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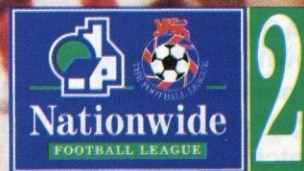


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## From the manager's chair

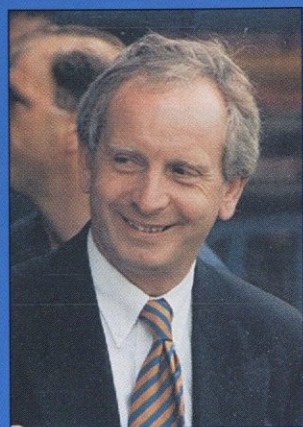
GOOD evening and a warm welcome to the first of four successive Tuesday night fixtures - three of which are at home - and these will go a considerable way towards determining our fate in the promotion race.

Hopefully we can reproduce the performance of the last game here, against Brentford, where after a somewhat shaky start we controlled the game for the last hour, and ran out deserved, but narrow winners against a side who will boast the best away record in the division when the curtain finally comes down on the campaign.

I pointed out the special significance of the midweek matches, because night games seem to create a special atmosphere of their own, and hopefully the ground will be nearly full once again tonight, as it was for the visit of Brentford, which will help produce the levels of support which make such a difference at this stage of the season.

Indeed I hope that all the remaining home games - three Tuesdays and two Saturdays - will be very well attended and hopefully near sell-outs.

I believe that the support we enjoyed against Brentford can make a significant difference to the



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

eventual outcome.

These notes are being compiled prior to the game at Burnley on Saturday, but hopefully we have at least avoided defeat, and are still in the top four.

Although we topped the table for two or three days after beating Brentford, it came as no surprise that we should lose top spot a week ago as many teams played midweek matches whilst we were without a game.

What matters is where we are in relation to top spot, and to a lesser extent where we are in relation to sixth place, after the game tonight.

You never know, we might have gone back to the top.

I have stated before in these pages that it is usually

the last eight games where things are decided, and we start our last eight at Rotherham on Saturday.

Tonight we welcome the players, supporters and officials of Bristol City.

They recently parted company with manager Joe Jordan - who I always found an absolutely straight forward and honest man - and as is often the case they won their next game, with a 2-1 win at Crewe.

Bristol demolished us at Ashton Gate way back in August, giving us the only good hiding we have sustained in the league all season, and although revenge for that defeat is a consideration tonight, just three points to keep us at the top end of the table is the primary concern.

As I write these notes a number of players will be unavailable for forthcoming matches - for a variety of reasons.

Ceri Hughes is set to rejoin us tonight after international duty with Wales on Saturday, but Darren Patterson received a late call-up to the Northern Ireland squad for their two World Cup matches over Easter.

They were due to play Portugal on Saturday, and travel to the Ukraine for a match tomorrow.



Julian James is suspended tonight, having also missed Saturday, and Paul Showler looks like being out for three to four weeks with a knee injury.

So we were looking to loan one or two players before Thursday's

deadline to add to our squad, although details are not available at the time of writing.

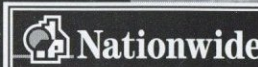
Hopefully by this weekend, with the exception of Paul Showler, all the players will be available again.

**ABOVE: Steve Davis in the thick of the action against Brentford, as Gary Waddock and Graham Alexander look on.**

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Simon Oxley



LUTON slipped two places down the Division Two table last Tuesday, as Bury and Brentford moved above the Hatters with vital away wins, writes Simon Oxley.

Bury won 2-0 at Notts County, moving the home side closer to Division Three, with an eighth minute goal from Ronnie Jepson.

But the Lancashire side played out the last 10 minutes with only nine men after two players were shown the red card.

Brentford bounced back from three successive defeats, including their 1-0 reverse here at Kenilworth Road, with a 2-0 win at Wrexham as Carl Asaba netted two first-half goals.

Our opponents tonight, Bristol City, won 2-1 at Crewe, with Junior Bent and Shaun Goater on the scoresheet to rekindle their promotion ambitions.

Bristol's victory came just 24 hours after the departure of manager Joe Jordan, and at the time of writing no new appointment had been made.

City chairman Scott Davidson issued a statement hinting that an appointment was likely sooner rather than later.

"The phone has already started ringing and we'll look at any applications over the next couple of days," said Mr Davidson.

"We do have names in mind and we want a quick appointment to give the new manager time to assess the playing squad before the end of the season.

"Promotion remains a possibility and is still a target."

The Division Two table, up to and including last Tuesday's results, can



BELOW LEFT: Brentford keeper Kevin Dearden gathers the ball under pressure during the second-half of his side's 1-0 defeat at Kenilworth Road.

be found on page 54 of this programme. But with matches having been played on Saturday and yesterday there will no doubt be a number of changes come 7.45pm tonight.

Indeed, on Saturday six of the then top seven sides played each other, with Brentford at home to Bury, the Hatters travelling to Burnley, and

Stockport entertaining Crewe.

Yesterday's fixtures included Watford at Plymouth, Bury at home to Wycombe, and Brentford at Gillingham, whilst tonight Stockport are at Bournemouth, and Burnley travel to Shrewsbury.

By 9.30pm tonight the picture may be a little clearer..... but I doubt it!

FRONT COVER: Former Watford defender Barry Ashby gets to grips with David Oldfield during last Friday's match against Brentford at Kenilworth Road. More action on pages 16 and 17. (Picture: ANDY HANDLEY).

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# LEADING THE LINE

by Club Captain  
**STEVE DAVIS**



**LEFT: Steve Davis challenges  
Crewe's Chris Lightfoot during the  
0-0 draw at Gresty Road. There's  
more action from this game on  
pages 44 and 45.**

WHAT a division this is turning out to be! Having gone  
top with the win against Brentford we found ourselves  
down to third on Tuesday without even playing a game.

Then on Saturday six of the top seven sides played  
each other, and by the time you read this hopefully we  
will have come back from Burnley with at least a point.

The win against Brentford has hopefully kick-started  
our season once again, and the feeling in the dressing  
room was that we had battled really well to overcome  
the Bees.

Admittedly we rode our luck a little with one or two  
chances that went begging for the visitors, but Tony

Thorpe popped up to net the vital goal and we  
defended fairly solidly after that.

I think it goes without saying that there will be plenty  
more home games like that - tight and tense - before  
the end of the season, probably including tonight  
against Bristol City.

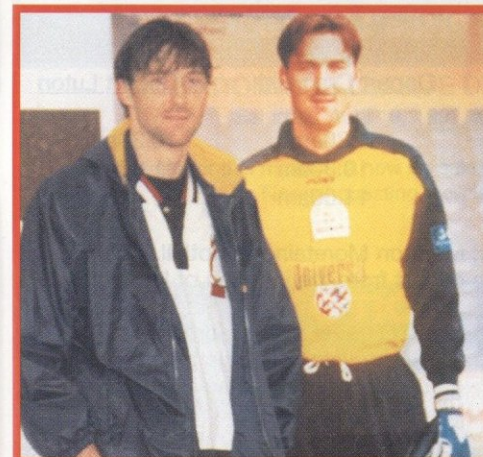
We will be looking to avenge a poor result at Ashton  
Gate back in August, against a City side who still have  
every chance of promotion.

So many teams still have something to play for, but  
we must make home advantage tell. Three of our last  
four games are here at Kenilworth Road, including what

will probably be decisive matches  
against Bury and Stockport, and if we  
can reproduce the spirit we showed  
against Brentford we have nothing to  
fear.

The strength of our squad has been  
tested in recent weeks, with injuries,  
suspensions and international calls,  
but there is a good spirit in the squad  
and we remain confident of promotion.  
From the youth team, doing so well in  
the league and in the FA Youth Cup,  
right through to the first team there is  
a really positive feeling.

The support at the Brentford game  
was excellent, and let's hope we can  
make this final month of the season  
one to remember.



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Admission is £3 for adults and £1 for juniors and seniors (Luton fans will be at the Rookery End), with the winners playing Leeds United in a two-legged semi-final.

There will be extra-time and penalties tomorrow if required.

At the time of writing, no dates have been provisionally arranged for the matches against Leeds - should we progress from the replay.

The reserve match against Bournemouth will now take place on April 7 at Hitchin, kick-off 7pm, and the reserves' trip to Millwall has now been confirmed for Wednesday, April 23.

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

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 entertain

## From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

Colchester and Bristol City on April 19 and 26 respectively.

We are also still waiting to arrange both legs of the Beds Premier Cup Final against Leighton Town. The first leg will be at Bell Close, with the second leg here at Kenilworth Road.

The youth team have also progressed to the semi-finals of the Eastern Junior Cup, where they will be at home to either Hitchin or Ipswich.

We are awaiting the match

between those two sides to be played before a date for the semi-final can be fixed.

This evening there is a penalty shoot-out at half-time, at the Kenilworth Road end, featuring youngsters from the Windowcraft Chiltern Youth League Under 11s.

## 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

When Luton Town reached the semi-final of the FA Cup in 1985, who scored our goal in the 2-1 defeat by Everton?

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### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

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

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### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Tuesday, April 8, 1997, kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal league prices.

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### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

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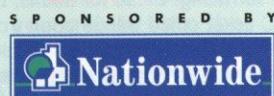
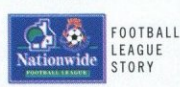
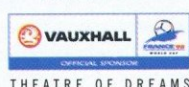
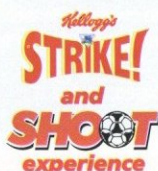
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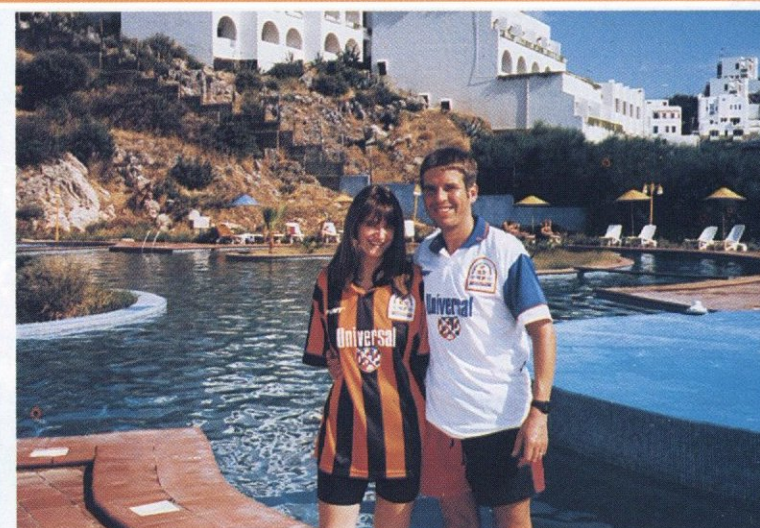
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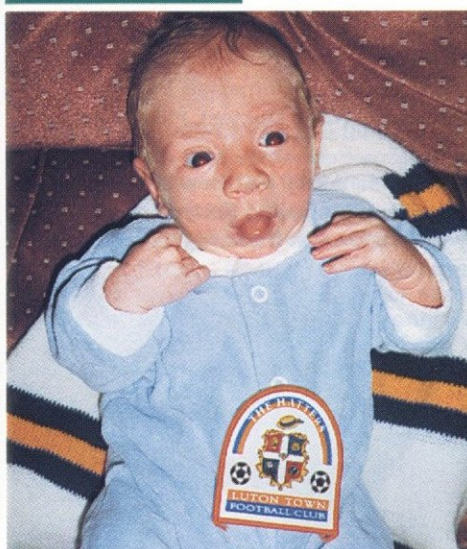
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ABOVE: Mr and Mrs Lucas, from Bliss Avenue, Shefford, are pictured on holiday in Bodrum, Turkey, last October. By chance there were two other Town supporters, from Swindon, staying in the same hotel!



