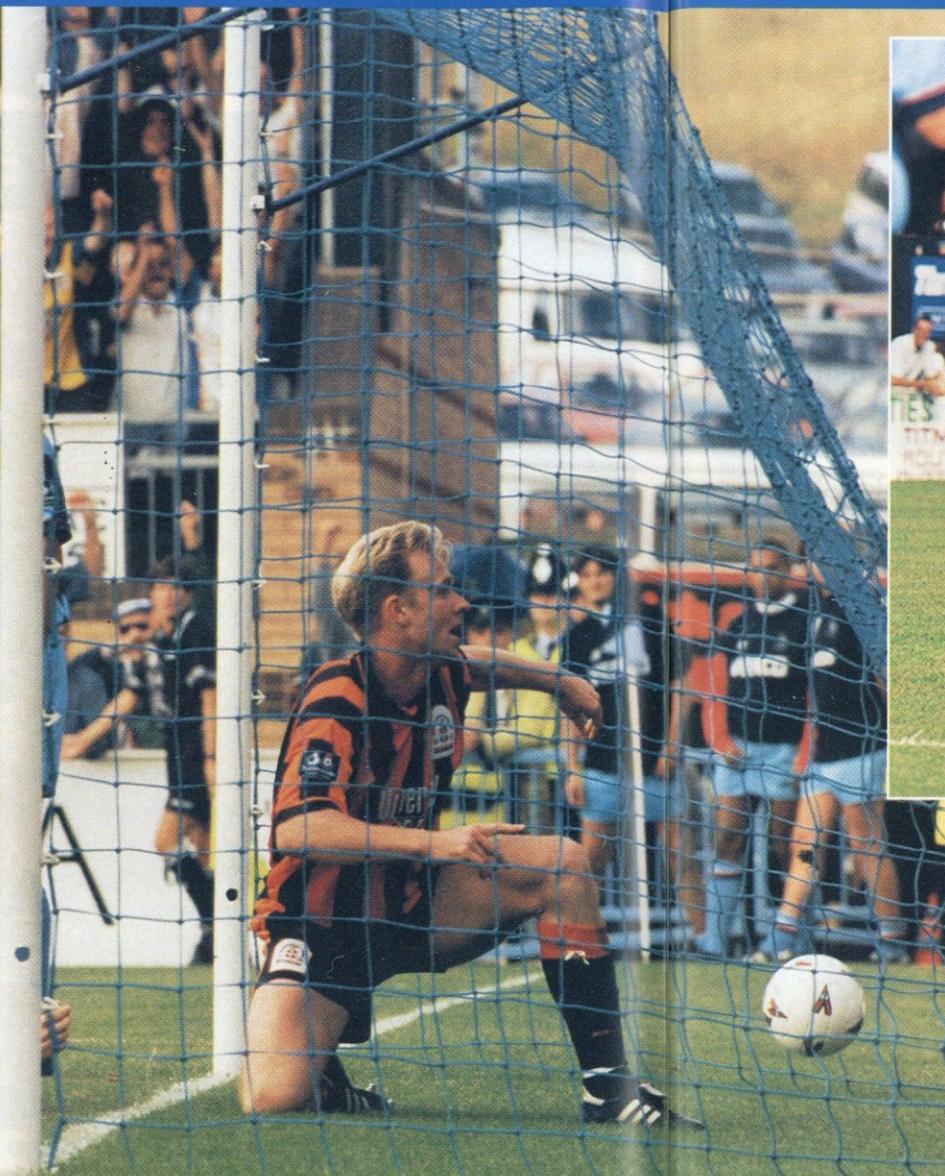
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When Players have been Booked



Goal Scorers





↑
Former England international Ray Wilkins is tackled by Ceri Hughes.

←
David Oldfield has just put Luton 1-0 in front, to the delight of the watching Town fans.

↑
Bulgarian Bontcho Guentchev makes a break for the Hatters.

→
Mitchell Thomas beats Wycombe's John Williams (10) to this near-post corner.



ACTION STATIONS

Wycombe W 0 Luton Town 1
(Oldfield)

Saturday, September 7, 1996 - Nationwide League Division Two
Attendance: 6,471

Pictures by Andy Handley



It's.. TRIVIA TIME

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TRUE or FALSE?

1. Albion Rovers were the first Scottish club to install artificial turf.

2. Crystal Palace had five different managers between 1980 and 1981.

3. Scotland didn't win a World Cup Finals match until 1978.

4. Alan Shearer scored the first ever Premiership hat-trick.

? QUICK QUIZ ?

- Who did Billy Bremner succeed as manager of Leeds?
- Who won last season's Anglo-Italian Cup?
- Which British side won the Cup Winners Cup in 1983?
- Who scored the winning goal in last season's Charity Shield?
- Who was the last Englishman to win the European Footballer of the Year?
- Who scored Nottingham Forest's goals in their UEFA Cup Quarter Final defeat against Bayern Munich last season?

