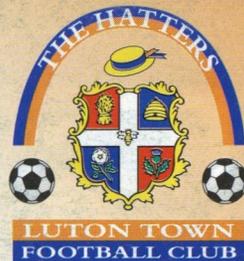


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with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

TONIGHT sees our opening home fixture in the 1997/98 league campaign, although it is in somewhat unusual circumstances in that Sky have selected us for live coverage, hence a Monday night rather than the traditional Saturday.

Aside from the friendly here against Southampton, it seems a long time since we played a competitive fixture at Kenilworth Road.

Indeed our last match here was our unsuccessful play-off second leg against Crewe, but as I have said to the players that is history now, and we must make sure that we do not go the way of many teams who miss out in the play-offs and struggle in the opening months of the following campaign.

To avoid that we need to be fit, mentally tuned in, on top of our game, and most importantly we must not look back wishing.

We did what we could against the side who were eventually promoted, and at the end just missed out.

Now we look forward, and aim to mount another promotion challenge, sustain it as we did last year, and hopefully this time not fall just short.

It is too early to judge whether we have shown the qualities described above from our games so far this season.

In the away game at Blackpool on a hot day, and against a side boosted by a new manager and an optimistic crowd, we had a sticky opening 20 minutes -

unfortunately conceding a goal. After that we controlled the game, but without ever looking likely to score.

The game against Colchester on Tuesday was better; we kept our shape, and looked considerably more threatening in attack.

We defended well again, albeit against third division opposition, and the one goal gives us a distinct advantage for the second leg.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome Simon Davies - signed in the summer from Manchester United - and also Gavin McGowan, who is back on loan having recovered from his injury problems.

Hopefully his loan will eventually turn into a permanent move.

Lots of players have missed small amounts of training through relatively minor injuries in pre-season, and as a result the team has been

chopped and changed considerably, and the situation tonight is no different.

One or two players are still not quite ready for first-team action, some will be back for the first time, and others are definitely missing.

Whatever we manage to achieve tonight, we will improve upon it once the team is settled.

This fixture though represents our next chance to get three points in what is quite a difficult start to the league programme, and with all the other clubs, apart from Southend of course, having played on Saturday we will probably now be in the bottom six.

Failure to win tonight would keep us there, so it is important psychologically to get off the mark, and a win could take us into a top eight place.

So it's welcome to Southend United, their players, officials and supporters, and I would like to wish their manager Alvin Martin 'good luck' in his first appointment.

Like ourselves a year ago, Southend, having been relegated from Division One, are adjusting to life in Division Two.

How successfully they adjust, and indeed how they compare to our start 12 months ago, will be partially answered tonight.

I am confident that by the end of August virtually all the injuries will have cleared up, and more importantly most of the players will be match fit. We need to ensure that we are somewhere near a challenging



position by that time.

It is an honour for our club to be televised live, and hopefully we can do ourselves justice and show the fans at the game, and the TV viewers across the country, that we are a force again in this league.

Finally, congratulations to

two of our younger players on representative honours.

Striker Liam George has been included in the Republic of Ireland Under 21 squad, and defender Gary Doherty has recently returned from representing Eire in a youth tournament in Scandinavia.

ABOVE: The Town fans enjoy the sun at Blackpool last weekend. There are more photos from Bloomfield Road on pages 11, 16 and 17.



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THE opening day of the Division Two season was a good one for the three sides who gained automatic promotion last season from Division Three, writes *Simon Oxley*.

Big-spending Wigan were the day's top scorers with a 5-2 win over Wycombe - leading 4-0 at half-time.

Chairman Dave Whelan has invested over £1 million in the close season, but ironically it was free transfer signing Brendan O'Connell who bagged a hat-trick.

Fulham were watched by their high-profile benefactor Mohammed Al Fayed as they too got off to a winning start with a 1-0 win over Wrexham at Craven Cottage with a goal from last season's leading scorer Mike Conroy.

Al Fayed's son, Dodi, apparently a keen football fan amongst his other pursuits, was not at the game.

Carlisle earned a point from a 1-1 draw at Southend, but play-off winners Northampton lost 2-0 at home to Bournemouth - for whom the fit again Graeme Tomlinson, on loan after recovering from the broken leg sustained whilst on loan at Luton, was a second half substitute.

Of the other sides relegated with Southend, Oldham beat York 3-1 at Boundary Park, and Grimsby drew 1-1 at home to strongly-fancied Bristol City.

Elsewhere, the former Stevenage striker Barry Hayles scored on his debut for Bristol Rovers in their 1-1 draw at home to Plymouth; Chesterfield beat Walsall 3-1, with the opening goal coming from much-travelled striker Roger Willis; and Gillingham and Preston drew 0-0 at Priestfield.

New manager Billy Bonds made a winning start in charge at Millwall, with a 3-0 win over Brentford, with Kim



MITCHELL Thomas with Blackpool defender Marvin Byran during the 1-0 defeat at Bloomfield Road on the opening day of the season.

Grant, on loan from Luton, among the scorers.

One of Watford's new signings Jason Lee scored the winner in the 1-0 victory over Chris Waddle's Burnley.

Of course, this evening's programme went to press before Saturday's Division Two fixtures, which were: Bournemouth v Wigan, Brentford v Chesterfield, Bristol City v Blackpool, Burnley v Gillingham, Carlisle v Watford, Plymouth v Grimsby, Preston v Millwall, Walsall v Fulham, Wrexham v Oldham, Wycombe v Northampton, and York v Bristol Rovers.



LEFT: Striker Kim Grant has joined Millwall on a month's loan, with a view to a permanent transfer, and scored for the Lions on the opening day of the season.

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In the interests of public safety, the safety authority (Beds County Council) have imposed a NO SMOKING restriction in and beneath our main stand. Your co-operation is appreciated.

FRONT COVER: Blackpool skipper Tony Butler challenges Tony Thorpe during the opening game of the season at Bloomfield Road. (Picture: Gareth Owen).

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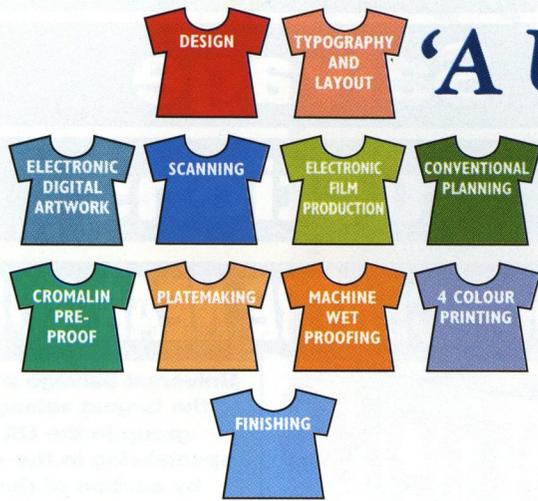
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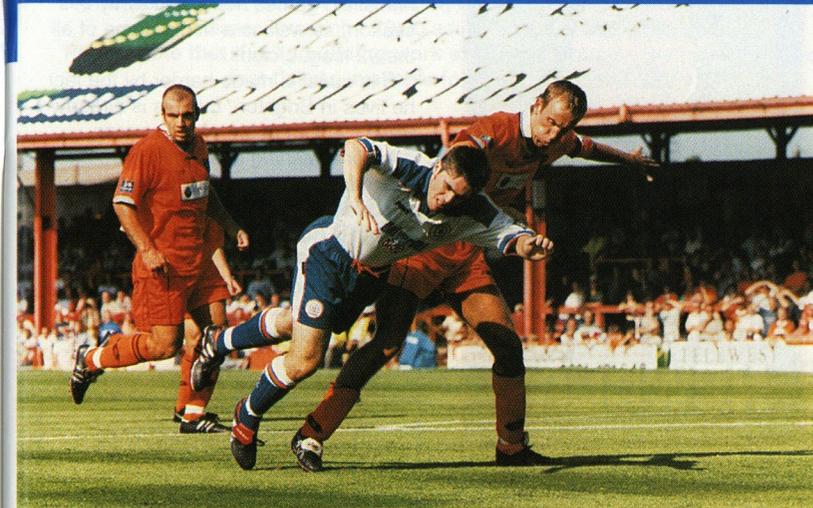
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Club Captain's Corner with STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Tony Thorpe takes a tumble during last weekend's defeat at Blackpool. See pages 16 and 17 for more action from the opening day of the season at Bloomfield Road.

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Please note the ticket office is now open, on a trial basis, until 7pm on Friday evenings to assist supporters in the purchase of match tickets.

And don't forget, Saturday's match at Fulham is ALL-TICKET.

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FIRST of all a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the start of the new season. It seems like no time at all since we were playing Crewe here in the play-offs, but we have to forget that disappointment and concentrate on getting it right this time around.

It was obviously not the best of starts at Blackpool, as everybody went with high expectations. Your support was very much appreciated, and we were disappointed at not being able to reward that tremendous following.

We know what we have to do to put things right. In

both games so far this season we have looked solid at the back, and we feel confident the goals will come.

It was a good result at Colchester on Tuesday, which saw us take a step towards the next round.

Obviously the league is the 'bread and butter' as they say, but last season's mini-run in the Coca-Cola competition set us up for that good run of form prior to Christmas.

Before we tackle Colchester in the second leg though, there are important points to play for, and we

need to get points on the board and avoid a start like last season.

The pre-season form was good, but it is difficult to read too much into those results, as we have found.

I suffered a hamstring injury pre-season but, touch wood, it appears to have healed now and hopefully the other injuries in the squad will clear up quickly.

We welcome Simon Davies to the club after his move from Manchester United, and also Gavin McGowan, on loan from Arsenal. They strengthen the squad in key areas, and we are confident of once again mounting a promotion challenge.

'Kohlerdome' latest....

THERE has still been no decision from the public inquiry into the proposed 'Kohlerdome' by junction 10 of the M1 motorway.

The inquiry, which examined in detail the proposals for a multi-purpose indoor stadium, which would be a new home for Luton Town Football Club, got underway a year ago and concluded just before Christmas 1996.

At the time of writing, it is unclear whether the planning inspector's report has been forwarded to the Department of Environment - who will ultimately make the decision.

But Luton Town chairman David Kohler has said he hopes to meet with Sports Minister Tony Banks, and the new Luton South MP Margaret Moran, in a bid to get an announcement made as soon as possible. In the meantime, watch this space!

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ALREADY there are some fixture changes to inform you of, although at this stage it only involves our youth team.

Due to Wycombe Wanderers not having a ground available for the first South East Counties League match of the season last weekend, we reversed the fixtures and will now play away at Wycombe on Saturday, December 20.

Also, due to Swindon Town being on tour, our game with them on August 23 has been postponed. No new date has yet been arranged.

The youth team are also in action tonight, playing at Ipswich Town in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

I know many of you like to follow the youth team's cup fixtures, but unfortunately Ipswich were unable to offer us an alternative date.

I can also confirm that all reserve games played at Kenilworth Road will kick-off at 2pm.

Admission is £2 for adults, and £1 for juniors and seniors, with season ticket holders admitted free.

When we go to Hitchin once again for our winter matches, these will be on a Monday night with a 7pm kick-off.

The full list of reserve fixtures, indicating those to be played at Top Field, Hitchin, can be found on page 38.

Supporters have often asked about a parking facility for those who travel on coaches to away games.

I am looking to provide attended parking near the ground on an away

From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

matchday for supporters, to try and prevent the numerous break-ins that regularly occur on these occasions.

