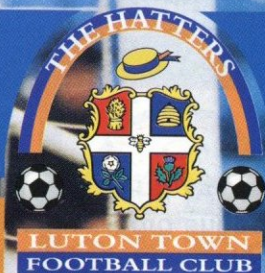
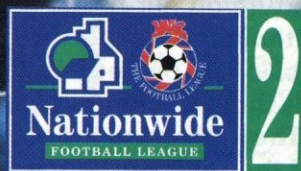


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From the manager's chair

TODAY'S last fixture of the league programme will unfortunately, from our point of view, be something of an anticlimax as we were all hoping that automatic promotion would depend on the outcome of this fixture.

But Stockport's thoroughly professional performance against Chesterfield on Monday night removed any significance from this fixture on our part, although Stockport will obviously be keen to take all three points on offer.

They still have a chance of the Division Two championship, and are level on points with Bury, although they start today two goals behind.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Stockport County, their manager Dave Jones, their players, staff and supporters, for the magnificent season they have enjoyed.

We have played 58 games in all competitions this season and we think we have had a hard campaign.

Yet Stockport have played 66 games, and have still managed to win their last three on the trot to clinch their automatic promotion slot.

As far as we are



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

concerned we will finish third no matter what the result of the game today.

Although I think in some respects we were deserving of automatic promotion, we would have to say that Bury's unbeaten home record coupled with their tremendously disciplined approach to the game, and Stockport's quality and strength in depth, have seen us eased out of the frame.

We have not been quite as tough and resilient as Bury, and although we can match the quality of today's opponents Stockport, we cannot match the strength in depth of their squad.

However, we are keen to finish the league season on a winning note to take

us into the play-offs, and once the season kicks-off in August it won't matter a jot how you achieved promotion just which division you are playing in.

We now find our season extended, hopefully by three weeks.

But at least the games are now spaced out somewhat, which should help us go into the semi-final tie rested both mentally and physically.

Various players have injuries ranging from the minor to the serious, and as a result of that there will be two or three changes to our normal line-up today.

But this in turn presents others with an opportunity to stake a claim for a place in the play-off games.

In closing, I would like to thank everybody for their recent support.

At home the atmosphere generated by you the fans has been very good in the final matches of the season.

Hopefully that will continue for our home tie in the play-off semi-final.

The away support too has been marvellous, notably at Peterborough last week when nearly 4,000 of you made the trip to London Road.

We felt more like the home team.



I trust we can count on the same support next Sunday, wherever the venue may be. At the time of writing it could be Brentford, Bristol City, Crewe or Blackpool!

Get behind the team, and let's see the league

season out on a high note.

Finally, a thank you to those who attended last weekend's Supporters' Club function, at which Tony Thorpe was a Deserved Player of the Year.

ABOVE: Over 3,500 supporters followed the Hatters to Peterborough last Saturday, to see the team win 1-0. Match action on pages 16 and 17.

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Blackpool and Crewe chase fourth play-off place

FOLLOWING the midweek matches both automatic promotion places have been filled, along with three of the four play-off places, writes Simon Oxley.

Stockport's win at Chesterfield on Monday saw them secure automatic promotion to the First Division, as Brett Angell's fifth minute goal gave them a 1-0 win at Saltergate.

Bury had secured promotion with last Saturday's draw at Watford.

Bury and Stockport are level on 81 points going into today's matches, with Bury having scored just two more goals.

The Shakers entertain Millwall today, whilst Stockport are of course our visitors to Kenilworth Road.

In the play-off zone, Luton, Brentford and Bristol City are confirmed as three of the four participants in the end-of-season matches.

Bristol City confirmed their place with Wednesday night's 2-0 win over Chesterfield at Ashton Gate.

Shaun Goater and Darren Barnard scored in the first-half for John Ward's side. The defeat also ended Chesterfield's hopes of a play-off place.

Walsall's hopes were ended by Tuesday's 2-0 defeat at Gillingham, where Iffy Onuora opened the scoring



ANDREW Fotiadis in action for the Hatters in the 0-0 draw against current table-toppers Bury. There's more action from this game on pages 44 and 45.

with his 24th goal of the season, so going into the last day of the season. See page 54 for the current Division Two table.

The odds are very much in Crewe's favour, as, three points in front, they require just a draw from today's trip to already relegated York. Blackpool travel to Wrexham, but should they win and Crewe lose the Seasiders have a better goals scored record.

Luton are guaranteed to finish third, but the remaining three clubs, whoever they might be, could finish in any order. Confused? Well it could have been much more complicated

Hatters defender Darren Patterson was on international duty for Northern Ireland in Armenia on Wednesday, but didn't figure in the starting eleven as the Irish drew 0-0.

Striker Kim Grant was with the Ghana squad last Sunday for their 3-0 World Cup qualifying victory over the Gabon.

FRONT COVER: Andrew Fotiadis has just put Luton Town 1-0 in front at Peterborough, at London Road last Saturday. There's more action from this game on pages 16 and 17. (Picture: ANDY HANDLEY).

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**LEFT: Steve Davis in action during
the 2-0 home win against
Shrewsbury. There's more action
from this match on page 27 of
today's programme.**

I HAD hoped that these would be the final programme notes of the season, but of course we now face the play-offs with a two-legged semi-final followed, hopefully, by a final at Wembley.

The Wembley final is certainly a great occasion, and I have happy memories of the play-offs having gained promotion at Wembley with Burnley in 1994.

Ideally we would of course prefer to be in Stockport's shoes, having already gained automatic promotion. But there is no point looking back, we have to concentrate all our efforts now on gaining promotion through the play-offs.

This afternoon's game is an important part of the build up, and we are anxious to finish the league programme on a high note with all three points.

The game at Stockport was a close one, with the two sides looking evenly matched, and the feeling in the

changing room then, back in October, was that we had just played one of the leading contenders for promotion.

All credit to today's visitors for sustaining that challenge, despite many cup commitments, and we hope to be playing them again next season.

Our last home game was of course against the other side automatically promoted - Bury - and we were somewhat frustrated to be held 0-0.

Last Saturday at Peterborough we produced a battling display in difficult conditions, and will need similar commitment in the games to come.

Both against Bury and at Peterborough, the players were greatly helped by the fantastic levels of support from the crowd. Thanks for your contribution.

Last Sunday we all attended the Supporters' Club presentation night, and it was no surprise to see Tony Thorpe take the honours.

He has enjoyed a great season with over 30 goals to his credit, and I must say I'm quite pleased to be leading the race for second place in the goals chart.

But at this stage of the season it doesn't matter who scores them, just so long as we can get promotion back to Division One.

CHAMPIONS!

**Hatters' youth team claim SE Counties
Division Two title - see pages 38 & 39.**
**The team will be presented with their
trophy before today's game, at 2.40pm.**

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WE have a number of presentations on the pitch before this afternoon's match.

One of our stewards, Jo Jobanovic, is retiring after many years of service at Kenilworth Road.

Margaret Lathwell is retiring as St John's Ambulance co-ordinator, and we thank her for all her hard work here.

The Luton Town youth team will be presented with their trophy and medals for winning Division Two of the South East Counties League.

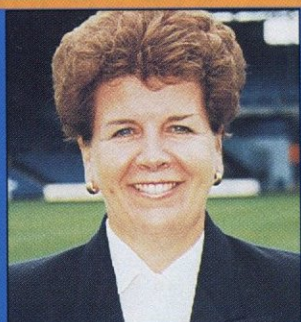
The presentation will be made by Mr Alan Leather, the Chief Executive of the South East Counties League.

Lastly, Tony Thorpe will be presented with his trophy as the Luton Town Supporters' Club Player of the Season, by the Supporters' Club's chairperson Yvonne Fletcher.

A reminder that we have two reserve league games to play.

The reserves 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.

From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

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

The final of the Beds Premier Cup has now been arranged, and will be played over just one leg against Leighton Town.

The match will be at their ground, Bell Close, on Monday, May 12, kick-off 7.30pm.

Opponents have now been finalised for our Eastern Junior Cup semi-final..... and we will be at home to Ipswich.

At the time of writing no date had been fixed for this game.

Please see the page opposite for details of the Play-Off ticket arrangements, whilst

Season Ticket details for next season can be found on pages 10 and 11.

There are prices for both Division One and Division Two on these pages.

Look out for our PA announcer touring the ground looking for Hatter Day participants. Remember there will be prizes for the best hats on display this afternoon.

Finally, as it is impossible to see everyone individually, on behalf of Luton Town Football Club thank you to everyone for all their hard work throughout the season.

TOWN TEASER

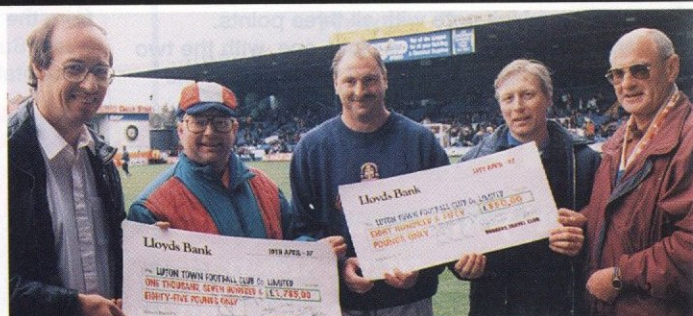
Who scored for the Hatters in this season's game at Stockport, played at Edgeley Park in October? Listen out for the PA announcer asking this question this afternoon.

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ABOVE: Members of the Bobbers Travel Club present physio Clive Goodyear with two cheques, totalling £2,635, for medical and physiotherapy equipment, prior to the Shrewsbury home game.

TICKET DETAILS FOR END-OF-SEASON PLAY-OFFS

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO PLAY-OFFS

Sunday, May 11, and Wednesday, May 14

THE HOME TIE WILL BE PLAYED ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1997 KICK-OFF 7.45PM.

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Tickets will go on sale on **Sunday, May 4, 1997** from 10am, to both **Season Ticket Holders and Members.** **Season Ticket Holders** must produce Cup Voucher E. **Members** must produce the relevant Membership Card to purchase tickets. (We regret that no exceptions can be made).

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS' seats will be reserved for them to claim up until Thursday, May 8, 1997, at 8pm, on production of cup voucher E. Postal applications from Season Ticket Holders will be accepted provided they are postmarked no later than Tuesday, May 6, 1997.

MEMBERS' will be able to purchase ONE ticket each (subject to availability) on production of their membership card. Postal applications received from Members cannot be guaranteed tickets.

THE AWAY TIE WILL BE PLAYED ON SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1997.