LEFT: Christopher James Shepherd, born on February 15 this year, is already wearing his Hatters colours, courtesy of proud parents Kevin and Karen, from Hart Hill Lane, Luton.

THIS year's Flora London Marathon takes place on Sunday, April 13, and will again include the Football Challenge in which each team in the Premiership, Nationwide League and Scottish Premier Division will be represented by a runner wearing their club's kit.

As in 1996, the Hatters will be represented in the Football Challenge by Les Miller.

Last year, Les ran for the Luton and South Beds Hospice and raised £800. This year he will be running for two charities, raising money for the new Childrens Wing being built at the Luton and South Beds Hospice, and also for the Childrens Hospice for the Eastern Region, at Milton near Cambridge.

The Hospice at Milton is very close to Les's heart, as his 13-year-old niece died there last month. Anyone who would like to sponsor him should either speak to Les, or contact Simon Oxley at LTFC.

WE have been asked to help in a search for a programme from the 1960s.

Mr John Rudd, from 87 Bellvue Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight, is anxious to obtain a copy of the Luton v Southampton programme from the 1962/63 season.

He can be contacted at the above address.

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.

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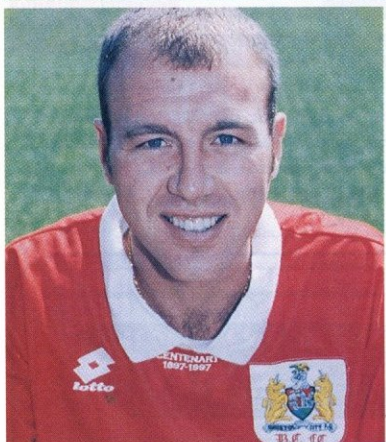
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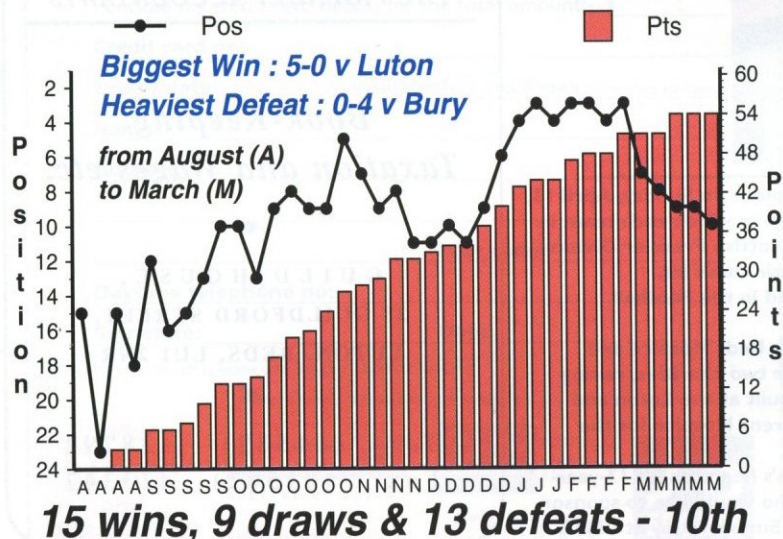


ABOVE: Back row: l to r: Junior Bent, Martin Kuhl, Dominic Barclay, Shaun Goater, Keith Welch, Rob Edwards, David Seal, James Brennan, Louis Carey.

Middle row: l to r: Buster Footman (physio), Gerry Sweeney (now Caretaker Manager), Paul Agostino, Kevin Nugent, Mark Shail, Scott Alderman (no longer with club), Stuart Naylor, Mommmainais Bokoto, Richard Perry, Kevin Langan, Dr S Dasgupta (Club Doctor), Mike Gibson (coach).

Front row: l to r: Dave Bell (Community Manager), Matthew Hewlett, Brian Tinnion, Dwayne Plummer, Gareth Loyden, Joe Jordan (former manager), Alan McLeary (now Millwall), Gary Owers, Darren Barnard, Scott Partridge (no longer with club), Tony Fawthrop (Chief Scout).

LEFT: Gary Owers



ABOVE: Darren Barnard

LEFT: Bristol's league form this term



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**STUART NAYLOR** - Yorkshire born, former England B international goalkeeper, who joined City on a free transfer from West Brom in the summer of 1996.

**MARK SHAIL** - Bargain buy from non-league Yeovil in March 1993 for £45,000, having represented England at semi-professional level. Became captain within six months of joining the club.

**LOUIS CAREY** - Bristol born defender who progressed through the youth ranks at the club.

**KEVIN LANGAN** - Jersey born defender who has come through the youth ranks, and was rewarded with a one-year contract for the 96/97 season.

**SCOTT PATERSON** - Scottish born defender who arrived at Ashton Gate in the summer of 1994 from Liverpool.

**DARREN BARNARD** - Arrived at Ashton Gate in October 1995 from Chelsea, for an initial £75,000 which could rise to £175,000.

**JIM BRENNAN** - Canadian international midfielder who made his City debut in October 1996 having progressed through the ranks at the club.

**ROBERT EDWARDS** - Welsh youth, Under 21 and B international, who joined City from Carlisle for £135,000 in March 1991. Versatile player who has appeared at centre-back, fullback and in midfield.

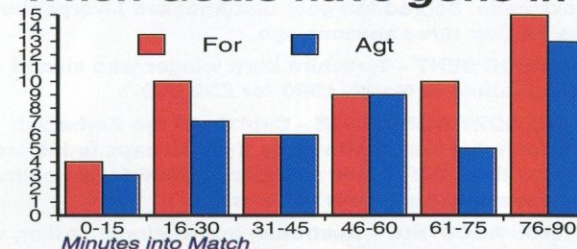
**MATTHEW HEWLETT** - Bristol born midfielder who made his first senior appearance aged 17 on the opening day of the 93/94 campaign.

**GARETH LOYDEN** - Welsh Under 18 player who has come through the youth ranks at Ashton Gate.

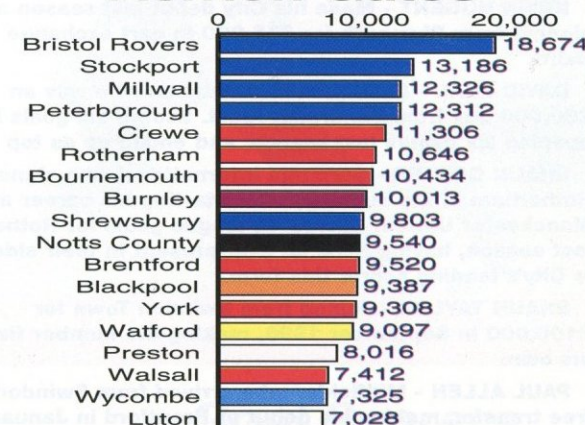
**MARTIN KUHL** - Midfielder who joined City for £300,000 from Derby in December 1994. Formerly with Birmingham, and was City's only ever-present last season - winning the Player of the Year award.

(Continued on page 14).

### When Goals have gone in



### Ashton Gates



RIGHT: Action from the August meeting between Bristol City and Luton at Ashton Gate.





**GARY OWERS** - Former England U21 international who played for Sunderland in the 1992 FA Cup Final before joining City during the 1994/95 season.

**DWAYNE PLUMMER** - Former youth team captain who made his debut in the Coca-Cola Cup win over Colchester.

**RICHARD PERRY** - Bristol born midfielder or winger who is another product of the club's youth policy.

**BRIAN TINNIION** - Signed from Bradford City in March 1993 for £180,000, after starting his career with Newcastle. Scored the goal that knocked Liverpool out of the FA Cup three seasons ago.

**JUNIOR BENT** - Yorkshire born winger who signed from Huddersfield in March 1990 for £30,000.

**GREGORY GOODRIDGE** - Captain of the Barbadian international team, with more than 30 caps to his credit. Signed from QPR in the summer of 1996 for a nominal fee, after starting his career at Torquay.

**PAUL AGOSTINO** - Australian international striker, who arrived at Ashton Gate in the summer of 1995 from Young Boys of Berne for £50,000.

**KEVIN NUGENT** - Made his City debut last season after signing from Plymouth for £75,000 in part exchange for Ian Baird.

**DAVID SEAL** - Australian international who was an £80,000 buy from Eendracht Alast. Scored six goals in the opening six games last season, and ended up as top scorer.

**SHAUN GOATER** - Bermuda international who signed from Rotherham in the summer, after starting his career at Manchester United. Scored 18 league goals for Rotherham last season, having been an ever-present in their side, and is City's leading scorer this term.

**SHAUN TAYLOR** - Joined from Swindon Town for £100,000 in September 1996, making the number five shirt his own.

**PAUL ALLEN** - Midfielder who arrived from Swindon on a free transfer, making his debut at Brentford in January 1997. Formerly with West Ham, Spurs and Southampton, and was on loan at Luton in the 94/95 season, playing four league games.



LEFT: City's leading scorer Shaun Goater, who netted 18 league goals for Rotherham last season, and is a Bermudian international.

## MEET THE MANAGER

At the time of going to press, Bristol City had just parted company with manager JOE JORDAN (pictured below) by mutual consent.

Assistant Manager GERRY SWEENEY had taken temporary charge for last Tuesday night's game at Crewe.

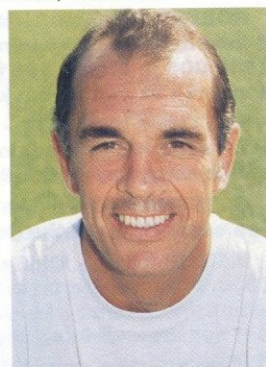
Jordan initially joined City as a player in 1987 before being appointed player-manager in 1988. As player-manager he led the club to promotion into the 'old' second division and to the semi-finals of the League Cup.

In September 1990 he left for Hearts, taking them into Europe as runners up in the Premier League, and later moved to Celtic as assistant manager.

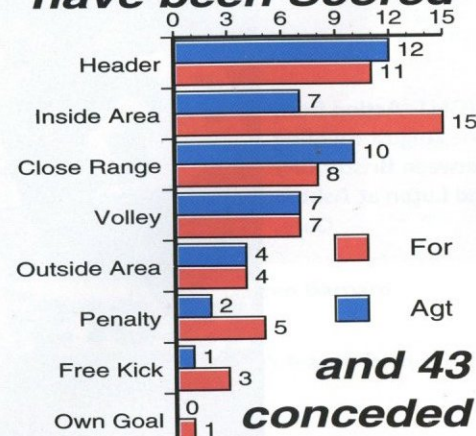
He was then in charge at Stoke, before returning to Bristol for a second spell in charge in November 1994.

