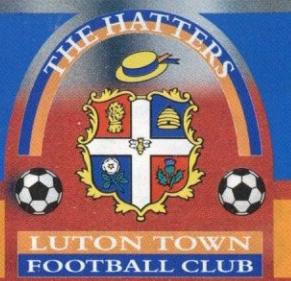


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Tonight's action will hopefully be the second to last act in a play that has been running since last August.

No doubt there will be dramas, fortune and misfortune aplenty, but we can only hope that at the end of it all we move on to the final act on the great stage at Wembley.

Sunday's game at Crewe was a game of wildly contrasting fortunes.

We picked a team to try and win the game, and after David Oldfield's third minute opener, and several other chances in the opening 25 minutes, it looked as though we could achieve just that in spite of the loss of Gary Waddock after 10 minutes through injury, which led to considerable reorganisation in the midfield.

One-nil up at half-time, all things considered, was a satisfactory return from 45 minutes effort, but the second half was to be a different story.

Yet again it illustrated the totally unpredictable nature of this game, as well as the dramatic content of most play-off games.

Crewe equalised; Julian James was sent off for two bookable offences; and Crewe then scored again - all within a 15 minute period which transformed the game completely.

We then had to reorganise once again, and to say our team in the last half hour had an unfamiliar look and shape would easily be the understatement of this season so far.

Nevertheless, a combination of hard work, luck and determination saw us somehow fail to fall further behind in the game, thus leaving us in a situation where we just need to win the game tonight.

At 4.10pm on Sunday things looked bleak. At 4.45pm things looked a lot better. But make no mistake, despite the fact that the shape of the team was totally unfamiliar in the last half hour due to various circumstances, we will not again get away with what occurred in that last half hour.

The fact that we did not fall further behind owed as much to Crewe not turning the screw and, luckily for us, Adebola hitting the post with 10



with **LENNIE
LAWRENCE**

minutes to go.

Hopefully we will not find ourselves down to 10 men tonight, but we will certainly need to improve on our second half performance at Crewe, regardless of the circumstances in which we find ourselves.

It was a respectable effort for a normal league game with so many players out of position, but not good enough for a play-off game where the stakes are so high and the prize so great.

This evening then we welcome Crewe, their players, officials and supporters, and their long-serving manager Dario Gradi.

Crewe are in a play-off for the fifth time in six years, and their third consecutively in this league.

It is a pity in some ways that the two clubs are not contesting the final at Wembley, as it would certainly be an excellent football match.

Tonight we require a massive physical effort and a belief that we can beat Crewe again, and a mental resolve to make sure that Crewe are tested to the utmost in every respect. Then if they manage to progress to the final we can only say good luck to them.

All the players must do what they can do. The team must pull together

physically and mentally.

Minor injuries, tiredness, frustration, anger and disappointment must all be overcome and put in their place for us to succeed.

Managers say that the tables do not lie at the completion of a normal league programme, and that is certainly true. But the nature of this competition means it comes down to one game that must be won.

I believe we can do it, the players believe we can do it, and hopefully you the fans believe it also, and will help us cross the threshold.

Thank you for your support this season and we hope to see you at Wembley next Sunday.

Ceri Hughes is ruled out after his hernia operation, and Julian James is now suspended for this match and, at the time of writing, for the final as well. There are other knocks and bruises, but these will have to be coped with.

As I'm sure you will be aware by now, the transfer of Matthew Upson to Arsenal was completed last week, for a fee of £1 million guaranteed, with a further £1 million based on appearances, and other 'add-ons' which will net the club £2-3 million if Matthew fulfills his potential at Premier League level - which I'm sure he is capable of.

Not many years ago, a young player would have played two or three years in the first team to get such a move.

More recently that has become one year to 18 months, and now with the money available to Premier League clubs they will buy players with potential who have not even appeared in league football.

From our point of view two factors affected my decision to recommend a sale to the board of directors.

First was a conversation I had with Matthew and his father where they indicated, quite understandably, that if there was the possibility of a move to a Premier League club, even at this early stage in his career, they would be keen to take it up.

Second was the dictates of our financial situation. The directors have



ABOVE: Lennie Lawrence and Wayne Turner direct operations at Gresty Road on Sunday.

been tremendously supportive of our promotion campaign through the season in that they have not required me to sell a player to offset our losses. I felt this was a good opportunity to remedy that, regardless of our fate in the play-offs.

In a way I would have liked Matthew to have played here for a season, but with the shadow of the Bosman ruling hanging over

everybody, I felt it was in everyone's best interests to conclude the deal now.

Matthew is an extremely talented player with unlimited potential, as well as being a super lad. One day there is every possibility he could play for England. I would like to take this opportunity to wish him well at Arsenal, and I hope he gains great success and recognition in the game.

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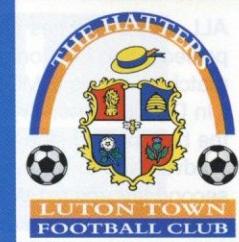
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ALL six play-off ties are evenly poised going into tonight's second leg matches, writes SIMON OXLEY.

In Division One, Crystal Palace are the best placed side as they take a 3-1 advantage to Molineux for the second leg against Wolves.

Former Barnet striker Dougie Freedman scored two of their goals on Saturday in a dramatic finale at Selhurst Park.

Neil Shipperley had put Palace 1-0 in front, with Freedman's first making it 2-0 on 89 minutes.

Jamie Smith pulled a vital goal back for Wolves, but Freedman scored again in injury time to make Steve Coppell's side favourites to progress to Wembley.

In the other first division match, Ipswich drew 1-1 at Sheffield United, with Mick Stockwell equalising Jan Age Fjortoft's opener.

In Division Two, Brentford continued their excellent away form with a 2-1 win at Bristol City.

Paul Smith put them in front, with Gary Owers equalising for Bristol. But Robert Taylor gave the Bees victory with a 30th minute header.

However, David Webb's side will have to do without the services of leading scorer Carl Asaba in tonight's second leg, as he was sent off five minutes from time on Sunday for a second bookable offence.

Luton's Julian James suffers a similar fate after being shown two yellow cards at Crewe.

The Hatters had taken a third minute lead through David Oldfield, but Mark Rivers equalised and then

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MITCHELL Thomas joins the attack during Sunday's first leg at Gresty Road. There's more action on pages 16 and 17.

Colin Little put the home side in front midway through the second half.

Inbetween the two goals, James received his marching orders, but Crewe could only score once against the 10 men, and saw a late effort from Dele Adebola hit the post.

In Division Three, Northampton dealt a blow to the prospects of an all-Welsh final with a 1-0 win at Cardiff.

In the other semi-final, Jan Molby's Swansea drew 0-0 at Chester.

TONIGHT'S MATCH

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FRONT COVER: I'm sure all Town fans would echo the sentiments on this supporter's rosette at Gresty Road on Sunday.

(Picture: ANDY HANDLEY).

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LEFT: Andrew Fotiadis gets in a second-half shot during Luton's 2-1 defeat at Crewe on Sunday.

DESPITE Sunday's disappointment we still feel we have every chance of making it to Wembley in tonight's second leg.

We were by no means at our best at Gresty Road, and with the various reshuffles that were needed before and during the game, we were probably lucky to only lose by one goal.

David's early goal was a great start, but the injury to Gary Waddock and Julian James's sending off meant a certain amount of chopping and changing.

We kept Crewe at bay for the most part, and might have even snatched an equaliser ourselves, but at the halfway point as it were, we are very much in the game.

But whatever the situation there is always plenty to play for in the second leg.

I know from previous experience that wins can be gained in these semi-finals from unlikely positions. In my Burnley days we went to Plymouth and won 3-1 after being held 0-0 at home, and in this division last

season Bradford won 3-0 at Blackpool after losing 2-0 at home. We know we are capable of overturning this deficit, and it promises to be an exciting evening. Crewe have had plenty of play-off experience themselves in recent seasons, and are a good side. But don't forget the pressure is very much on BOTH sides this evening. An early goal would certainly help our cause, and I'm sure we can count on some tremendous vocal support once again.

Thanks for your support throughout this season, and let's hope there is one more game to come!



ABOVE: The Luton Town youth team pictured with the South East Counties Division Two trophy following the presentation prior to the game v Stockport. See page 39 for youth team details.

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(IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL AGAINST CREWE ALEXANDRA THIS EVENING)

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Personal callers only guaranteed tickets.

Time: 9am to 2pm.

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Voucher H must be produced to purchase tickets. (No exceptions will be made). Each Voucher H enables FOUR tickets to be purchased.

Ticket prices will be: £28.00, £24.00, £22.00, £20.00 and £18.00

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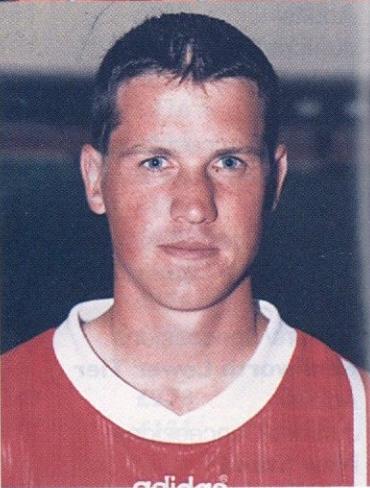
ABOVE: Crewe Alexandra 1996/97

Back row: I to r: Lee Ellison (no longer with club), Steven Pope, Chris Coffey, Brian Launders, Neil Cutler, Mark Gayle, Jake Leberl, Kevin Street, James Collins, Billy Barr.

