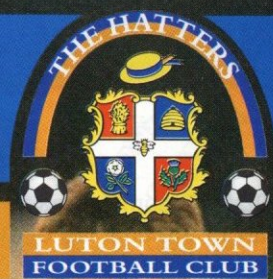


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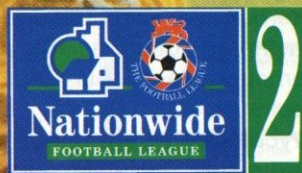


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## From the manager's chair



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

TODAY'S game signals the start of the final lap of the race that will decide the promotion and relegation situation once and for all.

Everything will be resolved in the next fortnight, and with three home games out of four - starting with today's game against Shrewsbury, to whose supporters, players and officials we extend a warm welcome - we are still very much in contention for an automatic promotion spot as well as an obvious play-off place.

By chance we have two fixtures against teams battling for survival - Shrewsbury and Peterborough - and two chasing an automatic promotion place - Bury and Stockport.

Wycombe's recent run of good results, including a hard earned point here last Tuesday, means that Shrewsbury have dropped into the bottom four places and will be fighting for their Division Two lives today.

Peterborough, where we play next Saturday, are in an even worse position, but at the other end of the scale we entertain two opponents in the promotion battle and the matches against Bury and Stockport gives us the opportunity to peg them back.

I felt that results went reasonably well in midweek and although our fate does not entirely rest in our own hands, with the nature of the remaining fixtures for the top four teams, three points today could change that situation.

Looking back on recent results, the draw at Blackpool was well deserved.

We might have been 1-0 up at half-time, but were forced back in the second period. Ian made two good saves, and Blackpool missed one good chance, but that was the sum total of their efforts and had we lost it would have been a travesty.

The performance at Bloomfield Road is best described as 'solid and professional' unlike unfortunately last Saturday at Walsall, which became more of an end-to-end game than many we have played this season.

Credit to Walsall for producing their best form for some six months - something we seem to bring out in opposing teams - but once again we failed to hold a lead and lost the game 3-2.

For certain, that must be the very last time that occurs if we are to gain promotion to the first division.

The last two home games, against Bristol City and Wycombe, have been drawn, and whilst it felt like a victory against Bristol having come from two goals behind, against Wycombe we felt as though we had lost as our efforts to score in the latter stages of the game grew more and more futile.

The teams that succeed at this stage of the season are the teams that can perform to the best of their ability, with players that can shake off the tension, fear and frustration that affects sides involved in promotion and relegation issues.

There were bad signs in that respect at Walsall last Saturday, but Tuesday's draw at Blackpool was much more heartening.

But we must not underestimate Shrewsbury this afternoon, as they include a draw at Brentford among their recent results.

All talk of what we need to do in terms of games and points has been banned in the dressing room now.

The players need to relax, and just go out and play, and although at present our destiny is not in our own hands, if we can relax over the next four games there may yet be a twist in the tale.

On the injury front Andy Kiwomya suffered a re-occurrence of his hamstring injury on Tuesday, and is rated



doubtful for this afternoon.

So too is Ceri Hughes, who has missed the last two games with a thigh strain.

However we will be welcoming back Graham Alexander who missed the trip to Blackpool following the birth of his first child - a boy - on Tuesday afternoon.

Congratulations to Graham and his wife, and we wish the family good health and happiness.

Finally, to you the supporters I would say try to forget about the importance of the game; support the team as vocally as you can; and above all be patient.

**ABOVE: Where's everybody gone? Skipper Gary Waddock pictured during the 0-0 draw against Wycombe.**

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BURY and Brentford currently occupy the two automatic promotion places after home victories on Tuesday, as Stockport's busy schedule finally caught up with them with defeat on Wednesday, writes Simon Oxley.

Bury maintained their unbeaten home record with a 1-0 win over Crewe, as Ronnie Jepson scored the game's only goal after just four minutes.

Chesterfield made nine changes from their FA Cup semi-final draw on Sunday as they travelled to Brentford, and the Bees won 1-0 with leading scorer Carl Asaba on target after 23 minutes.

Luton meanwhile were being held to a 0-0 draw at Blackpool.

Chances were few and far between at Bloomfield Road, with Tony Thorpe and Andrew Fotiadis going close for the Hatters, and Tony Ellis wasting Blackpool's best opening.

Burnley's play-off hopes received a blow as they went down 5-0 at Wycombe, as the home side eased their relegation fears.

But an 88th minute winner from Shaun Goater kept Bristol City in play-off contention as they beat Wrexham 2-1.

Already relegated Notts County beat Plymouth 2-1, to leave the Pilgrims facing a possible immediate return to Division Three.

Stockport were in action on Monday and Wednesday, beating Watford 1-0 at the start of the week, but then losing 1-0 at Gillingham.

The goal conceded against the Gills was the first in seven league games, but they still have a game in hand on



CERI Hughes gives chase during the game against Wycombe. The Welsh international missed the trips to Walsall and Blackpool with a thigh strain, but hopes to be fit this afternoon.

the other top six sides.

See page 54 for the up-to-date Division Two league table.

The Town's youth side bowed out of the FA Youth Cup on Wednesday evening, with a 1-0 defeat at Leeds in the second leg of their semi-final.

Leeds go through 3-1 on aggregate, but were made to work hard for their victory as the decisive second leg goal was scored just 12 minutes from time. See pages 27 to 30 of today's programme for action and a report

from the first leg at Kenilworth Road.

A full report on Wednesday's second leg, plus match action, will be featured in Tuesday's night's programme when we entertain Bury.

Finally, a reminder that the last league game of the season, against Stockport, is all-ticket.

The final away match, at Peterborough, is also all-ticket for Luton fans.

See page 9 for full details.

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**FRONT COVER:** Jimmy Cox battles for possession during Luton Town's FA Youth Cup semi-final 1st leg against Leeds United at Kenilworth Road. There's more action from this game on pages 27 to 30. (Picture: ANDY HANDLEY).

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# LEADING THE LINE

by Club Captain  
**STEVE DAVIS**



**LEFT: David Oldfield is denied by Wycombe keeper Martin Taylor during the 0-0 draw at Kenilworth Road.**



THREE points are a must today if we are to maintain a challenge for a top two place. But Shrewsbury, like Wycombe in our last match here, are scrapping for points at the other end of the table and will give nothing away.

It is certainly going to be a nail-biting finale to the season, and who knows it could be a promotion decider here against Stockport on May 3.

Of course we'd all love to go straight up without playing an extra three games in the play-offs. But it doesn't matter how you go up, as long as you get into Division One.

I've been through the play-offs before, winning at Wembley with Burnley, and there's plenty of experience in our team here to cope with the demands those games bring.

For the moment though we have to concentrate on the job at hand, and that means beating Shrewsbury.

We were all disappointed at the result last Saturday against Walsall, especially after coming from behind to lead, and in front of such a large and enthusiastic away following.

We tightened things up at Blackpool on Tuesday, and battled hard for a point. But other results in midweek didn't go our way.

But if we can make the most of the fact that we have three of our final four games at home, then we still have a chance - and Bury and Stockport are two of those home matches.

On a personal note I was delighted to be selected in the Division Two XI chosen by the players from the clubs in this league.

Tony Thorpe and I attended the PFA dinner in London last Sunday, and it is always nice to be acknowledged by your fellow professionals. Finally, thanks for your support in the recent games which has been really appreciated by all the players.



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**A REMINDER** that the final home league game of the season, against Stockport, is an **all-ticket** game with no tickets available on the day.

I would also point out that the away game at Peterborough the previous Saturday is all-ticket for Luton supporters. Tickets are selling quickly for both matches - so book early to avoid disappointment!

Full details can be found on the page opposite.

The outstanding reserve team matches have now been re-arranged.

We will entertain Brighton on Thursday, May 1, with a 7pm kick-off at Hitchin Town FC.

The reserves then travel to Carrow Road, Norwich, on Monday, May 5, with a 7pm kick-off, before completing their Avon Insurance Combination League programme at home to Chelsea on Wednesday, May 7.

This game will kick-off at 2pm here at Kenilworth Road.

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.

## From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

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 afternoon we have a half-time penalty shoot-out at the Kenilworth End, with youngsters from the Windowcraft Chiltern Youth League.

The youngsters taking part are

Mark Smith (Bushmead Wanderers), Adam Coffey (Sacred Heart Youth) and Mark Edwards (St Josephs Youth). The referee is Graham Everitt.

Before this afternoon's game at approximately 2.30pm, there will be a cheque presentation to Luton Town by the Bobbers Travel Club.

They are generously donating funds raised this season for medical and physiotherapy equipment, and physio Clive Goodyear will be receiving the cheque on behalf of the club.

## 'HATTERS DAY'

The final league game of the season Luton v Stockport is The Hatters v The Hatters.

To mark this 'Hatters Day' we are inviting supporters to mark the occasion by wearing a hat!

There will be prizes for the best hats, so get your thinking caps on!

## TOWN TEASER

In a famous match in the early 1980s, Luton Town had three different goalkeepers. Jake Findlay started the game in goal, but which two outfield players each had a spell as keeper later on?

Listen out for the PA announcer asking this question this afternoon.

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## Luton Town v Bury

### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Tuesday, April 22, 1997, kick-off 7.45pm

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

Any tickets that were purchased for the original date (January 1, 1997) are valid for the re-arranged game. If you are unable to attend on the new date, you can claim a full refund provided the tickets are returned to the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road by Monday, April 21, 1997, at 4pm.

## Peterborough United v Luton Town

### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, April 26, 1997, kick-off 3pm

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## Luton Town v Stockport County

### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, May 3, 1997, kick-off 3pm

**THIS IS AN ALL-TICKET MATCH, WITH NO TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME.**

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**ABOVE:** Celebrating her 21st birthday today.

**RIGHT:** A Hatters mascot in 1988

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Nicola Eade - 21 today - now a student nurse at Addenbrookes in Cambridge, who follows the Hatters home and away.

The picture above right shows her as a mascot for the match after the Hatters returned from Wembley with the Littlewoods Cup in 1988, and now she spends much of her time in Cambridge trying to convert Manchester United supporters to the Luton cause.



Her pedigree as a Luton fan must be unrivalled; both grandfathers and her dad are members of the Kenilworth Suite; her brother is a Season Ticket holder who travels from university in Portsmouth; uncle and cousins have Kenilworth season tickets; and her great grandparents even attended a Luton v Watford derby on their Wedding Day in 1907! It was Christmas Day and - not surprisingly - finished in a draw!

**LEFT:** Peter Rossington received an 18th birthday surprise after the game against Wycombe, with a visit from Hatters goalkeeper Ian Feuer



THE annual Hitchin Town Programme Fair takes place on May 18, in the Social Club, Fishponds Road, Hitchin, from 11am to 2.30pm. Admission is free, and there will be light refreshments and bar facilities available. The event coincides with their annual 5-a-side football tournament. The Programme Fair is organised by The Football Programme Directory in conjunction with the Supporters' Club. Further details from David Stacey on 01268 732041.

