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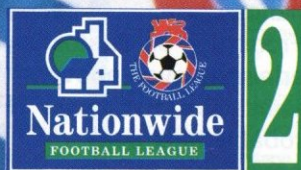
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**OFFICIAL MATCHDAY
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v PRESTON NORTH END

**Saturday, February 22, 1997
Kick-off 3pm**

From the manager's chair

OUR last two performances have resulted in disappointment for one reason or another.

A definite winning opportunity was lost last week at Bristol Rovers in the space of a few minutes, when we conceded a bad goal and were then reduced to 10 men after the sending off of Bontcho Guentchev.

Until that time we were totally in control of the game, were a goal up, and had two or three other clear cut chances.

From then on Bristol Rovers certainly played above themselves, and it was probably their best performance for some months, with the state of the pitch also making a significant contribution.

As that followed on from a disappointing home performance against Plymouth Argyle, when quite frankly we were lucky to avoid defeat, today's game takes on greater than normal significance.

However, the thing that heartened me most about last week's performance was how well certain individuals played, and indeed it is rare for us to play as well as we did as a team, and have so many good individual performances, and yet still lose the game.

The reason for the defeat is the above mentioned being reduced to 10 men, and most of all a collective lapse of concentration for 10 minutes



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

after half-time which saw us go 3-1 behind.

And yet the spirit and collective effort in the side meant we pushed Bristol back in the last 15 minutes, despite having just 10 men, and just failed to snatch a point.

This lapse follows a recent trend in away games, which goes back to that run of matches in November when we were in front at both Plymouth and Bournemouth, surrendering a 2-1 advantage on both occasions, and also poor defending against today's opponents Preston - although we were somewhat short of strikers on that evening at Deepdale when we lost 3-2.

That needs to be remedied as, after today's game, four of our next five games are away from home.

If we can remedy this

defensive fault then we can make our top two position a more permanent one.

Recent results from other clubs in the leading group of teams in Division Two have helped, in that no-one else has really put a winning run together and we still find ourselves in front of the chasing pack and with games in hand.

All that has been lost so far is the chance to pull right away from the chasing group, but fortunately for us that is the only advantage that has been lost having won only one of the last five league games.

But, if we do not secure three points today then the cushion will have disappeared and we stand a realistic chance of being outside the top two come mid-March.

However, if we can win today and pick up three points at York next Saturday, there is no reason why we can't maintain a healthy gap between ourselves and the play-off positions.

So this afternoon we welcome Preston North End, their players, supporters and officials.

They have invested significantly in the transfer market since promotion last year, and they certainly have some talented players in their midst.

They have not been particularly consistent, but on their day they are certainly better than their league



position indicates.

As far as our team is concerned, Gary Waddock returns from injury this afternoon, and Ceri Hughes returns from suspension.

Hopefully, Paul Showler will also be able to resume after an injury lay-off.

This week the squad spent a two-day break at Lilleshall, training hard in a different environment, as

squad fitness will be a key issue in the final weeks of the season.

From the start of March we will be playing most midweeks, and it is important that everyone stays fit as we are likely to need as large a group of players as possible.

One or two more suspensions may also have to be taken into account.

ABOVE: Tony Thorpe's 10th minute penalty gave the Hatters the perfect start at the Memorial Ground last Saturday. There's more action from Bristol on pages 16 and 17.

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Town's Kelvin back in Genoa

LUTON Town goalkeeper Kelvin Davis has been in Italy this week, with the Football League Under-21 squad who took on their Italian counterparts in Genoa.

It was a return to the Luigi Ferraris Stadium for Kelvin who played in the Hatters' Anglo-Italian Cup defeat by Genoa in the World Cup stadium last season.

This week he was on the bench for the Football League team who drew 1-1 on Wednesday afternoon, thanks to a second-half equaliser from Charlton's Shaun Newton.



KELVIN Davis

Norwich City's Andy Marshall played in goal, but apart from Kelvin there was only Wrexham's Bryan Hughes representing the second division in the Nationwide squad.

The Italians meanwhile included five players contracted to Serie A clubs, but loaned out to second division teams.

The last time the Football League played in Italy two seasons ago, the manager was the then Luton boss David Pleat.

There was also a Kenilworth Road connection on this occasion, with former Town skipper Brian Horton in charge.

**SEE PAGES 40 & 41 FOR
DETAILS OF THE LATEST
LTFC LEISUREWEAR
AVAILABLE IN
THE CLUB SHOP.....**

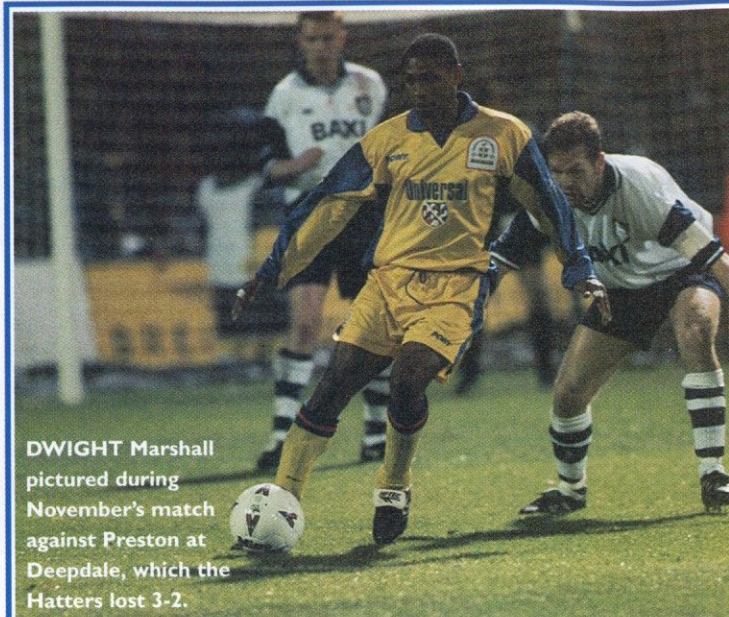
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DWIGHT Marshall pictured during November's match against Preston at Deepdale, which the Hatters lost 3-2.

Last time we met...

THIS afternoon we welcome Preston North End to Kenilworth Road, following our meeting at Deepdale in November, which the Lancashire side won 3-2.

David Moyes put the home side 2-0 in front in the first half, after the Hatters had been forced to reshuffle after early injuries to Gary Waddock and Stuart Douglas.

Steve Davis pulled a goal back just before half-time, but Lee Ashcroft made sure of the three points for Preston with a goal three minutes from time.

Davis pulled a second goal back in stoppage time, but the 3-2 scoreline ended Luton's 10-game unbeaten run in Division Two.

Last week, Preston lifted themselves further away from the relegation zone with a 2-1 home win over Wycombe.

Paul McKenna, 19, scored on his full debut, opening the scoring to give Gary Peters' side their first home win of the year - and delighting a few headline writers along the way.

"McKenna conjures up a goal" and "McKenna hypnotises defence" were much in evidence in Monday's sports pages, with Simon Davey netting the winner after Wycombe's equaliser.

There's a full guide on today's visitors on pages 12 to 15 of this programme.

FRONT COVER: Tony Thorpe keeps his eye on the ball during last week's game against Bristol Rovers. Thorpe netted his 22nd goal of the season, but the Hatters went down 3-2. (Picture: ANDY HANDLEY).

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by Club Captain
STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Steve Davis heads a goal back for the Hatters just before half-time at Deepdale earlier this season, reducing the deficit to 2-1. Preston went on to win 3-2.

LAST Saturday's defeat at Bristol was a big disappointment to everyone, because with all due respect to Rovers, we should be winning games against sides at the bottom end of the table.

There's no doubt they raised their game, but we must come to expect that. As one of the top sides in this division we are there to be shot at.

After a good start we lost our way, especially after half-time, but hit back and might have snatched a point at the death.

It was good to see Gary Waddock back in the side, and his experience will be invaluable in the weeks ahead. He marked his return with a spectacular goal, and got a fair amount of good natured stick from the

locals afterwards, being a former Rovers player.

It's always nice to score against your old club, and I would love to be on the mark at Burnley on March 29. Speaking of scoring goals, I wouldn't mind finding the net against Preston again this afternoon.

When I scored both in our 3-2 defeat at Deepdale earlier this season, it was the first time in my career that I have scored twice in one game.

But in truth we would just be delighted to collect the three points, whoever scores, this afternoon.

Other results continue to go our way, and we have stayed in second place since Christmas, but we can't keep depending on others to do us favours.

Our fate rests in our own hands, with home games against the other top sides to come, and also away matches against teams who will be scrapping for points as Bristol Rovers were.

The spirit in the squad remains good, and this week we spent a few days at Lilleshall, for training and fitness work. Hopefully that will set us up for the busy period ahead, with next Saturday's trip to York starting a spell of five games in two weeks, with four of those matches being away from Kenilworth Road.

Thanks for your continued support, and let's hope for a return to winning ways this afternoon.

**Coming soon..... FA Youth Cup - Quarter Final
at Kenilworth Road**

**LUTON TOWN v
MANCHESTER UNITED
or WATFORD**

**Fixture and admission details
to be announced shortly**

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FIRST of all, apologies to supporters who travelled to Bristol Rovers last week who would have discovered upon arrival that the game was not all-ticket.

We had of course advertised that no tickets would be available on the day, and I hope you can appreciate that this information was based on the instructions we had received from Bristol Rovers.

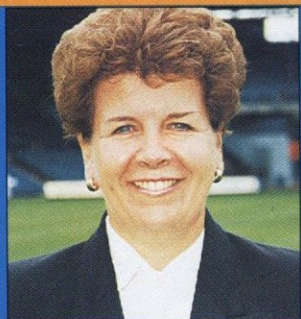
Congratulations to the youth team on reaching the quarter finals of the FA Youth Cup.

We will be at home to Watford or Manchester United, and these two sides drew at Old Trafford last Saturday.

They will replay at Vicarage Road on March 6, and we will shortly be able to announce details of the quarter final here at Kenilworth Road.

This afternoon there is a bucket collection for the Luton and Dunstable Hospital Scanner Appeal - an excellent cause and we trust you will, as usual, give generously.

From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

At half-time today there will be a penalty shoot-out, at the Kenilworth End, involving youngsters from the Windowcraft Chiltern Youth League, refereed by Graham Everitt.

