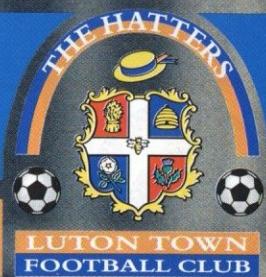


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## From the manager's chair



with **LENNIE  
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FOLLOWING our enforced break, which has stretched to nearly three weeks, we recommence our programme with an attractive fixture against Bolton in the third round of the FA Cup, following last Saturday's postponement of the original tie.

We warmly welcome the players, supporters and officials of Bolton Wanderers, some of whom I have had connections with in the past.

Jamie Pollock and Jimmy Phillips were under my management in Middlesbrough's promotion winning team, when Andy Todd was a YTS player at Ayresome Park, and I followed the now Bolton manager Colin Todd into the Middlesbrough 'hot seat' in 1991.

Unlike most clubs, Bolton have hardly been affected by the recent freeze as their under-soil heating has ensured that they have continued to play home games at Burnden Park, and apart from our cup fixture I believe they have only lost one league fixture to the weather.

Accordingly they come into this game to play their third match in six days, which follows a home defeat by Wimbledon in the Coca-Cola Cup last Wednesday, and a very professional performance at Portsmouth on Saturday.

Wayne Turner and I witnessed the game at Fratton Park, and saw Bolton give an object lesson in how to defend, play on the break, take advantage of defensive

mistakes, and gain the necessary result.

By contrast we have not played for virtually three weeks, our last game being on Boxing Day at Gillingham, and should be fresh and keen to play again.

I am happy with the general fitness of the players, as they have worked hard in whatever facilities we have managed to obtain.

At least we will have managed three sessions on grass in the last week.

Last Wednesday we were able to organise a friendly against an Arsenal XI, thanks to the under-soil heating at Highbury, and have trained on grass on Sunday and Monday of this week.

Hopefully the thaw will prove well timed for us.

Our last home game seems a long time ago now, and resulted in probably the best

performance since I have been here, with a 6-0 demolition of Crewe.

Two successive away wins at Millwall and Gillingham followed, and they have left us, despite losing three league games to the weather, in second place in Division Two.

Hopefully we can consolidate our position in the top two in the next week or two, although cup games could take centre stage in this period.

Tonight's winners will face Chesterfield or Bristol City in the next round, and in a game that is now only 10 days away.

Bolton come to us as clear leaders of Division One, having lost only three league games this season, and on the back of recent impressive away form.

Whether we would have been better to have resumed with a league game after a break of three weeks only time will tell, but for certain we will need to be at our best against a team that look destined for the Premiership again next season.

It will be a great achievement if we can pick up the winning thread against such opposition after this gap, and extend our current six game winning sequence.

We have virtually a full squad to select from, with the possible exception of Gary Waddock who has a calf problem, and obviously Richard Harvey who continues to make good progress following his knee operation.



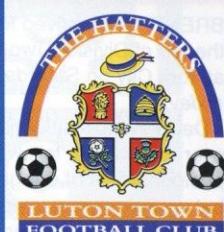
Congratulations to Stuart Douglas and Andrew Fotiadis who have been called up for England Under-19 squad training at Bisham Abbey this week, and also Kim Grant who will hopefully return in one piece from international duty with Ghana in their weekend World Cup qualifier against Morocco.

We said farewell to John

Taylor last week, who was released by mutual consent, and has since joined up with Cambridge.

He leaves with our best wishes after frustrating times with injury at Kenilworth Road. John is an excellent professional, who has worked with me both here and at Bradford, and I hope things work out for him.

**ABOVE:** Ian Feuer's injury-time penalty save gives Luton all three points in the Boxing Day clash at Gillingham.



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BRENTFORD moved four points clear at the top of Division Two with their 4-2 win at York City on Saturday, writes Simon Oxley.

David Webb's side extended their lead over the Hatters, following the postponement of our game at Blackpool, but we have two games in hand.

Brentford strikers Carl Asaba and Nick Forster scored two goals apiece, with Asaba's brace taking his season's tally to 18 - level with our own Tony Thorpe at the top of the Division Two scoring charts.

Elsewhere in the division, Millwall moved into third place, recovering from a 2-1 half-time deficit to beat Preston 3-2 at the Den.

Shaun Goater's 13th goal of the season gave Bristol City a 2-1 win at home to Burnley, and moved Joe Jordan's side into fourth place, with Wrexham held 3-3 at home by Notts County, and Crewe going down 1-0 to a last minute goal at Plymouth.

Struggling Wycombe were 2-0 in front at home to Barry Fry's Peterborough, when the referee abandoned the game - due to frost - after 63 minutes.

Luton's home game against Brentford has been brought forward to Friday, March 21 (from Saturday, March 22), and will be televised live on Sky Sports.

Kick-off at Kenilworth Road will be 7.45pm.

Hatters striker Kim Grant was on international duty at the weekend, with the Ghana squad for their World Cup qualifier at home to Morocco.

The match in Accra ended 2-2.

John Taylor has been released by Luton Town, by mutual consent, and has joined third division Cambridge - one of

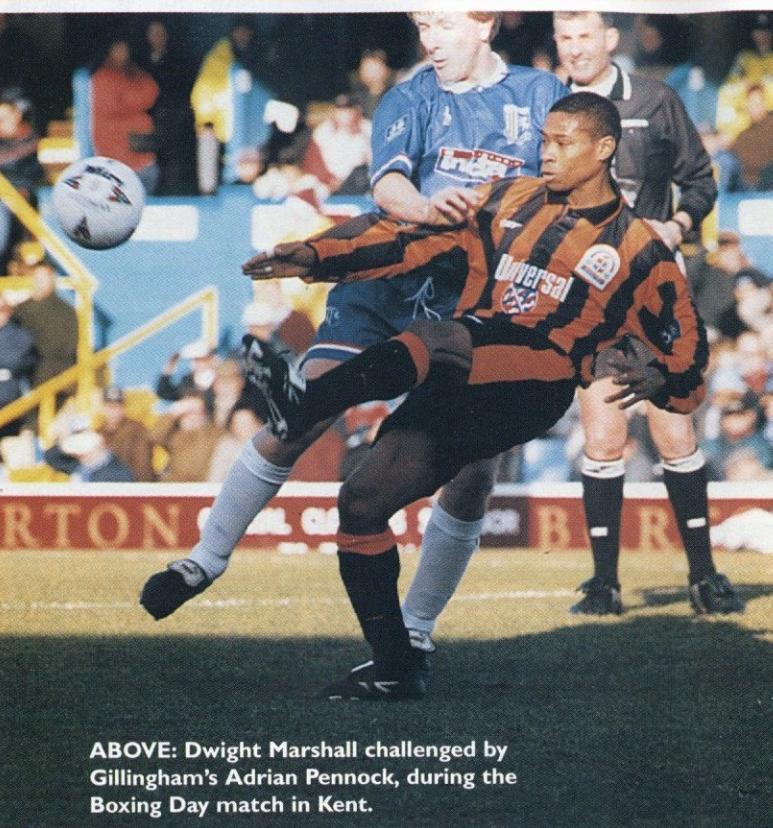
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ABOVE: Dwight Marshall challenged by Gillingham's Adrian Pennock, during the Boxing Day match in Kent.

his former clubs.

Taylor had been on loan at Colchester for the last two months, and they too were keen to secure a permanent deal.

But the centre-forward opted for a return to the Abbey Stadium where he will link up with another ex-Hatter David Preece, who is now player-coach at Cambridge.

Tonight's opponents Bolton are now eight points clear at the top of Division One, after their 3-0 win at Portsmouth on Saturday.

Colin Todd's side were without injured leading scorer John McGinlay - who has netted 19 times this season - but striker partner Nathan Blake bagged two to take his season's tally to 17.

Michael Johansen scored Bolton's third at Fratton Park, with Todd's side odds-on to return to the Premiership at the first attempt.

Their cause was helped by Barnsley's 3-1 defeat at QPR, where ex-Chelsea striker John Spencer netted a hat-trick.

A full guide to Bolton's squad can be found on pages 12 to 15.

FRONT COVER: Delight for Dwight Marshall as his two goals book Luton's place in today's FA Cup third round, with a 2-1 win over non-league Boreham Wood.

Picture: ANDY HANDLEY.

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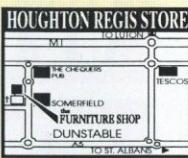


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# LEADING THE LINE

by Club Captain  
STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Tony Thorpe is congratulated by team-mates and supporters after his second goal in the Boxing Day win at Gillingham.

that late 'penalty'. There is a great spirit in the dressing room at present, and the players' Christmas Party, the day after the Millwall win, was quite a celebration.

I am writing these notes after the Boxing Day game at Gillingham, but with the matches against Wycombe and Bury having been postponed.

It was disappointing to lose those games to the weather, as we had really got the momentum going with six straight wins, going top after the game at Millwall, and again, albeit for a couple of hours, after the win at Gillingham.

It was a great feeling to be top, and I thought we thoroughly deserved the win at the Den. It was also sweet revenge for losing in the last minute there last season! Likewise at Gillingham we felt we were good value for the win, and justice was done when Ian saved

Going top provides a tremendous boost for everyone connected with the club, but I can reveal it has also cost our Chairman a few quid! Before games we have adopted the 'Wimbledon-style' loud music in the dressing room to help get everybody psyched up.

Mr Kohler kindly promised us a new hi-fi system..... if we went top by New Year! So now DJ Mitchell is looking forward to really blasting out the music! (If that's what you call it - Ed).

Looking back to our last home game against Crewe, I think it's safe to say that it was one of our most satisfying performances in my time at the club.

There was a feeling in the dressing room that someone was going to take a hiding from us, and everyone played their part.

We could have scored more than six as well, and I guess it just wasn't my day with the Crewe keeper producing a great save to keep out my first-half header, and the referee then disallowing one in the second half. We need that form today though, as Bolton are pushing hard for a swift return to the Premiership. Let's keep our momentum going and make it a very Happy New Year.

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THANKFULLY we can resume playing this evening, after a weather-enforced break which has been frustrating for everyone involved with the club.

There was no alternative but to postpone the home games against Wycombe, Bury and Bolton, with the pitch conditions deemed totally unplayable by the officials who made the inspections.

Our pitch covers were of course in use, but despite their excellent success rate in recent seasons even the covers could not cope with the temperatures of -11 on occasions.

We also had the added problem of frozen pipes which meant a lack of water supply to the main office complex. Indeed, even if we had the luxury of underfloor heating, the game against Bolton could have been in doubt because we had no water.