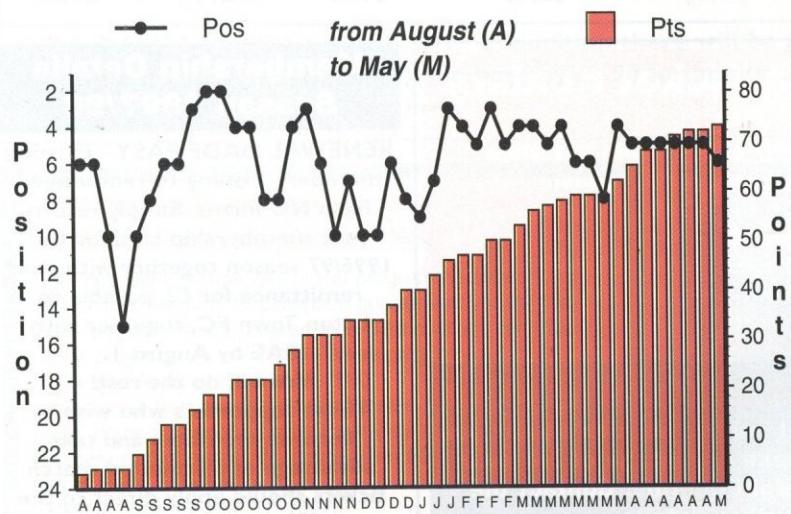
Middle row: I to r: Francis Tierney, Dele Adebola, Rob Savage, Gareth Whalley, Steve Garvey, Ashley Westwood, Shaun Smith, Lee Unsworth, Chris Lightfoot, Jamie Moralee.

Front row: I to r: Steve Macauley, Danny Murphy, John Fleet (kit man), Steve Holland (youth coach), Neil Baker (assistant manager), Dario Gradi (manager), Colin Little, Mark Rivers. (Photo: Steve Finch).

RIGHT: Mark Rivers - on target on Sunday, and the only Crewe-born player in the senior ranks.



ABOVE: Ashley Westwood
LEFT: Crewe's league form this season



SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS

DELE ADEBOLA - Born in Nigeria, but moved to Liverpool at an early age, and has been at the club from schoolboy level. Made his first-team debut in October 1994, scoring his first goal a month later.

BILLY BARR - Made his league debut with home town club Halifax, having seven seasons at the Shay before moving to Crewe in the summer of 1994.

CHRIS COFFEY - Teenager who joined the club in the close season from Arsenal where he had one year on the YTS scheme. Has already represented Northern Ireland at youth level.

NEIL CUTLER - Graduate of the FA School at Lilleshall, who joined the club from West Brom. Goalkeeper who has had loan spells at non-league Cheltenham.

STEVE GARVEY - Has progressed through the club's YTS ranks, making his debut in 1992/93. Has suffered with injuries, but is equally at home on either flank.

MARK GAYLE - Started the season as first choice keeper, but was injured in September and has been out of action since. Player of the Year last season, having joined the club from Walsall for £35,000 in December 1993.

COLIN LITTLE - Recruited from non-league Hyde in February for £50,000, with a reputation as a consistent goalscorer.

BRIAN LAUNDERS - Dublin-born midfielder who had been at Crystal Palace for three years before being released and heading for Gresty Road. Capped by the Republic of Ireland at Under-21 level.

SETH JOHNSON - Youngster who joined Crewe as a schoolboy, but who has won a first-team place in recent weeks despite just completing his first year as a YTS player. Midfielder or wing-back.

ADEMOLE BANKOLE - Nigerian international goalkeeper who stands 6ft 4ins tall. Made his debut this season at Wrexham, following an injury to regular keeper Jason Kearton.

STEVE ANTHROBUS - 6ft 3ins tall striker who joined Crewe on deadline day from Shrewsbury. Started his career at Millwall, moving on to Wimbledon, before heading into the lower leagues with the Shrews. Has also enjoyed loan spells with Southend, Peterborough and Chester.

PHIL CHARNOCK - Midfielder who has been on loan at Crewe from Liverpool.

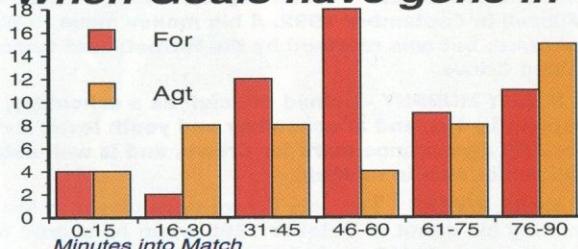
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RIGHT: David Oldfield and Rob Savage pictured during the 0-0 draw at Gresty Road in March.

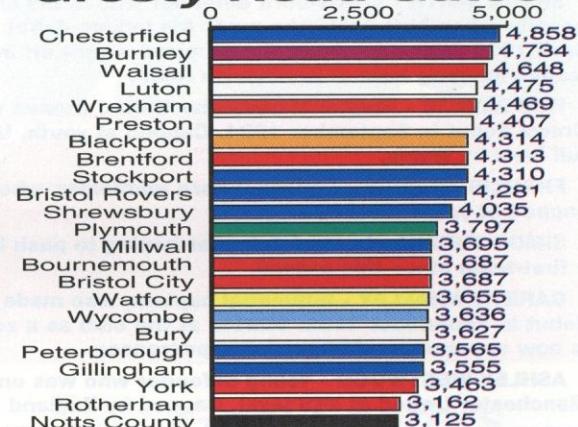
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When Goals have gone in



Gresty Road Gates



STEVEN POPE - Now in his second season as a professional, having come through the YTS scheme.

CHRIS LIGHTFOOT - Joined Crewe from Wigan for £50,000 just prior to the transfer deadline in the 1995/96 season. He started his career at Chester, and returned to full fitness after a long-term injury midway through the season.

STEVE MACAULEY - Has been with the club since 1992, having joined from non-league Fleetwood for £25,000. Centre-half who last season played several games as an emergency striker.

JAMIE MORALEE - Former Crystal Palace trainee who moved to Millwall in September 1992. A big money move to Watford followed, but was released by the Hornets last summer and joined Crewe.

DANNY MURPHY - Joined the club as a schoolboy, and has been capped by England at schoolboy and youth level. Has now passed the 100 appearance mark for Crewe, and is well established in the senior side in midfield.

MARK RIVERS - The only Crewe-born player in the senior ranks, making his debut in October 1995 when he scored twice. Ended the season with 13 goals from his wide position, and has netted some key goals in the current campaign.

SHAUN SMITH - Leeds-born defender who is the club's regular penalty taker. Left-back who made his league debut for Crewe in April 1992. Was one of two Crewe players sent off in December's league meeting here at Kenilworth Road.

ROB SAVAGE - Former Manchester United trainee who made his Crewe debut in September 1994. Capped at youth, Under 21 and full level by Wales.

FRANCIS TIERNEY - Liverpool-born midfielder, who has been capped at youth level by England.

SIMON TURPIN - Central defender hoping to push his claims for a first-team place this season.

GARETH WHALLEY - Influential captain, who made his Crewe debut in September 1992. Started at the club as a schoolboy, and is now approaching 200 senior appearances.

ASHLEY WESTWOOD - Young defender who was on the staff at Manchester United at YTS level. Capped by England at youth level, and moved to Crewe for £40,000.

LEE UNSWORTH - Moved to Crewe from non-league in 1994/95.

PETER BILLING - Now in his second spell with the club, having started at Everton before a first move to Gresty Road. Went on to Coventry, Port Vale and Hartlepool before rejoining Crewe in the summer.

JASON KEARTON - Australian keeper ruled out with an achilles injury in recent weeks. Made his debut in October, after being released by Everton.

LEFT: Gareth Whalley



MEET THE MANAGER

DARIO GRADI is now the longest serving manager in either the Premier or the Football League, having taken over at Gresty Road in the summer of 1983, after holding several positions previously.

Started out with Sutton United, alongside Lennie Lawrence in the Surrey Coaches Association, before becoming a coach at Chelsea, later moving to Derby County.

His first managerial appointment was at Wimbledon and he took them to promotion, followed by short spells at Crystal Palace and Orient, before he headed north to Crewe.

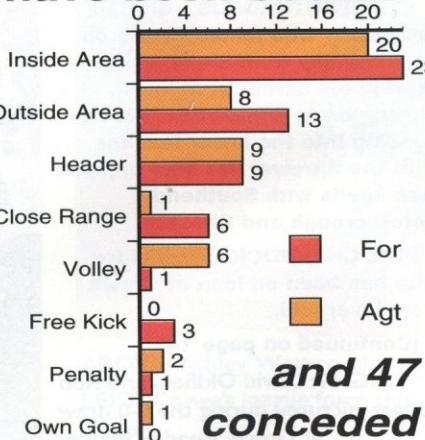
Since his arrival at Gresty Road he has developed a fine youth policy, with a number of players progressing to represent their country.

Former England captain David Platt made his league debut at Crewe; Liverpool defender Rob Jones was a YTS player at Gresty Road, and last season Neil Lennon joined Leicester for a club record £750,000 after becoming a Northern Ireland regular.