The Under 13s taking part are Craig Magill (Luton), Nick McGill

CONGRATULATIONS to the following, who are the winners in our Player Portrait Competition. We had some splendid entries, and the winners will be notified by post shortly, with presentations to follow.

Under 10s: Winner - Megan Scrivener. Runners-Up - Peter Buckley, James Cooper, Laura Hogg, Andrew Jones, Louise O'Neill, Robert Taylor, Sarah Woodward. Age 10 to 13: Winner - Daniel Bennett. Runners-Up - Lindsey Bierton, Ceri Buckley, Victoria Farleigh, Jamie Greer, Nichola Jones, Stuart Jones, Catherine Pollard. Age 14 to 16: Winner - Joanne Harris. Runners-Up - Rebecca Claridge, Kate Conway, Joel Driscoll, Helen Gatward, Jamie Greer, Claire Morris, Oliver Smith, Olivia Wells.

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Sat Mar 15	Crewe	£9.50	£7.50	9.30am	10.30am

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Life Membership of the Bobbers Travel Club is £1 for adults and 50p for children/OAPs.

(Dunstable) and Christopher Smith (Milton Keynes).

Confirmation of first-team fixtures can be found on page 46, and there are two reserve rearrangements to tell you about.

The reserves are at home to Brighton on Monday, February 24, at Hitchin, kick-off 7pm. They travel to Ipswich on Monday, March 10, in the Combination League Cup, kick-off 7.15pm.

ON THE BUSES?

IN conjunction with the Shires Bus Company, the club is looking at ways to get supporters to the ground more easily on matchdays, as we are aware of the parking difficulties in the Kenilworth Road area.

We are looking at additional services from Milton Keynes, Leighton Buzzard and other areas, and at the possibility of being able to buy bus tickets with match tickets.

I would like to hear any views or ideas that you may have on this subject. Please contact me at the club, either in writing or by telephone.

TOWN TEASER

Our next home game is against Millwall. In 1985 we beat them 1-0 in the sixth round of the FA Cup. Who scored the Hatters' goal? Listen out for the PA announcer asking this question at this afternoon's game.

York City v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, March 1, 1997, kick-off 3pm

Pay on the day only at York.

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Terracing (uncovered) - £7 adults, £4 juniors/senior citizens.

(The LTFC ticket office will be open from 9 to 11am on Saturday, March 1, for the sale of other match tickets).

Chesterfield v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Tuesday, March 4, 1997, kick-off 7.45pm

Pay on the night only.

Terracing: £8 - no concessions

Seating: £9 - no concessions

Luton Town v Millwall

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, March 8, 1997, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at the discounted price.

Normal guesting facilities apply.

Wrexham v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Tuesday, March 11, 1997, kick-off 7.45pm

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Seats: £11 for adults, £8 for juniors/seniors

Terracing: £8 adults, £5 for juniors/seniors

Crewe Alexandra v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, March 15, 1997, kick-off 3pm

This is an ALL-TICKET match for Luton supporters, with no tickets available on the day of the game.

Tickets are limited to ONE per Season Ticket holder or Member (subject to availability) until Friday, March 14, at 4pm.

Covered seats only, priced at: Adults £9.50, Senior Citizens £7.50, Juniors £5.00.

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Chesterfield

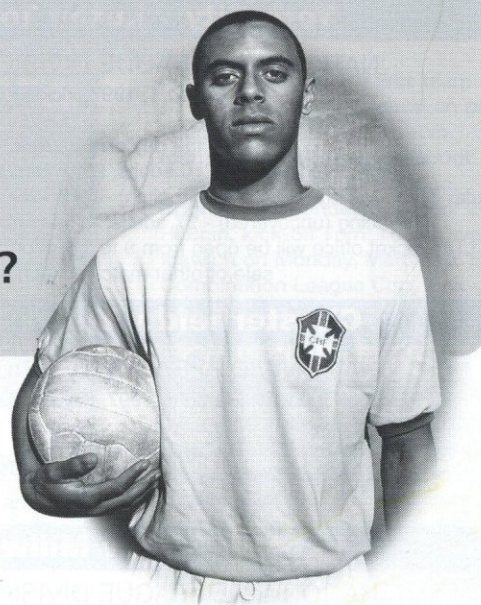
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Directions courtesy of FOOTBALL FAN'S GUIDE. Editor's note: This highly acclaimed and well-researched book is now available in the Club Shop. There is an updated version for the 96/97 season, and it includes a wide range of information for the travelling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

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ABOVE: Two of Luton's youngest fans, Liam and Colette Keane, from Leighton Buzzard, who are 22 months and 10 months old respectively. Parents Sue and Colman complete a quartet of Town supporters at their Stoke Road home.



LEFT: Congratulations and best wishes to long-time Hatters supporter and season ticket holder Tim Surch and his fiancée Georgina, who get married next Saturday.

SUPPORTER Mr P Ryan, of 62 Oxford Road, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 8AG, would like to purchase a copy of 'The Luton Town Story - 1885-1985' and any programmes from 1960 to 1990. Anyone who can help can contact Mr Ryan on the above address, or by telephoning 01249 821331 after 6pm.

TO have your request or photograph included in the matchday programme, please write to: Simon Oxley, Programme Editor, LTFC, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW.

THERE is a Football Programme Fair at Wycombe Wanderers FC tomorrow, Sunday, February 23, from 10am to 2pm, and admission is free.

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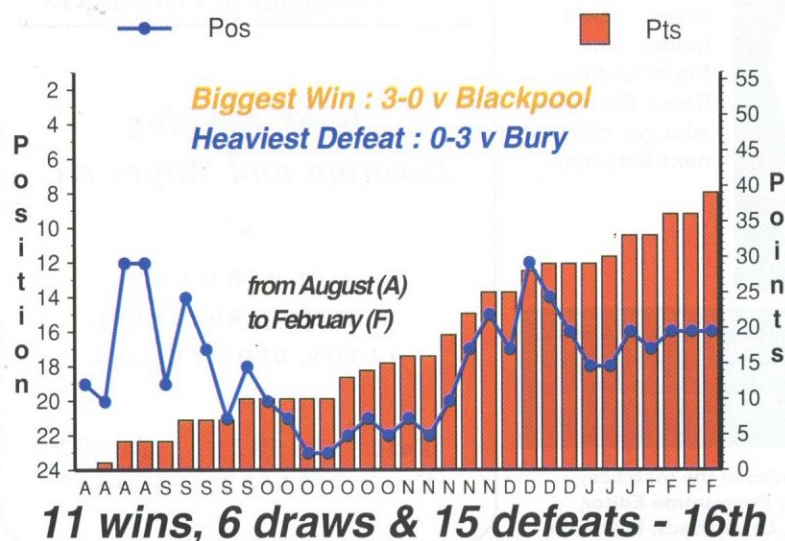
ABOVE: Preston North End 1996/97:

Back row: l to r: Steve Wilkinson, Russ Wilcox, Andy Saville (no longer at club), Neil McDonald, David Lucas, Teuvo Moilanen, Jamie Squires, Kevin Kilbane, Ryan Kidd, Paul Sparrow.

Middle row: l to r: Brian Hickson (kit manager), Alan Fogarty (Chief Scout), Gil Brooks, Raymond Sharp (no longer with club), Michael Holt, Mick Rathbone (physio), Gary Bennett, Tony Grant (no longer with club), Allan Smart (no longer with club), Paul Compton (youth coach), Geoff McDougle (Youth Development Officer).

Front row: l to r: Mickey Brown (no longer at club), Kevin Gage, Lee Cartwright, Simon Davey, Steve Harrison (first team coach), Gary Peters (manager), David Moyes (assistant manager), Ian Bryson, Dean Barrick, Graeme Atkinson, Paul McKenna.

LEFT: David Reeves



ABOVE: Dean Barrick



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(Stats up to and including Saturday, February 15 only).

DAVID LUCAS - Young goalkeeper who turned pro in December 1994, and has represented England at Under 18 level.

BOBBY MIMMS - Experienced goalkeeper formerly with Rotherham, Everton, Tottenham and Blackburn, who joined Preston in September after receiving a free transfer from Ewood Park.

TEUVO MOILANEN - Finnish international keeper who joined North End in December 1995, and is currently on loan at Darlington.

KELHAM O'HANLON - Experienced keeper who returned to Preston at the beginning of the season for his second spell at Deepdale. Eire international who has also played for Middlesbrough, Rotherham, Carlisle and Dundee United, rejoining Preston from the latter for £12,000 primarily as goalkeeping coach.

DEAN BARRICK - Signed from Cambridge in a player-exchange deal with winger Paul Raynor returning to the Abbey Stadium in September 1995. Formerly with Sheffield Wednesday and Rotherham.

KEVIN GAGE - Signed in March 1996 on a free transfer from Sheffield United. Former England youth player who started his career with Wimbledon, before moving to Aston Villa. Scored twice against the Hatters for Sheffield United in the Blades' 6-3 win here in December 1994.

SEAN GREGAN - Joined Preston at the end of November for a club record fee of £300,000 from Darlington. Played over 150 matches for the Quakers and the 22-year-old centre-half was reported to be attracting interest from Premiership clubs.

RYAN KIDD - Started his career with Port Vale before moving to Preston in July 1992, only to suffer with injury early in his Deepdale career. Has since developed into a consistent defender.

DAVID MOYES - Experienced centre-half who accepted the role as player-coach during the summer of 1995, moving up to assistant manager following the arrival of Steve Harrison as coach. Has played over 500 league games, and scored twice in Preston's 3-2 home win over Luton in November.

PAUL SPARROW - Right-back who joined North End from Crystal Palace last March, initially on loan before a permanent £20,000 deal.

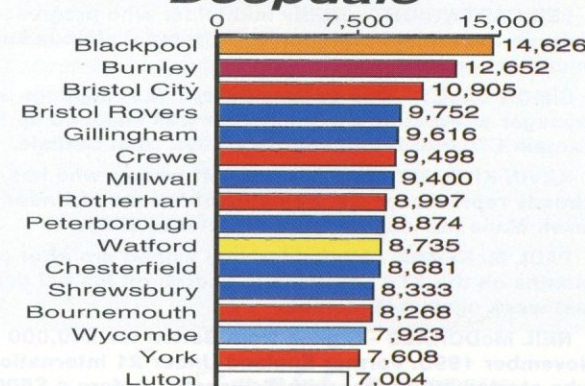
JAMIE SQUIRES - Preston born, and product of the Deepdale youth policy, signing pro in 1994. Versatile defender who played in the Wembley play-off final aged just 18.

