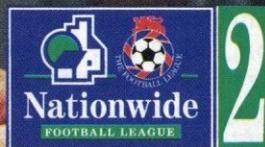


LUTON

Town Football Club



**MEET TODAY'S
VISITORS
p12-15**



MATCH SPONSORS

JJ Kelly & Sons Ltd

**MATCHBALL
SPONSORS**

*Keith and Richard
Harvey*



**Sponsors of
Luton Town F.C.**

**OFFICIAL MATCHDAY
PROGRAMME**

£1.50

**LENNIE
LAWRENCE
ON TODAY'S
GAME - p2&3**

**LET'S GO CRAZY!
COCA-COLA CUP - p4**

v BLACKPOOL

**Saturday, September 28th, 1996
Kick-Off 3pm**

From the manager's chair

WEDNESDAY night's draw against Derby in the Coca-Cola Cup saw us justifiably progress through to the third round of the competition.

Many of you will have witnessed the first leg here where the only surprise was that we did not take a lead greater than 1-0 to the Baseball Ground for this week's match.

We continued in the same way in the second leg, controlling the first 20 to 25 minutes, and going 1-0 in front from a well taken goal from Kim Grant, and narrowly missing a couple of other good chances.

At the end of the first half though, for a 15 minute spell, we fell away and were unable to pass the ball well, and consequently sustained too much pressure which resulted firstly in an equaliser - with a suspicion of offside - and secondly in a well struck shot from Paul Simpson which found its way into the back of the net just four minutes after we had conceded the first goal.

Although it was a skilfully executed goal, we failed to pressurise the ball quickly enough in a dangerous area and paid the penalty.

The five minutes encompassing those two goals was probably our worst period of the entire tie, and sent us in at half-time with the tie balanced on a knife edge.

The players were reminded at the break that 2-1 to Derby would still see us through eventually, albeit after extra-



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

time, and we left things alone tactically with just the enforced substitution due to injury off Ceri Hughes by Tony Thorpe.

What was needed then was for the players to dig deep and respond to the demands of the game.

Once upon a time we would have crumbled and lost 3-1, but the players showed great courage and resolve, with three or four carrying injuries and knocks sustained during the game, and we got a deserved equaliser with a very well worked opening, and a great finish from Tony Thorpe.

Around the time of the goal we had two or three other chances, and were unlucky not to add to our tally.

Hopefully the result will lift the spirits of players and supporters, and increases confidence, also giving us something to look forward to

in three weeks time. The tie against Wimbledon will be as demanding in a different sort of way.

That though is for the future, and we have five league games between now and then, and must turn our attentions to Blackpool this afternoon.

We welcome the Lancashire side, their players, directors, officials and supporters to Kenilworth Road.

They come to us in confident mood, after pulling off a shock 3-1 victory at Stamford Bridge against Chelsea on Wednesday, narrowly losing on aggregate after losing at home 4-1.

Blackpool were a formidable side in this division last season, and it still amazes me how automatic promotion and then a place in the Play-Off Final slipped from their grasp.

There have been one or two changes since then, notably the appointment of Gary Megson as manager.

They say in football that you need to be in the right place at the right time, especially as a manager, and I think Gary was unlucky to be in the wrong place at the wrong time..... twice!

I believe he has great management potential, and I'm sure that Blackpool, after an indifferent start, will climb the league.

Hopefully we can delay that as a win today could lift us up several places and would mean September having been a very good month for us as a



club. But an on-form Blackpool are as good as anybody in this league and we will need to have recovered from Wednesday's exertions and be ready for the encounter today.

On the injury front Ceri Hughes came off with a 'dead' leg at Derby, and at the time

of writing it is unclear whether he will be available today.

Ian Feuer, amongst others, received some bumps and bruises, but these players should be OK to continue, and we hope to include Andrew Fotiadis again after a calf injury.

ABOVE:
Graham Alexander
in action at Bury last Saturday.

Nationwide and The Football League - A winning team -

Nationwide Building Society is delighted to be sponsoring The Football League and is proud to be associated with the national game. Millions of people around the country enjoy League games, with an increasing number of families attending matches.

Similarly, Nationwide has a relationship with many households in the UK - around one in four. It looks after the financial needs of over seven million people and is the UK's largest building society intending to remain customer owned, committed to putting customers first.

Nationwide is an organisation with strong roots in the community and we are always looking for new ways to promote awareness of the benefits we can offer and to strengthen relationships with customers even further. With 72 league

clubs and 630 Nationwide branches throughout England and Wales, we are looking forward to working with The League and its member clubs to support community initiatives and forge even closer links with local people. Wherever you find a football team you'll find a Nationwide team.

Nationwide's philosophy is to be "in tune with people", and we believe that the help we can give in investing in football's future will further demonstrate this and underline our general commitment to meeting customers' needs.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish your club a successful season.



Luton Town Football Club
Kenilworth Road Stadium,
1, Maple Road,
Luton, Beds LU4 8AW.

Tel: (01582) 411622
Fax: (01582) 405070
Ticket Office: (01582) 416976
Clubcall: 0891 121 123

Chairman and Managing Director:
David Kohler Bsc (Hons)
ARICS

Directors:
C.S. Bassett, C.T.F. Green,
N.S. Terry

Vice Presidents:
R.L. Banks, D. Ludlow,
C. Bygraves, R. Safranek,
P. Ireton, J. Sapsworth.

Club Secretary:
Cherry Newbery

Manager:
Lennie Lawrence

First-Team Coach:
Wayne Turner

Player Coach/Reserves:
Trevor Peake

Youth Team Coach:
John Moore

Physiotherapist:
Clive Goodyear

Consultant Physio:
John Sheridan

Youth Development Officer:
Paul Lowe

Scouting:
Les Shannon

Community Football Officer:
Jeff Vetere

Company Secretary and Financial Controller:
Bob Bird

Commercial Manager:
Kathy Leather

Safety Manager:
Geoff Lovell

Catering Manager:
Peter Saul

Medical Officer:
Dr Bill Berry

Club Dentist:
A. Chris BDS (Syd)

Press Officer/P.R.O.:
Simon Oxley

LUTON will visit Wimbledon in the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup, after Wednesday 2-2 draw at Derby secured a 3-2 aggregate victory over the Rams.

The game against Joe Kinnear's 'Crazy Gang', who include former Hatters striker Mick Harford, will take place at Selhurst Park on October 22 or 23.

Tony Thorpe's second half goal at the Baseball Ground ensured Luton's place in the third round, after two goals in four minutes before half-time threatened to end their hopes.

After Steve Davis had hit the bar with an eighth minute header, the Hatters took the lead on 11 minutes when Kim Grant, celebrating his 24th birthday, converted David Oldfield's centre.

Oldfield himself went close to making it 2-0, but Derby hit back on 40 minutes when Christian Dailly beat the offside trap and centred for Dean Sturridge to equalise.

Four minutes later Paul Simpson's left-foot shot found the corner of the net to level the tie on aggregate.

But after Oldfield and Grant had both gone close, Mitchell Thomas set up the chance for Thorpe, a half-time substitute for Ceri Hughes, and he beat Russell Hoults from close range to restore Luton's overall lead.

Despite an injury to goalkeeper Ian Feuer, the Town defence held firm after that, as Derby joined Everton and David Pleat's Sheffield Wednesday as the Premiership's second round casualties.

Third round draw:

- York v Leicester
- Tottenham v Sunderland
- Port Vale v Oxford
- Bolton v Chelsea

Hatters book date with Crazy Gang!



LEFT: Bulgarian international Bontcho Guentchev pictured in action during the first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup second round tie against Derby County.

Today's visitors Blackpool were close to a major cup upset themselves, with goals from Tony Ellis (2) and James Quinn giving them a 3-1 win at Chelsea. But Ruud Gullit's side went through 5-4 on aggregate, after their 4-1 first leg win.

- Wimbledon v LUTON
- West Ham v Nottm Forest
- Charlton v Liverpool
- Gillingham v Coventry
- Ipswich v Crystal Palace
- Southampton v Lincoln
- Blackburn v Stockport
- Man Utd v Swindon

- Middlesbrough v Huddersfield
- Newcastle v Oldham
- Stoke v Arsenal
- Leeds v Aston Villa
- To be played October 22 or 23.
- STOP PRESS: Ticket details for the third round game at Wimbledon can be found on page 8.

SAFETY NOTE

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.

It is the policy of the Chairman and Directors to ensure that the conditions set out in the General Safety Certificate, issued under Safety at Sports Ground Act 1975 are fully complied with.

It is the club's policy to provide at any activity sufficient and competent staff and management systems to ensure as far as humanly possible, for the safe admission, accommodation, and exiting of spectators attending the stadium. These systems will be subject to continual monitoring, testing and updating where necessary.

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 defender Mitchell Thomas pictured in action during last Saturday's 0-0 draw at Bury. (Picture: ANDY HANDLEY).

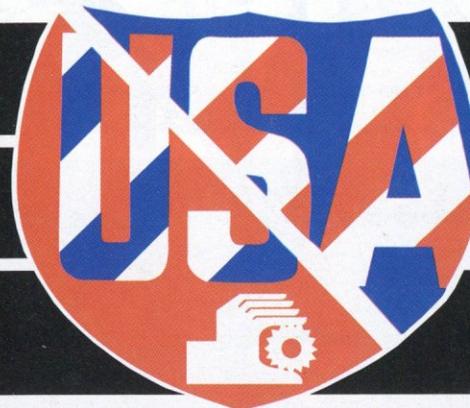
LUTON TOWN FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

Editor: Simon Oxley
Tel: 01582 411622
Fax: 01582 405070

Design and Print:
McLeod Warner, Luton.
Tel: 01582 38389

Pictures: Andy Handley

Paper supplied by:
James McNaughton, Dunstable



Universal Salvage Auctions

OVER 200 REPAIRABLE/STOLEN AND RECOVERED VEHICLES ON SALE AT EACH AUCTION

WEEKLY AUCTIONS

TUESDAYS CORBY

MITCHELL ROAD
PHOENIX PARKWAY
CORBY NN17 5AF
01536 202333

FOR DETAILS OF VEHICLES AT THE NEXT AUCTION FAX 0336 418116. CALLS CHARGED AT 49p PER MIN PEAK AND 39p PER MIN AT OTHER TIMES. AVAILABLE FROM 12 NOON ON THE DAY PRECEDING THE AUCTION.

WEDNESDAYS REDBOURN

DUNSTABLE Rd (J9 M1)
REDBOURN
HERTS AL3 7PX
01582 792690

FOR DETAILS OF VEHICLES AT THE NEXT AUCTION FAX 0336 418116. CALLS CHARGED AT 49p PER MIN PEAK AND 39p PER MIN AT OTHER TIMES. AVAILABLE FROM 12 NOON ON THE DAY PRECEDING THE AUCTION.

WEDNESDAYS FORTNIGHTLY DENNY

STONEWOOD
DENNY
STIRLINGSHIRE FK6 5HS
01324 825566

FOR DETAILS OF VEHICLES AT THE NEXT AUCTION FAX 0336 418116. CALLS CHARGED AT 49p PER MIN PEAK AND 39p PER MIN AT OTHER TIMES. AVAILABLE FROM 12 NOON ON THE DAY PRECEDING THE AUCTION.

THURSDAYS WESTBURY

QUARTERMASTER Rd
WEST WILTS TRADING ESTATE
WESTBURY, WILTS BA13 4JA
01373 858976

FOR DETAILS OF VEHICLES AT THE NEXT AUCTION FAX 0336 418116. CALLS CHARGED AT 49p PER MIN PEAK AND 39p PER MIN AT OTHER TIMES. AVAILABLE FROM 12 NOON ON THE DAY PRECEDING THE AUCTION.

FRIDAYS SANDTOFT

SANDTOFT IND. EST.
SANDTOFT Rd, BELTON
NR DONCASTER DN9 1PN
01427 873777

FOR DETAILS OF VEHICLES AT THE NEXT AUCTION FAX 0336 418116. CALLS CHARGED AT 49p PER MIN PEAK AND 39p PER MIN AT OTHER TIMES. AVAILABLE FROM 12 NOON ON THE DAY PRECEDING THE AUCTION.

**NO
DEPOSIT**

AND

**3
YEARS**

**INTEREST
FREE CREDIT**

**AVAILABLE ON
HUNDREDS OF SUITES**

the
FURNITURE SHOP
FOR SERVICE, STYLE, VALUE



Up to **£300**
TRADE IN
This is a limited offer.

DUNSTABLE

22 BEDFORD SQUARE, HOUGHTON REGIS

01 582 867531

OPEN MON - SAT 9-5.30pm SUN 10-4pm

OTHER BRANCHES: CORBY 01 536 400445, BEDFORD 01 234 742030,

LEIGHTON BUZZARD 01 525 378619, WATFORD 01 923 230845

MILTON KEYNES 01908 520094



Subject to status. Licensed Credit Broker. Written details on request.

**MARTIN SMITH
COMMERCIAL
MOTORS**

USED COMMERCIAL VEHICLE
SALES & SERVICE

Always a large selection of quality late
used commercial vehicles on display

199 & 207 Leagrave Road,
Luton, LU3 1JD,
Bedfordshire.