NEIL BAKER is Gradi's assistant manager, and is now in his third season in that role.

He was previously manager of Leek Town for eight years, and his extensive knowledge of non-league football has proved a great asset to the club.

How 56 Goals have been Scored



and 47 conceded

A Hatter and a Railwayman....

TONY POUNDER was turning out for Atlas Sports, a local works side in his native Sheffield, when the Town's scout in the area spotted him, and after a lot of persuasion encouraged him to move south.

He signed professional forms for the Town on Boxing Day 1955.

After a few appearances for both the 'A' team and the reserves he made his first team debut against Portsmouth at Kenilworth Road in April 1956 in a 1-0 win.

A fast, direct right winger he had difficulty in claiming a regular place in the side, and was regarded as third in line behind Mike Cullen and Roy Davies.

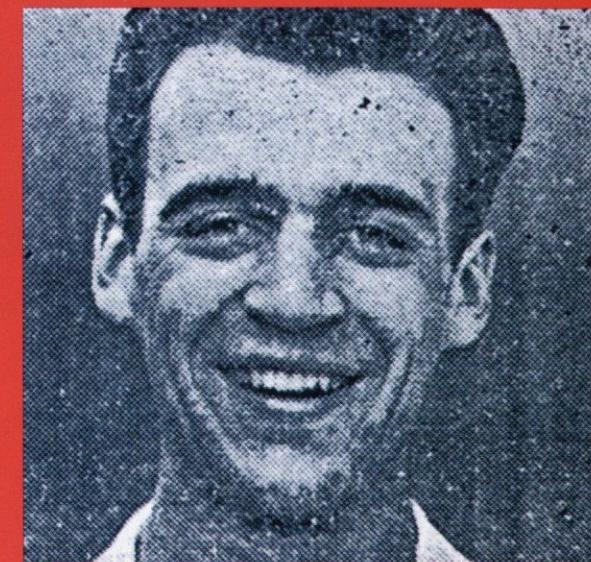
He made two appearances in the first team in 1956/57, and due to the competition was allowed to move to Coventry in June 1957.

After only six months and six appearances at Highfield Road he was on his way again, this time to Crewe where he enjoyed an extended run in the first team over the next 18 months.

Bowing out of the Football League in 1959, Pounder moved to Yeovil where he was a regular for seven years in their Southern League side, and then finished his career at Dorchester in 1966.

His Yeovil-born son, also Tony, turned out many times for Bristol Rovers and more recently Hereford United. - ROGER WASH.

Hatters and Railwaymen are indeed few and far between. In December's home league programme we

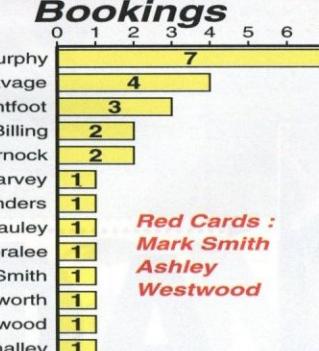


ABOVE: Tony Pounder

highlighted the career of striker Mike Newell, who made his league debut for the Gresty Road side after leaving Liverpool where he was on the books as a junior.

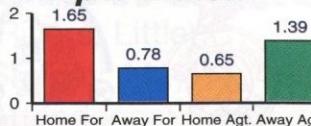
He left Crewe on a free transfer to join Wigan, and then moved to Luton in 1986 for £90,000. He has since played for Leicester, Everton, Blackburn and Birmingham, and finished this season at Bradford.

Goal Scorers

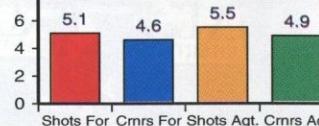


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Average Goals per Match



Average Shots and Corners





Lean on me..... Hatters' leading scorer Tony Thorpe is beaten to the ball.

← Crewe goalkeeper Jason Kearton saves from Tony Thorpe during the first-half.

David Oldfield (9) celebrates the opening goal, created (inset) by Andrew Fotiadis.

I did it my way..... Lennie Lawrence gives his verdict at the post-match press conference. →



ACTION STATIONS



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(Oldfield)

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1. Bryan Robson scored after just 8 seconds against Yugoslavia in 1989.

3. Billy McNeill was appointed Celtic manager in 1978 and again in 1987.

2. Geoff Hurst scored 37 hat-tricks during his career.

4. Graeme Souness was sacked from Galatasaray for allegedly planting a flag in the middle of the pitch in the Turkish Cup Final.

QUICK QUIZ?

1. From which country do the clubs Lazio, Martigues and Nice hail?
2. Who were the first runners-up of the League Cup?
3. In which City do Scottish side Caledonian Thistle play?
4. How many times have Leeds United won the FA Cup?
5. Which Chelsea defender was named in the England U-21 squad for this summer's Toulon Tournament?
6. Which club is nicknamed 'The Spirerites'?

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Answers

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 Anglo Scottish Cup: 1977
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 Division 2 Championship: 1906/07, 1921/22
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 League Cup: 1978, 1979, 1989, 1990
 European Cup: 1979, 1980
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JUNIOR HATTERS NEWS

Tony Thorpe is voted Player of the Year!



THANKS to everyone who came along to last Thursday's Junior Hatters Disco, when we presented the Junior Hatters Player of the Year Trophy to leading scorer Tony Thorpe.

Last Saturday saw the final Saturday Club of the season, prior to the game against Stockport, and we look forward to seeing you all again when the new season kicks off in August. The Saturday Club members, and helpers, are pictured above, at the end of another busy campaign during which we entertained a number of clubs here, and organised trips to away matches in Division Two.

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 Junior Hatters mascot at Peterborough was Rachel Turner.



LEFT: Our mascots for the game against Stockport are pictured with Dwight Marshall.

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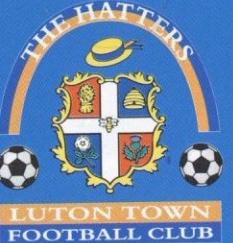
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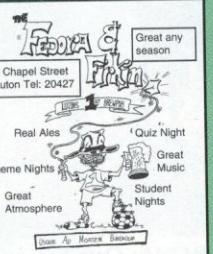
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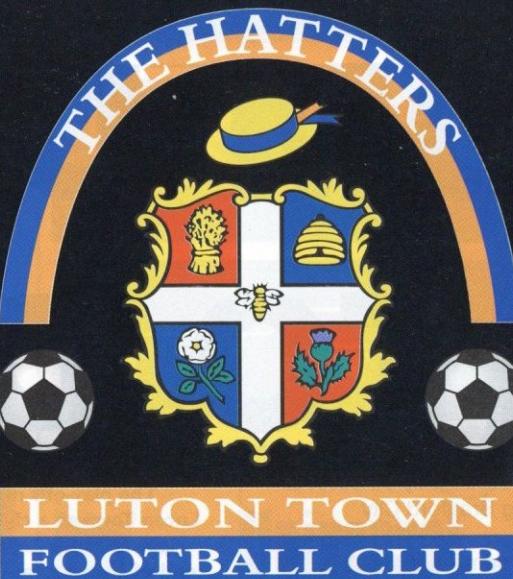
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Two of the current Town squad achieved play-off success in this division last season - helping Bradford City progress into Division One.

ANDY KIWOMYA played in both semi-final matches against Blackpool, and the final win over Notts County, with **PAUL SHOWLER** also part of the Bantams' squad.

The win over Blackpool was one of the most remarkable in the history of the play-offs, with the Tangerines winning the first leg 2-0 at Valley Parade only to lose 3-0 at home.

For Paul Showler the victory made up for the disappointment of play-off defeat to Blackpool in 1992, in the 'old' Division Four, when his Barnet side lost 2-0 at Blackpool after a 1-0 first leg win at Underhill.

After Blackpool had beaten Barnet in that 1992 competition, they went on to play Scunthorpe in the final at Wembley, thus providing a moment of despair for current Hatter **GRAHAM ALEXANDER**.

The midfielder was in the Scunthorpe side that had ironically beaten Crewe 4-2 on aggregate in the semi-finals, but against Blackpool the scores were level at 1-1 after extra-time.

And so it went to penalties, with Blackpool winning 4-3, as Graham, who had come on as a substitute, being one of the unfortunate Scunthorpe players to miss.

"Hopefully beating Crewe will prove to be a lucky omen, but it was a terrible feeling to miss a penalty, although it hasn't put me off taking them since," said Graham.

"Hopefully we can



DAVID OLDFIELD was at Leicester at the time when they became play-off 'regulars'.

The play-offs may be a new experience for Luton Town as a club, but a number of the Hatters players have enjoyed and endured the annual end-of-season dramas, as **SIMON OXLEY** reports.

get to Wembley again, but let's hope there's no need for penalties."

STEVE DAVIS has much happier memories of the play-offs, but at the expense of his current Luton team-mate **DWIGHT MARSHALL**.

Their play-off meeting came in the 1994 Division Two semi-finals as Steve's Burnley took on Dwight's Plymouth.

The first leg at Turf Moor ended 0-0, with Plymouth thus going into the second leg at Home Park very much favourites to progress to Wembley.

Dwight put Argyle in front, but Burnley fought back and won 3-1, going on to beat Stockport 2-1 at Wembley.