Whilst at the time of going to print our opponents are not known, in order to assist supporters we will take orders for the away match from Sunday, May 4, at 10am.

No telephone bookings will be taken. Personal or postal applications only. (Postal applications cannot be guaranteed tickets).

Season Ticket Holders will be able to order ONE ticket each (subject to availability) on production of Cup Voucher F, as from Sunday, May 4, until Thursday, May 8 at 8pm.

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Monday, May 12 - 10am to 4pm. Tuesday, May 13 - 10am to 4pm.
Wednesday, May 14 - 10am to kick-off.

In the event that the tickets are all sold, the ticket office will be open normal office hours, Monday to Friday, from 10am to 4pm.

See pages
10 & 11 for
season ticket
details for next
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Prices for the
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Block G

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Juniors/Concessions	£5.50	£6.00	£107	£120	£126

Main Stand Enclosure C-G

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Match
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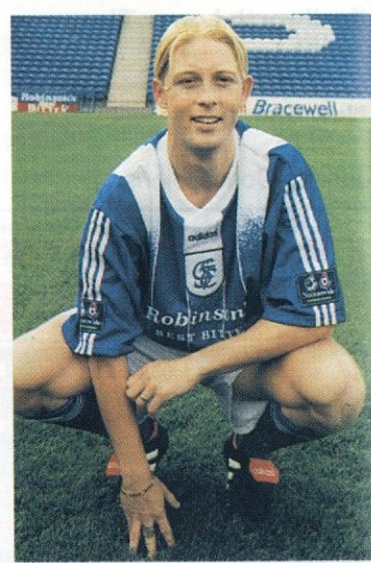
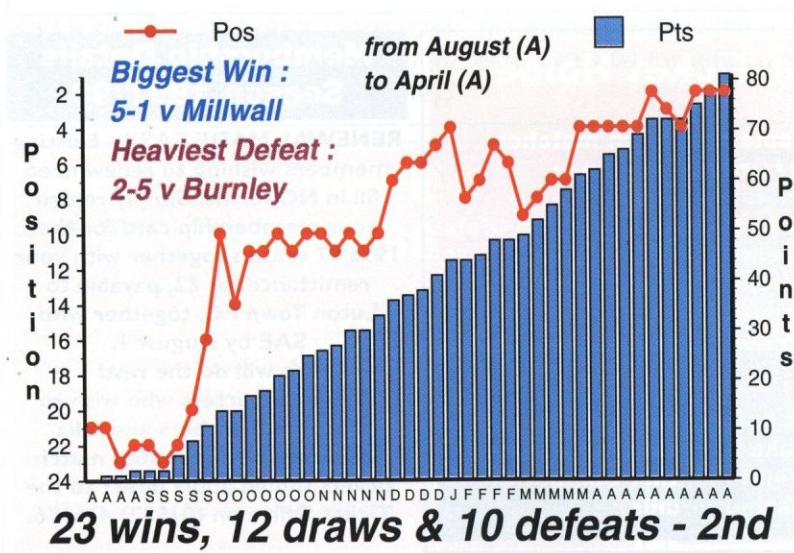
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 Middle row: l to r: Rodger Wyld (physio), Jeff Eckhardt, Paul Jones, Lee Jones, Damon Searle, Tom Bennett, John Jeffers, Sean Connelly, Joe Jakub (youth development manager).
 Front row: Andy Mutch, Keiron Durkan, Chris Marsden, Dave Jones (Manager), Mike Flynn, Paul Ware, Lee Todd.



ABOVE: Alun Armstrong
 LEFT: Stockport's league form this term



BRETT ANGELL - Centre-forward now in his second spell at Stockport, having originally joined the club in 1988. Moved to Southend, and in January 1994 made a £500,000 move to Everton. Failed to settle at Goodison, and a £600,000 move to Sunderland followed. After loan spells at Sheffield United and West Brom he joined County on loan in August. The move was made permanent with a £120,000 fee.

ALUN ARMSTRONG - Angell's strike partner for much of the season. Former Newcastle trainee who joined Stockport for £50,000, and at 21 is one of the most highly-rated young players in the division.

ANDY MUTCH - Experienced striker who netted the winner in the Coca-Cola Cup win at Southampton. Came to prominence at Wolves, partnering Steve Bull up front as the Wanderers climbed through the divisions. Former England B international who joined County last March.

RICHARD LANDON - Signed from Plymouth for £50,000 in July 1995, but injury problems plagued him for much of last season.

CHRIS MARSDEN - Midfielder signed from Notts County for £70,000 in January 1996. Previously with Sheffield United, Huddersfield, Coventry and Wolves.

TOM BENNETT - Midfielder signed from Wolves in August 1995, but suffered a serious ankle injury the following January. Has been a key figure this term.

TONY DINNING - Former Newcastle junior, who joined County in 1994.

KEIRON DURKAN - Joined County from Wrexham in March 1996 for £100,000, after several seasons at the Racecourse Ground. Eire Under-21 international who is a regular on the right for Stockport.

PAUL JONES - Goalkeeper signed from Wolves in the summer. Joined the Molineux side in 1991 after spells with non-league Bridgenorth and Kidderminster.

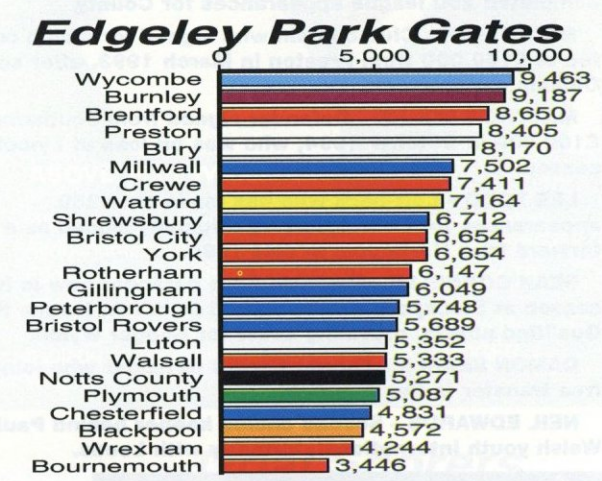
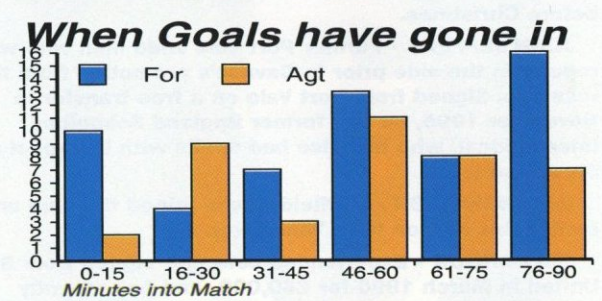
KEN CHARLERY - Much travelled striker who joined Stockport on deadline day from Peterborough - thus ending his third spell at London Road.

Formerly with Maidstone, Watford, Southend (loan) and Birmingham.

GORDON COWANS - Vastly experienced former England international midfielder, now 38, formerly with Aston Villa (twice), Blackburn, Derby, Wolves and Sheffield United. Also played in Italy's Serie A for Bari.

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MIKE Flynn



TOM Bennett

LUIS CAVACO - Spotted during a pre-season tour to Portugal, and after a trial this skilful left winger was duly signed from Estoril. Suffered a broken leg in the recent game against Watford ruling him out for the rest of the season.

PAUL WARE - Former Stoke player who was involved in their Second Division title win in 1992/93.

KIKO CHARANA - Another player to arrive on trial from Portugal, making his debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield before Christmas.

JOHN JEFFERS - Former Port Vale wide man who was a regular in the side prior to Cavaco's promotion from the reserves. Signed from Port Vale on a free transfer in November 1995, he is a former England Schoolboy international, who has also had spells with Liverpool and Shrewsbury.

MATTHEW NASH - Midfielder who joined the club on trial earlier this season from Vancouver.

JIM GANNON - Experienced defender signed from Sheffield United in March 1990 for £40,000, and has recently completed 250 league appearances for County.

MIKE FLYNN - Club captain who signed for a club record fee of £150,000 from Preston in March 1993, after spells at Oldham and Norwich.

MATTHEW BOUND - Defender signed from Southampton for £100,000 in October 1994, who was on loan at Lincoln last season.

LEE TODD - Left-back who has made over 250 appearances for County, having originally signed as a forward from Hartlepool in July 1990.

SEAN CONNELLY - Sheffield-born defender now in his fifth season at Stockport, having signed from non-league Hallam. Qualified physio, providing cover for Rodger Wylde.

DAMON SEARLE - Former Cardiff defender who joined on a free transfer in the summer.

NEIL EDWARDS - Second choice keeper behind Paul Jones. Welsh youth international, formerly with Leeds.



LEFT: Stockport keeper Paul Jones punches the ball clear from a corner, during October's 1-1 draw between the sides.

MEET THE MANAGER

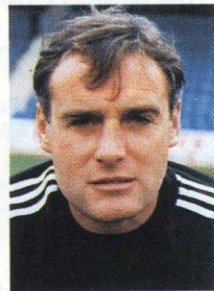
DAVE JONES has this season guided Stockport to the semi-finals of the Coca-Cola Cup, and has now gained promotion to the first division.

The former Everton defender took over from Danny Bergera in March 1995, after a long and distinguished playing career which was ended by injury in a game at Coventry.

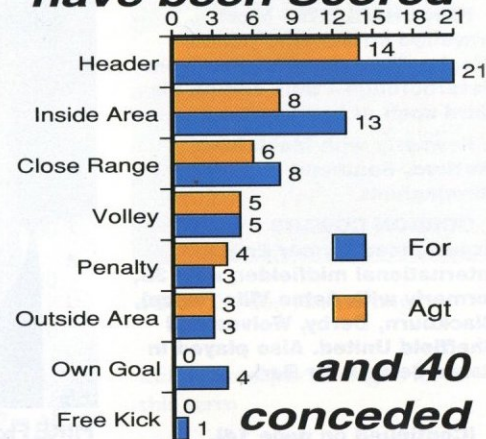
It has already been a memorable season for County in reaching the last four of the League Cup competition, having ironically started their run by defeating FA Cup giantkillers Chesterfield. They then beat Sheffield United over two legs, before claiming the Premiership scalps of Blackburn, West Ham and Southampton.

In the semi-final against Middlesbrough, they lost the first leg 2-0 at Edgeley Park, but caused a fair amount of anxiety on Teeside in the return, winning 1-0.