Jordan made his name as a player at Leeds, joining from Morton, before moving on to Manchester United, AC Milan, Verona and Southampton, winning 52 caps for Scotland along the way.

Gerry Sweeney was appointed assistant manager in July 1996, following John Gorman's appointment with England. Sweeney was a member of City's 74/75 team which won promotion to Division One.



## How 54 Goals have been Scored



## A Hatter and a Robin.....

Born only a stone's throw from Somerton Park, Newport, MARK AIZLEWOOD joined his local side from school - turning down the chance of signing for Arsenal in the process.

The choice of club turned out to be the right one as he made his league debut for Newport as a 16-year-old in a home game against Darlington in March 1976.

After a couple of seasons in South Wales learning his trade he caught the eye of Luton manager David Pleat who paid £50,000 for his services in April 1978.

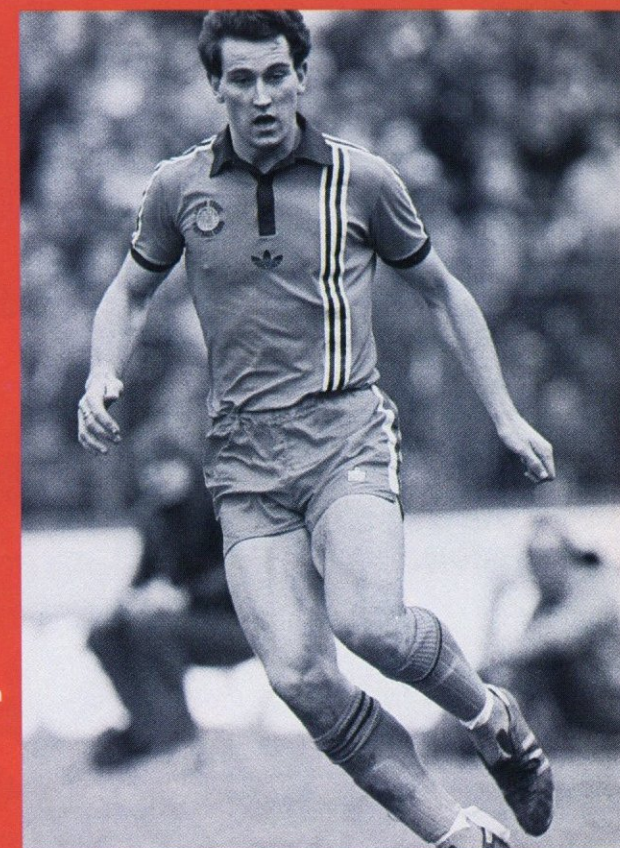
Although it was too late for him to turn out for the Town that season he made his debut on the opening day of 1978/79 in a 6-1 home win over Oldham.

Playing at fullback, central defence and in midfield at Kenilworth Road he made 98 league appearances, scoring nine goals, before losing his place to Richard Money in our promotion season of 1981/82.

Out of our side, he accepted the chance to move to Charlton where he enjoyed considerable success before moving to Leeds for £200,000 in February 1987, and then onto Bradford City for a similar figure two years later.

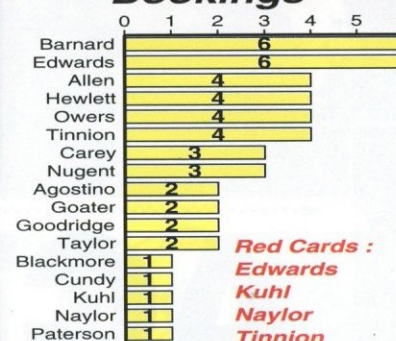
In August 1990 he moved closer to home when joining Bristol City and played over 100 league games for the Robins in three years, before a free transfer took him to Cardiff and an eventual coaching role.

After leaving Ninian Park in 1995, Mark Aizlewood's career turned full circle as he is now coaching at Newport AFC. - ROGER WASH.



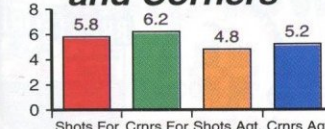
ABOVE: Mark Aizlewood

## Bookings

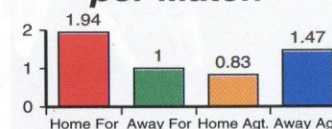


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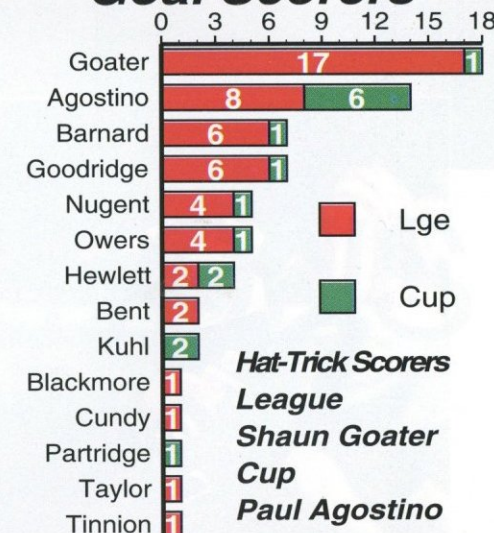
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## Average Goals per Match

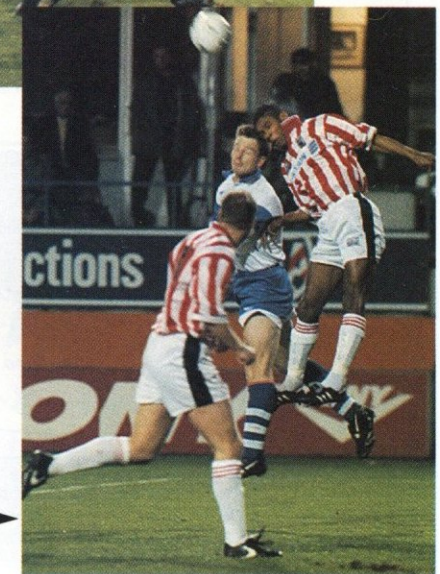


## Goal Scorers



**Hat-Trick Scorers**  
League  
Shaun Goater  
Cup  
Paul Agostino





Hatters scorer Tony Thorpe tests the Brentford defence with a second-half shot.

Defender Mitchell Thomas joins the Luton attack, getting ahead of Barry Ashby to this first-half cross.

Ceri Hughes, man-of-the-match against Brentford, fires in a first-half shot.

Steve Davis challenges with Brentford's Carl Asaba for this first-half cross.

# ACTION STATIONS

## Luton Town 1 Brentford 0

(Thorpe)

Friday, March 21, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 8,164

Pictures by Andy Handley





# It's.. TRIVIA TIME

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## TRUE or FALSE?

1. Goalkeepers could handle the ball outside the area until 1921.

2. Ray Wilkins was the first England international to be sent off.

3. John Aldridge began his career at Oxford United.

4. Everton's Craig Short was a member of the Scarborough side which was promoted to Division Four in 1987.

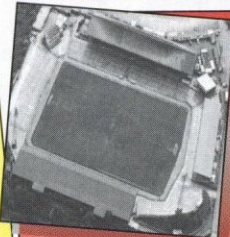
## ? QUICK QUIZ ?

- Who are the club sponsors of Middlesbrough?
- Who scored the only goal of the 1990 World Cup Final?
- Who captained Wolves to three League Championships in the '50's?
- Which two clubs featured in the first thirteen Scottish Cup finals yet never faced each other?
- Who won the 1996 Olympic Football Tournament in Atlanta?
- Which four clubs were relegated from the Premiership in 1995?

## IN WHICH YEAR DID...?

Liverpool win the League, Charlton win the FA Cup, Rangers win the Scottish League and League Cup while Aberdeen won the Scottish Cup against Hibernian. A combined Great Britain side beat a Rest of Europe Select XI, 6-1 at Hampden Park and Newport County conceded 133 goals in Division Two, finishing bottom?

**ALL THESE EVENTS TOOK PLACE IN THE SAME YEAR**

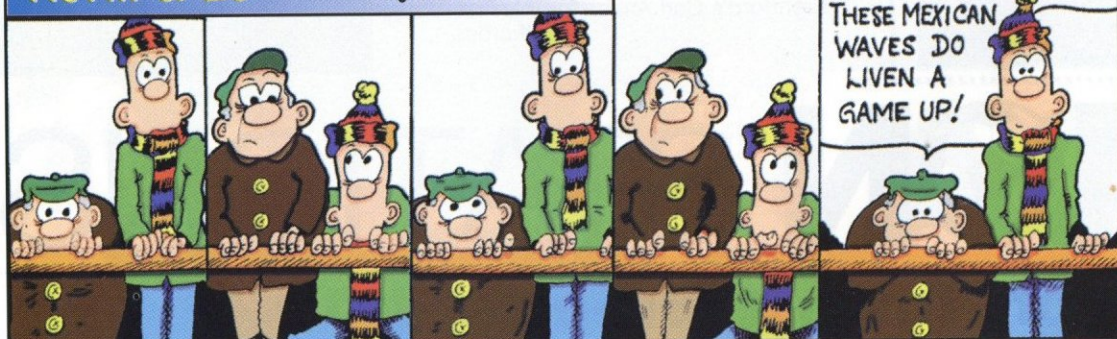


## SPOT THE GROUND

Was originally built for Devonport Rugby Club and was surrounded by farms. During the war it was used as a US Naval Camp. Tramcars and bits of railtrack were used as makeshift terraces and dressing rooms after the war. In 1977 it staged a European Cup Winners Cup match because Manchester United had to play St Etienne 200 miles from Old Trafford.

## 'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood



Answers

QUICK QUIZ: 1. Cellnet; 2. Andreas Brehme; 3. Billy Wright; 4. Queens Park and Vale of Leven; 5. Nigeria; 6. Norwich City, Ipswich Town, Leicester City and Crystal Palace.  
WHO'S TROPHY CABINET? 1. True; 2. False, it was Alan Mullery; 3. False, it was Newport County; 4. True  
IN WHICH YEAR? 1947. SPOT THE GROUND: Home Park, Plymouth Argyle

## WHO'S TROPHY CABINET?

Which club has lifted the following trophies?

FA Cup: 1970

League Cup: 1965

Division 1 Championship: 1954/55

Division 2 Championship: 1983/84, 1988/89

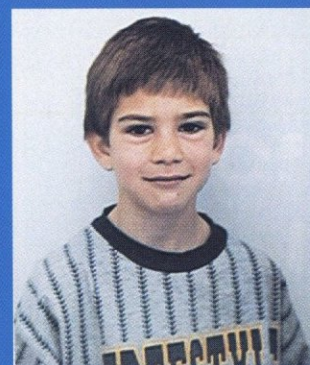
Full Members Cup: 1986

Zenith Data Systems Cup: 1990

Euro Cup Winners Cup: 1970/71



## Today's mascot



This evening's Junior Hatters mascot is nine-year-old TERRY HUTCHINSON, who attends Whitefield Junior School.

He plays for Limbury Mead, and his favourite Luton Town player is Mitchell Thomas.