"We were disappointed to be held at home in the semi-finals, but then in the build up to the second leg we heard the Plymouth chairman on the radio talking about all the coaches that were booked for Wembley, and how they had ordered a new kit, and that really wound us up for the match," said Steve.

Leicester City have been regular play-off contenders in Division One, and last season of course secured promotion to the Premier League with a last minute goal from ex-Hatter Steve Claridge giving them a 1-0 win over Crystal Palace.

In 1993 they suffered defeat in the final at Wembley, with **DAVID OLDFIELD** in the Foxes side who went down 4-3 to Glenn Hoddle's Swindon.

David had earlier played in both semi-finals, when Leicester overcame Portsmouth 3-2 on aggregate.

He was on the bench when Leicester lost to Blackburn in the play-off final of 1992. The game was decided by a controversial penalty, ironically converted by another ex-Hatter who had a spell at Filbert Street..... Mike Newell.

Skipper **GARY WADDOCK** was in the Millwall side that reached the play-offs in the 'old' Division Two in 1991.

The Lions though lost to Brighton, going down 4-1 at the Goldstone Ground and 2-1 at the Den.



DWIGHT MARSHALL was in the Plymouth side who lost in the 1994 play-offs to Burnley.



GRAHAM ALEXANDER was in the Scunthorpe side when they lost on penalties at Wembley in 1992.

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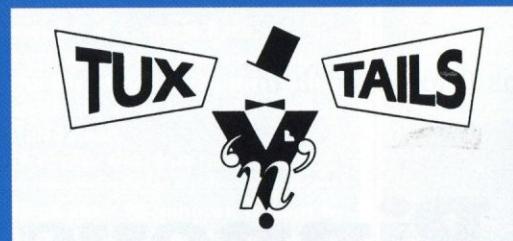
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Third time lucky for the Railwaymen?

CREWE Alexandra have been losing semi-finalists in the last two Division Two play-offs.

Last season, Dario Gradi's team went out to Notts County, with a 2-2 draw at Gresty Road followed by a 1-0 defeat at Meadow Lane when Gary Martindale's goal clinched the tie for Notts.

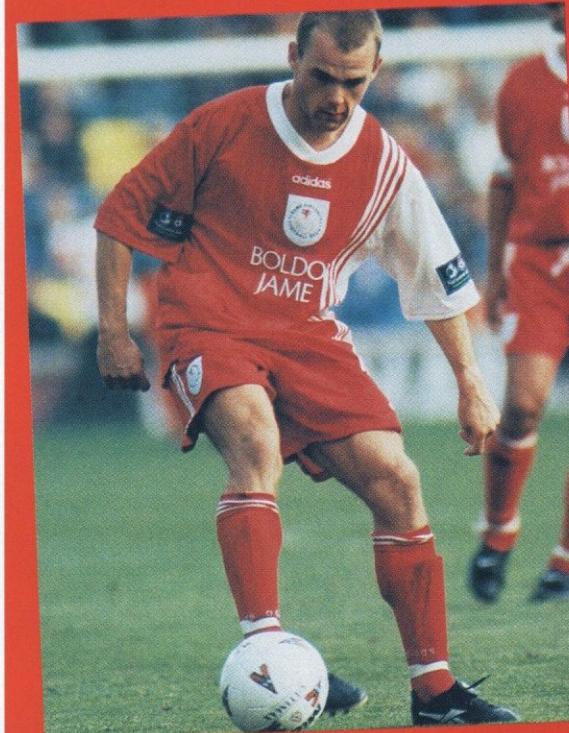
The previous season, in 1995, Crewe went out to Bristol Rovers, with a 0-0 draw away followed by a 1-1 draw at Gresty Road - Bristol progressing on the away goals rule.

In all, Crewe have been in the play-offs in four of the last five seasons.

In 1993 in the Division Three Final at Wembley, they lost 5-3 on penalties to York - the game finished 1-1 after extra-time - after overcoming Walsall in the semi-finals.

The previous season, when it was then Division Four, Crewe lost 4-2 on aggregate to Scunthorpe in the semi-finals - a Scunthorpe side containing current Luton player Graham Alexander.

LEFT: Third time lucky for Danny Murphy & Crewe?



Play-Off? Been there, seen it, done it.....

TOWN manager Lennie Lawrence (pictured below) knows all about the drama of the play-offs after guiding Charlton to victory against Leeds United in 1987.

The format 10 years ago was different to that used today, with Charlton - 4th from bottom in the 'old' Division One - contesting the play-off with the sides finishing 3rd, 4th and 5th in Division Two. It was also before the 'one-off' Wembley final, with the deciding game being played home and away over two legs.

Charlton saw off Ipswich in the semis, drawing 0-0 at Portman Road, and then winning 2-1 at their then Selhurst Park home.

They faced Leeds in the final and won 1-0 at Selhurst Park, courtesy of a Jim Melrose goal, with Brendan Ormsby then giving Leeds victory in front of 31,000 at Elland Road.

A replay was thus required, at Birmingham's St Andrews ground. Nil-nil after 90 minutes, it went to extra-time, with John Sheridan putting Leeds in front.

But two late goals from Peter Shirtliff kept Charlton in the top flight. It was an Addicks side that also included current Brighton manager Steve Gritt, Rob Lee and Garth Crooks.



Thorpe's award



ABOVE: Leading scorer Tony Thorpe was voted Luton Town's Player of the Season by the Supporters Club, and received his trophy from Club chairperson Yvonne Fletcher (left) prior to the game against Stockport.

This season's Division Two meetings between Luton and Crewe.....



LEFT: Hat-trick scorer Tony Thorpe finds his progress halted by some determined Crewe defending during our December league meeting at Kenilworth Road.

BELOW: The experience of skipper Gary Waddock won the midfield battle against Crewe's youngsters.



Saturday, December 14, 1996

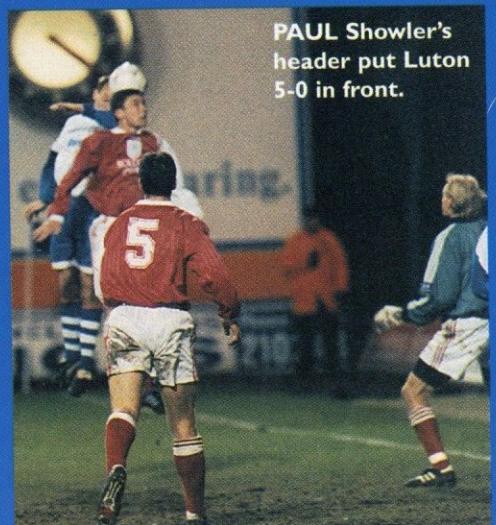
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(Alexander, Thorpe 3 (1 pen), Showler, Oldfield)

Crewe Alexandra 0

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Pictures: Andy Handley



PAUL Showler's header put Luton 5-0 in front.

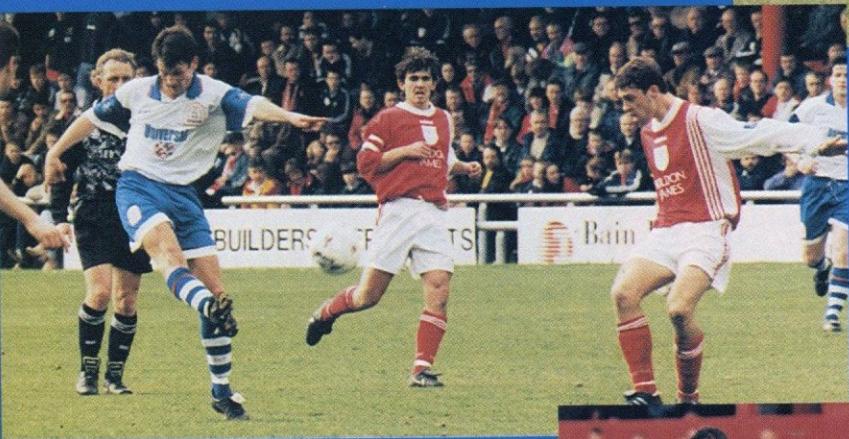


ABOVE: Shaun Smith's foul on Dwight Marshall gave Tony Thorpe (inset) the chance to put Luton 3-0 in front.



ABOVE: David Oldfield heads for goal during the 0-0 draw at Gresty Road in March.

RIGHT: G'day mate! Australian keeper Jason Kearton, formerly with Everton, denies Aussie-born David Oldfield a scoring chance.



LEFT: Paul McLaren came into the Town side for the league match at Crewe, and gets in a right-foot shot.



BELOW: Crewe keeper Jason Kearton beats Tony Thorpe to the ball.