WHO'S TROPHY CABINET?

Which club has lifted the following trophies?

FA Cup: 1894

Anglo Italian Cup: 1995

Division 2 Championship: 1896/97, 1913/14, 1922/23

Division 3S Championship: 1930/31, 1949/50

Division 4 Championship: 1970/71

IN WHICH YEAR DID...?

Manchester United win the League, Aston Villa win the FA Cup, Rangers win the Scottish League, Falkirk win the Scottish Cup, Real Madrid win the European Cup and all four league Champions score over 100 goals?

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SPOT THE GROUND

Was originally a claypit for brick making. Several attendance records have been broken here. Local rivals used the ground after the war until 1949 while their own ground was being repaired due to bomb damage. Hosted the 1984 Milk Cup Final replay and was the venue for the historic Wigan v Bath 'Clash of the Rugby Codes' match last May.

'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood



Answers

QUICK QUIZ: 1. Eddie Gray; 2. Genoa; 3. Aberdeen; 4. Vinny Samways; 5. Kevin Keegan (in 1979); 6. Steve Chettle and Steve Stone.
 WHO'S TROPHY CABINET?: Nottingham County.
 TRUE OR FALSE?: 1. False, it was Stirling Albion; 2. True; 3. True; 4. False, it was Eric Cantona.
 IN WHICH YEAR: 1957.
 SPOT THE GROUND: Maine Road, Manchester City.



Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is eight-year-old MICHELLE SMITH.

She attends St Mary's Junior School; her hobbies are swimming and reading; and she comes to Luton matches with her brother and her dad. Her favourite 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

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

THE Saturday Club starts up again today for the home game against Chesterfield.

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. We try to organise trips to away matches whenever possible, so look out for details on this page!

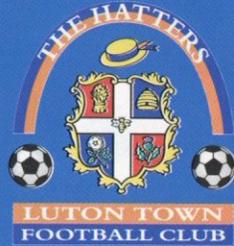


ABOVE: Junior Hatters and Junior Blues enjoy a lap of honour after the half-time penalty shoot-out at Adams Park last Saturday.

LEFT: Steven Boatwright was our mascot at Wycombe, and is pictured with Bontcho Guentchev.

OVER THE BAR!

Drink a toast to the Hatters in the following pubs...



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



ABOVE: Dwight Marshall scores in last season's 1-1 draw at Derby - his last goal before injury.

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Premiership Ram-raiders are Coca-Cola opponents

LUTON entertain Premiership side Derby County in the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup, with the first leg at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday evening.

Ticket details for both legs are printed below.

The two sides met in Division One last season, with the Rams winning 2-1 at Kenilworth Road in September, and Luton achieving a 1-1 draw at the Baseball Ground in February with Dwight Marshall scoring his last goal before injury.

Jim Smith's Derby went on to secure promotion to the Premiership, and have achieved some notable results of late in the top flight, holding Manchester United to a 1-1 draw, and winning 2-1 at Blackburn last Monday.

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 defender Igor Stimac is set to line up for Derby County in the forthcoming Coca-Cola Cup tie against the Hatters.

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.

**GRAHAM
ALEXANDER**



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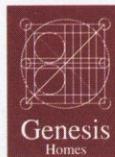
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INJURY UPDATE

Knee op for Town's Linton

DES Linton had a knee operation on Tuesday evening, to repair a cartilage tear.

He had been suffering with a niggling knee injury for some time, which flared up in particular after the cup game at Bristol Rovers.

He was examined by the specialist on Tuesday morning, and underwent a scan, with keyhole surgery following that evening.

He is likely to be out of action for about a month.

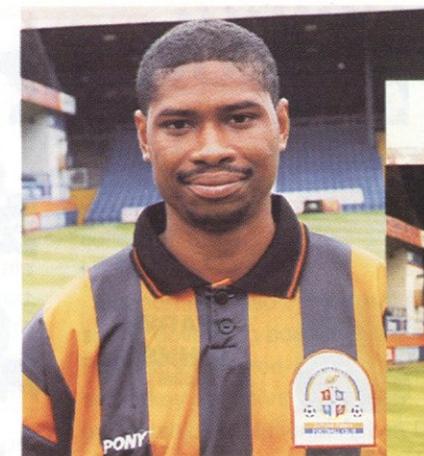
It was good to see Richard Harvey at the game on Tuesday night, after his successful knee operation following the injury sustained in the pre-season friendly against West Ham.

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

He will be back at the club on a regular basis from next week to resume light work on the road back to full fitness.

Dwight Marshall continues to progress well and could be back in training by the end of the month, whilst Aaron Skelton's ankle injury is improving.