A number of supporters have queried the timing of the pitch inspections, which we carried out on the mornings of the day before the game.

## Paint your favourite Town player!

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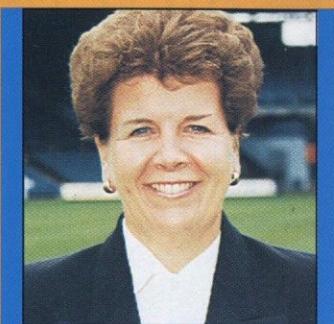
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## From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY  
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The weather forecasts on each occasion meant there was little or no chance of conditions improving, and by making early decisions we were able to prevent unnecessary journeys for matchday staff and supporters

alike - especially those making the long trips from Bury and Bolton.

We are still waiting to confirm new dates for the games against Wycombe, Bury and also the away games at Chesterfield and Blackpool. But a provisional date of Tuesday, March 11, has been agreed for our game at Wrexham.

The Auto Windscreens Shield game at Northampton will now be played next Tuesday, January 21, kick-off 7.45pm, subject to there being no replay for tonight's game.

Following their win at Torquay last week, the youth team have been drawn away to Oldham or Sunderland in the fourth round of the FA Youth Cup.

Finally, thank you to everyone who contributed to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal at the last home game against Crewe. We have also been asked by Gillingham to pass on thanks to all those supporters who contributed to their bucket collection on Boxing Day.

### TOWN TEASER

When Luton Town reached the FA Cup Final in 1959, they lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest. Who scored the Hatters' goal that day? Listen out for the PA announcer asking this question before this evening's game.

## If it's a draw this evening..... Bolton Wanderers v Luton Town

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Tuesday, January 21, at Burnden Park, kick-off 7.45pm.

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## Luton Town v Wrexham

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO  
Saturday, January 18, 1997, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal league prices.  
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## Northampton Town v Luton Town

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

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## Auto Windscreens Shield - third round details

THE draw for the third round of the Auto Windscreens Shield - the southern area quarter-finals - has given Luton a possible trip to Plymouth!

First the Hatters must overcome Northampton in the second round, with Neil Warnock's side needing to beat third division strugglers Brighton.

Luton's trip to Northampton's Sixfields Stadium was postponed last Tuesday, and at the time of writing no new date had been arranged.

Only three second round games survived the weather, with Watford, Colchester and Brentford progressing to the third round. Watford beat Torquay 2-1, with 'Golden Goals' deciding the other two ties. Colchester, with ex-Hatter Tony Adcock scoring twice, won 3-2 at Millwall, with Brentford overcoming Barnet 2-1 in extra-time.

One game was played on Wednesday, with Swansea beating Wycombe on penalties in their delayed first round tie.

Third round draw: Southern section: Plymouth or Brighton v Northampton or Luton; Brentford v Colchester; Watford v Swansea or Bristol City; Cardiff or Exeter v Peterborough or Walsall.

Northern section: York or Preston v Carlisle or Hull; Bury or Mansfield v Burnley or Stockport; Wrexham or Crewe v Blackpool or Lincoln; Shrewsbury or Wigan v Scunthorpe or Notts C.



ABOVE: Celebrations for the Hatters as they go top after the 1-0 win at Millwall.

## LUTON TOWN v WATFORD

Nationwide League Division Two

**This game will now be played on  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1997,  
kick-off 7.45pm, and will be  
televised live on Sky Sports.**

(NB Fixture will be postponed if either side are involved in an FA Cup fourth round tie on Sunday, January 26. If either side are involved in a cup match on Saturday, January 25, the league match will still go ahead on Monday).

**We apologise for any inconvenience caused by a second  
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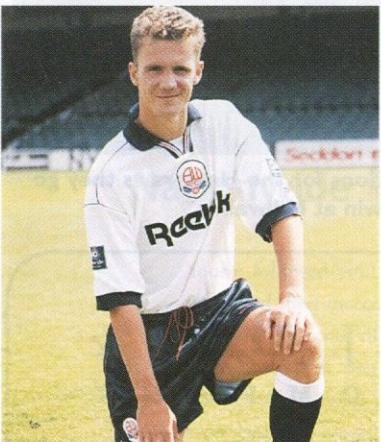
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# BOLTON WANDERERS

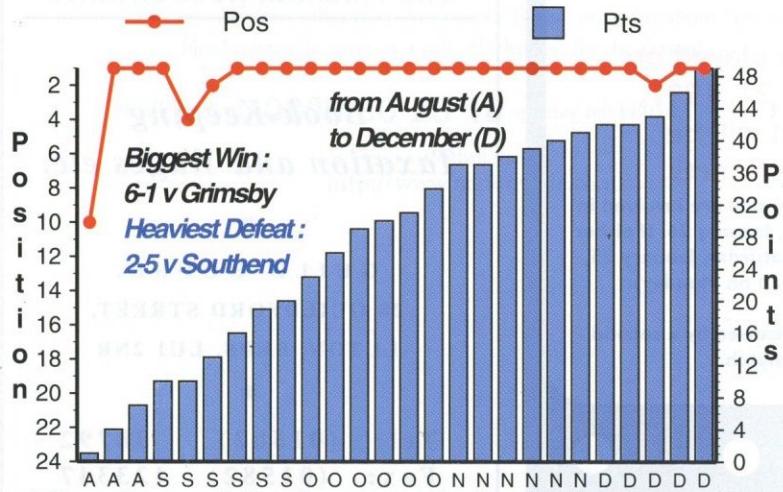


ABOVE: Back row: I to r: Nathan Blake, Alan Thompson, Jimmy Phillips, Gerry Taggart, Mark Westhead, Aidan Davison, Scott Green, Mixu Paatelainen, Simon Coleman, Chris Fairclough.

Middle row: I to r: Steve Carroll (Reserve team manager), Hasney Aljofree, Nicky Spooner, Stuart Whitehead, Per Frandsen, Gavin Ward, Keith Branagan, Greg Strong, Neil Marsh, Stephen Quinn, Scott Taylor, Dean Crombie (Youth team coach).

Front row: I to r: Ewan Simpson (physio), David Lee, Michael Johansen, Bryan Small, John McGinlay, Colin Todd (Manager), Phil Brown (First team coach), Gudni Bergsson, Andy Todd, Stephen McAnespie, Scott Sellars, Colin Dyson (kitman).

LEFT: Gudni Bergsson



ABOVE: Scottish international John McGinlay

## SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS

**KEITH BRANAGAN** - Experienced keeper who started his career at Cambridge, before moving to Millwall, then on to Burnden Park.

**GAVIN WARD** - Goalkeeper signed by current Luton manager Lennie Lawrence for Bradford, from Leicester, in 1995. Joined Bolton from Bradford for £280,000 in March last season.

**SCOTT GREEN** - Utility player who can play at full-back or in midfield. Joined Bolton for £50,000 from Derby County in March 1990.

**STEVE McANESPIE** - A £900,000 buy from Raith Rovers in September 1995 where he had helped them to the Scottish first division championship and Coca-Cola Cup during 1994/95.

**AIDAN DAVISON** - Goalkeeper who earned full international honours for Northern Ireland last season.

**MARK WESTHEAD** - Goalkeeper who signed professional this season.

**JIMMY PHILLIPS** - In his second spell at Bolton, after spells with Glasgow Rangers, Oxford and Middlesbrough, and has made over 300 appearances for the club.

**BRYAN SMALL** - Joined Wanderers in March 1996 after winning England youth and Under-21 honours at Aston Villa.

**HASNEY ALJOFREE** - England youth international who turned professional in the summer.

**GERRY TAGGART** - Centre-half who joined the Trotters for a club record £1.5 million from Barnsley in August 1995. Started his career at Manchester City, and is a regular in the Northern Ireland side.

**NICKY SPOONER** - Longest serving player at Burnden Park having turned professional in July 1989 - but has suffered with injuries.

**CHRIS FAIRCLOUGH** - Experienced defender who joined Bolton in July 1995 from Leeds, for £450,000. Won a League

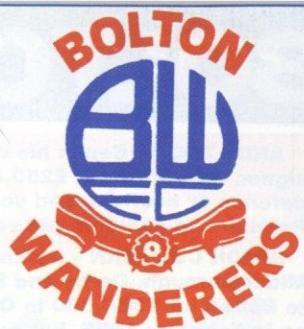
Championship medal at Elland Road, after starting his career at Nottingham Forest and then moving on to Tottenham. England B and Under-21 international.

**GUDNI BERGSSON** - Captain of the Iceland national side with 68 appearances for his country at the start of this season - just two short of equaling the Icelandic record. Came to England in 1988 when he joined Tottenham, and returned briefly to Valur in Iceland, before the move to Burnden Park.

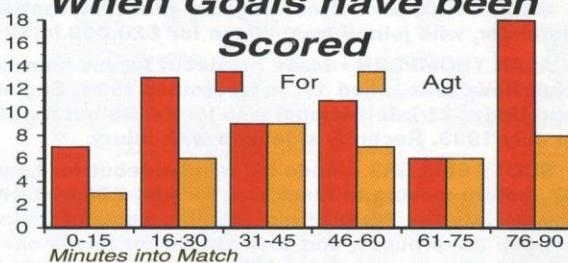
**WAYNE BURNETT** - Midfielder signed from Plymouth for £100,000 in December 1995.

**NEIL MARSH** - Turned pro in the summer. (Continued on page 14).

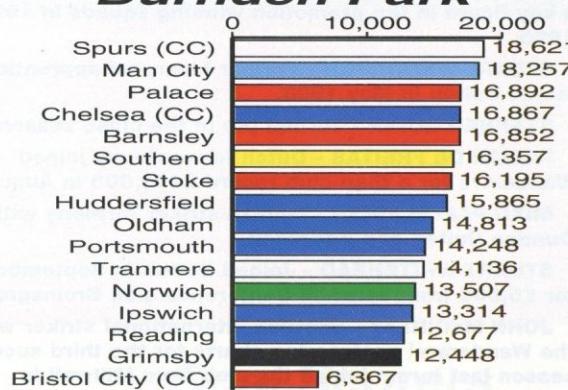
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### When Goals have been Scored



### Attendances at Burnden Park



MICHAEL Johansen



SCOTT Green

**ANDY TODD** - Began his career with Middlesbrough, and signed for Bolton for £250,000 in August 1995. Can play in defence or midfield, and scored at Arsenal in Bolton's final Premiership game of last season.

**SIMON COLEMAN** - Defender formerly with Mansfield, Middlesbrough, Derby and Sheffield Wednesday, who moved to Bolton for £350,000 in October 1994. Suffered a broken leg in February 1995, but returned to the first-team a year later.