(Continued on page 14).

When Goals have been Scored



Attendances at Deepdale



ABOVE: Action from November's meeting at Deepdale.

RUSS WILCOX - Signed from Doncaster Rovers for £60,000 in September 1995, after spells with Cambridge, Frickley, Northampton and Hull. His central defensive partnership with David Moyes was a key factor in Preston's Division Three championship campaign last term.

SHAUN TEALE - Experienced defender who has played in the top flight with Aston Villa. More recently at Division One Tranmere, and has been on loan at Deepdale in recent months.

LEE ASHCROFT - Began his career with Preston, his hometown club, as a trainee. Signed pro in 1991 and went on to England Under 21 honours, before a £250,000 move to West Brom in August 1993. Returned to Deepdale earlier this season for £150,000.

GRAEME ATKINSON - Midfielder who joined Preston in October 1994 from his hometown club Hull in a deal worth £80,000.

IAN BRYSON - Experienced player who started his career with Kilmarnock, before moving south to Sheffield United. In five seasons at Bramall Lane he helped the Blades into the top flight, before moving to Barnsley for a short spell. Joined Preston in November 1993 for £40,000 and made his 500th league appearance this season.

LEE CARTWRIGHT - Utility midfielder who progressed through the ranks at Deepdale. Suffered a serious knee injury last season.

SIMON DAVEY - One of Gary Peters' first signings as manager of Preston, the midfielder was snapped up for a bargain £75,000 fee in February 1995 from Carlisle.

KEVIN KILBANE - Highly-rated left winger who has already represented the Republic of Ireland at Under 21 level. Made his league debut in October 1995.

PAUL McKENNA - Midfielder who signed pro after just 18 months on the YTS programme. Scored on his full debut last week against Wycombe.

NEIL McDONALD - Signed from Bolton for £40,000 in November 1995. Former England Under 21 international who started his career with Newcastle, before a £500,000 move to Everton. Later joined Oldham, again in a £500,000 deal.

MARK RANKINE - Arrived at Deepdale from Wolves for £100,000 in mid-September. Midfielder who can also play at right-back, having started his career with hometown Doncaster before a move to Molineux.

GARY BENNETT - Signed for Preston for a then club record deal worth £200,000 from Tranmere in March 1996. Liverpool-born striker who has played most of his football in the north-west, for Wigan, Chester, Wrexham and Tranmere, plus a short spell at Southend.

MICHAEL HOLT - 19-year-old striker who joined Preston in the summer on a free transfer from Blackburn. Scored on his full debut against Spurs in the Coca-Cola Cup.

DAVID REEVES - Prolific goalscorer signed from Carlisle in October for £200,000. Formerly with Sheffield Wednesday, Bolton and Notts County, and scored on his home debut for Preston against Shrewsbury.

STEVE WILKINSON - Striker who joined from Mansfield in June 1995 for £90,000, but suffered a serious knee injury in September.

MEET THE MANAGER

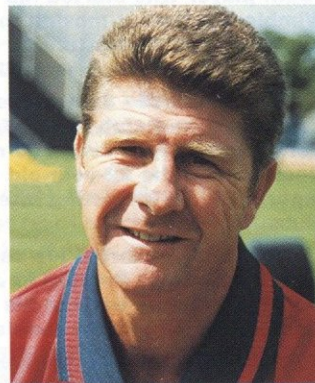
Following the departure of John Beck in December 1994, GARY PETERS, Beck's assistant at both Cambridge and Preston, was installed as manager at Deepdale.

An excellent second half of the season saw one of England's most famous clubs achieve a play-off position for the second season running in Division Three, but North End were to fall to Bury in the semi-final.

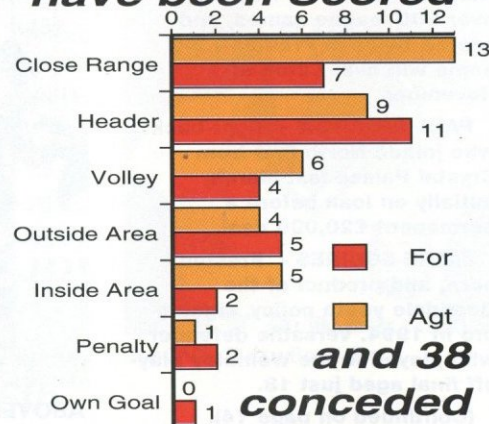
During the close season of 1995, major construction work began to turn Deepdale in to a 25,000 all-seater stadium. The 90-year-old West Stand, which had been the oldest continually used stand in the Football League, was torn down and replaced by a multi-complex structure - The Tom Finney Stand, incorporating a National Football Museum.

And then on the field, in Gary Peters' first full campaign in charge, North End secured promotion to the second division, as Champions of Division Three.

With strong financial backing, and a large supporter base, they have the potential to be one of the strongest teams in this division.



How 32 Goals have been Scored



A Hatter and a Lilywhite...



ABOVE: Alec Ashworth scores against Manchester City in the 1961 FA Cup tie, when Denis Law scored six for City only for the game to be abandoned, with Luton winning the replay!

Born in Southport in October 1939, ALEC ASHWORTH joined Everton from school and was regarded as a prodigy at Goodison, making his debut as a teenager and scoring three goals in 12 starts.

When Everton came to Kenilworth Road looking to sign Billy Bingham, Luton manager Sam Bartram drove a hard bargain and secured a cash plus players deal which brought both Ashworth and John Bramwell south.

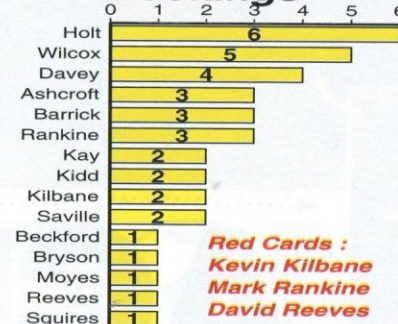
Ashworth enjoyed two seasons at Kenilworth Road in a struggling Luton side and formed a good spearhead with Gordon Turner. Scoring on his debut for the Town in a 4-1

defeat at Derby he went on to hit 20 goals in 63 league appearances before joining Northampton in the summer of 1962.

He top scored for the Cobblers in 1962/63 as they won the championship of Division Three before moving back to the north west, and linking up with Preston in 1963 with whom he appeared at Wembley in the FA Cup Final 12 months later.

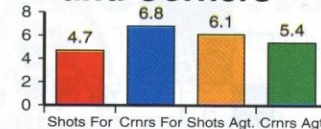
After a series of knee injuries he had to retire at the age of 27 with the legacy of the wear and tear bringing on osteo arthritis soon after, and a life as an invalid leading up to his untimely death in June 1995. - ROGER WASH.

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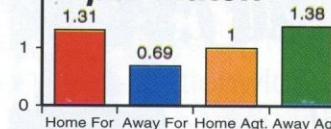


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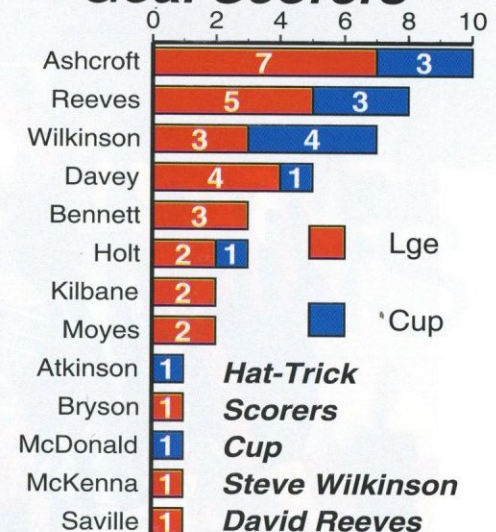
Average Shots and Corners



Average Goals per Match



Goal Scorers





↑
Tony Thorpe's first-half shot beats Rovers keeper Andy Collett, but went over the bar.

← Gary Waddock celebrates only his second goal for Luton, and against his former club, after a 30-yard right foot shot (inset).

Heads up! Andrew Fotiadis and Steve Davis (5) outjump the Rovers defence.

→ David Oldfield makes a second half break for the Hatters.

ACTION STATIONS

Bristol Rovers 3 Luton Town 2

(Miller, Tillson, Holloway)

(Thorpe pen, Waddock)

Saturday, February 15, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 5,612

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1. Cardiff City reached the 1967/68 European Cup Winners Cup semi-finals.

2. Bobby Charlton was once player manager of Preston North End.

3. Sheffield Wednesday have played at Rochdale's Spotland in the Intertoto Cup.

4. David Platt,
played for two
Italian clubs, Bari
and Sampdoria

Which club has lifted the following trophies?

FA Cup: 1887, 1895, 1897,
1905, 1913, 1920, 1957
Division 1 Championship:
1893/94, 1895/96, 1896/97,
1898/99, 1899/1900, 1909/10,
1980/81.

Division 2 Championship:
1937/38, 1959/60

Division 3 Championship: 1971/72

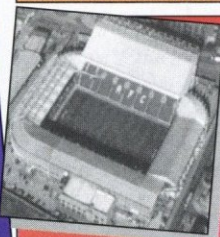
League Cup: 1961, 1975,
1977, 1994, 1996

European Cup: 1982/83

1. Which park separates Anfield and Goodison?
2. Which Second Division club's nickname is 'The Pirates'?
3. Which famous ground is situated on Mount Florida?
4. Who was the Everton manager before Mike Walker?
5. At which club did David James begin his league career?
6. Which British club won the 1982/83 European Super Cup?