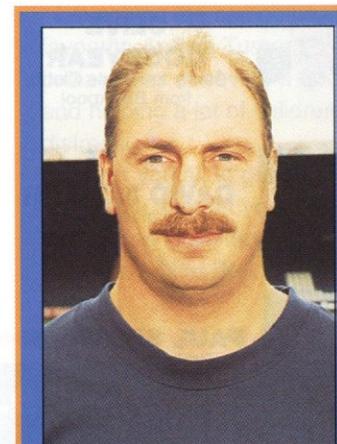
Two of the younger players, Emerson Boyce and Andre Scarlett have been receiving treatment this week for thigh and groin injuries respectively.



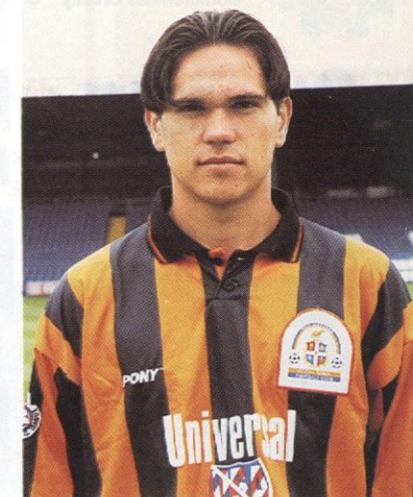
DWIGHT Marshall



RICHARD Harvey



with CLIVE GOODYEAR



AARON Skelton

Don't forget..... the Coca-Cola Cup, 2nd round, 2nd leg match at the Baseball Ground, Derby, is ALL-TICKET for Luton supporters. See page 9 for details.

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Hatters support for National Action Day

NATIONAL Action Day is your chance to get fit, have fun and help raise £5 million for children in need.

All the money raised will go to the NSPCC, its Scottish counterpart Children 1st and UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund.

A week of NAD events started on September 8, building up to the big day tomorrow, with sports stars and celebrities such as Frank Bruno, Anthea Turner, Frankie Dettori, Barry McGuigan and Martin Offiah all supporting the cause.

The Football in the Community scheme, operated at football clubs across the country, is also involved, and this afternoon at Kenilworth Road we have a half-time penalty shoot-out featuring school teams all raising sponsorship monies for the National Action Day.

There will also be a bucket

collection around the ground for the NSPCC.

Support has also come from all sports governing bodies and the UK Physical Education Association, whilst key sponsors working in partnership for National Action Day, are Sportmatch - in the form of a £75,000 award from the Department of Heritage - Camelot, Shell UK and The Sun.

Launching the campaign, TV favourite Anthea Turner said: "It's a brilliant way of having a good time and helping a lot of children in distress.

"I want you all to get out of your armchairs and get your trainers on!"

For more local information about National Action Day, call 0891 300 170.

SUPPORTERS may be interested to know that non-league Hayes FC are hosting a programme fair on Sunday, September 29, from 11am to 2pm. Admission is 30p, and many of the south's top programme dealers will be attending. The fair will be held in the Clubhouse, adjacent to the ground in Church Road, Hayes, Middlesex. The ground has a large car park, is close to the town centre, and can be easily reached from both Ealing Broadway and Uxbridge Stations.

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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/>

LUTON Town's Football in the Community Department are hosting a number of after-school coaching courses across the region.

They are at Northchurch St Marys First School, Northchurch, on Monday, September 23, from 3.45 to 5.15pm. The cost of this course is £3.

On Thursday, September 26, there's a course at Wood End JMI School, Yeomans Avenue, Harpenden, from 3.30 to 5pm.

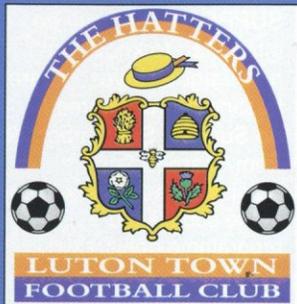
The course is for boys and girls aged 6 to 11, and the cost is £3, or £7 to include one adult and one junior ticket for the Luton v Walsall game on Saturday, October 5.

Then on Friday, September 27, the Football in the Community department host a course at St Mary's JM School, St Mary's Way, Baldock, from 3.30 to 5pm.

This course is for boys and girls aged 7 to 11, and the cost is £3, or £7 to include match tickets for the Luton v Peterborough match on October 19.

For full details, contact Jeff Vetere on (01582) 411622.

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
Thu Sep 26	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 last 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 now on Thursday, September 26, when Bristol City are the visitors in the Avon Insurance Combination. Kick-off is 2pm at Kenilworth Road.

This game has been delayed 24 hours from the original date, to avoid a clash with the first team's Coca-Cola Cup second round, second leg tie at Derby.

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 returned to winning ways in the South East Counties League last Saturday, with a 1-0 home win over Southampton.

Andrew Smith scored the winning goal after coming on as a second-half sub.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Augustine, Doherty, Boyce (Spring), Scarlett, George, Barr (Smith), McIndoe (Clarke), Sweeney.

The youths are in South East Counties League Cup today, playing away at Cambridge United.

