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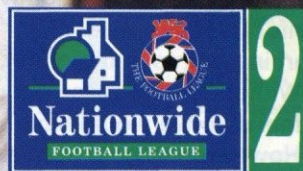


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## From the manager's chair

OUR last two away games have been played in different and difficult circumstances, with the end result, in terms of points total, just about what we deserved.

The game at York was spoiled by a strong wind and an indifferent playing surface.

In the first half with the wind at our backs, we went a goal up, were rarely threatened, and had Ceri Hughes' shot not hit the post but gone in, the outcome may have been different.

That near miss, plus Mitchell Thomas's enforced substitution soon after, plus conceding a goal early in the second half - albeit slightly unfortunately - were major turning points in the game.

Without any of these occurring I feel sure we would have won.

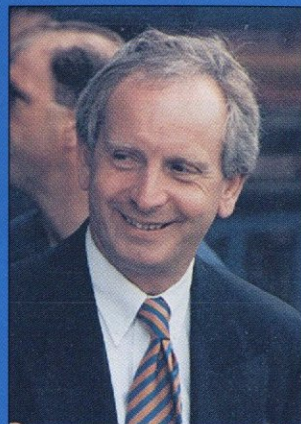
However, the goal from Neil Tolson really got York and the crowd going, and although I felt we just about deserved a win, a draw was not a totally unfair outcome.

On Tuesday at Chesterfield, the problem was a sticky pitch, foggy conditions, and consequently a virtual lack of atmosphere.

Conversely to York we started dreadfully, improved towards the end of the first half, and were much better in the second period.

However we were slightly fortunate not to lose, and this perhaps bears out the slight injustice of Saturday's result.

In truth, apart from the tremendous goalscoring spell



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

in the last 25 minutes of the first half against Preston, we continue to fire on three cylinders.

But apart from the first half hour at Chesterfield we have not played that badly in recent games, and apart from that 25-minute spell against Preston we have not played that well.

I think it also be fair to say that these comments probably apply to most teams in the top part of this league.

If we can turn these performances into better results, for example turn draws into wins especially away from home, we have a chance to pull away from the chasing group.

I feel what the team needs is a spark, and there may have to be one or two changes from Tuesday night's line-up in order to provide it.

If we can ignite that spark, then this coming seven days

could prove to be a really crucial week.

We have further away games at Wrexham on Wednesday, and at Crewe next Saturday, but this afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and officials of Millwall.

They have definitely enjoyed a resurgence of form in recent weeks, obtaining three wins and a draw in their last four games since the return of John Docherty as manager.

This sequence has put them right back into play-off contention.

After a long spell out of the game, John Docherty will no doubt be hoping to repeat the success he enjoyed at Millwall in the late 1980s, when they were promoted to the 'old' Division One.

For sure, after two 1-0 defeats against us in the last two meetings between the sides, they will be out for revenge today.

We will still be missing Mitchell Thomas, who suffered a broken nose at York, was due to have an operation on Thursday, and will be out for a couple of weeks.

We have considered a loan deal, as we are a little short of cover down that left hand side of the team.

But Julian James coped very well at left back on Tuesday, and at this moment I would not want to make a loan for a game or two, with Mitchell due to return in a week or so.

But obviously that policy will be re-assessed after today's



game with the Lions.

Also on the injury front, young defender Chris Willmott has suffered a cruciate ligament injury, and will be out of action for some time.

We wish him a speedy recovery, but he can take

heart from the return to fitness of Richard Harvey, who is set to play his first competitive game of the season in the reserves at Ipswich on Monday, following a similar injury suffered pre-season against West Ham.

**ABOVE: Tony Thorpe makes a second-half break for the Hatters at York last Saturday. There's more action from Bootham Crescent on pages 16 and 17.**

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ONLY 13 points cover the top 12 teams in Nationwide League Division Two after Tuesday night's round of matches, writes **SIMON OXLEY**.

Brentford and Luton still fill the automatic promotion places, but with both held to draws there was an opportunity for the chasing pack to close the gap.

Bury and Walsall made best use of that opportunity with home wins, but Watford's long unbeaten league run ended at Peterborough. (See page 54 for current league table).

Following their draw at lowly Notts County on Saturday, Tuesday night saw leaders Brentford held 0-0 at home by struggling Wycombe.

It was the Bees' 13th draw of the season.

Meanwhile, the Hatters were drawing 1-1 at FA Cup quarter-finalists Chesterfield, and the details that follow are for the benefit of those who were there, as well as those who weren't!

With mist and fog sweeping around the Saltergate ground, Chesterfield took the lead on 16 minutes when Kevin Davies headed home Chris Beaumont's cross.

Steve Gaughan hit the post for the home side seven minutes later, but Luton were level on 40 minutes when Tony Thorpe was adjudged to have been fouled and the same player netted the resulting spot-kick for his 23rd goal of the season.

The start of the second-half was then delayed for 15 minutes by referee Phil Richards, to see if the fog would clear.

It did, just, with Chesterfield having the better second-half chances as Ian Feuer saved well from Davies and Jamie Hewitt.

Bury moved into third place with a 2-0 win over Shrewsbury at Gigg Lane, and



**DAVID Oldfield** evades the challenge of York's **Alan Pouton** during last Saturday's 1-1 draw at Bootham Crescent.

Walsall continued their climb up the table, moving into sixth place with a 2-0 home win over fellow promotion chasers Bristol City.

Kyle Lightbourne bagged both goals for Chris Nicholl's side.

But after two successive wins at Vicarage Road, Watford slipped up on their travels with a first league defeat since September.

They lost 2-1 to Barry Fry's Peterborough, despite taking a second minute lead through Tommy Mooney.

Former Hornets striker Ken Charlery

was one of the Posh scorers.

In the northern section semi-final of the Auto Windscreens Shield, Stockport added to their fixture congestion with a win at fellow Division Two side Crewe.

The scores were level at 1-1 after extra-time, with Stockport winning 5-3 on penalties.

Stockport still have 15 league games to play, and now have two legs of the northern area final to fit in, as well as the second leg of their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final!

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**FRONT COVER:** Dwight Marshall was a second half substitute for the Hatters at York last Saturday.

(Picture: ANDY HANDLEY).

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# LEADING THE LINE

by Club Captain  
**STEVE DAVIS**



**LEFT: Steve Davis challenges York  
keeper Andy Warrington during the  
second-half at Bootham Crescent  
last Saturday, having opened the  
scoring after 10 minutes.**

WE are still very well placed for an automatic  
promotion spot after two difficult away games in the  
past week.

And if we can continue to reproduce the home form  
which saw off Preston at Kenilworth Road two weeks  
ago, then we can certainly go up.

After the frustrating home draws against Wrexham,  
Watford and Plymouth, there was a feeling in the  
dressing room that someone was going to take a  
hammering here, and so it proved against Preston.

David Oldfield was in great form, with a cracking hat-  
trick, and we need to keep up the home form with key  
games to come against the likes of Brentford and Bury.

This afternoon too is a particularly important game,

after Millwall's recent good run which has lifted them  
back into the play-off places.

They have had their problems off the field, but often  
that can really unite a group of players together, and  
they will also be looking for revenge after our win there  
just before Christmas.

It is really getting tight at the top end of the table  
now, and we may well look back on the last week as  
points gained come the end of the season.

We started well at York, but with Mitchell's injury had  
to reshuffle things at the back, and York took  
advantage of the strong wind in the second-half.

Chesterfield was quite an experience, in that we had  
to keep playing despite the fact that there was every  
chance we might not finish the game.

I think it's fair to say we weren't at our  
best, but still came away with a point  
with a battling display especially in the  
second half.

With Mitchell likely to be ruled out for  
a few weeks, it gives other players an  
opportunity, and there is a good team  
spirit within the squad as a whole.

A win today would set us up nicely for  
two more tough away games, at  
Wrexham and Crewe, before the  
match against Brentford.

Thanks for your support at York, and  
especially at Chesterfield. We could  
hear you, if not always see you!

**FA Youth Cup - Quarter Final at Kenilworth Rd**

**LUTON TOWN v  
MAN UTD or WATFORD**

At the time of going to press the result of Thursday's replay  
between Man Utd and Watford was not known.

IF Luton v Man Utd - Tuesday, March 18, kick-off 7pm,  
OR Luton v Watford - Tuesday March 25, kick-off 7.30pm.

Admission: £3 adults and £1 juniors and senior citizens.

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FIRST of all a reminder that our league match at Wrexham has been delayed for 24 hours to Wednesday, March 12, from Tuesday, March 11, due to the Welsh club's involvement in the FA Cup sixth round tomorrow.

Kick-off at Wrexham on Wednesday will be 7.30pm, and our playing on Wednesday means that the reserve match that afternoon against Bournemouth has been postponed.

This will now take place on April 7 at Hitchin, kick-off 7pm.

On the subject of reserve team games, we are still waiting to re-arrange the home game against Brighton, following the postponement last Monday due to a waterlogged pitch.

A number of youth team games were postponed over the Christmas and New Year period, and these have now been re-arranged.

The youth team will travel to Bristol City on March 29, and will entertain Colchester and Bristol City on April 19 and 26 respectively.

By the time you read this, we will also know our opponents in the FA Youth Cup quarter final, so please listen out for PA announcements this afternoon regarding this fixture.

## From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

A big thank-you to everyone who contributed to our collection for the Scanner Appeal at the home game against Preston, when £780 was raised.

Apologies for the postponement of the penalty competition that Saturday, and this will now take place this afternoon.

The penalty shoot-out, at the Kenilworth End, involves youngsters from the Windowcraft Chiltern Youth League, refereed by Graham Everitt.

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

(Dunstable) and Christopher Smith (Milton Keynes).

The winning entrants from our Player Portrait Competition will be presented with their prizes before this afternoon's game.

We had some excellent drawings and paintings in the various age groups, and thanks to everyone who took part.

## 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

On September 13, 1995, we played Millwall at the New Den. Which current first-team regular made his debut for the club that day? Listen out for the PA announcer asking this question at this afternoon's game.

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## Wrexham v Luton Town

### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Wednesday, March 12, 1997, kick-off 7.30pm

Please note the change of date for the above game

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## 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.

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

(Please note the LTFC ticket office will be open on Saturday, March 15, from 9 to 11am for the sale of other match tickets).

## Luton Town v Brentford

### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Friday, March 21, 1997, kick-off 7.45pm

Please note the date of this game has changed from Saturday, March 22, due to live television coverage

Tickets are now on sale at normal league prices. Normal guesting facilities apply. (Please note: The LTFC ticket office will be open on Saturday, March 22, from 9am to 11am)

## Burnley v Luton Town

### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, March 29, 1997, kick-off 3pm

Pay on the day only at Burnley. Covered, unreserved seating for Luton supporters, behind the goal at the Brumshaw Road end.