Saturday, March 15, 1997

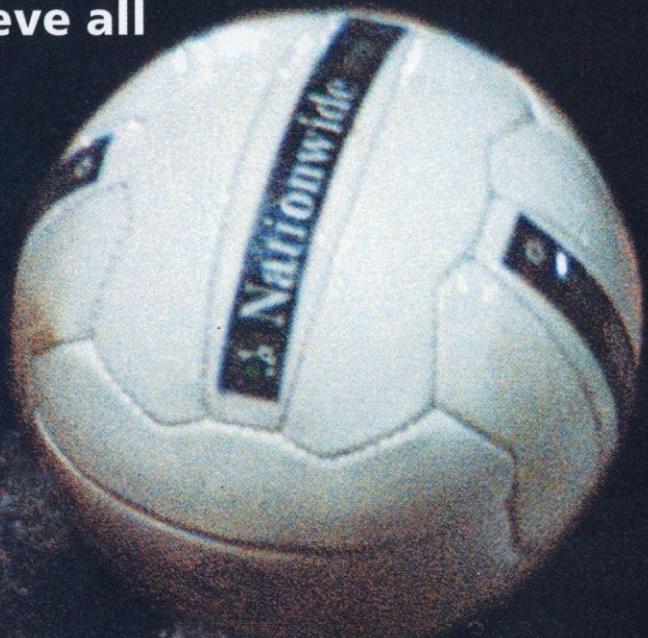
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Attendance: 4,474

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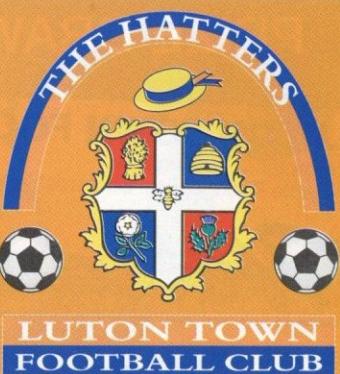
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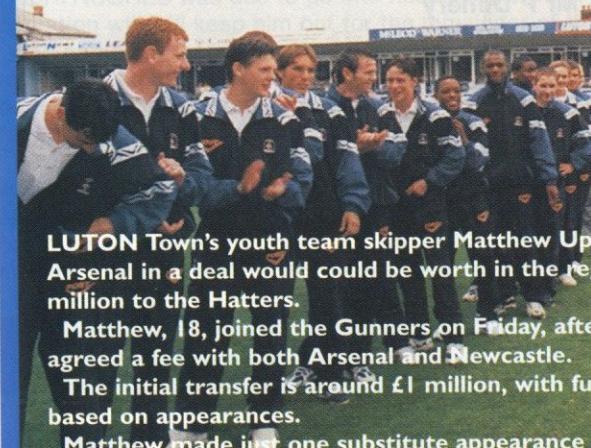
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UP AND AWAY!



LUTON Town's youth team skipper Matthew Upson has joined Arsenal in a deal which could be worth in the region of £2 million to the Hatters.

Matthew, 18, joined the Gunners on Friday, after the club had agreed a fee with both Arsenal and Newcastle.

The initial transfer is around £1 million, with further payments based on appearances.

Matthew made just one substitute appearance in Division Two this season, and made just one senior start last season - in the Anglo-Italian Cup at Cesena.

He captained the youth team to the semi-finals of this season's FA Youth Cup.



LEFT:
Matthew Upson and the LTFC youth team were presented with the SE Counties Div Two trophy prior to the game against Stockport.

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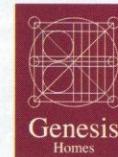
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INJURY UPDATE

GARY WADDOCK hopes to be fit for this evening's game after being forced off through injury after just eight minutes on Sunday.

Gary had sustained a deep gash on his shin, with the stud going through the shin-guard, and needed four stitches. The leg has been sore, but the wound can be well protected.

CERI HUGHES was due to go into hospital this week for a hernia operation will keep him out for the remainder of this season.

Ceri had been feeling the stomach injury for a while, and after testing his fitness in training last week, it was felt that it would be better to get the operation done and concentrate on his being fit for the start of next season.

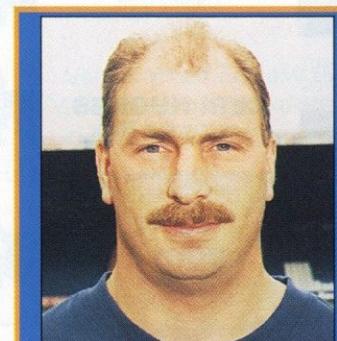
PAUL SHOWLER came through last week's reserve game with no ill effects. It was his first match after a knee operation, and he could be considered for this evening's game.

MARVIN JOHNSON missed the match at Crewe after a recurrence of an achilles injury, and has been receiving treatment this week in a bid to get him fit. ANDY KIWOMYA is still receiving treatment for his hamstring injury.

Youth team striker ANDREW BARR was under consideration for Monday's game at Leighton Town after his hernia operation, whilst LIAM GEORGE and CHRIS WILLMOTT continue gym work after their knee operations.



LEFT: Gary Waddock needed four stitches in a shin injury sustained in Sunday's game.



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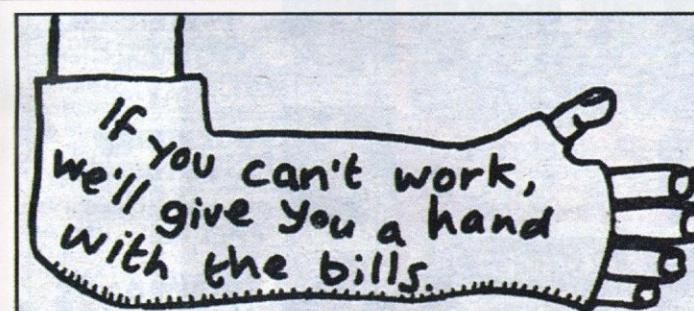


RIGHT:
Ceri Hughes - a hernia operation has ruled him out for the rest of the season.

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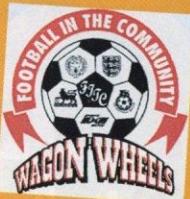


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AFTER a successful Easter programme of courses, we are now looking ahead to the Whitsuntide holiday, and further ahead to the summer holidays.

The following courses have been organised for the half-term holiday:

Venue: St Josephs Junior School, Gardenia Avenue, LUTON.

Date: Tuesday, May 27.
Time: 10am to 1pm.
Cost: £6.

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

Dates: Wednesday, May 28, and Thursday, May 29.
Time: 10am to 1pm.
Cost: £12.

Venue: Wood End JMI School, Yeomans Avenue, HARPENDEN.
Date: Friday, May 30.



ABOVE: Youngsters on the Easter coaching course at Linslade Middle School, in Leighton Buzzard.



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THE Reserves complete their Avon Insurance Combination League fixtures with a re-arranged game at Norwich tomorrow afternoon.

Kick-off is 2pm, with the game being played at the Canaries' training ground.

In their final two home matches, the reserves drew 1-1 against Brighton, and beat Chelsea 5-2.

The draw against Brighton, in a game played at Hitchin Town FC, saw Sean Evers put the Hatters in front in the first-half, with the visitors equalising midway through the second period.

Team: Davis, Lawes, Fraser (McIndoe), Evers, Skelton, Upson, Kean, Cox, Doherty, Jones, Sweeney (Scarlett).

Sub not used: Boyce.

Against a Chelsea side including the likes of Kevin Hitchcock, David Rocastle, Jody Morris and Mark Stein, the Hatters raced into a 4-0 interval lead at Kenilworth Road last Wednesday.

Dwight Marshall opened the scoring, with Kim Grant then netting a hat-trick inside 25 minutes.

Ex-Hatter Stein was denied by Kelvin Davis and then the crossbar after the break, but Bontcho Guentchev netted number five after 67 minutes.

Chelsea, coached by former Town

Wed Aug 28	WEST HAM (LC)	lost 3-0
Thur Sep 5	WIMBLETON	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	drew 1-1
Wed May 7	CHELSEA	won 5-2
Thur May 15	Norwich	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.

assistant manager Mick McGiven, pulled a couple of goals back in the closing minutes.

Team: Davis, Jones, Harvey, Evers, Skelton, Boyce, Guentchev, Kean, Showler, Grant, Marshall.

Subs not used: Scarlett, Fraser, Lawes.

Having completed their South East Counties League fixtures, and finishing as champions, the youth

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	21	14	5	2	43	23	47
Portsmouth	22	14	2	6	40	23	44
Tottenham	22	13	4	5	50	26	43
Ipswich	21	12	4	5	41	18	40
C Palace	22	10	6	6	37	32	36
Arsenal	22	10	5	7	49	30	35
Brighton	22	9	8	5	40	31	35
Swindon	22	9	5	8	37	35	32
Chelsea	21	9	5	7	29	30	32
LUTON TOWN	20	8	5	7	23	21	29
QPR	21	8	4	9	35	36	28
Watford	21	7	7	7	25	29	28
Swansea	22	7	7	8	24	33	28
Bournemouth	22	7	5	10	34	43	26
Charlton	20	7	4	9	28	36	25
Bristol C	22	6	5	11	38	37	23
Oxford	22	6	5	11	37	40	23
Southampton	20	6	5	9	31	37	23
Millwall	21	6	4	11	28	37	22
Bristol R	22	6	4	12	22	42	22
West Ham	21	6	3	12	26	42	21
Norwich	20	4	6	10	30	41	18
Cardiff	21	4	6	11	15	40	18

League table up to and including 2/5/97

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1996/97 APPS & SCORERS (7/5/97)

	APPS	G		APPS	G
Kelvin DAVIS	18		Des LINTON	6	
Sean EVERS	23	4	Kim GRANT	6	4
Ben CHENERY	17		Dwight MARSHALL	4 (1)	1
Paul McLAREN	13	1	Jimmy COX	1 (1)	
Gary SIMPSON	2		Stuart FRASER	3 (3)	
Chris WILLMOTT	14 (1)	1	Mark BROWN	1	
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	12	5	David OLDFIELD	2	
Tony THORPE	3		Michael McINDOE	4 (2)	
John TAYLOR	4	1	Andrew FOTIADIS	5 (2)	1
Stuart DOUGLAS	12 (2)	1	Lee MARSHALL	2	
Robert KEAN	25	4	Ian JONES	6 (1)	
Jamie WOODSFORD	3 (1)	2	A THOMPSON	1	
Andre SCARLETT	1 (4)		V MONTGOMERY	1	
Matthew UPSON	16	2	Russell LAWES	3 (1)	
Steve AUGUSTINE	(4)		Gary DOHERTY	4 (1)	
Nathan ABBEY	7		Richard HARVEY	7	
Trevor PEAKE	2		Emerson BOYCE	2	
Darren PATTERSON	8		David SADLER	2	
Paul SHOWLER	4		Richard CLARKE	(1)	
Aaron SKELTON	15	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	8 (3)				

team were in cup action on Saturday in the semi-finals of the Eastern Junior Cup.