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

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1996/97 APPS & SCORERS (5.9.96)

	APPS	G	
Kelvin DAVIS	2		Combination results up to and including 5/9/96
Sean EVERS	2		
Ben CHENERY	2		League Cup
Paul McLAREN	2		Ipswich 0 Arsenal 2
Gary SIMPSON	2		QPR 3 Charlton 0
Chris WILLMOTT	2		Swansea 1 Swindon 2
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	1		Millwall 1 Tottenham 2
Tony THORPE	2	1	Brighton 0 Bournemouth 0
John TAYLOR	2		Bristol City 2 Oxford 2
Stuart DOUGLAS	2		Palace 0 Southampton 0
Robert KEAN	2		Luton 0 West Ham 3
Jamie WOODSFORD	(1)		Division One
Andre SCARLETT	(1)		Arsenal 3 Watford 0
Matthew UPSON	1		Palace 0 Southampton 0
Steve AUGUSTINE	(1)		Oxford 4 QPR 0
			Tottenham 2 Bristol City 1
			Brighton 3 Southampton 3
			Bristol R 1 Chelsea 2
			Cardiff 1 Norwich 1
			Charlton 1 Portsmouth 3
			Ipswich 5 Watford 1
			Luton 1 Wimbledon 2
			Swansea 2 Millwall 3
			Arsenal 3 Bournemouth 0



TONY Thorpe



MATTHEW Upson

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

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C Palace	3	2	1	0	9	2	5
Swindon	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Tottenham	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Bournemouth	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
LUTON TOWN	3	2	0	1	13	4	4
Southampton	3	2	0	1	8	5	4
Wimbledon	3	2	0	1	5	2	4
Bristol City	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Colchester	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Wycombe	3	1	0	2	7	5	2
Oxford	3	1	0	2	6	5	2
Brentford	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
Brighton	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Barnet	3	0	1	2	4	12	1
Reading	3	0	1	2	2	14	1
Bristol R	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

League table as at August 31, 1996



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Sat Aug 17	Bristol Rovers	won 4-1	Sat Dec 7	Brentford	
Sat Aug 24	READING	won 7-0	Sat Dec 14	BRISTOL CITY	11am
Tue Aug 27	Bournemouth (SJFC)	drew 1-1	Sat Dec 21	BRISTOL ROVERS	11am
Sat Aug 31	Colchester	lost 3-2	Sat Jan 4	Bristol City	
Tue Sep 3	B'MOUTH (SJFC)	won 3-1	Sat Jan 11	COLCHESTER UTD	11am
Sat Sep 7	SOUTHAMPTON	won 1-0	Sat Jan 18	Southampton	
Sat Sep 14	Cambridge U (LC1)		Sat Jan 25	Crystal Palace	
Tue Sep 17	Wolves (SJFC)		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
Sat Oct 26	WIMBLEDON	11am	Sat Mar 22	Barnet	
Sat Nov 2	Wycombe W		Sat Apr 5	Brighton	
Sat Nov 9	BARNET	11am	Sat Apr 12	BRENTFORD	11am
Sat Nov 16	Bournemouth			HOME matches in CAPITALS. Home league matches to be played at Luton Rugby Club.	
Sat Nov 23	LC3				
Sat Nov 30	BRIGHTON	11am			

YOUTH TEAM 1996/97 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G
Daniel TATE	3		2	
Gary DOHERTY	4	2	1	
Ian JONES	3		1	
Matthew UPSON	1		2	
Steve AUGUSTINE	4	2	2	1
Matthew SPRING	3 (1)		2	
Jimmy COX	3	1	1	
Liam GEORGE	4	4	2	
Andre SCARLETT	3 (1)		1 (1)	
Andrew BARR	4	2	2	1
Andrew SMITH	2 (2)	2	2	2
Russell LAWES	3 (1)		1 (1)	
Mark HILLYARD	(3)			
Richard CLARKE	1 (1)		2	
Terry SWEENEY	2	1	2	
Nick WEBB	1			
Emerson BOYCE	1 (1)			
S FRASER	1			
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Joe Payne had left the club, after much speculation, on a transfer to Chelsea and after his departure we had rather more of a problem in scoring goals with various permutations tried.

The club's directors were sure that they had the makings of a good side to challenge the best, but the lack of a goalscorer in the Payne mould was proving an increasing hindrance as the 1938/39 season moved from autumn into winter.

The answer to the problem lay at the club's doorstep with the discovery of local lad Hugh Billington who was turning out for Waterlows.

Introduced to the side in a game at Tranmere on November 5, 1938, he was an immediate sensation in scoring twice in our 3-2 win and then following it up with three more goals in the next four games.

When Chesterfield came to Kenilworth Road at the beginning of December, the footballing public had begun to sit up and take notice of this new goalscoring find, and he did not disappoint in netting four in a 5-0 mauling of the Spireites.

The press was full of praise for Billington, who scored the only goal of the first half and then went to town in the second, ploughing through the thick mud to completely demoralise Chesterfield who were making only their second league visit to Kenilworth Road.