In order to progress this I need to hear from those of you who would use this facility, and there would be a fee.

Please telephone me at the club if you are interested.

A new golf society -The LTFC Old Boys Golf Society - has been formed.

The Chairman is Brian Stein, the Treasurer is Trevor Hartley, with members Rob Johnson, Mick Harford, David Preece and Gary Cobb.

The Society's aim is to promote golf for charitable institutions, and we are pleased to acknowledge and support its formation.

Finally we welcome this evening Mansfield fan Brian Evans, who is attempting a charity challenge to see all Mansfield games home and away this season, as well as a home game of all the 92 league clubs.

This quest is made harder by the fact he lives in Brighton, but this is already Brian's eighth game of the season.

Anyone wishing to support his fundraising can do so by sending a cheque/postal order to:

The HECOTS (Health Education and Care of the Terminally Sick) Charity Fund, PO Box 2944, Brighton BN2 1DS.

TOWN TEASER

The Hatters escaped relegation in May 1990, by winning 3-2 at Derby County. Kingsley Black scored two of the goals. Who scored the other?

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

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Fulham v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, August 23, 1997, kick-off 3pm

This is an ALL-TICKET match for Luton supporters, with NO tickets available on the day of the game.

Season Ticket Holders can order ONE ticket each (subject to availability) until Friday, August 15, at 7pm. If any tickets are still remaining they will be available to ONE per Member (subject to availability) from Saturday, August 16, at 10am.

Prices: Terracing - £9.00 adults & £4 juniors/seniors.

Please note that due to building work at Craven Cottage, we have no more seat tickets available for Luton supporters.

Luton Town v Colchester United

COCA-COLA CUP FIRST ROUND, SECOND LEG
Tuesday, August 26, 1997, kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at the following prices:

Main Stand Blocks A to E - £10 adults, £5 juniors/seniors

Main Stand Block F - £7.50 adults, £4 juniors/seniors

Main Stand Block G - £5.50 adults, £3 juniors/seniors

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Enclosure Blocks A,B,H,J - £5.50 adults, £3 juniors/seniors

Kenilworth Upper & Lower - £7.50 adults, £4 juniors/seniors

New Stand - £10 adults, £5 juniors/seniors

Season Ticket Holders' seats will be reserved for them to claim up until Tuesday, August 19 at 4pm.

Members can now purchase tickets that are not reserved for Season Ticket Holders. Normal guesting facilities apply.

Luton Town v Oldham Athletic

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, August 30, 1997, kick-off 3pm

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

Luton Town v Millwall

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Tuesday, September 2, 1997, kick-off 7.45pm

This is an ALL-TICKET match. There will be NO tickets available on the day of the game.

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

Northampton Town v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, September 6, 1997, kick-off 3pm

This is an ALL-TICKET match for Luton supporters, and tickets are very limited. Season Ticket Holders can purchase ONE ticket each (subject to availability) until Monday, August 25, at 4pm. If any tickets are still remaining they will go onsale to ONE per Member from Tuesday, August 26, at 10am. Prices: £9.50 adults, £6.50 juniors/seniors.

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By train, the ground is a 10-minute walk from Putney Bridge underground station on the District Line.

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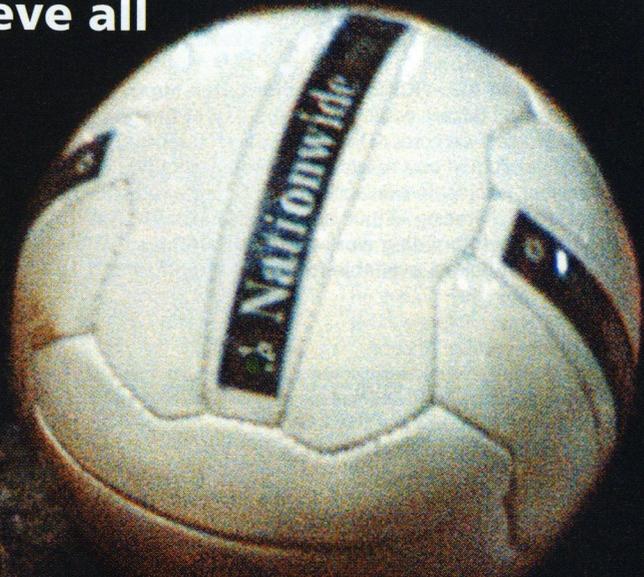
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ABOVE: New manager Alvin Martin and his Southend United squad, pictured at the start of the 1997/98 Nationwide Division Two campaign.



ABOVE: Southend skipper Mike Marsh has played in the top flight with Liverpool, Coventry and West Ham, and is Southend's record signing - for £500,000 two seasons ago.

Shrimpers to Hammer out a new partnership

WEST HAM and Southend are to forge a 'special relationship' similar to Crewe's alliance with Liverpool.

The move follows the appointment of former Hammers defender Alvin Martin as manager at Roots Hall this summer after Ronnie Whelan's departure.

Southend were relegated from the first division last season but believe that linking up with the Premiership club will benefit both sides.

The agreement will see West Ham play their reserve fixtures at Roots Hall and both Upton Park and Southend season ticket holders will be allowed to claim free admission to those games.

West Ham's managing director Peter Storrie said: "It's a relationship

we see being of equal benefit to both clubs along the lines of that which exists between, for example, Liverpool and Crewe and which has worked to the advantage of both without affecting their autonomy."

Liverpool's association with Crewe means they get first option on young players coming through the ranks at Gresty Road.

Midfielder Danny Murphy was the first to move to Anfield following the agreement when he was transferred from the first division club for £1.5 million this summer.

A statement from Southend said: "West Ham United have a strong body of support within the Southend United catchment area, and some of that support is of a dual club nature.



SIMON ROYCE - Highly-rated goalkeeper who was signed by David Webb from non-league Heybridge Swifts six years ago.

Served a long apprenticeship under Paul Sansome, but has made the number one shirt his own since breaking into the team at the end of the 1994/95 season.

MIKE MARSH - Club skipper, who has previously played for Liverpool, Coventry, West Ham and the Turkish side Galatassary.

He arrived at Roots Hall for a club record £500,000 two seasons ago, but he missed a large part of the Shrimpers' battle against relegation last season after having an operation on his knee.

Returned for the final third of the season, and turned down a deadline day move to Premiership side Southampton.

Is Southend's penalty taker and prior to the start of this season had never missed a spot-kick for the club.

ANDY HARRIS - Defender who can play at right-back or centre-half.

The former Southend manager Ronnie Whelan brought the player to Roots Hall from his previous club Liverpool last season on a free transfer.

KEITH DUBLIN - Former Chelsea and Watford defender who celebrated becoming Southend United's Player of the Year last season by signing a new two-year contract.

Has been a versatile player for Southend, covering both fullback slots as well as the centre-half role.

Has also been known to play up front, and was the only Blues player to play every game last year.

MARK STIMSON - Defender who arrived at Roots Hall two seasons ago from Portsmouth, but who has been jinxed by injury.

The left back, who has also played for Newcastle United, missed nearly the whole of last season because of ankle problems.

PHIL GRIDELET - Hard-working midfielder who joined the Shrimpers on a free transfer from Barnsley four years ago.

Committed himself to Southend for another two seasons during the summer, despite moves by his former Blues boss Barry Fry to take him to Peterborough United.

JULIAN HAILS - Pint-sized utility player who was bought to the club by former manager Peter Taylor on a free transfer from Fulham three seasons ago.

Made his mark in his full debut for the Shrimpers, scoring a spectacular goal against Middlesbrough at Ayresome Park. (Cont'd on p14).



ABOVE: John Taylor (now with Cambridge) breaks through the Southend defence during Luton's 1-0 win at Roots Hall at the start of the 1995/96 season. Tony Thorpe's second-half goal won the game, with Luton also winning 3-1 at Kenilworth Road in January - when Scott Oakes (2) and Bontcho Guentchev were on the scoresheet.

See page 20 for 96/97 Southend stats....

ANDY RAMMELL - Striker who was Southend's top scorer last season with 10 goals.

Joined the club for £150,000 from Barnsley two seasons ago, with Dave Regis moving in the opposite direction as part of the deal. Scored some spectacular goals last term, before spending the end of the season in plaster after damaging his achilles at Wolves. Now back to full fitness.

PAUL WILLIAMS - Joined the club after a successful trial, linking up with either Rammell or Boere up front. Formerly with Sheffield Wednesday and Crystal Palace.

LEO ROGET - Young defender who has come through the youth ranks at Roots Hall and made a first team place his own.

JEROEN BOERE - Dutchman who bagged three braces of goals last season against Reading, Sheffield United and Bolton, as the Blues fought against relegation.

Joined Southend from Crystal Palace for £150,000 two seasons ago, and came off the bench to score a last-gasp winner against the Eagles last season. Formerly with West Ham, and was linked with a move to China over the summer.

PHIL LEGGATT - 18-year-old winger who has progressed through the youth ranks, and has now been handed a three-month contract to prove himself at senior level.

PAUL TAYLOR - Midfielder who gained a one-year contract after progressing through the youth ranks.

ANDY THOMSON - Popular Scottish striker who has been hit by injuries since arriving at the club from Queen of the South for £250,000 three years ago. Returned from a season of injury in the latter stages of last term and scored five goals, and then signed a new one-year contract in the summer.

ADRIAN CLARKE - Former Arsenal youngster who spent the end of last season on loan at Roots Hall, and then opted to join the club in the summer despite offers from Wigan, Ipswich and Cambridge.

PAUL BYRNE - Former Irish international midfielder who joined the club from Glasgow Celtic two seasons ago for £50,000.

TONY HENRIKSEN - Danish goalkeeper who won a contract after some impressive performances in the reserves last term.



JOHN NIELSEN - Danish midfielder who made a good start to life in the English league, scoring some spectacular goals. But his form and fitness faded in mid-season.

NATHAN JONES - Alvin Martin's first signing for the club when, under the Bosman ruling, he joined from Numancia of Spain. Nathan was previously with Luton Town, having joined the Hatters from non-league Merthyr.

The 24-year-old left-sided player didn't make a league appearance whilst at Kenilworth Road.

LEFT: Simon Royce

MEET THE MANAGER



Former West Ham centre-half **ALVIN MARTIN** is the new manager of Southend United.

The 38-year-old ex-England defender succeeds Ronnie Whelan, who resigned in July after the Shrimpers were relegated at the end of last season.

Martin retired from the game in February due to a back problem, having spent five months at Leyton Orient. He had previously been at Upton Park for 23 years.

Peter Trevivian, who stayed on at Roots Hall after Whelan left, stays on as Southend's assistant manager and chief coach under Martin.

Martin, who won 17 full caps for England and appeared in the 1986 World Cup, made a total of 596 appearances for West Ham from 1977 until last summer, when he moved to Brisbane Road.

Martin, who had worked for his office furniture business in the five months since leaving Orient, said: "I've wanted to go into management since I was about 30, but this is the first job I've really fancied.

"It is a job I've looked at from a distance and I thought it would suit me down to the ground.

"I know a lot about the club, having worked down the road for 23 years, and I've been to a lot of games here over the years.

"Going to Orient was a case of going in and finding out about the lower divisions and getting the knowledge for when I went into management."

The Hatters & The Shrimpers



LEFT: Goalmouth action from the match at Roots Hall two seasons ago, which Luton won 1-0. It was the Hatters' first win under Terry Westley.

ALTHOUGH league meetings against the Shrimpers go back to our re-entry to the Football League in 1920 we have met infrequently since the war and it is only in the last five years that clashes have once again become commonplace.