Seats only, priced at £12 for adults and £6 for juniors and senior citizens.

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## Luton Town v Bristol City

### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Tuesday, April 1, 1997, kick-off 7.45pm

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

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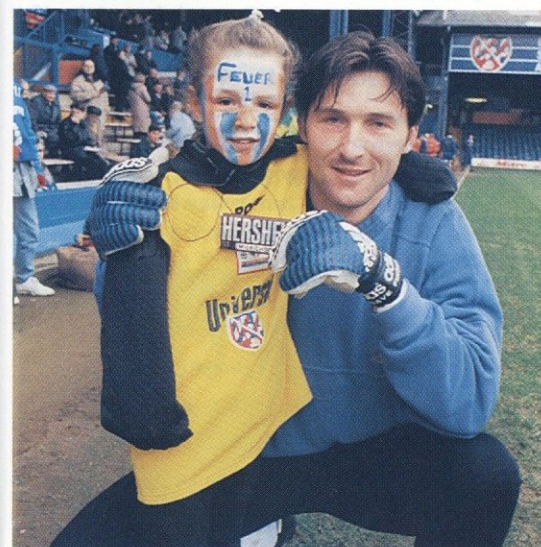


**ABOVE:** Town supporter Bob Evans received a signed shirt for his 50th birthday, and to mark the occasion the Hatters' Northern Ireland international Darren Patterson was on hand to make a special presentation prior to the game against Preston.

**WANTED:** Match programme from the game between Millwall and Luton Town, from the 1946/47 season. Please telephone Bob McCree on 01582 760578.

Oliver Hambly, of 14 Stuart Road, Higher Tranmere, Birkenhead, Merseyside, L42 7LE, has around 500 Luton Town home and away programmes for sale, dating from the late 1950s. Please send a large SAE for the full list.

John Holden, of 15 Devonshire Street, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 1DL, has a collection of 50 Luton Town programmes (46 home and 4 away) from the 1970s to 90s for sale, at £30 + £3 p&p.



ROTHERHAM supporter Mr GW Roper is aiming to complete a collection of Rotherham programmes dating from 1960 to 1997. He is anxious to obtain the Luton Town v Rotherham programme from season 1962/63, and can be contacted on 01709 531462.

**LEFT:**  
There's no doubting who six-year-old Ysabelle Young's favourite Luton Town player is!

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**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.

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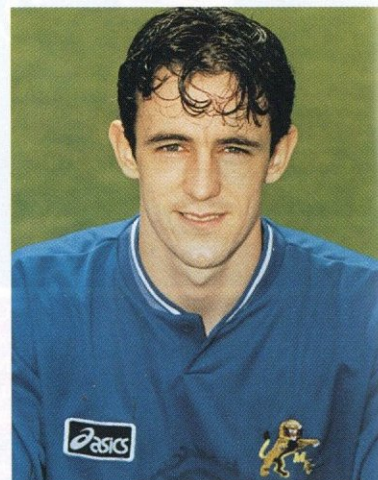
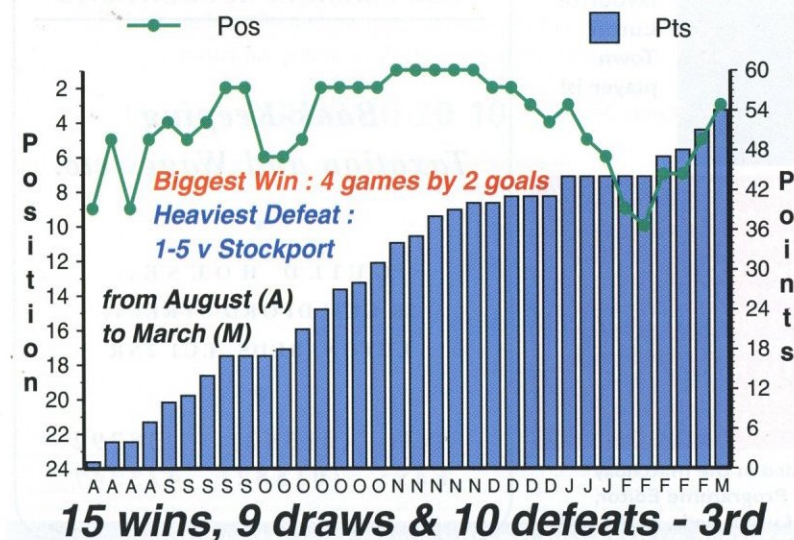
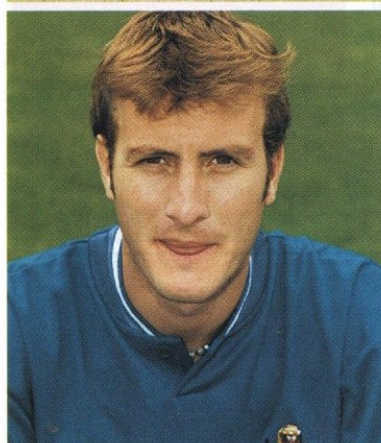


ABOVE: Millwall 1996/97 - Back row: from l to r: Tony Dolby, Anton Rogan, Jason Van Blerk, Damian Webber, Dave Savage, Tony Witter, Chris Malkin (now Blackpool), Ricky Newman.

Middle row: l to r: Keith Johnstone (physio), Brendan Markey, Keith Stevens, James Connor, Kasey Keller (now Leicester), David Nurse, Tim Carter, Bobby Bowry, Maurice Doyle, Richard Cadette, Ken Barry (kit man).

Front row: l to r: Ian McDonald (youth/reserve coach), Jason Dair, Paul Hartley, Gerard Lavin, Jimmy Nicholl (former manager), Martin Harvey (ex-assistant manager), Lucas Neill, Steve Cawford, David Sinclair, Ron Howard (former chief scout).

LEFT: Greg Berry



ABOVE: Dave Savage

LEFT: Millwall's league form so far this term.

**GREG BERRY** - Joined the Lions from Wimbledon in March 1994 and has been plagued by injuries. Had spells on loan to Brighton and Leyton Orient last season.

**BOBBY BOWRY** - Former Crystal Palace midfielder who looks set to miss the rest of this season through injury, after suffering a fractured wrist at Walsall.

**RICHARD CADETTE** - Joined Millwall from Falkirk back in October 1994, but has missed much of the last season and a half through injury. Much travelled striker who has also played at Leyton Orient, Southend, Sheffield United and Brentford.

**TIM CARTER** - Former Bristol Rovers, Sunderland and Oxford keeper, who has taken over as the first choice keeper following Kasey Keller's move to Leicester at the start of the season.

**JAMES CONNOR** - Defender who was a regular in the first-team squad at the end of last season, but has missed the current campaign through injury.

**STEVE CRAWFORD** - Scottish international striker who is Millwall's leading scorer this season. Joined the club from Raith Rovers, in a club record package which also included the signings of David Sinclair and Jason Dair.

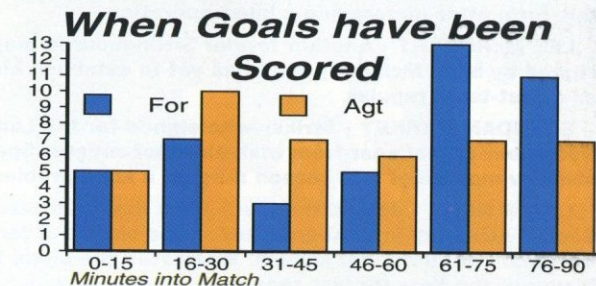
**JASON DAIR** - Winger who has already won two Scottish First Division Championship medals, and a Scottish League Cup winners medal, during his time at Raith.

**TONY DOLBY** - Midfielder/striker who returned to the Lions first team after a loan spell at Barnet. Made his Millwall debut in 1992.

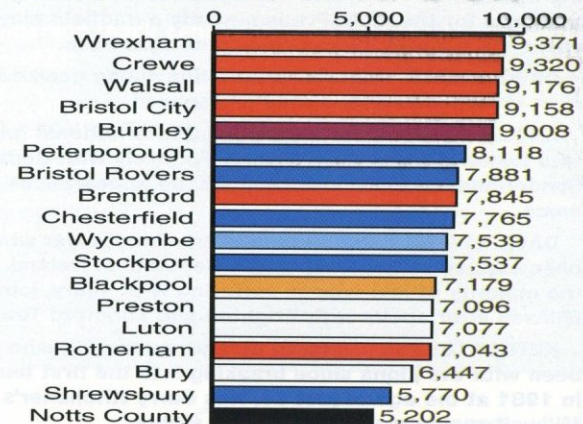
**MAURICE DOYLE** - Joined the Lions from QPR for £25,000 in the summer of 1995. Midfielder, previously with Crewe, who has since served the Lions as right-back, centre-back and even on the wing.

(Continued on page 14).

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## Gates at The Den



RICHARD Cadette



ABOVE: Goalmouth action from December's meeting at the New Den.



**STEVEN FORBES** - One of several players signed by former manager Mick McCarthy from non-league football, joining the Lions from Sittingbourne.

**PAUL HARTLEY** - Scottish winger who joined Jimmy Nicholl's 'Tartan Legion' at the New Den after a move from Hamilton.

**GERARD LAVIN** - Joined the Lions from Watford in November of last season, but is unlikely to feature again this term after undergoing a knee operation.

**LEE McROBERT** - Another former Sittingbourne player signed by Mick McCarthy, who has yet to establish himself as a first-team regular.

**BRENDAN MARKEY** - Striker who signed for the Lions in December of last year from Irish side Bohemians. Spent the last few months of last season nursing a knee problem.

**LUCAS NEILL** - Joined the Lions from the Australian Soccer Academy in Canberra, and made his debut for the first team at Luton last season. Was voted the Lions Young Player of the Year for last season.

**RICKY NEWMAN** - Joined Millwall from Crystal Palace in the summer of 1995, and has appeared in a variety of positions for the club. Predominantly a midfielder player, but spent the majority of last season at right-back.

**DAVID NURSE** - Millwall signed this young goalkeeper from Manchester City during pre-season.

**ANTON ROGAN** - Northern Ireland international fullback who joined Millwall from Oxford. Formerly with Celtic and Sunderland, and with over 200 league appearances to his name.

**DAVE SAVAGE** - Dublin-born winger/midfielder who has been capped at full level by the Republic of Ireland. Spent the majority of last season suffering with injury, joining Millwall after spells with Brighton and Longford Town.