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## JUNIOR HATTERS NEWS

# Saturday Club restarts for Shrewsbury match

OF course there is no Saturday Club in operation today, but the Saturday Club will be back for the home game against Shrewsbury on April 19.

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 School, 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 Hatters 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 Burnley on Saturday, and we are now looking forward to our next away trip to Rotherham on April 5. But please note that the coach for Rotherham is now full.

Many thanks for your poems or rhymes about your favourite teams and players, as mentioned in the latest edition of your Junior Hatters newsletter. The winner will be notified shortly, and we will be printing some of the entries in forthcoming programmes.



**ABOVE:** Richard Orr, our Juniors Hatters mascot against Brentford, lines up with fellow mascots, match officials and team captains prior to kick-off.



**LEFT:** Jamie Hartnett, our mascot at Crewe, is pictured with Ceri Hughes and Marvin Johnson.



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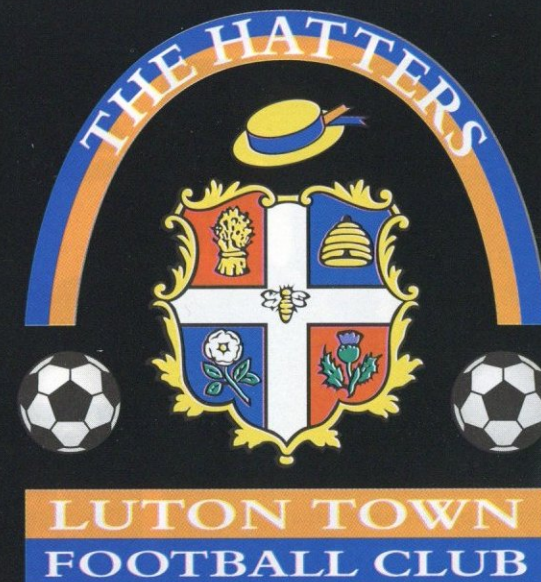
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'Over the Bar' Part Two is on page 44.....





ABOVE: Tony Thorpe congratulated by Graham Alexander.



## LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB PRESENTATION EVENING

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IF THERE ARE ANY LEFT, THESE WILL GO ON GENERAL SALE  
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# "I would have been happy to score 10!"

TONY Thorpe's match winning goal against Brentford was his 24th of the season, and maintained his position as the leading scorer in Division Two.

Thorpe was featured prominently on Sky Sports' live coverage of the game, with a pre-match feature which focused, amongst other things, on his skills at the pool table!

But as the Hatters' hot-shot told CLUBCALL after the game, at the start of the season he would have been more than delighted just to get into double figures....

**Q: The winner against Brentford was possibly one of the most important goals of the season.**

**A:** Yes, the goal came at a good time, and put us back on top of the league, and it was a good performance from all the lads.

**Q: You were interviewed after the game on Sky, and you were quite critical of your own performance.**

**A:** It was probably one of the worst games I have played all season, but I felt I battled on right to the end and the goal came for me.

You're not going to play well all the time, but I was nonetheless very disappointed with my first-half performance against Brentford.

The crowd showed that as well I think, with a couple of 'ums and ahs' every now and again when I miscontrolled the ball.

But like I said I kept going to the end, and it's not just down to me, the rest of the team played very well.

**Q: You are the top scorer in this division. Does that mean now that you're finding more defenders around you when you get the ball, and there's more attention paid to you as each game goes by?**

**A:** Definitely, and I think especially in the last few games I've had good battles with the centre-half.

They are not giving me half as much room as they did at the start of the season, and I am finding it a lot more difficult now.

But I'm going to get that the higher up I go, and I have to get used to playing against it.

**Q: Obviously expectation is higher from**

## says Division Two's top marksman TONY THORPE

**everybody. Is that pressure becoming difficult or have you gradually got used to it?**

**A:** Expectation from myself has always been high, and I always expect to do well.

I know when I've not played well and I'll be the first to admit that, but I expect to do well, the team expects to do well, and we want to get back into the First Division at the first attempt.

**Q: The win against Brentford was particularly important for that aim, because there had been a slight dip in form I think it was fair to say?**

**A:** Certainly, because prior to that we had won two of the last 11 league matches, and that is not promotion form.

Luckily the other teams have dropped points as well and so we have stayed up at the top because of our results before Christmas.

The lads deserve credit for that, and now with two months of the season to go we are still there and what we need to do is continue the form we showed against Brentford for the next 10 games.

**Q: From a personal point of view do you continue to set yourself targets?**

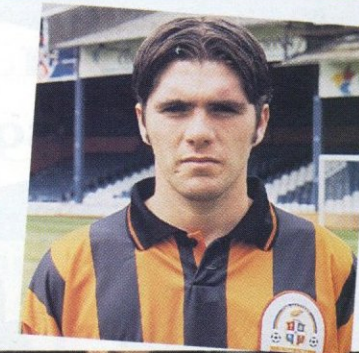
**A:** I have been asked that a lot of times recently, but I have always said I would like to get 25 goals so after Brentford I am only one away.

Anything over 25 is a massive bonus for me because at the start of the season I would have been happy with double figures, even between five and 10!

**Q: Has it been that big a surprise then?**

**A:** Yes, very big! To score 20 goals in any league is good, especially for me, as I have only recently been converted to a striker.

I am well pleased, and long may it continue.



Following last Tuesday's matches, Tony Thorpe led the goalscoring charts in Division Two with 24 goals, ahead of Paul Barnes (Burnley) 23, Carl Asaba (Brentford) 22, and Shaun Goater (Bristol City) 20.

The leading scorers in the other three divisions were Liverpool's Robbie Fowler 28, Bolton's John McGinlay 26, and Wigan's Graeme Jones 31.

**ABOVE: Tony Thorpe and Brentford defender Barry Ashby challenge for possession in last Friday's top-of-the-table clash.**



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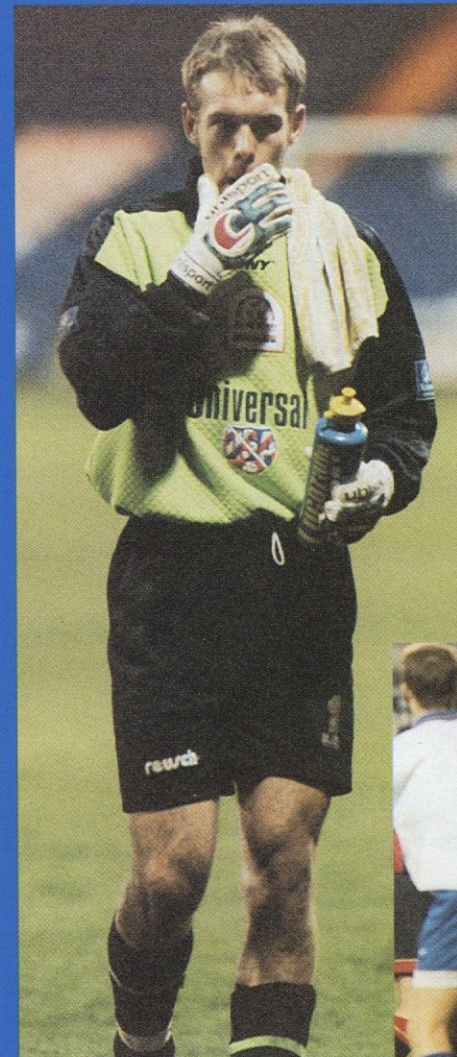
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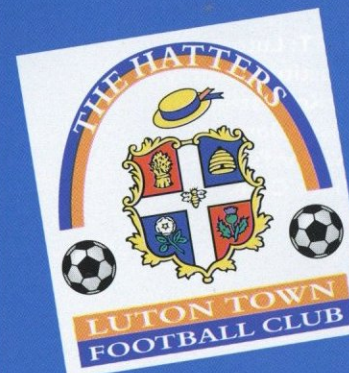
## Four-page action extra..... FA Youth Cup



ABOVE: Goalkeeper Nick Webb made several key saves to keep Watford at bay



ABOVE: Luton's Jimmy Cox battles for possession with Giffon Noel-Williams.  
BELOW: Strength in numbers for the Hatters defence.

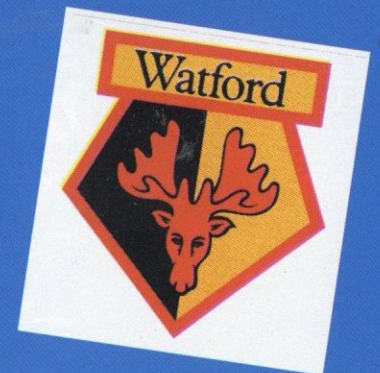


FA Youth Cup - Quarter Final  
March 25, 1997

Luton Town 0  
Watford 0

Attendance: 2,927

Replay at Vicarage Road  
tomorrow night (Wednesday,  
April 2) kick-off 7.30pm.





# Four-page action extra..... FA Youth Cup quarter-final..... Luton Town v Watford



LEFT: Hatters' left-back Stuart Fraser in action during last Tuesday's FA Youth Cup quarter-final.

Pictures:  
**ANDY HANDLEY**



LEFT: Goalkeeper Nick Webb marshalls the defence as the Hatters prepare to defend a corner.

RIGHT: Jimmy Cox takes a tumble in the penalty area during the first-half, but the referee waved play on.



RIGHT: Jimmy Cox finds his progress halted against the Hornets.



LEFT: Luton substitute Delroy McKoy battles for possession with Watford's right-back Vince Cave.



LEFT: Terry Sweeney is sent flying by a tackle from Watford number three Paul Robinson, which earned the Hornets player a yellow card.

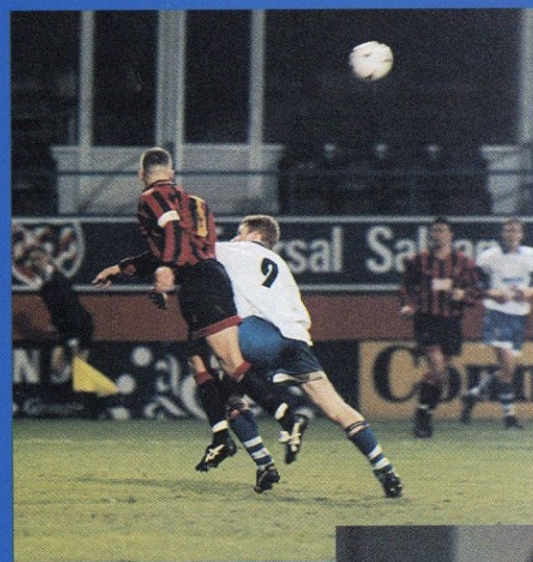


## Four-page action extra..... FA Youth Cup



**ABOVE:** Andre Scarlett makes a late break for the Hatters, faced by Watford keeper David Rogers, but the linesman's flag is signalling offside against the Luton player.

**LEFT:** Watford captain Colin Pluck denies Luton centre-forward Gary Doherty.



**Teams:** Luton: Nick Webb, Russell Lawes, Stuart Fraser, Matthew Spring, Ian Jones, Matthew Upson, Andre Scarlett, Jimmy Cox, Gary Doherty, Terry Sweeney, Michael McIndoe. Subs: Emerson Boyce, Richard Clarke, Delroy McCoy.