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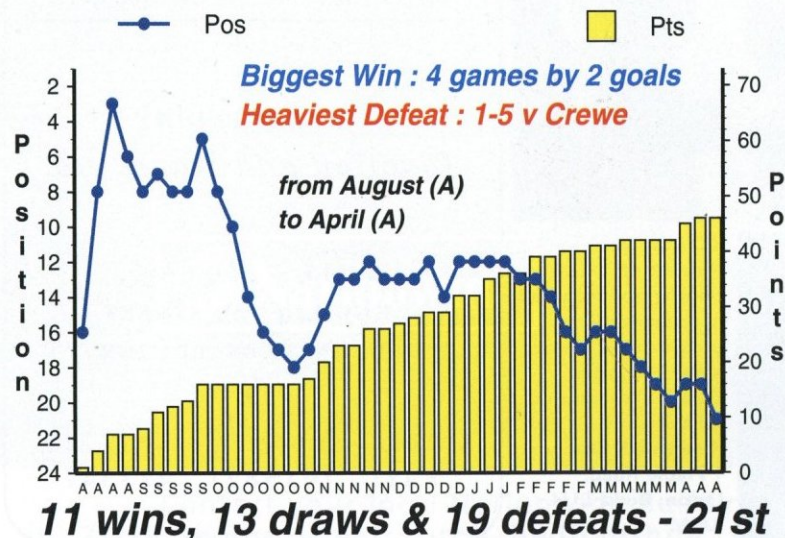
# SHREWSBURY TOWN



ABOVE: Eyes right! Shrewsbury Town line up for the 1996/97 season.

Back row: Richard Pratley, Steve Anthrobus (now Crewe), Shaun Wray, Richard Scott, Mark Taylor, Paul Edwards, Peter Whiston, Dean Spink, Darren Rowbotham (now Exeter), Dave Walton, Mark Dempsey, Kevin Summerfield.

Front row: l to r: Ian Reed, Darren Currie, Paul Evans, Fred Davies, Malcolm Musgrove, Austin Berkley, James Cope, Ian Stevens, Kevin Seabury.



ABOVE: Darren Currie - nephew of the former England international Tony Currie, who starred for Sheffield Utd and Leeds.

## SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS

**MICHAEL BROWN** - Joined the club from school, and has twice returned to the Shrews after transfers to Bolton and Preston.

**DEAN SPINK** - Signed from Aston Villa in March 1990 for £75,000, after making a name for himself with non-league Halesowen. Signed as a centre-forward, moved to centre-back, and then reverted to a striking role.

**KEVIN SEABURY** - Shrewsbury born player who signed professional for his home town club in July 1993. Established himself in the first team during the 1994/95 season, and has proved a versatile utility player.

**RICHARD SCOTT** - Joined Shrewsbury from Birmingham in 1995, after progressing through the junior ranks at St Andrews.

**IAN STEVENS** - Born in Malta, he had spells at Preston and Stockport before Bolton snapped him up after a trial at Crystal Palace. Moved on to Bury, and then to Shrewsbury. Leading scorer this season, and was set to move to Plymouth on deadline day only for the transfer to be called off.

**MARK TAYLOR** - Versatile player who made his Football League debut with Walsall during the 1984/85 season. Joined Sheffield Wednesday in 1989, playing a handful of games, and signed for Shrewsbury in 1991 after a spell on loan. Player of the Year for the past three seasons.

**DAVE WALTON** - Defender who joined Shrewsbury during the 1994 season from Sheffield United.

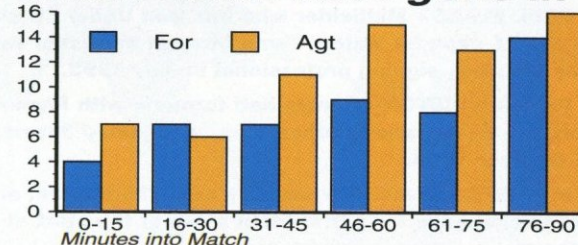
**AUSTIN BERKLEY** - Formerly with Gillingham and Swindon, moving to Shrewsbury in July 1995.

**DARREN CURRIE** - Midfielder signed from West Ham in February 1996 after two loan spells during the 94/95 campaign. Was also on loan at Leyton Orient.

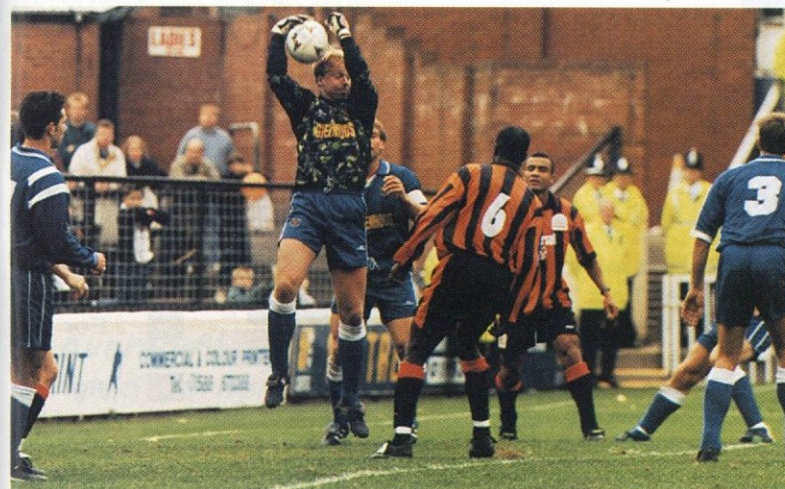
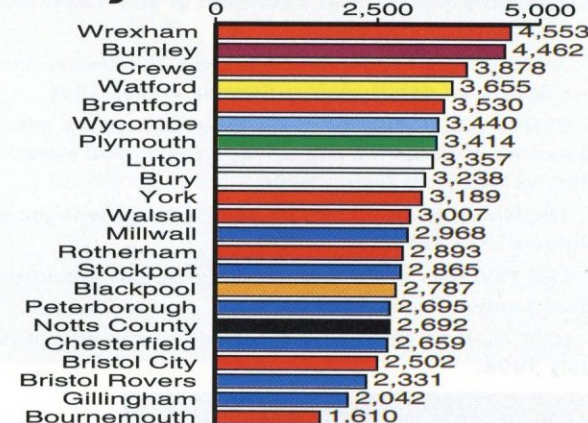
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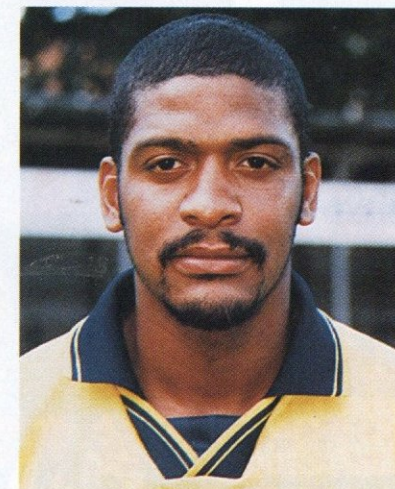
### When Goals have gone in



### Gay Meadow Gates



ABOVE: Action from October's meeting at Gay Meadow.



STEVE Anthrobus - now at Crewe



**MARK DEMPSEY** - Dublin born player who made his Football League debut for Gillingham in October 1990 at Scunthorpe. Signed for Shrewsbury from Leyton Orient in May 1995, for £25,000, and is an Eire Under-21 international.

**PAUL EDWARDS** - Liverpool born goalkeeper who started his career at Leek Town, later signing for Crewe. After a trial period he signed for the Shrews in September 1992. Nicknamed 'The Eagle'.

**PAUL EVANS** - Midfielder who has won Under 18 and Under 21 caps for Wales. Came through the junior ranks at Gay Meadow, signing professional in July 1993.

**PETER WHISTON** - Centre-half formerly with Plymouth, Torquay, Exeter and Southampton, who joined Shrewsbury in October 1995.

**IAN REED** - Joined Shrewsbury as a YTS trainee, and was set to challenge for a first-team place at the start of the season.

**SHAUN WRAY** - Had trials with Wolves before joining Shrewsbury, signing a YTS contract in July 1994. Signed professional in May 1995.

**JAMES COPE** - Came through the YTS scheme, and made his first team debut against Burnley in May 1996.

**BENNY GALL** - Has won international honours with Denmark at Under 18 and Under 21 level, and joined Shrewsbury from Copenhagen.

**THOMAS NIELSEN** - Danish born fullback who joined the Shrews from Arhus.

**LEE TAYLOR** - London born left-back who joined the club from London Spartan Ice.

**NICK WARD** - Wrexham-born forward who signed pro in July 1996.



LEFT: Mitchell Thomas under pressure during Luton's 3-0 win at Shrewsbury in October. There's more action from this match on page 32 of today's programme.

MEET THE MANAGER

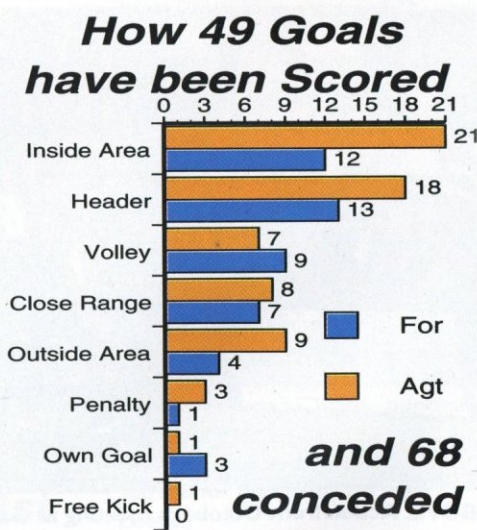
FRED DAVIES celebrated his first season as Shrewsbury's manager by leading the club to the Third Division Championship in 1994.

Mr Davies was a goalkeeper in his playing days. He made his league debut for Wolves in 1962, very quickly establishing himself as the number one choice at Molineux. During his Wolves days he played for Wales under-23s.

He made 156 league appearances for Wolves before moving on to Cardiff in 1968, and he remained a fixture in the Bluebirds' side until transferring to Bournemouth in 1970.

With 134 league games for the Cherries behind him, he retired to go into coaching and was taken on to Bournemouth's back room staff.

When manager John Bond moved on to Norwich, he took Mr Davies as his coach. The two later linked up at Swansea where Mr Davies was assistant manager. The partnership was resumed yet again when Mr Bond took over as Shrewsbury manager in 1991, Mr Davies eventually taking over as caretaker manager. The appointment was confirmed in February 1994 when Shrewsbury were well on their way to winning the Third Division Championship.



A Hatter and a Shrew.....

Born in Nottingham in January 1945, DAVID PLEAT starred for the England Schoolboys before being snapped up by Forest at 17, and then earning England Youth honours.

Unfortunately, his early promise did not materialise and after only six first team appearances at the City Ground he made the move to Kenilworth Road in August 1964, in exchange for £8,000, which was a fair amount of money at the time by Luton standards.

In a poor side, Pleat was a revelation and his genuine pace and skill on the wing would have set up many goals if we had forwards with the ability to put the ball in the net.

Unfortunately we did not, and relegation was suffered to Division Four at the end of 1964/65.

Pleat then broke a leg in a training accident before the start of the following season and, when being recalled too early, injured his back which killed his blistering pace for the rest of his career.