**KEITH STEVENS** - Veteran defender, now 32, who has been with the Lions since breaking into the first team back in 1981 at the age of just 16. Has Barry Kitchener's all-time Millwall appearance record in his sights.

**JASON VAN BLERK** - Australian international who signed for Millwall from Dutch side Go Ahead eagles in 1994. Attacking left back who is set for a move to Manchester City.

**DAMIAN WEBBER** - Central defender who signed for Millwall from non-league Bognor Regis in 1994.

**TONY WITTER** - Joined the Lions from QPR in 1994 after limited opportunities at Loftus Road. Central defender who previously played on loan at Plymouth and Reading.

**ALAN McLEARY** - Former Millwall defender who returned to the club recently from Bristol City, after a spell at Charlton.

**RICHARD SADLIER** - 18-year-old Irish striker who has progressed through the club's youth system.

**STEPHEN ROACHE** - Irish midfielder or left back, who made a substitute appearance last Saturday.

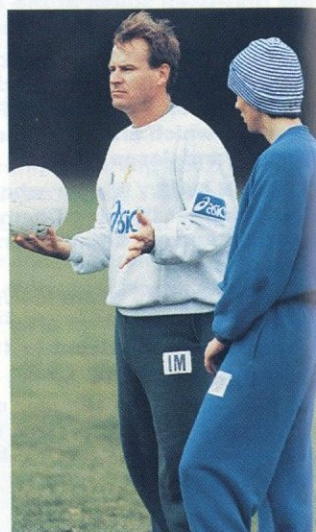
**MARC BIRCHAM** - 18-year-old who has progressed through the Lions' youth set-up. Midfielder or right-back who was sent off in his second appearance, at Stockport, this season.

## MEET THE MANAGER

Following the much publicised financial troubles at Millwall, manager Jimmy Nicholl and his assistant Martin Harvey were two of the casualties, with former manager JOHN DOCHERTY returning to the club.

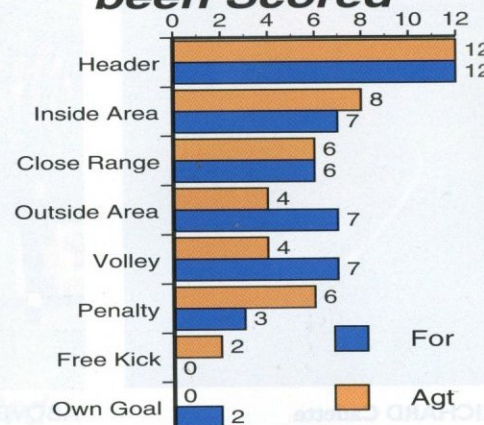
His previous spell in charge, from 1986 to 1990, coincided with the club being in the top flight, in the last years of the original Den ground.

Coach David Kemp joined Docherty to lift the club back into the promotion picture, and the Lions have recorded three successive wins to move into the play-off places once again.



**RIGHT:** Coach David Kemp (pictured with Paul Hartley) has returned to the club, alongside manager John Doherty.

### How Goals have been Scored



## A Hatter & a Lion

PETER ANDERSON was earning rave reviews while turning out for Hendon in the Isthmian League, and on being enticed to Kenilworth Road in February 1971 he went into the first team almost straight away, making his debut in a 1-0 home victory over Watford in the same month.

A tenacious and tireless midfielder, with a unique line in anguished looks at the referee and pitch thumping, he weighed in with more than his fair share of goals, knocking in 34 in 181 league appearances, including two in his final game against Charlton at the Valley in a 5-1 win in December 1975.

Anderson was unfortunately sold to Royal Antwerp for a reputed knock down figure of £40,000 to keep our creditors happy, and after his spell in Belgium he went to the



**ABOVE:** Peter Anderson (back centre) in action for the Hatters against Millwall in 1973.

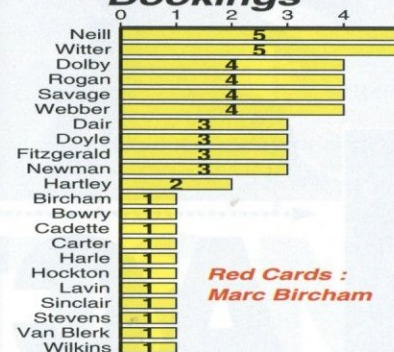
USA, turning out for both San Diego Sockers and Tampa Bay Rowdies.

He returned to these shores for a reasonably successful spell at Sheffield United, then it was back to the Rowdies, before a surprise return to England and Millwall, where he was appointed player-manager in 1980.

Despite spending a fair amount of money at the Den he was not regarded as a success and was forced out less than two years later.

Peter Anderson, a qualified Chartered Accountant, is now a representative for a sportswear company in Newcastle. - ROGER WASH.

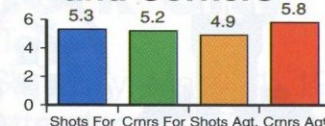
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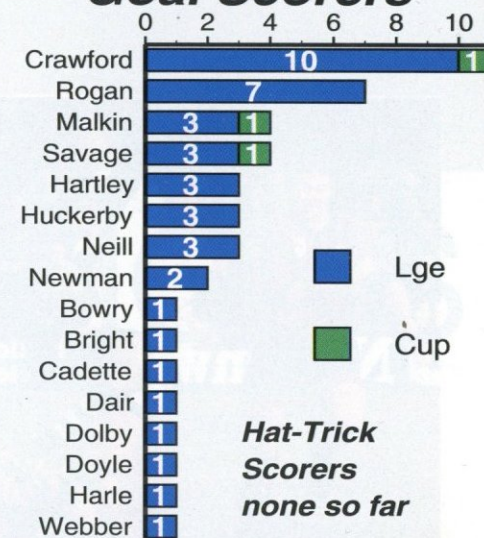
### Average Shots and Corners



### Average Goals per Match



### Goal Scorers



**Hat-Trick  
Scorers  
none so far**





Ceri Hughes challenges for possession against York.

Look no hands! This York defender keeps Hatters' leading scorer Tony Thorpe in check.

Full blooded tackle! Julian James finds his second half progress halted.

The Minstermen defence outjumps Luton sub Dwight Marshall.



# ACTION STATIONS

**York City 1 Luton Town 1**

(Tolson)

(Davis)

Saturday, March 1, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 3,788

Pictures by Andy Handley





# It's .. **TRIVIA** **TIME**

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## TRUE or FALSE?

1. In 1957/58 Manchester City won the League scoring and conceding over 100 goals.

2. Bruce Grobbelaar scored a goal for Crewe Alexandra in his first season.

3. Darren Anderton began his career at Tottenham.

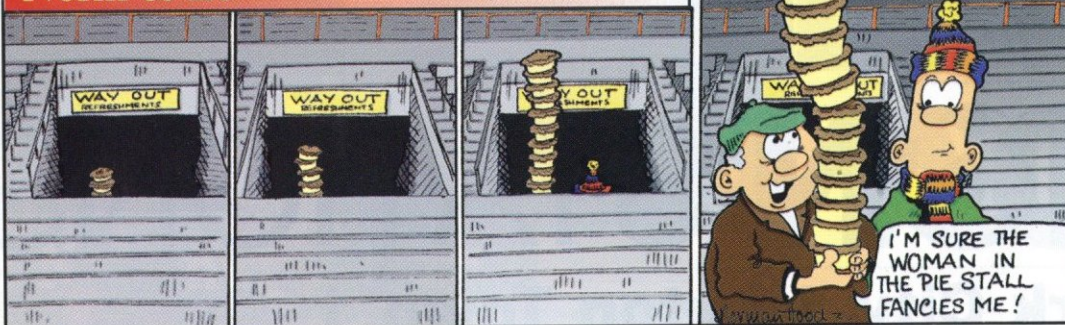
4. Hungary won the 1954 World Cup against Germany.

## ? QUICK QUIZ ?

1. Whowere the last team to be relegated to the GM Vauxhall Conference?
2. In which year did Wembley first stage a European Cup Final?
3. Where will the 2002 World Cup be held?
4. Who scored in Chelsea's victory over Ajax in the Umbro Cup?
5. Who did Ron Atkinson succeed manager of Manchester United?
6. Which club plays at Vicarage Road?

## Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood



Answers

QUICK QUIZ: 1. Halifax Town; 2. 1963; 3. Japan and South Korea; 4. Dennis Wise and Dan Petrescu; 5. Dave Sexton; 6. Watford. WHO'S TROPHY CABINET? Waverhampton Wanderers. TRUE OR FALSE? 1. False, they did finish 5th though; 2. True; 3. False, it was Portsmouth; 4. False, they lost. IN WHICH YEAR? 1927. SPOT THE GROUND? City Ground, Nottingham Forest

## WHO'S TROPHY CABINET?

Which club has lifted the following trophies?

**FA Cup:**

1893, 1908, 1949, 1960

**League Cup:** 1974, 1980

**Division 1 Championship:**

1953/54, 1957/58, 1958/59

**Division 2 Championship:**

1931/32, 1976/77

**Division 3 Championship:**

1923/24 (North); 1988/89

**Division 4 Championship:**

1987/88

**Sherpa Van Trophy:** 1988

## IN WHICH YEAR DID...?

Newcastle United win the League, Cardiff City win the FA Cup, Rangers win the Scottish First Division, Bo'ness win Division Two and Celtic beat East Fife to win the Scottish Cup. The first radio broadcast of a football match, between Arsenal and Sheffield United also took place in this year and England won at Hampden for the first time in 23 years?

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## SPOT THE GROUND?

Situated near a famous cricket ground, this ground didn't undergo major improvements until around 1950 from when it was first occupied. Greyhound Racing was staged to supplement the club's income until the FA prohibited it. Was damaged in 1947 when the nearby river burst its banks. Was a venue for Group D matches in Euro '96.



## Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is 13-year-old **GARY WILLIAMSON**, who attends Almeda Middle School. He plays for Kempston Rural, and his hobbies are football and cricket. Gary's favourite Luton Town player is Mitchell Thomas, and he comes to watch matches with his Dad.

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This afternoon, as usual, the Saturday Club is in operation, and we welcome the Millwall Juniors who are our guests today.

We have organised a JUNIOR HATTERS DAY TRIP TO WEMBLEY STADIUM, on Thursday, April 3, which also includes a sightseeing tour around London.