**Watford:** David Rogers, Vince Cave, Paul Robinson, David Perpetuini, Colin Pluck, James Panayi, Tommy Smith, Danny Gieves, Gifton Noel-Williams, Andy Johnson, Mark Boyce. Subs: Lewis Reid, Stuart Maynard, Grant Cornock.

**RIGHT:** That way to Vicarage Road.....

Watford's youth team coach Rob Kelly points the way at the end of the game, as the sides now face a replay tomorrow evening.



**NB:** Replay at Vicarage Road tomorrow night (Wednesday, April 2) kick-off 7.30pm.

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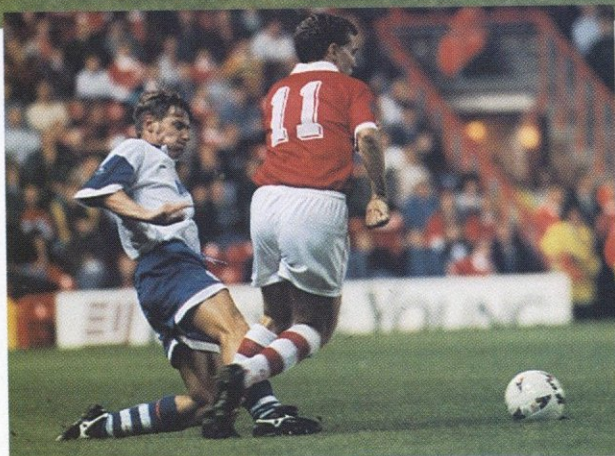


LEFT: Hatters sub Andrew Fotiadis battles for possession in the closing stages at Ashton Gate.

**Bristol City 5**  
(Goodridge 2, Nugent, Goater, Cundy)

**Luton Town 0**

Attendance:  
7,028



ABOVE: Julian James tackles Bristol's Brian Tinnion.

RIGHT: David Oldfield challenges City centre-half Mark Shail.

Pictures: ANDY HANDLEY



cover page story.....

## 'Secret Striker revealed'

(PS Don't forget today's date!!!)



TONY Thorpe watch out..... this exclusive picture reveals a secret after-hours training session at Kenilworth Road, when a prominent member of the Luton staff was put through his paces in the gym. But don't expect to see him on the pitch just yet. As you can see he will only play indoors, preferably under a dome! Seriously though, best wishes for a speedy recovery from all at Kenilworth Road.

## Patterson called up for Irish double



LEFT: Darren Patterson is set to miss tonight's game after a call-up to the Northern Ireland squad.

HATTERS' Darren Patterson was a late inclusion in the Northern Ireland squad for the Easter World Cup matches against Portugal on Saturday, and in the Ukraine tomorrow.

At the time of writing, it seemed likely that Darren would miss our match at Burnley and tonight's visit of Bristol City when he was set to deputise at right-back for the suspended Julian James.

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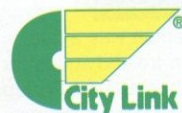
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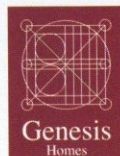
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## INJURY UPDATE

### Harvey returns after eight-month lay-off

It was good to see RICHARD HARVEY back in action at Southampton in the reserves side last week, after his lengthy absence following a knee injury suffered in pre-season.

Richard has worked hard to regain full fitness, and played for 45 minutes against the Saints and reported no ill effects after the game. DES LINTON also returned after a groin injury, and came through without any problems.

But ironically in the same game, LIAM GEORGE suffered a knee injury which kept him out of the FA Youth Cup game against Watford.

At the time of writing, Liam has had a scan on his knee, and we were expecting to get the results on Thursday morning.

Meanwhile, another youth team striker, ANDREW BARR, has had a groin operation.

Those of you who were at the game against Brentford would have seen PAUL SHOWLER stretchered off in the closing stages, but I am pleased to report that the injury isn't as bad as it first appeared.

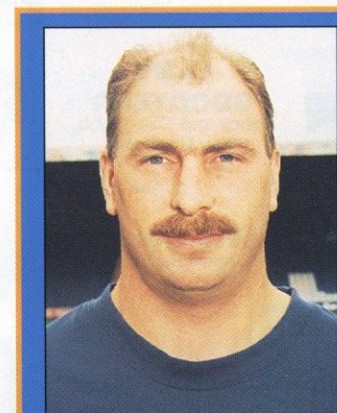
Certainly watching it later on television, it was the sort of collision which can lead to a lengthy lay-off.

He was due to see the specialist at the end of last week, but it should be weeks rather than months.

DWIGHT MARSHALL, AARON SKELTON, ANDREW FOTIADIS and STUART DOUGLAS were all expected to be involved in Thursday's reserve game, after varying absences through injury.

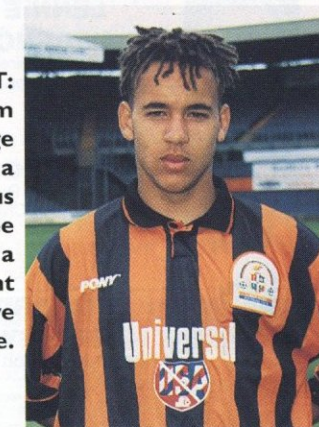


LEFT: Paul Showler suffered a knee injury in the closing stages against Brentford.



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RIGHT: Liam George suffered a serious knee injury in a recent reserve game.



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ABOVE: Paul Showler receives treatment for his knee injury.





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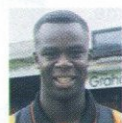
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THIS week we can announce details of our Easter Holiday coaching courses across the region, as well as reminding you of the Saturday morning clinic which will hopefully continue to be a regular event.

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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, Pottton 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.

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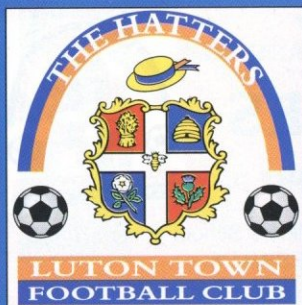
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# RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



IN their latest game in the Avon Insurance Combination, the reserves went down 2-0 at Southampton.

On the plus side, Des Linton and Richard Harvey returned from injury - the latter playing 45 minutes in his first game since a serious knee injury sustained in a pre-season friendly.

But on the minus side, apart from the result, was a knee injury suffered by Liam George - following a foul which earned the Southampton player a booking - which kept the youth team's leading scorer out of the cup tie against Watford.

Team: Davis, Chenery, McIndoe, Evers, Upson, Linton, (Guentchev), Kean, George, Grant (Doherty), Harvey (Sweeney).

Due to the FA Youth Cup meeting with Watford last Tuesday, our reserve game against the Hornets was switched to Thursday, March 27, with a 7pm kick-off here at Kenilworth Road.

That FA Youth Cup quarter-final ended 0-0 on Tuesday, with the winners playing Leeds in the semi-final.

We now face Watford in a replay at Vicarage Road tomorrow evening, April 2, with a 7.30pm kick-off.

The other semi-final will be between Crystal Palace and Blackburn or Norwich.

Meanwhile the youth team have remained top of South East Counties Division Two, going into Easter, despite being held to a draw at Barnet on March 22.

The game ended 1-1, with Andre Scarlett netting a second-half equaliser for the Hatters.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Spring, Boyce, Ayres, Cox, Akurang, Doherty, Sweeney, Scarlett.

Subs: Clarke, Jerry, McIndoe.

## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	17	11	1	5	29	20	34
Wimbledon	14	8	4	2	32	20	28
Ipswich	13	8	3	2	25	8	27
Tottenham	16	8	3	5	34	19	27
Arsenal	16	7	5	4	37	21	26
Chelsea	15	8	2	5	23	21	26
QPR	14	7	3	4	28	21	24
Bristol City	15	6	3	6	34	26	21
Brighton	15	5	6	4	29	29	21
C Palace	15	6	3	6	21	24	21
Bournemouth	14	6	2	6	28	31	20
Millwall	14	6	1	7	23	27	19
Oxford	15	5	3	7	28	28	18
LUTON TOWN	13	5	2	6	15	17	17
Watford	13	5	2	6	18	23	17
Cardiff	15	4	5	6	12	22	17
Swindon	14	4	4	6	24	26	16
Swansea	12	5	1	6	16	22	16
West Ham	15	4	3	8	19	25	15
Southampton	14	4	2	8	22	30	14
Norwich	15	3	4	8	22	33	13
Bristol R	14	3	4	7	13	27	13
Charlton	12	3	2	7	13	25	11

League table up to and including 15.3.97.

## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1996/97 APPS & SCORERS (19.3.97)

	APPS	G		APPS	G
Kelvin DAVIS	14		Des LINTON	6	
Sean EVERS	16	2	Kim GRANT	3	
Ben CHENERY	14		Dwight MARSHALL	1 (1)	
Paul McLAREN	12	1	Jimmy COX	(1)	
Gary SIMPSON	2		Stuart FRASER	2 (2)	
Chris WILLMOTT	14 (1)	1	Mark BROWN	1	
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	6	1	David OLDFIELD	2	
Tony THORPE	3		Michael McINDOE	3	
John TAYLOR	4	1	Andrew FOTIADIS	4 (1)	
Stuart DOUGLAS	11 (1)	1	Lee MARSHALL	2	
Robert KEAN	18	3	Ian JONES	3 (1)	
Jamie WOODSFORD	3 (1)	2	A THOMPSON	1	
Andre SCARLETT	1 (3)		V MONTGOMERY	1	
Matthew UPSON	13	2	Russell LAWES	1	
Steve AUGUSTINE	(4)		Gary DOHERTY	1 (1)	
Nathan ABBEY	4		Richard HARVEY	1	
Trevor PEAKE	2				
Darren PATTERSON	7				
Paul SHOWLER	3				
Aaron SKELTON	8	1			
Liam GEORGE	6 (5)	4			
Andrew BARR	(4)				
Matthew SPRING	(3)				
Terry SWEENEY	5 (3)				

Lge Cup Gp3	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
West Ham	4	3	0	1	7	3	9
Arsenal	4	2	0	2	5	4	6
LUTON	4	2	0	2	4	5	6
Norwich	4	2	0	2	4	5	6
Ipswich	4	1	0	3	3	6	3

See pages 27 to 30 of today's match programme for details plus action of the FA Youth Cup quarter-final against Watford.

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.

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.