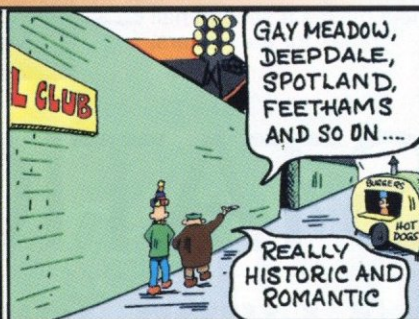
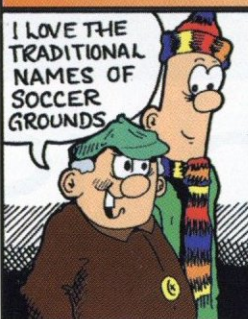
Everton win the League, Chelsea win the FA Cup, Celtic win the Scottish League and League Cup, but lose the Scottish Cup to Aberdeen and the European Cup to Feyenoord. Arsenal and Manchester City also won the UEFA and European Cup Winners Cup respectively, and Brazil lifted the World Cup in Mexico for the third time?

ALL THESE EVENTS TOOK PLACE IN THE SAME YEAR



Was bought by the original club from Holbeck Rugby Club. After a finance scandal involving the original club, the ground was almost sold to another local club but the present owners were formed and played there. It hosted a Queen concert in 1982 and the following year was shared with Hunslet Rugby Club. The executive boxes were the first in Yorkshire.

by Norman Hood



Answers

QUICK QUIZ: 1. Stanley Park; 2. Bristol Rovers; 3. Hampden Park; 4. Howard Kendall; 5. Watford; 6. Aston Villa.
 WHO'S ROOPLY CABINET? Aston Villa
 TRUE OR FALSE? 1. True; 2. True; 3. False, they used Rotherham United's Millmoor; 4. False, he played for Juventus as well.
 SPOT THE GROUND: Elland Road, Leeds United.



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is five-year-old MATTHEW RILEY, who attends Flamstead JMI School. He plays for Markyate Youth Under 9s, and his favourite Luton Town player is Julian James. Matthew attends Town matches with his Mum or Dad.

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WE are now taking bookings for the trip to Crewe on March 15, with prices £10 for adults and £8 for Junior Hatters - this includes coach ticket and match ticket. Bookings can be made at the ticket office, and full details are available on (01582) 416976. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

This afternoon, as usual, the Saturday Club is in operation. 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.

Thanks to everyone who came with us to Bristol Rovers last week, and please look out for your Junior Hatters newsletter which should be arriving in the post shortly.



ABOVE: Darren Cowley was our Junior Hatters mascot at Notts County, and is pictured with the team captains and match officials prior to kick-off.



LEFT: Amit Patel, our mascot against Plymouth, is pictured with Tony Thorpe and Des Linton.

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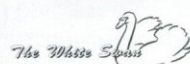
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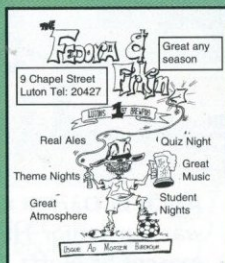
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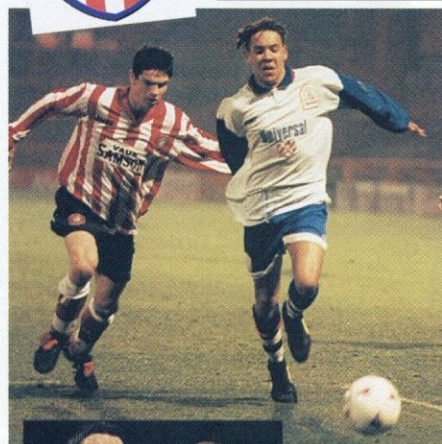
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AWAY THE LADS!



ABOVE:
Liam
George
battles for
possession.

LEFT: Gary
Doherty set
up Luton's
10th minute
opener.

LUTON Town booked their place in the last eight of the FA Youth Cup with a 5-2 win at Roker Park last week, writes *SIMON OXLEY*.

And the Hatters youngsters will now face Manchester United or Watford at Kenilworth Road, for a place in the semi-finals.

The Town's youth side, currently top of South East Counties Division Two, raced into a 2-0 lead after just 13 minutes at Sunderland, with Matthew Upson heading home a Matthew Spring free kick, and Liam George adding number two after good approach work from Gary Doherty. Terry Sweeney and George went close to extending Luton's lead either side of half-time, but number three duly arrived on 57 minutes when Nick Webb's clearance was flicked on by Doherty for George to race through and net his second.

Six minutes later it was 4-0, as Ian Jones headed in Spring's corner, and after Sunderland briefly threatened a fight back, George wrapped things up for the visitors by completing his hat-trick on 88 minutes.

That goal took his season's tally for the youth team to 23 in 29 league and cup appearances.

The hosts kindly allowed him to keep the match ball to complete a memorable evening. Memorable too for youth team coach John Moore, whose last senior

FA YOUTH CUP ACTION SPECIAL

appearance for Luton was in an FA Cup sixth round defeat at Roker in 1973.

Last February the Hatters left Roker Park with a 1-0 defeat, and Dwight Marshall nursing a broken leg which was to prove so crucial in the fight against relegation.

With Sunderland leaving for a new ground in the summer, at least Luton's final visit to Roker will be a rare happy memory of the famous ground.

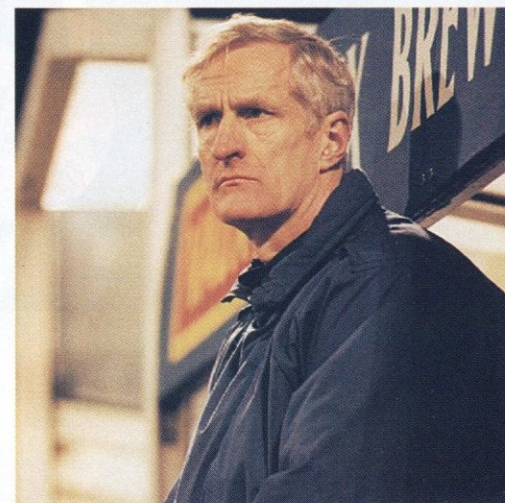
Team: Webb, Lawes, Fraser, Spring, Jones, Upson, Clarke (Scarlett), George, Doherty (Barr), Sweeney, McIndoe. Sub not used: Boyce.

Sunderland 2 Luton Town 5

(Wright, Barnes)

(Upson, George 3, Jones)

Tuesday, February 11, 1997 - FA Youth Cup Fourth Round



ABOVE: Coach John Moore keeps a watchful eye on the game at Roker Park.

LEFT: The LTFC squad.

(Pictures: GARETH OWEN)



**ABOVE and
RIGHT:** Liam
George
completes his
hat-trick in
the 88th
minute, to
give the
Hatters a 5-2
win.



Ceri's cap!



ABOVE: Ceri receives his 95/96 cap from Cliff Bassett

MIDFIELDER Ceri Hughes is set to return after suspension this afternoon, after missing the matches against Plymouth and Bristol Rovers.

But in between, Ceri was adding to his international caps with a substitute appearance for Wales in last Tuesday's friendly in Cardiff against the Republic of Ireland.

He played for the last 17

minutes of the 0-0 draw, after replacing Wimbledon's Vinnie Jones, and lined up alongside former Luton team-mates Mark Pembroke and John Hartson.

Ironically, Ceri had been officially presented with his 95/96 cap by LTFC director Cliff Bassett, after an appearance against Albania, prior to the league match against Plymouth Argyle.

LUTON TOWN v BRENTFORD

Nationwide League Division Two

This game will now be played on
FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1997,
kick-off 7.45pm, and will be
televised live on Sky Sports.

(NB The original date for this fixture was
Saturday, March 22, 1997, with a 3pm kick-off).

**DARREN
PATTERSON**



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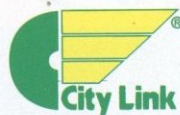
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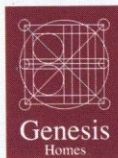
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INJURY UPDATE

Knee injury on the mend for Richard

I am pleased to report that RICHARD HARVEY has been given the all-clear to rejoin training after his lengthy absence with a knee injury.

Richard has been out of action since suffering cruciate damage in the pre-season game at Kenilworth Road against West Ham, but joined in the sessions at Lilleshall this week.

It is 'non-contact' work at first, and a return to playing is still some weeks away, but he has made good progress throughout and deserves reward for his hard work.

GARY WADDOCK returned to the first team last Saturday at Bristol, coming on as a second-half substitute, his first competitive action since Boxing Day.

There was no adverse reaction following his calf injury, and he will be available for selection this afternoon.

It has been a frustrating time for him. A scan has revealed two tears in the muscle, so just when we thought he was over the worst the problem refused to go away.

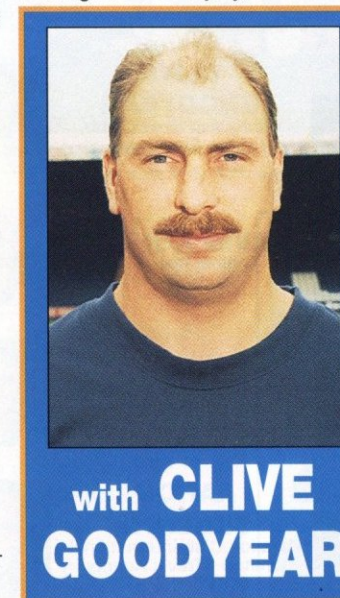
PAUL SHOWLER suffered a twisted ankle in training the day before the Plymouth match, and although he had a slight reoccurrence of the problem last week, he was hoping to train on Thursday and Friday of this week.

AARON SKELTON continues to receive treatment for a ligament sprain to his left knee, whilst BEN CHENERY, KIM GRANT, ANDREW FOTIADIS and ROBERT KEAN have received treatment for minor injuries.

Supporters who went to Bristol would have seen TONY THORPE receiving treatment after scoring in the opening minutes, but this was just for a minor knock on the calf, and there has been no reaction since.



LEFT: Paul Showler has been receiving treatment for foot and ankle injuries.



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RIGHT: Gary Waddock returned after his calf injury at Bristol last week.



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ABOVE: Participants on the October half-term course at Woughton-on-the-Green in Milton Keynes. We were back in the new city this week, as part of the February half-term coaching scheme.

THIS week we have held our half-term coaching courses across the region, with sessions in Bedford, Milton Keynes, Biggleswade, Harpenden and Luton.

All the courses were very well supported once again, and our next holiday sessions will be at Easter.

In the meantime we continue with coaching at schools, and will shortly be starting Saturday morning coaching clinics - see below.

To book your place on any of the courses, or for further information, please contact Jeff Vetere on (01582) 411622.