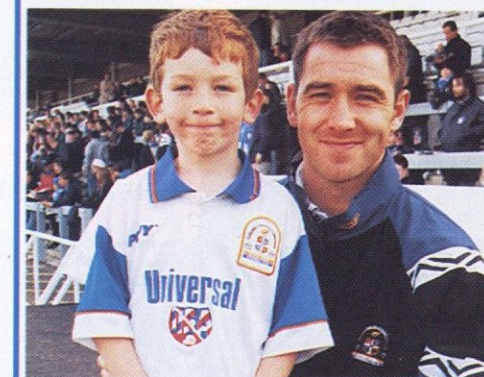
We head off to Wembley for a tour of the famous stadium, which includes a look around the dressing rooms, and a chance to go up the steps to the Royal Box.

After lunch the coach will take us round London to see the sights, before we head back to Luton.

Prices are £11 for Junior Hatters and £13.50 for adults, with the price including coach fare and entrance to Wembley Stadium. For more information please contact the ticket office.



**ABOVE:** Matthew Riley was our Junior Hatters mascot for the game against Preston.



**LEFT:** Our mascot at Bristol Rovers, is pictured with Darren Patterson.



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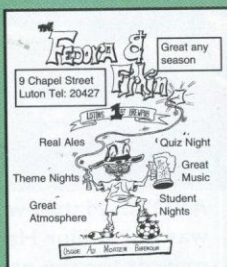
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**LEFT:** Celebration and applause for David Oldfield, after he had completed a 15-minute hat-trick (**ABOVE**).



**ABOVE:** David Oldfield has just headed Luton in front against Preston.

# "It would be wizard to play for Oz!"



**ABOVE:** Waltzing matilda..... not quite, but David Oldfield is hoping he can qualify for Australia.

DAVID Oldfield bagged the first hat-trick of his career against Preston, and then set his sights on an even bigger goal - a place in Australia's World Cup squad under the management of Terry Venables.

The 28-year-old told reporters that he would love to play for the country where he spent the first four years of his life.

David was born in Perth, but his hopes have been complicated by one appearance for the England Under-21 side.

That was against Sweden in 1989, during his first spell at Kenilworth Road.

"I have tried, unsuccessfully, to see if I qualify for Australia," said David, "but I am going to make new enquiries as the rules are always changing.

"I would love to be part of what is going on in Australia."

His hat-trick against Preston was the first of his career (apart from "in the back garden" as he joked afterwards), and was netted in 15 first-half minutes as the Hatters raced to a 4-0 interval lead.

## says hat-trick hero DAVID OLDFIELD

It was certainly a day for rare events on the goalscoring front, as Luton's fourth goal was from Gary Waddock, with his second goal in as many games.

Not bad for a player who hit just one goal in two-and-a-half seasons before this red-hot run!

"The lads are giving me a bit of stick about my goals," admitted Gary, "but it's been a big surprise and a nice bonus."

There's more action from the defeat of Preston on pages 44 and 45 of today's programme.

Now both players turn their attentions to Millwall this afternoon, and both ironically are former Lions players.

Gary made 58 league appearances for the Millwall in the late 1980s, with David scoring six goals in 17 appearances during a loan spell at the New Den at the end of the 1994/95 campaign.

## League confirm Finals and Play-Off times

THE kick-off times for all of the Football League's major events at Wembley Stadium this season have been confirmed, and these include a departure from the previous campaign for the League's two knockout competitions.

This season's Coca-Cola Cup Final on Sunday, April 6, will kick-off at 3pm and will be live on Sky Sports, whilst the Auto Windscreens Shield will kick-off at 1.30pm on Sunday, April 20, and will also attract live coverage from the satellite station.

The Nationwide League Play-Offs, which are being contested at Wembley for the eighth consecutive season, will once again take place over the Bank Holiday period between May 24 and 26, and will all kick-off at 3pm.

Without wishing to tempt fate, it is an appropriate moment to

remind you of the promotion and relegation format for Division Two this season, together with dates for the various matches.

Automatic promotion - top two.

Play-Offs - The next four teams contest the play-off to decide the third promotion place.

Semi-finals, first leg - Sunday, May 11 - 6th v 3rd, 5th v 4th.

Semi-finals, second leg - Wednesday, May 14 - 3rd v 6th, 4th v 5th.

The two semi-final winners will contest the Second Division Play-Off Final, for promotion to Division One, at Wembley on Sunday, May 25.

Relegation - bottom four.

Television coverage of the Play-Off matches has yet to be announced.

## LUTON TOWN v BRENTFORD

Nationwide League Division Two

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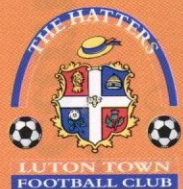
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# LAST TIME WE MET.... Millwall 0 Luton Town 1 (Hughes).... December 18, 1996



**ABOVE:** Tony Thorpe saw his second minute shot go over the bar, when the Hatters travelled to the New Den before Christmas.

**Pictures: ANDY HANDLEY**



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

**LEFT:** Dwight Marshall (11) and Ceri Hughes challenge for possession at the New Den.



**ABOVE:** Mitchell Thomas looks on as Bontcho Guentchev tries a spectacular overhead kick, during Luton's 1-0 pre-Christmas win at Millwall.

**RIGHT:** Celebrations for the Hatters as the 1-0 win put them on top of the Nationwide League Division Two table.



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## INJURY UPDATE

### Mitchell's nose..... We can rebuild it!

MITCHELL THOMAS was due to see a specialist on Wednesday night, regarding surgery to repair and rebuild his broken nose suffered at York last week.

Mitchell was involved in a first-half collision with Gary Bull, and his nose was literally shattered, with multiple fractures. (Editor's note: Please do not read on if you are eating!)

When I first arrived at the scene, it was difficult to ascertain exactly where on the head the injury had occurred because there was so much blood everywhere. But we were able to prevent too much blood loss and Mitchell received further treatment at York's First Aid centre before being taken on to hospital.

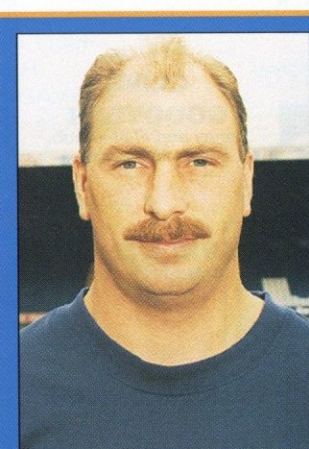
The swelling is now going down, but he faces a lay-off of two to three weeks after surgery.

Reserve team defender CHRIS WILLMOTT is set to miss the rest of the season after suffering a knee injury in the reserve game at Arsenal.

Chris was stretchered off with a torn medial knee ligament, and at the time of writing we were waiting on the result of a scan to determine the extent of damage.

AARON SKELTON is to have another scan on his troublesome left knee, but BEN CHENERY should be back in training next week after a thigh strain.

Good news for RICHARD HARVEY, who is set to play in the reserve game at Ipswich on Monday after a successful return to full training, following the knee injury he suffered in the pre-season game against West Ham.



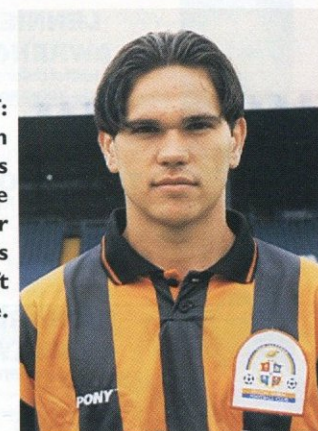
with **CLIVE GOODYEAR**



ABOVE: Mitchell Thomas is stretchered off at York last week.



LEFT: Mitchell Thomas is facing a three week layoff with a badly broken nose.



RIGHT: Aaron Skelton is to have another scan on his injured left knee.

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Venue: St Joseph's Junior School, Gardenia Avenue, LUTON.

Dates: Monday, March 24, and Tuesday, March 25.

Cost: £18 (includes adult & junior ticket for Luton Town v Bristol City, on April 1, 7.45pm).

Venue: Linslade Middle School, Mentmore Road, LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

Dates: Wednesday, March 26, and Thursday, March 27.

Cost: £18 (includes adult & junior ticket for Luton Town v Bristol City, on April 1, 7.45pm).

Venue: Edward Peake Middle School, Potton Road, BIGGLESWADE.

Dates: Tuesday, April 1, and Wednesday, April 2.

Cost: £18 (includes adult & junior ticket for Luton Town v Shrewsbury Town, on April 19, 3pm).

Venue: MK Sports Club, Woughton-on-the-Green, MILTON KEYNES.

Dates: Thursday, April 3, and Friday, April 4.

Cost: £18 (includes adult & junior ticket for Luton Town v Shrewsbury Town, on April 19, 3pm).

NB: Participants will need astroturf boots or trainers.

Venue: Sacred Heart Junior School, Langford Drive, LUTON.

Dates: Monday, April 7, and Tuesday, April 8.

Cost: £18 (includes adult & junior ticket for Luton Town v Shrewsbury Town, on April 19, 3pm).

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# RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



THE Town's reserve side were due to play at Charlton on Wednesday, and then travel to Ipswich on Monday in the final game of the Avon Insurance League Cup 'round-robin' section.

But Wednesday's game against Bournemouth has been postponed, due to the first team fixture at Wrexham being moved to this date.

The match against Bournemouth will now be played on Monday, April 7, at Hitchin, kick-off 7pm.

Since our last round-up the reserves have played just one game, at Arsenal, drawing 1-1 against the Gunners at Highbury.

The Town included trialist Vince Montgomery, and took the lead with a Bontcho Guentchev penalty.

But Arsenal equalised with eight minutes to go.

Team: Davis, Patterson, Linton, Montgomery, Willmott (Jones), Upson, Kean, Evers, Marshall (Douglas), Grant (Fotiadis), Guentchev.

The reserve team match against Brighton, at Hitchin, on February 24, was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch at Top Field.

The Hatters will face Leighton Town in the final of the Beds Premier Cup.

The final is played over two legs, on a home and away basis, with the first leg at Bell Close and the second leg

at Kenilworth Road.

No dates have yet been fixed for these games.

The youth team kept up their challenge at the top of the South East Counties Division Two table with last Saturday's 1-0 win at Wimbledon.

Leading scorer Liam George scored the winning goal.

Team: Webb, Lawes, Fraser, Spring,

## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	16	10	1	5	28	20	31
Ipswich	12	8	2	2	25	8	26
Tottenham	14	8	2	4	33	17	26
Chelsea	14	8	2	4	23	16	26
Wimbledon	13	7	4	2	30	19	25
QPR	14	7	3	4	28	21	24
Arsenal	13	6	4	3	33	14	22
Brighton	14	5	6	3	28	27	21
Bournemouth	13	6	2	5	28	29	20
Bristol City	14	5	3	6	29	26	18
C Palace	13	5	2	6	18	22	17
Cardiff	14	4	5	5	12	21	17
Swindon	13	4	4	5	24	25	16
LUTON	12	5	1	6	14	16	16
Millwall	12	5	1	6	21	26	16
Swansea	12	5	1	6	16	22	16
Oxford	14	4	3	7	23	28	15
West Ham	14	4	3	7	18	23	15
Southampton	12	4	2	6	21	25	14
Watford	12	4	2	6	16	22	14
Norwich	14	2	4	8	21	33	10
Bristol R	13	2	4	7	12	27	10
Charlton	10	2	1	7	10	24	7

League table up to and including 27.2.97.

## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1996/97 APPS & SCORERS (27.2.97)

APPS	G	APPS	G
Kelvin DAVIS	12	Des LINTON	5
Sean EVERS	13	Kim GRANT	2
Ben CHENERY	13	Dwight MARSHALL	1 (1)
Paul McLAREN	10	Jimmy COX	(1)
Gary SIMPSON	2	Stuart FRASER	1 (2)
Chris WILLMOTT	14 (1)	Mark BROWN	1
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	4	David OLDFIELD	2
Tony THORPE	3	Michael McINDOE	1
John TAYLOR	4	Andrew FOTIADIS	2 (1)
Stuart DOUGLAS	9 (1)	Lee MARSHALL	2
Robert KEAN	15	Ian JONES	1 (1)
Jamie WOODSFORD	3 (1)	A THOMPSON	1
Andre SCARLETT	1 (2)	V MONTGOMERY	1
Matthew UPSON	10		
Steve AUGUSTINE	(4)		
Nathan ABBEY	3		
Trevor PEAKE	2		
Darren PATTERSON	7		
Paul SHOWLER	3		
Aaron SKELTON	8		
Liam GEORGE	5 (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	9
Arsenal	3	2	0	1	4	6
LUTON	3	2	0	1	4	6
Norwich	3	1	0	2	1	4
Ipswich	3	0	0	3	1	6

Jones, Upson, Scarlett, George, Doherty, Sweeney, McIndoe.

Subs (not used): Clarke, McCormack, Gregory.

Dates have now been finalised for the FA Youth Cup quarter-final.

Watford and Manchester United were due to replay at Viacarage Road on Thursday, with the winners then coming to Kenilworth Road.

If our opponents are Manchester United, the game will be on Tuesday, March 18, kick-off 7pm.

If Watford win the replay, the Hornets will come here on Tuesday, March 25, kick-off 7.30pm.

Admission prices will be £3 for adults and £1 for juniors and senior citizens.

Following a number of postponements over the Christmas and New Year period, a number of youth team games have now been re-arranged in April.

Please see fixture list (right) for full details.

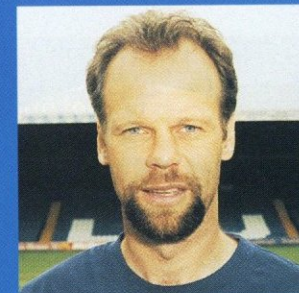
The youth team have continued their progress in the Eastern Junior Cup with a 7-0 win at Bishop Stortford.

Andrew Barr scored four, with Stuart Fraser, Richard Clarke and Moses Jerry adding the other goals.

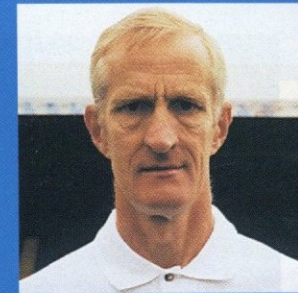
## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LUTON TOWN	22	16	4	2	48	20	36
C Palace	23	15	5	3	56	22	35
Oxford	23	10	10	3	43	29	30
Southampton	21	14	0	7	44	21	28
Tottenham	26	10	8	8	42	30	28
Wycombe	25	11	5	9	31	25	27
Swindon	22	9	6	7	40	31	24
Bristol C	21	8	6	7	34	38	22
Brighton	23	9	4	10	29	40	22
Colchester	22	8	5	9	37	32	21
Wimbledon	23	8	5	10	29	24	21
Bournemouth	19	8	3	8	32	39	19
Bristol R	22	7	3	12	35	43	17
Brentford	22	4	6	12	30	44	14
Reading	24	5	1	18	25	74	11
Barnet	24	2	3	19	18	61	7

League table as at March 1, 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	Sat Dec 7 Brentford	won 3-1
Sat Aug 24 READING	won 7-0	Tue Dec 10 Royston (EJC)	won 2-1
Tue Aug 27 Bournemouth (SJFC)	drew 1-1	Thur Dec 19 OXFORD U (FAYC2)	won 3-2
Sat Aug 31 Colchester	lost 3-2	Sat Dec 21 BRISTOL ROVERS	won 2-1
Tue Sep 3 B'MOUTH (SJFC)	won 3-1	Wed Jan 8 Torquay (FAYC3)	won 2-0
Sat Sep 7 SOUTHAMPTON	won 1-0	Sat Jan 18 Southampton	won 3-1
Sat Sep 14 Cambridge U (LC1)	won 2-0	Sat Jan 25 Crystal Palace	won 2-1
Tue Sep 17 Wolves (SJFC)	lost 2-1	Sat Feb 1 Reading	won 2-1
Sat Sep 21 CRYSTAL PALACE	lost 1-0	Sat Feb 8 TOTTENHAM	won 3-1
Sat Sep 28 Tottenham	won 2-0	Tue Feb 11 Sunderland (FAYC4)	won 5-2
Sat Oct 5 OXFORD UTD	drew 1-1	Sat Feb 15 Oxford United	drew 2-2
Sat Oct 12 Swindon Town	drew 2-2	Wed Feb 26 B Stortford (EJC)	won 7-0
Wed Oct 16 Rushden & D (EJC)	won 3-2	Sat Mar 1 Wimbledon	won 1-0
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 Mar 29 Bristol City	
Tue Nov 12 Hereford U (FAYC1)	won 3-1	Sat Apr 5 Brighton	
Sat Nov 16 Bournemouth	won 2-0	Sat Apr 12 BRENTFORD	11am
Sat Nov 23 SWINDON TOWN	won 2-1	Sat Apr 19 COLCHESTER	11am
Sat Nov 30 BRIGHTON	drew 2-2	Sat Apr 26 BRISTOL CITY	11am
Mon Dec 2 Oxford Utd (FAYC2)	drew 1-1		

Home league matches at Luton Rugby Club.

## YOUTH TEAM 1996/97 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G
Daniel TATE	12		8	
Gary DOHERTY	18 (3)	4	9 (1)	
Ian JONES	12 (1)	2	5	1
Matthew UPSON	6		8	1
Steve AUGUSTINE	10	3	5	3
Matthew SPRING	20 (2)	2	11 (2)	2
Jimmy COX	12 (2)	1	8 (2)	3
Liam GEORGE	19 (2)	16	10	9
Andre SCARLETT	14 (6)		7 (3)	1
Andrew BARR	19 (1)	9	9 (1)	5
Andrew SMITH	4 (2)	3	4	2
Russell LAWES	15 (1)		9 (2)	
Mark HILLYARD	1 (3)		1	1
Richard CLARKE	9 (4)	1	8 (2)	2
Terry SWEENEY	16 (1)	6	9 (1)	2
Nick WEBB	10		5	
Emerson BOYCE	13 (1)		4 (1)	
Stuart FRASER	14 (1)		8 (1)	1
Michael McINDOE	14 (1)	1	6 (1)	
Moses JERRY	2 (3)		3	1
Delroy McKOY	1 (1)		1	
James AYRES	1		1	
Jon CHALLINOR			2	
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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## 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.

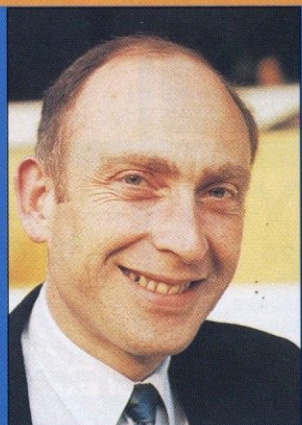
**Nick Owen Lounge** (season ticket holders only, passes to be shown): the bar will be open from 1.30 to 2.45pm and 4.45 to 7pm on Saturdays, and from 6.30 to 7.30pm, and from 9.30 to 11pm at midweek games. Rolls and hot pies are available to buy, and entry is via the door opposite the iron staircase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

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## Those were the days



by **ROGER WASH**

AS has been said before in this column, Easter has often proved to be the graveyard of the hopes of Luton Town in the past, and season 1973/74 seemed set to test that theory to the full.

We were lying in second position in the old Division Two as Easter 1974 approached but with half a dozen teams snapping at our heels, the three holiday games were vital to a club that was hoping to be the first to slide down through all four divisions and then climb all the way back again.

Thousands of us travelled to the Manor Ground, Oxford, on Good Friday to boost the attendance to a best of the season 13,464, but in a lacklustre display against struggling opposition a single point was the only reward in a 1-1 draw.

The Town's goal was a rather scrappy effort from Jim Ryan which summed up an untidy game.

The following day we travelled to Sheffield Wednesday to play against another side struggling for points at the wrong end of the table.

The resulting 2-2 draw, with the Town coming back from two down, was seen as yet another point lost especially as the Owls had been beaten in two of their previous three home games.

Unfortunately the worst was still to come for in the return against Oxford at Kenilworth Road on Easter Tuesday, a crowd of 16,353 watched as the away side stole an early lead and then sat on it.

We were predictable in our sole tactic of thumping a high ball up to striker Barry Butlin and with a tall Oxford defence, dominated by the blond head of Dave Roberts, soaking up everything with ease, frustration set in both on the field and off it.

Oxford goalkeeper Roy Burton was in inspired form, as he had been on Good Friday, but although he and his defenders rode their luck at

times the win was fully merited and left us with a mountain to climb.

On paper we now had to win our three remaining games to be sure of promotion, starting with a home game against Millwall the following Saturday, and in preparation manager Harry Haslam and the team spent four hours studying the Oxford game on the club's newly acquired £1,000 video recorder.

We had already played Millwall twice that season with honours even. In the League Cup we had suffered a defeat in a fourth round tie at the Den, putting in a tepid performance in a midweek game played in the afternoon because of the three-day week and the resultant power cuts.

Revenge had been gained, however, when we returned to the Den a couple of weeks later and won both points with a 1-0 victory,

courtesy of a fit again Butlin who had been sorely missed from our forward line.

As it turned out the Lions caught the full backlash of our Easter and were beaten in every department with an easy 3-0 win the just reward for a sparkling display.

The Millwall defence was torn apart by man-of-the-match Peter Anderson, later to play for the Lions, who dictated the pace of the game from midfield.