**GREG STRONG** - Former England youth international defender, who joined from Wigan for £20,000 in 1995.

**ALAN THOMPSON** - Made his debut for his hometown club Newcastle, aged 17, in November 1991. England youth and Under-21 international who joined Bolton for £250,000 in July 1993. Recently sidelined with injury.

**SCOTT SELLARS** - Made his league debut for Leeds aged 17, before moving to Blackburn for just £20,000. Helped Rovers into the Premiership, winning England Under-21 caps in the process, and then signed for Leeds once again for a six-figure sum. Joined Newcastle for £700,000 in 1993, before heading for Burnden Park in December 1995.

**DAVID LEE** - Formerly with Bury and Southampton, he signed for Bolton in December 1992. Winger who has been a key figure in the promotion winning squads in 1993 and 1995.

**STUART WHITTAKER** - Former Liverpool apprentice who joined Bolton in May 1993.

**STEPHEN QUINN** - Turned pro in the close season.

**FABIAN DE FREITAS** - Dutch forward who joined Wanderers for a then club record £400,000 in August 1994.

**MIXU PAATELAINEN** - Finnish striker formerly with Dundee United and Aberdeen.

**STUART WHITEHEAD** - Joined Bolton in September 1995 for £5,000 from Vauxhall Conference side Bromsgrove.

**JOHN McGINLAY** - Scottish international striker who led the Wanderers' goalscoring charts for the third successive season last term. Joined the club from Millwall in September 1992 and hit the 100th league goal of his career against them for the Wanderers in March 1995.

**SCOTT TAYLOR** - Striker who joined Bolton from Millwall for £150,000 in March 1996.

**NATHAN BLAKE** - Welsh international striker who came to Burnden Park from Sheffield United in December 1995, for £1.35 million. Was a trainee at Chelsea, before making his name at Cardiff City. Scored on his full debut for Wales, against Moldova.

**PER FRANDSEN** - Danish international midfielder who signed for Bolton in the close season for £350,000, from FC Copenhagen.

**MICHAEL JOHANSEN** - Danish midfielder with Under-21 and B international caps, who signed for Bolton in the summer for £1 million.

**JOHN SHERIDAN** - Republic of Ireland international midfielder who signed last month from Sheffield Wednesday after a successful loan spell. Formerly with Leeds and Nottingham Forest.

**JAMIE POLLOCK** - Former Middlesbrough midfielder who joined Bolton after a brief spell in Spain with Osasuna.

## MEET THE MANAGER

**COLIN TODD** was a highly regarded central defender who started his career with Sunderland in 1966, making 173 league appearances for the Wearhoppers before moving to Derby County in February 1971.

He won two championship medals at the Baseball Ground, making 293 league appearances, and then joined Everton.

He then had spells with Birmingham, Nottingham Forest, Oxford and Luton, before injury ended his league career in 1984.

Colin Todd won 27 full England caps as well as England youth and Under-23 recognition.

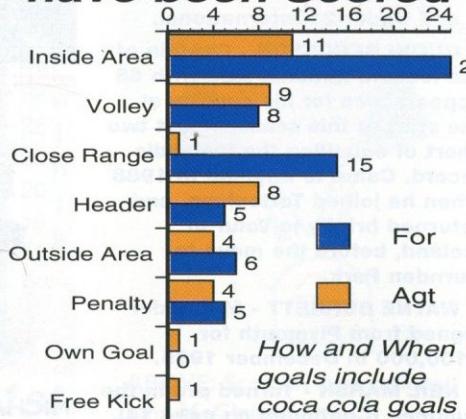
After his playing days, he teamed up with former Derby team-mate Bruce Rioch at Middlesbrough, helping them to win promotion from Division Three to One in successive seasons.

He later became manager at 'Boro, and was succeeded by Lennie Lawrence, before teaming up with Rioch again, this time at Bolton in 1992.

He has subsequently been coach to two Wanderers promotion winning sides (1993 and 1995), taking over the managerial reigns in January 1996 after sharing the role with Roy McFarland.

First-team coach at Burnden Park is now **PHIL BROWN**, who made 322 appearances for the club in a six-year spell from 1988 to 1994.

### How all Goals have been Scored



## A Hatter and a Trotter....

**STEVE ELLIOTT** was born at Haltwhistle in September 1958, and joined Nottingham Forest from school, signing professional forms at 18.

His opportunities at the City Ground were limited and after only four league appearances in three years he was allowed to move to Preston, where his career really took off.

In five seasons at Deepdale he made 208 league appearances, scoring 70 goals, and it was this firepower that encouraged Luton manager David Pleat to invest £95,000 to bring Elliott to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1984.

Although scoring within three minutes of the start of his debut against Stoke on the opening day of 1984/85, he struggled in an admittedly poor Luton side and was used in the part exchange deal that brought David Preece to Kenilworth Road from Walsall in December 1984.



ABOVE: Steve Elliott (front row, second left) lines up with the Hatters in 1984.

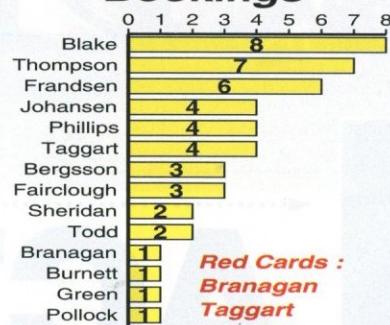
Elliott rediscovered his scoring boots at Fellows Park and after two successful years there he joined Bolton for £25,000.

At Burnden Park though, his scoring rate slowed a little as proved by a return of 11 in 60

appearances over two seasons.

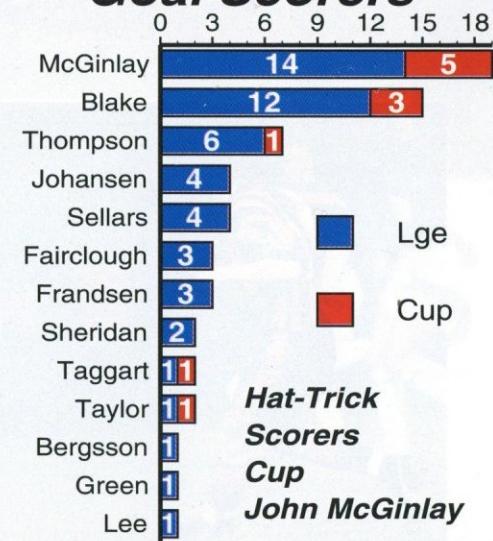
Spells at both Bury and Rochdale then followed, before he dipped out of league football in 1990 to join Guiseley. - ROGER WASH.

### Bookings

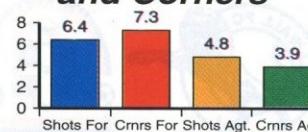


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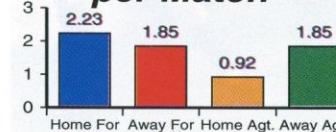
### Goal Scorers



### Average Shots and Corners



### Average Goals per Match





Ceri Hughes gets the better of Millwall defender David Sinclair, on his way to firing the Hatters to victory with an 89th minute goal.

← Action from the first half, as the Millwall goal survives this scramble in the six-yard area.

Tony Thorpe saw his second minute shot go over the bar.

Applause from manager Lennie Lawrence as Luton went to the top of the Division Two table. →



# ACTION STATIONS



## Millwall 0 Luton Town 1

(Hughes)

Wednesday, December 18, 1996 - Nationwide League Division Two  
Attendance: 7,077

*Pictures by Andy Handley*

# It's.. TRIVIA TIME

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## TRUE or FALSE?

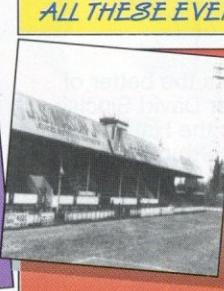
1. Dennis Bergkamp made his Ajax debut 24 hours after a college exam.

3. Stanley Matthews was the first British player to twice win the European Footballer of the Year Award.

4. Mark Draper started his career at Leicester City.

## ? QUICK QUIZ ?

- Which Scottish club plays at Glebe Park?
- Which former England boss used to be a nightclub singer - Don Revie, Terry Venables, or Graham Taylor?
- Who do Bristol Rovers share their ground with?
- Which Middle Eastern country did England play in the 1982 World Cup?
- Which Spanish side has had over 20 different coaches since 1986?
- For which Italian club does Portugal's Rui Costa play?



## IN WHICH YEAR DID...?

Liverpool win the League, Bolton win the FA Cup, Rangers win the Scottish League while Celtic won the Scottish Cup, players threaten to strike when their maximum wage was cut from £9, to £8, and the first FA Cup Final at Wembley take place which later became known as the 'White Horse' final?

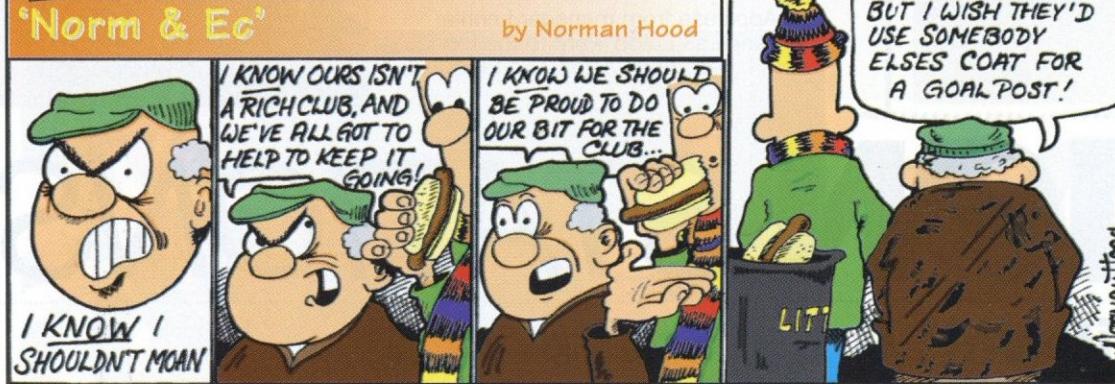
ALL THESE EVENTS TOOK PLACE IN THE SAME YEAR

## SPOT THE GROUND

Was used by the Army prior to 1909. The club turned professional in 1937 but didn't play League football until 1950. Has seen many a giant-killing act over the years. But is now more used to football in the Third Division, having experienced GM Vauxhall Conference football as well in recent years. Situated in an old Roman town not far from London.