This was probably the turning point of the season, as from then on the goals came thick and fast with Billington taking the lions share and building up a reputation that brought the scouts flocking to Kenilworth Road.

From a position of just below halfway in the table



by **ROGER WASH**

the Town came in on the rails and by Easter stood with an outside chance of promotion. Easter has, over the years, proved a graveyard for Luton Town supporters' hopes, but 1939 proved to be an exception. A home game against Fulham was sandwiched between two clashes with Southampton in a crowded holiday programme, and in the first of the trio the Saints were soundly beaten 6-2 at Kenilworth Road with Billington helping himself to a hat-trick.

Fulham were seen off in a tight game the following day with Billington, inevitably, on the scoresheet in the 2-1 win, but the icing on the cake was provided on Easter Monday at the Dell, Southampton.

According to the reports the 4-0 victory was as close to perfection as was possible on another muddy pitch, and the performance had 'promotion' written all over it.

The players hit peak form together and, helped by another hat-trick from Billington, were 4-0 up after an hour. Whether the last 30 minutes would have remained scoreless if goals had been urgently needed was a moot point according to 'Chiltern' of the Luton News, but the home side were so totally outclassed they had to resort to a damage limitation exercise as the game wore on, and made no effort to pull a goal back.

Promotion was now a distinct possibility and a large Luton following made its way to Chesterfield for the next game, swelling the Saltergate crowd to 14,925.

The Spireites were only just below the Town in the table and had their own eyes on promotion to the top flight.

For once Billington was upstaged with Bill Redfern scoring both Luton goals in a 2-1 victory, cancelling out a strike from Walter McMillen. The Town were now up to second position and, in view of their late



LEFT: Prolific Hatters striker Hugh Billington

run, strong favourites to keep that place to the end of the season.

Unfortunately the story ends in disappointment as, with only one point gleaned from the final three games, we lost out at the death.

Sadly one of the strongest sides in the Town's history could not mount another challenge the following season as, with only three games played, war was declared with the careers and, in some cases, the lives of the players being cut short.

Matches against Chesterfield:

Season	Home	Away
1937/38	1-1	2-5
1938/39	5-0	2-1

1946/47	1-1	1-2
1947/48	2-1	0-2
1948/49	1-0	0-1
1949/50	1-1	1-0
1950/51	3-0	1-1
1965/66	1-2	3-1
1966/67	3-2	0-0
1967/68	1-0	0-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	10	6	3	1	19	8
Away	10	3	3	4	10	13
Total	20	9	6	5	29	21

5 YEARS AGO

14/9/91: After a poor start to the season, manager David Pleat re-signed the Kenilworth Road 'saviour' Mick Harford. He made his second debut in a 2-1 home win over Oldham, and in true storybook fashion scored both the Town goals in the closing minutes.

10 YEARS AGO

13/9/86: A dull 0-0 home draw with Arsenal sent the crowd of 9,876 to sleep, but we were at least gaining the reputation of a side that was difficult to beat.

15 YEARS AGO **20 YEARS AGO**

12/9/81: After our unbeaten start to the season we were brought back to earth with a bump when Sheffield Wednesday handed us a 3-0 thrashing at Kenilworth Road. The 'Match of the Day' cameras were also present to share our embarrassment.

18/9/76: A best of the season crowd of 19,929 turned up at Kenilworth Road to see a Fulham side complete with Rodney Marsh, Bobby Moore and not forgetting George Best! For the record, the Town allowed their opponents to cruise to a 2-0 win!



↑
Des Linton pictured during the 2-1 defeat at Bristol Rovers, during which he suffered a knee injury.

← Bontcho Guentchev at full stretch at the Memorial Ground.

↳ Ceri Hughes and Steve Davis close down a Bristol attack.

↳ David Oldfield turns past Rovers fullback Matthew Lockwood on his way to scoring Luton's second-half goal.



ACTION STATIONS

Bristol Rovers 2 Luton Town 1

(Gurney, Archer)

(Oldfield)

(agg. 2-4)

Wednesday, September 4, 1996 - Coca-Cola Cup, 1st round, 2nd leg

Attendance: 2,320

Pictures by Andy Handley



Bees boss Webb claims first Division Two award

BRENTFORD manager David Webb is the first Division Two Manager of the Month, after the Griffin Park club took 10 points from the 12 available in August.

Also in the month, the Bees recorded a 1-0 victory in the Coca-Cola Cup over fellow Division Two high-flyers Plymouth Argyle.

Stoke City's Lou Macari is the Nationwide Football League Division One Manager of the Month for August, after guiding the Victoria Ground club to the top of the table.

The former Scottish international saw his side secure three victories and a draw from four NFL encounters which included triumphs over Oldham, Bradford and Manchester City.

In Division Three, the monthly managerial accolade goes to former Norwich City striker and now Wigan

Athletic boss John Deehan.