In the eighth minute he won a corner conceded by the Lions' Barry Kitchener, and centre half John Faulkner headed home the flag kick.

Anderson himself lobbed a clever second a few minutes later and the game was as good as over.

Second Division top scorer, Alf Wood, who always seemed to play well against the Town was blotted out by Faulkner with the result that Luton goalkeeper Graham Horn had an easy afternoon.

The goalscoring was completed midway through the second half when substitute Gordon Hindson



ABOVE: Barry Butlin scores the Town winner at Millwall in December 1973.

raced through from the halfway line in a solo run, with the Millwall defenders appealing for offside, before slotting the ball under keeper Bryan King.

The scoreline did not fully reflect the run of play, with Alan West, another player later to join the Lions, unlucky with efforts that could have brought him a hat-trick.

When the results came through from other games affecting the top of the table it quickly became apparent that only one point would be enough to secure promotion to the top flight.

Haslam, however, refused to believe that he had crowned his second season as a league manager

by winning promotion to the First Division.

"We are not celebrating yet, let's get the points first," said Haslam, but then added, "I thought the lads did just about everything right today."

As it turned out we gathered the all important point the following week at West Brom, leaving Easter behind as a distant memory.

Luton: Horn, John Ryan, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Jim Ryan, Husband, Butlin, West, Aston (Hindson).

Millwall: King, Jones, Cripps, Dorney, Kitchener, Alder, Saul, Clark, Wood, Smethurst, Hill.

## 5 YEARS AGO

7/3/92: A goal from Scott Oakes, his first at Kenilworth Road, earned a point in a 1-1 draw with Crystal Palace. We had now reached the heady heights of 19th position in the old Division One!

## 10 YEARS AGO

7/3/87: In our first defeat since Boxing Day, we went down 2-0 at Liverpool in a game that saw a long term injury suffered by skipper, and defensive inspiration, Steve Foster. The defeat did not harm our league position as we were still in fourth place.

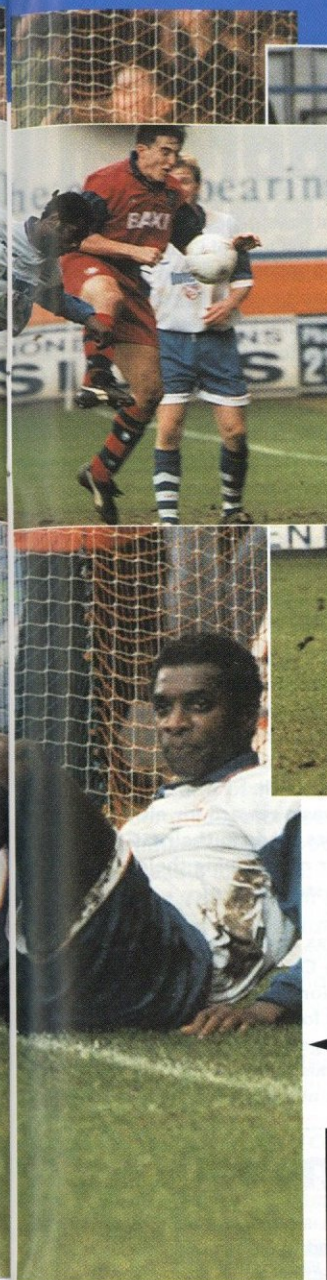
## 15 YEARS AGO

6/3/82: We maintained our unbeaten run in the old Division Two with a battling 0-0 draw at Grimsby in front of a crowd of 7,733. Although this was our fourth away draw in a row we still topped Division Two.

## 20 YEARS AGO

8/3/77: David Geddis, on loan from Ipswich, came on as substitute in the home game against Oldham and scored the all important goal to secure both points and record our ninth consecutive victory.





↑  
Gary Waddock fires the Hatters 4-0 in front just before half-time against Preston.

← Mitchell Thomas has just put Luton 5-1 in front, with a header (inset) from Graham Alexander's corner.

Graham Alexander is denied by Preston keeper Kelham O'Hanlon.

→ Hand on heart, could you believe it? After one goal in two-and-a-half years, Gary Waddock has just scored his second goal in as many matches!

# ACTION STATIONS

**Luton Town 5 Preston North End 1**

(Oldfield 3, Waddock, Thomas) (Reeves)

Saturday, February 22, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 6,454

Pictures by Andy Handley





## League's special saver award

THE Football League's sponsors Nationwide have announced a brand new award to recognise the goalkeeper who makes the best save throughout the three divisions for each month of the season - a unique accolade which is selected by the fans who watch Nationwide Football League action every week on Sky Television.

The inaugural winner of the 'Nationwide Building Society Save of the Month' is Bolton Wanderers goalkeeper Keith Branagan for his magnificent reflex stop against Sheffield United in the recent clash at Bramall Lane.

The fan who submits the first correct answer drawn from Sky TV's mail bag every month - which corresponds with former goalkeeping great Gordon Banks' choice from a list of saves - will have the honour of presenting the award to the winning goalkeeper during a VIP day out and also receive two tickets to a forthcoming Nationwide Football League game of their choice.

Forthcoming Division Two matches on Sky:  
March 21 - Luton v Brentford.  
March 31 - Crewe v Preston.

# Bantams' royal approval

HER Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Phillip have accepted an invitation from Nationwide League Division One side Bradford City to officially open the club's new Midland Road stand.

The new development, which is to be sponsored by local chemical company Allied Colloids, will be unveiled by The Queen on March 27, at 2.30pm, and will be followed by a programme of events put together by various sections of the local community at the ground during The Queen's 50-minute stay.

This magnificent new structure at the Pulse Stadium has cost the West Yorkshire club £1.5 million to construct and will be able to seat 4,500 Bantams supporters - marking the final phase of redevelopment at their ground.

The Football Trust have generously grant aided this project to the tune of £852,000.

Shaun Harvey, the club's Managing Director, commented: "We are delighted that Her Majesty has agreed to open our new stand and this is wonderful recognition for our splendidly redeveloped stadium and the ongoing work within the local community.

"To my knowledge, no other professional football club has ever had a new facility of this nature opened by The Queen and it came as a magnificent surprise when the club's invitation, which was sent to her last year, was accepted."

The additional seats will bring the overall capacity at Bradford City to nearly 18,000, with a new seating capacity of 11,000.



A GROUP of 15 Year Ten pupils from South Luton High School, accompanied by Head of Year Roger Barton, and Senior Teacher Michael Singleton, watched the 5-1 win over Preston last month.

This visit was a reward for either improvements made in their GCSE studies or for maintaining their already high standards of achievement.

The visit was arranged through the Bedfordshire Compact which is led by Beds Education Business Partnership which brings local schools and businesses together to support students in raising levels of achievement and performance.

## Win tickets for your Junior team

WE will be announcing the latest winners of our Team of the Month at the home game against Brentford.

There's still time to enter, and following the large number of postponements over Christmas and the New Year we still have a number of awards to make.

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, clubs 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 hasn't already been selected, they might be next month.

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



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# Deepdale wins Lottery funding & FIFA backing

A WEEK after the Heritage Lottery Fund announced their decision to provide a grant for The Football Museum at Second Division Preston North End's Deepdale home, the World's governing body of football FIFA have confirmed that they will be supporting the Lancashire club's project with their own display.

The FIFA collection of football memorabilia will form the centre-piece of The Football Museum - the quality of which is recognised worldwide - conveying the essence of our simple game in a powerful and visual manner.

Items include the oldest known football-related board game from 1886, the famous Thomas Webster football painting of 1839, plus vintage ceramics, bronzes, medals, shirts, trainers' bags, boots and, of course, classic footballs.

Officials at The Football Museum are hoping that this venture will be more than just a shrine for football fans across the World and that it will also shed light on every aspect of the game.

Special facilities for reference and project-based studies will ensure

that the Museum is a genuine education resource as well as the source of a memorable day out.

The anticipated cost of The Football Museum project is in excess of £7 million, although the Lottery Fund will provide £5.7 million with the balance coming from a wide range of areas including the Government's Single Regeneration Budget Fund.

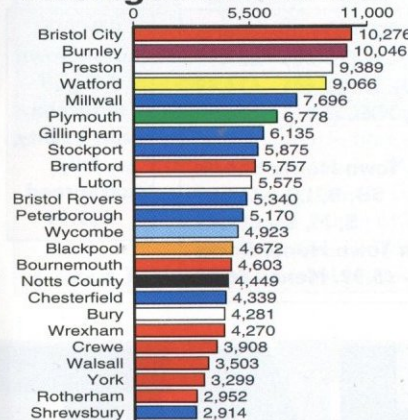
Bryan Gray, the Museum's Chairman of Trustees and Chairman of North End, said: "England is recognised as the birthplace of football and is equally renowned for its rich heritage.

"The Football Museum will combine the passion for our national sport with a unique collection representing every aspect of football from fine art to fanzines.

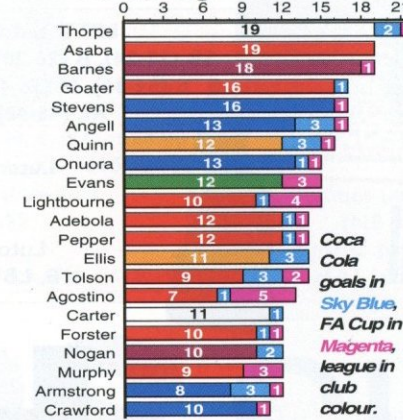
"I am particularly proud that FIFA are supporting this project which I believe will create a museum of international repute.

"We are also indebted to the Heritage Lottery Fund for recognising the potential of the Museum."

## Average Attendances



## Leading Scorers



Division Two stats for 96/97 by FOOTBALL INFORMATION SERVICES.  
Up to and including Saturday, March 1, 1997.