They also reached the Northern Area Final of the Auto Windscreens Shield, but have overcome the subsequent fixture congestion to maintain a challenge for an automatic promotion place. Jones (right) is assisted by JOHN SAINTY who has been at Stockport since 1989. He too also had managerial experience at Chester, and was assistant manager to John Bond at Manchester City.



How 58 Goals have been Scored



A Hatter and a Hatter.....

MAURICE (Matt) WOODS was born in Skelmersdale in November 1931 and after signing amateur forms at Everton became a full-time professional at Goodison in 1949.

Unfortunately he had difficulty breaking in to the Everton side, and after only eight league appearances in seven years he was allowed to move to Blackburn in exchange for £8,000 where his career took off in spectacular fashion.

In seven years at Ewood Park he made 260 league appearances and starred as Rovers were promoted to Division One, and failed to win the 1960 FA Cup Final against Wolves with 10 men.

After leaving Blackburn in 1963 he enjoyed two years playing in Australia before being enticed to Kenilworth Road by manager George Martin, just as the Town had been relegated to Division Four for the first time.

Matt Woods was the commanding figure in the heart of the Luton defence during a 1965/66 season that saw the Town narrowly fail to win promotion back to Division Three.

They failed in controversial circumstances with Woods joining in with several other members of the squad complaining over proposed promotion bonuses (or lack of them), and being dropped from the side in the final game of the campaign which was only drawn.

Woods was given a free transfer that summer and joined Stockport, where he starred in a County team that won the Fourth Division championship in 1966/67.

He retired from the playing side at the age of 37

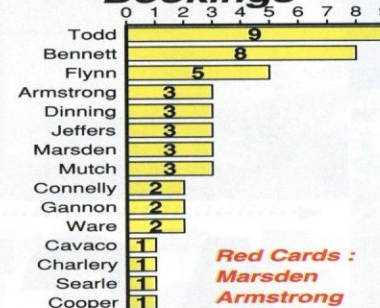


ABOVE: Matt Woods

following a knee injury and went into management at Altrincham, from where he joined the coaching staff at Edgeley Park and then took over the hot seat for 18 months.

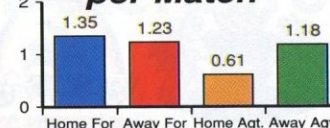
After finishing with the game, Matt Woods ran his own haulage company in the Stockport area. - ROGER WASH.

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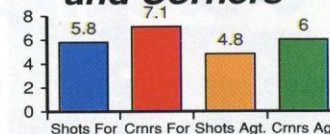


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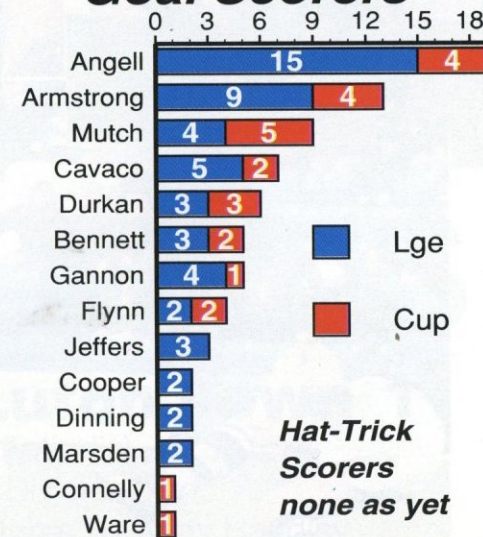
Average Goals per Match



Average Shots and Corners



Goal Scorers





Tony Thorpe tackles his former Luton team-mate Des Linton, now with Peterborough.

Centre-half Steve Davis joins the Luton attack at this first-half corner.

Andrew Fotiadis beats Posh keeper Bart Griemink to the ball, and (inset) puts the Hatters 1-0 in front, nine minutes after half-time.

That must be a fowl ref! It was one way to shelter from the rain at London Road last Saturday.



ACTION STATIONS

Peterborough Utd 0 Luton Town 1

(Fotiadis)

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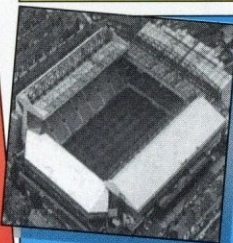
? QUICK QUIZ ?

- Who were the GM Vauxhall Conference Champions last season?
- Who scored for Scotland on the night of his 50th cap last season?
- Who were Northern Ireland's first opponents in the 1998 World Cup Qualifiers?
- Where do Grimsby Town play their home games?
- With which Italian club is Dino Zoff now associated?
- Which Premiership club proposed a move to Dublin last season?

IN WHICH YEAR DID...?

Everton win the League, Newcastle United win the FA Cup, Motherwell win the Scottish League and Rangers the Scottish Cup, Wigan Borough resign after only playing six league games and 23 year old Celtic goalkeeper, John Thompson tragically die 5 hours after suffering a fractured skull?

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SPOT THE GROUND?

In one corner, a white flagpole was erected which once belonged to the Great Eastern (one of the first iron ships). It was the venue for the very first Match of the Day on BBC2.

The most famous stand is on the Walton Breck Road and was named after a battle in the Boer War. It was used as a venue for the European Championship Quarter Finals.

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by Norman Hood

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TRUE OR FALSE: 1. True; 2. True; 3. False; 4. False; 5. True; 6. True.
IN WHICH YEAR: 1932.
SPOT THE GROUND: Anfield, Liverpool.

WHOSE TROPHY CABINET?

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1901/02, 1912/13,
1935/36, 1995/96

Division 2 Championship:

1975/76

Division 3 Championship:

1987/88



Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is 11-year-old **PAULA FAZEKAS**, who attends South Luton High School. Her hobbies include cheerleading, football and netball, and her favourite Luton Town player is Ian Feuer.

JUNIOR HATTERS WIN HOSPITALITY AWARD!
Shrewsbury Town have awarded our Junior Hatter section their annual award for the Most Hospitable Club they have visited during season 1997/98.

JUNIOR HATTERS NEWS

Book now for our Junior Hatters disco!

THE Junior Hatters end-of-season disco takes place on Thursday, May 8, from 7 to 9pm, at the Four Horseshoes Function Room in Park Street. The cost per ticket is £3.

The disco gives you the chance to meet Luton Town's first team players and manager; there will be games and refreshments; and the opportunity to win a prize in our lucky ticket draw.

All Junior Hatters will have received a ticket application form for the disco in this month's newsletter, and please book at the ticket office to avoid disappointment.

At the disco we will be presenting the Junior Hatters Player of the Season award, and don't forget to return your votes to the ticket office by Tuesday, May 6.

The names of all Junior Hatters who attend the disco will be put in a draw and the name pulled out will present the trophy to the winning player! So get those votes in!

Thanks to everyone who came with us to Peterborough last Saturday. We took a coach full of youngsters to the London Road ground.

This afternoon is the final Saturday Club of the season, we are entertaining the Stockport juniors, and thanks to everyone who has attended over the past nine months. As you can see from the box below left, we have been voted the most hospitable club in the division by Shrewsbury Town's junior section.

Renewals of Junior Hatters membership for next season will be £6. New membership of the Junior Hatters will cost £10. (Both of these figures include Junior Membership). Look out for details which will be posted shortly.



ABOVE: Our mascots for the game against Bury are pictured with the team captains and match officials prior to kick-off.



LEFT: Marvin Johnson is pictured with our three mascots for the home game against Shrewsbury.

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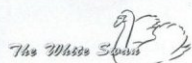
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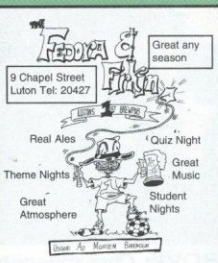
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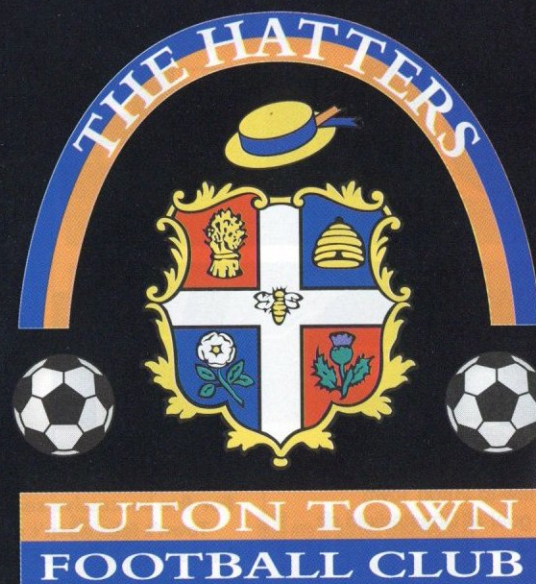
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'Over the Bar' Part Two is on page 52.....

FROM ESCAPES TO VICTORY?

**Luton's
last-gasp
dramas**

END-of-season dramas are nothing new to Luton Town supporters, and but for Brett Angell's goal at Chesterfield on Monday we would all be about to witness another last day nail-biter.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s it became something of a tradition for the Town's fate to be undecided until the final day of the campaign - but unlike this season's bid for promotion the five years from 1989 to 1993 saw the Hatters battling for survival.

Three players played in all five of those 'deciders', goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain - now with Watford; John Dreyer - now at Bradford; and David Preece - now with Cambridge.

Of the current Town team currently aiming to go up, Julian James played in 1990, 1992 and 1993, and was a substitute in 1991.

Perhaps the most famous 'Houdini' act of all had come in 1983, when Raddy Antic's late goal gave Luton a 1-0 win at Manchester City - prompting David Pleat's jig on the Maine Road pitch, TV footage of which is still shown to this day.

But the five-year run started in 1989 when Luton faced Norwich at Kenilworth Road on the last day, needing a win to be certain of staying in the top flight.

Danny Wilson's penalty secured a 1-0 win, to round off an eventful season for Ray Harford's side who had reached the final of the Littlewoods Cup at Wembley.

Team: Chamberlain, Breacker, Dreyer, Preece, Foster, Beaumont, Wilson, Wegerle, Harford, Hill, Black.

In 1990 the prospects for staying up looked bleak, but Jim Ryan's Luton beat Arsenal and Crystal Palace, and headed for Derby on the final day of the season needing to win, and hoping that Sheffield Wednesday lost at home to Nottingham Forest.

Forest duly obliged, winning 3-0, whilst the Town won a memorable game at the Baseball Ground 3-2. Tim Breacker opened the scoring after just two minutes, with Kingsley Black netting the other two.

Team: Chamberlain, Breacker, McDonough, Beaumont, James, Dreyer, Wilson, Rees, Dowie, Preece, Black.