The Springfield Park club stood alone at the top of the Third Division table at the end of August with three wins and a draw from four games, which included NFL victories against Northampton, Cardiff and Chester.

The Nationwide Manager of the Month Awards will be announced at the end of every month during the campaign to recognise the most successful managers in Divisions One, Two and Three.

All recipients of these managerial accolades will receive a solid silver salver prior to one of his side's home fixtures.

The manager will also be asked to nominate a local school to receive a cheque for £150 to go towards sports equipment and kit.

Danny Wilson's Barnsley side have been confirmed as the first winners of this season's Yokohama 'Best

Performance on the Road' awards following their 2-1 victory at West Brom in the Nationwide Football League's opening Saturday of the season.

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Jackson on loan at QPR

FORMER Luton Town defender Matthew Jackson is loan at QPR from Everton, with a view to a permanent transfer.

Other players on the move last month, who have Luton connections, include Paul Dickov and Lee Glover.

Glover, who was on loan here during his time at Nottingham Forest, has moved from Port Vale to Rotherham and of course played here for the Millers two weeks ago.

Dickov, once on loan here from Arsenal, has made a permanent move from Highbury and joined Manchester City.

Potters on the move

STOKE City's 2-1 victory over promotion favourites Manchester City at the Victoria Ground recently was special for the club not only for the result - but also the Potters' side are proclaiming that it was the last opening home fixture at their present historic stadium.

From the start of next season, Lou Macari's side will be playing at a new stadium in the Trentham Lakes area of the city which will cost the club £15.75 million to build.

The 28,000 all-seater venue will have over 1,500 car parking spaces together with a state-of-the-art surface complete with an under pitch heating system.

Stoke have also made steps in accommodating disabled supporters in the new stadium,

with 180 spaces designated in an elevated and covered facility which has special toilet amenities. The corporate sector will also be catered for with 50 Executive Boxes, all with private lounge and kitchen features, in the Main Stand and a banqueting suite overlooking the pitch for a further 350 diners.

Jez Moxey, the Potters' Chief Executive, commented: "It is fair to say that the new stadium will be one of the best in the country, and will be a facility which the community as a whole can benefit from and be proud of."

Club President Sir Stanley Matthews started the initial goodbyes to the Victoria Ground, by releasing 1,000 red and white balloons prior to the game against Manchester City.

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.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this book can contact Kristina at 70 First Avenue, Dunstable, Beds, LU6 3AL, or Programme Editor Simon Oxley at LTFC.

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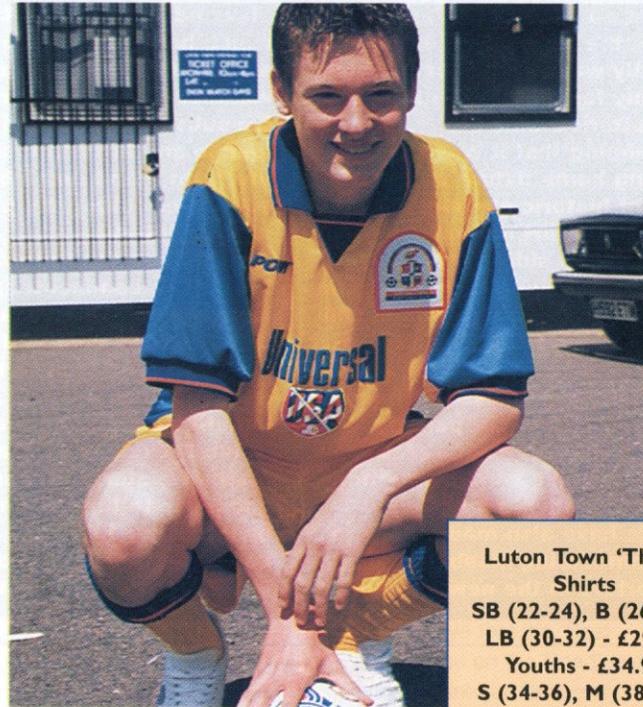
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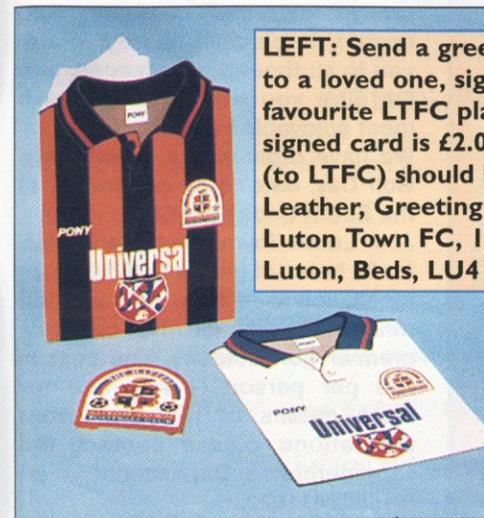
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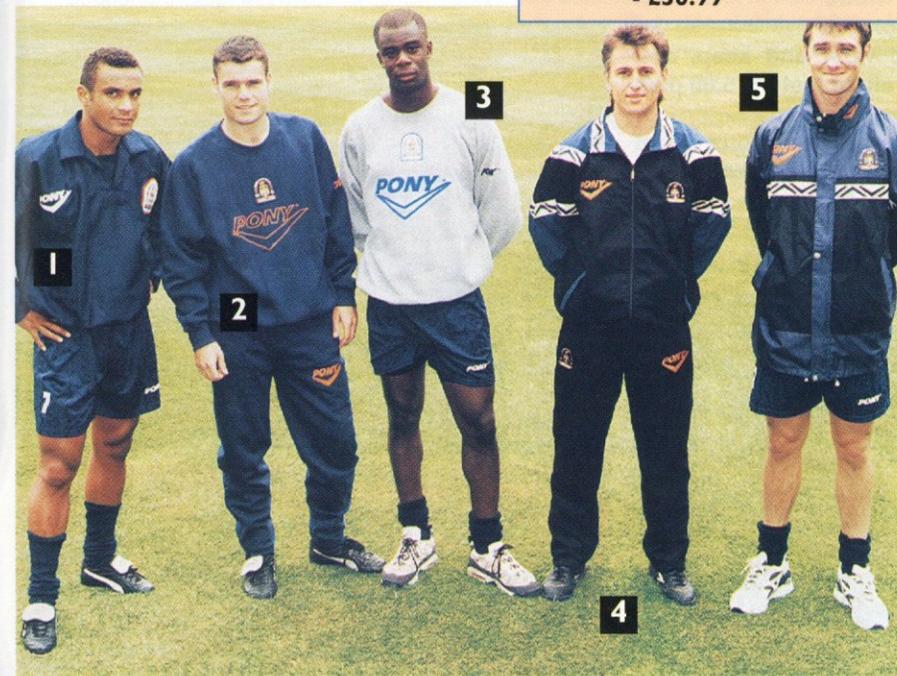