## FORTHCOMING MATCHES IN NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Tuesday, March 11  
Bournemouth v Chesterfield  
Gillingham v Walsall

Wednesday, March 12  
Wrexham v LUTON TOWN

Saturday, March 15  
Blackpool v Preston  
Brentford v Burnley  
Bury v Gillingham  
Chesterfield v Wycombe  
Crewe v LUTON TOWN  
Millwall v Bournemouth  
Peterborough v Stockport  
Rotherham v Notts County  
Shrewsbury v Plymouth  
Watford v Walsall  
Wrexham v York City

Sunday, March 16  
Bristol Rovers v Bristol City

Friday, March 21  
LUTON TOWN v Brentford

Saturday, March 22  
Bournemouth v York  
Blackpool v Bristol City  
Bury v Chesterfield  
Crewe v Peterborough  
Gillingham v Wycombe  
Millwall v Watford  
Notts County v Stockport  
Plymouth v Wrexham  
Shrewsbury v Rotherham  
Walsall v Burnley

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



CLUB SHOP SALE STARTS TODAY - reduced prices on some clothing & souvenirs

## OPENING TIMES

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

10am to 4pm

**EVENING MATCHDAYS**

10am to 10pm

**SATURDAYS - MATCHDAYS**

10am-3pm & 4.45-5.15pm

- non matchdays 9am  
until coaches leave for  
away game

## 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**  
B, LB - £5.99. Mens - £6.99



**ABOVE:**  
Luton Town  
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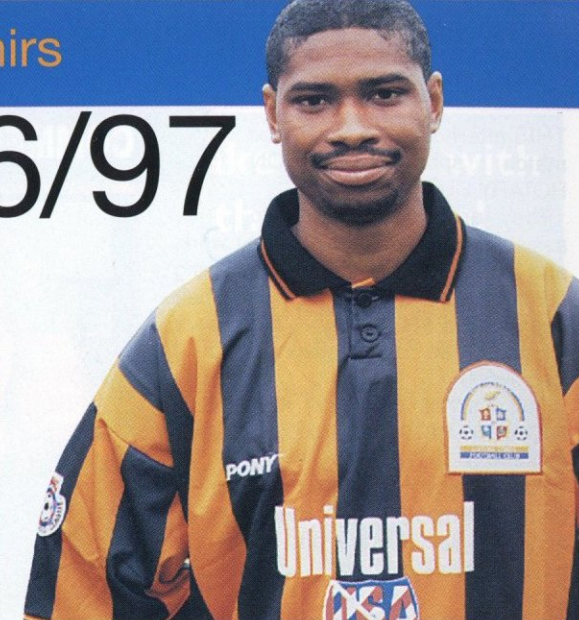


**ABOVE: 1. Capital sweatshirt - navy/grey**  
- S, M, L, XL - £34.99.

**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

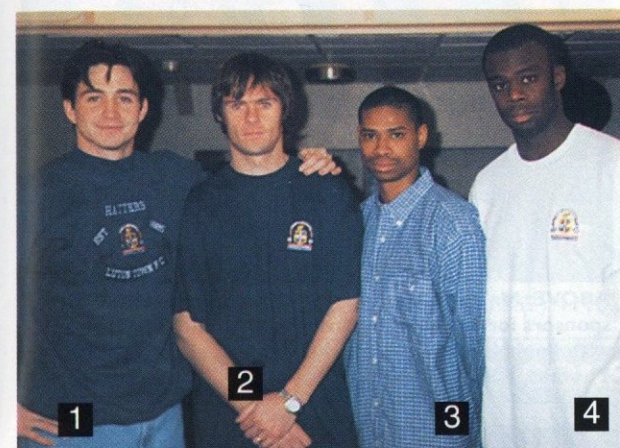
**4. LTFC split vent sweatshirt - M, L, XL - £26.00**



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

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

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

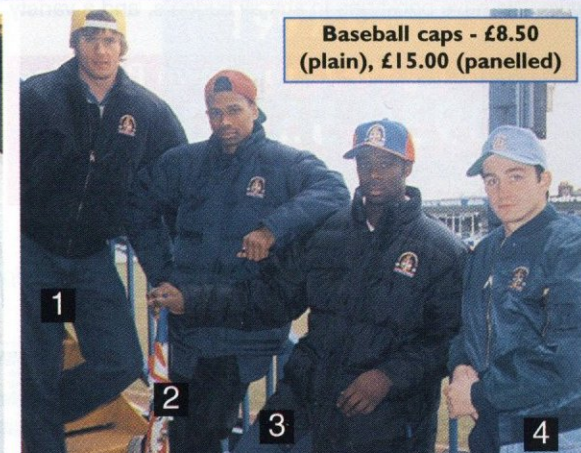


**1. Embossed sweatshirt, marle blue - M, L, XL - £26.00**

**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**



**Baseball caps - £8.50**  
(plain), £15.00 (panelled)

**1. MA2 jackets, black/navy - childrens £33.00**  
- adults £43.00

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

**3. 'Ripstop puffa', navy/black - S, M, L, XL - £59.00**

**4. MA1 jackets, black navy - childrens £29.00**  
- adults £39.00



# HATTERS SHOP

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enquiries  
01582  
411622



THIS afternoon we welcome match sponsors LUTON ROTARY CLUB.

They are raising funds to assist them in their local charity work, and would like to thank the following companies and individuals for their support: F&R Cawley, Grosvenor Casinos, Mr S Jackson, and J Sapsworth.

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

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

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

## COMMERCIAL NEWS



with **KATHY LEATHER**

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.

Following last month's successful Dinner Dance, we are today announcing a number of events including a Sportsmans Dinner, and a Golf Day. Details can be found in today's programme, or are available from the Commercial Department on (01582) 411622.

This afternoon's CableTel kids are: Shaun McGovern, Liam McGovern, Craig Butler, Hayley Francis, Dale Gillett, Luke Mustafa, Gavin Dodson, Jamie Louise Norris, James Thorpe, Jamie Doran, Joanna Doran.

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ABOVE: Mr Ken Little was one of our joint match sponsors for the game against Preston, and is pictured with Paul McLaren, David Oldfield, Ian Feuer, Mitchell Thomas, Julian James, Steve Davis and Darren Patterson.



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.



**MATCH videos now available (£10 each, including p&p) from: Simon Oxley, LTFC, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW. NB: Please make cheques/postal orders payable to Luton Town Football Club.**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

Luton Town Football Club  
SPORTSMANS EVENING  
Queensway Hall, Dunstable - Monday, March 24, 1997

An evening with England's 1966 World Cup heroes  
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

Corporate packages available. For full details please contact the Commercial Department on (01582) 411622.

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# OVER THE BAR!

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## KINGSWAY ARMS

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Luton videos on matchdays, new members welcome.  
Wide selection of real ales and lagers available. Large car park.  
Prop: Ian Robinson



We can win three points today....  
YOU could win up to £2,000 in cash in the LTFC Golden Gamble!

Each ticket costs just £1, with half the money collected going to the winning ticket holder, in our half-time draw made on the pitch.



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

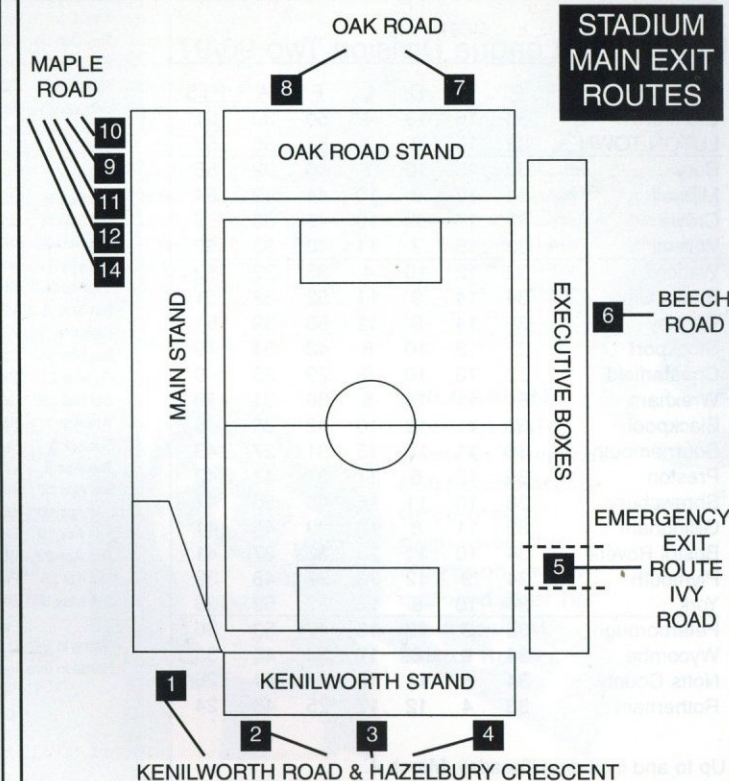
## LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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.



To advertise in the matchday programme contact the Commercial Department on (01582) 411622

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# TEAM Statistics

## LUTON TOWN 1996/97

PLAYER (figure in bracket)  
= sub app.

PLAYER	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS
Ian FEUER	32		11	
Julian JAMES	32	1	11	1
Mitchell THOMAS	31	3	9	
Gary WADDOCK	24 (1)	2	8	
Darren PATTERSON	4		3 (1)	
Marvin JOHNSON	30		10	1
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	14 (10)	1	6 (4)	
Graham ALEXANDER	31 (1)	2	11 (1)	
David OLDFIELD	18 (6)	6	5 (2)	2
Kim GRANT	8 (10)	2	6 (2)	3
Tony THORPE	26 (2)	20	6 (1)	3
Andrew FOTIADIS	5 (6)	1	(4)	
Des LINTON	3 (4)		4	
Steve DAVIS	30 (1)	5	12	1
Ceri HUGHES	27	4	12	2
Paul SHOWLER	18 (2)	6	7 (2)	
Matthew UPSON	(1)			
Stuart DOUGLAS	2 (7)		1 (1)	
Paul McLAREN	5 (7)		(1)	
Aaron SKELTON	2 (1)		3	
Dwight MARSHALL	9 (5)	3	5 (1)	3
Kelvin DAVIS			1	
Sean EVERS	1		1	

Own goal 1

## Nationwide League Division Two 96/97

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Brentford	33	16	13	4	50	30	61
LUTON TOWN	32	16	9	7	56	35	57
Bury	32	15	10	7	46	32	55
Millwall	34	15	9	10	44	42	54
Crewe	32	17	2	13	45	38	53
Walsall	33	15	7	11	40	33	52
Watford	32	12	16	4	35	23	52
Bristol City	34	14	9	11	52	39	51
Burnley	35	14	9	12	50	39	51
Stockport	31	13	10	8	43	34	49
Chesterfield	32	13	10	9	29	25	49
Wrexham	31	11	15	5	36	31	48
Blackpool	33	11	12	10	42	36	45
Bournemouth	36	11	10	15	31	37	43
Preston	35	12	6	17	37	47	42
Shrewsbury	36	10	11	15	43	56	41
Gillingham	33	11	8	14	39	45	41
Bristol Rovers	34	10	11	13	36	37	41
Plymouth	34	9	12	13	37	48	39
York	34	10	8	16	37	53	38
Peterborough	35	8	12	15	47	59	36
Wycombe	34	9	8	17	32	45	35
Notts County	34	5	11	18	24	44	26
Rotherham	33	4	12	17	25	48	24

Up to and including Tuesday, March 4.