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RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



Wed Aug 28	WEST HAM (LC)	lost 3-0
Thur Sep 5	WIMBLEDON	lost 2-1
Wed Sep 18	Portsmouth	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	won 2-1
Mon Jan 20	CARDIFF CITY	lost 3-2
Wed Feb 5	Ipswich Town	lost 1-0
Mon Feb 24	BRIGHTON	7pm*
Thu Feb 27	Arsenal	2pm
Wed Mar 5	Charlton Athletic	2pm
Mon Mar 10	Ipswich Town (LC)	7.15pm
Wed Mar 12	BOURNEMOUTH	2pm
Wed Mar 19	Southampton	7.30pm
Wed Mar 26	WATFORD	2pm
Mon Apr 14	SWANSEA CITY	7pm*
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.

* Denotes rearranged match to be played at Hitchin.

LC - Avon Insurance Combination League Cup.

THE Town's reserve side resume Avon Insurance Combination League action on Monday, with a re-arranged game against Brighton, at Hitchin, kick-off 7pm.

This match was postponed two weeks previously due to a waterlogged pitch.

In their last league match, the reserves went down 1-0 at Ipswich, a game played at Portman Road.

Team: Davis, Chenery, Jones (Fraser), Thompson, Willmott, Upson, Kean (Augustine), George, Douglas, Fotiadis (Barr), Sweeney.

The reserves return to Ipswich on Monday, March 10, for their one outstanding game in the Combination League Cup qualifying group.

The youth team have maintained top spot in the South East Counties League Division Two since our last round-up, starting with a 3-1 win over Tottenham on February 8.

Luton's scorers were Gary Doherty, Michael McIndoe and Liam George.

Team: Webb, Lawes, Fraser, Spring, Doherty, Boyce, Clarke, Augustine, Barr, McIndoe, Jerry.

Subs all used: George, Sweeney, Jones.

Last Saturday, the youth team drew 2-2 at Oxford United, after trailing 1-0, but then leading 2-1.

Liam George and Terry Sweeney

were the Luton scorers.

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

Sub not used: O'Donnell.

In between these two league matches, the youth team won at Sunderland in the FA Youth Cup, and there's a full report of that game on pages 22 and 23.

Luton will be at home to

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	15	9	1	5	26	19	28
Tottenham	13	6	2	3	31	14	26
Chelsea	13	8	2	3	22	14	26
Wimbledon	13	7	4	2	30	19	25
QPR	13	7	3	3	28	18	24
Ipswich	11	7	2	2	19	7	23
Arsenal	12	6	3	3	32	13	21
Brighton	13	4	6	3	24	24	18
C Palace	12	5	2	5	17	16	17
Bournemouth	12	5	2	5	26	28	17
Cardiff	13	4	5	4	12	19	17
Swindon	13	4	4	5	24	25	16
Millwall	12	5	1	6	21	26	16
Bristol City	13	4	3	6	25	25	15
LUTON TOWN	11	5	0	6	13	15	15
Oxford	13	4	3	6	20	24	15
Watford	12	4	2	6	16	22	14
Swansea	11	4	1	6	14	22	13
West Ham	13	3	3	7	15	23	12
Southampton	11	3	2	6	18	23	11
Norwich	13	2	4	7	20	29	10
Bristol R	13	2	4	7	12	27	10
Charlton	9	2	1	6	9	22	7

League table up to and including 12.2.97.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1996/97 APPS & SCORERS (5.2.97)

	APPS	G		APPS	G
Kelvin DAVIS	11		Des LINTON	4	
Sean EVERS	12	2	Kim GRANT	1	
Ben CHENERY	13		Dwight MARSHALL	(1)	
Paul McLAREN	10	1	Jimmy COX	(1)	
Gary SIMPSON	2		Stuart FRASER	1 (2)	
Chris WILLMOTT	13 (1)	1	Mark BROWN	1	
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	3		David OLDFIELD	2	
Tony THORPE	3		Michael MCINDOE	1	
John TAYLOR	4	1	Andrew FOTIADIS	2	
Stuart DOUGLAS	9	1	Lee MARSHALL	2	
Robert KEAN	14	3	Ian JONES	1	
Jamie WOODSFORD	3 (1)	2	A THOMPSON	1	
Andre SCARLETT	1 (2)				
Matthew UPSON	9	2			
Steve AUGUSTINE	(4)				
Nathan ABBEY	3				
Trevor PEAKE	2				
Darren PATTERSON	6				
Paul SHOWLER	3				
Aaron SKELTON	8	1			
Liam GEORGE	5 (3)	3			
Andrew BARR	(4)				
Matthew SPRING	(2)				
Terry SWEENEY	4 (2)				

League Cup Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	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
Norwich	3	1	0	2	1	4	3
Ipswich	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

Manchester United or Watford in the quarter finals.

These two sides drew 1-1 at Old Trafford last Saturday, and will replay at Vicarage Road on Thursday, March 6.

We are hoping to announce a date for the quarter-final shortly. The game will be here at Kenilworth Road.

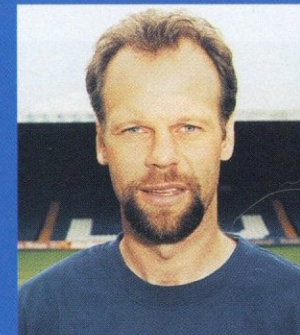


ABOVE: Stuart Douglas - in the reserve side that went down 1-0 at Ipswich.

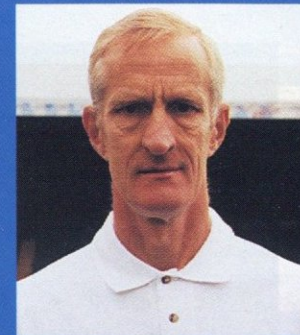
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LUTON TOWN	20	15	3	2	45	18	33
C Palace	20	13	4	3	48	19	30
Tottenham	23	10	7	6	39	22	27
Oxford	20	10	7	3	40	26	27
Southampton	19	12	0	7	40	20	24
Wycombe	22	10	4	8	28	22	24
Swindon	21	8	6	7	38	30	22
Wimbledon	20	8	5	7	28	20	21
Bristol City	19	7	6	6	31	34	20
Brighton	21	8	4	9	25	36	20
Bournemouth	18	7	3	8	30	38	17
Colchester	19	6	4	9	31	31	16
Bristol R	20	7	2	11	33	40	16
Brentford	20	3	6	11	28	43	12
Reading	22	5	1	16	24	70	11
Barnet	22	2	2	18	17	56	6

League table as at February 8, 1997



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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 18	Southampton	won 3-1
Tue Sep 17	Wolves (SJFC)	lost 2-1	Sat Jan 25	Crystal Palace	won 2-1
Sat Sep 21	CRYSTAL PALACE	lost 1-0	Sat Feb 1	Reading	won 2-1
Sat Sep 28	Tottenham	won 2-0	Sat Feb 8	TOTTENHAM	won 3-1
Sat Oct 5	OXFORD UTD	drew 1-1	Tue Feb 11	Sunderland (FAYC4)	won 5-2
Sat Oct 12	Swindon Town	drew 2-2	Sat Feb 15	Oxford United	drew 2-2
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		TBA BRISTOL CITY & Bristol City	
Sat Nov 23	SWINDON TOWN	won 2-1		TBA COLCHESTER	
Sat Nov 30	BRIGHTON	drew 2-2		Home league matches at Luton Rugby Club.	

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

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G	
Daniel TATE	12		7		
Gary DOHERTY	17 (3)	4	8 (1)		
Ian JONES	11 (1)	2	5	1	
Matthew UPSON	5		8	1	
Steve AUGUSTINE	10	3	5	3	
Matthew SPRING	19 (2)	2	11 (1)	2	
Jimmy COX	12 (2)	1	8 (2)	3	
Liam GEORGE	18 (2)	15	10	9	
Andre SCARLETT	13 (6)		6 (3)	1	
Andrew BARR	19 (1)	9	8 (1)	1	
Andrew SMITH	4 (2)	3	4	2	
Russell LAWES	14 (1)		9 (1)		
Mark HILLIARD	1 (3)		1	1	
Richard CLARKE	9 (4)	1	7 (2)	1	
Terry SWEENEY	15 (1)	6	9	2	
Nick WEBB	9		5		
Emerson BOYCE	13 (1)		4 (1)		
Stuart FRASER	13 (1)		7 (1)		
Michael MCINDOE	13 (1)	1	5 (1)		
Moses JERRY	2 (3)		2		
Delroy MCKOY	1 (1)		1		
James AYRES	1		1		
Jon CHALLINOR			1		
Sean CURRAN			1		

LUTON Town FC require landladies on a permanent and/or part-time basis for our YTS players.

We are ideally looking for families, in Luton, with an interest in football, who have room available for one of our youngsters, either on a permanent (seven days a week) basis, or on a temporary basis (for example in school holidays).

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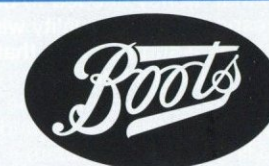
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Bar facilities now available for supporters on matchdays

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.

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Those were the days

AFTER finishing in eighth position in the old Division One at the end of season 1957/58, the club's highest ever position at that time, the Town directors were still not happy.

Attendances had continued to drop since promotion in 1955, and the policy of development of young talent rather than using a cheque book was looked on as the main reason for the waning of interest.

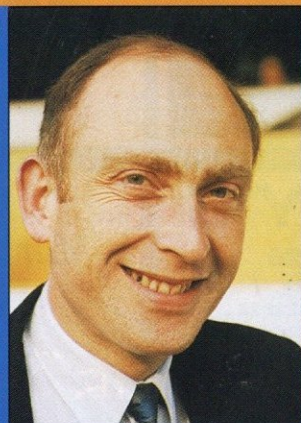
Reg Pearce had been sold to Sunderland for a fee of £12,000 during the season and was replaced (quite adequately it must be said) by local boy Dave Pacey, and the Town supporters let it be known that money needed to be spent especially on a quality winger.

It came as a surprise then that the directors gave manager Dally Duncan licence to spend some money in the close season, and after failing to entice Graham Leggatt from Aberdeen he managed to secure Northern Ireland international Billy Bingham from Sunderland for a five figure fee.