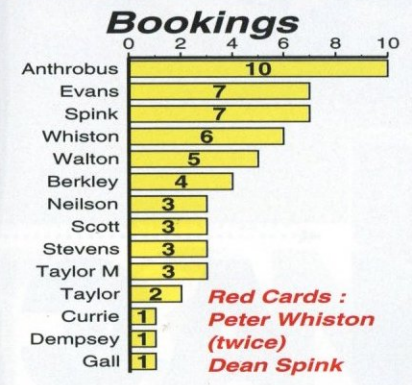
Third division Shrewsbury signed Pleat on a free transfer in the summer of 1967 and he made 12 appearances at Gay Meadow in a side that narrowly failed to win promotion, before moving to Exeter in July 1968 where he enjoyed two good seasons making 68 league appearances scoring 13 goals.

After a brief spell at Peterborough, Pleat was handed the manager's job at non-league Nuneaton, before he returned to Kenilworth Road in a general coaching capacity, gradually working his way up through the

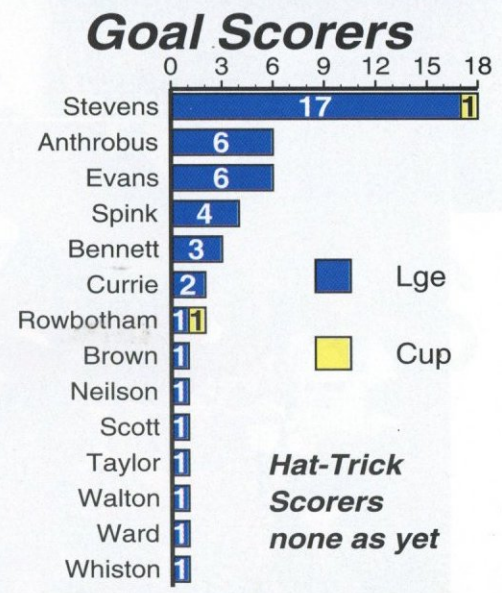
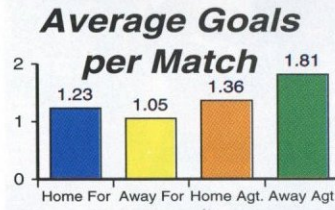
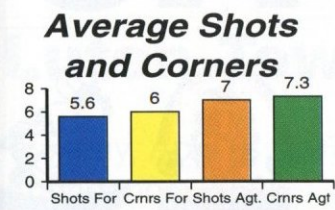


ABOVE: David Pleat

ranks. The rest is, as they say, history with two stints in the Luton hotseat, spells at Tottenham and Leicester, and now the manager's chair at Sheffield Wednesday. - ROGER WASH.



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Tony Thorpe is denied a scoring chance by this diving header out of the Wycombe defence.

Tony Thorpe thought he'd scored goal number 31, but the linesman's flag dictated otherwise (inset).

This second-half cross evades Hatters midfielder Paul McLaren, with David Oldfield (left) looking on.

Mitchell Thomas and Steve Davis (5) join the attack as Luton look to snatch victory against Wycombe.



# ACTION STATIONS

**Luton Town 0 Wycombe W 0**

Tuesday, April 8, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 7,626

Pictures by Andy Handley





Which club has lifted the following trophies

**FA Cup: 1946**

**Division 1 Championship:**  
1971/72, 1974/75

**Division 2 Championship:**  
1911/12, 1914/15,  
1968/69, 1986/87

## Division 3N Championship: 1956/57

**1. Eric Cantona is the only foreign player to captain an FA Cup winning side.**

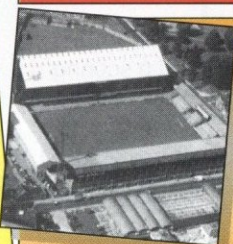
2. Preston North End scored the first ever penalty in an FA Cup Final.

3. Nat Lofthouse scored in twelve consecutive rounds of the FA Cup between 1945 and 1950.

**4. Mark Hughes**  
played for German  
side Bayern Munich.

1. Who were Division One Champions in 1993?
2. Who scored both goals in Liverpool's 1995 Coca Cola Cup victory over Bolton Wanderers?
3. Who won the very last Division Four Championship?
4. Which former Manchester City chairman passed away in May '96?
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6. Against which nation did Robbie Fowler make his full England debut?

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## by Norman Hood

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## Answers

This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is seven-year-old **ADAM DAY**, who attends Warden Hill School. He plays in goal for Limbury Boys Under 8s, and not surprisingly his favourite Luton Town player is Ian Feuer.

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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.

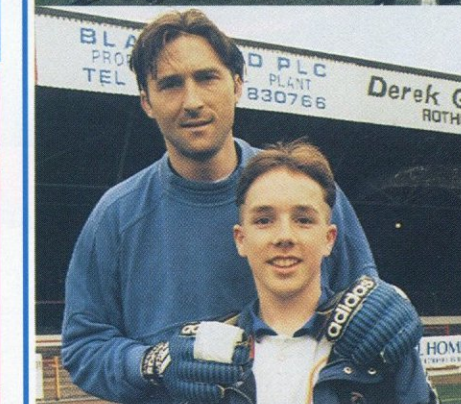
Thanks to everyone who came with us to Walsall on Saturday. We took a coach full of youngsters to the Bescot Stadium, taking part in a half-time penalty shoot-out.

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 is Ross Horn, aged 8, with the following:

"The Hatters is our name, league football is our game. Division Two is what we're in, Division One when we win. Premiership is in our sight, with our players and all their might. We deserve it, we're the best, until we get there Luton Town will not rest."



**ABOVE:** Simon Agnew, our Junior Hatters mascot against Wycombe, is pictured with the captains and match officials prior to kick-off.



**LEFT: Ian Feuer with our mascot at Rotherham, Ian McGregor.**



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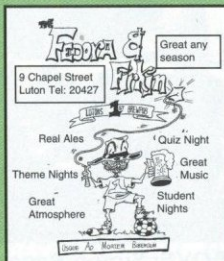
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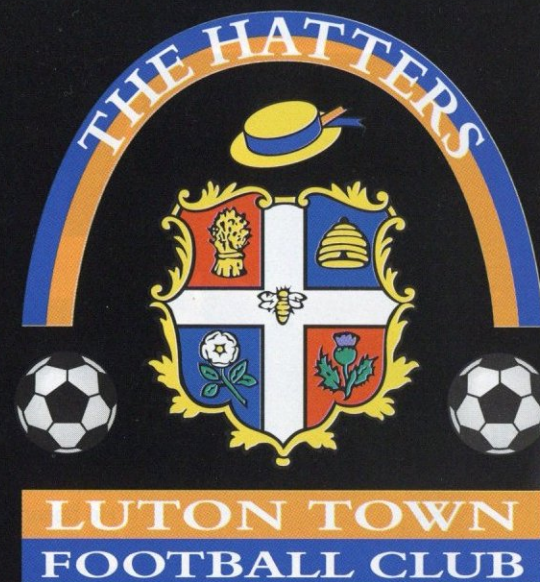
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'Over the Bar' Part Two is on page 52.....



# HAVING A BALL!



**HAVING** a ball.....  
Tony Thorpe with the matchball after his three goals at Rotherham took him to 30 for the season.

## History of Hatters hitmen

PLAYERS who have scored 30 or more goals in a season for Luton Town (in all competitions):

Ernie Simms 1920/21	- 34 goals
Andy Rennie 1928/29	- 48 goals
Jack Ball 1934/35	- 31 goals
Joe Payne 1936/37	- 58 goals
Gordon Turner 1954/55	- 37 goals
Gordon Turner 1956/57	- 31 goals
Gordon Turner 1957/58	- 33 goals
John O'Rourke 1965/66	- 34 goals
Malcolm Macdonald 1970/71	- 30 goals
Tony Thorpe 1996/97	- 30 goals*

\* As at April 9, 1997.

WHEN Tony Thorpe lobbed the ball over Rotherham keeper Kevin Pilkington to complete his hat-trick at Millmoor on April 5, he joined a select band of Luton Town players who have scored 30 or more goals in a season for the Hatters, writes Simon Oxley.

He became the first since Malcolm Macdonald to reach that landmark, and now has Gordon Turner's totals in his sights in the closing weeks of the season (see table below left).

Gordon Turner is of course Luton's record all-time goalscorer in league football, with 243 goals from 1949 to 1964.

Tony Thorpe may be in a rich vein of form at present, but still has some way to go to reach Joe Payne's 1936/37 figure of 58.

That season saw the Town win Division Three South, scoring a total of 103 league goals, with Payne netting 10 in one game against Bristol Rovers.



**ABOVE:** Tony Thorpe headed two first-half goals at Millmoor



**LEFT:** A politician in later life? Thorpe meets the people.

**BELOW:** The Hatters number 10 completes his hat-trick.

## The last time a Luton Town player scored 30 goals in a season .....

- Arsenal won the League and FA Cup double, and broke the British transfer record by signing Alan Ball from Everton for £220,000.

- Admission to Luton Town matches was 14s for the Centre Stand; 11s for the Wing Stands; 8s (children 4s) for the Enclosure, Bobbers' Stand and Oak Road terrace; and 6s (children 3s) for the Kenilworth Road terrace.

- Liverpool signed a young striker from Scunthorpe for £35,000 ..... named Kevin Keegan.

- Leeds United won the Fairs Cup (now the UEFA Cup) on the away goals rule after a 3-3 aggregate scoreline against Juventus in the final.

- Vauxhall advertised in the Luton Town programme for a Production Worker, earning just over £25 for a 40-hour week, with Skilled Craftsmen earning just over £29.

- Malcolm Macdonald was Luton's leading goalscorer with 30, but he was some way behind the leading scorer in the Football League who was Bournemouth's Ted MacDougall with 48. Colchester's Ray Crawford netted 32, which included

the winner against Leeds in the famous 3-2 FA Cup win over Don Revie's side.

- Burnley and Blackpool were relegated from the top division.

- Just weeks after finishing the season as Luton's top scorer, Macdonald was sold to Newcastle for £180,000.

- 66 people were killed, and 200 injured, at Ibrox just seconds before the end of a Rangers v Celtic derby.

- 16-year-old Birmingham striker Trevor Francis scored four against Bolton.

- Peter Bonetti played his 500th game for Chelsea.

- George Best was fined a record £250 for keeping the FA Disciplinary Committee waiting for 90 minutes.

- Arsenal won the League and FA Cup, but Spurs won the League Cup. The Gunners though did put Luton out of the competition, winning 1-0 at Kenilworth Road, in front of a crowd of 27,023.

- Current Town players Ian Feuer and Ceri Hughes were born.



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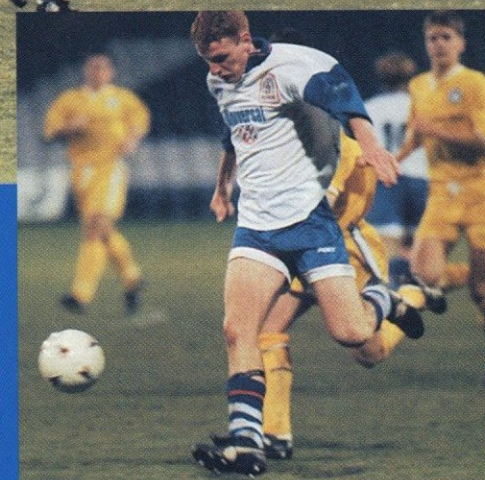
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## Four-page action extra..... FA Youth Cup



TOP: Jimmy Cox and Gary Doherty reflect on the evening's work.