In 1991, Luton faced Derby again, this time at Kenilworth Road, and won 2-0 with relegation rivals Sunderland losing at Manchester City.

A Mick Harford own goal put Luton in front, with the

For five successive seasons from 1989 to 1993, Luton Town's fate wasn't decided until the final match. But as SIMON OXLEY reflects, this season's potential promotion cliffhanger would have been somewhat of a break in tradition.

season's leading scorer Lars Elstrup sealing the game with a header just after half-time.

Team: Chamberlain, Beaumont, Harvey, Rees, McDonough, Dreyer, Elstrup, Preece, Farrell, Pembroke, Black.

In 1992 the luck ran out, and David Pleat's team were relegated from the top division with a last day defeat at already doomed Notts County.

This time, Coventry were their rivals in the bid to beat the drop, and although the Sky Blues lost at Aston Villa, Luton couldn't hold on to the lead given them by Julian James' first-half goal at Meadow Lane.

Rob Matthews, later to play for the Town, scored both goals for County.

Team: Chamberlain, James, Salton, Kamara, Dreyer, Peake, Oakes, Stein, Harford, Pembroke, Preece.

In 1993 Luton were battling to avoid relegation from the 'new' Division One, and went into the last game at Southend still in danger.

To complicate matters, Barry Fry's Southend needed to win to stay up. The Shrimpers, inspired by Stan Collymore, won 2-1 - Luton's scorer being Kerry Dixon - but the visitors also remained in Division One as Cambridge lost at West Ham.

Team: Chamberlain, Dreyer, James, Johnson, Hughes, Peake, Telfer, Kamara, Dixon, Gray, Preece.

Since then, the final days of the season have been calmer affairs. In 1994 we travelled to the Victoria Ground, Stoke, and drew 2-2 having secured safety the previous Tuesday with a home win over West Brom.

In 1995 Stoke were again our opponents, this time at Kenilworth Road, and won 3-2. The Hatters were mid-table, having threatened a play-off bid mid-season.

Last year the final match of the season saw Luton head north to Oldham, already relegated from Division One, where we lost 1-0.

So what of 1997. The final day of this league campaign promised as much excitement as the Baseball Ground in 1990 - thanks again Brett! - but if the season doesn't end until May 25 it could be just as memorable.



JULIAN James - now bidding for promotion, after playing his part in relegation deciders.



TREVOR Peake - a renowned escape expert with Coventry, who played for the Town in the 1992 and 1993 deciders.

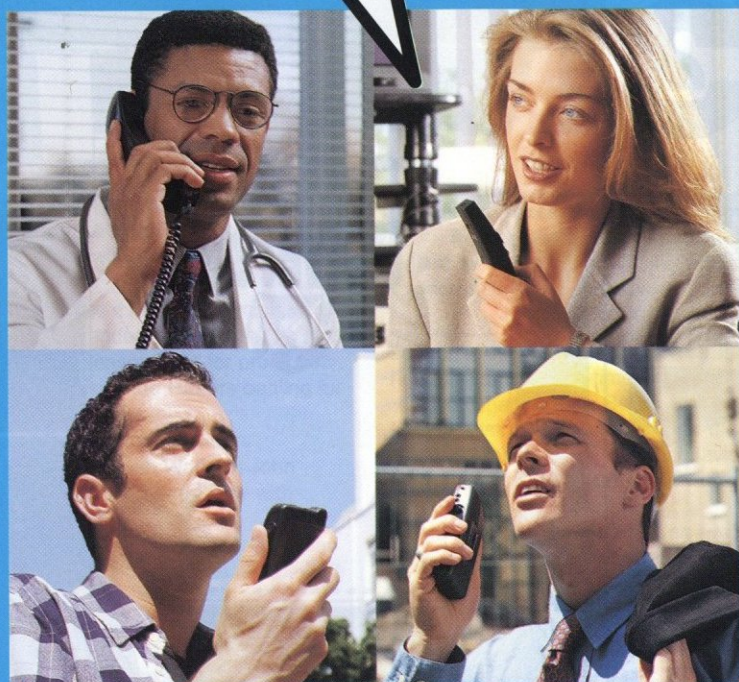
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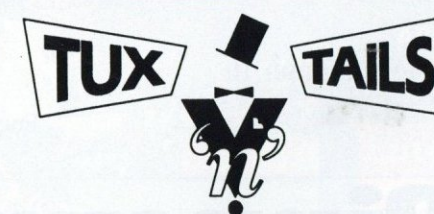
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ACTION EXTRA Luton v Shrewsbury



LEFT: Town striker Andrew Fotiadis is sandwiched between two Shrewsbury defenders during our 2-0 win on April 19.



ABOVE: Tony Thorpe has just put Luton 1-0 in front from the penalty spot. BELOW: David Oldfield blocks a Shrewsbury clearance.



ABOVE: Congratulations for Dwight Marshall after putting the Hatters 2-0 in front.



Luton Town 2
(Thorpe pen, Marshall)

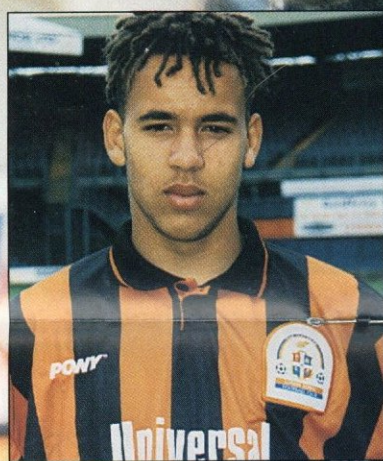
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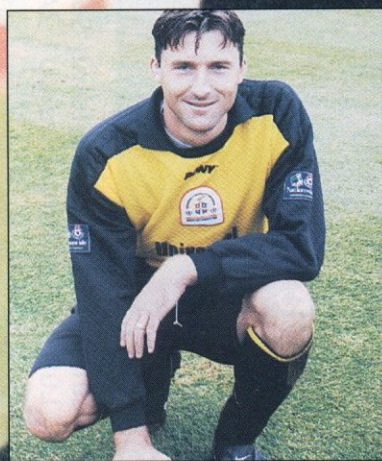
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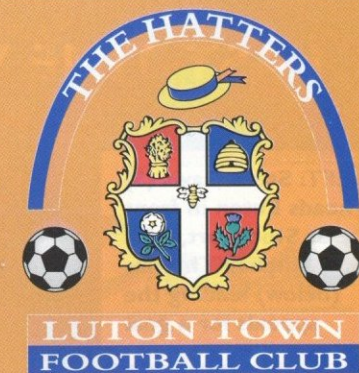
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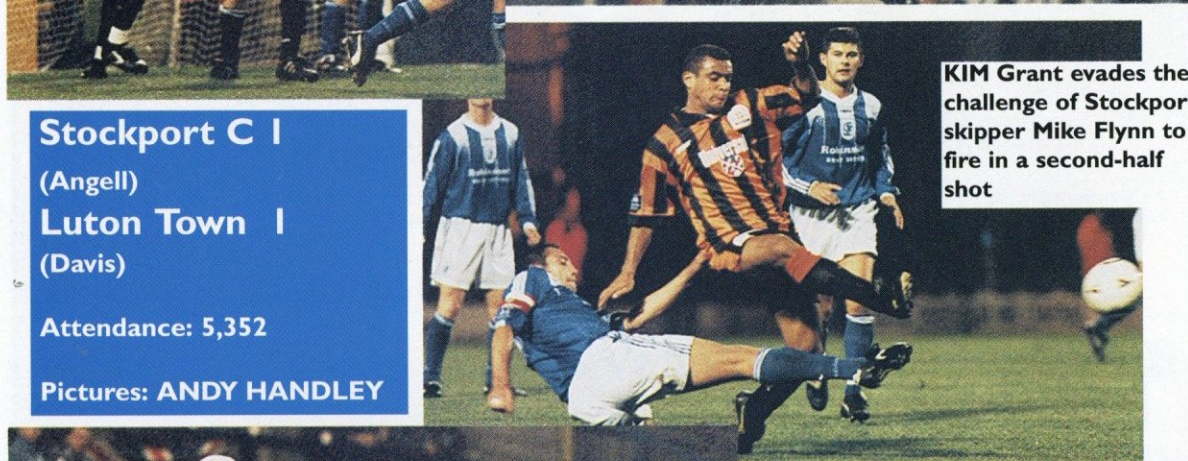
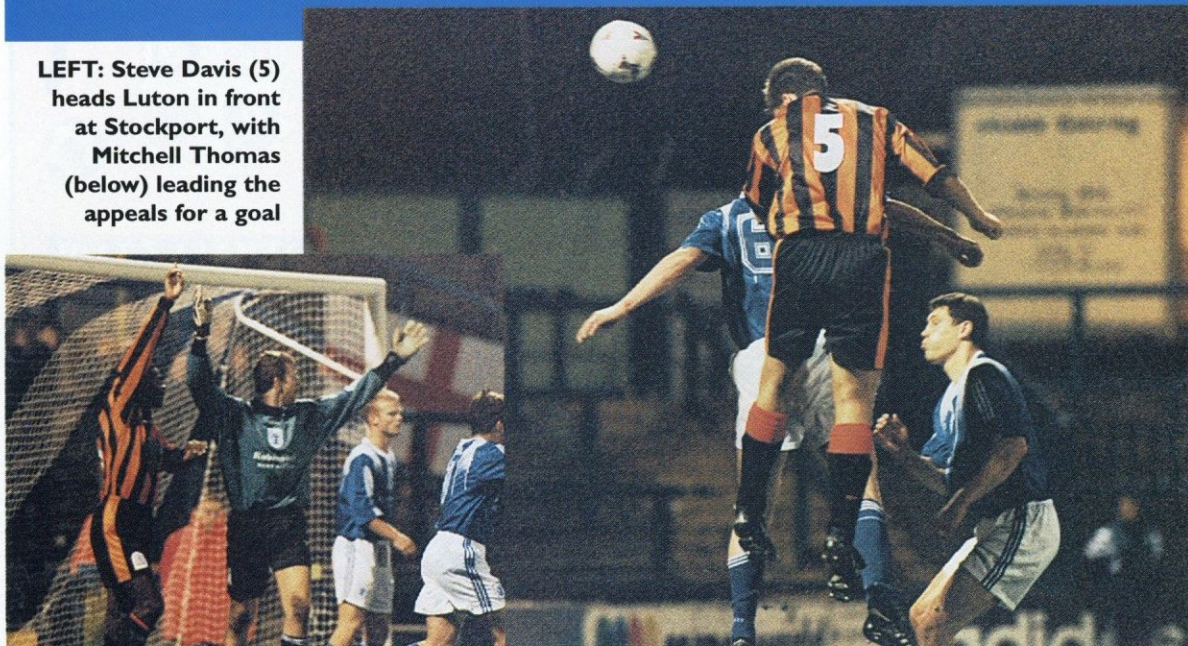


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LAST TIME WE MET..... October 15, 1996

LEFT: Steve Davis (5) heads Luton in front at Stockport, with Mitchell Thomas (below) leading the appeals for a goal



Stockport C 1
(Angell)
Luton Town 1
(Davis)

Attendance: 5,352

Pictures: ANDY HANDLEY



ABOVE: Mitchell Thomas heads on a first-half corner for the Hatters at Edgeley Park.