## 'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood



Answers

QUIZ QUIZ: 1. Brechin City; 2. Tewy Venables; 3. Birminghams; 4. Beteri Rugby Club; 5. Athletico Madrid; 6. Fiorentina.  
WHO'S TROPHY CABINET: 1. Tynes; 2. Jimmy Hill once had to take a linesman's place during a match.  
IN WHICH YEAR?: 1. FA Cup; 2. True; 3. False; 4. Kevin Keegan; 5. Athletico Madrid; 6. Fiorentina.  
SPOT THE GROUND: Layer Road, Gloucester United.  
TREASURE OR PFALESE?: 1. True; 2. True; 3. Beteri Rugby Club; 4. Kuwait; 5. Athletico Madrid; 6. Fiorentina.

## WHO'S TROPHY CABINET?

Which club has lifted the following trophies?

### League Cup:

1963

### Leyland Daf Cup:

1991

### Division 2 Championship:

1892/93, 1920/21,  
1947/48, 1954/55,  
1994/95

### Auto Windscreens Shield:

1994/95



## Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is MARK BIERTON, who is celebrating his 12th birthday today! He attends Stopsley High School, and his favourite player is Dwight Marshall.



Welcome to our mascot from Bolton, who is nine-year-old DANIELLE HUGHES. Her favourite players are John McGinlay and Michael Johanson.

## JUNIOR HATTERS NEWS

## Happy New Year to all our Junior Hatters

HAPPY New Year to all Junior Hatters, and we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

Thanks to everyone who came to the Christmas party on December 16, when we were joined by manager Lennie Lawrence and the first-team players.

The Saturday Club has now started up again, and 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.

We try to organise trips to away matches whenever possible, and we were at Gillingham on Boxing Day.

We are still waiting to confirm our next away trip, so watch this space for full details!



ABOVE: Gary Winsor was our Junior Hatters mascot against Leyton Orient. He is pictured with the team captains and match officials.



LEFT: Harry Day was our mascot against Crewe, and is pictured with goalkeeper Ian Feuer.

# OVER THE BAR!

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

## THE BOATER

Traditional fayre  
Real ales, jazz nights & quiz nights  
121 Icknield Way, Luton  
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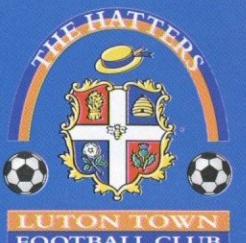
## Monty's Bar

'Live music every Thursday'

23 Hastings Street, Luton  
Tel: 01582 486683

## THE SOMERSET TAVERN

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



Richard and Karen welcome you to  
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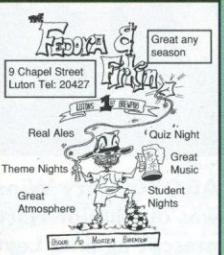
Disco on Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun nights



WHITBREAD  
CHILTERN INNS



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



Carol and John Brennan welcome you to  
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## THE BRITANNIA

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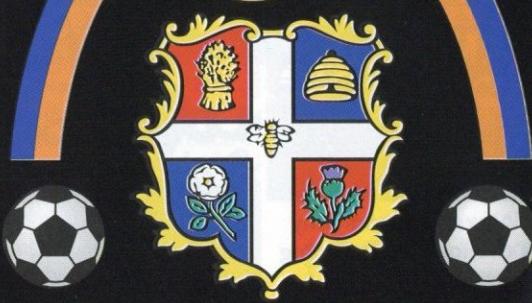
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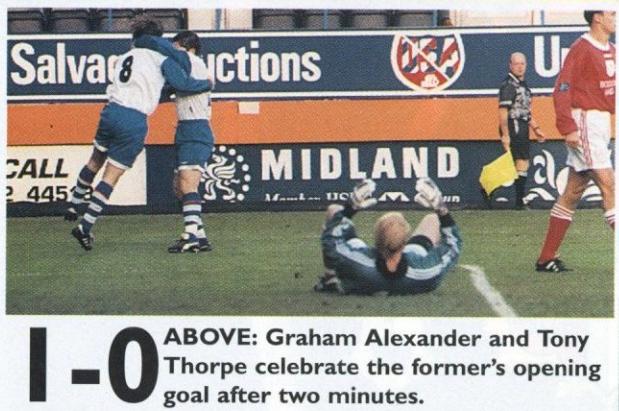
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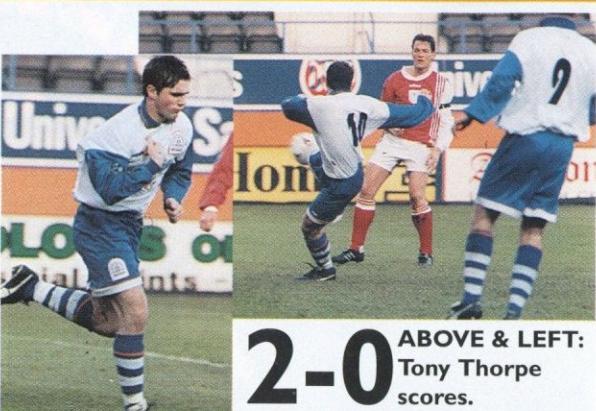
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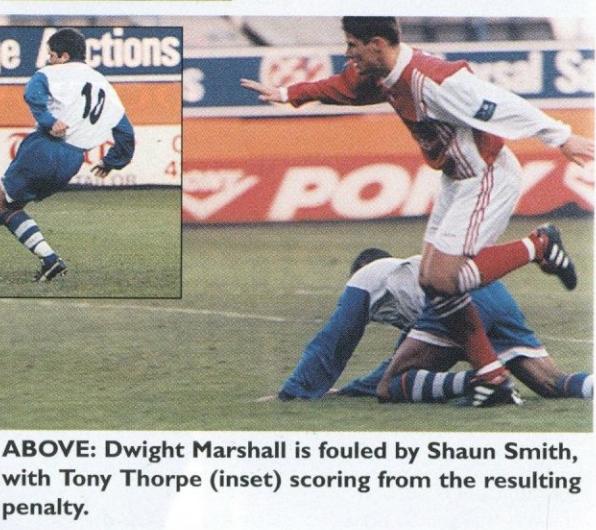
**1-0** ABOVE: Graham Alexander and Tony Thorpe celebrate the former's opening goal after two minutes.



**2-0** ABOVE & LEFT: Tony Thorpe scores.



**6-0** ABOVE: David Oldfield (right) marks his return from injury with a goal.



**3-0** ABOVE: Dwight Marshall is fouled by Shaun Smith, with Tony Thorpe (inset) scoring from the resulting penalty.



**5-0** ABOVE: Paul Showler heads in his sixth goal of the season.

# 6 OF THE BEST!

BELOW:  
Tony Thorpe  
celebrates his  
second hat-trick of the  
season.



## Seven, Southend, Sheffield and Snow - 10 years of the FA Cup 3rd round

**1996** - Following three postponements over the Christmas and New Year period, the Hatters lost 7-1 at Grimsby Town, in manager Lennie Lawrence's second game in charge.

**1995** - A 1-1 draw at home to Bristol Rovers, with John Hartson getting the Luton goal; his last for the club before a £2.5 million move to Arsenal. A Dwight Marshall goal gave the Hatters victory in the replay, to set up a fourth round clash with Southampton.

**1994** - The original meeting with Southend was postponed, but Luton won the rescheduled match 1-0 with a Paul Telfer goal. The victory set up a fourth round tie away to Newcastle, with David Pleat ultimately guiding Luton to the semi-finals.

**1993** - The weather prevented the third round match against Bristol City being played on the first two scheduled dates, but at the third attempt the game went ahead and Luton won 2-0, with goals from Ceri Hughes and Phil Gray. Defeat at home to Derby in a fourth round tie followed four days later.

**1992** - A 4-0 defeat away to Sheffield United ended Luton's cup hopes in round three.

**1991** - Another trip to Bramall Lane, but this time a 3-1 win, with Lars Elstrup netting two and Sean Farrell completing the scoring. A fourth round tie against West Ham was Luton's reward, but the Hatters

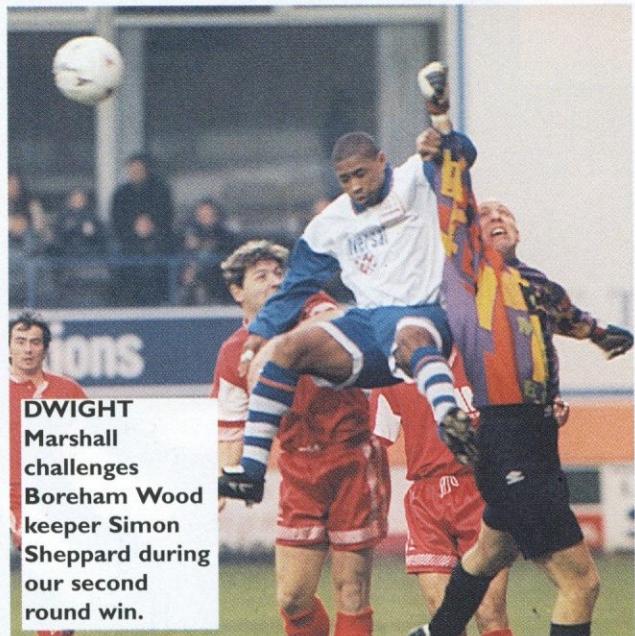
went out in a replay at Upton Park.

**1990** - Following the departure of Ray Harford, his assistant Terry Mancini took charge for the FA Cup third round trip to Brighton. The Hatters went down 4-1 at the Goldstone Ground, in Mancini's only game in charge, with Danny Wilson scoring the only goal.

**1989** - A third round defeat at Millwall at the old Den ground, with the Lions winning 3-2. Teddy Sheringham scored their third goal, with Luton's goals coming from Kingsley Black and a Danny Wilson penalty.

**1988** - A long trip to Hartlepool resulted in a 2-1 win, with Mickey Weir and Darron McDonough scoring the Town goals. This FA Cup run lasted until the semi-finals, with defeat coming at the hands of eventual winners Wimbledon in the last four.

**1987** - Snow, snow and more snow as the Hatters took on Liverpool. The first game at Kenilworth Road, on live television, ended 0-0 as the artificial pitch enabled the game to go-ahead despite blizzards across the country. The replay was postponed, when Luton were unable to get to Anfield, and the rescheduled match ended 0-0 after extra-time. Back to Kenilworth Road for the second replay (no penalty shoot-outs in those days) and a 3-0 win for the Hatters, with Brian Stein, Mick Harford and Mike Newell on the scoresheet. - SIMON OXLEY.