RICHARD Harvey

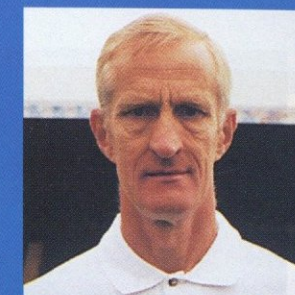
## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LUTON TOWN	24	18	4	2	54	22	40
C Palace	25	16	6	3	61	25	38
Oxford	24	11	10	3	46	31	32
Southampton	23	15	1	7	45	21	31
Tottenham	26	10	8	8	42	30	28
Wycombe	26	11	5	10	32	27	27
Swindon	24	9	7	8	42	34	25
Brighton	25	10	5	10	34	43	25
Colchester	24	9	6	9	39	33	24
Wimbledon	24	8	6	10	29	24	22
Bristol C	23	8	6	9	37	44	22
Bournemouth	21	8	4	9	33	43	20
Bristol R	24	7	4	13	37	46	18
Brentford	24	5	6	13	33	47	16
Reading	26	6	1	19	30	80	13
Barnet	25	2	3	20	18	62	7

League table as at March 15, 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	Tue Dec 10 Royston (EJC)	won 2-1
Sat Aug 24 READING	won 7-0	Thur Dec 19 OXFORD U (FAYC2)	won 3-2
Tue Aug 27 Bournemouth (SJFC)	drew 1-1	Sat Dec 21 BRISTOL ROVERS	won 2-1
Sat Aug 31 Colchester	lost 3-2	Wed Jan 8 Torquay (FAYC3)	won 2-0
Tue Sep 3 B'MOUTH (SJFC)	won 3-1	Sat Jan 18 Southampton	won 3-1
Sat Sep 7 SOUTHAMPTON	won 1-0	Sat Jan 25 Crystal Palace	won 2-1
Sat Sep 14 Cambridge U (LC1)	won 2-0	Sat Feb 1 Reading	won 2-1
Tue Sep 17 Wolves (SJFC)	lost 2-1	Sat Feb 8 TOTTENHAM	won 3-1
Sat Sep 21 CRYSTAL PALACE	lost 1-0	Tue Feb 11 Sunderland (FAYC4)	won 5-2
Sat Sep 28 Tottenham	won 2-0	Sat Feb 15 Oxford United	drew 2-2
Sat Oct 5 OXFORD UTD	drew 1-1	Wed Feb 26 B Stortford (EJC)	won 7-0
Sat Oct 12 Swindon Town	drew 2-2	Sat Mar 1 Wimbledon	won 1-0
Wed Oct 16 Rushden & D (EJC)	won 3-2	Sat Mar 8 WYCOMBE W	won 2-1
Sat Oct 19 Colchester (LC2)	lost 3-2	Sat Mar 15 BOURNEMOUTH	won 4-1
Sat Oct 26 WIMBLEDON	won 2-0	Sat Mar 22 Barnet	drew 1-1
Sat Nov 2 Wycombe W	won 1-0	Tue Mar 25 WATFORD (FAYC5)	drew 0-0
Sat Nov 9 BARNET	won 2-1	Sat Mar 29 Bristol City	
Tue Nov 12 Hereford U (FAYC1)	won 3-1	Wed Apr 2 Watford (FAYC5)	
Sat Nov 16 Bournemouth	won 2-0	Sat Apr 5 Brighton	
Sat Nov 23 SWINDON TOWN	won 2-1	Sat Apr 12 BRENTFORD	11am
Sat Nov 30 BRIGHTON	drew 2-2	Sat Apr 19 COLCHESTER	11am
Mon Dec 2 Oxford Utd (FAYC2)	drew 1-1	Sat Apr 26 BRISTOL CITY	11am
Sat Dec 7 Brentford	won 3-1	Home league matches at Luton Rugby Club.	

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
Thu Feb 27 Arsenal	drew 1-1
Wed Mar 5 Charlton Athletic	drew 1-1
Mon Mar 10 Ipswich Town (LC)	lost 2-0
Wed Mar 19 Southampton	lost 2-0
Thur Mar 27 WATFORD	
Mon Apr 7 BOURNEMOUTH	7pm*
Wed Apr 9 Norwich City	7.30pm
Mon Apr 14 SWANSEA CITY	7pm*
Wed Apr 16 CHELSEA	2pm
Wed Apr 23 Millwall	2pm
Mon Apr 28 Queens Park Rgrs	7pm
TBA	BRIGHTON

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.

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G	YOUTH TEAM 1996/97 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS
Daniel TATE	13		8		
Gary DOHERTY	20 (4)	7	10 (1)		
Ian JONES	12 (1)	2	6	1	
Matthew UPSON	8		9	1	
Steve AUGUSTINE	10	3	5	3	
Matthew SPRING	23 (2)	2	12 (2)	2	
Jimmy COX	14 (2)	1	9 (2)	3	
Liam GEORGE	21 (2)	17	10	9	
Andre SCARLETT	16 (7)	2	8 (3)	1	
Andrew BARR	19 (1)	9	9 (1)	5	
Andrew SMITH	4 (2)	3	4	2	
Russell LAWES	17 (1)		10 (2)		
Mark HILLYARD	1 (3)		1	1	
Richard CLARKE	10 (5)	1	8 (3)	2	
Terry SWEENEY	19 (1)	6	10 (1)	2	
Nick WEBB	12		6		
Emerson BOYCE	16 (1)		4 (2)		
Stuart FRASER	17 (1)		9 (1)	1	
Michael McINDOE	16 (2)	2	7 (1)		
Moses JERRY	2 (4)		3	1	
Delroy MCKOY	1 (3)		1 (1)		
James AYRES	2 (1)		1		
Jon CHALLINOR			2		
Sean CURRAN			1		
C AKURANG	2				

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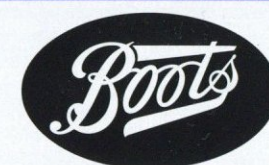
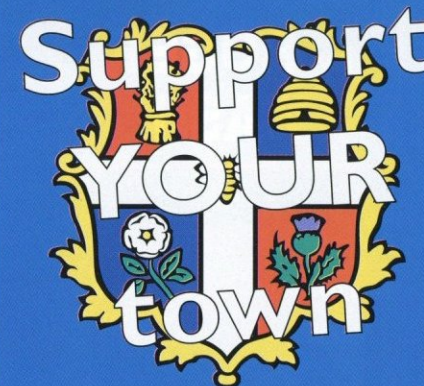
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**Nick Owen Lounge** (season ticket holders only, passes to be shown): the bar will be open from 1.30 to 2.45pm and 4.45 to 7pm on Saturdays, and from 6.30 to 7.30pm, and from 9.30 to 11pm at midweek games. Rolls and hot pies are available to buy, 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

MEETINGS with the Robins can be traced back to our earliest days in the Southern League, but our first clashes in the Football League took place in 1922/23 following City's relegation from Division Two.

In front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 12,000 on December 2, 1922, we did well to hold on to a point in a 1-1 draw as we lost both goalscorer Harry Higginbotham and centre-half George Foster with injuries during the course of the game. No substitutes in those days!

Neither player was able to turn out the following week in the return fixture, which City won 1-0 on their way to a quick return to Division Two.

Just as quick was their relegation again and the two sides met again in 1924/25 with this time the Town running our emphatic 3-0 winners at Kenilworth Road.

Once again though, an injury-hit side went down at Ashton Gate in the return.

After a couple of heavy defeats at Bristol over the next two seasons we had a respite following City's promotion in 1927 and the teams were not destined to meet again for five years, by which time we had started to build up a side that was gearing up to eventual elevation to Division Two.

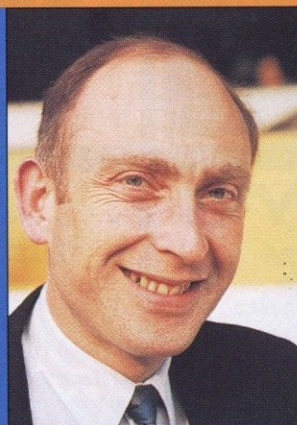
In the five seasons leading up to promotion in 1937 we lost only once to the Robins with the 'double' being achieved twice.

During our promotion season of 1936/37 City were one of the many clubs to experience the goal grabbing ability of Joe Payne, when he scored twice in the 3-2 win at Ashton Gate.

Paths were not due to cross for almost 30 years, and when we met again in 1963 the two meetings in October of that year confirmed the downward spiral of the Town team with defeats of 4-1 and 5-1 in the space of six days.

The following season was not much better with the 1-0 defeat at Bristol virtually sealing the Town's place in the fourth division.

By the time we met again, in Division Two in 1970, we were in a much better state of health with Malcolm MacDonald scoring twice with his head in a 3-0 home



by **ROGER WASH**

victory at Kenilworth Road. This came after a pre-match discussion when I stated that MacDonald was not up to

much in the air!

A notable double was achieved in the Town's promotion season of 1973/74 starting with an early 3-1 win at Ashton Gate - goals from John Aston, John Ryan and Tom Finney setting up the campaign in style.

A solitary Peter Anderson goal secured a valuable home victory shortly after Christmas in a game featured on 'Match of the Day'. Two seasons later, with the Town back in Division Two, it was City's turn to shine as they secured a promotion place with an emphatic 3-0 win at Ashton Gate helping them on their way.

Following City's eventual relegation from the top flight in 1980 we met again briefly. We were getting together a team ready for Division One while City were in freefall in much the same way as we had been 20 years before.

The game at Ashton Gate in October 1980 was notable only for the Town throwing away a 1-0 interval lead to lose 2-1, but goals from David Moss and Steve White made amends in the return the following March.

On now to the present and we met up again with City in 1992 following our relegation from the old Division One.

Our first home game of 1992/93 saw us up against the Robins, and our dreams of a quick return to the top were rudely shattered when an Andy Cole inspired City thrashed us 3-0.

By the time of the return we were languishing at the bottom, but a 0-0 draw at Ashton Gate, although not spectacular, actually set us up for an eventual climb up the table.

In the following season we lost once more at home to the Robins. This defeat was particularly hard to take, following as it did a 5-0 thrashing of Barnsley only three days before.

Fast becoming a bogey side, City completed the double over us that season, and followed it up with their third successive victory at Kenilworth Road when they stole the points with a 1-0 win in 1994/95. We



LEFT: Jim Husband has a shot at Ashton Gate in 1976, watched by Alan West.

were going through a period where we could not fail away, but found picking up points at home extremely difficult.

We finally managed to break the run of defeats against City with a 2-2 draw at Ashton Gate in 1995, but we almost had egg on our faces as we were cruising at 2-0 courtesy of two Scott Oakes efforts, but City pulled the game back and left us hanging on at the end. It does not need me to say that we need to break our run of home defeats against City this evening, and we have a further score to settle following our 5-0 mauling at Ashton Gate at the start of the season!

Season	Home	Away
1922/23	1-1	0-1
1924/25	3-0	0-2
1925/26	4-1	1-5
1926/27	0-0	0-6
1932/33	5-4	2-5
1933/34	3-0	0-0

1934/35	1-1	2-0
1935/36	1-0	2-1
1936/37	4-0	3-2
1963/64	1-4	1-5
1964/65	0-0	0-1
1970/71	3-0	2-3
1971/72	0-0	0-0
1972/73	1-3	1-0
1973/74	1-0	3-1
1975/76	0-0	0-3
1980/81	3-1	1-2
1992/93	0-3	0-0
1993/94	0-2	0-1
1994/95	0-1	2-2
1996/97	?	0-5

Summary	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	20	9	6	5	31	21
Away	21	5	4	12	20	45
Total	41	14	10	17	51	66

## 5 YEARS AGO

4/4/92: A goal from on loan Imre Varadi, on his Town debut, helped seal a vital 2-1 home win over Wimbledon. David Preece was the other Luton scorer in a victory which kept us in 20th position in the old Division One.

## 10 YEARS AGO

4/4/87: It was Wimbledon again at Kenilworth Road, but this time both sides fought out a dour 0-0 draw in front of a crowd of 9,729. It is worth noting that after this game we stood in third place in Division One and we have never been as high since!