KIM Grant evades the challenge of Stockport skipper Mike Flynn to fire in a second-half shot



ABOVE: Gary Waddock closes in on Stockport midfielder Chris Marsden, during the 1-1 draw.

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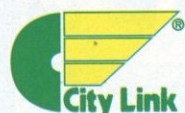
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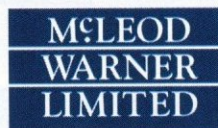
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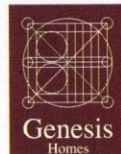


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INJURY UPDATE

CERI HUGHES is doubtful for this afternoon's game with a stomach strain, as is defender STEVE DAVIS who suffered a calf injury during the win at Peterborough last Saturday.

DWIGHT MARSHALL missed the game at London Road after jarring his ankle in training last Friday, but he was due to rejoin training on Thursday of this week, with a view to being available this afternoon.

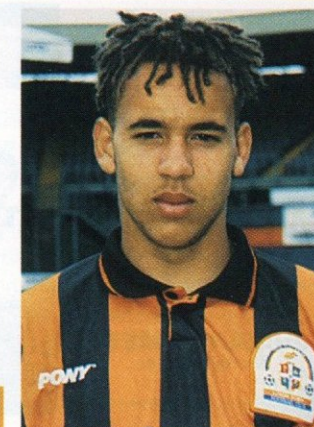
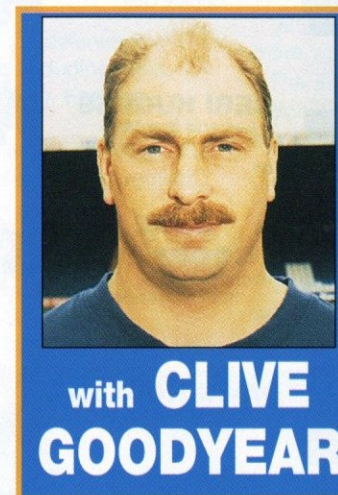
PAUL SHOWLER was also back in training this week after his knee operation. He could figure in the reserve games on Monday and Wednesday of next week.

ANDY KIWOMYA again suffered a hamstring injury last Saturday, and it is difficult to say when he will be available as this has been a recurring problem.

STUART DOUGLAS had an operation on a stomach injury on Tuesday, whilst ANDREW BARR is close to fitness after being out for some time following a similar operation.

LIAM GEORGE and CHRIS WILLMOTT continue to work hard in the gym after knee operations, whilst youth team goalkeeper NICK WEBB is awaiting an operation to repair a fractured bone in his wrist.

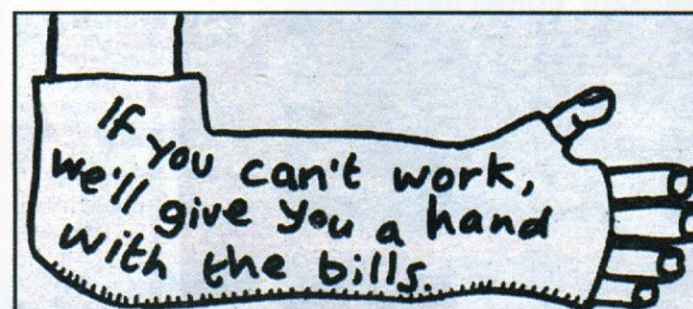
Finally, a big thank you to the Bobbers Travel Club for their donations handed over at the home game against Shrewsbury. Another wonderful gesture from these supporters.



LEFT: Liam George - back in the gym after a knee operation.



RIGHT: Ceri Hughes - doubtful for this afternoon's game with a stomach strain.



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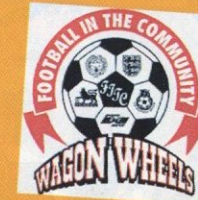


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LTFC Football in the Community

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VAUXHALL Motors once again backed our successful Mini-World Cup competition, with 10 sides competing last month at the Vauxhall Recreation Ground.

The competition was organised by the club's Football in the Community department, and was won by the England B side who beat Bangladesh on penalties in the final.

There were sides representing all the different communities in the town, with teams including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, West Indies, Italy, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

You might have seen the draw for the competition take place during the half-time interval of our game against Bury.

The group winners and runners-up contested the semi-finals, with England B beating Scotland, and Bangladesh beating England A - with both games being decided on penalties.

Each of the sides was 'managed' by a Luton Town

player, and it proved a very successful afternoon.

Football in the Community Officer, Jeff Vetere, said: "Once again the response from the various communities in the town was very encouraging, and Vauxhall's generous support and provision of an excellent venue contributed greatly.

"All the youngsters seemed to enjoy themselves, and there was a good standard of football played."

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

After a successful Easter programme of courses, we are now looking ahead to the Whitsuntide holiday, and further ahead to the summer holidays.

To find out more about coaching courses in your region, please contact the Football in the Community department on (01582) 411622.



RIGHT: The draw is made for the Mini-World Cup during half-time v Bury.



ABOVE: from l to r: Winners England B, Wales, and India line up for the camera during last month's Vauxhall Mini-World Cup.

RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



CONGRATULATIONS to the Town's youth side who have been confirmed as champions of the South East Counties League Division Two.

They clinched the title with a 2-0 win over Colchester on April 19, as nearest rivals Crystal Palace lost the same morning.

And the Hatters have finished four points clear after winning their final game last Saturday.

The win over Colchester saw goals from Michael McIndoe and Emerson Boyce.

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

Subs not used: Akurang, Jerry. Last Saturday, Luton beat Bristol City 3-1, with goals from Richard Clarke, Andre Scarlett and Gary Doherty.

Team: Tate, Clarke, Fraser, Spring (sub Jones), Boyce, Howe, Akurang (sub McCormack), Cox, Doherty, McIndoe, Scarlett.

Sub not used: Lawes. In the semi-final of the Eastern Junior Cup, the youth team will face Ipswich after the East Anglian side's long-awaited quarter-final saw them beat Hitchin. At the time of writing, no semi-final date had been fixed.

The Reserves have recorded to away wins in the Combination, with victories over Millwall and QPR.

At the New Den, they beat the Lions 1-0 with Robert Kean scoring the only

goal. Team: Abbey, Lawes, Harvey, Evers, Skelton, Upson, Kean, Sweeney, Doherty, McIndoe (sub Fraser), Guentchev.

Subs not used: Scarlett, Boyce. The game against QPR was played at non-league Harrow Borough, and the Hatters were 2-0 in front after just four minutes, with Bontcho Guentchev scoring both goals - the first from the penalty spot after he himself had been fouled.

Sean Evers added the third goal 10

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	E	A	Pts
Wimbledon	19	12	5	2	40	23	41
Portsmouth	20	13	2	5	37	22	41
Ipswich	20	12	4	4	39	15	40
Tottenham	21	12	4	5	48	26	40
Arsenal	21	10	5	6	49	27	35
C Palace	21	9	6	6	34	31	33
Brighton	20	8	7	5	37	30	31
Swindon	20	9	4	7	37	34	31
Chelsea	19	9	3	7	28	29	30
QPR	20	8	4	8	35	33	28
Bournemouth	21	7	5	9	34	41	26
LUTON	18	7	4	7	19	20	25
Charlton	19	7	4	8	28	34	25
Watford	19	6	6	7	23	29	24
Swansea	20	6	6	8	22	32	24
Bristol C	22	6	5	11	38	37	23
Oxford	21	6	5	10	35	37	23
Bristol R	21	6	4	11	22	39	22
Millwall	19	6	3	10	27	34	21
Southampton	19	5	5	9	28	35	20
West Ham	20	5	3	12	23	40	18
Cardiff	19	4	6	9	15	36	18
Norwich	19	3	6	10	27	41	15

League table up to and including 26.4.97

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1996/97 APPS & SCORERS (28.4.97)

	APPS	G		APPS	G
Kelvin DAVIS	16		Des LINTON	6	
Sean EVERS	21	3	Kim GRANT	5	1
Ben CHENERY	17		Dwight MARSHALL	3 (1)	
Paul McLAREN	13	1	Jimmy COX	(1)	
Gary SIMPSON	2		Stuart FRASER	2 (3)	
Chris WILLMOTT	14 (1)	1	Mark BROWN	1	
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	11	4	David OLDFIELD	2	
Tony THORPE	3		Michael MCINDOE	4 (1)	
John TAYLOR	4	1	Andrew FOTIADIS	5 (2)	1
Stuart DOUGLAS	12 (2)	1	Lee MARSHALL	2	
Robert KEAN	23	4	Ian JONES	4 (1)	
Jamie WOODSFORD	3 (1)	2	A THOMPSON	1	
Andre SCARLETT	1 (3)		V MONTGOMERY	1	
Matthew UPSON	15	2	Russell LAWES	2 (1)	
Steve AUGUSTINE	(4)		Gary DOHERTY	3 (1)	
Nathan ABBEY	7		Richard HARVEY	6	
Trevor PEAKE	2		Emerson BOYCE	1	
Darren PATTERSON	8		David SADLER	2	
Paul SHOWLER	3		Richard CLARKE	(1)	
Aaron SKELTON	13	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	7 (3)				

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	won 1-0
Mon Apr 28	Queens Park Rgrs	won 3-0
Thur May 1	BRIGHTON	
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.

minutes from time.

Team: Abbey, Jones, Harvey, Evers, Skelton, Upson, Kean, McLaren (sub Lawes), Doherty, Sweeney (sub McIndoe), Guentchev.

Sub not used: Cox.

The Reserves were due to be at 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.

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

This game will now be played over one leg, at Bell Close, Leighton Town FC's ground, on Monday, May 12, kick-off 7.30pm.