They entertained Ipswich at Kenilworth Road, but the long season took its toll and the Hatters youngsters went down 5-0.

Youth team striker Gary Doherty was in action for the Eire youth team in Norway last Wednesday, playing at centre-half in a 2-1 victory.

The Hatters were due to play Leighton Town in the final of the Beds Premier Cup, at Bell Close, on Monday evening.

This season the final is just being contested over one leg, rather than the usual two.



KIM Grant

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	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	29	12	7	10	53	45	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	28	9	6	12	39	55	24
Bristol R	30	9	5	16	44	56	23
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 May 3, 1997



with **TREVOR PEAKE**



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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	WIMBLETON	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)	won 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			

YOUTH TEAM 1996/97 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS

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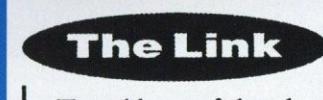


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WITH Tony Thorpe breaking the 30-goal barrier in a league season for the first time by a Town player since 1971, he joins a relatively short list of players achieving this feat while at Kenilworth Road.

The first to write his name on the 'Roll of Honour' was Ernie Simms in the 1920/21 season.

Simms had been signed from Barnsley in 1913 with the firm instruction to score the goals necessary to win the Town promotion back to the Southern League Division One.

This he did and he became a prolific goalscorer in the period leading up to World War One, as well as scoring over 40 goals in a season for the Town in the London Combination during the War.

With the Town entering the Football League in 1920, Simms had the honour of scoring our first goal at this level (in a 9-1 defeat at Swindon!) and went on to bag 29 in the competition as well as five in the FA Cup.

In the following season, his first for the club, he was not so prolific in front of goal but did manage to win an England cap in opposition to fellow Town players Allan Mathieson and Louis Bookman of Northern Ireland.

After leaving the club in 1922, Simms was never able to repeat his Kenilworth Road successes when turning out for South Shields, Stockport, Scunthorpe and York.

The next to appear on the list was Andy Rennie who hit an amazing 43 league goals in 1928/29 (including five in an 8-0 thumping of Gillingham) plus five in the FA Cup.

Glasgow-born Rennie was originally brought to the club as a centre-half and it was two years before it was discovered that he was rather more effective in the forward line, and in 10 years he knocked in 147 league goals for the Town to become a firm favourite.

Renowned for his fierce shooting - my grandfather maintained that he used to swing his leg from the hip - and quick temper, Rennie often took the back seat to other sharp-shooters at Kenilworth Road during his 10 year stay, but they all came and went!

Towards the end of Andy Rennie's stay at Luton we signed a forward from Huddersfield who everyone

Those were the days



by **ROGER
WASH**

thought was approaching the twilight of his career. Although he had been a prolific scorer at Sheffield Wednesday, Jack Ball had then moved in quick succession to Manchester United and Huddersfield before coming to Kenilworth Road three months into the 1934/35 season. He turned out to be a revelation, scoring 30 league goals in only 31 games that season, but was never as successful again, taking on a bit part during his three year stay here as others gradually stole the limelight. It is at this stage that the amazing Joe Payne entered the frame. Signed from Bolsover Colliery as a forward it was soon reckoned that he was a better defender and his few first team outings over the next two seasons did not encourage him to cross the halfway line.

No one is quite sure who was responsible for giving Joe a game in the forward line over Easter 1936, but several dozen have since claimed responsibility! History was made that

Easter Monday afternoon when Payne scored 10 against luckless Bristol Rovers in a feat that is unlikely to be matched.

Also unlikely to be matched is Payne's 55 goals the following season as the Town won promotion to the old Division Two. Three goals in the Cup were also scored by Payne that campaign as he became the darling of the Kenilworth Road terraces.

Payne did not stay long at Luton, being transferred to Chelsea in 1938, but the next goalscorer hero was at Kenilworth Road for 15 years, and scored 243 league goals to create a record for the club.

Gordon Turner came to Kenilworth Road as an amateur wing-half after leaving the Royal Navy in 1949, but it was soon recognised that he was a natural goalscorer and he topped the goalscorer charts just about every season he was here, and cracked the 30-goal barrier on three occasions.

When it is remembered that the majority of Turner's goals were scored in the old Division One against the best defences in the land, his feat probably overshadows that of Payne.

Just as Turner was reaching the end of his career up



ABOVE: All-time record goalscorer Gordon Turner.

LEFT: This season's leading scorer Tony Thorpe celebrates a hat-trick against Crewe in December.

popped another goalscorer in the shape of John O'Rourke. Signed from Chelsea on a free transfer in 1963, O'Rourke was an instant success banging in 22 goals in only 23 appearances as the Town avoided relegation from the old Division Three at the death.

A serious injury the following season meant that he was powerless to prevent the inevitable relegation, but he was back to his best in 1965/66 scoring 34 goals as the Town narrowly failed to win promotion at the first attempt.

O'Rourke left for the richer pastures of Middlesbrough at the end of that season, but it was to be only a couple of years before the next 30-goal king arrived at Kenilworth Road in the shape of Malcolm Macdonald.

Macdonald was signed from Fulham by Alec Stock as a fullback for the princely sum of £17,500, but a pre-season injury crisis led to him moving to the forward line and from that point his career really took off.

He top scored as the Town were promoted from the

old Division Three in 1970 and then cracked the 30-goal barrier in the following season as we took Division Two by storm. In a fairy tale end to the season, Macdonald was stuck on 27 goals while we needed three to qualify for the Watney Cup. Cardiff were seen off 3-0 at Kenilworth Road in the final game, with Macdonald scoring the lot and this feat was said to have added £30,000 to the price when he transferred to Newcastle that summer.

We have waited a long time for someone else to hit 30 in a season and at the time of writing I reckon that Gordon Turner's record of 37 achieved in 1954/55 is achievable, which would leave Tony Thorpe third in the all-time table. Over to you Tony!

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, 1956/57 - 31 goals, 1957/58 - 33 goals; John O'Rourke 1965/66 - 34 goals; Malcolm Macdonald 1970/71 - 30 goals.

5 YEARS AGO

2/5/92: The season ended with a 2-1 defeat at Notts County which had consigned us to relegation from the old Division One to the new Division One! The defeat marked a sad end to 10 years at the top.

10 YEARS AGO

9/5/87: We suffered a 3-1 defeat at champions elect Everton, in front of a Goodison Park crowd of 44,092. Although this setback pushed us down to seventh position, this remains our highest ever place in the top flight.

15 YEARS AGO

17/5/82: Although we had already been crowned as champions of the old Division Two, winning was a habit and we returned from Cardiff with all three points following a 3-2 victory. The defeat pushed the Bluebirds through the relegation trapdoor.

20 YEARS AGO

14/5/77: David Carr made his debut for the Town in a 2-1 victory at Oldham, where the goalscorers were Lil Fuccillo and John Aston. The win meant we finished in a respectable sixth position in the old Division Two.

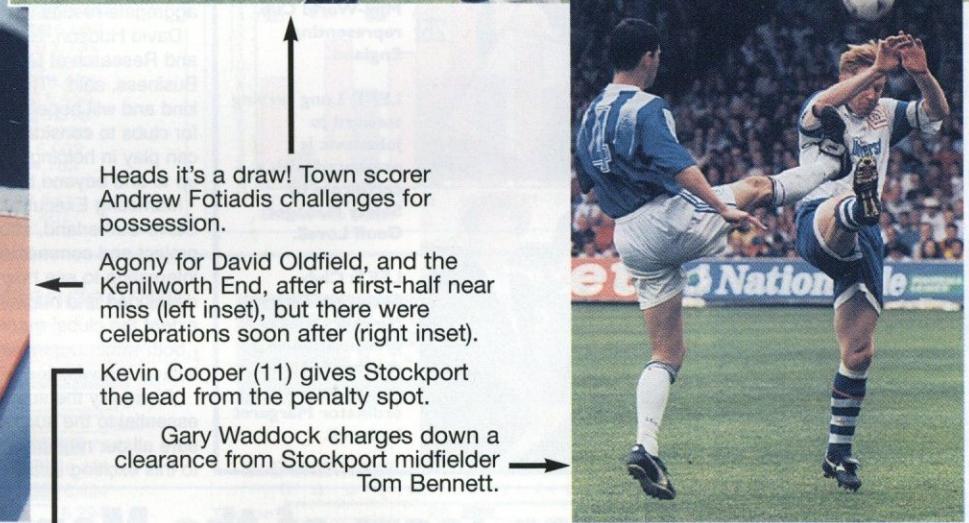


Heads it's a draw! Town scorer Andrew Fotiadis challenges for possession.