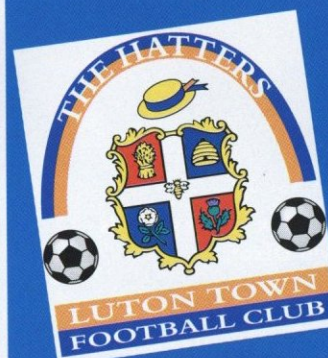
ABOVE: Gary Doherty makes a break. LEFT: Leeds winger Andrew Wright kept in check by Russell Lawes and Matthew Spring.

FA Youth Cup - Semi-Final, 1st leg  
April 9, 1997

**LUTON TOWN 1**  
(Spring)

**LEEDS UNITED 2**  
(Matthews, Hackworth)

Attendance: 993





# Four-page action extra..... FA Youth Cup semi-final 1st leg..... Luton Town v Leeds Utd



**LEFT:** Matthew Spring has just put Luton Town in front, with a 30-yard strike just a minute after half-time.

**Pictures:**  
**ANDY HANDLEY**



**ABOVE:** Jimmy Cox tackles Leeds midfielder Kevin Dixon.

**LEFT:** Gary Doherty with a first-half shot for the Hatters, with Andre Scarlett (7) looking on.



**LEFT:** Stuart Fraser sets up a second-half attack for the Hatters.

**BELOW LEFT:** Gary Doherty beaten in the air by Damian Lynch.

**BELOW RIGHT:** Terry Sweeney's up for the cup.



## Tykes spring into action

LEEDS United started Wednesday's second leg as favourites after last week's 2-1 win at Kenilworth Road in the first leg of the FA Youth Cup semi-final.

The Yorkshire side came from 1-0 behind to win, after being stunned by Matthew Spring's spectacular opener a minute after half-time.

The visitors had gone closest to a goal in the first-half, with Luton keeper Nick Webb saving well from busy Leeds midfielder Kevin Dixon, and Jonathan Woodgate hitting the post.

But it was the Hatters who broke the deadlock almost immediately after the interval, as Spring crashed in a right-footed shot from some 30 yards out.

Spring's strike, his fifth goal of the season, served only to spring Leeds into action. Dixon created the opening for Lee Matthews to equalise on 55 minutes, with Alan Maybury's

**Report by SIMON OXLEY**

62nd minute cross turned in at the near post by a combination of Luton skipper Matthew Upson and Leeds striker Tony Hackworth.

A fair result on the night, and one which pleased the Leeds coaching duo of Paul Hart and Eddie Gray.

Hart, a former Leeds and Nottingham Forest centre-half, is their Director of Youth Coaching, assisted by Eddie Gray - once manager of Leeds - who was one of the key figures in Don Revie's great side of the 60s and 70s.

The Leeds youth side is currently top of the Northern Intermediate League, four points ahead of Sunderland with two games in hand - although they still have to play both matches against the Roker side, who were knocked out of the FA Youth Cup by Luton.

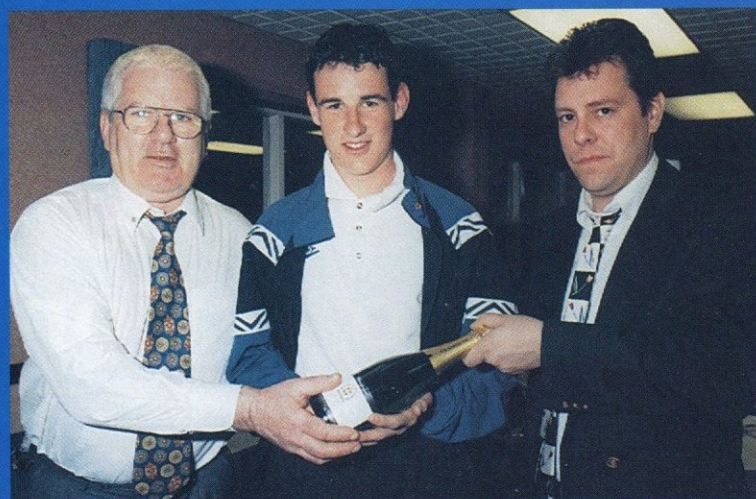


## Four-page action extra..... FA Youth Cup



ABOVE: Murtagh Demolition were our match sponsors for the game against Leeds. Members of their party are pictured with the Luton Town players.

BELOW: Goalscorer Matthew Spring was our sponsors Man-of-the Match against Leeds.



### Team line-ups:

**LUTON TOWN:** Nick Webb, Russell Lawes, Stuart Fraser, Matthew Spring, Ian Jones, Matthew Upson (c), Andre Scarlett, Jimmy Cox, Gary Doherty, Terry Sweeney, Michael McIndoe.

**Subs:** Emerson Boyce, Richard Clarke, Clifford Akurang.

**LEEDS UTD:** Paul Robinson, Alan Maybury, Harry Kewell, Kevin Dixon, Jonathan Woodgate, Damian Lynch, Stephen McPhail, Wesley Boyle, Lee Matthews, Tony Hackworth, Andrew Wright.  
**Subs:** Tommy Knarvik, Matthew Jones, Gareth Evans.

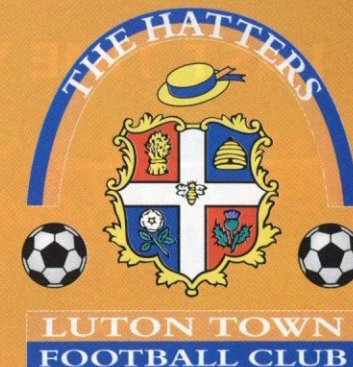
### FA Youth Cup Semi-Final

## LUTON TOWN v LEEDS UNITED

Second leg - at Elland Road - Wednesday, April 16, 1997, kick-off 7.30pm

ACTION FROM THIS GAME WILL BE FEATURED IN  
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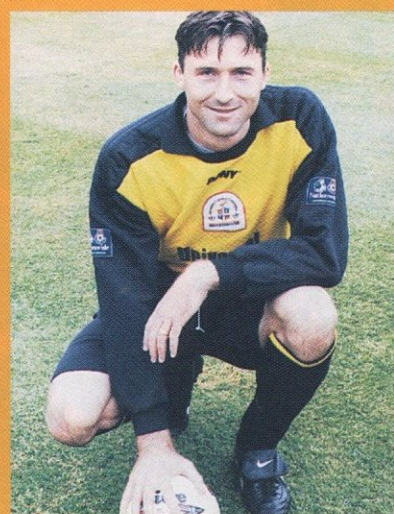
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## LAST TIME WE MET.... October 12, 1996



**LEFT:** Marvin Johnson in action during October's meeting at Gay Meadow, when the Hatters won 3-0.



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**Luton Town** 3  
(Showler, Thomas, Grant)

Attendance: 3,357

**LEFT:** Mitchell Thomas gets his head to Graham Alexander's corner, resulting in the Hatters' second goal.



**ABOVE:** Tony Thorpe gets the better of the Shrews' defence, but saw the lob that followed go over the bar.

Pictures: ANDY HANDLEY



**ABOVE:** Paul Showler has just headed Luton Town in front, to the delight of Tony Thorpe (9).

## Hatters duo in Div Two players 'dream team'



HATTERS duo Tony Thorpe and Steve Davis attended the PFA Awards Dinner in London last weekend, after being selected by their fellow professionals in the Division Two Team of the Season.

Thorpe was selected up front alongside Brentford's leading scorer Carl Asaba, with Davis partnered in the centre of defence by Stockport skipper Mike Flynn.

The team in full was: Kevin Miller (Watford); Gary Parkinson (Burnley), Steve Davis (Luton), Mike Flynn (Stockport), David Ayres (Burnley); Chris Marsden (Stockport), Danny Murphy (Crewe), Gareth Whalley (Crewe), Bryan Hughes (Wrexham - now Birmingham); Tony Thorpe (Luton), Carl Asaba (Brentford).

Alan Shearer became only the second footballer after Mark Hughes to be named Players' Player of the Year twice in his career.

The Newcastle and England striker picked up the award at the PFA dinner, where Manchester United's David Beckham was named PFA Young Player of the Year and came second to Shearer in the contest for the senior award.

The Arsenal striker Ian Wright came third in the awards, which are voted on by all professional footballers.

Leicester's young striker Emile Heskey, scorer of the last minute equaliser in the Coca-Cola Cup Final, was runner-up to Beckham, with last year's winner, Robbie Fowler of Liverpool, coming third.

A special merit award went to Newcastle's Peter Beardsley for services to football. Previous winners include Bobby Charlton, Bill Shankly, Tom Finney, Stanley Matthews and Pele.

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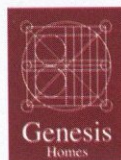


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## INJURY UPDATE

PAUL SHOWLER has resumed light jogging after his minor knee operation, which was required to repair the cartilage after the injury he suffered in the game against Brentford.

ANDY KIWOMYA returned to the side at Walsall after a hamstring injury, but felt a slight reaction during the second-half at Blackpool on Tuesday, and was substituted.

Hopefully we have avoided any further damage, and he will be available today.

CERI HUGHES suffered a thigh strain against Wycombe, and missed the trips to Walsall and Blackpool.

He has been working hard in the gym this week in a bid to be fit for this afternoon's match against Shrewsbury.

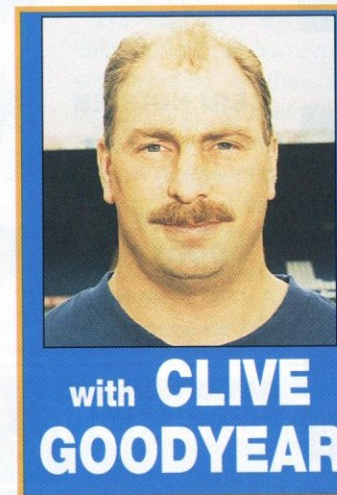
ANDREW FOTIADIS played at Blackpool, and did very well considering he suffered a freak accident in training on Monday.

Andrew was hit on the chin by the ball, and his jaw was dislocated.

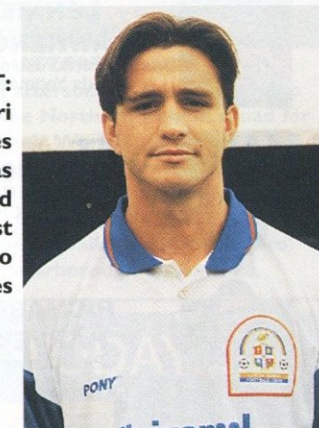
He went to hospital on Monday afternoon, and despite some discomfort was able to play on Tuesday.

Youth team striker LIAM GEORGE was due to have a knee operation on Thursday, to clear any problems resulting from his injury suffered in a reserve team game, which has kept him out of the latter stages of the FA Youth Cup.

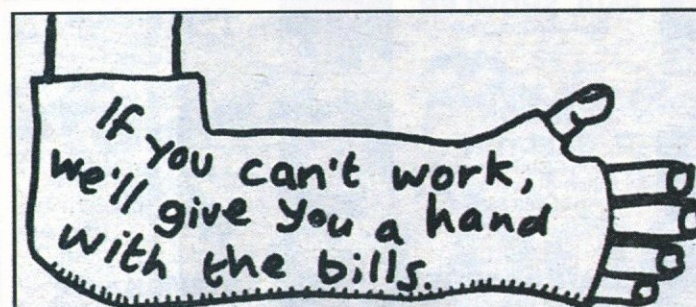
ANDREW BARR and CHRIS WILLMOTT are recovering from their groin and knee operations respectively, but STUART DOUGLAS has suffered a recurrence of a groin injury.