BONTCHO Guentchev

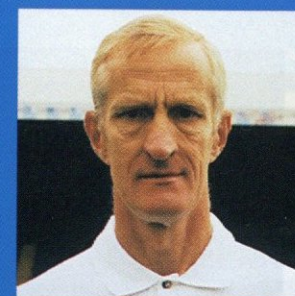
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	P	W	D	L	E	A	Pts
LUTON TOWN	30	22	5	3	70	30	49
C Palace	30	19	7	4	69	27	45
Southampton	30	20	2	8	59	25	42
Oxford	30	14	11	5	54	37	39
Tottenham	30	12	9	9	48	33	33
Colchester	30	12	8	10	51	40	32
Swindon	28	12	7	9	53	43	31
Wimbledon	30	11	8	11	40	27	30
Brighton	30	12	6	12	41	51	30
Wycombe	30	11	7	12	32	33	29
Bristol C	29	9	7	13	43	59	25
Bournemouth	26	8	12	17	37	52	22
Bristol R	29	8	5	16	41	56	21
Brentford	30	5	7	18	37	65	17
Reading	30	7	3	20	35	86	17
Barnet	30	2	6	22	27	73	10

League table as at April 26, 1997



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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)	lost 1-0
Mon Dec 2	Oxford Utd (FAYC2)	drew 1-1	Sat Apr 19	COLCHESTER	won 2-0
Sat Dec 7	Brentford	won 3-1	Sat Apr 26	BRISTOL CITY	won 3-1
Tue Dec 10	Royston (EJC)	won 2-1			

Home league matches at Luton Rugby Club.

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G	YOUTH TEAM 1996/97 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS
Daniel TATE	15		8		
Gary DOHERTY	25 (4)	12	13 (1)		
Ian JONES	15 (3)	2	9	1	
Matthew UPSON	11	2	12	1	
Steve AUGUSTINE	10	3	5	3	
Matthew SPRING	26 (2)	2	15 (2)	3	
Jimmy COX	18 (3)	4	12 (2)	4	
Liam GEORGE	21 (2)	17	10	9	
Andre SCARLETT	19 (9)	4	9 (5)	1	
Andrew BARR	19 (1)	9	9 (1)	5	
Andrew SMITH	4 (2)	3	4	2	
Russell LAWES	21 (1)		13 (2)		
Mark HILLYARD	1 (3)		1	1	
Richard CLARKE	15 (5)	2	10 (4)	2	
Terry SWEENEY	23 (1)	6	13 (1)	2	
Nick WEBB	15		9		
Emerson BOYCE	19 (3)	1	4 (5)		
Stuart FRASER	22 (1)		12 (1)	1	
Michael MCINDOE	20 (2)	3	10 (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	4 (1)				

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Those were the days

IT has been almost 28 years since we last entertained Stockport County, and we welcome the other Hatters to Kenilworth Road this afternoon for only the sixth time in our history.

When the Town won the championship of Division Three (South) in 1937, the winners of the northern section were Stockport who we were destined to meet on the opening day of the 1937/38 season at Edgeley Park.

A crowd of 19,077 gathered to welcome both sides to Division Two, but the Town were disadvantaged by the absence of '10-goal' Joe Payne who had been taken ill on the journey to the north west.

Despite this handicap we opened the scoring when Albert Dawes took advantage of a defensive slip-up for a simple goal, but an effort from James Smailes levelled the score before Bernard Oxley snatched the winner for the home side four minutes from time.

By the time of the return, on January 1, 1938, Stockport were struggling at the wrong end of the table while we were more than holding our own at the higher level. Little did the crowd of 14,138 realise that they were to be in for a ten goal thriller, with seven goals being scored in the first half!

We opened the scoring with Jack Vinall and Fred Roberts netting in quick succession, before Sam Hunt and Willie Harker (with two) put the visitors ahead.

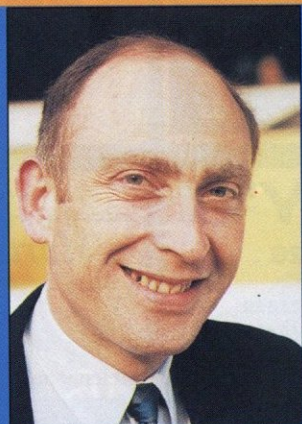
Dawes levelled again before Smailes sent the visitors in at half-time happy.

Luckily we proved to be the stronger side in the second period, and after George Stephenson, with a tremendous shot (a rocket? - Ed) levelled the scores yet again we ended up worthy 6-4 winners courtesy of late goals from Charlie Ferguson and Vinall.

Stockport were relegated after only one season in Division Two and we were not destined to meet again until 1965 with both sides in Division Four.

We travelled to Edgeley Park only days after our shock defeat by non-league Corby in the FA Cup and were soundly beaten 4-1 by a side that outplayed and outclassed an injury-hit Town team.

Stockport were 3-0 up at the break with future Town



by **ROGER WASH**

hero Keith Allen hitting two, and Len Allchurch scoring with a speculative lob which completely deceived Colin Tinsley in the Luton goal.

In the second half we were reduced to 10 men when both John O'Rourke and Graham French had to retire through injury, but we managed to pull a goal back through substitute Billy Stark. The night however belonged to Keith Allen, who completed his hat-trick in a convincing victory.

When the return game came around, the following May, we had managed to overcome our mid-season slump and were challenging for promotion. Bruce Rioch scored after only six minutes to put us ahead, but we went through several anxious minutes after full-back Fred Jardine went off with an ankle injury which meant we lost our shape for a while.

Heroics from goalkeeper Tony Read, playing his first game between the sticks for the Town after scoring 12 goals as an inside forward earlier in the campaign, kept us in the game,

before O'Rourke was brought down in the box on the hour with Ray Whittaker netting from the spot.

In the following season, the worst in our history, we went down twice to a County side that walked away with the championship. County had recruited what many critics thought were old men (including Matt Woods from the Town) to mount a promotion bid, but they gelled together brilliantly as we were to find out.

County had won four games on the trot when we came up against them at Kenilworth Road early in the season, and it was 'men against boys' as the visitors ran out easy 3-0 winners with veteran Frank Lord scoring twice.

In the return we went down 1-0, but in truth the score should have been higher, as the woodwork was struck with regularity.

Triallist goalkeeper Ron Swan played a blinder for the Town, but even he was helpless when, after he touched a shot against the crossbar, Norman Sykes scored with a simple tap-in from the rebound.

It was only to be two seasons before we met again, following our promotion to Division Three, and when the sides clashed at Edgeley Park in November 1968

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ABOVE: Keith Allen (centre - nearest ball) turns out against his old mates at Kenilworth Road in 1969. Other Luton players are Ian Buxton (left) and Graham French.

we were going through a spell of being invincible at home but returning pointless from our travels.

A crowd of 13,246 (which has not been beaten by Stockport in the league since) gathered at Edgeley Park, not to watch the Town, but to welcome new signing from Everton, Alex Young, the 'Golden Vision'.

The Town were forced on to the defensive throughout, but the hope of winning a point was ended by a 25-yard thunerbolt from wing-half Fred Goodwin soon after half-time.

This was followed up with a brilliant header from Bill Atkins just before the end to confirm the Town's sixth consecutive away defeat.

The return was played just before the end of the season, with the Town desperately clinging to third spot in the table and hoping for a slip-up from the top two, Swindon and Watford. Stockport's early season promise had all but evaporated.

We scored two goals in a minute early on through Brian Lewis and Bruce Rioch, and were cruising to

victory when Stockport were awarded a controversial penalty on the hour.

John Moore caught the ball in the area after hearing a whistle which turned out to come from someone in the crowd! Young scored from the resultant spot-kick.

Fired by this injustice the Town players rolled up their sleeves and two more goals from Lewis confirmed an emphatic victory.

The final two games in the series took place in 1969/70 in a season that saw the Town promoted and County move back to Division Four. The two games were almost the least memorable!

A crowd of 15,944 turned up at Kenilworth Road to see Chris Nicholl and Malcolm Macdonald score in a lacklustre display against a defensively minded side, while in the return a goal from Matt Tees just after the interval seemed to have won both points. County deservedly equalised just before the end as the Town sat on their lead, but at least we had gained our first ever point at Edgeley Park!

5 YEARS AGO

2/5/92: After 10 years at the top, we finally submitted to relegation after going down 2-1 at already doomed Notts County. Julian James scored the Town's goal, with a future Hatter, Rob Matthews, hitting two for Notts.

10 YEARS AGO

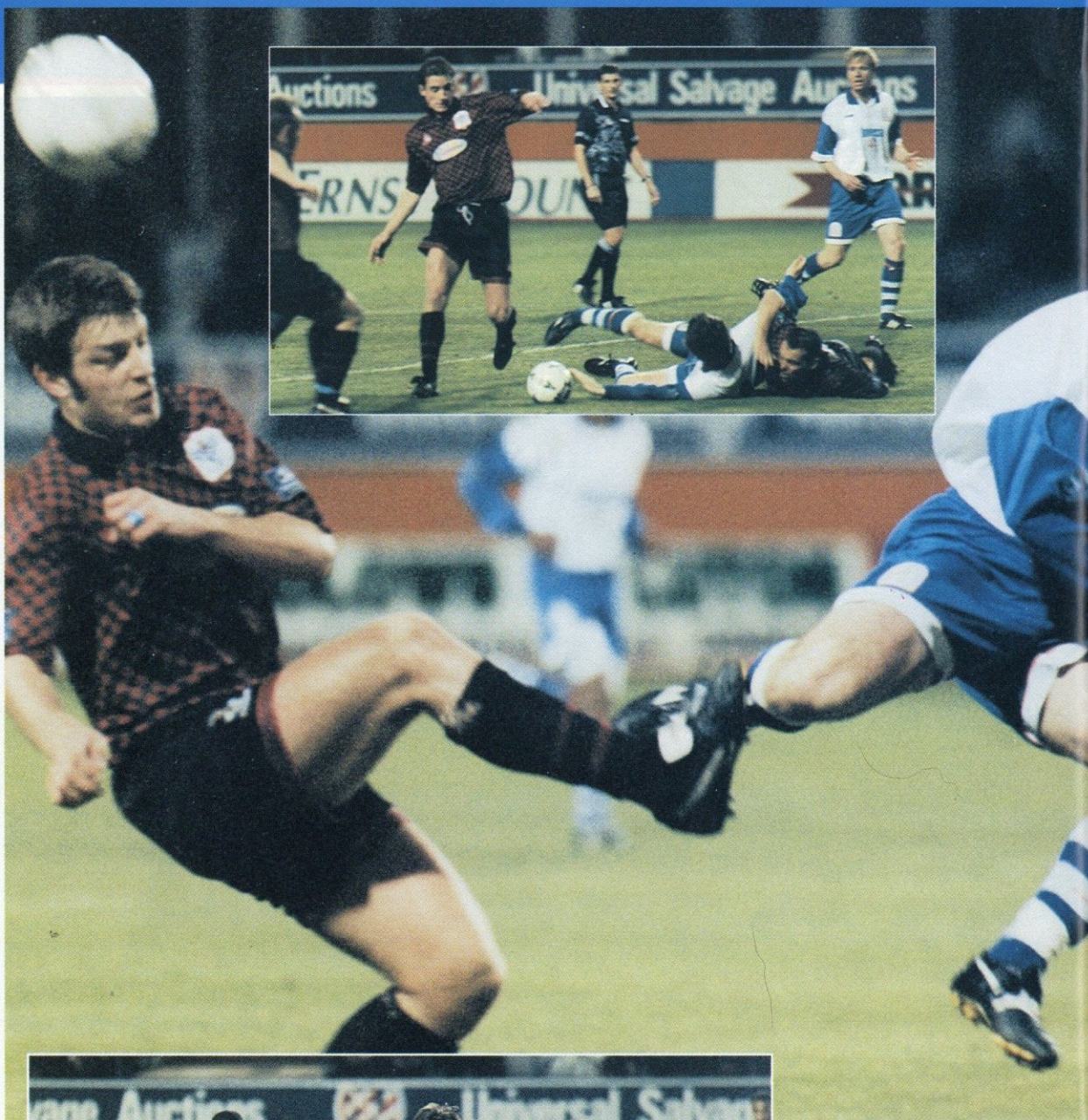
2/5/87: In a hard fought 1-0 away win at Charlton the victory was sealed by a goal from Mick Harford. Gary Cobb made his league debut for the Town that afternoon.