Telephone: (01582) 574455/505854
Fax: (01582) 490858

**THE MAD HATTERS
CLUB LTD**
LUTON'S NO.1
MEMBERS CLUB

Two floors of music
- Soul, Swing, Lovers Rock
- House, Garage

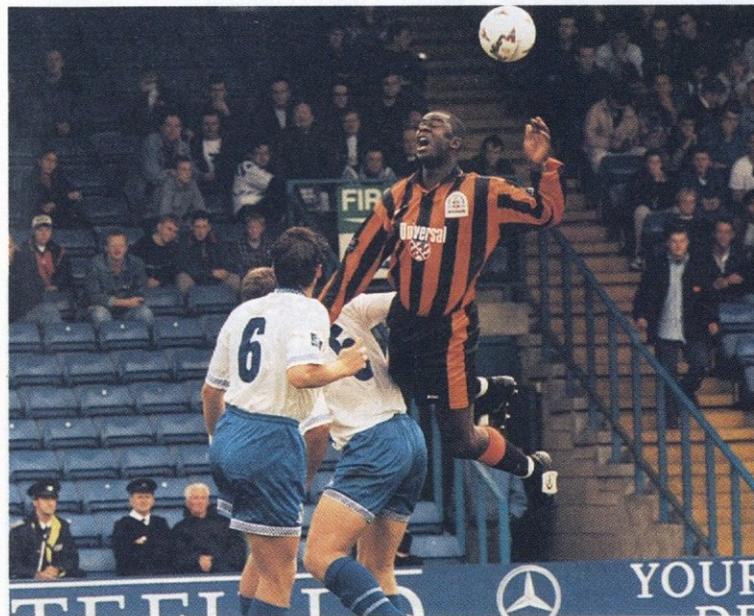
OPEN MONDAY TO SUNDAY
11am to 3am

VIP Lounge - Top Floor

Find us at
Cheapside

Phone: 01582 411894
Membership Available

LEADING
THE LINE by Club Captain
STEVE DAVIS



**LEFT: Marvin Johnson in high-flying
action at Bury last Saturday, when
the Hatters gained a valuable point
from a 0-0 draw.**



YOKOHAMA Serious Rubber
AT A PRICE YOU CAN AFFORD

PROFESSIONAL TYRES

WARSTEINER
FINA
YOKOHAMA

A510 AVS A509

TSW
ALLOY WHEELS

BMW & MERCEDES
SERVICING AND REPAIRS

OFFICIAL BOSCH SERVICE AGENT

R.M. FENSOME & CO
15 KELVIN CLOSE, LUTON, BEDS. FAX: (01582) 405108

AA APPROVED BOSCH SERVICE

TEL: (01582) 22705

WEDNESDAY'S performance at Derby was our best for
some time, and I don't think there's any doubt that we
were deserved winners over the two legs.

The lads were really up for the game, especially after
the first leg, and we knew we had nothing to fear. The
draw last season at the Baseball Ground was also in our
minds, and the majority of players from that game were
on duty on Wednesday.

I thought that perhaps it wasn't going to be our night
when my header came back off the underside of the bar
early on, but Kim Grant's goal soon after settled us.

We were coping with Derby until five minutes before
half-time, but were able to compose ourselves at the
break and then went on to grab the all-important second.

It was a great team effort, and now we can look forward
to more Premiership opposition.

But before the trip to Wimbledon we have important
league games to concentrate on, and climbing the
Division Two table has to be our priority.

As the manager made clear to us after the game at the
Baseball Ground, the league is our 'bread and butter',
and we need three points this afternoon.

Blackpool went close to promotion last season, and I'm
sure Chelsea would vouch for the fact that they aren't
doing badly this time around either!

Then on Tuesday we go to Wrexham, before returning
here to meet Walsall next Saturday. Last Saturday's draw
at Bury was another determined effort, and a win here
this afternoon would round off a good week.

From the secretary's chair

Wrexham game goes ahead

THE match at Wrexham on Tuesday goes ahead as scheduled, with a 7.45pm kick-off at the Racecourse Ground.

There was a possibility of the match being postponed because Wrexham have three players in the Welsh squad for the following Saturday's World Cup qualifying match against the Netherlands.

But the Football League refused Wrexham's request to postpone the game, as one of the three players was suspended for the league game. A club can request a postponement when three or more players are involved in international squads, but on other occasions when just one or two are involved no such option exists.

We had that situation last season when Darren Patterson and Bontcho Guentchev were away with their respective countries, but our game at Port Vale had to go ahead.

Ticket details for the Coca-Cola 3rd round game at Wimbledon can be



with **CHERRY
NEWBERY**

found on this page.

With regard to the match at Derby on Wednesday, once again we have to apologise to supporters regarding the ticket arrangements.

We were informed in writing by Derby that the game would be all-ticket, and subsequently advertised it as such. But Derby decided on the day that tickets would be available on the night.

We have been drawn away to Bedford United in the first round of

the Beds Premier Cup, with the game to be played on Wednesday, October 30, kick-off 7.30pm.

Bedford United's ground is in Meadow Lane, Cardington, Bedford, and they play on a pitch adjacent to Bedford Town's ground which we visited in the same competition a couple of seasons ago.

Coca-Cola Cup, Rd 3 WIMBLEDON v LUTON TOWN

Tuesday, October 22, 1995
Kick-off 7.45pm,
at Selhurst Park

Pay on the night only for Luton fans. Seats only priced at £12 for adults, and £6 for juniors (under 16s) and senior citizens. Tickets must be purchased from the ticket office at Selhurst Park on the night.

If a replay is required it will be at Kenilworth Road, on Tuesday, November 5, kick-off 7.45pm. Normal league prices will apply.

Bobbers Travel Club - Coach Travel Price List 1995/6

Date	Destination	Adult	Child/OAP	Depart Cranfield	Depart Luton
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
Tue Oct 29	Watford	£4.50	£3.50	4.30pm	5.30pm

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.

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.

Luton Town v Walsall

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, October 5, 1996, kick-off 3pm

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

Shrewsbury Town v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, October 12, 1996, kick-off 3pm

Pay on the day only at Shrewsbury. Prices are: Terracing £7 - no concessions.
Seats £10 - no concessions.
(The ticket office will be open between 9 and 11am on Saturday, October 12, for the sale of other match tickets).

Stockport County v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Tuesday, October 15, 1996, kick-off 7.45pm

Pay on the night only at Stockport.
Terracing - £8 for adults and £4 for juniors/senior citizens.
Seats - £10 for adults and £4 for juniors/senior citizens.

Luton Town v Peterborough United

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, October 19, 1996, kick-off 3pm

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

Coca-Cola Cup - Third Round

Tuesday, October 22 or Wednesday, October 23, kick-off 7.45pm

In the event of Luton having progressed to the third round of the League Cup competition, the tie will be played on one of the above dates.

Due to printing deadlines, ticket information will be shown on page 4 of today's match programme.

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.

PLEASE NOTE THE TICKET OFFICE IS NOW SITUATED IN THE CLUB SHOP,
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10AM TO 4PM, AND ON NON-HOME MATCH SATURDAYS.

Travelling to...

Wrexham

Address: Racecourse Ground, Mold Road, Wrexham, Clwyd, LL11 2AN.
Tel: (01978) 262129

Take M1 and M6 north, exiting M6 at M56. Then M56, M53, A55 and A483. Continue on the A483, which becomes the Wrexham bypass, for 8.4 miles, exiting at signpost to Wrexham, Mold A541. At roundabout follow signs to Wrexham A541. The ground is on the LHS after 0.2 miles.

Shrewsbury Town FC

Address: Gay Meadow, Shrewsbury, SY2 6AB.
Tel: (01743) 360111

Take M1 and M6 north, exiting M6 at M54. Follow M54 to its end, where it becomes the A5. After 6.6 miles go straight on at roundabout (s/p North Wales, Shrewsbury A5) keeping on the A5. At next roundabout after 1.2 miles, take 4th exit (s/p Shrewsbury A5064) onto the A5064 London Road. At roundabout after 1.1 miles (the one with the column in the middle) take 2nd exit (s/p Town Centre, Whitchurch) into Haydock Way. At roundabout after 0.3 miles, take 2nd exit (s/p Town Centre) into Old Potts Way. After 0.5 miles the ground appears straight ahead, but cars are taken round a one-way system. Keep in rh lane, and just before passing under second railway bridge, turn left to ground and car park.

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.

What if
the wedding of a close
relative coincided with the
divisional play-off final?



Nationwide Banking :

You've followed your team the length and breadth of the country and witnessed their incredible climb to third place and the chance to go up a division. Then out of the blue your sister announces that her wedding is at three o'clock that Saturday. You'd have to spend hundreds on the mother of all floral displays to compensate for your absence from the ceremony. In such unfortunate circumstances it's good to know that your banking facility will allow an automatic £250 overdraft with no setup or monthly fees other than the interest. To find out more about Nationwide's FlexAccount just give us a call. All the best for the season!

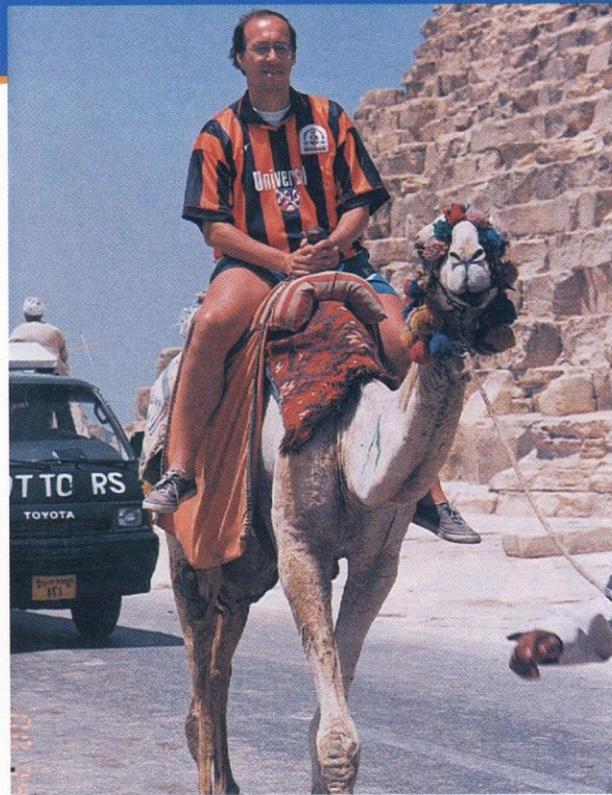
Call free on: **0800 30 20 10** quoting ref: FB018

or visit our football site on
<http://www.nationwide.co.uk>

 In tune with people


Nationwide
THE BUILDING SOCIETY.

You must be 16 or over to apply for a FlexAccount. Overdrafts, Payment Cards and cheque guarantee cards are only available to those 18 or over. The opening of a FlexAccount, the provision of a cheque book and the provision of a credit facility are subject to appraisal of an applicant's financial standing. The automatic overdraft of £250 is available for customers with a Payment Card. Written quotations for credit facilities are available from: Nationwide Building Society, Nationwide House, Pipers Way, Swindon, SN38 1NW. Nationwide is a member of the Building Societies Ombudsman Scheme, and subscribes to the Code of Banking Practice. Please note that for various legal, regulatory and customer service requirements your call will be recorded.



LEFT: Never one to get the hump if the Town lose..... Bobbers Club stalwart Les Miller tries out a new mode of transport during a summer trip to Egypt.



LEFT: A slightly more conventional mode of transport this time..... very much so infact! BBC commentator John Motson presents David Oldfield with his man-of-the-match award v Derby..... a Coca-Cola bike!

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

A BRIEF history of this afternoon's visitors follows. You can read about today's Blackpool FC on pages 12 to 15, and there's a look back to a previous meeting with the Seasiders on pages 34 and 35.

Formed in 1887, Blackpool were elected to the second division of the Football League in 1896. After failing to gain re-election they had to drop out of the League for one season, but returned in 1900/01.

In 1930 the Second Division Championship was won, but they only survived the first division for three years. However, four years later they finished runners up in the second division to gain promotion again and this time stopped in the top flight for 30 years.

In 1948 Blackpool began a series of three visits to Wembley in five years for the FA Cup Final. They were beaten in 1948 by Manchester United 4-2, and in 1951 by Newcastle United 2-0. In 1953 they beat Bolton 4-3, in a game that became known as the 'Stanley Matthews Final'. After being 3-1 down, they scored three goals in the last 20

Tangerines dream of return to glory days

minutes with the late Stan Mortensen scoring a hat-trick and Bill Perry the winner.

In 1956 the club finished runners up to Manchester United, its highest ever place, but in 1967 were relegated to Division Two after winning only one home league game, 6-0 against Newcastle. They returned to the first division three years later, but only for one season and have not been back since.

In 1971 they won the Anglo-Italian Cup, but in April 1978, after being in eighth place, a series of remarkable results saw them relegated to the third division a month later. Worse was to follow as three years later they fell to the fourth division, but gained promotion as runners up in 1985.

After being relegated again in 1990

they were denied immediate promotion through the new play-offs, losing on penalties at Wembley to Torquay United. However, a year later they went to Wembley again and this time beat Scunthorpe - again on penalties.

After two seasons finishing just above the relegation zone in the second division, 1994/5 ended in mid-table after at one time being on the verge of the play-off zone.

The club broke its transfer record to sign Andy Morrison from Blackburn for £245,000, but last season ended in disaster after Blackpool were in an automatic promotion spot until two games from the end of the campaign.

Then in the play-offs, they won 2-0 at Bradford but lost 3-0 at home, a closing sequence which saw manager Sam Allardyce lose his job.



Back row: l to r: Michael Davies (coach), Paul Symons, Lee Thorpe, Andy Watson, Marvin Bryan, John Hooks, Mark Howard, Lee Philpott, Gary Brabin, Mark Taylor (physio).
 Middle row: l to r: Fred O'Donoghue (youth liaison officer), Tony Butler, Ben Dixon, Darren Bradshaw, James Quinn, Henry Heighton, Steve Banks, Craig Allardyce, Scott Darton, Jason Lydiate, Harry McNally (chief scout).
 Front row: l to r: Alan Crawford (youth manager), Andy Barlow, Andy Preece, Tony Ellis, Gary Megson (manager), Billy Bingham (Director of Football), Dave Linighan, Mark Bonner, Micky Mellon, Mike Phelan (assistant manager).