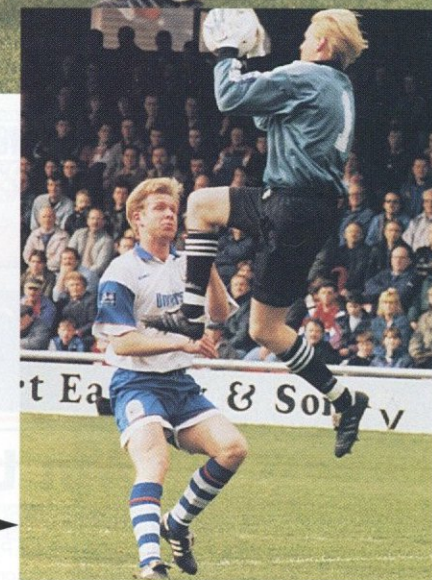
## 15 YEARS AGO

3/4/82: Goals from Brian Stein and Steve White secured a 2-0 home win over Blackburn to further cement our place at the top of Division Two. Looking back this victory more or less sealed promotion.

## 20 YEARS AGO

2/4/77: Our amazing run of 11 wins and a draw from 12 games was ended by a second minute Alan Ball goal for Southampton at the Dell. A crowd of 19,923 watched as the Saints managed to cling on to their precarious lead.





Crewe keeper Jason Kearton beats Tony Thorpe to the ball.

David Oldfield heads for goal during the 0-0 draw at Gresty Road.

Paul McLaren came into the side at Crewe, and gets in a right-foot shot, watched by Tony Thorpe.

Jason Kearton, formerly with Everton, denies David Oldfield a scoring chance.



# ACTION STATIONS

**Crewe Alexandra 0 Luton Town 0**

Saturday, March 15, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 4,474

Pictures by Andy Handley





## League's transfer deadline reminder

A REMINDER that the transfer deadline for the registration of players was 5pm last Thursday (March 27) and players registered after this date will only be eligible to play in League or Cup matches where permission is given by the Board of Directors.

The Football League's Board of Directors will only allow such players to play in matches which will not have a bearing on promotion or relegation issues.

The League has also stressed to its clubs that they must have a sufficient number of goalkeepers on their books prior to the transfer deadline, as the Board will not give dispensation for clubs to sign and play goalkeepers after the deadline.

There was also an earlier deadline for registering players to play in the Easter programme of matches - namely 12 noon on Thursday, March 27.

# Fair Play to the Hatters!

LUTON Town head the latest merit table for Division Two in this season's FA Fair Play Awards - up to and including March 7.

The divisional winners of these awards each win £10,000, with points awarded on a debit and credit basis. Teams are awarded two points for a goal scored at home and four points for a goal away from home. However, points are deducted for players cautioned (one point) or sent off (two points).

Division Two	Pl	Gh	Ga	Credit	Cts	SO	Debit	Balance
Luton Town	32	32	24	160	32	3	38	+122
Brentford	33	25	25	150	34	1	36	+114
Burnley	35	35	15	130	35	0	35	+95
Stockport	31	21	22	130	33	1	35	+95
Bristol City	34	35	17	138	42	3	48	+90



## Hughes makes Welsh final 22

CERI Hughes is set to return to the Hatters' side tonight following weekend duty with Wales in their World Cup qualifier against Belgium in Cardiff.

The Town midfielder was named in Bobby Gould's final 22, and joined up with the squad at the beginning of last week following the Luton match against Brentford when he collected the man-of-the-match award (left).

Division Two was well represented in the squad, with Wrexham goalkeeper Andy Marriott and Watford defender Robert Page among those included.

## Win tickets for your Junior team

OUR latest Team of the Month Award winners are Lancaster Park FC's Under 12 side, playing their first season in the Windowcraft Chiltern Youth League.

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, 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 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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# Family boost for fans at the 'People's Final'

THE Football League have scored their own hat-trick by confirming that for the third year running they will introduce a family enclosure at Wembley Stadium for this season's Coca-Cola Cup Final on Sunday, April 6.

The Coca-Cola Cup Final is the only event in the calendar of British sport's biggest occasions which has such a designated area and will give the family supporters of both finalists Leicester City and Wimbledon even greater value at the turnstile.

The family enclosure at Wembley Stadium was originally introduced by The Football League at the Freight Rover Trophy Finals in the mid-1980s and has been a key element of the competition - now the Auto Windscreens Shield - since then.

This season all five of The Football League's major finals at Wembley Stadium will incorporate this family concept, enabling children under the age of 16 and senior citizens to get into this major showpiece Coca-Cola Cup Final for

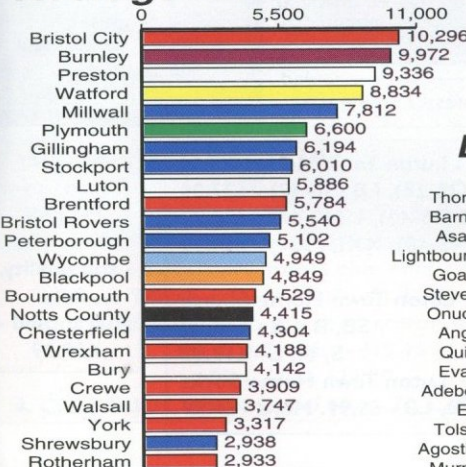
as little as £13 in the designated enclosure which has over 5,000 seats.

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.

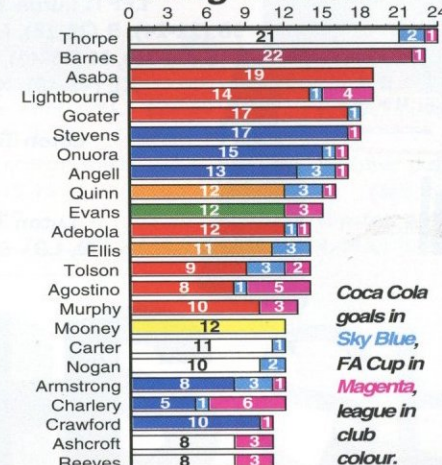
The Nationwide League Play-Offs, which are being contested at Wembley for the eighth consecutive season, will once again take place over the Bank Holiday period between May 24 and 26, and will all kick-off at 3pm: Automatic promotion - top two. Play-Offs - The next four teams contest the play-off to 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.

## Average Attendances



## DIVISION TWO 1996/97

## Leading Scorers



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

## EASTER PROGRAMME, PLUS FORTHCOMING MATCHES IN NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Good Friday, March 28  
Wrexham v Millwall

Saturday, March 29  
Brentford v Bury  
Bristol City v Gillingham  
Burnley v LUTON TOWN  
Chesterfield v Blackpool  
Peterborough v Bristol R  
Preston v Notts County  
Rotherham v Walsall  
Stockport v Crewe  
Watford v Bournemouth  
Wycombe v Shrewsbury  
York v Plymouth

Easter Monday, March 31  
Blackpool v Rotherham  
Bristol R v Wrexham  
Bury v Wycombe  
Crewe v Preston  
Gillingham v Brentford  
Notts County v Peterborough  
Plymouth v Watford

Tuesday, April 1  
Bournemouth v Stockport  
LUTON TOWN v Bristol City  
Shrewsbury v Burnley  
Walsall v Chesterfield

Wednesday, April 2  
Millwall v York City

Saturday, April 5  
Brentford v Shrewsbury  
Bristol City v Bury  
Burnley v Millwall  
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Peterborough v Bournemouth  
Preston v Plymouth  
Rotherham v LUTON TOWN  
Stockport v Bristol Rovers  
Watford v Crewe  
Wrexham v Walsall  
Wycombe v Blackpool  
York v Notts County

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



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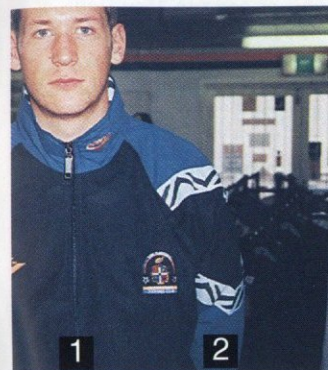
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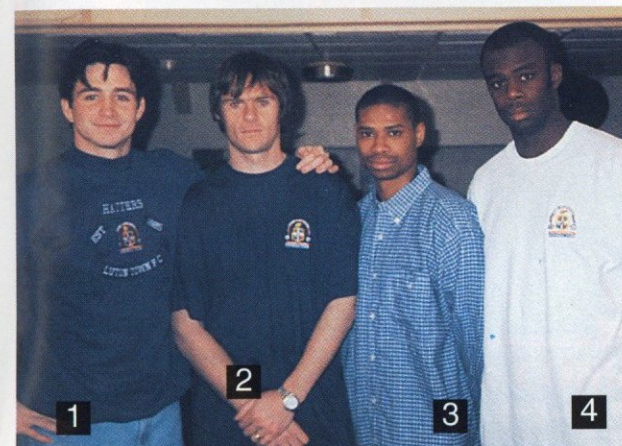
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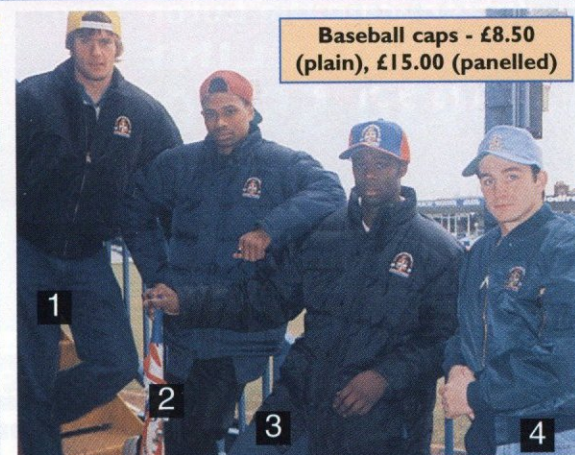
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## COMMERCIAL NEWS



with **KATHY LEATHER**

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Also in this programme you can find details of our new Prizeline, where you can win a number of special Luton Town prizes.