LEFT: Paul Showler has had a minor knee operation.



RIGHT: Ceri Hughes has missed the last two matches



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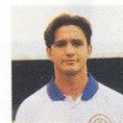
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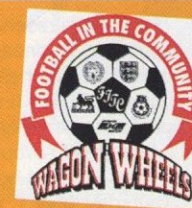


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Thanks to everyone who came along, and we hope to see you again during the Whit Bank Holiday Half-Term, and in the summer.

Details of the Whit holiday courses will be announced shortly.

Meanwhile we continue with a number of after-school sessions, including coaching clinics at St Mary's Junior School in Baldock, Ferrars Junior School in Luton, and

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We have once again organised a Mini-World Cup tournament, supported by Vauxhall, which takes place at the Vauxhall Recreation Club on Wednesday, April 23.

Team representing the various communities in the town will be taking part, following on from the successful event held last year.

See page 46 of today's match programme for full details.



**HATTERS** defender Darren Patterson has been called into the Northern Ireland squad for their World Cup qualifier in Armenia on Wednesday, April 30.

Darren's call-up means he will be unavailable for our trip to Peterborough on April 26.

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# RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



Wed Aug 28	WEST HAM (LC)	lost 3-0
Thur Sep 5	WIMBLEDON	lost 2-1
Wed Sep 18	Portsmouth	won 2-0
Thu Sep 26	BRISTOL CITY	won 2-1
Thu Oct 3	Arsenal (LC)	won 1-0
Mon Oct 7	Swindon Town	lost 1-0
Mon Oct 21	WEST HAM UTD	won 2-1
Wed Nov 6	TOTTENHAM	won 2-1
Mon Nov 18	NORWICH C (LC)	won 3-0
Mon Dec 9	OXFORD UNITED	lost 2-0
Mon Dec 16	Crystal Palace	lost 2-0
Wed Jan 15	Bristol Rovers	won 2-1
Mon Jan 20	CARDIFF CITY	lost 3-2
Wed Feb 5	Ipswich Town	lost 1-0
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	won 2-0
Mon Apr 7	BOURNEMOUTH	drew 1-1
Mon Apr 14	SWANSEA CITY	drew 0-0
Wed Apr 23	Millwall	2pm
Mon Apr 28	Queens Park Rgrs	7pm
Thur May 1	BRIGHTON	7pm*
Mon May 5	Norwich	7.30pm
Wed May 7	CHELSEA	2pm

Games in CAPITALS denotes home fixture. Home matches played at Kenilworth Road will now kick-off at 2pm. Home matches will be played at Hitchin Town FC from November 18 to February 10 inclusive, and will kick-off at 7pm.  
\* Denotes rearranged match to be played at Hitchin.  
LC - Avon Insurance Combination League Cup.

THE Town's reserve side are back in action on Wednesday, at Millwall, and their final matches in the Combination have now been finalised following the postponements enforced by the two legs of the FA Youth Cup semi-final.

They will beat home to Brighton on Thursday, May 1, with a 7pm kick-off at Hitchin Town FC.

We travel to Carrow Road, Norwich, for a 7.30pm kick-off on Monday, May 5, before entertaining Chelsea, here at Kenilworth Road, on Wednesday, May 7.

On Monday, the Reserves drew 0-0 at home to Swansea, at Hitchin.

Chances were few and far between, with Luton coming closest to scoring on 48 minutes when Kim Grant's free kick was well saved by City keeper Lee Jones.

The Luton team included three trial players, with youngsters James Ayres and Darren Howe on the bench.

Team: Abbey, Chenery, Harvey, Nightingale, Skelton, Denton, Kean, Evers, Guentchev, Grant, Sadler.

Subs: Ayres, Howe.

On April 7, the Reserves drew 1-1 against Bournemouth, again at Hitchin, with Andrew Fotiadis opening the scoring for the Hatters.

Team: Davis, Chenery, Harvey, Evers, Skelton, Patterson (Ayres), Kean, Fotiadis, Guentchev, Douglas, Marshall (James).

Sub not used: Abbey.

The Youth look set to win South East Counties League Division Two.

They have two matches to play - Colchester this morning and Bristol City next Saturday - and a win and a draw would confirm them as champions (see table below right).

On April 5 they won 3-2 at Brighton, with goals from Gary Doherty (2) and Andre Scarlett.

Team: Webb, Lawes, Fraser, Jones, Boyce, Upson, Clarke, Cox, Doherty, Sweeney, Scarlett.

## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	18	12	4	2	38	10	40
Portsmouth	19	13	1	5	36	21	40
Wimbledon	17	10	5	2	35	21	35
Tottenham	19	10	4	5	41	24	34
C Palace	19	9	4	6	32	29	31
Brighton	19	7	7	5	35	30	28
QPR	17	8	3	6	32	26	27
Chelsea	18	8	3	7	27	29	27
Arsenal	18	7	5	6	39	25	26
Swindon	17	7	4	6	30	28	25
Bristol C	19	6	4	9	37	33	22
Oxford	19	6	4	9	33	34	22
Bournemouth	19	6	4	9	32	40	22
LUTON	16	6	3	7	18	20	21
Charlton	16	6	3	7	20	26	21
Watford	16	6	3	7	20	26	21
Swansea	17	6	3	8	19	29	21
Millwall	17	6	2	9	24	30	20
Bristol R	19	5	4	10	19	36	19
Southampton	17	5	4	8	26	32	18
West Ham	18	5	3	10	22	33	18
Cardiff	17	4	5	8	14	33	17
Norwich	17	3	4	10	24	38	13

League table up to and including 9.4.97.

## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1996/97 APPS & SCORERS (14.4.97)

	APPS	G		APPS	G
Kelvin DAVIS	16		Des LINTON	6	
Sean EVERS	19	2	Kim GRANT	5	1
Ben CHENERY	17		Dwight MARSHALL	3 (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	9	2	David OLDFIELD	2	
Tony THORPE	3		Michael MCINDOE	3	
John TAYLOR	4	1	Andrew FOTIADIS	5 (2)	1
Stuart DOUGLAS	12 (2)	1	Lee MARSHALL	2	
Robert KEAN	21	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	
Aaron AUGUSTINE	(4)		Gary DOHERTY	1 (1)	
Nathan ABBEY	5		Richard HARVEY	4	
Trevor PEAKE	2		Emerson BOYCE	1	
Darren PATTERSON	8		David SADLER	2	
Paul SHOWLER	3		Richard CLARKE	(1)	
Aaron SKELTON	11	1	James AYRES	(1)	
Liam GEORGE	6 (5)	4	Kaz JAMES	(1)	
Andrew BARR	(4)		Lewis NIGHTINGALE	1	
Matthew SPRING	(3)		Adam DENTON	1	
Terry SWEENEY	5 (3)				

Subs: Akurang, McCormack, Howe. Last Saturday, they beat Brentford 6-2, with Jimmy Cox netting a hat-trick. There were also goals for Matthew Upson (2) and Gary Doherty.

Team: Webb, Lawes, Fraser, Spring (Scarlett), Boyce, Upson, Clarke (Akurang), Cox, Doherty, Sweeney (Jones), McIndoe.

See pages 27 to 30 for details of the FA Youth Cup semi-final first leg against Leeds.

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.



ANDREW Fotiadis

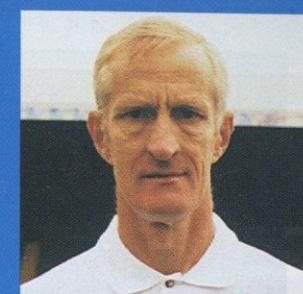
## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
C Palace	29	19	7	3	69	26	45
LUTON TOWN	28	20	5	3	65	29	45
Southampton	28	18	2	8	54	25	38
Oxford	28	14	10	4	53	35	38
Tottenham	30	12	9	9	48	33	33
Colchester	28	11	8	9	48	37	30
Swindon	27	11	7	9	50	43	29
Wycombe	29	11	7	11	32	31	29
Brighton	29	11	6	12	39	51	28
Wimbledon	28	10	7	11	36	26	27
Bristol C	27	9	7	11	42	53	25
Bournemouth	24	8	5	11	34	47	21
Bristol R	28	7	5	16	40	56	19
Brentford	28	5	7	16	37	58	17
Reading	30	7	3	20	35	86	17
Barnet	29	2	5	22	25	71	9

League table as at April 12, 1997



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## SE Counties Lge, FA Youth Cup, S Jnr Floodlit Cup, and E Jnr Cup

Sat Aug 17	Bristol Rovers	won 4-1	Thur Dec 19	OXFORD U (FAYC2)	won 3-2
Sat Aug 24	READING	won 7-0	Sat Dec 21	BRISTOL ROVERS	won 2-1
Tue Aug 27	Bournemouth (SJFC)	drew 1-1	Wed Jan 8	Torquay (FAYC3)	won 2-0
Sat Aug 31	Colchester	lost 3-2	Sat Jan 18	Southampton	won 3-1
Tue Sep 3	B'MOUTH (SJFC)	won 3-1	Sat Jan 25	Crystal Palace	won 2-1
Sat Sep 7	SOUTHAMPTON	won 1-0	Sat Feb 1	Reading	won 2-1
Sat Sep 14	Cambridge U (LC1)	won 2-0	Sat Feb 8	TOTTENHAM	won 3-1
Tue Sep 17	Wolves (SJFC)	lost 2-1	Tue Feb 11	Sunderland (FAYC4)	won 5-2
Sat Sep 21	CRYSTAL PALACE	lost 1-0	Sat Feb 15	Oxford United	drew 2-2
Sat Sep 28	Tottenham	won 2-0	Wed Feb 26	B Stortford (EJC)	won 7-0
Sat Oct 5	OXFORD UTD	drew 1-1	Sat Mar 1	Wimbledon	won 1-0
Sat Oct 12	Swindon Town	drew 2-2	Sat Mar 8	WYCOMBE W	won 2-1
Wed Oct 16	Rushden & D (EJC)	won 3-2	Sat Mar 15	BOURNEMOUTH	won 4-1
Sat Oct 19	Colchester (LC2)	lost 3-2	Sat Mar 22	Barnet	drew 1-1
Sat Oct 26	WIMBLEDON	won 2-0	Tue Mar 25	WATFORD (FAYC5)	drew 0-0
Sat Nov 2	Wycombe W	won 1-0	Sat Mar 29	Bristol City	lost 2-1
Sat Nov 9	BARNET	won 2-1	Wed Apr 2	Watford (FAYC5)	drew 1-1
Tue Nov 12	Hereford U (FAYC1)	won 3-1	Sat Apr 5	Brighton	won 3-2
Sat Nov 16	Bournemouth	won 2-0	Wed Apr 9	LEEDS U (FAYCS1)	lost 2-1
Sat Nov 23	SWINDON TOWN	won 2-1	Sat Apr 12	BRENTFORD	won 6-2
Sat Nov 30	BRIGHTON	drew 2-2	Wed Apr 16	Leeds Utd (FAYCS2)	
Mon Dec 2	Oxford Utd (FAYC2)	drew 1-1	Sat Apr 19	COLCHESTER	11am
Sat Dec 7	Brentford	won 3-1	Sat Apr 26	BRISTOL CITY	11am
Tue Dec 10	Royston (EJC)	won 2-1			

Home league matches at Luton Rugby Club.