CRAIG ALLARDYCE - Defender who was previously at Preston North End, and also had a spell in China.

MARK BONNER - Midfielder who enjoyed a successful 95/96 season. Has made over 120 appearances for Blackpool, notching 12 goals.

DARREN BRADSHAW - Midfielder/defender who cost £35,000 from Peterborough in October 1994. Previously with Chesterfield, York, Newcastle and Plymouth.

SCOTT DARTON - Left-back who cost £7,500 from West Brom in March 1995 after a loan spell. Did not figure in many games last season, but was a regular in the reserves.

TONY ELLIS - Consistent goalscorer with 17 goals last season, his second spell with the club after a £165,000 move from Preston in the summer of 1994. Previously with Oldham and Stoke.

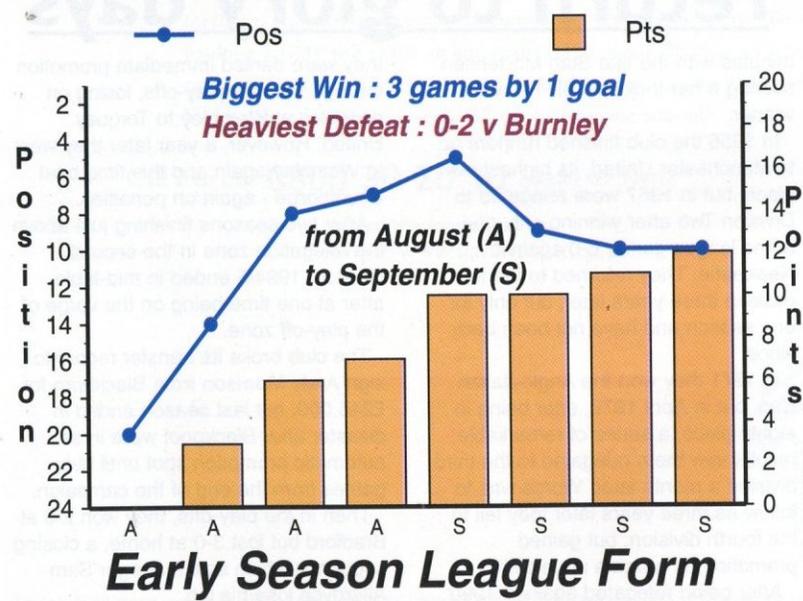
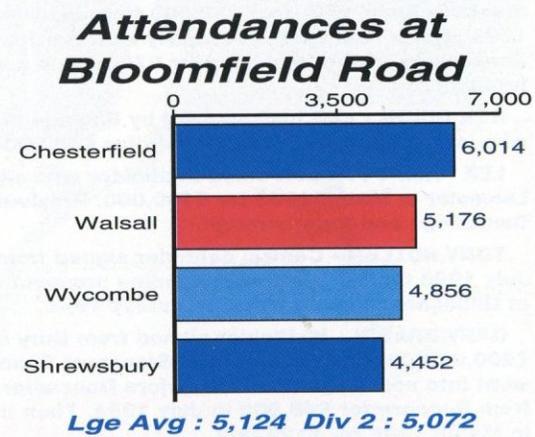
JASON LYDIATE - Defender who cost £75,000 from Bolton Wanderers in March 1995 after previously being a trainee at Manchester United.

MICHAEL MELLON - Midfielder who was last season's Player of the Year. Cost £50,000 from West Brom in November 1994 after previously being at Bristol City.

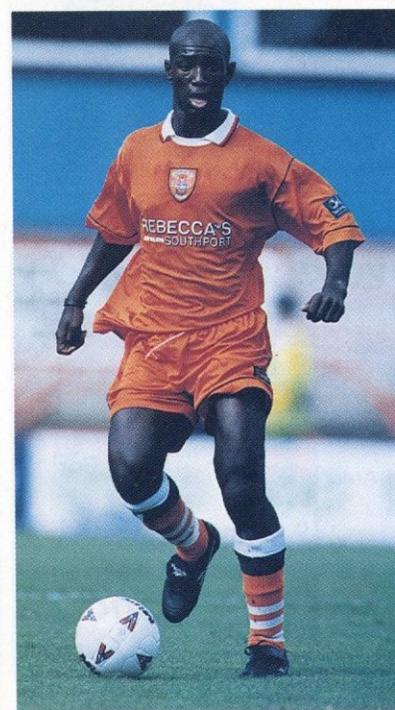
JAMES QUINN - Young striker who won his first Northern Ireland cap towards the end of last season after scoring for the B team. Scored in five consecutive games for Blackpool during last season, and was on target in the first minute of last week's Coca-Cola Cup second round, first leg tie against Chelsea at Bloomfield Road.

(Continued on page 14).

GRAPHICS BY:
 Football Information Services.
 Blackpool stats from 96/97 season. (Midweek match not included).



ABOVE: Northern Ireland international James Quinn



LEFT: Blackpool's former QPR defender Marvin Bryan



RIGHT: Former Crystal Palace striker Andy Preece

PAUL SYMONS - Young striker still looking to establish himself in the first team.

LEE THORPE - Striker who was top scorer for the reserve team last season.

JOHN HOOKS - Fullback who arrived at Bloomfield Road from Southampton in the summer of 1995.

ANDY PREECE - Scored 15 goals last season after his £205,000 transfer from Crystal Palace in the summer of 1995. Previously played at Northampton, Wrexham and Stockport.

ANDY BARLOW - Left back who came on a free transfer from Oldham in the summer of 1995. Consistent defender who played at Wembley for the Latics in their League Cup Final defeat by Nottingham Forest in 1990.

STEVEN BANKS - Goalkeeper who was a £60,000 signing from Gillingham at the start of the 95/96 season, having started his career at West Ham. Played the first part of last season until being displaced by on loan Eric Nixon.

MARVIN BRYAN - Full back who cost £20,000 from QPR in the summer of 1995. Attacking player who was on loan at Doncaster whilst at QPR.

DAVID LINIGHAN - Experienced defender (brother of Arsenal's Andy) who cost £80,000 from Ipswich in January 1996 after a loan spell. Previously with Hartlepool, Derby and Shrewsbury, before making over 270 league appearances for Ipswich.

BEN DIXON - Left back capped by England at Under 18 level, who joined Blackpool from Lincoln for £50,000 in July 1996.

LEE PHILPOTT - Left sided midfielder who signed from Leicester in March 1996 for £100,000. Previously with Cambridge and Peterborough.

TONY BUTLER - Central defender signed from Gillingham in July 1996 for £240,000. Outstanding prospect who had been at Gillingham since turning pro in May 1991.

GARY BRABIN - Midfielder signed from Bury in July 1996 for £200,000. Started his career at Stockport County, and then went into non-league football before Doncaster signed him from Runcorn for £45,000 in July 1994. Then moved onto Bury in March 1996 for £125,000.

TONY PARKS - Experienced goalkeeper who was signed on a one-year contract in September 1996, after spending four years in Scotland with Falkirk. Started his career at Tottenham, and starred in Spurs' 1982 UEFA Cup Final penalty shoot-out win over Anderlecht. Has since played at Brentford and West Ham.

Blackpool's Director of Football is the former Northern Ireland manager **BILLY BINGHAM**, who played for Luton in their 1959 FA Cup Final defeat by Nottingham Forest.



Billy Bingham was capped 56 times by Northern Ireland, including seven caps whilst at Kenilworth Road.

He was manager of Everton from 1973-77, before taking Northern Ireland to the World Cup Finals in Spain in 1982.

MEET THE MANAGER

GARY MEGSON was appointed manager of Blackpool in July, just two weeks after resigning at Norwich City.

He had two spells in charge at Carrow Road. Firstly towards the end of the 1994/95 season when John Deehan left, then half of the 1995/96 season when Martin O'Neill left. He also had experience as number two to John Deehan and Mike Walker at Norwich and with Chris Kamara at Bradford City.

As a player, Gary Megson was a battling midfielder with over 500 appearances in league and cup, starting at Plymouth when Luton manager Lennie Lawrence was on the coaching staff.

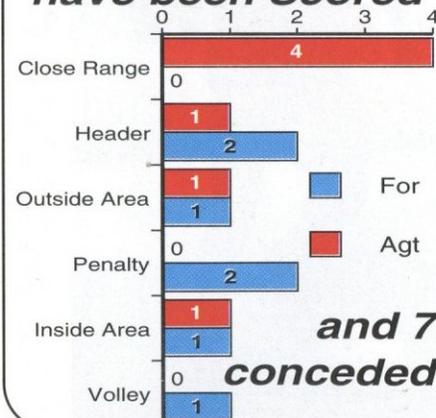
He then went on to play for Everton, Sheffield Wednesday, Northampton, Newcastle, Manchester City, Norwich, Lincoln and Shrewsbury.

His assistant at Bloomfield Road is the former Norwich and Manchester United midfielder **MIKE PHELAN**, who joined Blackpool from West Brom.



RIGHT: Blackpool manager Gary Megson

How 7 Goals have been Scored



A Hatter and a Seaside...

Footballing nomad **BOB HATTON** was born in Hull in 1947, but despite being a big fan of the Tigers as a child it was with the Wolves that he made his league debut, scoring within 30 seconds of the start.

Strangely he was allowed to drift away from Molineux after this promising start and played for both Bolton and Northampton before settling down with Carlisle, where his goalscoring exploits started to attract the notice of the big clubs.

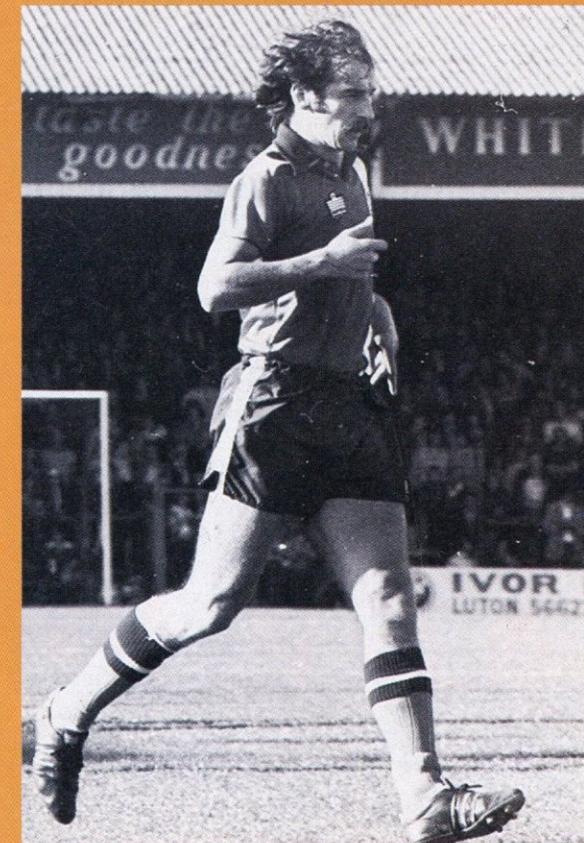
Joining Birmingham for £90,000 in October 1971, he became the final piece in the jigsaw as the Blues won promotion to Division One and then consolidated their place in the top flight with a team that included Trevor Francis and Bob Latchford.

After five years at St Andrews it was time to move on again, this time to Blackpool where he finished as top scorer in a team that was relegated to Division Three.

Luton manager David Pleat was rebuilding his side and paid £50,000 to bring Hatton to Kenilworth Road, where, in his two seasons with the Hatters, he became a crowd favourite and helped bring on the blossoming Brian Stein.

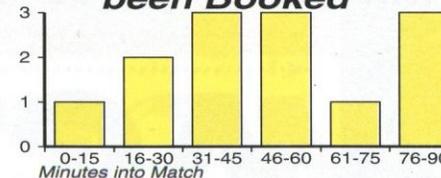
From Luton, Bob moved to Sheffield United before finally finishing his playing career with Cardiff City, followed by a few games with Dundalk in the League of Ireland.

Bob Hatton is still involved with the game in his role as a financial adviser with the Professional Footballers' Association, based in Birmingham. - **ROGER WASH.**



ABOVE: Bob Hatton

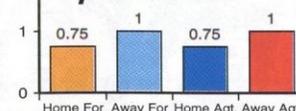
When Players have been Booked



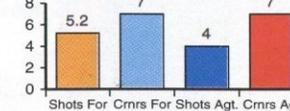
GRAPHICS BY:

Football Information Services. Blackpool stats from 96/97 season. (Midweek match not included).