DWIGHT Marshall challenges Boreham Wood keeper Simon Sheppard during our second round win.

**ACTION FROM OUR LAST GAME AT KENILWORTH ROAD - THE 6-0 WIN OVER CREWE WHEN STRIKER TONY THORPE NETTED HIS SECOND HAT-TRICK OF THE SEASON**

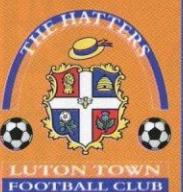
LUTON'S 6-0 win over Crewe (action pictured left) was the joint fifth biggest league win in 1996.

=1: Newcastle 7 Spurs 1, Colchester 7 Lincoln 1, Everton 7 Southampton 1, Bury 7 Lincoln 1.

=5: Luton 6 Crewe 0, Swindon 6 Huddersfield 0, Oxford 6 Shrewsbury 0, Bolton 0 Man Utd 6.

=9: Port Vale 6 Norwich 1, Crystal Palace 6 Southend 1, Crystal Palace 6 Reading 1, Bolton 6 Grimsby 1, Peterborough 6 Carlisle 1.

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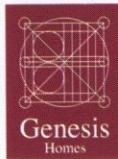
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At the time of writing we have no serious injury problems, with RICHARD HARVEY the only senior player not in training.

But Richard continues to progress very well after his knee injury, and has started running work.

ANDREW FOTIADIS returned to competitive action in the reserves before Christmas, following his lengthy absence with a hamstring injury. Andrew came through the full 90 minutes without any problem as far as the hamstring was concerned, and will no look to regain full match fitness. STUART DOUGLAS is also back in training after hamstring trouble.

Supporters who attended the last home game, against Crewe, would have seen TONY THORPE stretchered off (below). But he had only suffered bruising to the shin, and was able to resume in midweek at Millwall.

DAVID OLDFIELD has reported no problems with his hamstring after returning from injury, and likewise MARVIN JOHNSON with his shin and ankle injuries.

Marvin was one of three players who suffered knocks in the win at Gillingham, along with DWIGHT MARSHALL and BONTCHO GVENTCHEV, but all were able to train the following day.

GARY WADDOCK has been receiving treatment for a calf injury, which might have kept him out over the Christmas period, when DWIGHT MARSHALL would also have been doubtful with flu.

But virtually all the senior players were able to get some much needed practice on grass in last week's friendly against Arsenal, courtesy of Highbury's undersoil heating.

LUTON Town have been drawn away to Stotfold in the semi-finals of the Beds Premier Cup.

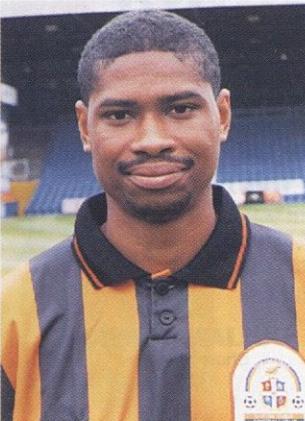
A date for this game has yet to be confirmed.

The other semi-final is between Wootton Blue Cross and Leighton Town.

**BELOW:** Tony Thorpe is helped off after his hat-trick exploits.

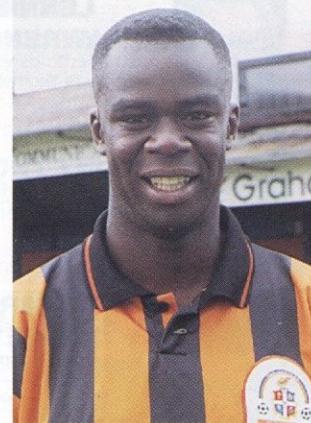


**with CLIVE GOODYEAR**



LEFT:  
Dwight  
Marshall  
suffered a  
slight ankle  
injury on  
Boxing Day  
at  
Gillingham.

RIGHT:  
Marvin  
Johnson has  
been  
suffering  
with an  
achilles  
injury in  
recent  
matches.



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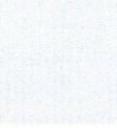
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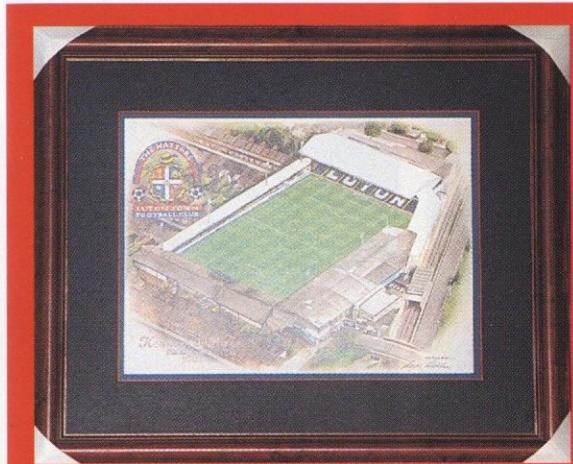


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The Hatters Bar, under the Kenilworth Stand (members over 18): this bar will be open from 1.30 to 2.45pm on Saturdays, and from 6.30 to 7.30pm at midweek games. Drinks must be consumed in the licensed area which is marked by the wide yellow line.

THANKS to everyone who took part in our Christmas coaching courses across the region, with sessions in Bedford, Milton Keynes and Luton.

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Thur Sep 5	WIMBLEDON	lost 2-1
Wed Sep 18	Portsmouth	won 2-0
Thu Sep 26	BRISTOL CITY	won 2-1
Thu Oct 3	Arsenal (LC)	won 1-0
Mon Oct 7	Swindon Town	lost 1-0
Mon Oct 21	WEST HAM UTD	won 2-1
Wed Nov 6	TOTTENHAM	won 2-1
Mon Nov 18	NORWICH C (LC)	won 3-0
Mon Dec 9	OXFORD UNITED	lost 2-0
Mon Dec 16	Crystal Palace	lost 2-0
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
Thur Feb 27	Arsenal	2pm
Wed Mar 5	Charlton Athletic	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
TBA	Ipswich Town (LC)	
TBA	SWANSEA CITY	

Games in CAPITALS denotes home fixture.

Home matches played at Kenilworth Road will now kick-off at 2pm. Home matches will be played at Hitchin Town FC from November 18 to February 10 inclusive, and will kick-off at 7pm.

LC - Avon Insurance Combination League Cup.

THE Reserves went down 2-0 to Crystal Palace, in their final Avon Insurance Combination game before the Christmas and New Year break.

The game was played at Wimbledon's old Plough Lane ground, and Palace took the points with two first-half goals.

The match though marked the return after injury of Andrew Fotiadis, the Town's teenage striker who has been ruled out for the last two months with hamstring trouble.

He played the full 90 minutes, with David Oldfield also playing for an hour as he regains match fitness after a hamstring injury.

Team: Davis, Chinery, Skelton, Evers, Willmott, McIndoe, Linton, Woodsford (Sweeney), Oldfield (George), Fotiadis, Kean.

Sub not used: Upson.

The Reserves are due to play at home to Swansea, on Monday, at Hitchin, kick-off 7pm.

Two Town reserve players have gone on loan for a month to ICIS League clubs, with striker Jamie Woodsford heading to Hitchin, and goalkeeper Nathan Abbey going to Basingstoke.

Luton Town's youth team reached the third round of the FA Youth Cup with a 3-2 win over Oxford in their second round replay, at Kenilworth Road on December 19.

The Town's youngsters found themselves 2-0 down inside the first 10 minutes, but hit back to lead 3-2 at half-

time with goals from Terry Sweeney, Jimmy Cox and Liam George.

After a five-goal first half, there were no further goals in the second period.

Team: Webb, Lawes, Fraser, Spring, Doherty, Upson, Cox, George, Barr, Sweeney, Scarlett.

Subs: Boyce, McIndoe, Jerry.

In the third round, played last week, Luton won 2-0 at Torquay, with Liam George scoring both goals.

The youth team won 2-1 at Royston in the Eastern Junior Cup, with goals from

## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	E	A	Pts
Wimbledon	10	7	2	1	26	14	23
Tottenham	10	7	0	3	26	10	21
Chelsea	10	6	2	2	20	11	20
Portsmouth	11	6	1	4	15	13	19
Arsenal	9	5	2	2	23	7	17
Ipswich	9	5	2	2	17	7	17
QPR	10	4	3	3	18	17	15
Swindon	9	4	2	3	18	14	14
Swansea	9	4	1	4	14	14	13
LUTON T	8	4	0	4	9	10	12
Bournemouth	8	4	0	4	18	20	12
Bristol C	9	3	2	4	16	16	11
Brighton	10	2	5	3	20	22	11
Oxford	9	3	2	4	17	21	11
Cardiff	10	2	5	3	8	13	11
C Palace	9	3	2	4	7	15	11
Millwall	9	3	1	5	16	18	10
Watford	9	3	1	5	12	19	10
Norwich	9	2	3	4	14	18	9
West Ham	10	2	3	5	10	17	9
Southampton	8	2	1	5	12	14	7
Charlton	7	2	1	4	8	19	7
Bristol R	10	1	3	6	8	23	6

League table up to and including 23.12.96.

## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1996/97 APPS & SCORERS (16.12.96)

	APPS	G		APPS	G
Kelvin DAVIS	8		Des LINTON	3	
Sean EVERES	10	1	Kim GRANT	1	
Ben CHENERY	10		Dwight MARSHALL	(1)	
Paul MCLAREN	10	1	Jimmy COX	(1)	
Gary SIMPSON	2		Stuart FRASER	1	
Chris WILLMOTT	10 (1)		Mark BROWN	1	
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	3		David OLDFIELD	2	
Tony THORPE	3		Michael McINDOE	1	
John TAYLOR	4	1	Andrew FOTIADIS	1	
Stuart DOUGLAS	6	1			
Robert KEAN	11	1			
Jamie WOODSFORD	3 (1)	2			
Andre SCARLETT	1 (2)				
Matthew UPSON	6	2			
Steve AUGUSTINE	(3)				
Nathan ABBEY	3				
Trevor PEAKE	2				
Darren PATTERSON	5				
Paul SHOWLER	3				
Aaron SKELTON	6	1			
Liam GEORGE	4 (3)	3			
Andrew BARR	(3)				
Matthew SPRING	(1)				
Terry SWEENEY	1 (2)				

## League Cup Group 3

	P	W	D	L	E	A	PTS
West Ham	4	3	0	1	7	3	9
Arsenal	3	2	0	1	4	1	6
LUTON	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Ipswich	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Norwich	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

Jimmy Cox and Andre Scarlett, and in the third round have been drawn away to Bishops Stortford or Wisbech Town.