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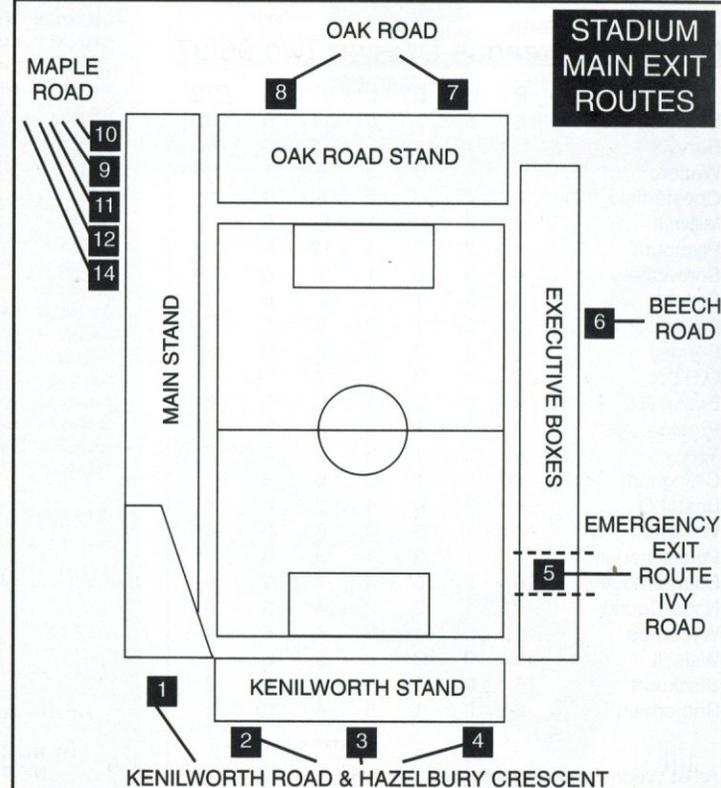
LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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:

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

In the event on an evacuation of all or part of the stadium, you will receive instructions over the public address system on how you should leave the stadium. Stewards will direct you to the nearest exit. It may be that your normal exit route will not be available. On leaving the stadium, you will find some roads closed to pedestrian traffic, to enable swift and unobstructed arrival of the emergency services.

Please leave the area of the ground as quickly as possible by the route directed. Your co-operation will be most appreciated. **GEOFF LOVELL, Safety Manager.**



TEAM Statistics

1996-97

LUTON TOWN 1996/97

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS
Ian FEUER	6		2	
Julian JAMES	6		2	
Mitchell THOMAS	6	1	2	
Gary WADDOCK	6		1	
Darren PATTERSON	3		(1)	
Marvin JOHNSON	4		2	
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	3 (3)	1	1 (1)	
Graham ALEXANDER	5 (1)		2	
David OLDFIELD	6	2	2	2
Kim GRANT	4 (1)		1	1
Tony THORPE	3 (2)	2	1	1
Andrew FOTIADIS	2 (2)		(1)	
Des LINTON	(1)		1	
Steve DAVIS	5 (1)		2	
Ceri HUGHES	5	1	2	
Paul SHOWLER	2		1 (1)	
Matthew UPSON	(1)			