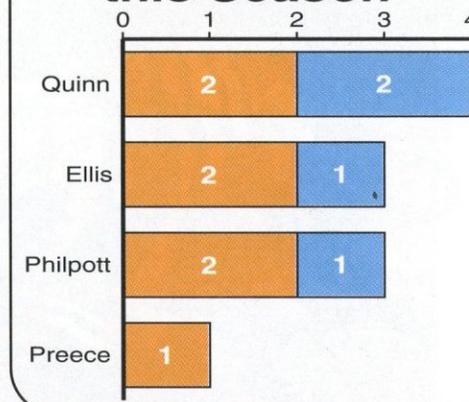
Average Goals per Match



Average Shots and Corners



Goal Scorers this Season



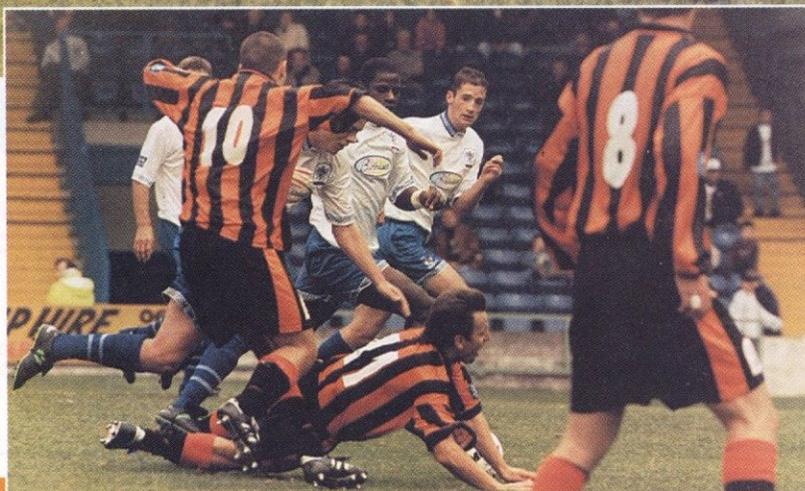


Bury keeper Dean Kiely beats Mitchell Thomas to the ball, as Andrew Fotiadis (10) and David Oldfield look on.

David Oldfield arm in arm with Bury centre-half Paul Butler.

Bontcho Guentchev takes a tumble in the penalty area, but the referee waved play on.

Junior Hatter James Beeson was our mascot at Bury, and is pictured with Steve Davis and Andrew Fotiadis.



ACTION STATIONS

Bury 0 Luton Town 0

Saturday, September 21, 1996 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 3,588

Pictures by Andy Handley



It's.. TRIVIA TIME

© Metro Marketing (UK) Ltd 1996

TRUE or FALSE?

1. Hull City's Boothferry Park once staged a Northern Ireland International match?

2. Tottenham have won every FA Cup Final that they've ever played in.

3. Stuart McCall was selected for both the England and Scotland U21 squads in 1984?

4. Millmoor and the Goldstone Ground hosted European matches last season.

? QUICK QUIZ ?

- Which country won the 1995 Women's World Championship?
- Where did Brian McClair begin his playing career?
- At which Italian club would you find Deschamps, Del Piero and Peruzzi?
- Who was the 'first' foreigner to play in the Football League?
- Which footballer was nicknamed 'Nijinsky'?
- Who was the highest placed British manager in the World Club 'Manager of the Year Awards' last season?

WHO'S TROPHY CABINET?

Which club has lifted the following trophies?

FA Cup: 1906, 1933, 1966, 1984, 1995

Euro Cup Winners Cup: 1985

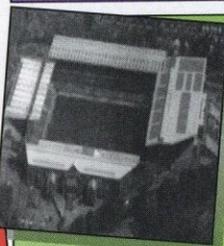
Division 1 Championship: 1890/91, 1914/15, 1927/28, 1931/32, 1938/39, 1962/63, 1969/70, 1984/85, 1986/87

Division 2 Championship: 1930/31

IN WHICH YEAR DID...?

Liverpool win the League and League Cup, Tottenham Hotspur win the FA Cup, Celtic win the Scottish Premiership, Aberdeen win the SFA Cup, Aston Villa win the European Cup, Italy win the World Cup and former Liverpool manager Bill Shankly pass away?

ALL THESE EVENTS TOOK PLACE IN THE SAME YEAR

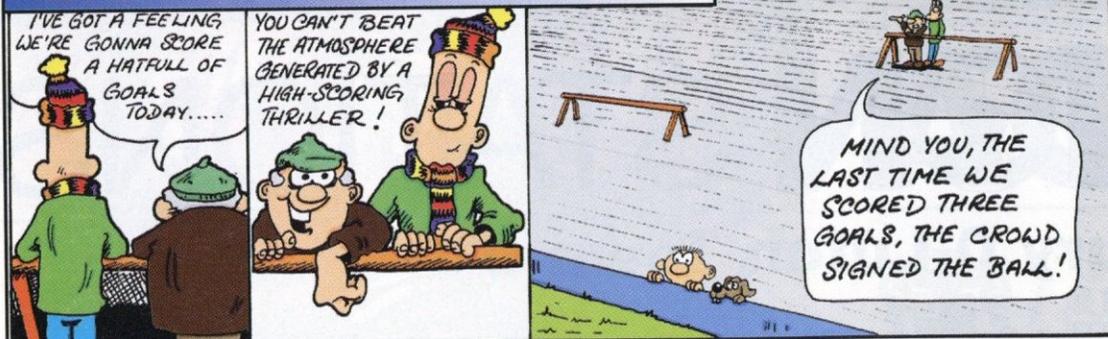


SPOT THE GROUND

A 24ft wide concrete cycle track bordered the pitch until 1914. The First World War hindered the development of a proposed 130,000 capacity stadium. An indoor cricket school was built next door in 1986. The main stand is a listed building. Hosted matches in World Cup 1966 and the 1996 European Championships.

'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood



Answers

QUICK QUIZ: 1. Norway; 2. Aston Villa; 3. Juventus; 4. Max Seeburg of Tottenham in 1907; 5. Colin Bell; 6. Kevin Keegan.
 TRUE OR FALSE: 1. True; 2. False, they lost to Coventry City in 1987; 3. True; 4. True, in the Inter-toto Cup.
 IN WHICH YEAR: 1982.
 SPOT THE GROUND: Villa Park, Aston Villa.



Today's mascot



Today's Junior Hatters mascot is 13-year-old PERRY ELLINGHAM, who attends Kings Houghton Middle School. He plays football for AFC Houghton, and his favourite Luton Town player is Dwight Marshall.



NEW crest car stickers - £1.50 in the Club Shop

Welcome to our junior guests from Blackpool

THIS afternoon we welcome our guests from the Blackpool juniors, who have joined us for this morning's Saturday Club activities.

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 Bury, and took part in a penalty shoot-out before the game, after lunch with the Bury youngsters. We try to organise trips to away matches whenever possible, and our next trip is to Shrewsbury on Saturday, October 12, departing at 11.15am.

The cost will be £15 for adults and £10 for juniors, which includes travel and match ticket. Bookings should be made at the ticket office at the Club Shop.

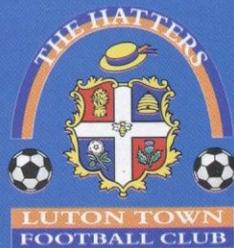


ABOVE: Michelle Smith was our mascot for the game against Chesterfield. She is pictured with the team captains and match officials, prior to kick-off.

LEFT: Our Junior Hatters competitors in last week's pre-match penalty shoot-out at Gigg Lane, Bury.

OVER THE BAR!

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



THE BEDFORDSHIRE YEOMAN

Just a two-minute walk from the ground
Food available on matchdays
Supporters welcome

214 Dallow Road, Luton
(01582) 30469

Monty's Bar

'Live music every Thursday'

23 Hastings Street, Luton
Tel: 01582 486683

THE RED LION Breachwood Green Hitchin, Herts

Fine traditional ales
Bar snacks & buffets
(Parties catered for)
Regular traditional jazz and live music evenings
Phone for details:
(01438) 833123

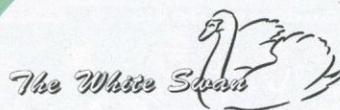
Carol and John Brennan welcome you to
THE FARMERS BOY
Common Rd, Kensworth

Real ales (CAMRA 'Good Beer Guide')

Traditional Sunday lunches
£4.75 per person
(01582) 872207

THE BREWERY TAP

22 Park Street, Luton
(01582) 31797
Disco on Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun nights



93 High Street South, Dunstable

The only place to eat in Dunstable
Tele: (01582) 667833
Fax: (01582) 475552

THE SOMERSET TAVERN

Berni

Good food and fine selection of cask ales.
Quiz nights and karaoke.
Crawley Grn Rd, Luton.
Tele: 01582 29912.

THE LILLEY ARMS

Food for all occasions,
fine ales, accommodation,
beautiful gardens
with farm animals.
Coach parties welcome,
advance warning please!

West Street, Lilley
Tele: 01462 768371
"It's worth passing a few pubs for."

THE BOATER

Traditional fayre
Real ales, jazz nights & quiz nights

121 Icknield Way, Luton
Tele: (1582) 575191



6 West Street, Dunstable
Jim and Joy Morris
Tele: (01582) 661035

Kim and Chris welcome you to
THE WHEATSHEAF

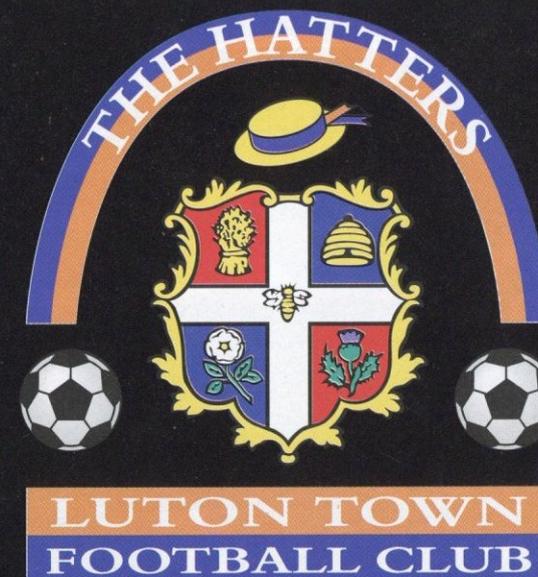
Traditional country pub
serving snacks and real ales.
Large garden, children
welcome

15 High Street, Flitwick
Tele: (01525) 712574

Richard and Karen welcome you to



Hotel accommodation, good food and fine selection of cask ales & lagers.
Kings Walden Rd, Offley
01462 768281



Official Supplier to
Luton Town FC

PONY™

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



Kim Grant predicts World Cup success for African nations

LEFT: Kim Grant in action on the opening day of the season against Burnley. RIGHT: Kim Grant with Derby's former England defender Paul Parker.



THIS time last week, as his teammates took on Bury in front of 3,000 people at Gigg Lane, Hatters striker Kim Grant was playing for his native Ghana against South Africa, in front of over 50,000 people in Pretoria.

Grant headed for South Africa after playing against Derby last Tuesday, and joined up with the Ghana squad for their final match in a four-team tournament which also included Kenya and Australia.

The 24-year-old is hoping to play a part in Ghana's World Cup qualifying campaign, and predicts that the African nations will make a big impact at the finals in France in 1998.

Much has changed since Zaire's appearance in the 1974 Finals in Germany, when they were humbled 9-0 by Yugoslavia, and twenty years on Nigeria made a real impression at USA '94, and in the summer won the Olympic title in Atlanta.

"Nigeria's gold medal showed that the African nations are now a force to be reckoned with," said Grant, "and I think an African side could reach the quarter finals or semi finals of the next World Cup.

"A lot of the African players are now based in Europe, and with the top clubs, training full time, and that professional background is beginning

to transform the national sides.

"Scouts from Europe are regular visitors to the African countries, and when players are successful overseas it encourages the youngsters back home even more.

"Tony Yeboah has enjoyed success in Germany and England, and the South African duo Lucas Radebe and Phil Masinga played at Leeds.

"The support is unbelievable, and the games get tremendous coverage.

"The supporters are like the Brazilians with their fanatical backing, and

THIRTY-six African nations set out on the road to qualification for the World Cup Finals in 1998, with 32 contesting a first round knockout stage.

The sixteen winners plus Cameroon, Nigeria, Egypt and Morocco are divided into five groups of four teams. The group winners qualify for the finals.

although I know every supporter wants their team to win, these people have a real passion for the game."

The game in Pretoria last Saturday ended goalless, with South Africa the winners of the tournament overall.

Ghana had lost 2-0 to Australia, and beat Kenya 1-0, before the draw with the host nation with Grant playing the full game.

"I was pleased with my performance, and it was a great experience to play in front of such a large crowd," he said.

"The pitch wasn't the best, and obviously the climate doesn't help and the pitches are used a lot for rugby, but the stadiums are magnificent."

Ghana's World Cup qualifying campaign resumes in November, but before that there is an African Nations Cup game against Angola, in the capital city Accra, on October 6, in which Grant again hopes to play a part.

"Of course we are hopeful of

And now you're Ghana believe us!

qualifying," he pointed out, "but it will be difficult because we have to win our group in order to get to France, and only five nations in total from Africa will go through.

"At the moment Yeboah is injured, but we can't rely on him and there are a lot of young players coming through.

"The majority of the side were involved in the Olympics, and did well before going out to Brazil, and the current Ghanaian coach was in charge of the successful

THE Ghanaian FA was founded in 1957. There are 347 clubs, and 11,275 players in the country.

Their colours are white shirts, white shorts and white socks, and their leading player is Leeds United striker Tony Yeboah.

Under 20s side a couple of years ago."

But to maintain their success regular competition is required, and increasing call-ups pose a problem for clubs.

As Luton manager Lennie Lawrence pointed out: "We certainly hope that Kim gets his chance to play in the World Cup qualifying games for Ghana, which would be a real achievement for the player and the club.

"But from a Luton point of view we are obviously concerned that there are so many games, and long trips to another continent.

"Kim could have been missing for more than just the one game for this recent tournament, and now we face losing him again next weekend."

- SIMON OXLEY.



STRIKER Jamie Woodsford (above) has joined Vauxhall Conference side Kettering Town on a month's loan.