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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  
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supports charities for children with special needs

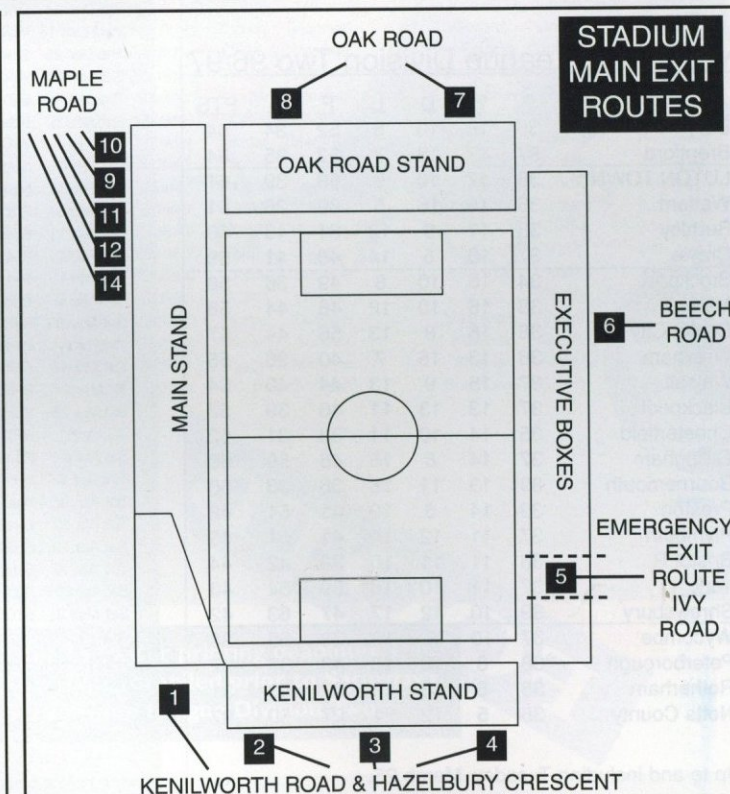
## LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

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

## LUTON TOWN 1996/97

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS
Ian FEUER	36		11	
Julian JAMES	36	1	11	1
Mitchell THOMAS	32	3	9	
Gary WADDOCK	28 (1)	2	8	
Darren PATTERSON	7		3 (1)	
Marvin JOHNSON	34		10	1
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	14 (10)	1	6 (4)	
Graham ALEXANDER	35 (1)	2	11 (1)	
David OLDFIELD	22 (6)	6	5 (2)	2
Kim GRANT	8 (13)	2	6 (2)	3
Tony THORPE	30 (2)	21	6 (1)	3
Andrew FOTIADIS	5 (6)	1	(4)	
Des LINTON	3 (4)		4	
Steve DAVIS	34 (1)	6	12	1
Ceri HUGHES	31	4	12	2
Paul SHOWLER	21 (2)	6	7 (2)	
Matthew UPSON	(1)			
Stuart DOUGLAS	2 (7)		1 (1)	
Paul McLAREN	6 (10)		(1)	
Aaron SKELTON	2 (1)		3	
Dwight MARSHALL	9 (7)	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
Bury	36	18	10	8	52	34	64
Brentford	37	17	13	7	52	35	64
LUTON TOWN	36	17	10	9	58	39	61
Watford	36	15	16	5	39	26	61
Burnley	38	17	9	12	61	40	60
Crewe	37	18	5	14	48	41	59
Stockport	34	16	10	8	49	36	58
Millwall	38	16	10	12	46	44	58
Bristol City	38	16	9	13	56	44	57
Wrexham	36	13	16	7	40	36	55
Walsall	37	15	9	13	44	40	54
Blackpool	37	13	13	11	46	39	52
Chesterfield	35	14	10	11	33	31	52
Gillingham	37	14	8	15	45	50	50
Bournemouth	39	13	11	15	36	38	50
Preston	39	14	6	19	41	51	48
Plymouth	37	11	12	14	41	51	45
Bristol R	38	11	11	16	38	42	44
York	37	11	10	16	39	54	43
Shrewsbury	39	10	12	17	47	63	42
Wycombe	37	10	8	19	36	50	38
Peterborough	38	8	13	17	48	67	37
Rotherham	38	6	13	19	32	53	31
Notts County	38	5	12	21	27	50	27

Up to and including Tuesday, March 25.

DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	POS	GK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sat Aug 17	BURNLEY	1-2	6,484	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	(Patterson)	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Grant)	THORPE	(Fotiadis)	(Linton)	(S.Davis)
Tue Aug 20	BRISTOL ROVERS CCC1 (1)	3-0	2,643	-	Feuer	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	(Johnson)	Hughes	Alexander	OLDFIELD	GRANT	(THORPE)	(Patterson)	(Guentchev)	(Showler)
Sat Aug 24	Brentford	2-3	5,404	22	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	HUGHES	Alexander	Oldfield	(Grant)	THORPE	Linton	(Guentchev)	Showler
Tue Aug 27	Bristol City	0-5	7,028	24	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	Hughes	(Showler)	(Oldfield)	(Grant)	Thorpe	(Alexander)	(Guentchev)	(Fotiadis)
Sat Aug 31	ROTHERHAM	1-0	4,547	19	Feuer	(James)	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Grant)	Showler	(Thorpe)	(Guentchev)	(Upson)
Wed Sep 4	Bristol Rovers CCC1 (2)	1-2	2,320	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Linton	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	OLDFIELD	Guentchev	(Showler)	Thorpe	(Fotiadis)	McLaren
Sat Sep 7	Wycombe Wanderers	1-0	6,471	15	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	OLDFIELD	(Fotiadis)	Guentchev	(Thorpe)	Showler	McLaren
Tue Sep 10	GILLINGHAM	2-1	4,604	11	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	OLDFIELD	(Fotiadis)	GUENTCHEV	(Grant)	Showler	McLaren
Sat Sep 14	CHESTERFIELD	0-1	4,763	12	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Fotiadis)	Guentchev	(Showler)	(Grant)	McLaren
Tue Sep 17	DERBY COUNTY CCC2 (1)	1-0	4,459	-	Feuer	JAMES	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Oldfield	(Grant)	Guentchev	Showler	(Fotiadis)	McLaren
Sat Sep 21	Bury	0-0	3,588	15	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Oldfield	(Fotiadis)	Guentchev	Showler	(Douglas)	McLaren
Wed Sep 25	Derby County CCC2 (2)	2-2	13,569	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	Oldfield	GRANT	Guentchev	Patterson	Showler	(THORPE)
Sat Sep 28	BLACKPOOL	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)	(Guentchev)	(McLaren)
Sat Oct 12	Shrewsbury Town	3-0	3,357	8	Feuer	(James)	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Thorpe)	GRANT	SHOWLER	Guentchev	McLaren	(Oldfield)
Tue Oct 15	Stockport County	1-1	5,352	9	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Thorpe)	Grant	Showler	Guentchev	McLaren	(Douglas)
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)	Skelton
Tue Oct 22	Wimbledon CCC3	1-1	5,043	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	Showler	Guentchev	McLaren	(Douglas)
Sat Oct 26	BOURNEMOUTH	2-0	5,635	5	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	Thorpe	SHOWLER	Guentchev	McLaren	(Douglas)
Tue Oct 29	Watford	1-1	14,109	6	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Douglas)	THORPE 3 (Showler)	(Guentchev)	McLaren	(Grant)	
Sat Nov 2	Plymouth Argyle	3-3	7,134	8	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	Grant	(THORPE)	Guentchev	Marshall	McLaren	(Douglas)
Sat Nov 9	NOTTS COUNTY	2-0	5,664	5	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Grant)	(Thorpe)	(Showler)	(Guentchev)(McLaren)	(Douglas)	
Tue Nov 12	WIMBLEDON CCC3R	1-2	8,076	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Grant)	(Thorpe)	(Showler)	(Guentchev)(McLaren)	(Douglas)	
Sat Nov 16	Torquay Utd FAC1	1-0	3,450	-	Feuer	James	Skelton	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	(Douglas)	Guentchev	Showler	Patterson	McLaren	(Marshall)
Tue Nov 19	Preston North End	2-3	7,004	7	Feuer	James	Thomas	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS 2	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Douglas)	(Guentchev)	Showler	(Skelton)	(McLaren)	(Marshall)
Sat Nov 23	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-1	5,315	4	Feuer	James	Thomas	McLaren	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Showler)	(THORPE)(MARSHALL)	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	Skelton	
Sat Nov 30	Bournemouth	2-3	4,322	6	Feuer	JAMES	Thomas	(Skelton)	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Showler)	(Thorpe)	MARSHALL	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	(Linton)
Tue Dec 3	YORK CITY	2-0	4,401	4	Feuer	James	Thomas	McLaren	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Showler	THORPE(MARSHALL)	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	Linton	
Sat Dec 7	BOREHAM WOOD FAC2	2-1	5,332	-	Feuer	James	(Skelton)	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	Hughes	(Alexander)	Showler	Thorpe MARSHALL 2	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	McLaren	
Tue Dec 10	LEYTON ORIENT AWS1	2-1	1,594	-	K.Davis	(James)	Skelton	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	Patterson	Hughes	Linton	Guentchev	GRANT (Marshall)	(Oldfield)	(Showler)	(Alexander)	
Sat Dec 14	CREWE ALEXANDRA	6-0	5,455	3	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	ALEX'DERSHOWLER	(THORPE 3) (Marshall)	(OLDFIELD)	(Grant)	Linton		
Wed Dec 18	Millwall	1-0	7,077	1	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	ALEXANDER	Guentchev	THORPE 2 (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)	(Oldfield)	Grant	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)	(Marshall)	(Grant)	(McLaren)	
Sat Feb 22	PRESTON NORTH END	5-1	6,454	2	Feuer	James	THOMAS	WADDOCK	S.Davis	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	(OLDFIELD 3)(Thorpe)	Showler	(McLaren)	Grant	(Marshall)	
Sat Mar 1	York City	1-1	3,788	2	Feuer	James	(Thomas)	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	Thorpe	Showler	Linton	(Grant)	Marshall
Tue Mar 4	Chesterfield	1-1	3,731	2	Feuer	James	Patterson	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	THORPE	Showler	(Marshall)	(Grant)	(McLaren)
Sat Mar 8	MILLWALL	0-2	8,585	2	Feuer	James	Patterson	(Waddock)	S.Davis	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Thorpe)	Showler	(Marshall)	(Grant)	(McLaren)
Wed Mar 12	Wrexham	1-2	3,342	2	Feuer	James	Patterson	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Thorpe)	Showler	(Marshall)	(Grant)	(McLaren)
Sat Mar 15	Crewe Alexandra	0-0	4,474	2	Feuer	James	Patterson	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	McLaren	Showler	Grant	Guentchev
Fri Mar 21	BRENTFORD	1-0	8,164	1	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Oldfield	(THORPE)	(Showler)	Guentchev	(Grant)	(McLaren)
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.

Please note that due to Easter printing deadlines, this evening's programme was compiled prior to Saturday's matches in Nationwide League Division Two.



Today's referee is

**GURNHAM  
SINGH**

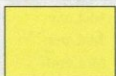
from  
Wolverhampton.

Mr Singh, an accountant,  
refereed our match at  
Millwall earlier this  
season.

**J.W. Pettit**



**R.J. Zipfel**



**LUTON TOWN**

Manager: Lennie Lawrence

**BRISTOL CITY**

Caretaker Manager:  
Gerry Sweeney

Ian FEUER 1 Stuart NAYLOR

Julian JAMES 2 Gary OWERS

Mitchell THOMAS 3 Darren BARNARD

Gary WADDOCK 4 Rob EDWARDS

Steve DAVIS 5 Scott PATERSON

Marvin JOHNSON 6 Martin KUHL

Ceri HUGHES 7 Junior BENT

Graham ALEXANDER 8 Louis CAREY

David OLDFIELD 9 Kevin NUGENT

Tony THORPE 10 Paul AGOSTINO

Paul SHOWLER 11 Paul ALLEN

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## MIDWEEK MATCHES IN DIVISION TWO

Playing tonight:  
Bournemouth v Stockport  
Shrewsbury v Burnley  
Walsall v Chesterfield

Playing tomorrow:  
Millwall v York

The next match at  
Kenilworth Road is next  
Tuesday, April 8, when we  
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