Team: Webb, Challinor, Curran, Clarke, Doherty, Ayres, Scarlett, Cox, Jerry, McIndoe, McCoy.

Subs: Spring, Boyce, Lawes.

Crystal Palace moved back above Luton at the top of the South East Counties League table on Saturday, December 14, as the Hatters' match at home to Bristol City was postponed due to a frozen pitch at Luton Rugby Club. The youth team returned to league action on December 21, with a 2-1 home win over Bristol Rovers.

The Luton scorers were Matthew Spring and Liam George.

Team: Webb, Lawes, McIndoe, Spring, Doherty, Boyce, Scarlett, George, Barr (Fraser), Sweeney, Jerry (McCoy).

Sub not used: Ayres.

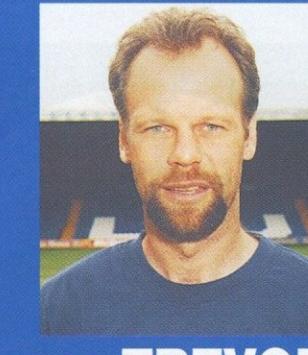


ABOVE: Andrew Fotiadis returned after a lengthy absence for the reserves at Crystal Palace.

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	E	A	Pts
C Palace	16	11	4	1	38	15	26
LUTON TOWN	16	11	3	2	35	14	25
Southampton	15	11	0	4	36	13	22
Oxford	16	8	5	3	29	22	21
Tottenham	18	7	6	5	26	16	20
Swindon	17	7	5	5	33	22	19
Wycombe	18	7	4	7	20	19	18
Brighton	17	6	4	7	20	31	16
Bristol C	15	5	5	5	25	27	15
Wimbledon	16	5	4	7	20	20	14
Bournemouth	14	6	2	6	25	27	14
Bristol R	16	7	0	9	32	37	14
Colchester	15	5	3	7	23	23	13
Brentford	16	3	3	10	22	34	9
Reading	17	4	1	12	19	50	9
Barnet	18	2	1	15	14	47	5

League table as at December 21, 1996



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

Sat Aug 17	Bristol Rovers	won 4-1	Mon Dec 2	Oxford Utd (FAYC2)	drew 1-1
Sat Aug 24	READING	won 7-0	Sat Dec 7	Brentford	won 3-1
Tue Aug 27	Bournemouth (SJFC)	drew 1-1	Tue Dec 10	Royston (EJC)	won 2-1
Sat Aug 31	Colchester	lost 3-2	Thur Dec 19	OXFORD U (FAYC2)	won 3-2
Tue Sep 3	B'MOUTH (SJFC)	won 3-1	Sat Dec 21	BRISTOL ROVERS	won 2-1
Sat Sep 7	SOUTHAMPTON	won 1-0	Wed Jan 8	Torquay (FAYC3)	won 2-0
Sat Sep 14	Cambridge U (LC1)	won 2-0	Sat Jan 11	COLCHESTER UTD	11am
Tue Sep 17	Wolves (SJFC)	lost 2-1	Sat Jan 18	Southampton	
Sat Sep 21	CRYSTAL PALACE	lost 1-0	Sat Jan 25	Crystal Palace	
Sat Sep 28	Tottenham	won 2-0	Sat Feb 1	Reading	
Sat Oct 5	OXFORD UTD	drew 1-1	Sat Feb 8	TOTTENHAM	11am
Sat Oct 12	Swindon Town	drew 2-2	Sat Feb 15	Oxford United	
Wed Oct 16	Rushden & D (EJC)	won 3-2	Sat Mar 1	Wimbledon	
Sat Oct 19	Colchester (LC2)	lost 3-2	Sat Mar 8	WYCOMBE W	11am
Sat Oct 26	WIMBLEDON	won 2-0	Sat Mar 15	BOURNEMOUTH	11am
Sat Nov 2	Wycombe W	won 1-0	Sat Mar 22	Barnet	
Sat Nov 9	BARNET	won 2-1	Sat Apr 5	Brighton	
Tue Nov 12	Hereford U (FAYC1)	won 3-1	Sat Apr 12	BRENTFORD	11am
Sat Nov 16	Bournemouth	won 2-0	Sat Nov 23	SWINDON TOWN	
Sat Nov 23	SWINDON TOWN	won 2-1	Sat Nov 30	BRIGHTON	
Sat Nov 30	BRIGHTON	drew 2-2			

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G	YOUTH TEAM 1996/97 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS





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## Those were the days

THIS afternoon's game represents the fifth time we have been drawn out of the hat against the Trotters.

As we have only won one of the previous games, spread over the last 100 years, some catching up is needed!

In 1897/98 we had reached the first round proper of the competition (equivalent to today's fourth round) for the fourth time in five years and had been drawn against first division Bolton at Dunstable Road.

A crowd of 4,500 gathered to see if we could go one stage further in the competition for the first time, but a single goal from James Cassidy put paid to our hopes.

At 5'7" Cassidy was reputed to be the tallest member of the Bolton forward line, but it is not recorded whether he scored from a header!

Thirty years were to pass before we met again, this time in a third round tie at Burnden Park.

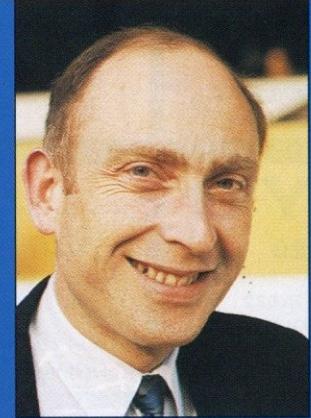
After beating Clapton and Norwich at Kenilworth Road by 9-0 and 6-0 respectively in the previous rounds that year, we fancied our chances against a side that was destined to lift the trophy three times during the decade.

Although Sid Reid scored for the Town, Bolton were far too strong and, prompted by the great David Jack and future Hatter Fred Kean, ran out 2-1 winners with Billy Butler and John Smith netting the goals in front of a crowd of 20,266.

On now to 1952/53 which saw a fifth round pairing of the two clubs, this time at Kenilworth Road. We had earned a bit of a cup reputation having reached the quarter-finals the year before, and had already taken the scalp of first division Manchester City during the current campaign.

Blackburn had been seen off 6-1 at Kenilworth Road in round three in a game that saw Arthur Taylor score two goals on his debut, before we fought out a 1-1 draw at Maine Road, Manchester, in front of a crowd of 38,411 at the next stage in the competition.

Amidst scenes of wild delight, a hat-trick from Gordon Turner set up a 5-1 thrashing of the first division side in the replay and by now we feared no-one, especially at home.



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Bolton, renowned as a tough, uncompromising outfit at the time had stuttered a shade in that season's competition and it had taken them three attempts to get past Notts County in round four. On the day of the game thick snow carpeted the pitch and play looked unlikely, but an army of volunteers, including many from Bolton who had travelled overnight by train, cleared much of the covering to enable the game to go ahead.

Due to the uncertainty the attendance was a disappointing 23,735 but cup fever was in the air as the two teams came on to the pitch. According to the programme the Town had lost the toss for choice of strip which meant that Bolton were entitled to use their away strip of red shirts. Luton manager Dally Duncan had to beg a change strip from his old club Derby which meant that the Town turned out in an unfamiliar navy blue strip.

Perhaps someone can explain to me why one of the sides could not turn out in their normal white shirts. Presumably clashing with the snow was not an issue as the referee and his linesmen wore white!

Looking at pictures of the game, it is amazing that the tie went ahead as the pitch appeared to be a mixture of thick mud with patches of snow, but both teams adapted fairly well and it was slightly against the run of play when Bolton took the lead in the 32nd minute.

Trotters skipper Willie Moir flighted over a long cross which was met by centre-forward Nat Loftus who headed cleanly past a flat-footed Ron Bayham in the Luton goal.

Try as they might, the Town forwards could not find a way past the strong Bolton defence and the game gradually fizzled out and the final result was a foregone conclusion long before the end. Bolton managed to go all the way to the final that year, when, in one of the classic games at Wembley, the Trotters went down 4-3 to a Stanley Matthews inspired Blackpool.

We have saved the best to last with our final cup pairing against the Trotters, which took place during our epic cup run in 1973.



ABOVE: Alan Slough (left) and John Ryan congratulate scorer Alan Garner in the cup tie at Bolton in 1973. Trotters' Ron Phillips looks less than pleased!

We had put out lowly Crewe 2-0 at Kenilworth Road in round three, before travelling to mighty Newcastle in the next stage of the competition. In one of our famous victories, two first-half strikes from John Aston were enough to see off the Magpies despite a late onslaught and second division Luton were through to the fifth round for the first time since 1960.

We were drawn away to third division Bolton who had fought their way through eight FA Cup games that season to reach that stage, and were unbeaten at home in all competitions for almost a year.

A massive crowd of 39,556 turned up to watch the third division pacemakers take on their mid-table second division opponents, and from the start the Luton defence had to withstand a terrific onslaught.

Shot after shot rained in on rookie Luton goalkeeper Willie Carrick, but he was equal to the task and with

confidence spreading through the team we started to attack from breakaways and began to look threatening.

The only goal of the game came just before the interval when Alan Garner was first to a John Aston corner and headed home past Bolton goalkeeper Charlie Wright - who had been blinded by the sun.

Bolton continued to attack during the second period, but it was the Town who looked the more likely scorers and by the end the Trotters were a spent force and we were through to the quarter-finals for the first time since 1959.

"We want another team that plays in black and white, this time at home," said Luton manager Harry Haslam, thinking about our previous cup scalps that season.

We drew Sunderland away and ended up well beaten by a side who, with hindsight, already had their name written on the trophy!

## 5 YEARS AGO

4/1/92: After a run of four unbeaten games in the league, we were brought back to earth with a bump when going down 4-0 at Sheffield United in a FA Cup third round tie.

## 10 YEARS AGO

11/1/87: In a televised Sunday game, the Town were held to a 0-0 draw by Liverpool in a third round tie at snowy Kenilworth Road. We eventually went through against the Reds at the third attempt.

## 15 YEARS AGO

2/1/82: A David Moss penalty, against his old side, and a strike from Brian Horton secured a narrow 2-1 win over Swindon in a third round contest. This victory avenged a 2-0 beating by the same side in the FA Cup two years earlier.

## 20 YEARS AGO

8/1/77: A single goal from John Aston settled our third round match at fourth division Halifax. A crowd of 5,519 watched as the Town ended up fairly comfortable winners in what was looked on as a potentially difficult tie.