## LGE APPS

	G	CUP APPS	G
Daniel TATE	14	8	
Gary DOHERTY	23 (4)	11	12 (1)
Ian JONES	14 (2)	2	8
Matthew UPSON	10	2	11
Steve AUGUSTINE	10	3	5
Matthew SPRING	25 (2)	2	14 (2)
Jimmy COX	16 (3)	4	11 (2)
Liam GEORGE	21 (2)	17	10
Andre SCARLETT	17 (9)	3	9 (4)
Andrew BARR	19 (1)	9	9 (1)
Andrew SMITH	4 (2)	3	4
Russell LAWES	20 (1)	12 (2)	
Mark HILLYARD	1 (3)	1	1
Richard CLARKE	13 (5)	1	9 (4)
Terry SWEENEY	22 (1)	6	12 (1)
Nick WEBB	14	8	
Emerson BOYCE	18 (2)	4 (4)	
Stuart FRASER	20 (1)	11 (1)	1
Michael MCINDOE	18 (2)	2	9 (1)
Moses JERRY	2 (4)	3	1
Delroy MCKOY	1 (3)	1 (1)	
James AYRES	3 (1)	1	
Jon CHALLINOR		2	
Sean CURRAN		1	
Clifford AKURANG	3 (1)		

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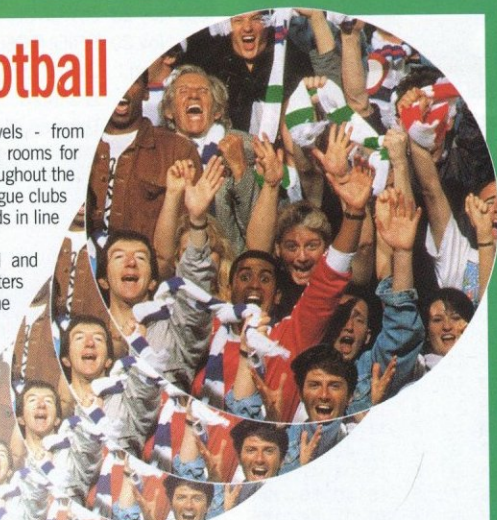


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## Those were the days

WHEN the Town won 3-1 at Norwich over Christmas 1981 we were sitting pretty at the top of the old Division Two, seven points clear with two games in hand.

A spell at Carrow Road, when we scored three goals in the first few minutes during as devastating a spell of football as you would wish to see, was the culmination to a fine first half of the season which had seen us in record breaking form.

Unfortunately bad weather set in and it was to be over three weeks before we were to play another league game, and in a frantic contest played on a sea of mud at the Valley, we fought out a 0-0 draw in a less than convincing performance.

We followed up with a 2-1 home win over Leicester in front of the 'Match of the Day' cameras, and then went to Sheffield Wednesday where the home side, using brute force and ignorance, were only seconds away from gaining a valuable 'scalp' when Brian Stein stepped up to secure a point with an equaliser we scarcely deserved.

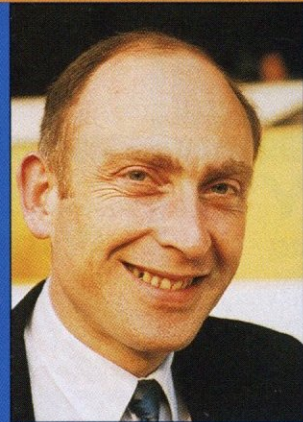
The free flowing football which we had witnessed in the period leading up to Christmas was no longer in evidence and was creating a few worries behind the scenes at Kenilworth Road as the chasing pack began to close the gap.

Another draw followed, this time at the home of our nearest challengers, Watford, and although Brian Stein was running rings around the Hornets defence all afternoon he could not conjure up that vital winning goal against the old enemy.

Oldham were seen off at Kenilworth Road, but the game was made easier for us when future Hatter Darron McDonough was sent off after 25 minutes for a bad foul on Lil Fuccillo.

Cambridge then came to Kenilworth Road and from the kick-off seemed set for a draw, employing a 10-man defence which we could not break down. As the game wore on we were becoming increasingly desperate and it took a wonder strike from skipper Brian Horton, with his first goal for the club, to settle the issue 20 minutes from the end.

There then followed possibly our worst spell of the



by **ROGER WASH**

season, with a string of five games without a win, culminating in the loss of top spot to Watford. A dull 0-0

draw at bottom of the table Grimsby was followed by the ending of a run of nine straight home victories, when lowly Wrexham came away from Kenilworth Road with a point in another 0-0 score bore.

We were beginning to panic a bit after we went down 4-3 at windswept Barnsley for our first defeat of the year, and our nerves were really jangling when we were pulled back from a leading 3-2 position at Crystal Palace by a late equaliser.

The 0-0 draw at Derby the following week, in a game we should have won, signalled the end of our run at the top and the prophets of doom on the terraces were predicting a collapse of mammoth proportions.

Luckily the loss of our place at the top seemed to be the kick up the backside the players needed, and three days later we regained pole position after seeing off Orient at

Kenilworth Road. All was then set fair when we beat a physical Blackburn side at home the following Saturday to open up a lead again.

Over 4,000 Luton supporters made the short trip to Cambridge on Easter Saturday to witness a tense 1-1 draw before Norwich, on the crest of a wave, visited Kenilworth Road on the Monday and did everything but score in a one-sided first half.

The interval team talk, which went along the lines that the Canaries could not play any better in the second period, proved to be true as goals from Brian Stein and on-loan Billy Jennings settled the issue.

In a terrific game at Kenilworth Road, Newcastle took a 2-0 lead before Brian Stein stepped up to win the match for us, scoring a hat-trick, including two of the poorest penalty kicks ever seen on this ground!

Next in line were Chelsea who pulled in a crowd of 16,185 to Kenilworth Road and were fortunate to escape with a point from a 2-2 draw, as we laid siege on their goal for almost the whole of the match.

Despite the loss of two points we were still pulling away from the pack and promotion was looking an increasing certainty.



LEFT: Ricky Hill celebrates the Town's second goal against Shrewsbury on the way to promotion in 1982.

Our visit to Rotherham was seen as a tough test as the Millers had enjoyed a terrific second half of the season, and were seeking a first ever promotion to Division One. The match was petering out to a 2-2 draw when Rotherham were awarded a dubious penalty which was well saved by reserve goalkeeper Alan Judge - effectively ending Rotherham's promotion challenge.

When the dust had settled, it could be seen that a win over lowly Shrewsbury at Kenilworth Road the following Friday night would clinch promotion back where we belonged.

A tense crowd of 14,563 gathered to watch and transmitted their anxiety on to the pitch, where it became obvious that the Shrews were hoping for a point.

Nerves were settled for a while when Brian Stein latched on to a route one clearance from goalkeeper Jake Findlay in the 14th minute to cleverly lob the Town in to the lead.

The Town however failed to control the midfield and stuttered through the rest of the first half without playing any of the free flowing football that had brought them to the gates of promotion.

Hearts sank when Ian Atkins, with just about Shrewsbury's only real attack of the game, equalised on the hour with a brilliant volley, but when Raddy Antic was brought on a few minutes later we started to look a team again.

It is now written in Kenilworth Road folklore as to how Ricky Hill ended the stalemate with a volley, after a corner was headed to him by Mal Donaghy in the 78th minute, and with the floodgates open goals from Steve White and David Moss secured a flattering 4-1 victory. But did we care? We were up!

Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Goodyear, Donaghy, Money, Hill, Horton, Fuccillo (Antic), Stein, White, Moss.

Shrewsbury: Wardle, MacLaren, Griffin, Keay, Johnson (Petts), Turner, McNally, Tong, Bates, Atkins, Cross.

## 5 YEARS AGO

18/4/92: The Town were unlucky in only gaining a point in a 1-1 home draw with Manchester United, who were sitting on the top of the table. A crowd of 13,410 saw Mick Harford score the Town's equaliser.

## 10 YEARS AGO

18/4/87: Goals from Brian Stein and Mike Newell secured a comfortable 2-0 win over Coventry at Kenilworth Road. We were fourth in Division One and seemed to have no trouble winning our home games against all the top sides in the country at the time!

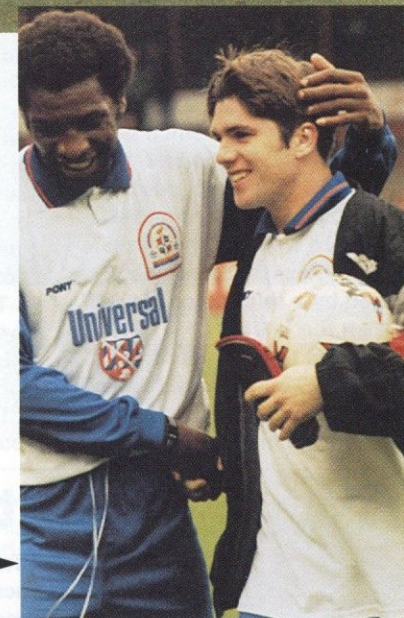
## 15 YEARS AGO

17/4/82: In an amazing game the Town pulled back from 2-0 down to beat Newcastle 3-2 at Kenilworth Road. Brian Stein was the Luton hero with all three Town goals, including two from the penalty spot.

## 20 YEARS AGO

16/4/77: The Town dropped to sixth place in the old Division Two following a 4-2 hammering at Cardiff. Robin Friday, who was always a thorn in our side, scored two of the Bluebirds' goals in front of a crowd of 10,460.





Ceri Hughes sees his second-half shot blocked by Rotherham centre-half Ian Breckin.

David Oldfield fires in a first-half shot at Millmoor.

Graham Alexander makes a break, with Julian James and Steve Davis looking on.

Hat-trick hero Tony Thorpe is congratulated by Mitchell Thomas.

# ACTION STATIONS

**Rotherham Utd 0 Luton Town 3**

(Thorpe 3)

Saturday, April 5, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 2,609

Pictures by Andy Handley





# Vauxhall backing for Hatters' Mini-World Cup tournament

VAUXHALL Motors are once again backing Luton Town's Mini-World Cup competition, with 10 sides competing at the Vauxhall Recreation ground on Wednesday, April 23.

The competition, organised by Luton Town's Football in the Community department, features sides from different communities in the town, with the six-a-side teams representing India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, West Indies, Italy, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

The draw for the Mini-World Cup will take place on the pitch before today's game, with the teams being divided into two groups of five, each playing four matches.

The group winners and runners-up will contest the semi-finals, followed by a third-place play-off, and then the final.

Football in the Community Officer, Jeff Vetere, said: "Last year's event was extremely popular, and I'm sure it will prove



to be another exciting afternoon for all the youngsters.

"Once again the response from the various communities in the town has been very encouraging, and Vauxhall have generously supported the competition, and have provided an excellent venue for us to use."

The event gets underway at 4pm on Wednesday, with each of the sides being managed by a member of the Hatters' squad.

Last year, Kelvin Davis was the successful 'manager' with the

England team which beat Italy in the final. Bangladesh and the West Indies were the semi-finalists, with a number of the ties being decided by penalty shoot-outs.