Nationwide League Division Two 96/97

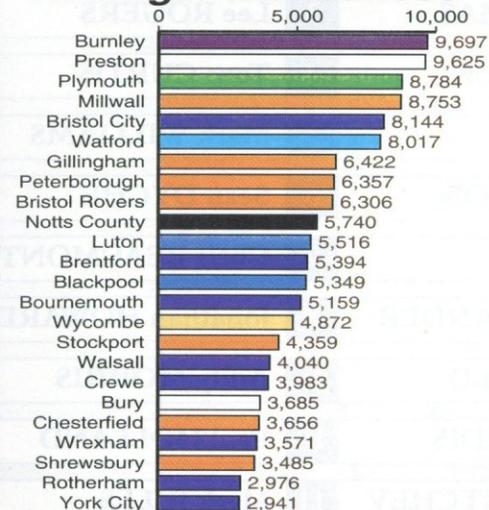
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Brentford	6	5	1	0	14	5	16
Bury	6	4	1	1	11	5	13
Watford	6	4	0	2	8	7	12
Chesterfield	6	4	0	2	5	4	12
Millwall	6	3	2	1	12	8	11
Plymouth	6	3	2	1	12	9	11
Shrewsbury	6	3	2	1	7	6	11
Crewe	6	3	1	2	7	6	10
Blackpool	6	3	1	2	5	5	10
Burnley	6	3	0	3	8	8	9
LUTON	6	3	0	3	7	11	9
Bristol R	5	2	2	1	5	5	8
Preston	6	2	1	3	6	7	7
York	6	2	1	3	6	7	7
Gillingham	6	2	1	3	6	8	7
Bristol C	6	2	0	4	9	10	6
Wrexham	4	1	3	0	8	6	6
Peterborough	5	1	3	1	8	8	6
Bournemouth	6	2	0	4	7	9	6
Notts County	5	1	2	2	4	5	5
Wycombe	6	0	4	2	4	6	4
Walsall	5	0	2	3	5	8	2
Stockport	6	0	2	4	1	6	2
Rotherham	6	0	1	5	4	10	1

As at Wednesday, September 11, 1996

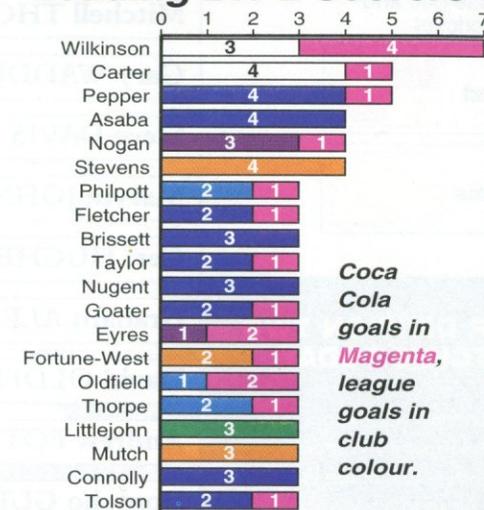
DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	POS	GK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sat Aug 17	BURNLEY	1-2	6,484	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	(Patterson)	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander (Oldfield)	(Grant)	THORPE		(Fotiadis)	(Linton)	(S.Davis)
Tue Aug 20	BRISTOL ROVERS CCC1 (1)	3-0	2,643	-	Feuer	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	(Johnson)	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	2-1	4,604	11	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander OLDFIELD	(Fotiadis)	GUENTCHEV		(Grant)	Showler	McLaren
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



Leading Div 2 Scorers



Coca Cola goals in Magenta, league goals in club colour.

Division Two stats from 96/97 - by FOOTBALL INFORMATION SERVICES (Due to printing deadlines, midweek matches not included).

Today's referee is

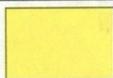
ROGER FURNANDIZ
from Doncaster.

Mr Furnandiz is an Area manager, and is married with two children. His hobbies include golf and cricket.

SC Head



JE Pearce



OTHER DIVISION TWO MATCHES TODAY

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

LUTON TOWN

Manager: Lennie Lawrence

CHESTERFIELD

Manager: John Duncan

Ian FEUER 1 Billy MERCER

Julian JAMES 2 Jamie HEWITT

Mitchell THOMAS 3 Lee ROGERS

Gary WADDOCK 4 Tom CURTIS

Steve DAVIS 5 Mark WILLIAMS

Marvin JOHNSON 6 Sean DYCHE

Ceri HUGHES 7 Chris BEAUMONT

Graham ALEXANDER 8 Jonathan HOWARD

David OLDFIELD 9 Andy MORRIS

Andrew FOTIADIS 10 Paul HOLLAND

Bontcho GUENTCHEV 11 Mark JULES

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