15 YEARS AGO

8/5/82: After winning promotion the previous week the Town travelled to Chelsea and returned with all three points following a comfortable 2-1 win. Raddy Antic and Brian Stein were the Luton goalscorers.

20 YEARS AGO

7/5/77: In a tough game at Kenilworth Road, the Town dented Bolton's promotion hopes by fighting out a 1-1 draw. David Geddis, in his last game for the Town for six years, was on target, while Jim McNichol made his Luton debut.



ACTION STATIONS

Luton Town 0 Bury 0

Tuesday, April 22, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 7,769

Pictures by Andy Handley

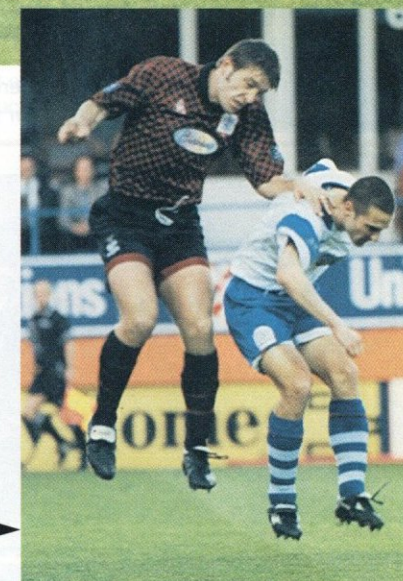


Skipper Gary Waddock sets a first-half attack in motion.

Tony Thorpe is stopped in his tracks by the Bury defence, and (inset) has a penalty appeal turned down.

Leading scorer Tony Thorpe is surrounded by the Bury defence.

Andrew Fotiadis challenges for possession against the Shakers.



Neighbours are rival fans this afternoon



TOWN fan Steve Cox - pictured left by an appropriately named shop in Newport Beach, near Los Angeles - is attending today's game with neighbour, and Stockport supporter, Dave Higgenbotam after waiting several years for their two sides to meet in the league.

Steve has been supporting the Town since he was eight, attended his first game in 1962, and was a season ticket holder until moving to Hampshire on business in 1987.

He and Dave have followed the fortunes of the two sides ever since, with Steve paying for his neighbour's Wembley ticket as part of a bet when Stockport reached the final of the Autoglass Trophy.

Perhaps Dave can return the compliment later this month!

First game for over 25 years!

A WARM welcome to Kenilworth Road to Dennis Ridley, who is watching his first Luton Town game for over 25 years.

Mr Ridley, a lifelong Hatters supporter, moved to Canada with his wife almost 30 years ago, but is taking in this afternoon's game with son Vaughn, as part of a trip back home to England.

BIRTHDAY greetings to Luton Town supporter Daniel Lamb, from Doncaster, who celebrates his ninth birthday on Monday, May 5. Daniel keeps in touch with events at Kenilworth Road via the Luton Town matchday programme which is posted to him by his aunt Sandra Cole.



Dreamflight kids enjoy special day

THE Dreamflight charity, supported by our club sponsors Universal Salvage Auctions, hosted a special day for several seriously ill youngsters at the recent home game against Shrewsbury.

There was also a bucket collection held at the game, in aid of the Dreamflight charity.

Junior Team of the Month award

THANK you for all the nominations we have received over the last few months for our Junior Team of the Month Award.

Due to the Christmas and New Year postponements, the awards have been

somewhat condensed into recent matches, but it has been encouraging to hear about so many junior teams enjoying their football

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



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Hatters wait for news of public inquiry on J10 site

AS we approach the end of the season, Luton Town are still awaiting a decision from the public inquiry, concluded late last year, into the plans for a new stadium by junction 10 of the M1 motorway.

The 'Kohlerdome' scheme for a multi-purpose indoor stadium, and a rival plan submitted on behalf of the landowners, were discussed at length last summer, with the hearing concluded

after a brief session in December. At the time of writing it is impossible to say when the decision of the Environment Secretary will be announced - a decision based on the report received from the planning inspector who chaired the inquiry.

However, it is fair to say that as of yesterday morning the club was anticipating a change in opinion in Westminster from the MP for Luton South - the constituency which includes the junction 10 site.

Elsewhere in the Nationwide League, Charlton Athletic have confirmed that work will commence on the club's new West Stand this summer.

The £4.5 million development, seating 8,000 supporters, will also house changing rooms, sponsors' lounges, hospitality areas, a box office, club offices, executive boxes and a gymnasium - which will be built over four different levels by major constructors Mowlem.

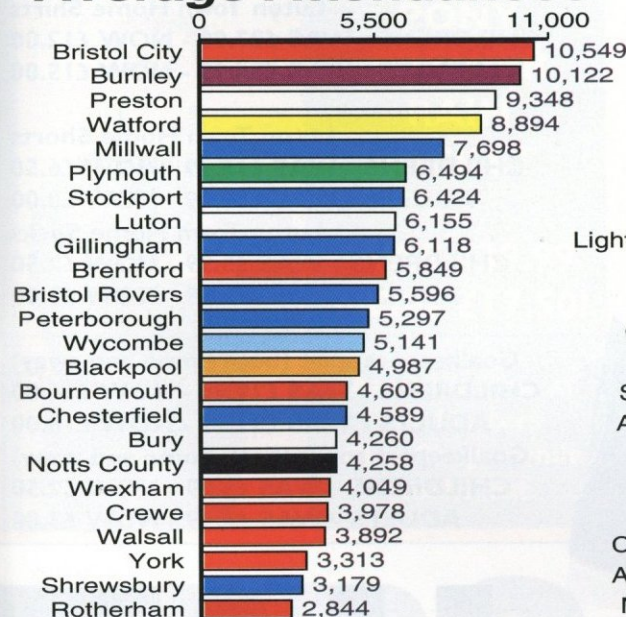
Best wishes to Town stalwart

WHATEVER happens on the field, it will be an historic afternoon off it, as Brian Swain covers his last league match at Kenilworth Road on behalf of the Luton News.

Brian is leaving the newspaper after over 20 years in the job, in which time he has clocked up a consecutive run of well over 1,000 Town matches.

He may well be here next season in his various freelance guises, but I'm sure Hatters supporters would wish to join me in thanking him for his service to the club and the town in the Luton News. - SJO.

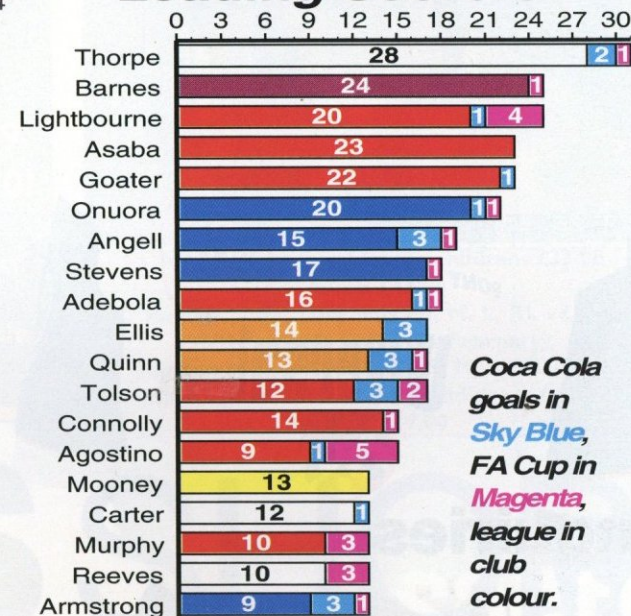
Average Attendances



Stats for 96/97 by FOOTBALL INFORMATION SERVICES.
Up to and including Saturday, April 26, 1997.

DIVISION TWO 1996/97

Leading Scorers



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

Play-Off Dates

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 - kick-off 3pm

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

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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- non matchdays 9am
until coaches leave for
away game

LTFC KIT PRICES 1996/97



LEFT: 'Third' Shirts
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L (42-44), XL (46-48),
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Mens - £6.99

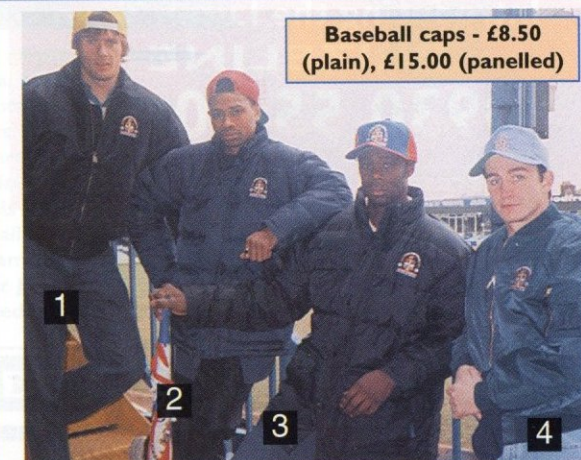
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COMMERCIAL NEWS



with **KATHY
LEATHER**

details of our new Prizeline, where you can win a number of special Luton Town prizes.