The Wearsiders had been relegated for the first time in their history that summer, and Bingham jumped at the chance to stay in the top flight and move to Kenilworth Road. This turn of events was not lost on Luton supporters as Bingham had turned us down eight years before, preferring to move to Sunderland from Glentoran when we were a mere Division Two side!

A Kenilworth Road crowd of 24,425 turned out to see Bingham make his debut against West Bromwich Albion on the opening day of the season, and he did not disappoint, turning in a masterful performance in a 1-1 draw. Another 1-1 draw followed, at Leeds, before we secured our first ever win at Birmingham, courtesy of a John Groves strike three minutes from the end.

Leeds came to Kenilworth Road for the return fixture and went back to Yorkshire with a point following a 1-1 draw, before we took on early



by **ROGER WASH**

season leaders West Ham at Kenilworth Road. West Ham, promoted to Division One the previous season, were, like the Town, unbeaten at that stage in the campaign and such was the interest in the game a near capacity 25,715 turned up to see the Hammers take an interval lead through Vic Keeble. Spurred on by the crowd we tore into West Ham in the second period and goals from Allan Brown, Dave Pacey and Gordon Turner with two, earned us a resounding 4-1 victory. The football world was beginning to sit up and take notice. Another 1-1 draw followed, this time at Manchester City, when an early City goal was pegged back by Groves, with another point dropped when Bolton secured a 0-0 draw in a sterile game at Kenilworth Road with both defences dominating. The only events livening up both these games was the referee being knocked out..... one for the record

books?

Shaking off the disappointment of two successive draws we came back with a bang in seeing off Manchester City 5-1 at Kenilworth Road, to preserve our unbeaten record and put us briefly top of the table for the first time in our history.

We then returned from Burnley with a point from a 2-2 draw against a strong Clarets side on one of our bogey grounds, Turf Moor. Despite stretching our run we could have won both points but for a Burnley equaliser a couple of minutes from the end when defender Bobby Seith scored with a 30-yard 'hit and hope' shot that dipped at the last second.

Our next game saw new leaders Preston visit Kenilworth Road, and we knew that a victory could put us top of the table again, but this time on a Saturday when league tables were produced in all the national newspapers (for some reason tables were not produced after midweek games, so Luton supporters had not had the pleasure of seeing their side at the top in print!)

5 YEARS AGO

22/2/92: Brian Stein scored his first goal for the club since his return to Kenilworth Road in a 2-1 win over Sheffield United. A crowd of 9,003 saw his old strike partner Mick Harford score the other Luton goal in a return to the old days.

10 YEARS AGO

21/2/87: It was now seven games without defeat when a Brian Stein goal secured a point in a 1-1 draw at Manchester City. The draw pushed us up to fifth place in Division One.



LEAGUE DIVISION 1															
HOME GAMES								AWAY GAMES							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
1. Luton Town	10	3	3	0	15	5	13	1. Preston North End	10	4	0	1	12	5	13
2. Preston North End	10	4	0	1	12	5	13	3. Bolton Wanderers	10	5	0	1	16	6	13
3. Bolton Wanderers	10	5	0	1	16	6	13	4. Chelsea	10	5	0	0	22	11	13
4. Chelsea	10	5	0	0	22	11	13	5. Arsenal	10	5	0	0	21	4	13
5. Arsenal	10	5	0	0	21	4	13	6. Manchester United	10	3	2	0	18	7	12
6. Manchester United	10	3	2	0	18	7	12	7. Blackpool	10	3	2	0	9	3	12
7. Blackpool	10	3	2	0	9	3	12	8. West Bromwich A.	10	0	3	2	7	9	6
8. West Bromwich A.	10	0	3	2	7	9	6	9. Wolverhampton W.	10	3	1	1	13	5	11
9. Wolverhampton W.	10	3	1	1	13	5	11	10. Newcastle United	10	2	1	3	6	8	9
10. Newcastle United	10	2	1	3	6	8	9	11. West Ham United	10	4	0	0	16	6	11
11. West Ham United	10	4	0	0	16	6	11	12. Burnley	10	2	1	2	12	11	11
12. Burnley	10	2	1	2	12	11	11	13. Blackburn Rovers	10	2	1	2	13	5	10
13. Blackburn Rovers	10	2	1	2	13	5	10	14. Birmingham City	10	3	0	3	10	11	9
14. Birmingham City	10	3	0	3	10	11	9	15. Leeds United	10	1	4	0	5	4	9
15. Leeds United	10	1	4	0	5	4	9	16. Nottingham Forest	10	3	1	1	10	4	9
16. Nottingham Forest	10	3	1	1	10	4	9	17. Tottenham Hotspur	10	3	0	2	10	7	8
17. Tottenham Hotspur	10	3	0	2	10	7	8	18. Portsmouth	10	2	1	2	12	13	8
18. Portsmouth	10	2	1	2	12	13	8	19. Leicester City	10	2	3	0	10	6	8
19. Leicester City	10	2	3	0	10	6	8	20. Manchester City	10	0	4	1	7	9	6
20. Manchester City	10	0	4	1	7	9	6	21. Aston Villa	10	1	2	3	8	10	6
21. Aston Villa	10	1	2	3	8	10	6	22. Everton	10	1	0	4	6	16	6
22. Everton	10	1	0	4	6	16	6								

ABOVE: Top of the league after beating Preston.

LEFT: New signing Billy Bingham had a field day against North End.

Preston had finished as runners-up to Wolves in the previous season and in so doing had scored 100 goals with Tom Finney and Tommy Thompson contributing 60 between them.

Again interest was high and 23,055 packed Kenilworth Road together with the BBC cameras who were recording for their 'Sports Special' programme.

It was the Town that opened the scoring, through George Cummins, but Dennis Halsell equalised before the break for the visitors after Gordon Turner suffered his first ever penalty miss, seeing his spot-kick well saved by Fred Else.

During the second period the Town finally came to life, and this after Turner had suffered an ankle injury which reduced his mobility and had him

hobbling up and down the centre.

It was left to the wingers to show the way to goal, and Bingham, repaying a large chunk of his transfer fee, scored a brilliant goal soon after the interval with his first for the club, with left winger Jim Adam hitting home two in the last quarter.

Finney and his colleagues were pushed aside as the Town swept to victory, maintained their 10-match unbeaten start and were seen sitting proudly at the top of the table. Will it ever happen again?

Luton: Baynham, Dunne, Hawkes, Morton, Owen, Pacey, Bingham, Turner, Brown, Cummins, Adam.

Preston: Else, Cunningham, Walton, Wylie, Dunn, O'Farrell, Mayers, Thompson, Halsell, Lambert, Finney.

15 YEARS AGO

27/2/82: In our first home game for a month we saw off fellow promotion challengers Oldham 2-0 with both goals coming from David Moss, one of which was direct from a corner. Darron McDonough, later to play for the Town, was sent off for a foul on Lil Fuccillo.

20 YEARS AGO

19/2/77: We were now up to fifth position in Division Two following a 2-0 home victory over Charlton, our sixth win in a row. Ron Fitcher scored both goals in front of a crowd of 11,645.

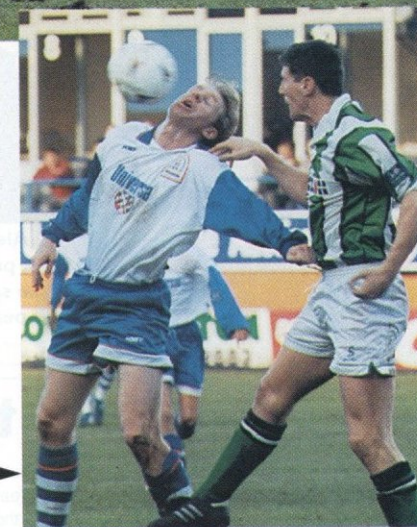


Tony Thorpe puts the Hatters 1-0 in front against Plymouth.

Graham Alexander battles for possession during the 2-2 draw.

Ian Feuer saves Michael Evans' first-half penalty to keep the scores level at the break.

David Oldfield is challenged by Argyle skipper Mick Heathcote.



ACTION STATIONS

Luton Town 2 Plymouth Argyle 2

(Thorpe 2)

(Littlejohn, Evans)

Saturday, February 8, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 6,439

Pictures by Andy Handley



League chairman meets the Minister

THE Football League chairman David Sheepshanks met with the Minister for Sport, Iain Sproat recently to highlight the financial crisis affecting the Football Trust and to discuss problems facing football outside the Premiership.

The Chairman told the Minister: "It seems iniquitous that monies generated on the back of professional football are going to benefit other sports and the Arts, particularly when football's own pools-related income is reducing as a result of the National Lottery, and Lottery funding is available to those other sports and the Arts, but not to professional football."

Mr Sheepshanks, who described the meeting as "constructive", said that the Trust's income had been drastically reduced following the success of the National Lottery, adding: "It is essential for the Trust to be given the funds to continue helping implementation of the Taylor Report at Nationwide Football League grounds."

"I was able to emphasise the vital role played by all 72 league clubs within their local communities."

Nationwide support for biggest ever soccer show

NATIONWIDE Building Society have further demonstrated their commitment to the national game by confirming that they will sponsor Britain's biggest ever football show to be held at the Birmingham NEC from April 3 to 6.

The 'BBC Match of the Day Live' event is expected to attract thousands of football fans from across the country with many innovative attractions including the opportunity to produce your very own sequence of action or commentate on a favourite match.

The event, which is supported by the

Football League, Premier League and Football Association, will have a number of England internationals in attendance and a non-stop five-a-side match between many former great players and young stars of today.

Tracy Morshead, Nationwide's Divisional Director of Marketing, said: "As title sponsor of the Nationwide Football League, we will have a stand at the show which will enable supporters to learn about the League's history and achievements."

The Football League's Commercial Executive, Graham Walker, added:

"Sponsorship by Nationwide of the league has so far been an outstanding success, and this backing demonstrates their support of the national game."

For further information or tickets to the 'BBC Match of the Day Live' event, at which the vast majority of all the major domestic and international club football trophies will be on display, please contact the event hotline number on 0121 767 4144.



GRAHAM Alexander presented a £100 cheque to Richmond Hill School, prior to the game against Plymouth. The award, from league sponsors Nationwide, followed Graham's man-of-the-match performance in the televised game against Watford.

Win tickets for your Junior team

DRAGONS Youth Under 11s are the latest winners of our Junior Team of the Month, and will be our guests at a forthcoming home match.