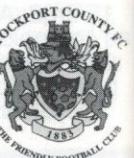
← Agony for David Oldfield, and the Kenilworth End, after a first-half near miss (left inset), but there were celebrations soon after (right inset).

Kevin Cooper (11) gives Stockport the lead from the penalty spot.

Gary Waddock charges down a clearance from Stockport midfielder Tom Bennett. →



ACTION STATIONS



Luton Town 1 Stockport County 1

(Fotiadis)

Saturday, May 3, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 9,347

(Cooper pen)

Pictures by Andy Handley

Calls cost 50p per minute at all times

FOR THE LATEST NEWS - CLUBCALL 0891 121 123

THE Football League's Playing Surfaces Committee has announced the winners in the divisional Nationwide Football League Groundsman of the Year Awards.

In the Nationwide Football League, first division Grimsby Town's groundsman Mike Phillips has picked up the award for his surface, while John Huxley of Crewe Alexandra will receive the second division accolade for the Gresty Road pitch.

In the third division of the Nationwide League, Mark Harrison of Hull City is the top groundsman, with Blackburn Rovers' Steve Patrick securing the title in the Premier League.

The three Nationwide Football League winners will receive one of the crystal trophies specially produced by sponsors Nationwide, plus a £250 prize which will be placed in a nationwide Building Society account.

Nominations were once again sought from clubs and referees regarding the best playing surface encountered during the course of the season.

However, the judges, who include Dr Steve Baker from the Sports Turf Research Institute, also considered fully the resources available to the groundsman and actual construction of pitches at the 92 professional clubs before making their final decisions.

Barnsley, Wolves, Bristol City, Wycombe, Carlisle, Wigan, Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday were highly commended for their pitches.



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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.



League launches marketing project

THE Football League have linked up with De Montfort University's School of Business to carry out the first comprehensive examination of marketing and promotional activities within Football League clubs.

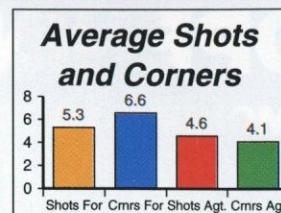
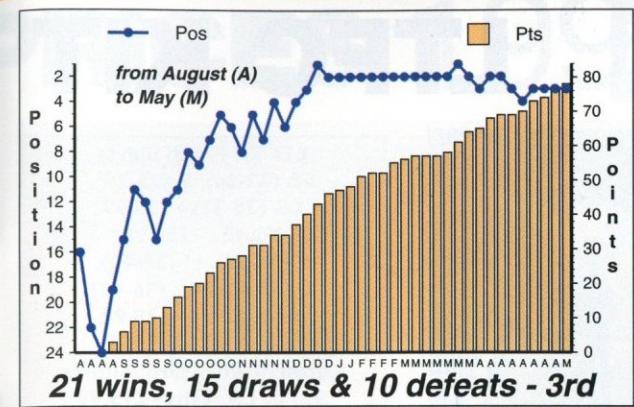
The aim is to develop a representation of marketing activities within the industry and to determine the extent to which various marketing techniques are used by football clubs. Strategic marketing implications will be drawn for both the clubs and the industry as a whole.

A postal questionnaire has been sent out to senior marketing and commercial managers at all 72 Football League clubs. The study is completely confidential and all clubs will have an opportunity to receive a copy of the aggregate results.

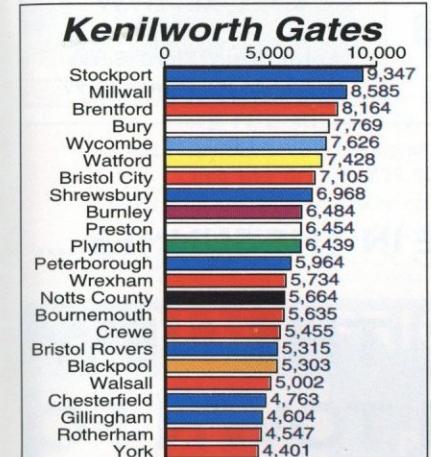
David Hudson, Senior Lecturer in Marketing and Research at De Montfort School of Business, said: "This is the first study of its kind and will hopefully provide an opportunity for clubs to consider the role that marketing can play in helping them meet the challenges up to and beyond the Millennium."

Marketing Executive at The Football League, Steve Sutherland, strongly endorsed this project and commented: "It will be most interesting to see how far clubs have developed in a marketing sense and to what extent the clubs' marketing practices compare - both within our industry and with other leisure organisations."

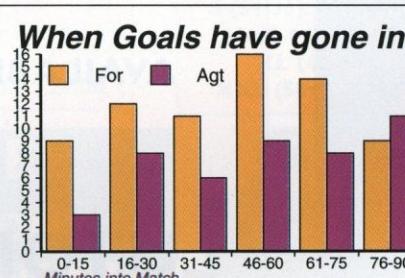
"Obviously the support of all clubs is essential to the success of the study and I'm sure all our member clubs will react positively to this exciting initiative."



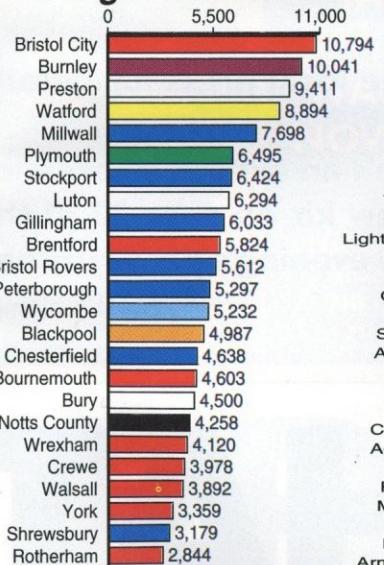
Stats for 96/97 by FOOTBALL INFORMATION SERVICES. Up to and including Saturday, May 3.



LUTON TOWN FC 1996/97



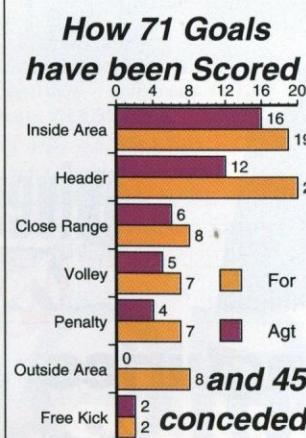
Average Attendances



DIVISION TWO 1996/97



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



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),
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Luton Town 'Third' Shorts
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Luton Town 'Third' Socks
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(There's an artist's impression
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4. LTFC split vent sweatshirt - M, L, XL - £26.00

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

Luton Town Away Shorts
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S, M, L - £19.99

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

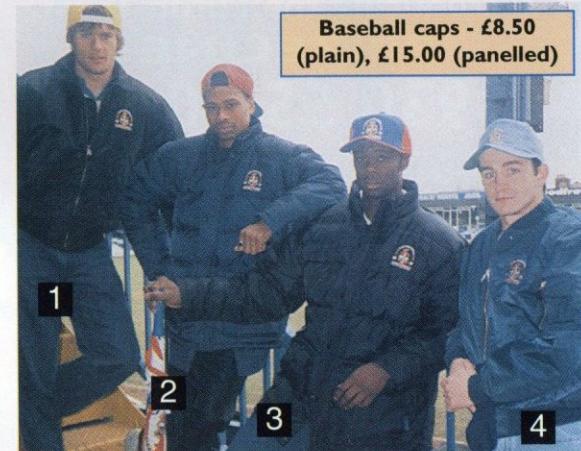
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4. MA1 jackets, black navy - childrens £29.00
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This evening we welcome match sponsors the WHITBREAD BEER COMPANY, GROSVENOR CASINO, ANACHEM, BOBBERS TRAVEL CLUB, and FILMER GRAPHIC PRESS.

This evening's matchball sponsors are REGAL LITHO.

If you or your company would like details of match or matchball sponsorship, please contact the Commercial Department on (01582) 411622.

We in the Commercial Department are always willing to talk to you about how you and your company can get involved with Luton Town. We have packages to suit all budgets, and a variety of ways in which your company can get involved.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS



with **KATHY
LEATHER**



ABOVE: Paul McLaren was voted man-of-the-match by our match sponsors for the home game against Stockport.



ABOVE: Mr Adrian Potts, one of the original Vice-Presidents of the club, returned to Kenilworth Road for a recent home game to celebrate his birthday with family members. Mr Potts moved to Eastbourne on business 25 years ago.

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.

Don't forget our May Ball event later this week, and you can find full details on page 25 of this evening's programme. There are still some tickets available for the May Ball, which is now taking place at the Strathmore Hotel.

I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the season, and we will be contacting you during the summer months to discuss our plans for 1997/98.