Prior to today's game against Stockport a week on Saturday, the Rotary Clubs of Luton North and Luton Someries will be asking for help in their campaign to boost the NHS organ Donor Register. There will be application forms available at their information points, and consider supporting their campaign which involves agreeing to give body organs to another, in the event of our own death.

This afternoon's CableTel kids are: Genevieve Hass, Natasha Hass, Juno Simpson, Andrew Yule, James McCarthy, Michael Collins, Joanna Collins, Emma Collins, Katy Collins, Sophie Collins, Mark Adams, Glen Adams.



ABOVE: F&R Cawley were our joint match sponsors for the game against Shrewsbury.

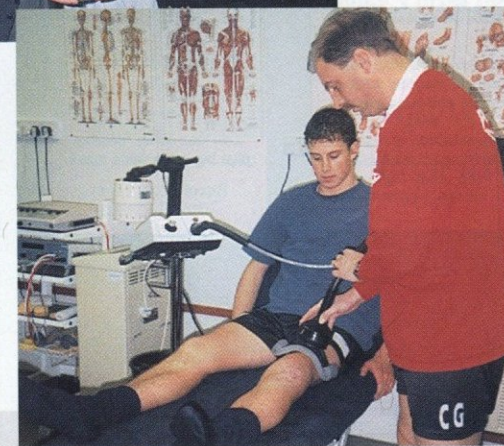


LEFT: Send a greetings card to a loved one, signed by their favourite LTFC player! Cost per signed card is £2.00, and cheques (to LTFC) should be sent to: Kathy Leather, Greeting Card Offer, Luton Town FC, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW.

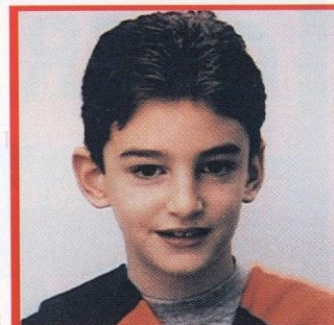


LEFT: The Ludlow Group were our matchball sponsors for the home match against Bury.

RIGHT: The proceeds from the LTFC Dinner Dance, held in February, were used to purchase physiotherapy equipment for the club. Physio Clive Goodyear is pictured demonstrating the G5 Massager, as young defender Chris Willmott continues treatment following his knee operation.



LEFT: 10-year-old Angela Dhinsa, from Luton, presents her mum with flowers, as part of a Mothers Day competition organised by Wagon Wheels - sponsors of the Football in the Community programme. Community Officer Jeff Vetere is pictured left.



This afternoon's Commercial Mascot is 9-year-old MICHAEL WILLIAMS, from Priory Junior School, St Neots. His hobbies include ten-pin bowling and swimming, and his favourite Town player is Dwight Marshall.



This afternoon, we also welcome a second Commercial Mascot, JAKE HART, who celebrated his seventh birthday on Monday. He attends Alderton Primary School, and his favourite player is Ian Feuer.

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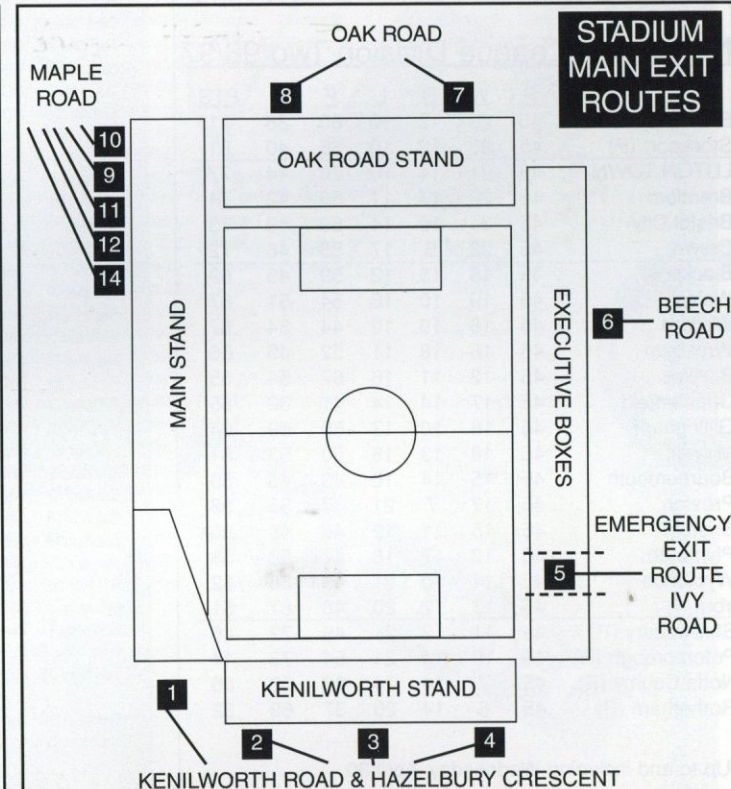
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GEOFF LOVELL, Safety Manager.



TEAMStatistics

LUTON TOWN 1996/97

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS
Ian FEUER	45		11	
Julian JAMES	43	1	11	1
Mitchell THOMAS	41	3	9	
Gary WADDOCK	37 (1)	2	8	
Darren PATTERSON	7 (2)		3 (1)	
Marvin JOHNSON	43		10	1
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	15 (12)	1	6 (4)	
Graham ALEXANDER	43 (1)*	2	11 (1)	
David OLDFIELD	30 (7)	6	5 (2)	2
Kim GRANT	8 (16)	2	6 (2)	3
Tony THORPE	39 (2)	28	6 (1)	3
Andrew FOTIADIS	8 (8)	2	(4)	
Des LINTON	3 (4)		4	
Steve DAVIS	43 (1)	8	12	1
Ceri HUGHES	36	4	12	2
Paul SHOWLER	21 (2)	6	7 (2)	
Matthew UPSON	(1)			
Stuart DOUGLAS	2 (7)		1 (1)	
Paul McLAREN	12 (11)		(1)	
Aaron SKELTON	2 (1)		3	
Dwight MARSHALL	9 (14)	4	5 (1)	3
Kelvin DAVIS			1	
Sean EVERS	1		1	
Gavin McGOWAN	2			
Andy KIWO MYA	5	1		
Richard HARVEY	(1)			

Own goal

Nationwide League Division Two 96/97

	P	W	D	L	E	A	PTS
Bury (P)	45	23	12	10	60	38	81
Stockport (P)	45	23	12	10	58	40	81
LUTON TOWN	45	21	14	10	70	44	77
Brentford	45	20	14	11	56	42	74
Bristol City	45	21	10	14	69	49	73
Crewe	45	22	6	17	55	46	72
Blackpool	45	18	15	12	59	45	69
Walsall	45	19	10	16	54	51	67
Watford	45	16	19	10	44	34	67
Wrexham	45	16	18	11	52	49	66
Burnley	45	18	11	16	67	54	65
Chesterfield	45	17	14	14	41	39	65
Gillingham	45	18	10	17	58	59	64
Millwall	45	16	13	16	50	53	61
Bournemouth	45	15	14	16	43	45	59
Preston	45	17	7	21	47	55	58
Bristol R	45	15	11	19	46	48	56
Plymouth	45	12	17	16	47	58	53
Wycombe	45	14	10	21	49	56	52
York	45	13	12	20	46	67	51
Shrewsbury (R)	45	11	13	21	49	72	46
Peterborough (R)	45	10	14	21	54	73	44
Notts County (R)	45	7	14	24	33	58	35
Rotherham (R)	45	6	14	25	37	69	32

Up to and including Wednesday, April 30.

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)	(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	(Oldfield)
Tue Oct 15	Stockport County	1-1	5,352	9	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	(Oldfield)	(Thorpe)	SHOWLER 2	(Guentchev)(McLaren)	(Fotiadis)	
Sat Oct 19	PETERBOROUGH UTD	3-0	5,964	7	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.DAVIS	Johnson	(Hughes)	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	Showler	Guentchev	McLaren	Skelton
Tue Oct 22	Wimbledon CCC3	1-1	5,043	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	HUGHES	Alexander	Oldfield	THORPE 2	(Showler)	(Guentchev)(McLaren)	(Douglas)	
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	McLaren	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)	(Marshall)	
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)	(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 (Kiwo mya)	(Guentchev) Grant	(McLaren)	(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	KIWO MYA	(Patterson)(Guentchev)	(Fotiadis)	
Tue Apr 15	Blackpool	0-0	4,382	4	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Fotiadis	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Kiwo mya)	Patterson	Guentchev	(Marshall)
Sat Apr 19	SHREWSBURY TOWN	2-0	6,968	3	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(McLaren)	Alexander	Oldfield	THORPE	(Fotiadis)	Patterson	(Harvey)	(MARSHALL)
Tue Apr 22	BURY	0-0	7,769	3	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	(Alexander)	(Fotiadis)	Thorpe	Kiwo mya	Patterson	(Oldfield)	(Marshall)
Sat Apr 26	Peterborough Utd	1-0	9,499	3	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Kiwo mya)	Patterson	(FOTIADIS)	Guentchev
Sat May 3	STOCKPORT COUNTY																	
Sun May 11	Play-Off Semi-Final 1st leg																	
Wed May 14	PLAY-OFF SEMI-FINAL 2nd LEG																	
Sun May 25	Play-Off Final																	

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

**TODAY'S
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TEAM CHECK

Today's referee is

**ALAN
BUTLER**

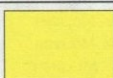
from Sutton-in-
Ashfield, Notts.

Mr Butler, a Senior Police
Officer, is in his third
season as a Football
League referee.

R.J. Evans



C. Francis



LUTON TOWN

Manager: Lennie Lawrence

STOCKPORT

Manager: David Jones

Ian FEUER

1

Paul JONES

Julian JAMES

2

Sean CONNELLY

Mitchell THOMAS

3

Lee TODD

Gary WADDOCK

4

Tom BENNETT

Steve DAVIS

5

Mike FLYNN

Marvin JOHNSON

6

Jim GANNON

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Graham ALEXANDER

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Chris MARSDEN

David OLDFIELD

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Brett ANGELL

~~Tony THORPE~~

ANDREW
FOTIADIS

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Alun ARMSTRONG

Andy KIWOMYA

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Kevin COOPER

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TODAY'S OTHER DIV TWO MATCHES

Brentford v Peterborough

Bristol R v Rotherham

Burnley v Watford

Bury v Millwall

Chesterfield v Notts C

Gillingham v Shrewsbury

Plymouth v Bournemouth

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