Spectators are welcome to attend, and refreshments will be available.

The finalists will be presented with medals at the end of the tournament, with all those taking part receiving a special certificate.

The Mini-World Cup forms part of Luton Town's Community Football programme, which involves many hours of coaching at schools across the region.

Coaching courses are listed in match programmes, or you can contact Jeff Vetere regarding community activities on (01582) 411622. The Easter programme of courses have just been completed, and we are now preparing for the Whit Bank Holiday courses.

For further information about the Mini-World Cup, please contact Jeff Vetere or Kathy Leather.

## Win tickets for your Junior team

OUR latest Team of the Month Award winners Lancaster Park FC's Under 12 side, and Dragons Youth FC are due to join us for this afternoon's game.

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.

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



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# The Final Countdown.....

Saturday, April 19

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

Sunday, April 20

Bristol R v Notts C

Tuesday, April 22

Blackpool v Brentford  
LUTON TOWN v Bury  
Stockport v York  
Wrexham v Crewe

Thursday, April 24

Watford v Chesterfield

Saturday, April 26

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

Monday, April 28

Chesterfield v Stockport

Tuesday, April 29

Gillingham v Walsall

Wednesday, April 30

Bristol C v Chesterfield

Saturday, May 3

Brentford v Peterborough  
Bristol R v Rotherham

Burnley v Watford  
Bury v Millwall  
Chesterfield v Notts C  
Gillingham v Shrewsbury  
LUTON TOWN v Stockport  
Plymouth v Bournemouth  
Preston v Walsall  
Wrexham v Blackpool  
Wycombe v Bristol C  
York v Crewe

Sunday, May 11

Nationwide League Play-Offs  
Semi-Finals 1st leg  
6th v 3rd  
5th v 4th

Wednesday, May 14

Nationwide League Play-Offs  
Semi-Finals 2nd leg  
3rd v 6th  
4th v 5th

Sunday, May 25

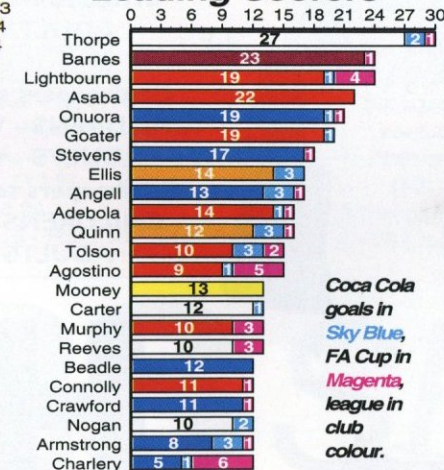
Nationwide League Play-Offs  
Division Two Final - 3pm

## Average Attendances



## DIVISION TWO 1996/97

### Leading Scorers



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

Stats for 96/97 by FOOTBALL INFORMATION SERVICES.  
Up to and including Saturday, April 12, 1997.

## Final Division One fixtures on Sunday

THE Football League have confirmed that the entire Nationwide League Division One programme of matches have been scheduled for Sunday, May 4, and will kick-off at 1.30pm.

The kick-off time has been decided by the live coverage on Sky Sports, and with the possibility of promotion, relegation and play-off issues to be decided on the final day, the League have made it clear that all matches must start at the same time.

The Division Two programme remains unchanged, with all matches taking place on Saturday, May 3, including of course Luton's home match with Stockport.

Other last day games include Bury v Millwall, and Burnley v Watford.



CLUB SHOP SALE ON 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

**FROM SATURDAY, APRIL 19  
- FOR TWO WEEKS ONLY  
- UNTIL SATURDAY, MAY 3,  
ALL HOME AND GOALKEEPER  
REPLICA KITS MUST GO!**

Luton Town Home Shirts  
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ADULTS - WAS £34.99 - NOW £15.00

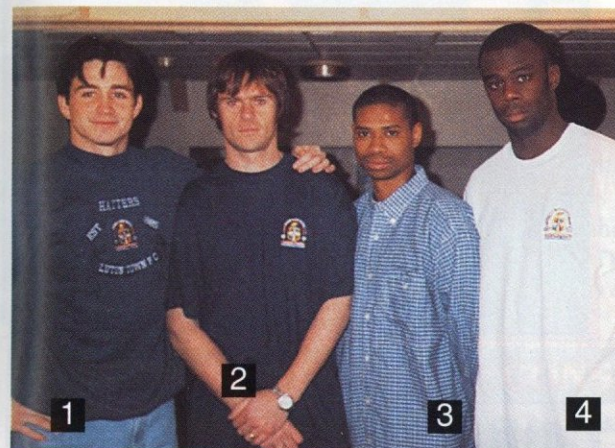
Luton Town Home Shorts  
CHILDRENS - WAS £15.99 - NOW £6.50  
ADULTS - WAS £19.99 - NOW £8.00

Luton Town Home Socks  
CHILDRENS - WAS £5.99 - NOW £2.50  
ADULTS - WAS £6.99 - NOW £3.00

Goalkeepers shirt (both home and away)  
CHILDRENS - WAS £29.99 - NOW £14.00  
ADULTS - WAS £39.99 - NOW £18.00  
Goalkeepers socks (both home and away)  
CHILDRENS - WAS £5.99 - NOW £2.50  
ADULTS - WAS £6.99 - NOW £3.00



ABOVE: 1. Capital sweatshirt - navy/grey  
- S, M, L, XL - £34.99.  
2. Navy/black check long sleeve  
- one size fits all - £25.00  
3. Ecru long sleeve shirt, navy collar & cuff  
- one size fits all - £24.00  
4. LTFC split vent sweatshirt - M, L, XL - £26.00



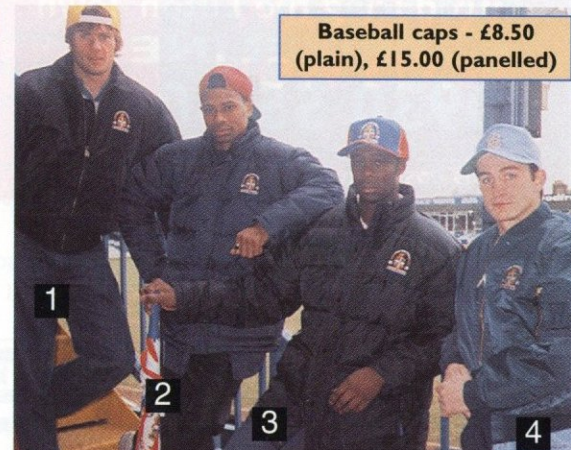
1. Embossed sweatshirt, marle blue - M, L, XL - £26.00  
2. Crest T-shirt, navy or black - M, L, XL - £16.50  
3. Blue check, long sleeve, cotton shirt  
- SB, B, LB, Yths - £15.95  
- M, L, XL - £24.00  
4. Crest T-shirt, grey or royal blue - M, L, XL - £16.50



Luton Town Away Shirts  
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



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



enquiries  
01582  
411622

# HATTERS SHOP

FOR THE LATEST NEWS - CLUBCALL 0891 121 123  
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THIS afternoon we welcome match sponsors F & R CAWLEY LTD, SKY FORD of Hemel Hempstead, and SIMON AND WENDY ARNOLD.

This afternoon's matchball sponsors are MR B HALL, and MICK GARBUTT of Virgin Records.

As you can see on the page opposite, we are entertaining youngsters from the Dreamflight charity this afternoon.

There will be a bucket collection around the ground and, as ever, I'm sure you will give generously to this very worthy cause being supported by our club sponsors USA.

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

## COMMERCIAL NEWS



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involved with Luton Town. We have packages to suit all budgets, and a variety of ways in which your company can get

involved.

For full details, or to arrange a visit, please contact the Commercial Department on Luton (01582) 411622. Also in this programme you can find details of our new Prizeline, where you can win a number of special Luton Town prizes.

We are rapidly selling out of executive packages for the remaining games this season, so book now to avoid disappointment!

This afternoon's Cabletel kids are: James Dolton, Emma Dolton, Joshua Clark, Adam Clark, Bradley Wilkinson, Russell Clarke, Ricky Harris, Kyle Smith, Peter Smith, Gregory Dorban and Stephanie Dorban.

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ABOVE: Flex Link Systems were our joint match sponsors against Wycombe Wanderers.



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.



## Please support Dreamflight Day

Today at Luton Town is a special day - we have named it Dreamflight Day.

Dreamflight is a special charitable organisation dedicated to take seriously ill children to Florida in America so that they can attend Disney World to give them just that little bit of extra happiness.

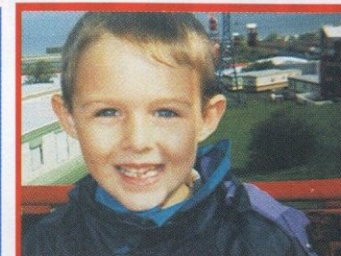
Universal Salvage has helped out for many years and today the USA Executive Boxes are being used by some of these children.

At today's game we will be carrying out a bucket collection and I am sure you will be generous in your contributions.

Thank you once again for giving happiness to these children.



Regards.  
CLIFF  
BASSETT  
- Director.



This afternoon's Commercial Mascot is seven-year-old DAVID TATTUM, who attends Upton County Infants School in Widnes, Cheshire. His favourite Luton Town player is Tony Thorpe.

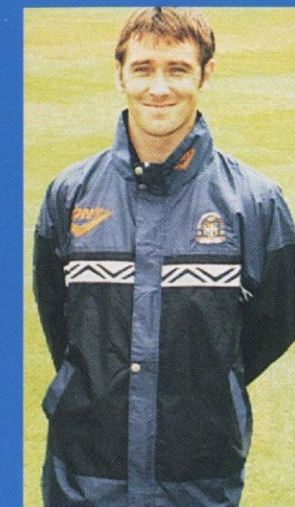
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

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

Dancing to 'Aries'  
Tickets: £35 + VAT. Black tie  
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PLUS win £25,000 in our Premier Instant ticket on sale at half-time.... Money from these tickets helps *YOUR* club, and supports charities for children with special needs

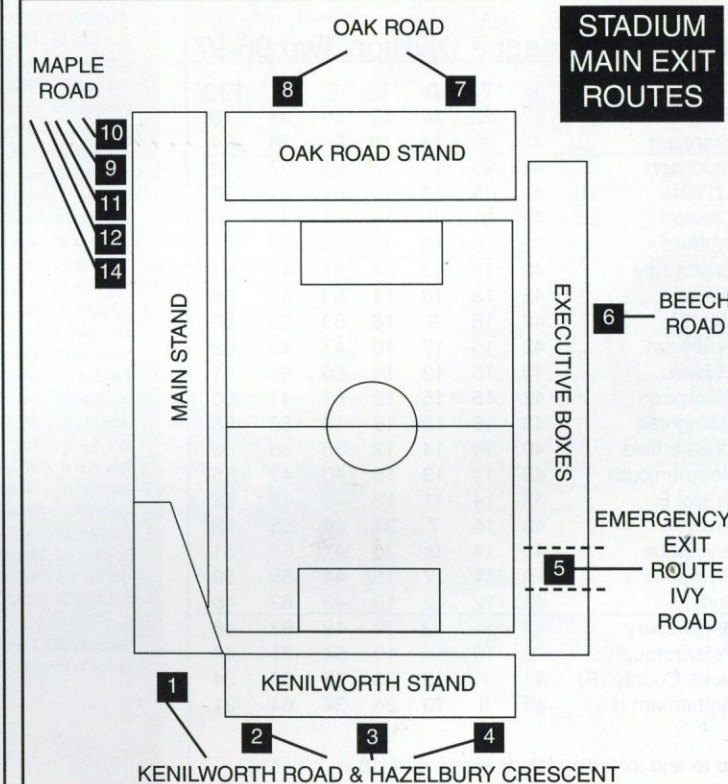
## LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