1996-97 ..... See page 47 for Division Two stats

DATE OPPONENTS F-A ATT POS

Sat Aug 17	BURNLEY	1-2	6,484	-
Tue Aug 20	BRISTOL ROVERS CCC1 (1)	3-0	2,643	-
Sat Aug 24	Brentford	2-3	5,404	22
Tue Aug 27	Bristol City	0-5	7,028	24
Sat Aug 31	ROTHERHAM	1-0	4,547	19
Wed Sep 4	Bristol Rovers CCC1 (2)	1-2	2,320	-
Sat Sep 7	Wycombe Wanderers	1-0	6,471	15
Tue Sep 10	GILLINGHAM	2-1	4,604	11
Sat Sep 14	CHESTERFIELD	0-1	4,763	12
Tue Sep 17	DERBY COUNTY CCC2 (1)	1-0	4,459	-
Sat Sep 21	Bury	0-0	3,588	15
Wed Sep 25	Derby County CCC2 (2)	2-2	13,569	-
Sat Sep 28	BLACKPOOL	1-0	5,303	12
Sat Oct 5	WALSALL	3-1	5,002	11
Sat Oct 12	Shrewsbury Town	3-0	3,357	8
Tue Oct 15	Stockport County	1-1	5,352	9
Sat Oct 19	PETERBOROUGH UTD	3-0	5,964	7
Tue Oct 22	Wimbledon CCC3	1-1	5,043	-
Sat Oct 26	BOURNEMOUTH	2-0	5,635	5
Tue Oct 29	Watford	1-1	14,109	6
Sat Nov 2	Plymouth Argyle	3-3	7,134	8
Sat Nov 9	NOTTS COUNTY	2-0	5,664	5
Tue Nov 12	WIMBLEDON CCC3R	1-2	8,076	-
Sat Nov 16	Torquay Utd FAC1	1-0	3,450	-
Tue Nov 19	Preston North End	2-3	7,004	7
Sat Nov 23	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-1	5,315	4
Sat Nov 30	Bournemouth	2-3	4,322	6
Tue Dec 3	YORK CITY	2-0	4,401	4
Sat Dec 7	BOREHAM WOOD FAC2	2-1	5,332	-
Tue Dec 10	LEYTON ORIENT AWS1	2-1	1,594	-
Sat Dec 14	CREWE ALEXANDRA	6-0	5,455	3
Wed Dec 18	Millwall	1-0	7,077	1
Thu Dec 26	Gillingham	2-1	8,598	2
Sat Jan 18	WREXHAM	0-0	5,734	2
Tue Jan 21	BOLTON WANDERERS FA3	1-1	7,414	-
Sat Jan 25	Bolton Wanderers FA3R	2-6	9,713	-
Mon Jan 27	WATFORD	0-0	7,428	2
Sat Feb 1	Notts County	2-1	5,025	2
Tue Feb 4	Northampton AWS2	0-1	4,201	-
Sat Feb 8	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	2-2	6,439	2
Sat Feb 15	Bristol Rovers	2-3	5,612	2
Sat Feb 22	PRESTON NORTH END	5-1	6,454	2
Sat Mar 1	York City	1-1	3,788	2
Tue Mar 4	Chesterfield	1-1	3,731	2
Sat Mar 8	MILLWALL			
Wed Mar 12	Wrexham			
Sat Mar 15	Crewe Alexandra			
Fri Mar 21	BRENTFORD			
Sat Mar 29	Burnley			
Tue Apr 1	BRISTOL CITY			
Sat Apr 5	Rotherham United			
Tue Apr 8	WYCOMBE W			
Sat Apr 12	Walsall			
Tue Apr 15	Blackpool			
Sat Apr 19	SHREWSBURY TOWN			
Tue Apr 22	BURY			
Sat Apr 26	Peterborough Utd			
Sat May 3	STOCKPORT COUNTY			

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

GK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	(Patterson)	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Grant)	THORPE	(Fotiadis)	(Linton)	(S.Davis)
Feuer	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	(Johnson)	Hughes	Alexander	OLDFIELD	GRANT	(THORPE)	(Patterson)	(Guentchev)	(Showler)
Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	HUGHES	Alexander	Oldfield	(Grant)	THORPE	Linton	(Guentchev)	Showler
Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	Hughes	(Showler)	(Oldfield)	(Grant)	Thorpe	(Alexander)	(Guentchev)	(Fotiadis)
Feuer	(James)	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Grant)	Showler	(Thorpe)	(Guentchev)	(Upson)
Feuer	James	Thomas	Linton	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	OLDFIELD	Guentchev	(Showler)	Thorpe	(Fotiadis)	McLaren
Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	OLDFIELD	(Fotiadis)	Guentchev	(Thorpe)	Showler	McLaren
Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	OLDFIELD	(Fotiadis)	GUENTCHEV	(Grant)	Showler	McLaren
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Grant)	Guentchev	(Showler)	(Grant)	McLaren
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Oldfield	(Grant)	Guentchev	Showler	(Fotiadis)	McLaren
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	Oldfield	GRANT	Guentchev	Showler	(Douglas)	McLaren
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Thorpe	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(GRANT)	Guentchev	Showler	(Fotiadis)	(Douglas)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	THORPE	(FOTIADIS)(Guentchev)		(SHOWLER)(McLaren)	(Douglas)	
Feuer	(James)	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Thorpe)	GRANT	SHOWLER	(Guentchev)	(McLaren)	(Douglas)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Thorpe)	Grant	Showler	Guentchev	McLaren	(Oldfield)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Thorpe)	SHOWLER 2	(Guentchev)(McLaren)	(Fotiadis)	
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	Showler	Guentchev	McLaren	Skelton
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	Skelton	Johnson	Hughes	(Alexander)	(Oldfield)	THORPE 2 (Showler)		(Guentchev)(McLaren)	(Douglas)	
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	Thorpe	SHOWLER	(Guentchev)	McLaren	(Douglas)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Douglas)	THORPE 3 (Showler)		(Guentchev)	McLaren	(Grant)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	Grant	(THORPE)	Guentchev	Marshall	McLaren	(Douglas)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Grant)	(Thorpe)	(Showler)	(Guentchev)(McLaren)	(Douglas)	
Feuer	James	Skelton	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	(Douglas)	Guentchev	Showler	Patterson	McLaren	(Marshall)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS 2	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Douglas)	(Guentchev)	Showler	(Skelton)	(McLaren)	(Marshall)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	McLaren	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Showler)	THORPE(MARSHALL)		(Guentchev)	(Grant)	Skelton
Feuer	JAMES	THOMAS	(Skelton)	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Showler)	(Thorpe)	MARSHALL	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	(Linton)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	McLaren	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Showler	THORPE(MARSHALL)		Guentchev	(Grant)	Linton
Feuer	James	(Skelton)	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	Hughes	(Alexander)	Showler	Thorpe	MARSHALL 2	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	McLaren
K.Davis	(James)	Skelton	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	Patterson	Hughes	Linton	Guentchev	GRANT	(Marshall)	(Oldfield)	(Showler)	(Alexander)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	ALEX'DERSHOWLER	(THORPE 3)	(Marshall)		(OLDFIELD)	(Grant)	Linton
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	Guentchev	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Oldfield)	Grant	McLaren
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Guentchev	THORPE 2 (Marshall)		Grant	(Oldfield)	McLaren
Feuer	James	THOMAS	(McLaren)	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Showler)	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Guentchev)	(Linton)	(Oldfield)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Linton	S.Davis	JOHNSON	Hughes	Alexander	Showler	Thorpe	(Marshall)	Guentchev	(Grant)	Skelton
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Linton	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Showler)	THORPE (MARSHALL)		Patterson	(Guentchev)	(Fotiadis)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	Linton	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Showler	Thorpe	(Marshall)	Grant	(Oldfield)	Patterson
Feuer	James	THOMAS	(Linton)	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	ALEXANDER	Oldfield	(Thorpe)	Guentchev	Patterson	(Grant)	(Marshall)
Feuer	Patterson	THOMAS	Evers	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Grant	(Marshall)	(Guentchev)	(Oldfield)	(Fotiadis)	Willmott
Feuer	James	THOMAS	(Evers)	S.Davis	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander	Oldfield	THORPE 2 (Marshall)		Patterson	(Fotiadis)	(Linton)
Feuer	James	(Thomas)	McLaren	S.Davis	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander	(Oldfield)	THORPE	(Linton)	(WADDOCK)	(Fotiadis)	(Marshall)
Feuer	James	THOMAS	WADDOCK	S.Davis	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	(OLDFIELD 3)	(Thorpe)	Showler	(Marshall)	(Grant)	(McLaren)
Feuer	James	(Thomas)	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	Thorpe	Showler	(McLaren)	(Grant)	(Marshall)
Feuer	James	Patterson	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	THORPE	Showler	Linton	(Grant)	Marshall



BEST wishes to Jamie Woodsford (left) who has been released by Luton Town. He made two full league appearances, plus 10 as substitute in league and cup matches. Jamie has this week signed for ICIS League side Borehamwood.



BULGARIAN international Bontcho Guentchev (left) completes a three-match suspension this afternoon - a ban imposed after his sending-off at Bristol Rovers.



Today's referee is

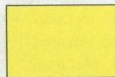
**GRAHAM FRANKLAND**  
from Cleveland.

Mr Frankland is a partner in an office equipment company, and is married with two children. He is in his second season as a Football League referee.

**M.C.  
Dexter**



**J.R.  
Hubbard**



## TODAY'S OTHER DIV TWO MATCHES

Burnley v Peterborough  
Gillingham v Watford  
Notts County v Crewe  
Plymouth v Rotherham  
Preston NE v Brentford  
Stockport v Bury  
Walsall v Shrewsbury  
Wycombe v Bristol R  
York v Blackpool

DON'T FORGET.....  
Wrexham v Luton Town is  
now on Wednesday,  
March 12, kick-off 7.30pm

## LUTON TOWN

Manager: Lennie Lawrence

## MILLWALL

Manager: John Docherty

Ian FEUER	1	Tim CARTER
Julian JAMES	2	Lucas NEILL
Darren PATTERSON	3	Greg BERRY
Gary WADDOCK	4	Ricky NEWMAN
Steve DAVIS	5	Alan McLEARY
Marvin JOHNSON	6	Tony WITTER
Ceri HUGHES	7	Paul HARTLEY
Graham ALEXANDER	8	Maurice DOYLE
David OLDFIELD	9	Steve CRAWFORD
Tony THORPE	10	Richard CADETTE
Paul SHOWLER	11	Tony DOLBY
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