Our first meeting took place at Southend on 12th February 1920 where a goal from Ernie Simms earned a 1-1 draw. In the return we emerged 4-0 victors with Simms scoring twice.

Early results went our way and it took until 1929 before Southend gained their first win at Kenilworth Road.

From this point until our promotion to the old Division Two in 1937 games tended to go with the home team and during this period Southend hold a place in our history for Joe Payne made his Luton debut against the Shrimpers, as a half back!

Following our promotion we had to wait until 1963/64 to renew hostilities and a 1-0 win at Roots Hall towards the end of that campaign helped us on our way to an improbable escape from relegation.

Twelve months on, however, a 5-0 thumping by the Shrimpers more or less sealed our fate of

by **ROGER WASH**

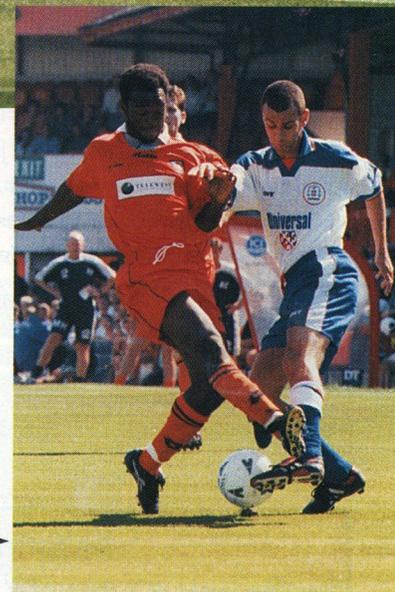
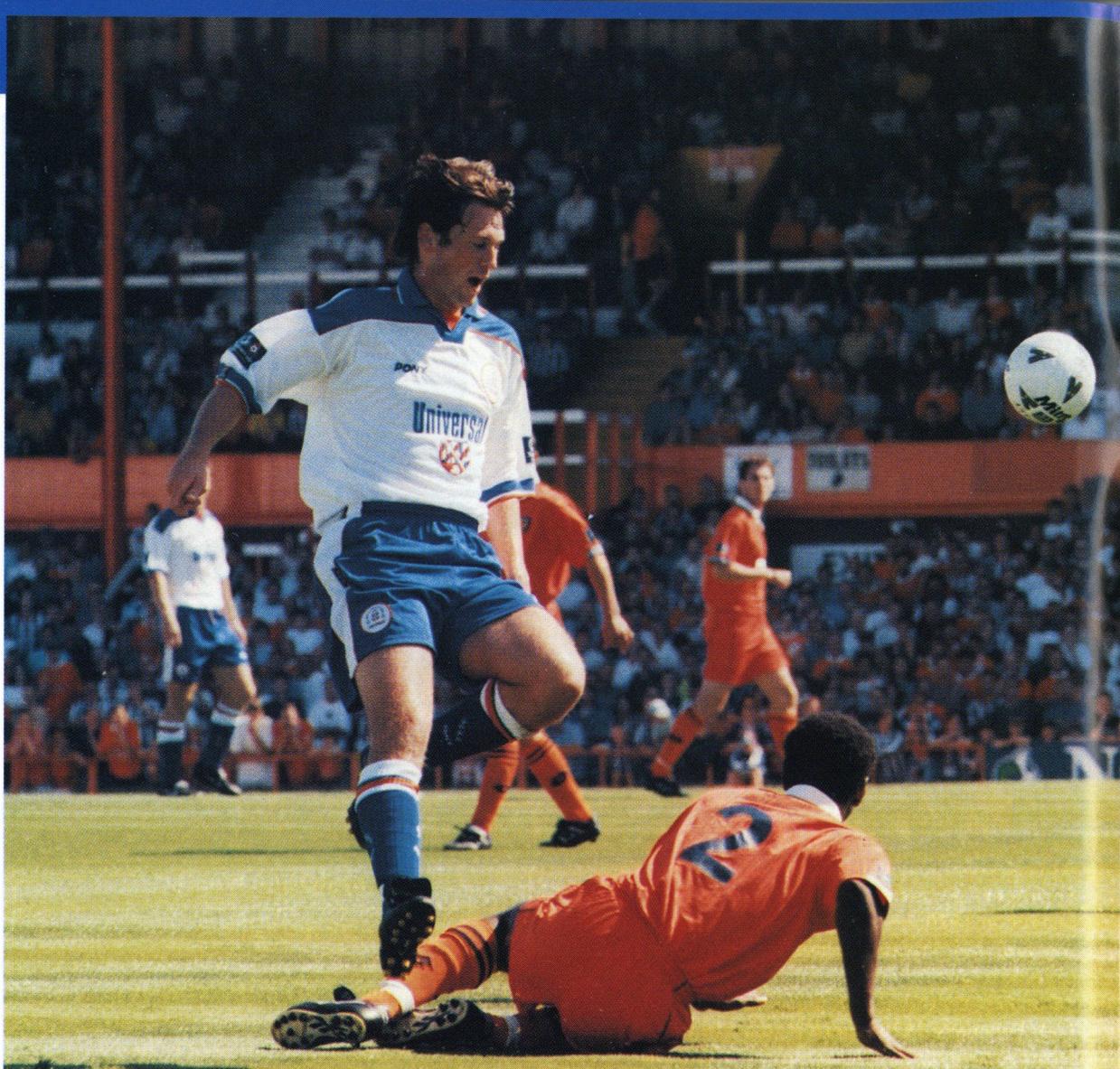
demotion to the old Division Four.

Apart from a brief flirtation with each other in Division Four during the period 1966/68 most of the action between the sides has taken place more recently when we have attempted to make up for lost time.

These attempts reached silly proportions in 1993/94 when we met four times- twice in the league as well as in the F.A.Cup and the Anglo-Italian Cup.

Our last clashes took place two years ago when we achieved the double. A Tony Thorpe strike won all three points at Roots Hall with the ten men of Luton fighting back from an early Ceri Hughes dismissal. The return fixture, at Kenilworth Road, ended in a 3-1 victory with Scott Oakes bagging two.

That win put smiles back on our faces, as it was the game which followed our 7-1 FA Cup exit at Grimsby.



↑
After Tony Thorpe (10) had seen his first-half shot blocked, David Oldfield's follow-up effort was also cleared.

← Paul McLaren's progress is halted by the Blackpool right-back Marvin Bryan.

┌ Gavin McGowan, on loan from Arsenal, makes a break for the Hatters.

→ New signing Simon Davies in action on his league debut for Luton Town.

ACTION STATIONS

Blackpool 1 Luton Town 0

(Lydiate)

Saturday, August 9, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 6,547

Pictures by Gareth Owen



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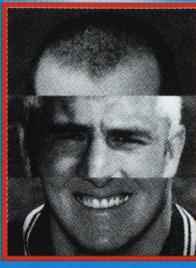
HALF TIME QUIZ

1. Which Second Division club did Chesterfield cup hero Sean Dyche join in the summer?
2. Who was the manager of Southampton at the start of the season?
3. Which actor starred in the football film 'When Saturday Comes'?
4. Which player became the first to gain 100 caps for England?
5. Which club beat Celtic in the pre-season Ireland Tournament?
6. Which club did Peter Ndlovu join in the summer?
7. Which former England forward became manager of Hull City in the summer?
8. How many times has Howard Kendall been manager of Everton?
9. Which Premiership club used to play at Burnden Park?
10. Which four teams contested Le Tournoi in June '97?



IDENTIKIT

Name the three players in this patchwork pic



whose crest?

Name the three club crests featured in this montage

EYE LIKE MESH

TELEVISED CRAG

STEW HALVES

LIONEL JOHN

SOYA MORNINGS

WHAT A JUMBLE!

Unscramble the names of these ten Leicester players.

RINK EAGERLY

SLEEKLY RAKE

DARKER PRAM

JAI JIM CALHOUN

GRAPY RAKER

Norm & Ec by Norman Hood



ANSWERS
 HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Bristol City; 2. Dave Jones; 3. Sean Bean; 4. Billy Whights; 5. Derry City; 6. Birmingham City; 7. Mark Hateley; 8. 3; 9. Bolton Wanderers; 10. France, England, Brazil and Italy.
 WHOSE CREST?: Southampton, Wimbledon and Coventry City.
 IDENTIKIT?: Julian Dicks, Fabrizio Ravanelli, Chris Ferry and Gary Parker.
 WHAT A JUMBLE: Emille Heeky, Steve Clardge, Steve Hogg, Steve Hogg.



Today's mascot



This evening's Junior Hatters mascot 13-year-old LEANNE BRYCE. Her favourite Luton Town player is Ian Feuer, and she attends Ashcroft High School in Luton. Leanne enjoys football, netball, rounders and tennis, and comes to matches with her Dad.

JUNIOR HATTERS WIN HOSPITALITY AWARD!
 Shrewsbury Town awarded our Junior Hatter section their annual award for the Most Hospitable Club they visited during season 1996/97.

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road

A WARM welcome back to Kenilworth Road to all our Junior Hatters, and we hope you all had an excellent summer.

Once again this season we will be organising a number of special events for you, as well as trips to watch the Hatters away from home, and the popular Saturday Club for home matches.

Because of the various school holidays, the Saturday Club will resume for the home match against Wrexham on Saturday, September 20, with the usual pre-match fun and games, with lunch, and a ticket for the match.

Our first away trip of the new season will be on Saturday, as the first team head for London to take on Fulham.

We will be playing against the Fulham youngsters in the morning, and you'll need to bring a packed lunch with you.

The cost is £12 for adults and £10 for Junior Hatters, which includes match ticket and coach travel. But please book early at the ticket office.

A reminder that renewals of Junior Hatters membership for this season will be £6. New membership of the Junior Hatters will cost £10. (Both of these figures include Junior Membership).



SIGN PLEASE!
 ABOVE: Luton Town goalkeeper Ian Feuer signs autographs for young supporters prior to the pre-season friendly against Southampton. Hundreds of youngsters attended the game as part of a special promotion organised by Home Counties Newspapers. You can read more about their involvement in our Community and Schools Programme on pages 32 and 33 of tonight's programme.