Woodsford, 19, made his first-team debut for the Hatters in September 1994, and made one full appearance last season before going on loan to Portadown in Northern Ireland. He scored on his Kettering debut, in a 1-1 draw at Slough on Tuesday night.

**R. J. BLOW &
C O M P A N Y**

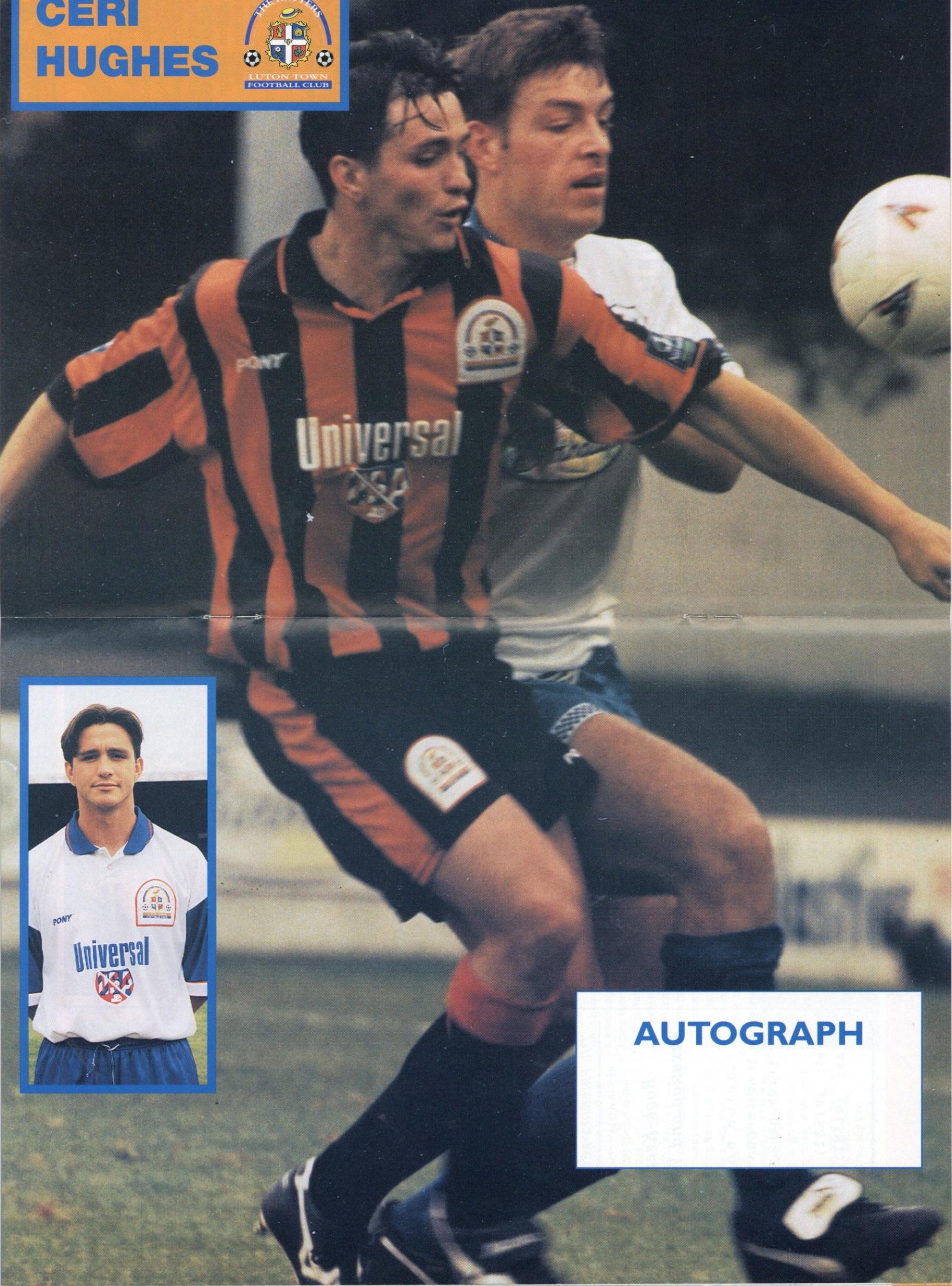
THE FRIENDLY ACCOUNTANTS

*Book-Keeping
Taxation and Wages etc.*

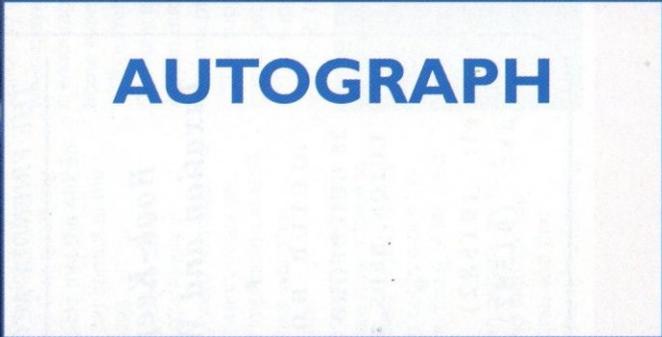
GUILD HOUSE,
28 GUILDFORD STREET,
LUTON, BEDS, LU1 2NR

Tel: (01582) 38792
Fax: (01582) 423347

**CERI
HUGHES**



AUTOGRAPH



KENILWORTH SUITE

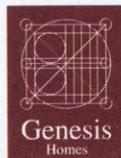
TSI (UK) Ltd
 Anachem Ltd
 Fisher Frozen Foods Ltd
 F & T Goodwin Ltd
 Handscombe Financial Services Ltd
 R W Harvey & Son
 Wilton Contract and Vehicle Rental
 Information Design Associates
 Mr Malcolm Eade
 Mr Roger Eade
 Arrow Business Systems Limited
 J Sapsworth Ltd

Dr D Siegler
 Neahurst Ltd
 Mr P Dimery
 Mr P Doyle
 Grosvenor Casino
 Churchman Thacker
 Good Fennemore
 Mr R Banks
 Ludlow Group
 Holmes Commercial
 Regal Litho Ltd

EXECUTIVE BOX HOLDERS



Murtagh Demolition



Cope Brothers (Printers) Limited



Herald & Post



Mr P Urycz

CLUB 82

C P Contracts
 C P Contracts Flooring
 Nordic Supplies
 Mr F W Pearce
 Shorey's Travel

Chris and Kim Clarke - The Wheatsheaf,
 Flitwick

Space Display Systems Limited
 The Home Counties Newspaper Group
 J and P Hygiene Supplies
 Luton Contract Packaging

Hard grounds hamper recovery

DWIGHT Marshall continues to progress well on the road to recovery from his broken ankle, but his progress is being held up a little by the weather!

We need some rain to soften up the ground, because at present the hard surfaces don't make life easy and can cause soreness.

Richard Harvey is our other long-term absentee, and he is gradually increasing work to strengthen the muscles around his knee.

Gentle exercises are the order of the day at present, and it is still early days for Richard.

Des Linton is progressing well after his knee operation, which was only two weeks ago.

He will start jogging at the end of the week.

Andrew Fotiadis missed the game at Derby on Wednesday.

He has been receiving treatment for a slight calf injury for a couple of weeks, but after the game at Bury the muscle was too sore so he sat out the cup game.

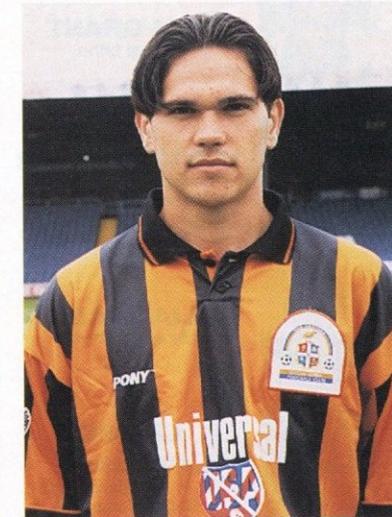
Hopefully though the period of rest will mean he is available for selection this weekend.

Ceri Hughes had a fitness test prior to the match at the Baseball Ground, on an ankle injury, but was passed fit to play.

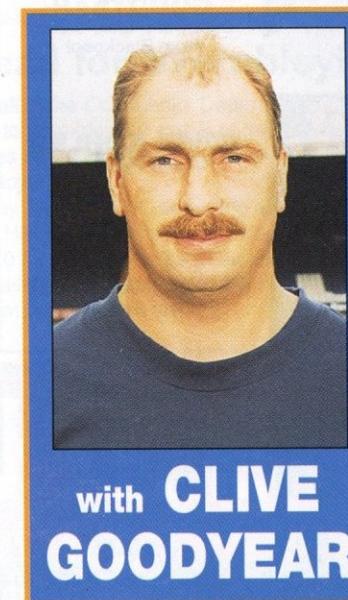
Aaron Skelton is back in training after his ankle injury, whilst youth team duo Russell Lawes and Steve Augustine have been receiving treatment for back and knee injuries respectively.



RICHARD Harvey



AARON Skelton



CERI Hughes

Beds Premier Cup - 1st Rd

BEDFORD UNITED
 v **LUTON TOWN**

Wednesday, October 30, 1996
 Kick-Off 7.30pm (Venue to be confirmed)



KIM GRANT
Regal Litho



JOHN TAYLOR



PAUL McLAREN
Danny and Elsie Clubb,
from Blackpool



WAYNE TURNER
Danny and Elsie Clubb,
from Blackpool



GARY SIMPSON
Richard Culley and Pete
Carney



KELVIN DAVIS
Space Display Systems
Ltd



JULIAN JAMES
Shorey's Travel



**MARVIN
JOHNSON**
Capital Golf



**DWIGHT
MARSHALL**
Milton Keynes Branch of the
Luton Town Supporters Club



**LENNIE
LAWRENCE**
201 Hertfordshire and
Beds Yeomanry



CERI HUGHES
Les and Sue Miller



TREVOR PEAKE
Bennetts Gate Bakery of
Hemel Hempstead



TONY THOPE
Bedfordshire Rural
Communities Charity



**CLIVE
GOODYEAR**
Danny and Elsie Clubb,
from Blackpool



**GRAHAM
ALEXANDER**
Mad As A Hatter



**RICHARD
HARVEY**
Paul Deason



DAVID KOHLER
Critical Research



GARY WADDOCK
Mad As A Hatter



**MITCHELL
THOMAS**
J and P Hygiene Supplies



PAUL SHOWLER
Graham Group plc



**DARREN
PATTERSON**
Rob Stringer - EPIC
Records



DES LINTON
Simkins Solicitors of
Baldock and Sandy



**AARON
SKELTON**
Vacation Club International
Limited - Travel Agents
0181 780 5885



**ANDREW
FOTIADIS**
2 Print



IAN FEUER
Grosvenor Casino



**JAMIE
WOODSFORD**
Worldwide Hatters on the
Super Highway (WHOSH)



STEVE DAVIS
Loyal Luton Supporters
Club



DAVID OLDFIELD
Luton Town Supporters
Club



**BONTCHO
GUENTCHEV**
The Bobbers Travel Club



**STUART
DOUGLAS**



**MATTHEW
UPSON**



SEAN EVERS
David Forman -
West Malaysian Branch
of the Luton Town
Supporters Club



BEN CHENERY



ABOVE: The contestants from our penalty shoot-out, held at half-time in the game against Chesterfield, which was part of the National Action Day with events organised across the country to raise funds for childrens' charities.

Half-term coaching courses

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

All are for boys and girls, aged 6 to 13 years, and youngsters will need suitable football kit to include boots and/or trainers, and should also bring a drink/snack.

Venue: MK Sports Club, Woughton-on-the-Green, MILTON KEYNES (Please bring footwear suitable for astroturf pitch).

Dates: Monday, October 21 to Wednesday, October 23.

Time: 10am to 1pm.

Cost: £20 (includes free adult and junior ticket for Luton Town v Notts County on Saturday, November 9).

Venue: Wood End JMI, Yeomans Avenue, HARPENDEN.

Dates: Thursday, October 24 and Friday, October 25.

Time: 10am to 1pm.

Cost: £16 (includes free adult and junior ticket for Luton Town v Notts County on Saturday, November 9).

Venue: St Gregory's Middle School, Biddenham Turn, BEDFORD.

Dates: Thursday, October 31 and Friday, November 1.

Time: 10am to 1pm.

Cost: £12 or £16 to include adult and junior ticket for Luton Town v Notts County on Saturday, November 9.



Hatters head for Wembley!

LUTON Town's Football in the Community Department have organised a trip to Wembley, for a tour of the historic stadium which includes an opportunity to walk up the famous steps to the Royal Box.

The trip is on Monday, November 4, departing at 9.45am from Warden Hill Junior School in Birdsfoot Lane, Luton. The cost is £10 for children and £12 for adults, and full details are available from the Football in the Community department on (01582) 411622.

Venue: Redborne School, Ampthill Road, FLITWICK.

Dates: Thursday, October 31 and Friday, November 1.

Time: 10am to 1pm.

Cost: £16 (includes free adult and junior ticket for Luton Town v Notts County on Saturday, November 9).

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



CHEERS!



Bar facilities 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.

RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



LUTON'S reserve side scored their first win in the Avon Insurance Combination with a 2-0 victory at Portsmouth last week.

John Taylor and Stuart Douglas scored the goals at Fratton Park.

Team: Abbey, Chenery, Peake, McLaren, Patterson, Willmott, Kean, Thorpe, Taylor, Douglas, Showler.

Subs not used: Simpson, Evers, Woodsford.

The reserves were back in action on Thursday afternoon, against Bristol City.

This game was 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.

This Thursday, the reserves travel to Arsenal in the second match of the Avon Insurance Combination League Cup.