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## Gillingham 1 Luton Town 2

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Thursday, December 26, 1996 - Nationwide League Division Two

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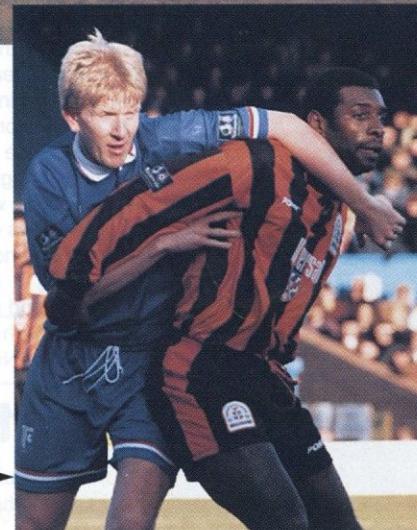


Tony Thorpe slots the ball past Gills keeper Jim Stannard to put the Hatters 2-1 in front on Boxing Day.

Midfielder Graham Alexander found playing against Gillingham to be a hair-raising experience!

Tony Thorpe takes the ball round Jim Stannard, before (inset above) putting Luton 1-0 in front.

Mitchell Thomas arm-in-arm with Gillingham's Adrian Pennock during our Boxing Day win.



## League's weather warning

IN the event of wintry weather causing disruption to Nationwide League fixtures, and the Football League have once again outlined their early warning procedure for the inspection of pitches.

In an effort to prevent unnecessary inconvenience to supporters, League clubs are instructed to liaise closely to ascertain the travelling arrangements of visiting supporters.

Home clubs are also asked to contact match referees for travel details and any plans to stay overnight in order that they can be reached at short notice.

Clubs can also request referees to travel the day before the match if an early pitch inspection is necessary.

In the event that the match referee is unable to travel early, the Football League would call in a local official to advise them on the condition of the pitch.

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## Div Two opponents for tonight's winners

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The draw was made last Sunday, despite the large number of undecided ties, with the winners of the Luton v Bolton game being paired at home with the winners of Chesterfield v Bristol City.

The Hatters have played both sides once already this season in Division Two, losing 1-0 at home to Chesterfield in September, and 5-0 at Bristol in August.

The fourth round is scheduled for the weekend of January 25 and 26, but several third round replays may have to be played on those dates.

Because of the bad weather, 50 teams went into the fourth round draw, with 18 third round ties undecided and only 14 clubs assured of their place in the fourth round. The pairings mean that at least five Nationwide League teams will go into the last 16.

It was the worst affected third round weekend since 1979, when only three ties survived, though that pales into insignificance in comparison with 1963 when the round lasted 66 days due to bad weather, power cuts and no undersoil heating, ending on March 11!

### Fourth round draw:

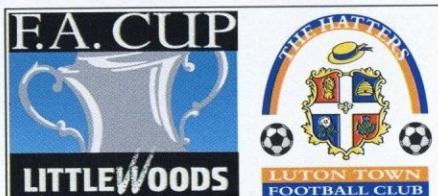
Peterborough v Wrexham or West Ham  
Charlton or Newcastle v Nottingham Forest

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OUR latest Junior Team of the Month will be announced shortly.... and why not nominate your team?

The Loyal Luton Supporters Club are once again sponsoring the Young Team of the Month Award.

Having received a £200 grant from NatWest Bank as part of the bank's Community Action Scheme, and through monies raised through the summer, the supporters, in conjunction with Luton Town FC, have again funded the award.



Blackburn v Coventry or Woking  
LUTON or Bolton v Chesterfield or Bristol C  
Birmingham v Stoke or Stockport  
QPR or Huddersfield v Barnsley or Oldham  
Portsmouth v Reading  
Carlisle or Tranmere v Sheffield Wed  
Everton v Bradford City  
Hednesford or York v Middlesbrough  
Chelsea v Liverpool  
Gillingham or Derby v Notts C or Aston Villa  
Leicester or Southend v Norwich  
Arsenal or Sunderland v C Palace or Leeds  
Brentford or Man City v Watford or Oxford  
Manchester Utd v Crewe or Wimbledon

Two games have been selected for live TV coverage on Sunday, January 26.

Televised FA Cup ties will be played only on Sundays this season. Sky will screen the game Charlton or Newcastle v Nottingham F, with the BBC showing Chelsea v Liverpool.

See page opposite for the schedule of delayed third round games, and replays.

## Top Hatters are boxing clever....

LUTON'S 2-1 win at Gillingham on Boxing Day took the Hatters back to the top of Division Two - but only for a matter of hours as Brentford reclaimed top spot with a 4-1 win at Plymouth, writes SIMON OXLEY.

On Boxing Day, Tony Thorpe scored both goals in the win at Gillingham, but the Hatters had Ian Feuer to thank for an injury-time penalty save which made sure they claimed all three points.

Feuer saved from Steve Butler in the 94th minute, after Gills' skipper Andy Hessonenthaler had been fouled.

Brentford though maintained their leadership of the division, with a 4-1 win at Plymouth where three goals in the last 20 minutes gave David Webb's side the points. Carl Asaba was on the scoresheet to take his season's tally to 16, but Thorpe's brace meant he still led the scoring charts with 18.

Millwall suffered a surprise 2-0 home defeat to Peterborough, with former Luton player Scott Houghton scoring both goals in the first-half for Barry

Fry's side. Bristol City continued their climb up the table, as Gary Owers' 87th minute goal gave them a 3-2 win over Shrewsbury. Stockport came from 2-0 down to win 3-2 at Wrexham.

On Saturday, Gillingham were again on the receiving end with a 5-1 defeat at Burnley - after going 1-0 in front.

Bristol City won again - 2-0 at Preston, but Bury missed the chance to close the gap on the front two when they were held 1-1 at Rotherham.

Rob Matthews' goal put the Shakers in front, but the South Yorkshire side scored an 87th minute penalty to level the scores.

Only one Division Two game was played on New Years Day, with Blackpool winning 3-1 at Shrewsbury.

See page 46 for up-to-date league table.

### Boxing Day results

Bournemouth 1 Bristol R 0  
Bristol City 3 Shrewsbury 2  
Gillingham 1 Luton Town 2  
Millwall 0 Peterborough 2

Plymouth 1 Brentford 4  
Watford 0 Notts C 0  
Wrexham 2 Stockport 3  
Wycombe 0 Walsall 2  
Postponed: Blackpool v Burnley, Bury v Crewe, Chesterfield v Rotherham, York v Preston.

**Saturday, December 28**  
Burnley 5 Gillingham 1  
Crewe 2 Bournemouth 0  
Preston 0 Bristol City 2  
Rotherham 1 Bury 1  
Shrewsbury 2 York 0

Postponed: Stockport v Watford, Walsall v

Blackpool, Brentford v Chesterfield, Bristol R v Millwall, Peterborough v Wrexham, Notts County v Plymouth, Luton v Wycombe.

**Saturday, January 25**  
Nationwide League Div Two  
Blackpool v Millwall  
Brentford v Bristol R  
Bristol City v Bournemouth  
Burnley v Preston  
Bury v Wrexham  
Chesterfield v Stockport  
Gillingham v Plymouth  
Rotherham v Crewe  
Shrewsbury v Peterborough  
Walsall v Notts County  
Wycombe v York

**Monday, January 27**  
Nationwide League Div Two  
LUTON TOWN v Watford

DIVISION TWO MATCHES,  
PLUS FA CUP 3RD ROUND  
& REPLAY DATES:

Monday, January 13  
FA Cup Third Round  
Hednesford v York

Tuesday, January 14  
FA Cup Third Round  
Barnsley v Oldham  
Brentford v Man City  
Carlisle v Tranmere  
Chesterfield v Bristol City  
Crewe v Wimbledon  
C Palace v Leeds  
Gillingham v Derby  
LUTON TOWN v Bolton  
Notts County v Aston Villa  
Watford v Oxford  
Third Round Replay  
Huddersfield v QPR

Wednesday, January 15  
FA Cup Third Round  
Coventry v Woking  
Leicester v Southend  
Stoke v Stockport  
Third Round Replays  
Newcastle v Charlton  
Sunderland v Arsenal  
West Ham v Wrexham

Friday, January 17  
Nationwide League Div Two  
Burnley v Bury

Saturday, January 18  
Nationwide League Div Two  
Blackpool v Crewe  
Brentford v Bristol City  
Bristol R v York City  
LUTON TOWN v Wrexham  
Notts County v Gillingham  
Peterborough v Plymouth  
Preston v Watford  
Rotherham v Wycombe  
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## COMMERCIAL NEWS



with **KATHY LEATHER**

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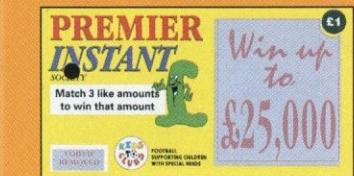
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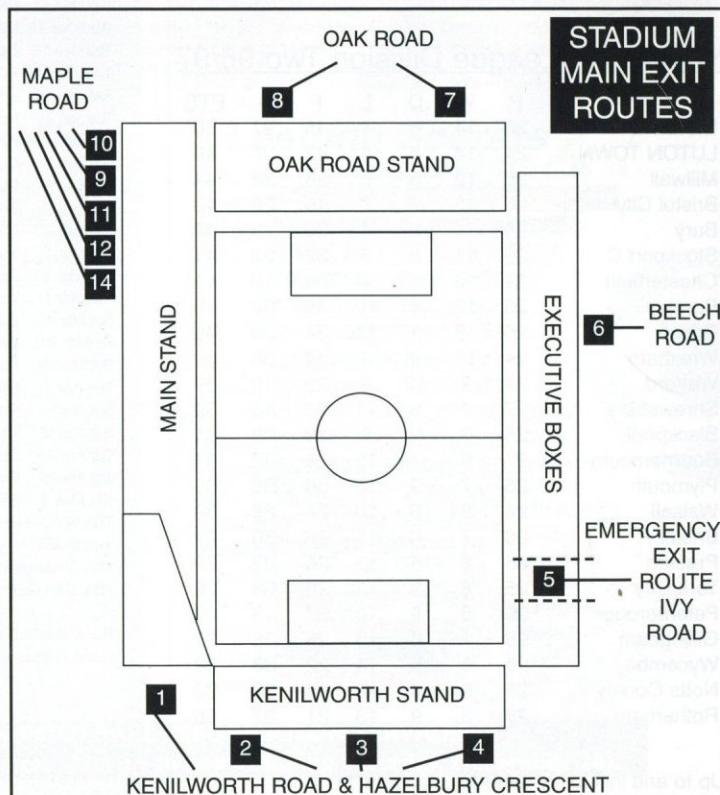
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- Ensure the dispersal of the crowd from the area to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks.