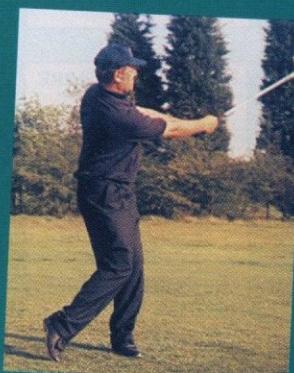
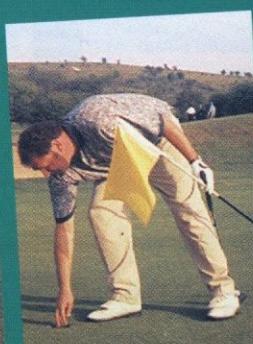
LTFC Golf Day - South Beds Golf Club - April 1997



ABOVE: Graham Builders Merchants, pictured with David Oldfield and Ian Feuer, won the Team Stapleford competition.



ABOVE: Kevin Millett, winner of the Individual Stapleford Competition, with David Oldfield and Ian Feuer.



ABOVE: from l to r: Chris Slattery, from CableTel; Gerry Zukas, from City Link; Len Shaw, from Rococo; and Ian Gazeley, from DBF Crosswinds.



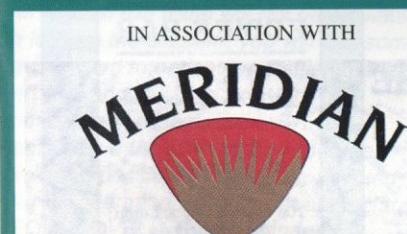
ABOVE: DBF Crosswinds, winners of a Golf Day at Mentmore, courtesy of Whitbread Beers Ltd.



ABOVE: Tony Gill won a set of golf clubs from Meridian Golf.



ABOVE: City Link - winners of the Team Texas Scramble competition.



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For details of our Autumn Golf Day, please contact the Commercial Department on (01582) 411622

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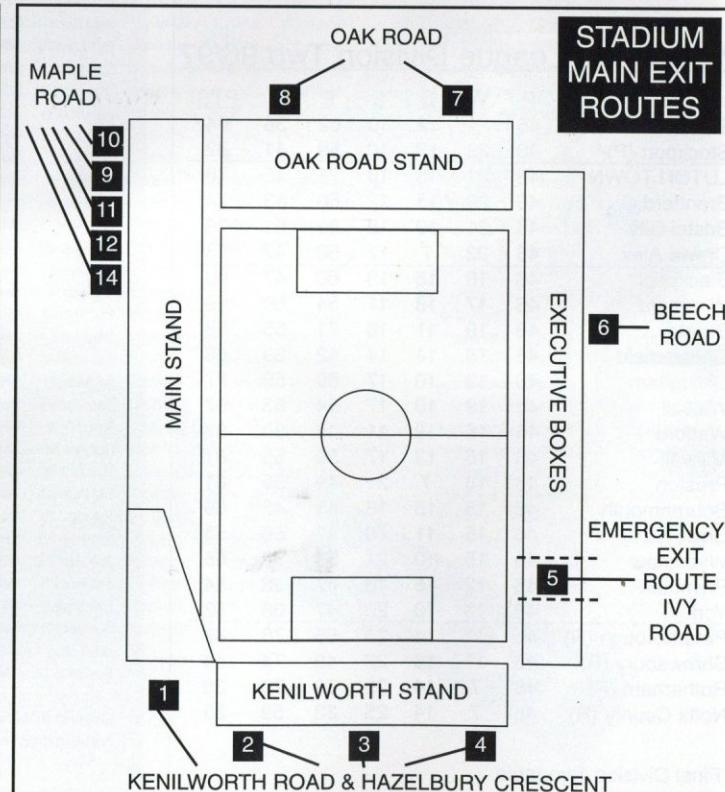
LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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:

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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.



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TEAM Statistics

LUTON TOWN 1996/97

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LGE APPS	LGE GLS	CUP APPS	CUP GLS	P/OFF APPS	P/OFF GLS
Ian FEUER	46		11		1	1
Julian JAMES	44	1	11	1	1	
Mitchell THOMAS	42	3	9		1	
Gary WADDOCK	38 (1)	2	8		1	
Daren PATTERSON	8 (2)		3 (1)		1	
Marvin JOHNSON	44		10	1		
Bontcho GUENTCHEV	15 (12)	1	6 (4)			
Graham ALEXANDER	44 (1)	*2	11 (1)		1	
David OLDFIELD	31 (7)	6	5 (2)	2	1	1
Kim GRANT	8 (17)	2	6 (2)	3	(1)	
Tony THORPE	39 (2)	28	6 (1)	3	1	
Andrew FOTIADIS	9 (8)	3	(4)		1	
Des LINTON	3 (4)		4			
Steve DAVIS	43 (1)	8	12	1	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	13 (11)		(1)		1	
Aaron SKELTON	2 (1)		3			
Dwight MARSHALL	9 (15)	4	5 (1)	3	(1)	
Kelvin DAVIS			1			
Sean EVER	1		1			
Gavin McGOWAN	2					
Andy KIWOMYA	5		1			
Richard HARVEY	1 (1)					
Own goal						

Nationwide League Division Two 96/97

	P	W	D	L	E	A	PTS
Bury (P)	46	24	12	10	62	38	84
Stockport (P)	46	23	13	10	59	41	82
LUTON TOWN	46	21	15	10	71	45	78
Brentford	46	20	14	12	56	43	74
Bristol City	46	21	10	15	69	51	73
Crewe Alex.	46	22	7	17	56	47	73
Blackpool	46	18	15	13	60	47	69
Wrexham	46	17	18	11	54	50	69
Burnley	46	19	11	16	71	55	68
Chesterfield	46	18	14	14	42	39	68
Gillingham	46	19	10	17	60	59	67
Walsall	46	19	10	17	54	53	67
Watford	46	16	19	11	45	38	67
Millwall	46	16	13	17	50	55	61
Preston	46	18	7	21	49	55	61
Bournemouth	46	15	15	16	43	45	60
Bristol R	46	15	11	20	47	50	56
Wycombe	46	15	10	21	51	56	55
Plymouth	46	12	18	16	47	58	54
York	46	13	13	20	47	68	52
Peterborough (R)	46	11	14	21	55	73	47
Shrewsbury (R)	46	11	13	22	49	74	46
Rotherham (R)	46	7	14	25	39	70	35
Notts County (R)	46	7	14	25	33	59	35

Final Division Two table.

1996-97 See page 47 for Division Two stats

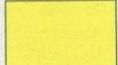
DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	POS	GK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Sat Aug 17	BURNLEY	1-2	6,484	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	(Patterson)	Johnson	Guentchev	Alexander (Oldfield)	(Grant)	THORPE	(Fotiadis)	(Linton)	(S.Davis)		
Tue Aug 20	BRISTOL ROVERS CCC1 (1)	3-0	2,643	22	Feuer	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	(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)	(Upson)	
Sat Aug 31	ROTHERHAM	1-0	4,547	19	Feuer	(James)	THOMAS	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander Oldfield	(Grant)	Showler	(Thorpe)	(Guentchev)	(Upson)	(Fotiadis)	
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 Oldfield	(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)	(Fotiadis)		
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)	(McLaren)	(Douglas)	
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	(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 (Showler)	THORPE	2	(Marshall)	(Guentchev)	(Linton)		
Sat Jan 18	WREXHAM	0-0	5,734	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	(McLaren)	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander (Showler)	Thorpe	(Marshall)	Guentchev	(Grant)	Skelton		
Tue Jan 21	BOLTON WANDERERS FA3	1-1	7,414	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Linton	S.Davis	JOHNSON	Hughes	Alexander Showler	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	Patterson	McLaren	(Marshall)
Sat Jan 25	Bolton Wanderers FA3R	2-6	9,713	-	Feuer	James	Thomas	Linton	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander (Showler)	THORPE	(MARSHALL)	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	Patterson	(Guentchev)	(Fotiadis)
Mon Jan 27	WATFORD	0-0	7,428	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	Linton	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander (Showler)	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	Patterson	(Grant)	(Oldfield)
Sat Feb 1	Notts County	2-1	5,025	2	Feuer	James	Thomas	(Linton)	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander (Showler)	THORPE	(MARSHALL)	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	Patterson	(Grant)	Willmott
Tue Feb 4	Northampton AWS2	0-1	4,201	-	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Evers	S.Davis	Johnson	Hughes	Alexander Grant	(Marshall)	Guentchev	(Guentchev)	(Grant)	Patterson	(Fotiadis)	(Linton)
Sat Feb 8	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	2-2	6,439	2															

Today's referee is

**ROY
PEARSON**
from Durham.

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Mr Pearson became a league referee in 1995, after being a FIFA linesman, officiating in the 1994 World Cup. He refereed this season's home game against Peterborough

**D.M.
Horlick****M.D.
Messias****TONIGHT'S OTHER
PLAY-OFF MATCHES**Division OneWolves (1) v C Palace (3)
Ipswich (1) v Sheff Utd (1)Division Two

Brentford (2) v Bristol C (1)

Division ThreeN'thampton (1) v Cardiff (0)
Swansea (0) v Chester (0)

These are all semi-final second leg matches. First leg scores in brackets.

LUTON TOWN

Manager: Lennie Lawrence

CREWE ALEX.

Manager: Dario Gradi

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