The youth team have progressed into the second round of the South East Counties League Cup, with a 2-0 first round win at Cambridge United, with Steve Augustine scoring both goals.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Spring, Jones, Doherty, Smith, George (Clarke), Barr, Augustine, Sweeney (Cox).

Sub not used: McIndoe.

In the second round, the youth team will travel to Colchester United on Saturday, October 19.

The Town's run in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup came to an end at Molineux last Tuesday, with a 2-1 defeat.

Liam George opened the scoring for Luton who had much the better of the game, but Wolves hit back to progress into the second round.

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

Sub not used: Doherty.

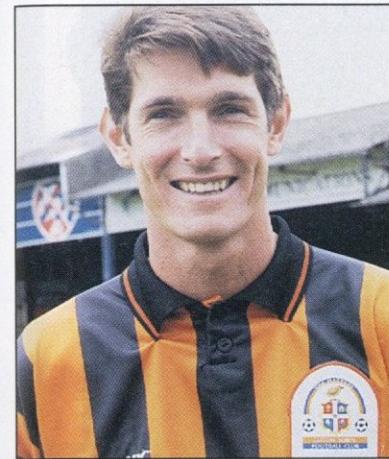
The youth team returned to league action on Saturday, but went down 1-0 to unbeaten Crystal Palace.

Team: Tate, Clarke, Fraser, Spring, Doherty, Upson, Augustine, George, Barr, McIndoe, Smith.

Subs not used: Jones, Scarlett, Jerry.

This morning, the youth side were due to play at Tottenham.

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



JOHN Taylor



STUART Douglas



with **TREVOR PEAKE**



and **JOHN MOORE**

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 7 Brentford	
Sat Aug 24 READING	won 7-0	Sat Dec 14 BRISTOL CITY	11am
Tue Aug 27 Bournemouth (SJFC)	draw 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)	won 2-0	Sat Jan 25 Crystal Palace	
Tue Sep 17 Wolves (SJFC)	lost 2-1	Sat Feb 1 Reading	
Sat Sep 21 CRYSTAL PALACE	lost 1-0	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 Colchester (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		

Wed Aug 28 WEST HAM (LC)	lost 3-0
Thur Sep 5 WIMBLEDON	lost 2-1
Wed Sep 18 Portsmouth	won 2-0
Thu Sep 26 BRISTOL CITY	
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.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1996/97 APPS & SCORERS (18.9.96)

	APPS	G	Combination round-up
Kelvin DAVIS	2		
Sean EVERS	2		
Ben CHENERY	3		- Millwall, Arsenal, Ipswich and Tottenham are the early leaders in the Combination, with two wins from two games.
Paul McLAREN	3		
Gary SIMPSON	2		
Chris WILLMOTT	3		
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	1		
Tony THORPE	3	1	- Ian Wright bagged three goals for Arsenal in their two victories.
John TAYLOR	3	1	
Stuart DOUGLAS	3	1	
Robert KEAN	3		- Ipswich will be playing all of their home reserve matches at Portman Road this season, rather than at Ram Meadow, Bury St Edmunds.
Jamie WOODSFORD	(1)		
Andre SCARLETT	(1)		
Matthew UPSON	1		
Steve AUGUSTINE	(1)		
Nathan ABBEY	1		
Trevor PEAKE	1		
Darren PATTERSON	1		
Paul SHOWLER	1		

- Norwich attracted a crowd of over 2,000 for their Combination local derby against Ipswich.

- Watford fielded twins Andy and Chris Johnson against Ipswich.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	5	4	1	0	17	5	9
C Palace	5	4	1	0	14	4	9
Tottenham	5	3	1	1	7	3	7
LUTON TOWN	5	3	0	2	14	5	6
Southampton	5	3	0	2	10	6	6
Brighton	5	3	0	2	7	7	6
Oxford Utd	5	2	1	2	13	10	5
Wycombe W	5	2	1	2	9	6	5
Wimbledon	5	2	1	2	7	5	5
Bristol City	5	1	3	1	5	4	5
Bournemouth	5	2	1	2	8	9	5
Brentford	5	2	0	3	5	7	4
Colchester U	5	1	2	2	6	9	4
Bristol R	5	1	0	4	4	20	2
Barnet	5	0	1	4	4	15	1
Reading	5	0	1	4	8	23	1

League table as at September 21, 1996

YOUTH TEAM 1996/97 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G
Daniel TATE	4		4	
Gary DOHERTY	5	2	2	
Ian JONES	3		3	
Matthew UPSON	2		3	
Steve AUGUSTINE	5	2	4	2
Matthew SPRING	4 (1)		4	
Jimmy COX	3	1	1 (2)	
Liam GEORGE	5	4	4	1
Andre SCARLETT	3 (1)		1 (1)	
Andrew BARR	5	2	4	1
Andrew SMITH	3 (2)	2	4	2
Russell LAWES	3 (1)		3 (1)	
Mark HILLYARD	(3)			
Richard CLARKE	2 (1)		3 (1)	
Terry SWEENEY	2	1	4	
Nick WEBB	1			
Emerson BOYCE	1 (1)			
S FRASER	2		1 (1)	
M McINDOE	2			

Up to and including Saturday, September 21, 1996.



Rephotographs by Sentybox Tel: 01895 251220

Caught.
Ball watching!

The official ball supplier to:



Trust us to help football

The Football Trust is helping the game at all levels - from providing kit for school teams, pitches and changing rooms for grass roots football, safety and improvement work throughout the game right up to providing vital assistance to help League clubs complete the essential task of redeveloping their grounds in line with the Taylor Report.

Over the last 20 years the Trust has received and distributed £250m from Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettors Pools and Littlewoods Spot the Ball competition for the benefit of football.

Up and down the country, clubs are building new grounds and stands, installing seating, and providing safe and comfortable facilities for their spectators to enjoy. Every club depends on the support of the FOOTBALL TRUST and the success of the pools companies. Both are crucial for football's future.



THE FOOTBALL TRUST
Helping the game



LITTLEWOODS VERNONS ZETTORS
Making sure football wins
the Pools each week

THE FOOTBALL TRUST, WALKDEN HOUSE, 10 MELTON STREET, LONDON NW1 2EB



82-86 Luton
Arndale Centre.
Tel: (01582)
20592

We stock a wide selection of sports supports
and injury treatments

To advertise
in the **LTFC Matchday
Programme** contact the
Commercial Department on
01582 411622

SAINSBURY'S

serving Luton since 1926

stores at:
Dunstable Road, Luton. Tel 01582 422622
Quantock Rise, Bramingham Park, Luton.
Tel 01582 573919
Luton Road, Dunstable. Tel 01582 477082

CARPETS SUPPLIED & FITTED

Martin Ayres Carpets Ltd.

SHOWROOM AT:
614 Hitchin Road, Stopsley Village, Luton, Beds.
Telephone: (01582) 454184 (Day) 24 Hr Answer Phone



call now
01582 456958

or visit
12/14 Park Square,
Luton

The Link

For the widest
range of
Mobile Phones,
Faxes, Pagers
and Telephones.

Tel: 01582 487222
Fax: 01582 876155

To advertise
in the **LTFC
Matchday
Programme**
contact the
**Commercial
Department on**
01582 411622



CB SECURITY SERVICES

CB SECURITY
SERVICES
4 Gordon Street
Luton, Beds.
LU1 2QP.
Tel: 01582 410058



HAIRDRESSING
C O M P A N Y

THE
HAIRDRESSING
COMPANY

7 Chapel Street
Luton
Bedfordshire
Tel: 01582 29422

17 New Bedford Rd.
Luton
Bedfordshire
Tel: 01582 454106

BEST for PRICE Top of the league for
building materials

BEST for CHOICE



BEST for DELIVERY

226 Dallow Road
Tel: 01582 21233

STORAGE

MENSWEAR
5 & 7 CHAPEL STREET, LUTON, BEDS.
TEL: 01582 450412

Those were the days

WHEN the Town were drawn to meet Leeds in the FA Cup third round in 1959 most Luton supporters did not give the game much thought, and certainly cup euphoria was not evident on the streets of the town.

Since winning promotion to Division One four years earlier we had gone out of the competition at the first time of asking and the thoughts of the 'twin towers' were a long way from our minds.

Of rather more importance was our dismal league record that season, for after a bright start our form had slumped and relegation was a real danger. The week before the Leeds game we had lost at home to Birmingham and the team looked bereft of ideas especially when it came to scoring goals.

The Town were without a manager, Dally Duncan having left for Blackburn the previous autumn, and the selection committee, which included the directors and captain Syd Owen, decided to make sweeping changes for the game against Leeds. Out went winger Jim Adam and terrace favourite Gordon Turner, to be replaced by Allan Brown and youngster Tony Gregory.

A crowd of 'only' 18,354 turned up to see the new look Luton side and they went home impressed, after seeing Billy Bingham turn on a masterful display as we thrashed Leeds 5-1 on a snowy pitch, although it must be said that Leeds' right-back Ashall was a passenger for most of the match after injuring his wrist early on.

In the next round, the Town were drawn to meet Leicester at Filbert Street, and over 3,000 Luton supporters made the trip to see Bingham score a late equaliser and bring the tie back to Kenilworth Road. The replay, played under floodlights for the first time, was watched by 27,277 and this time it was Brown's time to shine with a hat-trick in a 4-1 win.

Cup fever was now in evidence, and when it was announced that we were to travel to second division Ipswich in round five, the Town's initial allocation of



by **ROGER WASH**

6,000 tickets was snapped up immediately. Luckily, a price increase imposed by the Suffolk club did not go down too well with the locals, with the result that the Town's allocation was increased.

"Play it tight for the first few minutes," said captain Owen as the team went out on to the pitch, but his instructions were not entirely carried out to the letter with Ipswich scoring almost from the kick-off! By the 17th minute, however, we had amazingly scored four times in a display of attacking football that has rarely been bettered by a Luton side.

The Town were now through to the quarter-finals for only the third time in their history, but the draw was unkind, pitting us against arguably the strongest side left in the competition, Blackpool, who still boasted the mercurial Stanley Matthews and a good many of the side that had lifted the trophy six years before.

It was a dream come true for Allan

Brown who had missed out on a Cup medal with the Seaside after breaking his leg scoring the winning goal in the quarter-final in 1953. Here was his chance to make up for that disappointment and against his old side to boot!

A crowd of 30,634 gathered at Bloomfield Road to see two rugged defences in action with very little in the way of goalmouth action. The game seemed to be petering out to a scoreless draw when quicksilver Bingham, anticipating a long cross from Bob Morton, ran between two defenders and crouched low to head the Town into the lead.

With only five minutes remaining all the Town defence had to do was the same as it had done for the previous 85 and, ably marshalled by Owen, looked more than capable of holding on to the advantage. With the referee looking at his watch disaster struck when the normally reliable Luton fullback Ken Hawkes, playing an underhit backpass to Ron Baynham, allowed Blackpool forward Ray Charnley to nip in for an undeserved equaliser, and a replay at Kenilworth Road the following Wednesday.



ABOVE: Allan Brown scores the only goal of the 1959 FA Cup sixth round replay against Blackpool, when a record crowd of 30,069 packed into Kenilworth Road.

Everyone felt sorry for Hawkes who was distraught at the end of the game. "I had time to put the ball into the sea. I ought to be whipped," he said afterwards.

Due to the fact that Blackpool (and more particularly Matthews so it was rumoured) objected to the Luton floodlights, the replay was scheduled to be played in the afternoon which the Town officials felt would affect the attendance.

As it turned out, when the turnstiles had stopped clicking, the crowd was recorded at 30,069 which was a ground record. Truancy was rife that afternoon and the major employers in the town turned a blind eye to absenteeism (or so they said afterwards).

This time the play was more open with Blackpool trying to bring Matthews more into the game, but the Luton defence held firm. It was felt that the team scoring first would be the winner, but as the game wore on in the second period it looked increasingly

likely that we were in for stalemate.

In true storybook fashion it was Brown who broke the deadlock with 15 minutes to go. George Cummins split the defence for Brown to run on and sweep the ball past George Farm in the Blackpool goal. The players collided, but this time unlike in 1953, Brown struggled to his feet as the crowd went wild.

Despite frantic efforts by Blackpool the Town defence held on and when the referee called an end to the game the crowd surged on to the pitch to celebrate the club's first appearance in an FA Cup semi-final.

Luton (both games): Baynham, McNally, Hawkes, Groves, Owen, Pacey, Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

Blackpool: Farm, Armfield, Garrett, Hauser, Gratrix, H. Kelly, Matthews, Mudie, Charnley, Durie, Perry. J.Kelly replaced Perry for the replay.

5 YEARS AGO

28/9/91: In a bad tempered game played in wet conditions, the Town scraped a 1-1 draw with Notts County at Kenilworth Road. Phil Gray was the Luton scorer.

10 YEARS AGO

27/9/86: The Town moved up to 10th place in Division One when Brian Stein scored the all-important goal in a 1-0 home win over Manchester City, in front of a crowd of 9,371.

15 YEARS AGO

26/9/81: After two straight home defeats, the Hatters bounced back with a 4-1 victory over Watford at Kenilworth Road. David Moss and Brian Stein both scored twice to send the crowd of 12,839 home happy.

20 YEARS AGO

25/9/76: In winning 2-1 at Molineux, the Town inflicted on Wolves their first defeat of the season. A disbelieving crowd of 19,826 watched as Jimmy Husband and Dixie Deans secured the points.