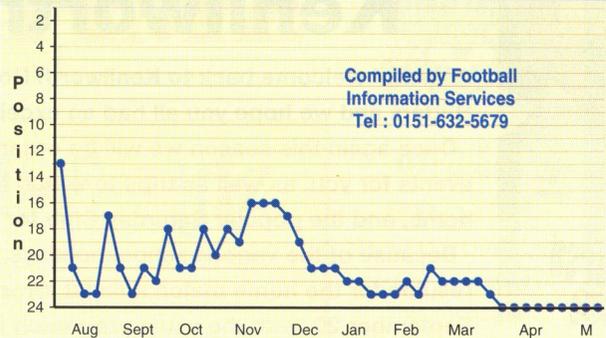
Shrimpers - 96/97 stats

Player Roll Call

	lg	A	lg	C	cp	A	cp
Dublin	46		3				
Harris	43(1)	8	3	1			
Royce	42	1	2				
Marsh	35	7	3				
Gridelet	34(7)	7(1)	1	1			
Hails	32(5)	2	2(1)				
McNally	32(2)	5(1)	3				
Boere	27(8)	10	1(2)	1			
Rammell	26(10)	6	3	1			
Tilson	26(1)	2	3				
Roget	25	5(1)	1				
Williams	24(9)		1(1)				
Byrne	23(9)	2					
Lapper	23(5)	1	(1)				
Nielsen	17(7)	3	3				
Thomson	14(3)		(1)				
Poric	8	2					
Stimson	7(2)	2					
Clarke	7						
Patterson	4						
Selley	3(1)	2					
Codner	3(1)						
Sansome	3		1				
Hanlon	1(1)						
Whelan	1						
Durston	(1)						
Jones	(1)						

A=Appearances (as Sub) C=Cautions (Sent Off) for League (lg) & Cup (cp)

league position through the season



League Results

Tranmere	H	1-1
Oxford	A	0-5
Portsmouth	A	0-1
Swindon	H	1-3
Bolton	H	5-2
Charlton	A	0-2
Norwich	A	0-0
Port Vale	H	0-0
Palace	A	1-6
Sheff Utd	H	3-2
Bradford	A	0-0
Wolves	H	1-1
Grimsby	H	1-0
Huddersfield	A	0-0
Oldham	A	0-0
Man City	H	2-3
Reading	H	2-1
Ipswich	A	1-1
West Brom	H	2-3
Stoke	A	2-1
Oldham	H	1-1
Barnsley	A	0-3
QPR	A	0-4
Birmingham	H	1-1
Charlton	H	0-2
Bolton	A	1-3
Sheff Utd	A	0-3
Port Vale	A	1-2
Palace	H	2-1
Ipswich	H	0-0
Man City	A	0-3
Stoke	H	2-1
Reading	A	2-3
Norwich	H	1-1
Barnsley	H	1-2
West Brom	A	0-4
Birmingham	A	1-2
QPR	H	0-1
Oxford	H	2-2
Tranmere	A	0-3
Portsmouth	A	2-1
Swindon	A	0-0
Bradford	H	1-1
Wolves	A	1-4
Huddersfield	H	1-2
Grimsby	A	0-4

United's results analysis

goals for	goals agt
5	1
4	1
3	1
2	5
1	1
0	7
0	1

1 shows the number of matches finishing with a variety of scores eg they won 5 games 2-1 and lost 3 games 0-4

all charts and tables show League data for the 96/97 season

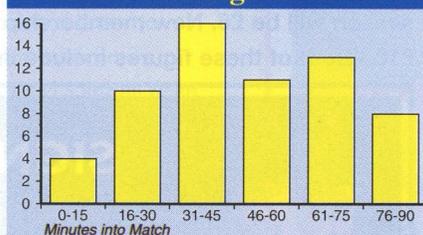
number of goals scored in games

	home for	away for	home agt	away agt
0	4	15	3	5
1	10	6	11	3
2	7	2	6	3
3	1		3	6
4				4
5	1			1
6				1

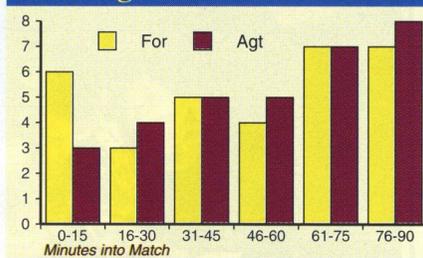
gates at Roots Hall

Man City	8,707
Charlton	7,508
Ipswich	7,232
QPR	6,747
Bradford	6,697
Portsmouth	6,107
Wolves	5,550
Norwich	5,169
West Brom	5,120
Birmingham	5,100
Palace	5,061
Reading	5,002
Oldham	5,001
Barnsley	4,855
Huddersfield	4,762
Stoke	4,625
Bolton	4,475
Tranmere	4,264
Oxford	4,102
Port Vale	4,025
Swindon	4,011
Sheff Utd	3,716
Grimsby	3,305

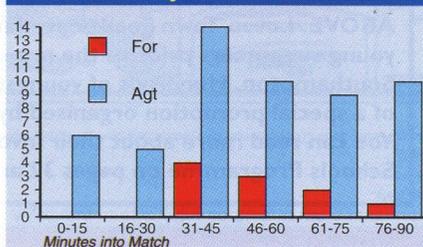
when bookings occurred



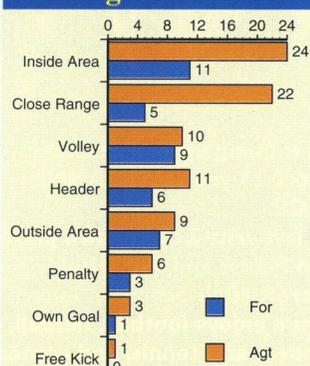
when goals went in at home



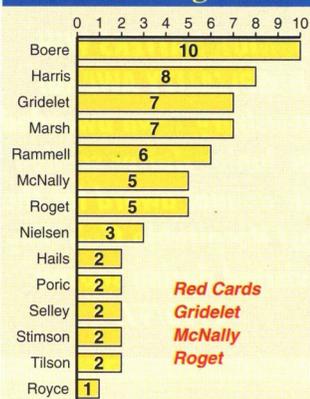
.. and away from Roots Hall



how goals went in



bookings



goal scorers

Rammell	9	1
Boere	9	
Williams	6	
Marsh	5	
Thomson	5	
Nielsen	3	1
Byrne	1	
Gridelet	1	
Lapper	1	
Tilson	1	

Legend: Yellow = Lge, Blue = Cup



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SIMON SAYS

"I haven't come here to stay in Division Two, Luton have ambitions to go up"



"SO have you seen much Division Two football?" I enquired of Luton Town's summer signing Simon Davies.

"Oh yes," came the reply, "I saw quite a few matches last season. I lived near Crewe you see, and....."

"Oh don't mention that word, just call it 'The place with the railway station' please, especially round here, sorry do go on..."

"Oh I see what you mean.... and saw some of their games. In fact I know some of their players quite well, and Rob Savage, who has just moved to Leicester, is good friend."

Well at least he didn't say Shaun Smith I suppose, and we quickly moved on.

Simon Davies joined the Hatters from Manchester United for £200,000 this summer.

The 23-year-old is a Welsh international, having been capped as a substitute against Switzerland in 1996, and came through the ranks at Old Trafford with the likes of David Beckham, Paul Scholes and Ryan Giggs.

He came to Kenilworth Road initially on a two-week trial, and impressed in two pre-season fixtures, as well as the trip to Lillshall.

"I seemed to get on well with the rest of the lads, and although there were no former team-mates I did know David Oldfield and Steve Davis from their time in the North-West," said Simon.

"Lennie Lawrence had said to me that with Ceri Hughes having gone to Wimbledon, there was a spot vacant on the left, and that's where I play, and he wanted to see how I would fit in.

"Luton play good football which certainly suits me, and Alex

SIMON OXLEY tells new signing Simon Davies - don't mention Crewe. (He mentioned it once, but I think he got away with it).

Ferguson was happy for me to come. He said he wanted me to come to a football team, rather than a so-called kick and rush, and I seemed to blend in well."

Now with the best will in the world, and we all love Kenilworth Road dearly (well, sort of), moving FROM Old Trafford might cause a few raised eyebrows.

"Well I had been in the reserves for the best part of the last three seasons," explained Simon, "with just a few first team games when there have been injuries.

"I'm looking forward to first team football, and this is the real world now. I still have faith in my ability, and I didn't come here to stay in the second division. Luton have ambitions to go up."

And it's obviously time for a number of Simon's Old Trafford generation to make their move away from the Red 'nest', and to

clubs in this division.

Graeme Tomlinson, who enjoyed a brief spell at Luton before a serious injury, has gone on loan to Bournemouth; Joanthan Macken and Colin Murdock have signed for Preston for a total of £350,000; and Pat McGibbon has joined Wigan for £250,000.

They look forward to hopefully great things, but take with them wonderful memories - especially Simon.

He scored for United in a European Cup match versus the Turkish side Galatasaray in 1994, which they won 4-0 when the 'three foreigner' ruling was still hampering British clubs in Europe; and played in the 3-1 defeat in Gothenburg.

"Just playing at all was a highlight," he said. "I was usually out of position when I played in the first team, but you don't argue when you get your chance to play for Manchester United.

"It was disappointing not to claim a regular place, but when you're competing with the likes of Giggs and Keane for a midfield place....."

So now he looks forward to a new career at Kenilworth Road, with some sound words of advice and good wishes from his reserve team coach for the past three years - someone with a better knowledge than most of life at Luton.

And if he becomes as popular here as Jim Ryan, then maybe Simon Davies can mention that place with a station once again!

It's time to Don a new suit Ceri!

SOME clubs welcome a new player by showing him to his place in the dressing room and presenting him with his shirt; organising an autograph session perhaps; or hosting a press conference for the awaiting media.

At Wimbledon, your new team-mates cut up your clothes.

Well they are the Crazy Gang.

So on his first day with the Dons, Ceri Hughes spent the day in a pair of training shorts and a T-shirt - that's all that was left.

The Welsh international left Kenilworth Road in the summer to test his midfield skills in the Premiership, for £400,000, plus a further £350,000 after 60 games.

After 10 years with Luton Town the opportunity, which looked to have fallen foul of various injuries, presented itself.

"It was difficult to leave, I've a lot of good friends there, but I needed a change and this was an opportunity I could not turn down," said Ceri.

Did he think his chance had gone, having seen fellow countrymen Mark Pembridge and John Hartson find the 'big time' some time ago?

"No, I'm still only 26, and if I can keep myself fit there's still plenty of time," was the reply. "I had a good season last year, and now I'm looking forward



LEFT: Ceri Hughes has joined the Dons

to the new challenge."

Wimbledon manager Joe Kinnear took notice of Ceri during the two Coca-Cola Cup meetings with the Hatters last season, when the Dons were just seconds from a third round exit, before snatching an injury-time equaliser and eventually reaching the competition's semi-finals.

"Joe mentioned those performances," said Ceri, "and really we should have knocked Wimbledon out, especially in the game at Selhurst Park.

"I scored in that game, and did well in the replay, and maybe that made his mind up. Wimbledon have been a consistent side in the top flight, and I was impressed with what they had to offer."

Maybe, but what about that welcome? "I obviously knew Mick Harford from his Luton days, and Vinnie Jones from being in the same Welsh squads, and Mick took me down to training on the first day.

"I met the rest of the lads, and after training I discovered that my initiation was having my clothes cut up, it's either that or have your hair shaved."

After that, the pre-season training at an Army camp in Devon must have been light relief, with friendly matches in Norway to follow. Wimbledon were due to kick-off their Premier League season at home to Liverpool last week.

This summer, Luton also said farewell to fullback Ben Chenery who has joined David Preece and John Taylor at Cambridge, on a free transfer; the Bulgarian international Bontcho Guentchev; and defender Aaron Skelton who has joined our Coca-Cola Cup opponents Colchester on a free transfer.

And of course Matthew Upson joined Arsenal just days before the end of last season.

Best wishes to all these players in their future careers. - SIMON OXLEY.

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BANKS URGES SOCCER FANS: GIVE US YOUR VIEWS!

SPORTS Minister Tony Banks has outlined wide ranging plans to ensure a fair deal for football fans and the game as a whole.

Mr Banks revealed last month that the Government's Football Task Force would be chaired by David Mellor and would bring together all sections of the footballing community.

The task force have been asked to investigate and recommend new measures to deal with the public's concerns on issues such as racism, ticket prices, access for the disabled and the increasing commercialism in the game.