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

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

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





# TEAM Statistics

## LUTON TOWN 1996/97

PLAYER (figure in bracket  
= sub app.) LEAGUE APPS LEAGUE GOALS CUP APPS CUP GOALS

Ian FEUER	42		11	
Julian JAMES	40	1	11	1
Mitchell THOMAS	38	3	9	
Gary WADDOCK	34 (1)	2	8	
Darren PATTERSON	7 (2)		3 (1)	
Marvin JOHNSON	40		10	1
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	15 (12)	1	6 (4)	
Graham ALEXANDER	40 (1)	2	11 (1)	
David OLDFIELD	28 (6)	6	5 (2)	2
Kim GRANT	8 (16)	2	6 (2)	3
Tony THORPE	36 (2)	27	6 (1)	3
Andrew FOTIADIS	6 (7)	1	(4)	
Des LINTON	3 (4)		4	
Steve DAVIS	40 (1)	8	12	1
Ceri HUGHES	34	4	12	2
Paul SHOWLER	21 (2)	6	7 (2)	
Matthew UPSON	(1)			
Stuart DOUGLAS	2 (7)		1 (1)	
Paul McLAREN	11 (11)		(1)	
Aaron SKELTON	2 (1)		3	
Dwight MARSHALL	9 (12)	3	5 (1)	3
Kelvin DAVIS			1	
Sean EVERS	1		1	
Gavin MCGOWAN	2			
Andy KIWOMYA	3	1		1

Own goal

## Nationwide League Division Two 96/97

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bury	42	22	10	10	59	38	76
Brentford	42	20	14	8	56	38	74
Stockport	41	20	12	9	53	37	72
LUTON	42	19	13	10	67	44	70
Crewe	42	21	5	16	51	43	68
Watford	42	16	18	8	43	29	66
Bristol City	42	18	10	14	61	48	64
Walsall	42	18	10	14	53	47	64
Burnley	43	18	9	16	63	50	63
Wrexham	42	15	17	10	47	45	62
Millwall	43	16	13	14	50	50	61
Blackpool	42	15	15	12	52	41	60
Gillingham	42	16	10	16	52	56	58
Chesterfield	40	14	14	12	36	35	56
Bournemouth	43	14	13	16	40	43	55
Bristol R	43	14	11	18	43	45	53
Preston	43	15	7	21	44	55	52
Wycombe	43	14	9	20	47	53	51
Plymouth	43	11	17	15	44	55	50
York	42	12	12	18	43	62	48
Shrewsbury	43	11	13	19	49	68	46
Peterborough	43	10	14	19	54	71	44
Notts County (R)	43	7	13	23	32	56	34
Rotherham (R)	43	6	13	24	34	64	31

Up to and including Wednesday, April 16.

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

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)		
Sat Oct 12	Shrewsbury Town	3-0	3,357	8	Feuer	(James)	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Thorpe)	GRANT	SHOWLER	(Guentchev)	(McLaren)	(Douglas)
Tue Oct 15	Stockport County	1-1	5,352	9	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Thorpe)	Grant	Showler	Guentchev	McLaren	(Oldfield)
Sat Oct 19	PETERBOROUGH UTD	3-0	5,964	7	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Thorpe)	SHOWLER 2	(Guentchev)(McLaren)	(Fotiadis)	
Tue Oct 22	Wimbledon CCC3	1-1	5,043	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	Showler	Guentchev	McLaren	Skelton
Sat Oct 26	BOURNEMOUTH	2-0	5,635	5	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	Skelton	Johnson	Hughes	(Alexander)	(Oldfield)	THORPE 2 (Showler)	(Guentchev)(McLaren)	(Douglas)		
Tue Oct 29	Watford	1-1	14,109	6	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	Thorpe	SHOWLER	Guentchev	McLaren	(Douglas)
Sat Nov 2	Plymouth Argyle	3-3	7,134	8	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Douglas)	THORPE 3 (Showler)	(Guentchev)	McLaren	(Grant)	
Sat Nov 9	NOTTS COUNTY	2-0	5,664	5	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	Grant	(THORPE)	Guentchev	Marshall	McLaren	(Douglas)
Tue Nov 12	WIMBLEDON CCC3R	1-2	8,076	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Grant)	(Thorpe)	(Showler)	(Guentchev)(McLaren)	(Douglas)	
Sat Nov 16	Torquay Utd FAC1	1-0	3,450	-	Feuer	James	Skelton	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	(Douglas)	Guentchev	Showler	Patterson	McLaren	(Marshall)
Tue Nov 19	Preston North End	2-3	7,004	7	Feuer	James	Thomas	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS 2	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Douglas)	(Guentchev)	Showler	(Skelton)	(McLaren)	(Marshall)
Sat Nov 23	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-1	5,315	4	Feuer	James	Thomas	McLaren	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Showler)	THORPE(MARSHALL)	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	Skelton	
Sat Nov 30	Bournemouth	2-3	4,322	6	Feuer	JAMES	Thomas	(Skelton)	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Showler)	Thorpe	MARSHALL	Guentchev	(Grant)	(Linton)
Tue Dec 3	YORK CITY	2-0	4,401	4	Feuer	James	Thomas	McLaren	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Showler	THORPE(MARSHALL)	Guentchev	(Grant)	Linton	
Sat Dec 7	BOREHAM WOOD FAC2	2-1	5,332	-	Feuer	James	(Skelton)	Waddock	S.Davis	Patterson	Hughes	(Alexander)	Showler	Thorpe	MARSHALL 2	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	McLaren
Tue Dec 10	LEYTON ORIENT AWS1	2-1	1,594	-	K.Davis	(James)	Skelton	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	Patterson	Hughes	Linton	Guentchev	GRANT	(Marshall)	(Oldfield)	(Showler)	(Alexander)
Sat Dec 14	CREWE ALEXANDRA	6-0	5,455	3	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	ALEX'DERSHOWLER(THORPE 3)	(Marshall)	(OLDFIELD)	(Grant)	Linton		
Wed Dec 18	Millwall	1-0	7,077	1	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	Guentchev	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Oldfield)	Grant	McLaren
Thu Dec 26	Gillingham	2-1	8,598	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Guentchev	THORPE 2 (Marshall)	Grant	(Oldfield)	McLaren	
Sat Jan 18	WREXHAM	0-0	5,734	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	(McLaren)	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Showler)	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Guentchev)	(Linton)	(Oldfield)
Tue Jan 21	BOLTON WANDERERS FA3	1-1	7,414	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Linton	S.Davis	JOHNSON	Hughes	Alexander	Showler	Thorpe	(Marshall)	Guentchev	(Grant)	Skelton
Sat Jan 25	Bolton Wanderers FA3R	2-6	9,713	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Linton	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Showler)	THORPE(MARSHALL)	Patterson	(Guentchev)	(Fotiadis)	
Mon Jan 27	WATFORD	0-0	7,428	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	Linton	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Showler	Thorpe	(Marshall)	Grant	(Oldfield)	Patterson
Sat Feb 1	Notts County	2-1	5,025	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	(Linton)	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	ALEXANDER	Oldfield	(Thorpe)	Guentchev	Patterson	(Grant)	(Marshall)
Tue Feb 4	Northampton AWS2	0-1	4,201	-	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Evers	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Grant	(Marshall)	(Guentchev)	(Oldfield)	(Fotiadis)	Willmott
Sat Feb 8	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	2-2	6,439	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	(Evers)	S.Davis	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander	Oldfield	THORPE 2 (Marshall)	Patterson	(Fotiadis)	(Linton)	
Sat Feb 15	Bristol Rovers	2-3	5,612	2	Feuer	James	(Thomas)	McLaren	S.Davis	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander	(Oldfield)	THORPE	(Linton)	(WADDOCK)	(Fotiadis)	(Marshall)
Sat Feb 22	PRESTON NORTH END	5-1	6,454	2	Feuer	James	THOMAS	WADDOCK	S.Davis	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	(OLDFIELD 3)(Thorpe)	Showler	(Marshall)	(Grant)	(McLaren)	
Sat Mar 1	York City	1-1	3,788	2	Feuer	James	(Thomas)	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	Thorpe	Showler	(McLaren)	Grant	(Marshall)
Tue Mar 4	Chesterfield	1-1	3,731	2	Feuer	James	Patterson	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	THORPE	Showler	Linton	(Grant)	Marshall
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	2-0	15,490	2	Feuer	(McGowan)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	Oldfield	THORPE 2 (Kiwomya)	(Guentchev)	Grant	(Marshall)	
Tue Apr 1	BRISTOL CITY	2-2	7,105	3	Feuer	(McGowan)	Thomas	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	THORPE (Guentchev)	(McLaren)	(Grant)	(Marshall)	
Sat Apr 5	Rotherham United	3-0	2,609	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	(Johnson)	Hughes	Alexander	Oldfield	(THORPE 3)	(McLaren)	(Patterson)	(Grant)	(Marshall)
Tue Apr 8	WYCOMBE W	0-0	7,626	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	(Oldfield)	Thorpe	(McLaren)	Patterson	(Grant)	(Marshall)
Sat Apr 12	Walsall	2-3	5,415	3	Feuer	James	Thomas	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	(Johnson)	McLaren	Alexander	(Oldfield)	Thorpe	KIWOMYA	(Patterson)(Guentchev)	(Fotiadis)	
Tue Apr 15	Blackpool	0-0	4,382	4	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Fotiadis	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Kiwomya)	Patterson	Guentchev	(Marshall)
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.



Today's referee is

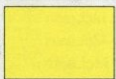
**CHRIS FOY**  
from Merseyside.

Mr Foy, a policeman, is a former Premier League linesman, who is making his first visit to Kenilworth Road as a Football League referee.

R.A. Smith



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## WEEKEND MATCHES IN DIVISION TWO

Playing today:

Brentford v Crewe Alexandra  
Burnley v Rotherham  
Bury v Peterborough  
Chesterfield v Millwall  
Gillingham v Blackpool  
Plymouth v Walsall  
Preston NE v Stockport  
Wrexham v Watford  
Wycombe v Bournemouth  
York v Bristol City

Playing tomorrow:

Bristol Rovers v Notts C

## LUTON TOWN

Manager: Lennie Lawrence

## SHREWSBURY

Manager: Fred Davies

Ian FEUER	1	Paul EDWARDS
Julian JAMES	2	Nathan BLAMEY
Mitchell THOMAS	3	Lee TAYLOR
Gary WADDOCK	4	Dave WALTON
Steve DAVIS	5	Mark DEMPSEY
Marvin JOHNSON	6	Mark TAYLOR
Paul McLAREN	7	Kevin SEABURY
Andrew FOTIADIS	8	Paul EVANS
David OLDFIELD	9	Ian STEVENS
Tony THORPE	10	Dean SPINK
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