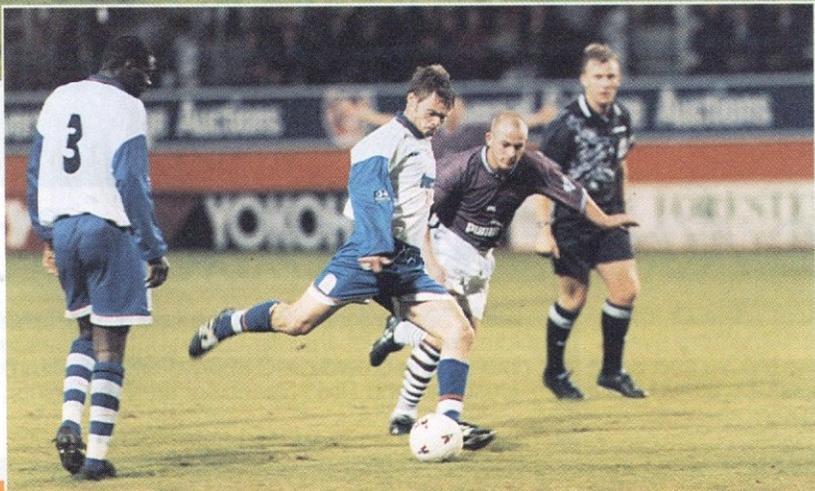


David Oldfield outjumps Derby's Croatian international defender Igor Stimac.

Luton scorer Julian James, who bagged his first goal since March 1995, evades the challenge of Derby sub Lee Carsley.

Graham Alexander with a second-half shooting chance.

Kim Grant challenges for possession with former Manchester United and England defender Paul Parker.



ACTION STATIONS

Luton Town 1 Derby County 0

(James)

Tuesday, September 17, 1996 - Coca-Cola Cup, 2nd round, 1st leg

Attendance: 4,459

Pictures by Andy Handley



ITV highlights package supports Sky coverage

SUPPORTERS of clubs in the Nationwide Football League are being treated to a feast of football this season, with the Monday evening ITV highlights package continuing this season as a complement to the live coverage on the Football League's major television partner Sky.

The Nationwide Football League Extra programme will run for the entire 38 weeks of the soccer campaign, and is attracting an ever growing audience.

The 45 minute programme features all the goals from the weekend's matches.

A Football League spokesman said: "The magazine-style programme on terrestrial television also provides a superb showcase for all three divisions of the league, with 4,000

goals scheduled to be shown during the course of the season from as far north as Carlisle and south to Plymouth.

"Despite the programme's late billing on a Monday evening, the show continuously receives a share of the audience well in excess of 50%, together with an extensive video audience.

"Programme chiefs have received a great deal of response to the programme this season and are planning many more visits to grounds to give the show an even greater personal feel."

Meanwhile, all Chairmen throughout the three divisions of the Nationwide Football League have this week received a special gift from Sky in the shape of a VIP viewing card which entitles the clubs to free access to all three sports channels for the next

five seasons.

The gesture, which would be worth over £100,000 in subscription charges, will enable the clubs to pick up in excess of 60 live matches from the Football League each season along with the support programming.

The following Nationwide Football League games have been confirmed for live Sky coverage on Sky Sports:

Sunday, September 29 - Port Vale v Bradford City

Friday, October 4 - Stoke City v Norwich City

Sunday, October 6 - Crystal Palace v Sheffield Utd

Friday, October 11 - Norwich City v Ipswich Town

Sunday, October 13 - Southend v Wolves.

Friday, October 18 - Oxford Utd v Birmingham City.

...and Anglia confirm Sunday soccer show

ANGLIA TV have confirmed the return of their Sunday afternoon football programme, with action from the Nationwide League.

The programme is due to get underway on Sunday, October 13, and is set for a 'tea-time' slot, although exact timings are yet to be decided.

Initially, Anglia will be showing highlights from games across their region, but are awaiting the completion of discussions between the ITV Network and Sky TV, to see

whether they will be able to show any live league matches.

Anglia's Sports Editor Kevin Piper said: "We are obviously very pleased to confirm the return of the 'Kick-Off' programme.

"The format will include highlights from all three divisions of the Nationwide League, and we also intend to include a number of features on our local sides, together with topical discussion with various studio guests."

Wolves host Poland clash

WOLVES' Molineux Stadium has been chosen to host England's forthcoming Under-21 international with Poland - just 24 hours before the senior sides meet in a World Cup qualifying match at Wembley Stadium.

The first division club's venue will stage the fixture on Tuesday, October 8, and comes on the back of the recent England v Hungary Schoolboy International which was also held at Molineux.

A spokesperson for Wolves said: "We are planning a number of pre-match entertainments and competitive admission prices.

"Molineux can host all kinds of top quality events, and we are reaping the rewards of our wonderful new stadium."

Hatters release Simpson to join Aylesbury Utd



ABOVE: Gary Simpson

DEFENDER Gary Simpson has been released on a free transfer by Luton Town - and has joined ICIS League Premier Division side Aylesbury United, now managed by ex-Barnet keeper Gary Phillips.

The 20-year-old centre-half signed as a professional in July 1994, and played on loan at Aylesbury at the start of the 95/96 season.

He then went on loan to third division Fulham towards the end of the season, making his league debut, and seven appearances in all.

He didn't play a league game for the Hatters, but made his first team debut in the Anglo-Italian Cup, as a substitute in the 2-1 defeat in Cesena in November 1995.

Forthcoming matches in Division Two of the Nationwide League

- Tuesday, October 1
 Bournemouth v Walsall
 Bristol City v Brentford
 Bury v Burnley
 Chesterfield v Shrewsbury T
 Crewe v Blackpool
 Gillingham v Notts County
 Plymouth v Peterborough
 Watford v Preston NE
 Wrexham v Luton
 Wycombe v Rotherham
 York City v Bristol Rovers

Wednesday, October 2
 Millwall v Stockport County

Friday, October 4
 Bristol Rovers v Crewe
 Wrexham v Shrewsbury

Saturday, October 5
 Brentford v Rotherham
 Burnley v Stockport County
 Bury v Blackpool
 Chesterfield v Bristol City
 Gillingham v Bournemouth
 Luton Town v Walsall
 Plymouth v Millwall
 Preston NE v Peterborough
 Wycombe v Notts County
 York City v Watford

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.

Fans love the 'wonderful Web'

THIS season, action in the Nationwide Football League will be watched by over 11 million spectators - and supporters of the League's 72 clubs are swarming onto the Internet to access all the latest reports, injury news, club information and results on their sides.

The Nationwide League internet site includes an overview of the League together with individual sites for all clubs, and is compiled by the New Media Factory - in association with the Football League.

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

Orient make no bones about it!

OVER 20,000 tons of terracing have been removed from third division Leyton Orient's Brisbane Road ground to make way for a brand new development - but something strange may be lurking beneath the surface!

One of the requirements for the planning permission of this new 3,500 all-seater South Stand at the East London club, was that Leyton Orient gave English Heritage and the Museum of London an opportunity to check the site for

evidence of a pre-historic settlement rumoured to be from the Iron or Bronze Age.

Only six days were required to establish that the skeleton of an ox found in an ancient trench - 10 feet down underneath the south end of the ground - was in fact medieval and not prehistoric, although evidence of some crude timber post holes some 24 feet apart conjured up images of the first goalmouth action at Brisbane Road!

0645 10 10 10
 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK
ALL CALLS CHARGED AT LOCAL RATES

LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEW MERCHANDISE CATALOGUE AVAILABLE TODAY.....

OPENING TIMES

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
10am to 4pm

EVENING MATCHDAYS
10am to 10pm

SATURDAYS - MATCHDAYS
10am-3pm & 4.45-5.15pm
- non matchdays 9am
until coaches leave for
away game



Luton Town 'Third' Shirts
SB (22-24), B (26-28),
LB (30-32) - £29.99
Youths - £34.99
S (34-36), M (38-40),
L (42-44)
XL (46-48), XXL (50+)
- £38.99

Luton Town 'Third' Shorts
SB, B, LB, Yths - £15.99
S, M, L, XL - £19.99

Luton Town 'Third' Socks
B, LB - £5.99
Mens - £7.99

Luton Town Home Shirts
SB (22-24), B (26-28),
LB (30-32) - £27.99

S (34-36), M (38-40),
L (42-44) - £34.99

XL (46-48), XXL (50+)
- £36.99

Luton Town Home Shorts
SB, B, LB - £14.99
S, M, L - £19.99

Luton Town Home Socks
B, LB - £5.99
Mens - £6.99

LTFC KIT PRICES 1996/97



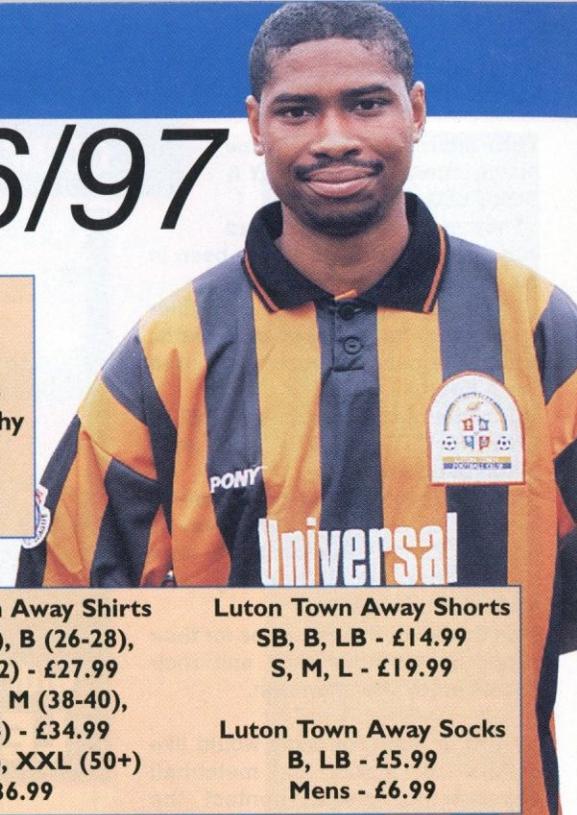
LEFT: Send a greetings card to a loved one, signed by their favourite LTFC player! Cost per signed card is £2.00, and cheques (to LTFC) should be sent to: Kathy Leather, Greeting Card Offer, Luton Town FC, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW.



Luton Town Away Shirts
SB (22-24), B (26-28),
LB (30-32) - £27.99
S (34-36), M (38-40),
L (42-44) - £34.99
XL (46-48), XXL (50+)
- £36.99

Luton Town Away Shorts
SB, B, LB - £14.99
S, M, L - £19.99

Luton Town Away Socks
B, LB - £5.99
Mens - £6.99



LEFT

1. Training drill top
- B, LB - £25.99
S, M, L, XL - £29.99
2. Sweatshirt with orange logo and crest
- B, LB - £29.99
S, M, L, XL - £34.99
3. Jogging pants
- B, LB - £25.99
S, M, L, XL - £29.99
4. Premier tracksuit
- SB, B, LB - £59.99
S, M, L, XL - £69.99
5. Premier rainjacket
- LB - £33.99
S, M, L, XL - £39.99



HATTERS SHOP

enquiries
01582
411622

FOR THE LATEST NEWS - CLUBCALL 0891 121 123

THIS afternoon we welcome match sponsors JJ KELLY & SONS LTD.

They are a Luton based construction firm, who have been in the town for 30 years.

The company are regular contractors for the likes of Barretts, and are regular supporters of Luton Town Football Club.

Our matchball sponsors KEITH AND RICHARD HARVEY are avid Luton supporters.

Keith Harvey operates the family haulage company of RW Harvey & Son at Sandy, Bedfordshire, and serves the local building and agricultural industries.

We thank both companies for their support, and hope they and their guests enjoy the afternoon.

If you or your company would like details of match or matchball sponsorship, please contact the Commercial Department on (01582) 411622.

We in the Commercial Department are always willing to talk to you about how you and your company can get involved with Luton Town. We have packages to suit all budgets, and a variety of ways in which your company can get involved.

As well as the Junior Hatters mascot, we also have

COMMERCIAL NEWS



with **KATHY LEATHER**

opportunities to become a Commercial Mascot, which can be a special day out for all the family as your son or daughter runs out with the team.

The package includes three seats in the Directors Balcony, a three course meal, a kit to wear and keep, and photographs of the big day - all for just £175.00 plus VAT.

As well as events inside the club, and don't forget we have a number of rooms and suites which are available to hire throughout the week, we are organising other events as well.

This afternoon's CableTel kids are: Daniel Cockburn, Gemma White, Katie White, Darren Kaal, Matthew Kaal, Kelly Hooker, Steven Hooker, Martin Butterfield, Hannah Butterfield, Matthew Edwards and Sarah Edwards.

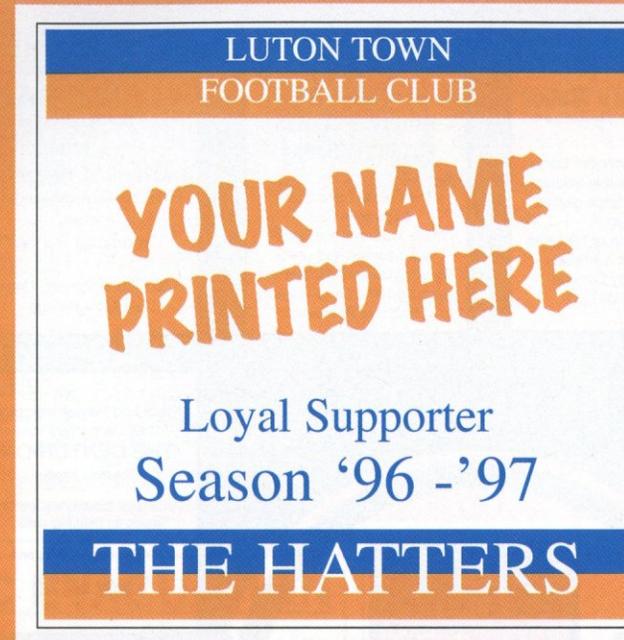


ABOVE: Hatters players pictured with our match sponsors after the Coca-Cola Cup match against Derby County.