Dragons lost all their matches last season, but this term have started to turn things around, and even the defeats are not by the 10-0 margins they were experiencing last time.

The Loyal Luton Supporters Club are once again sponsoring the Young Team of the Month Award, having received a grant from NatWest Bank as part of the bank's Community Action Scheme.

The award is run on a monthly self-nomination

basis, and is open to all teams, boys and girls under the age of 16. Winners receive 15 tickets (13 children and 2 adults) to a chosen Luton home match.

Anyone wanting to nominate their local youth, school, cubs or girls team, should send a letter to Simon Oxley at Luton Town Football Club, briefly explaining why they think they deserve to win one of the monthly awards.

We have already received a number of nominations. If your team wasn't selected this time, they might be next month.

All remaining nominations will be considered throughout the rest of the season.

Our November winners, Bushmead Wanderers, were finally able to enjoy their prize of match tickets for the game against Wrexham.

Huddersfield confirm completion of stadium

WORK has already started on the new state-of-the-art North End stand at first division Huddersfield Town's award-winning Alfred McAlpine Stadium, which is scheduled to be open for business by the summer of 1998.

The construction of this two-tier development, which will seat 4,700 supporters and bring the overall capacity at the West Yorkshire side's ground to 24,000, will cost £11 million and create more than 200 new jobs.

In addition to completing the club's magnificent stadium for Nationwide Football League action and other sporting events and concerts, the North End development will have an important focus on facilities for community, leisure and commercial purposes.

The development will include an ultra-modern dance studio, a health and fitness centre, business and conference facilities, administrative offices, a new medical centre, executive suites and a revolutionary swimming pool which has enabled the new construction to receive a £5.5 million lottery grant.

This space-age swimming pool will have a digitally-controlled floating floor which will allow the depth to be set between 2mm and 2.2m. This special feature, the only one of its kind in the country, will make the pool ideal for disabled swimmers, the elderly and local schools who are teaching youngsters to swim.

On top of the lottery cash, Kirklees Council will be giving £1.83 million towards this amazing new facility; Government regeneration agency English Partnership have put in £1.66 million; whilst Huddersfield Town have pledged £1.2 million.

Terriers' chairman, Geoff Headey, commented: "Over the last two seasons, we have seen the lift that the McAlpine Stadium has given the team and the enthusiasm of the ever-increasing level of support from the fans."

"Many of our supporters are eagerly awaiting the fourth stand as this will give a lot of them the opportunity to watch our home games from behind a

goal, a facility which hasn't been available before with the South Stand used by visiting supporters."

League appoint PR group

THE Football League have further strengthened their public relations operation to establish themselves as the "heart and soul of the professional game in this country".

The League have appointed Lowe Bell Communications, specialists in communications strategy, public relations and Government relations and lobbying, on an initial short-term basis to deal with specific issues.

League chairman David Sheepshanks said: "It is vital we establish ourselves as the heart and soul of the pro game in this country - without which the Premier League could not operate - and also portray a vibrant new image as we seek to address the many pressing issues now confronting the game."

SKY Television have announced further Nationwide League fixtures which they will be transmitting live over the next couple of months.

Friday, March 7 - Barnsley v Sheffield Utd
Friday, March 21 - LUTON TOWN v Brentford
Sunday, March 23 - Oldham v Crystal Palace
Friday, March 28 - Barnsley v West Brom
Monday, March 31 - Crewe v Preston NE
Friday, April 11 - Mansfield v Carlisle
Friday, April 18 - Ipswich v Norwich

Jones takes Div 2 award

STOCKPORT County boss David Jones was the Division Two Manager of the Month for January, following his team's success in reaching the semi-finals of the Coca-Cola Cup.

Bolton's Colin Todd won the Division One award, with Colchester United's Steve Wignall collecting the Division Three prize.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES IN NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Tuesday, February 25

Blackpool v Burnley
Bristol R v Plymouth
Bury v Wrexham
Millwall v Notts County
Wycombe v Peterborough
York v Preston NE

Saturday, March 1

Bournemouth v Shrewsbury
Bristol R v Walsall
Crewe v Gillingham
Millwall v Wycombe
Notts County v Brentford
Peterborough v Chesterfield
Plymouth v Blackpool
Preston v Bury
Stockport v Rotherham
Watford v Bristol City
Wrexham v Burnley
York City v LUTON TOWN

Tuesday, March 4

Chesterfield v LUTON TOWN

Saturday, March 8

Bournemouth v Chesterfield
Bristol City v Wrexham
Burnley v Peterborough
Gillingham v Watford
LUTON TOWN v Millwall
Notts County v Crewe
Plymouth v Rotherham
Preston NE v Brentford
Stockport v Bury
Walsall v Shrewsbury
Wycombe v Bristol R
York v Blackpool

Tuesday, March 11

Wrexham v LUTON TOWN

Further midweek fixtures may be included in the Division Two programme, depending on Auto Windscreens Shield and FA Cup commitments.



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- non matchdays 9am
until coaches leave for
away game

LTFC KIT PRICES 1996/97



LEFT: '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



ABOVE: Scarves - £5.75 each

LEFT: 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
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Luton Town Home Socks
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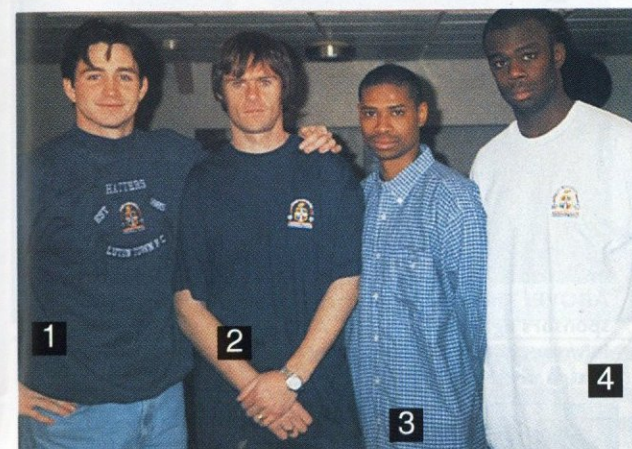


ABOVE: 1. Capital sweatshirt - navy/grey
- S, M, L, XL - £34.99.

2. Navy/black check long sleeve
- one size fits all - £25.00

3. Ecru long sleeve shirt, navy collar & cuff
- one size fits all - £24.00

4. LTFC split vent sweatshirt - M, L, XL - £26.00



1. Embossed sweatshirt, marle blue - M, L, XL - £26.00

2. Crest T-shirt, navy or black - M, L, XL - £16.50

3. Blue check, long sleeve, cotton shirt
- SB, B, LB, Yths - £15.95
- M, L, XL - £24.00

4. Crest T-shirt, grey or royal blue - M, L, XL - £16.50

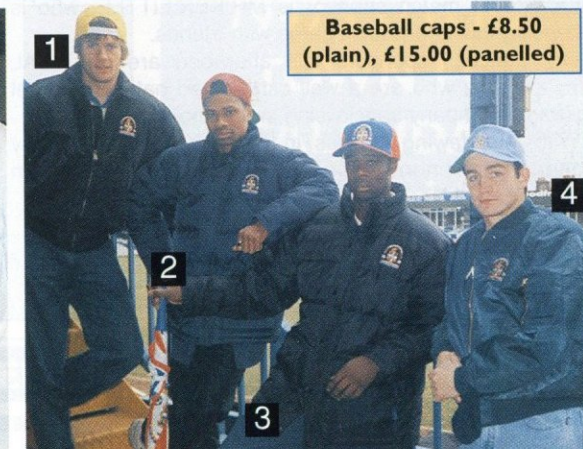


Luton Town Away Shirts
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LB (30-32) - £27.99
S (34-36), M (38-40),
L (42-44) - £34.99
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Luton Town Away Shorts
SB, B, LB - £14.99
S, M, L - £19.99

Luton Town Away Socks
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Mens - £6.99

Baseball caps - £8.50
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1. MA2 jackets, black/navy - childrens £33.00
- adults £43.00

2. 'Rubber puffer', navy only - S, M, L, XL - £75.00
(NB available from mid-February)

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4. MA1 jackets, black navy - childrens £29.00
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COMMERCIAL NEWS

This afternoon we welcome four match sponsors to Kenilworth Road, and trust that they and their guests have an enjoyable afternoon.

THE WHITBREAD BEER COMPANY has had a long association with both Luton and Luton Town Football Club.

JOHN EASTAFF (BUILDERS MERCHANTS) LTD are suppliers of heavy side building materials to trade and DIY.

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Our fourth match sponsor is MR KEN LITTLE, who is attending this afternoon's game with friends.

Our matchball sponsors this afternoon are CRITICAL RESEARCH, who are a well established national market research company specialising in telephone research.

With interviewing centres in Luton and Watford, they conduct telephone surveys for many well-known

organisations including the Football League.

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

We have two forthcoming functions to tell you about, with a Sportsman's Evening next month and a 'May Ball' at the end of the season. Please see the facing page for full details.



with **KATHY LEATHER**



ABOVE: The Paradise Island Club were our matchball sponsors against Plymouth. Andrew Fotiadis, Marvin Johnson, Mitchell Thomas and Des Linton make the after match presentations.



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.