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# TEAMStatistics

**1996-97**

LUTON TOWN 1996/97

<u>PLAYER</u> (figure in bracket = sub app.)	<u>LEAGUE</u> APPS	<u>LEAGUE</u> GOALS	<u>CUP</u> APPS	<u>CUP</u> GOALS
Ian FEUER	24		8	
Julian JAMES	24	1	9	1
Mitchell THOMAS	24	2	6	
Gary WADDOCK	21		8	
Darren PATTERSON	3		2 (1)	
Marvin JOHNSON	22		7	
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	11 (9)	1	5 (3)	
Graham ALEXANDER	23 (1)	1	8 (1)	
David QLDFIELD	12 (4)	3	5 (1)	2
Kim GRANT	8 (7)	2	5 (1)	3
Tony THORPE	18 (2)	16	4 (1)	
Andrew FOTIADIS	5 (4)	1	(2)	
Des LINTON	(2)		2	
Steve DAVIS	22 (1)	4	9	1
Ceri HUGHES	21	3	9	2
Paul SHOWLER	13 (2)	6	5 (2)	
Matthew UPSON	(1)			
Stuart DOUGLAS	2 (7)		1 (1)	
Paul MCLAREN	3 (5)		(1)	
Aaron SKELTON	2 (1)		3	
Dwight MARSHALL	6 (1)	3	2 (1)	2
Kelvin DAVIS			1	
Own goal				1

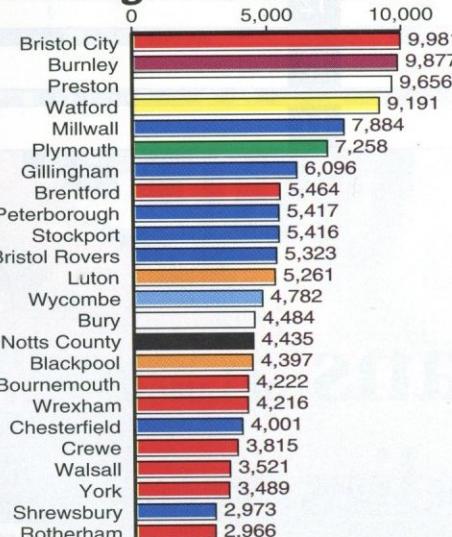
Nationwide League Division Two 96/97

	P	W	D	L	E	A	PTS
Brentford	26	14	8	4	45	27	50
LUTON TOWN	24	14	4	6	43	26	46
Millwall	26	12	8	6	36	28	44
Bristol City	26	12	7	7	45	29	43
Bury	24	11	9	4	36	23	42
Stockport C	25	11	8	6	32	27	41
Chesterfield	24	12	5	7	24	18	41
Burnley	26	12	4	10	39	30	40
Crewe	25	13	1	11	34	28	40
Wrexham	24	10	9	5	34	30	39
Watford	24	9	12	3	25	19	39
Shrewsbury	27	8	8	11	35	43	32
Blackpool	25	7	10	8	28	28	31
Bournemouth	27	8	7	12	24	32	31
Plymouth	26	7	9	10	30	38	30
Walsall	24	8	6	10	26	28	30
Bristol R	26	7	8	11	26	30	29
Preston	26	8	5	13	26	32	29
York City	25	8	5	12	26	38	29
Peterborough	25	6	9	10	37	43	27
Gillingham	26	7	6	13	25	36	27
Wycombe	25	6	5	14	22	38	23
Notts County	25	5	8	12	18	29	23
Rotherham	25	3	9	13	21	37	18

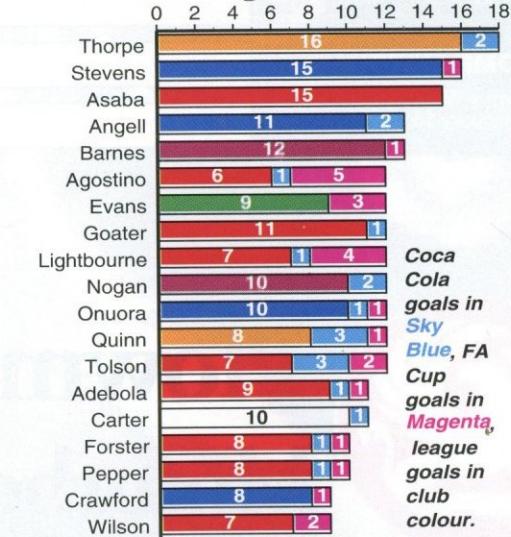
Up to and including Saturday, January 11.

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	(Fotiadiis)	(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)	(Fotiadiis)
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	(Fotiadiis)	McLaren
Sat Sep 7	Wycombe Wanderers	1-0	6,471	15	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	OLDFIELD	(Fotiadiis)	Guentchev	(Thorpe)	Showler	McLaren
Tue Sep 10	GILLINGHAM	2-1	4,604	11	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	OLDFIELD	(Fotiadiis)	GUENTCHEV	(Grant)	Showler	McLaren
Sat Sep 14	CHESTERFIELD	0-1	4,763	12	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Fotiadiis)	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	(Fotiadiis)	McLaren
Sat Sep 21	Bury	0-0	3,588	15	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Oldfield	(Fotiadiis)	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	1-0	5,303	12	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Thorpe	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(GRANT)	Guentchev	Showler	(Fotiadiis)	(Douglas)
Sat Oct 5	WALSALL	3-1	5,002	11	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	THORPE	(FOTIADIS)	Guentchev	(SHOWLER)	(McLaren)	(Douglas)
Sat Oct 12	Shrewsbury Town	3-0	3,357	8	Feuer	(James)	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Thorpe)	GRANT	SHOWLER	(Guentchev)	(McLaren)	(Douglas)
Tue Oct 15	Stockport County	1-1	5,352	9	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Oldfield	Grant	Showler	Guentchev	McLaren	(Oldfield)
Sat Oct 19	PETERBOROUGH UTD	3-0	5,964	7	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Thorpe)	SHOWLER 2	(Guentchev)	(McLaren)	(Fotiadiis)
Tue Oct 22	Wimbledon CCC3	1-1	5,043	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	Showler	Guentchev	McLaren	Skelton
Sat Oct 26	BOURNEMOUTH	2-0	5,635	5	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	Skelton	Johnson	Hughes	(Alexander)	(Oldfield)	THORPE 2	(Showler)	(Guentchev)	(McLaren)	(Douglas)
Tue Oct 29	Watford	1-1	14,109	6	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	Thorpe	SHOWLER	Guentchev	McLaren	(Douglas)
Sat Nov 2	Plymouth Argyle	3-3	7,134	8	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Douglas)	THORPE 3	(Showler)	(Guentchev)	McLaren	(Grant)
Sat Nov 9	NOTTS COUNTY	2-0	5,664	5	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	Grant	(THORPE)	Guentchev	Marshall	McLaren	(Douglas)
Tue Nov 12	WIMBLEDON CCC3R	1-2	8,076	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Grant)	(Thorpe)	(Showler)	(Guentchev)	(McLaren)	(Douglas)
Sat Nov 16	Torquay Utd FAC1	1-0	3,450	-	Feuer	James	Skelton	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	(Douglas)	Guentchev	Showler	Patterson	McLaren	(Marshall)
Tue Nov 19	Preston North End	2-3	7,004	7	Feuer	James	Thomas	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS 2	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Douglas)	(Guentchev)	Showler	(Skelton)	(McLaren)	(Marshall)
Sat Nov 23	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-1	5,315	4	Feuer	James	Thomas	McLaren	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Showler)	THORPE(MARSHALL)	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	Skelton	
Sat Nov 30	Bournemouth	2-3	4,322	6	Feuer	JAMES	Thomas	(Skelton)	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Showler)	(Thorpe)	MARSHALL	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	(Linton)
Tue Dec 3	YORK CITY	2-0	4,401	4	Feuer	James	Thomas	McLaren	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Showler	THORPE(MARSHALL)	Guentchev	(Grant)	Linton	
Sat Dec 7	BOREHAM WOOD FAC2	2-1	5,332	-	Feuer	James	(Skelton)	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	Hughes	(Alexander)	Showler	Thorpe	MARSHALL 2	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	McLaren
Tue Dec 10	LEYTON ORIENT AWS1	2-1	1,594	-	K.Davis	(James)	Skelton	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	Patterson	Hughes	Linton	Guentchev	GRANT	(Marshall)	(Oldfield)	(Showler)	(Alexander)
Sat Dec 14	CREWE ALEXANDRA	6-0	5,455	3	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	ALEX	DERSHOWLER	(THORPE 3)	(Marshall)	(OLDFIELD)	(Grant)	Linton
Wed Dec 18	Millwall	1-0	7,077	1	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	Guentchev	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Oldfield)	Grant	McLaren
Thu Dec 26	Gillingham	2-1	8,598	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Guentchev	THORPE 2	(Marshall)	Grant	(Oldfield)	McLaren

### **Average Attendances**



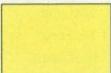
## **Leading Scorers**



**Division Two stats from 96/97 - by FOOTBALL INFORMATION SERVICES**  
**Due to New Year printing deadlines, stats up to and including Saturday, December 28.**

**Today's referee is****CARL FINCH**from Bury St  
Edmunds.

Mr Finch is in his first season on the Football League referees' list, and refereed October's home Division Two match against Bournemouth.

**G.C. Monk****W.J.  
Norbury****IF IT'S A DRAW  
THIS EVENING...**

The replay will be at Burnden Park, on Tuesday, January 21, kick-off 7.45pm.

See page 9 for ticket details.

**FA CUP 3RD ROUND**

See pages 38 and 39 for the rest of the third round fixtures, and details of the fourth round draw.

**NEXT HOME MATCH**Luton Town v Wrexham  
Saturday, January 18, 3pm**LUTON TOWN**

Manager: Lennie Lawrence

**BOLTON W**

Manager: Colin Todd

Ian FEUER	1	Gavin WARD
Julian JAMES	2	Andy TODD
Mitchell THOMAS	3	Bryan SMALL
Gary WADDOCK	4	Jamie POLLOCK
Steve DAVIS	5	Gerry TAGGART
Marvin JOHNSON	6	Chris FAIRCLOUGH
Ceri HUGHES	7	David LEE
Graham ALEXANDER	8	Scott SELLARS
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	9	Nathan BLAKE
Tony THORPE	10	Michael JOHANSEN
Dwight MARSHALL	11	John SHERIDAN
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