ABOVE: The first-team squad visited the Executive Box Lounge after the game against Chesterfield.

MAKE A NAME FOR YOURSELF AT KENILWORTH ROAD..... with our brand new supporters' name boards



These 2ft x 2ft boards will be placed in the walkway under the New Stand, and will be yours to keep at the end of the season. To make a name for yourself at Kenilworth Road costs just £99, and further details are available from the Commercial Department on (01582) 411622

LUTON Town can cater for everything from business breakfasts, lunches or dinners to birthday, anniversary and wedding celebrations.

We can help to plan events by either clients visiting the club or by making a private visit to the clients own premises.

We have a number of function suites available, from our boardroom, which is an exclusive setting for senior management meetings, to our adjacent suites which can cater for up to 100 or more delegates for conferences and seminars.

Our catering operation, which prides itself on a personal service, can provide quality refreshments to complement any occasion.

For full details, or to arrange a visit to have a look round the facilities on offer, please contact the Commercial Department on Luton (01582) 411622.

Antony's Tailor

OF LONDON

THE MOST ESTABLISHED AND RELIABLE TAILORS IN LUTON

DRESS HIRE LADIES AND GENTS BESPOKE TAILORING

12 DUNSTABLE ROAD, LUTON, BEDS OPPOSITE MAIN POST OFFICE TEL: (01582) 424687



WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES



IN UPVC, ALUMINIUM OR TIMBER

- Over 20 Years Experience
- Friendly, No Pressure Advice Without Obligation
- No Deposit
- Payment On Completion & Satisfaction

For Personal Attention Call

BARRY BOLTON

ON

TEL: (01582) 484600 (01908) 240094 (01525) 854008

Unit 3. 57 Dudley Street. Luton

Becoming Bigger by Being Better!

DISCOUNTS FOR PENSIONERS AND THE RETIRED

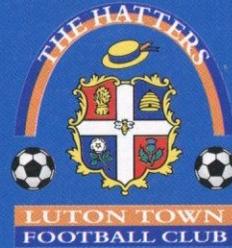
WE have received two requests from overseas, for penpals from people interested in keeping up-to-date with Luton Town and English football in general.

Anyone interested can contact the following: Gary Bellinger, 136 Scholfield Avenue, Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada, L3K 5T1.

Itayi Kazinggizi, 379 9th Street, Makokora, PO Mzilikazi, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

OVER THE BAR!

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



THE BISCOT MILL
Live jazz every Monday, plus big plate value meals
Biscot Road, Luton. (01582) 572363

Home of Dunstable Darts League, monthly quizzes, lounge and large games area.
Wide selection of real ales and lagers available.
Prop: Andy Duncan (01582) 667617

KINGSWAY ARMS
Kingsway, Luton (01582) 584581
Home of the Loyal Luton Supporters Club.
Luton videos on matchdays, new members welcome.
Wide selection of real ales and lagers available. Large car park.
Prop: Ian Robinson

EDDIE'S BAR
106 Church Street, Luton (01582) 400005
THE live music venue
Food available seven days a week.
"The original and best"
106 Church Street, Luton (01582) 400005

Live music and good food
115 Castle Street Luton
Tel: 01582 414061

Kevin and Hayley welcome all supporters to
THE CENTURION
Poynters Road,
For a great atmosphere and live music on Saturday nights!
Coming soon..... "Jesters"
01582 661721

THE WHEELWRIGHT ARMS
34 Guildford Street, Luton.
Tel: 01582 20023.
Bed and breakfast.
Fine selection of cask ales and lagers.

THIS COULD BE YOUR PUB!
Contact (01582) 411622 to advertise.

Cork & Bull
FREE HOUSE
Air conditioning and waitress service
Daily fresh home cooked specials
4 CUMBERLAND STREET, LUTON (01582) 29586

THE CHEQUERS
Park Road, Westoning (off J12, M1)
For all live TV games (01525 713125)

You'll find an authentic Irish welcome together with superb ales, great Guinness and a warm, friendly atmosphere. Don't miss the opportunity to experience the 'only Irish pub'
1 Castle St, Luton. 29826

THE BRIDGE TAVERN
- Disco every Friday and Saturday with DJ Cozza
- Pool KO competitions every Wednesday
- Big screen TV, and good selection of flavoured, bottled 'shots' available
95 Guildford Street, Luton
Tel: 01582 30868

THIS COULD BE YOUR PUB!
Contact (01582) 411622 to advertise.



Look out for our Golden Gamble ticket sellers around the ground this afternoon.....



PLUS win £25,000 in our Premier Instant ticket on sale at half-time..... Money from these tickets helps YOUR club, and supports charities for children with special needs

Are you a Golden Gamble winner?

Are you the supporter still holding Golden Gamble ticket number 638 from the Luton v Derby match? If so please contact Lottery Manager Jim Hugill, or Commercial Manager Kathy Leather, to collect your prize. (Please note: Due to lottery restrictions we are unable to have a rollover prize, but if the money is not claimed after three months it will be donated to charity)

Winners so far this season: Mr P Woodhead from Baldock, Mr Cooper from Cambridge, Mr T Churm from Luton, Craig Bottom from Luton, Mrs Goodwin from Great Barford, and Mr Pedder from Luton

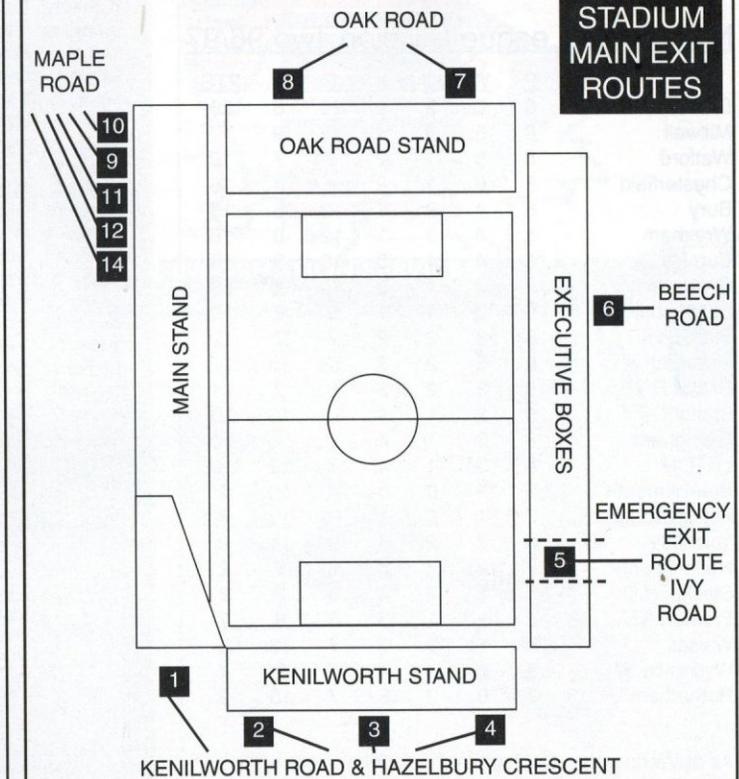
LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

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

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

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



TEAM Statistics

1996-97

LUTON TOWN 1996/97

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS
Ian FEUER	8		4	
Julian JAMES	8		4	1
Mitchell THOMAS	8	1	4	
Gary WADDOCK	8		3	
Darren PATTERSON	3		(1)	
Marvin JOHNSON	6		4	
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	5 (3)	1	3 (1)	
Graham ALEXANDER	7 (1)		4	
David OLDFIELD	8	2	4	2
Kim GRANT	4 (2)		3	2
Tony THORPE	3 (2)	2	1 (1)	2
Andrew FOTIADIS	4 (2)		(2)	
Des LINTON	(1)		1	
Steve DAVIS	7 (1)		4	
Ceri HUGHES	7	1	4	
Paul SHOWLER	2 (1)		1 (1)	
Matthew UPSON	(1)			
Stuart DOUGLAS	(1)			

Nationwide League Division Two 96/97

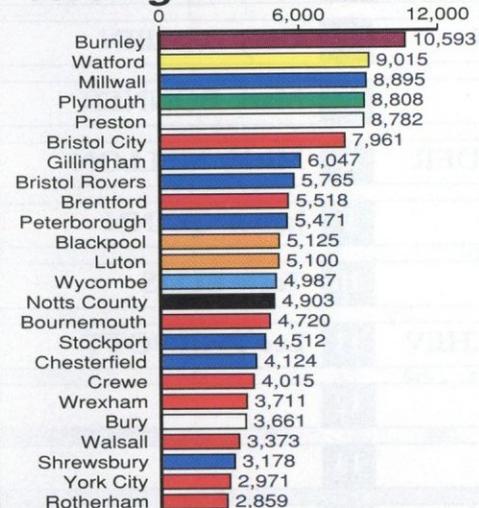
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Brentford	8	6	2	0	16	6	20
Millwall	8	5	2	1	16	9	17
Watford	8	5	1	2	9	7	16
Chesterfield	8	5	1	2	6	4	16
Bury	8	4	3	1	12	6	15
Wrexham	8	4	3	1	12	9	15
Burnley	8	4	1	3	10	9	13
Crewe A	8	4	1	3	10	9	13
Shrewsbury T	8	3	4	1	9	8	13
Blackpool	8	3	3	2	7	7	12
Plymouth A	8	3	2	3	13	13	11
Bristol R	8	3	2	3	6	7	11
Bristol C	8	3	1	4	15	13	10
Gillingham	8	3	1	4	9	10	10
LUTON	8	3	1	4	7	12	10
Bournemouth	8	3	0	5	8	10	9
Peterborough U	7	1	5	1	10	10	8
York City	8	2	2	4	9	11	8
Notts County	7	2	2	3	6	7	8
Stockport C	8	2	2	4	6	8	8
Preston NE	8	2	1	5	6	9	7
Walsall	8	1	2	5	7	13	5
Wycombe W	8	0	4	4	5	9	4
Rotherham U	8	0	2	6	7	15	2

As at Wednesday, September 25, 1996

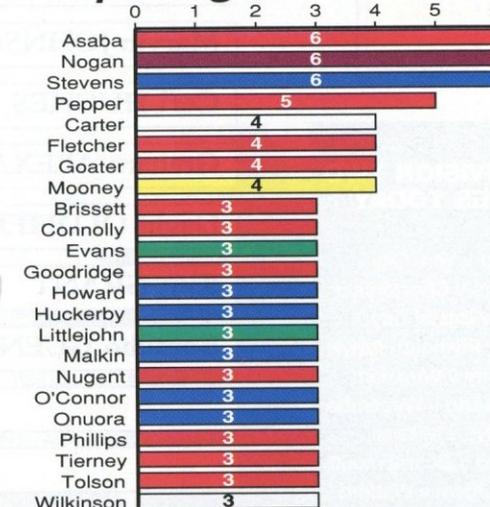
DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	POS	GK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sat Aug 17	BURNLEY	1-2	6,484	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	(Patterson)	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander (Oldfield)	(Grant)	THORPE	(Fotiadis)	(Linton)	(S.Davis)	
Tue Aug 20	BRISTOL ROVERS CCC1 (1)	3-0	2,643	-	Feuer	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	(Johnson)	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	0-1	4,763	12	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander (Oldfield)	(Fotiadis)	Guentchev	(Showler)	(Grant)	McLaren	
Tue Sep 17	DERBY COUNTY CCC2 (1)	1-0	4,459	-	Feuer	JAMES	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander Oldfield	(Grant)	Guentchev	Showler	(Fotiadis)	McLaren	
Sat Sep 21	Bury	0-0	3,588	15	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander Oldfield	(Fotiadis)	Guentchev	Showler	(Douglas)	McLaren	
Wed Sep 25	Derby County CCC2 (2)	2-2	13,569	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander Oldfield	GRANT	Guentchev	Patterson	Showler	(THORPE)	
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																	
Oct 22/23	Wimbledon CCC3																	
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
(Due to printing deadlines, midweek matches not included).

Today's referee is

MICK FLETCHER

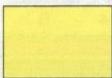
from the West Midlands.

Mr Fletcher is a Waste Disposal Officer, and joined the Football League list in 1995.

DC Phillips



DR Crick



LUTON TOWN

Manager: Lennie Lawrence

BLACKPOOL

Manager: Gary Megson

Ian FEUER	1	Steve BANKS
Julian JAMES	2	Marvin BRYAN
Mitchell THOMAS	3	Andy BARLOW
Gary WADDOCK	4	Tony BUTLER
Steve DAVIS	5	David LINIGHAN
Marvin JOHNSON	6	Gary BRABIN
Ceri HUGHES	7	Mark BONNER
Graham ALEXANDER	8	Micky MELLON
David OLDFIELD	9	James QUINN
Kim GRANT	10	Tony ELLIS
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	11	Lee PHILPOTT
	12	
	13	
	14	

OTHER DIVISION TWO MATCHES TODAY

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



Plowmans of Luton

Motorbodies of Luton

AND
LUTON
TOWN

THE
PERFECT
MATCH

You'll do a great deal better with us!

Plowmans, 15 Hitchin Road, Luton. Tel: 454666
 Open 7 Days Motorbodies, Memorial Road, Leagrave, Luton. Tel: 567500