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Monday, March 24, 1997**

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GEOFF HURST AND MARTIN PETERS**

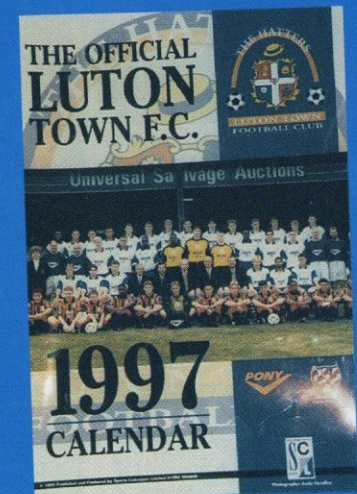
**Tickets: £28 + VAT
Dinner will be served at 8pm**

**Luton Town Football Club
End of Season 'MAY BALL'
Queensway Hall, Dunstable
Friday, May 16, 1997**

**Dancing to 'Aries'
Tickets: £35 + VAT
Black tie
Dinner will be served at 8pm**

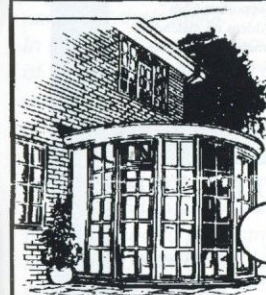
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PLUS win £25,000 in our Premier Instant ticket on sale at half-time..... Money from these tickets helps **YOUR** club, and supports charities for children with special needs

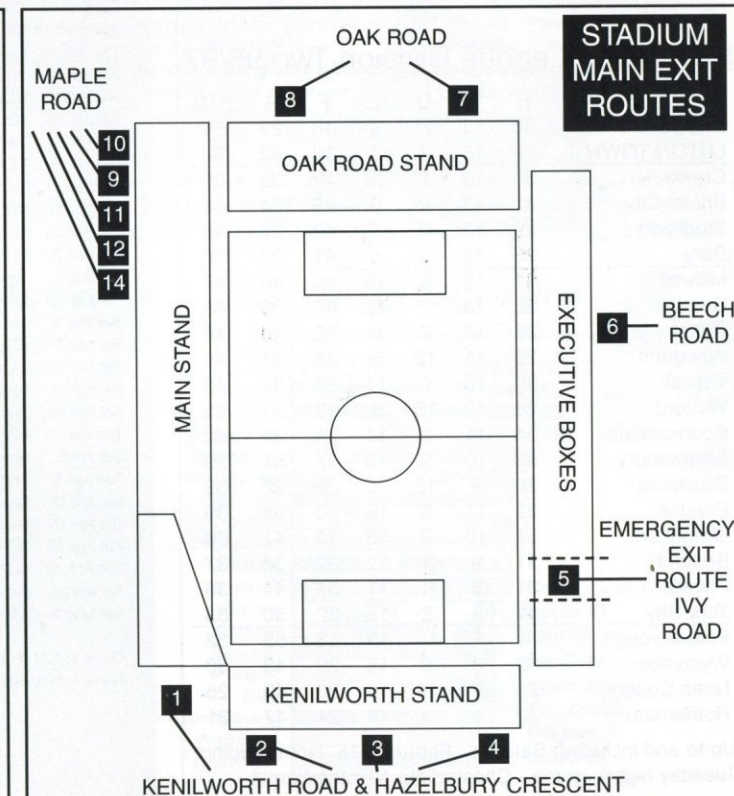
LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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.



TEAMStatistics

LUTON TOWN 1996/97

PLAYER (figure in bracket)
= sub. app.)

PLAYER	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS
Ian FEUER	29		11	
Julian JAMES	29	1	11	1
Mitchell THOMAS	29	2	9	
Gary WADDOCK	21 (1)	1	8	
Darren PATTERSON	3		3 (1)	
Marvin JOHNSON	27		10	1
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	14 (10)	1	6 (4)	
Graham ALEXANDER	28 (1)	2	11 (1)	
David OLDFIELD	15 (6)	3	5 (2)	2
Kim GRANT	8 (8)	2	6 (2)	3
Tony THORPE	23 (2)	19	6 (1)	3
Andrew FOTIADIS	5 (6)	1	(4)	
Des LINTON	3 (4)		4	
Steve DAVIS	27 (1)	4	12	1
Ceri HUGHES	24	4	12	2
Paul SHOWLER	15 (2)	6	7 (2)	
Matthew UPSON	(1)			
Stuart DOUGLAS	2 (7)		1 (1)	
Paul McLAREN	5 (5)		(1)	
Aaron SKELTON	2 (1)		3	
Dwight MARSHALL	9 (3)	3	5 (1)	3
Kelvin DAVIS			1	
Sean EVERS	1		1	

Own goal

Nationwide League Division Two 96/97

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Brentford	30	15	11	4	48	29	56
LUTON TOWN	29	15	7	7	49	32	52
Crewe	30	16	2	12	42	33	50
Bristol City	31	13	9	9	49	34	48
Stockport	29	13	9	7	42	32	48
Bury	28	13	9	6	41	29	48
Millwall	31	13	8	10	40	40	47
Burnley	32	13	7	12	45	36	46
Chesterfield	28	13	7	8	25	20	46
Wrexham	28	11	12	5	36	31	45
Walsall	30	13	6	11	36	32	45
Watford	28	10	15	3	29	21	45
Bournemouth	34	11	9	14	31	36	42
Shrewsbury	32	10	9	13	42	51	39
Blackpool	30	9	12	9	38	32	39
Preston	32	11	6	15	32	38	39
Gillingham	31	10	8	13	35	41	38
Bristol R	31	9	10	12	32	34	37
Plymouth	31	8	12	11	35	44	36
York City	31	9	6	16	32	50	33
Peterborough	31	7	11	13	43	53	32
Wycombe	30	8	6	16	29	43	30
Notts County	31	5	10	16	23	40	25
Rotherham	30	4	9	17	24	47	21

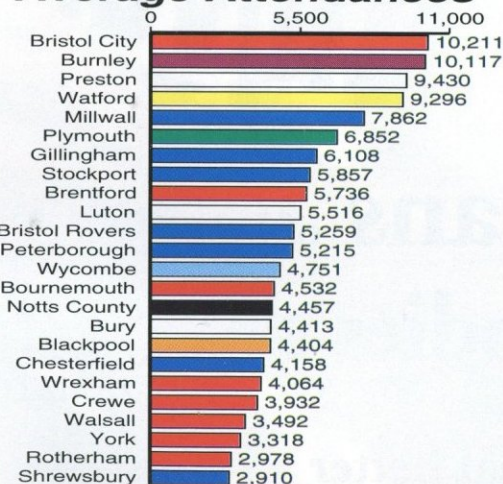
Up to and including Saturday, February 15. Not including Tuesday night's game - Chesterfield 1 Rotherham 1

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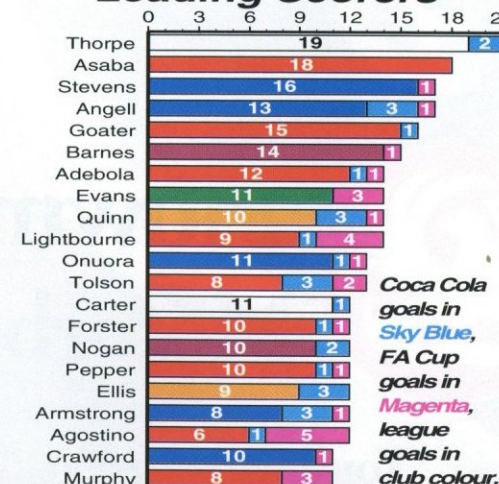
DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	POS	GK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sat Aug 17	BURNLEY	1-2	6,484	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	(Patterson)	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander (Oldfield)	(Grant)	THORPE		(Fotiadis)	(Linton)	(S.Davis)
Tue Aug 20	BRISTOL ROVERS CCC1 (1)	3-0	2,643	-	Feuer	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	(Johnson)	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	Waddock	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	1-0	5,303	12	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Thorpe	Alexander (Oldfield)	(GRANT)	Guentchev		Showler	(Fotiadis)	(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 (Thorpe)	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)	(Fotiadis)	
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)	(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	
Sat Jan 18	WREXHAM	0-0	5,734	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	(McLaren)	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander (Showler)	Thorpe	(Marshall)		(Guentchev)	(Linton)	(Oldfield)
Tue Jan 21	BOLTON WANDERERS FA3	1-1	7,414	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Linton	S.Davis	JOHNSON	Hughes	Alexander Showler	Thorpe	(Marshall)		Guentchev	(Grant)	Skelton
Sat Jan 25	Bolton Wanderers FA3R	2-6	9,713	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Linton	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander (Showler)	THORPE (MARSHALL)		Patterson	(Guentchev)	(Fotiadis)	
Mon Jan 27	WATFORD	0-0	7,428	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	Linton	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander (Showler)	Thorpe	(Marshall)		Grant	(Oldfield)	Patterson
Sat Feb 1	Notts County	2-1	5,025	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	(Linton)	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	ALEXANDER	Oldfield	(Thorpe)	Guentchev	Patterson	(Grant)	(Marshall)
Tue Feb 4	Northampton AWS2	0-1	4,201	-	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Evers	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Grant	(Marshall)	(Guentchev)	(Oldfield)	(Fotiadis)	Willmott
Sat Feb 8	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	2-2	6,439	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	(Evers)	S.Davis	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander	Oldfield	THORPE 2 (Marshall)		Patterson	(Fotiadis)	(Linton)
Sat Feb 15	Bristol Rovers	2-3	5,612	2	Feuer	James	(Thomas)	McLaren	S.Davis	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander	(Oldfield)	THORPE	(Linton)	(WADDOCK)	(Fotiadis)	(Marshall)

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

Average Attendances



Leading Scorers



Coca Cola
goals in
Sky Blue,
FA Cup
goals in
Magenta,
league
goals in
club colour.

Division Two stats from 96/97 - by FOOTBALL INFORMATION SERVICES (as at 16/2/97)

Today's referee is

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WILKES**

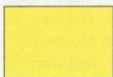
from Gloucester.

Mr Wilkes, a car trader, refereed the 1995 Division 2 play-off final at Wembley, and was the referee for our home game against Gillingham in September.

**P.W.
Barnes**



R. Bone



TODAY'S OTHER DIV TWO MATCHES

Blackpool v Stockport
Brentford v Bournemouth
Bristol City v Crewe
Burnley v Bristol Rovers
Bury v Notts County
Chesterfield v Plymouth
Gillingham v Peterborough
Rotherham v Wrexham
Shrewsbury v Millwall
Walsall v York City
Wycombe W v Watford

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Manager: Lennie Lawrence

PRESTON NE

Manager: Gary Peters

Ian FEUER	1	Kelham O'HANLON
Julian JAMES	2	Mark RANKINE
Mitchell THOMAS	3	Paul McKENNA
Paul McLAREN <i>GARY WADDECK</i>	4	Shaun TEALE
Steve DAVIS	5	David MOYES
Marvin JOHNSON	6	Sean GREGAN
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	7	Simon DAVEY
Graham ALEXANDER	8	Ian BRYSON
David OLDFIELD <i>3</i>	9	David REEVES
Tony THORPE	10	Mark STALLARD
Des LINTON	11	Kevin KILBANE
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