The group will report back to Government by Christmas, drawing up plans to help:

- Eliminate racism in football and encourage wider participation by ethnic minorities, both in playing and spectating;
- Improve disabled access to spectating facilities;
- Encourage greater supporter involvement in the running of clubs;
- Encourage ticketing and pricing policies that are geared to reflect the needs of all, on an equitable basis, including for cup and international matches;
- Encourage merchandising policies that reflect the

Reports by SIMON OXLEY

needs of supporters as well as commercial considerations;

- Develop the opportunities for players to act as good role models in terms of behaviour and sportsmanship, and to become actively involved in community schemes;

- Reconcile the potential conflict between the legitimate needs of shareholders, players and supporters where clubs are floated on the Stock Exchange.

Mr Banks welcomed the positive reaction of the organisations asked to take part in the Task Force. He said: "The game of football has changed dramatically over the last decade. Following the Hillsborough tragedy it was essential for football to think afresh about the safety and comfort of the spectators coming to watch our national game. The depth of top quality stadia in this country shows that we are well on the way to meeting that challenge.

"But we should not assume that this is the only challenge facing the sport. That is why the Government has decided to establish a Football Task Force to ensure that those in a position of power have an opportunity to hear the views and suggestions from all quarters of the game." He added: "Many clubs are taking action to stamp out racism, but more needs to be done. There are questions, not just of access for minority groups like the disabled, but how clubs can avoid alienating the less well off from the sport that they love. "Let's really make football Britain's family game. There are many ways that the clubs can achieve this

Meet the Task Force

THOSE invited to be members of the Football Task Force, under the chairmanship of David Mellor, are as follows:

- The Football Trust - (Secretariat)
- The Football Association - Keith Wiseman
- The FA Premier League - Peter Leaver
- The Football League - David Sheepshanks
- Professional Footballers Association - Gordon Taylor
- Commission for Racial Equality - Sir Herman Ouseley

- Local Government Association - Chris Heinitz
- Football Academic - Rogan Taylor
- English Sports Council - Sir Rodney Walker
- Football Supporters Association - Graham Bean
- National Federation of Football Supporters Clubs - Tony Kershaw
- National Association of Disabled Supporters Clubs - Steve Hennegan
- League Managers Association - John Barnwell
- Association of Premier and Football League Referees and Linesmen - David Phillips

and I hope that the group will highlight some of the good things already going on within the game.

"For example, Charlton Athletic, where we launched the initiative, have a very strong anti-racism policy.

"They have a member of the supporter organisation on the board; they have close links with the community and have maintained reasonable ticket pricing following their flotation on the Stock Market.

"Their smart modern stadium should be an incentive to others, showing that financial success and stability can be achieved alongside a close working relationship with the supporters that make the game what it is."

THE Football Association have welcomed the announcement of a new government task force for the sport, to be headed by David Mellor.

The former Tory sports minister and now broadcaster will preside over the new set-up, which will tackle issues including ticket overpricing, improving grounds and cracking down on racism.

FA spokesman Steve Double welcomed news of the Task Force, saying that the Government's ideas would not clash with FA plans for the future of the game.

He said: "It does not conflict with our plans at all.

"We always welcome any chance to speak to supporters groups and have known for a while that this was part of a new Labour government's plans.

FA welcome Mellor role

"We look forward to having a major input into it."

The Football Supporters Association welcomed Mellor's appointment, citing his genuine passion for the sport - Mellor is a keen Chelsea fan and presents the talk show 606 on BBC Radio 5 Live.

FSA chairman Graham Bean said: "We think he is a man who has fans' interests at heart.

"He has some knowledge of the game and he has experience of working within Parliament.

"He has taken our points on board in the past, and we are happy with the appointment."

Not me ref, honest!

THE former Luton defender Matthew Upson (pictured left) was one of two Arsenal players sent off in last month's pre-season game against PSV Eindhoven in Holland.



Patrick Viera was sent off for throwing a punch, with Upson the apparent victim of a case of mistaken identity as the Gunners lost 1-0.

Upson, who left Luton just before the end of last season, was shown the red card after foul by his French team-mate Louis Boa Morte.

Needless to say, the Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger wasn't too impressed with the officials, and lodged an appeal with the FA to avoid Upson being suspended for the start of the Premier League campaign.

Difficult one for the Dutch referee though Upson is white, Boa Morte is black!

He's the boss

AS ever the managerial merry-go-round has been in full swing this summer.

The Division Two managers are listed below - as at the opening day of the season.

Blackpool - Nigel Worthington

Bournemouth - Mel Machin

Brentford - TBA (David Webb now Chief Executive)

Bristol Rovers - Ian Holloway

Bristol City - John Ward

Burnley - Chris Waddle

Carlisle United - Mervyn Day

Chesterfield - John Duncan

Fulham - Mickey Adams

Gillingham - Tony Pulis

Grimsby Town - Alan Buckley

Luton Town - Lennie Lawrence

Millwall - Billy Bonds

Northampton Town - Ian Atkins

Oldham Athletic - Neil Warnock

Plymouth Argyle - Mick Jones

Preston North End - Gary Peters

Southend United - Alvin Martin

Walsall - Jan Sorensen

Watford - Graham Taylor

Wigan Athletic - John Deehan

Wrexham - Brian Flynn

Wycombe Wanderers - John Gregory

York City - Alan Little

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB - 1997/98



Back row: left to right: Robert Kean, Sean Evers, Stuart Douglas, Steve Augustine, Andrew Barr, Paul McLaren, Simon Davies, Gary Doherty, Matthew Spring, Ian Jones, Andrew Fotiadis, Richard Harvey, Dwight Marshall.

Standing: left to right: Bob Bird (Financial Controller), Cherry Newbery (Club Secretary), Clive Goodyear (Physio), Paul Lowe (Youth Development Officer), Wayne Turner (First-Team coach), Paul Showler, David Oldfield, Mitchell Thomas, Nathan Abbey, Ian Feuer, Kelvin Davis, Marvin Johnson, Chris Willmott, Graham Alexander, John Moore (Youth Team coach), Trevor Peake (Reserve Team coach), Kathy Leather (Commercial Manager), Les Shannon (Scouting Co-Ordinator).

Seated: Liam George, Tony Thorpe, Steve Davis, Nigel Terry (Director), David Kohler (Chairman), Lennie Lawrence (Manager), Cliff Bassett (Director), Chris Green (Director), Gary Waddock, Julian James, Terry Sweeney.

Front row: left to right: Jimmy Cox, Russell Lawes, Stuart Fraser, Darren Howe, James Ayres, Daniel Tate, Nick Webb, Emerson Boyce, Moses Jerry, Michael McIndoe, Andre Scarlett, Delroy McKoy.

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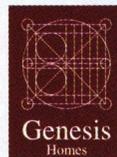
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Players undergo summer surgery

IT has been a busy summer in the treatment room, with five players having surgery during the close season. JULIAN JAMES (ankle), MARVIN JOHNSON (achilles), STUART DOUGLAS (stomach/groin), NICK WEBB (wrist) and STEVE AUGUSTINE (stomach/groin) were the players concerned, and of those Marvin and Stuart are already playing again, and Julian is in full training.

CHRIS WILLMOTT continues to progress well after his cruciate operation, and has spent some time at Lilleshall, and we are looking towards October for his return.

LIAM GEORGE is now fit again after the knee injury which ended his season early in March.

PAUL SHOWLER has been back in full training this week after continuing problems with his knee.

This goes back to the injury he suffered in the televised game against Brentford, and although he played in the play-offs the problem has been ongoing.

He has worked hard in pre-season and should be able to resume soon.

DARREN PATTERSON has had an ankle problem over pre-season, and an MRI scan revealed a cyst in the ankle joint.

This should take a further seven to 10 days to clear up.

DWIGHT MARSHALL is also back in training after a knee injury.

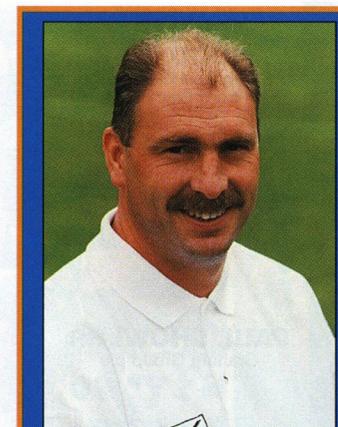
We also suffered a couple of injuries during the course of pre-season training at various times, with STEVE DAVIS and ANDREW FOTIADIS suffering slight hamstring problems.



LEFT: Julian James is back in training after an ankle injury.



RIGHT: Paul Showler - still troubled by a knee injury.



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LEFT: Andrew Fotiadis could be available tonight after a hamstring injury.

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League want more time on Bosman

THE Football League say the Premier League and the Professional Footballers' Association should take more time over the introduction of the Bosman ruling to England, writes *Simon Oxley*.

The League were surprised by the two bodies' announcement last month that they had reached an agreement for the top 20 clubs in the land to allow out-of-contract players aged 24 and over to switch clubs on free transfers from next summer.

But League Secretary David Dent feels they have acted too hastily and the League do not want the ruling to come into affect until 1999.

Mr Dent said this would be acceptable to

the European Commission and he stressed it is vital that a consensus is reached which will apply to all 92 Premiership and League clubs.

"It is important that we look after the interests of all professional clubs in England, and that we are not distracted by the interests of a few larger clubs for whom the transfer income is not a dependency," he said.

"It is important to stress that any change and compliance to Bosman does not need to be immediate.

"We must have a lead-in time to ensure a smooth transition and our thinking is in line with that of UEFA."



ABOVE: Tony Thorpe in action at Cambridge, with ex-Hatter Ben Chenery (far right) looking on.



RIGHT: Stuart Douglas and former Luton defender David Greene, in the friendly at Colchester.

LUTON Town warmed up for the new season with a number of friendlies both home and away.

Following the trip to the North-East and games against Hartlepool and Darlington, the Hatters travelled to Cambridge for a 1-1 draw, with Paul McLaren on the scoresheet, before entertaining Southampton at Kenilworth Road.

Goals from the Norwegian striker Egil Ostensstad, Neil Maddison and Michael Evans, gave David Jones' side a 3-0 win. (See pages 44 and 45 for action from the game against the Saints).

The final pre-season game was a 2-1 win at Colchester, with Graham Alexander and Stuart Douglas scoring the goals.

Kelvin heads for Hartlepool



LUTON'S reserve keeper Kelvin Davis (pictured above) has joined third division Hartlepool on a month's loan.

Kelvin joined the Victoria Ground side for the start of the season, and was also expected to line up in their Coca-Cola first round tie against Division One Tranmere.

The England Under-21 international played just one first-team game for the Hatters last term - the Auto Windscreens Shield win over Leyton Orient.

THE Football League have recruited their youngest man in the middle since World Cup Final referee Jack Taylor joined the national list of officials as a 26-year-old in 1956.

Andy Hall, a 28-year-old engineer from Birmingham, is one of six new referees.

The other five new officials on the Football League's list are: David Crick (Worcester Park, Surrey), Mike Dean (Eastham, Wirral), Mike Jones (Chester), Matt Messias (York) and Mike Pike (Barrow).

RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



THE Luton Town reserve team will this season benefit from a series of Award schemes provided by Avon Insurance who are commencing the fourth season of their sponsorship of the Football Combination.

Combination general secretary, Neville Chamberlain, said:

"We are delighted that a leading insurer, Avon Insurance, is sponsoring the league because they have introduced several initiatives open to all 18 teams in the Combination.

"The first is an Enterprise Award which will be given to the Avon Insurance Combination member club that makes the greatest efforts in opening its doors to local spectators. "The winning club will receive £1,000 to be spent on a community project of its choice.

"Another award of £1,000 will be made to the club which provides the best coverage of the Avon Insurance Combination in its First Team programmes throughout the season.

"Many football fans are unaware that Combination matches provide high quality football as well as the opportunity for families to enjoy watching competitive games involving a number of top International, FA Premier and Football League players who are returning from injury, or are working to regain their first team place after loss of form.

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"The Combination helps ensure the future of football, so we are delighted to receive the support of Avon Insurance.

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As well as encouraging increased attendance levels, a Fair Play Trophy will be awarded to the Avon Insurance Combination team whose players receive the lowest number of disciplinary points over the course of the season.

Avon Insurance will also be awarding a trophy to the top scorer in the Combination.

Alan Harris, General Manager for Avon Insurance, added: "The first three years of our sponsorship have been extremely successful culminating in our winning the coveted Hollis Award for the Most Effective Use of Sponsorship, and has also seen much exiting football and the introduction of many emerging stars throughout the league.

"We have already extended our association with the Combination until the end of the 2002/03 season,

and Avon Insurance are proud to be supporting the grass roots of our national game in this way, and helping ensure the future well being of 18 leading football clubs."

The Town's reserve side were due to open their league campaign at home to Oxford on Wednesday.

Team: Abbey, Jones, Harvey, Evers, Doherty, Boyce, Kean, Spring, Barr, George, Sweeney.

Subs: Scarlett, McIndoe, Fraser.

As you can see from the fixture list (left) a number of matches are again being played at Hitchin Town FC over the winter months.

The youth team made a losing start to their South East Counties League season with a 1-0 defeat at home to Wycombe last Saturday.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Spring, Boyce, Ayres, Scarlett, Akurang (Drew), Doherty, Clarke, McCoy (McIndoe).

Sub not used: Howe.

Wed Aug 13	OXFORD UTD	2pm
Thu Aug 21	Queens Park R	2pm
Thu Aug 28	MILLWALL	2pm
Wed Sep 3	Swindon Town	7.15pm
Wed Sep 10	Tottenham	7.30pm
Wed Sep 17	CRYSTAL PAL	2pm
Wed Sep 24	WATFORD	2pm
Wed Oct 1	WEST HAM	2pm
Mon Oct 6	Brighton	2pm
Wed Oct 15	CHARLTON	2pm
Mon Oct 20	Chelsea	7pm
Mon Oct 27	Norwich City	7.30pm
Wed Nov 5	Wimbledon	2pm
Mon Nov 10	IPSWICH T	7pm*
Wed Nov 19	Southampton	7.30pm
Mon Nov 24	ARSENAL	7pm*
Thu Dec 4	Millwall	2pm
Mon Dec 8	SWINDON T	7pm*
Tue Dec 16	Crystal Palace	2pm
Mon Jan 5	TOTTENHAM	7pm*
Tue Jan 13	West Ham	7.30pm
Wed Jan 21	Watford	7.30pm
Mon Jan 26	BRIGHTON	7pm*
Wed Feb 4	Charlton	2pm
Mon Feb 9	PORTSMOUTH	7pm*
Tue Feb 17	Arsenal	2pm
Wed Feb 25	QPR	2pm
Wed Mar 4	WIMBLETON	2pm
Wed Mar 11	NORWICH	2pm
Wed Mar 25	Oxford	7.30pm
Wed Apr 1	SOUTHAMPTON	2pm
Wed Apr 8	Portsmouth	7pm
Wed Apr 15	Ipswich Town	7pm
Wed Apr 22	CHELSEA	2pm

Games in CAPITALS denotes home fixture. Home matches played at Kenilworth Road will kick-off at 2pm. * Denotes home match to be played at Hitchin, kick-off 7pm.



LEFT: Stuart Douglas scores the winning goal in the pre-season friendly at Colchester. Stuart made some impressive performances in the reserves last season, and at the start of the current campaign, and was rewarded with a starting place in Tuesday's Coca-Cola Cup win at Colchester.



with **TREVOR PEAKE**



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South East Counties League, and League Cup; FA Youth Cup; Southern Jnr Floodlit Cup; and Eastern Jnr Cup

Sat Aug 9	WYCOMBE W	lost 1-0	Sat Dec 13	Bristol Rovers
Sat Aug 16	Reading		Sat Dec 20	Wycombe W
Tue Aug 19	Ipswich (SJFC Pre)		Sat Dec 27	Wimbledon
Sat Aug 23	Swindon Town	post		
Sat Aug 30	OXFORD UTD	11am	Sat Jan 10	SWINDON TOWN 11am
			Sat Jan 17	OxfordUnited
Sat Sep 6	Barnet		Sat Jan 24	BARNET 11am
Sat Sep 13	Southend (SECLC1)		Sat Jan 31	Brighton
Sat Sep 20	BRIGHTON	11am		
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City		Sat Feb 7	BRISTOL CITY 11am
			Sat Feb 14	Brentford
Sat Oct 4	BRENTFORD	11am	Sat Feb 21	SOUTHAMPTON 11am
Sat Oct 11	Southampton		Sat Feb 28	Tottenham
Sat Oct 18	SECLC2			
Sat Oct 25	TOTTENHAM	11am	Sat Mar 21	Colchester
			Sat Mar 28	BOURNEMOUTH 11am
Sat Nov 1	READING	11am		
Sat Nov 15	COLCHESTER	11am	Sat Apr 4	WIMBLETON 11am
Sat Nov 22	SECLC3			
Sat Nov 29	Bournemouth			Games in caps denote HOME matches. Home league matches at Luton Rugby Club.
Sat Dec 6	BRISTOL ROVERS	11am		

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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 McCOY	1 (3)		1 (1)		
James AYRES	3 (1)		1		
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Where are they now?

LUTON-born Wayne Turner was part of a highly successful Challney schoolboys team which won an unprecedented four trophies in one season. Most of the side also won local representative honours and in turn were invited to Kenilworth Road by coach David Pleat.

"Harry Haslam signed me on apprentice forms and I worked my way up through the ranks before making my league debut on the final day of the 1978/79 season away at Wrexham," recalled Wayne. "I can remember a lot about that day even down to the pre-match meal and it came at the end of a great week as earlier I had been awarded a trophy as youth Player of the Year."

After spells in and out of the side Wayne was asked to go to Lincoln for a month on loan for further experience. "The month spread out to four and in that time Lincoln went from second bottom to second top in Division Four. It was also my first meeting with Trevor Peake who was also on the playing staff there."

Wayne returned to Kenilworth Road and was a regular in the side during the promotion run in from the old Division Two and scored his first goal in the process, an important one at Cambridge over Easter 1982. Unfortunately he was just short on appearances to earn a championship medal but the memories remain.

With Luton now in the top flight Wayne enjoyed a couple of seasons at the highest level.

"In that first season back we were involved in some brilliant games. The 3-3 draw at Liverpool and the 4-4 at Stoke were a joy to play in but for sheer drama and tension the final day showdown at Manchester City takes some beating. We needed to beat City to stay up while all they needed was a point to avoid the drop. It had been arranged before the match that if we were chasing a goal towards the end then I would go off



by **ROGER WASH**

with Raddy Antic taking my place. That is what happened and Raddy scored with five minutes to go, stunning the crowd of 42,000. When I talk to the players today about pressure I always mention that game."

Much has been written about Wayne's winning goal against Watford in the F.A Cup fifth round second replay in 1985, revolving around the fact that it was his birthday. He was not able to celebrate however as he had been suffering from 'flu all week, and as all around were toasting success with alcohol he had to make do with Lucozade!

"Playing in the old Division One has to be the highlight of my career. As I was a local lad I had firstly to win over the crowd who probably expected more from me than a bought in player. I was fully aware

that I had to be at the peak of my form and play to the maximum of my abilities to even get in the side and that if I dipped I would be out. When I look back on that period I realise now that I was mentally and physically shattered."

Even so David Pleat regarded the signing of Peter Nicholas as an improvement to the side and even though Wayne disputed this at the time he soon realised that the writing was on the wall. Even so, with Nicholas 'cup tied', Wayne was in the side that went through to the F.A.Cup semi-final in 1985 where we came up against all conquering Everton at Villa Park. Despite taking the lead through Ricky Hill we eventually went down 2-1 and all those Luton supporters present that day will agree that fortune most certainly was not on our side.

"To say that it was a disappointment is an understatement and when you look back at that game you can spot incidents that could quite easily have worked out in our favour."



LEFT: Wayne Turner (10) scores against Brighton in 1982.

During the summer of 1985, Wayne was given the chance of staying in Division One when the Town accepted a £75,000 bid from Coventry where not only did he team up again with Trevor Peake but he was made skipper. Unfortunately things did not work out at Highfield Road for within one week of arriving Wayne suffered a knee injury and then after returning to the side played one game before an ankle injury kept him out for eight months.

After twelve months, and only fifteen appearances for the Sky Blues, Wayne was given a £35,000 transfer to Brentford where again he was immediately installed as skipper. After a successful start he suffered with a back problem that was wrongly diagnosed and which eventually brought about an early end to his top class career.

"Brentford were worried about my back, which was later diagnosed as a prolapsed disc, and in the summer of 1988 I was given an envelope with a weeks wages by manager Steve Perryman. I was deeply

disappointed to be treated like that especially as I was club captain, and have vowed never to treat a player under my control like that."

Every cloud has a silver lining, however, as Wayne stepped down into the Vauxhall Conference with Barnet and enjoyed a four-year stay under Barry Fry culminating in promotion to the Football League and a coaching position at Underhill.

"I had a great time at Barnet, which was an education in itself, but the creditors were gradually closing in and when David Pleat asked me to join the coaching staff at Luton five years ago Barry Fry thought it would be a sensible move. As it is, it has turned out to be the best possible move for me."

Wayne's enthusiasm for the job and Luton Town in particular shone through during our chat. But we are still wondering whether the back could still stand up to the rigours? A few minutes as a 'super sub' in League football if his rocket shot in the recent friendly at Hitchin is anything to go by!

5 YEARS AGO

15/8/92: In the opening game of the new campaign, newly relegated Luton went down 2-1 at Leicester, with the Foxes' winner coming in the final minute. The Hatters marksman was Jamie Campbell with his first senior goal for the club.

10 YEARS AGO

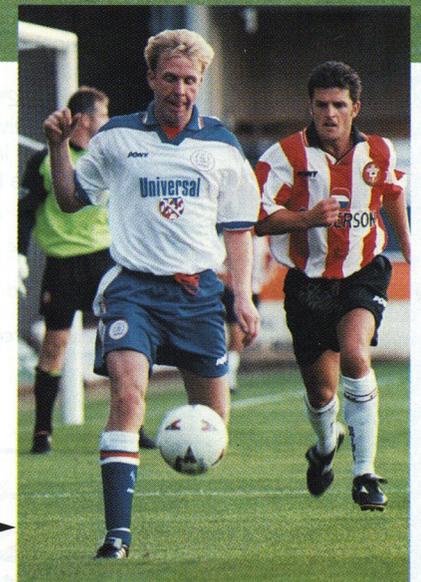
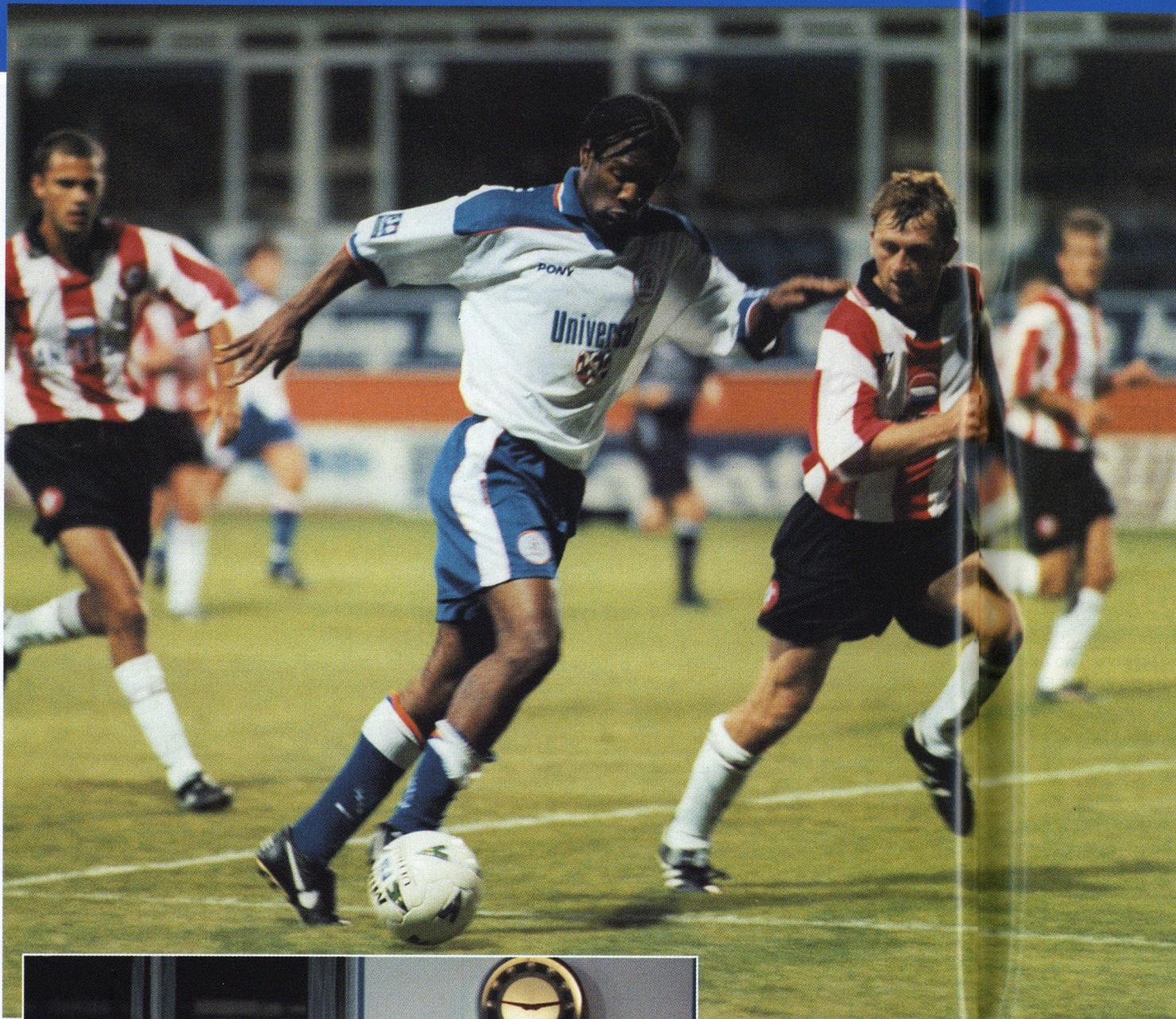
15/8/87: In another opener, away at freshly promoted Derby, the Town had it all to do when Mick Harford was sent off early on. The ten men fought hard but were unable to save the points, going down 1-0.

15 YEARS AGO

16/8/82: With a late start to the campaign a fair number of Town supporters travelled to Newport for a friendly to get their first sight of new signing Paul Walsh. The match however was a disappointment, finishing as a 0-0 bore draw.

20 YEARS AGO

20/8/77: The Town started the campaign with a 1-0 victory over Orient at Kenilworth Road, courtesy of a strike from fullback Steve Buckley. With Alan West and Ron Futchter not yet back from a summer playing in the States, rare opportunities were given to David Carr and Tim Smith.



↑ Mitchell Thomas is denied by Southampton keeper Paul Jones - a close season signing from Stockport.

← On-loan signing from Arsenal, Gavin McGowan makes a break for the Hatters.

┌ A second-half save for the Saints' substitute keeper Maik Taylor.

└ David Oldfield gives chase, with the visitors' Jason Dodd in pursuit. →



ACTION STATIONS

Luton Town 0 Southampton 3

(Ostenstad, Maddison, Evans)

Tuesday, July 29, 1997 - Pre-season friendly

Attendance: 4,685

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DIVISION TWO

Saturday August 23
Blackpool v Wycombe
Bristol R v Carlisle
Chesterfield v Preston
Fulham v LUTON
Gillingham v Walsall
Grimsby v Wrexham
Millwall v York City
Northampton v Bristol C
Oldham v Bournemouth
Southend v Burnley
Watford v Brentford
Wigan v Plymouth

Saturday August 30
Bournemouth v Blackpool
Brentford v Grimsby
Bristol City v Wigan
Burnley v Bristol R
Carlisle v Northampton
LUTON v Oldham
Plymouth v Chesterfield
Preston v Watford
Walsall v Southend
Wycombe v Fulham
York v Gillingham

Tuesday September 2
Bournemouth v Bristol R
Brentford v Gillingham
Bristol C v Fulham
Burnley v Oldham
Carlisle v Wigan
LUTON v Millwall
Plymouth v Watford
Preston v Grimsby
Walsall v Northampton
Wrexham v Blackpool
Wycombe v Southend
York v Chesterfield

Saturday September 6
Blackpool v Carlisle
Bristol R v Walsall
Chesterfield v Burnley
Fulham v Plymouth
Gillingham v Bournemouth
Grimsby v York
Millwall v Bristol City
Northampton v LUTON
Oldham v Preston
Southend v Brentford
Watford v Wycombe
Wigan v Wrexham

Play-offs the key to gates booster

ATTENDANCES in the three divisions of the Nationwide League last season smashed through the total recorded for the previous campaign's competition, and the Football League are confident this unprecedented climb will continue this season.

Gates in the English professional game have increased season-on-season since the introduction of the Play-Off system by the Football League in 1986/87.

Average attendances for last season were up over 5% on the previous year's levels with Division Two figures showing the most striking rise thanks to a 12.3% increase.

Almost 12 million spectators watched action in Divisions One, Two and Three of the league last season, which makes the Nationwide League the largest supported

football competition in Britain.

Indeed, the three divisions of the Nationwide League can boast more spectators in one campaign than any other British sporting event or competition.

The Football League can also confirm that gates in the three divisions of the Nationwide League have increased by a staggering 4,500,000 spectators over the last decade.

Average attendances for last season compared to the 1985/86 campaign - the last season before the Play-Off system - show a phenomenal 52% increase.

Division One leads the way with an incredible increase of more than 63% over the last decade, while Divisions Two and Three are boasting a 28.1% and 31.5% rise respectively.

	SEASON	AGGREGATE	GAMES	AVERAGE	+/- %
Division One	95-96	6,566,349	552	11,896	
	96-97	6,931,539	552	12,557	+5.6%
Division Two	95-96	2,843,652	552	5,152	
	96-97	3,195,223	552	5,788	+12.3%
Division Three	95-96	1,965,308	552	3,560	
	96-97	1,851,639	552	3,354	-5.8%
Total	95-96	11,375,309	1,656	6,869	
	96-97	11,978,401	1,656	7,233	+5.3%



UNIVERSAL Salvage Auctions have renewed their much valued sponsorship of Luton Town Football Club, with a new two-year deal.

how teams scored

see key below	Hd	CR	Ob	V	FK	P	Ib	OG	mins into match	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Hd	CR	Ob	V	FK	P	Ib	OG	
Blackpool	11	9	12	10	0	4	14	0	Blackpool	10	10	9	11	12	8	Blackpool	11	8	7	6	0	3	10	2
Bournemouth	15	7	6	5	1	2	7	0	Bournemouth	2	15	3	4	10	9	Bournemouth	8	4	10	6	0	3	14	0
Brentford	10	9	8	11	0	1	17	0	Brentford	10	8	7	9	11	11	Brentford	9	3	11	9	1	6	4	0
Bristol City	14	11	5	7	3	8	20	1	Bristol City	7	10	11	11	13	17	Bristol City	16	11	6	7	1	3	7	0
Bristol Rovers	10	3	11	10	1	0	11	1	Bristol Rovers	4	5	7	11	8	12	Bristol Rovers	8	8	11	7	1	5	10	0
Burnley	17	12	7	14	1	3	17	0	Burnley	9	10	14	14	9	15	Burnley	17	12	4	10	0	2	9	1
Bury	16	12	3	15	1	5	10	0	Bury	8	10	11	11	6	16	Bury	14	1	5	5	1	3	9	0
Chesterfield	8	8	4	9	0	4	8	1	Chesterfield	6	5	5	8	4	14	Chesterfield	14	9	3	5	0	3	4	1
Crewe	9	6	13	1	3	1	23	0	Crewe	4	2	12	18	9	11	Crewe	9	1	8	6	0	2	20	1
Gillingham	12	8	7	6	1	4	21	1	Gillingham	10	8	7	8	8	19	Gillingham	14	9	11	7	1	2	14	1
Luton	20	8	8	7	2	7	19	0	Luton	9	12	11	16	14	9	Luton	12	6	0	5	2	4	16	0
Millwall	13	6	9	7	1	4	8	2	Millwall	5	7	4	6	13	15	Millwall	14	8	6	7	2	7	11	0
Notts County	9	7	2	3	0	3	6	3	Notts County	2	5	4	7	8	7	Notts County	11	9	11	10	1	1	14	2
Peterborough	12	11	5	5	2	4	15	1	Peterborough	4	9	9	7	12	14	Peterborough	18	9	11	9	0	2	22	2
Plymouth	12	4	4	12	0	3	12	0	Plymouth	7	5	5	6	16	8	Plymouth	13	8	11	6	0	3	15	2
Preston	16	9	9	5	0	2	7	1	Preston	4	8	8	11	9	9	Preston	11	15	7	9	0	1	12	0
Rotherham	12	6	6	3	0	4	8	0	Rotherham	2	7	6	10	5	9	Rotherham	18	10	7	13	2	4	13	3
Shrewsbury	13	7	4	9	0	1	12	3	Shrewsbury	4	7	7	9	8	14	Shrewsbury	18	8	10	8	1	4	24	1
Stockport	21	8	3	5	1	4	13	4	Stockport	11	4	7	13	8	16	Stockport	14	6	3	6	0	4	8	0
Walsall	14	8	8	6	1	2	15	0	Walsall	3	14	8	7	7	15	Walsall	14	5	5	8	1	4	16	0
Watford	11	5	9	5	0	2	13	0	Watford	7	10	6	8	6	8	Watford	4	3	4	7	0	7	12	1
Wrexham	14	11	11	3	0	6	9	0	Wrexham	6	9	10	8	11	11	Wrexham	8	7	9	3	0	8	14	1
Wycombe	10	4	10	10	0	4	12	0	Wycombe	11	7	7	7	9	10	Wycombe	13	11	3	7	4	3	14	1
York	8	5	6	6	0	7	14	1	York	4	8	4	9	9	13	York	19	14	7	9	0	1	18	0

Hd=Header CR=Shot inside 6 yards Ob=Shot outside area V=Volley FK=Direct Free Kick P=Penalty Ib=Shot inside area OG=Own Goal

Division 2 Stats
Index in the table below reflects the league position of the position in the 6 games, ie the higher the position, the higher the index.

final form table

	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Indx	Sequence
Bristol City	5	0	1	11	4	15	49%	LWWWWW
Gillingham	4	1	1	11	5	13	54%	WWWLWD
Blackpool	4	1	1	10	6	13	72%	LWWWWD
Chesterfield	4	0	2	6	4	12	65%	WLLWWW
Wycombe	3	2	1	11	4	11	64%	WLDWWD
Bury	3	2	1	4	2	11	58%	WDDWWL
Wrexham	3	1	2	9	7	10	61%	WLDWLW
Preston	3	1	2	6	4	10	46%	WWWLWL
Stockport	3	1	2	6	5	10	43%	DWWWLL
Luton	2	3	1	6	4	9	56%	DWDWDL
Peterborough	3	0	3	6	4	9	63%	WLLWLW
Burnley	2	2	2	9	11	8	41%	WDDLLW
Crewe	2	2	2	6	5	8	62%	DLDWLW
Bournemouth	1	4	1	6	7	7	43%	WDDDL
Notts County	2	1	3	6	7	7	35%	LDLWLW
York	2	1	3	5	10	7	54%	DWLLWL
Bristol Rovers	2	0	4	5	7	6	51%	LLWLWL
Walsall	2	0	4	5	10	6	64%	LLWLWL
Plymouth	1	3	2	4	5	6	57%	DLWLDD
Brentford	2	0	4	2	5	6	43%	LLLLWW
Watford	1	1	4	6	10	4	62%	LDLWLW
Rotherham	1	1	4	5	11	4	58%	WLDLLL
Shrewsbury	1	1	4	2	8	4	67%	LLLLDW
Millwall	0	1	5	0	7	1	54%	LLLLLL

.. various Div 2 stats ..

players used includes those who have left the club	Plyrs used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low pos.	high pos.	low and high position is taken after 5 games played	Plyrs used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low pos.	high pos.
Blackpool	26	60	47	15	18	7	Notts County	37	33	59	10	24	17
Bournemouth	27	43	45	15	22	11	Peterborough	43	55	73	8	22	12
Brentford	24	56	43	18	4	1	Plymouth	25	47	58	17	20	6
Bristol City	26	69	51	14	16	3	Preston	34	49	55	13	23	12
Bristol Rovers	29	47	50	15	20	6	Rotherham	35	39	70	12	24	23
Burnley	25	71	55	13	12	4	Shrewsbury	29	49	74	8	22	5
Bury	24	62	38	22	8	1	Stockport	24	59	41	18	23	2
Chesterfield	30	42	39	20	15	3	Walsall	25	54	53	12	22	6
Crewe	26	56	47	18	10	2	Watford	28	45	38	22	13	2
Gillingham	31	60	59	12	21	11	Wrexham	27	54	50	18	12	4
Luton	27	71	45	22	15	1	Wycombe	29	51	56	16	24	18
Millwall	34	50	55	14	14	1	York	31	47	68	12	21	12

Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates
18,674 Bristol City v Bristol Rovers 15-Dec
1,610 Shrewsbury v Bournemouth 3-Dec

Highest Aggregate Scores
Peterborough 6-3 Wycombe 28-Sep

Biggest Home Win
Luton 6-0 Crewe 14-Dec

Biggest Away Win
Plymouth 1-4 Brentford 26-Dec
Rotherham 1-4 Crewe 25-Jan
Shrewsbury 0-3 Brentford 31-Aug
Shrewsbury 0-3 Luton 12-Oct
Plymouth 0-3 Chesterfield 19-Nov
Brentford 0-3 Burnley 15-Mar
Rotherham 0-3 Luton 5-Apr

Consecutive Wins
Walsall 6

Games Unbeaten
Watford 22

Consecutive Defeats
Rotherham, Shrewsbury 6

Games without a Win
Notts County 20

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins
Gillingham, Preston 3

Games Unbeaten
Bury, Luton 5

Consecutive Defeats
Brentford, Shrewsbury 4

Games without a Win
Millwall 11

Compiled by Football Information Services Tel : 0151-632-5679

Stats are for 96/97 Season

average gates



leading scorers



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 1997/98

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Youths - £34.99
S, M, L, XL, XXL - £38.99

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AWAY SOCKS
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There's a wide range of
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leisurewear available at the
Club Shop at the top of
Kenilworth Road, with a
number of new items
introduced over
the summer months.....
why not pop in and take a look

AVAILABLE NOW THE NEW LUTON TOWN HOME STRIP

HOME SHIRTS
SB, B, LB - £29.99
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S, M, L, XL, XXL - £39.99

HOME SHORTS
SB, B, LB - £15.99
Youths, S, M - £19.99
L, XL, XXL - £19.99

HOME SOCKS
MB, LB - £7.99. Mens - £9.99

Home long sleeved shirts (Oct 97)
S, M, L - £42.99
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COMMERCIAL NEWS

This evening we welcome match sponsors PROGRESSIVE PRINTING.

Progressive Printing was established in 1987 with just three full-time staff and a turnover of £300,000.

Ten years later, sales had increased to £6,000,000 with 74 full-timers looking after operation and profit obtained year on year.

Progressive Printing is headed by chairman Bill Kelleway who started his career as a trainee print estimator in 1972.

His aim is to direct the company to achieve sales of £15m and profits of £1 million by the next millennium, and to help Southend United FC into the Premier League as soon as possible!

If you or your company would like details of match or matchball



with **KATHY LEATHER**

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.

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

Thank you to everyone for their support over the summer months, as we look ahead to the new

season.

See page 25 for details of forthcoming commercial functions.

Don't forget the Luton Town PRIZELINE

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(Calls cost 50p per minute at all times)

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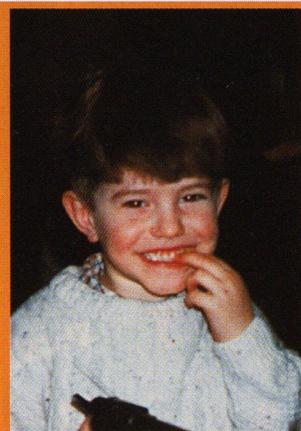
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THIS evening we welcome our Commercial Mascot TIMOTHY OWEN to Kenilworth Road. Timothy celebrated his fifth birthday earlier this month, and attends Kislingbury Village County Primary School in Northants. As well as football his hobbies include swimming.



Eye on the ball

..... pictorial highlights from the Hatters May Ball, held at the Strathmore Hotel, Luton, in May 1997, attended by supporters, players and officials.



OVER THE BAR!



Drink a toast to the Hatters in the following pubs...

Kim and Chris welcome you to
THE WHEATSHEAF
Traditional country pub serving snacks and real ales.
Large garden, children welcome.
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Prop: Ian Robinson

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Good food and fine selection of cask ales.
Quiz nights and karaoke.
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Our Golden Gamble winner from the match against Southampton still hasn't claimed his/her prize.
If you hold ticket number 450, you're in the money!
Please contact the Commercial Department.

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

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



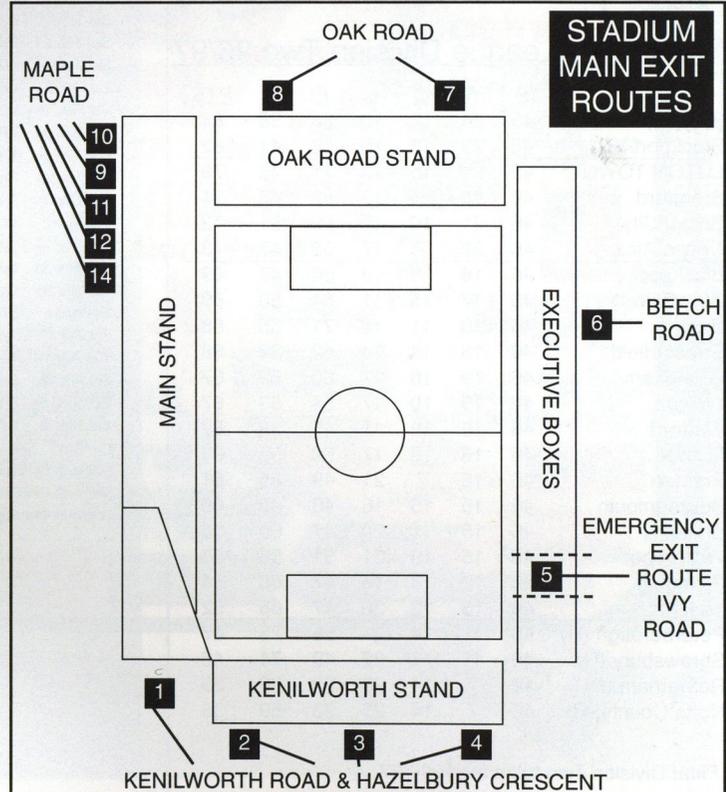
PLUS win £25,000 in our Premier Instant ticket on sale at half-time.... Money from these tickets helps YOUR club, and supports charities for children with special needs

LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

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

In the event on an evacuation of all or part of the stadium, you will receive instructions over the public address system on how you should leave the stadium. Stewards will direct you to the nearest exit. It may be that your normal exit route will not be available. On leaving the stadium, you will find some roads closed to pedestrian traffic, to enable swift and unobstructed arrival of the emergency services.
Please leave the area of the ground as quickly as possible by the route directed.
Your co-operation will be most appreciated.
GEOFF LOVELL, Safety Manager.



TEAM Statistics

LUTON TOWN 1997/98

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LGE APPS	LGE GLS	CUP APPS	CUP GLS	LIFE career apps (league & cup, incl. subs) & goals, as at start 97/98
Graham ALEXANDER	1		1		101 3g
Simon DAVIES	1		1		
Kelvin DAVIS					21 0g
Steve DAVIS	1		1		100 11g
Stuart DOUGLAS	(1)		1		20 1g
Sean EVERS					4 0g
Ian FEUER	1		1		98 0g
Andrew FOTIADIS					23 3g
Kim GRANT					44 8g
Richard HARVEY			(1)		181 5g
Julian JAMES					309 14g
Marvin JOHNSON	1		1		289 6g
Dwight MARSHALL					115 33g
Gavin MCGOWAN	1				2 0g
Paul McLAREN	1		1		44 1g
David OLDFIELD	1		1		125 21g
Darren PATTERSON					42 0g
Paul SHOWLER					33 6g
Mitchell THOMAS	1		1		273 5g
Tony THORPE	1			1	110 41g
Gary WADDOCK	1		1		133 3g

Nationwide League Division Two 96/97

	P	W	D	L	F	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 for 1996/97.

1997/98 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 9	Blackpool	0-1	6,547	-	Feuer	McGowan	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Davies)	(Douglas)	Evers	Harvey
Tue Aug 12	Colchester Utd CCC1 (1)	1-0	2,840	-	Feuer	Douglas	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	Oldfield	THORPE	Davies	Kean	(Harvey)	Evers
Mon Aug 18	SOUTHEND UTD																	
Sat Aug 23	Fulham																	
Tue Aug 26	COLCHESTER UTD CCC1 (2)																	
Sat Aug 30	OLDHAM ATHLETIC																	
Tue Sep 2	MILLWALL																	
Sat Sep 6	Northampton Town																	
Sat Sep 13	AFC Bournemouth																	
Sat Sep 20	WREXHAM																	
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City																	
Sat Oct 4	WATFORD																	
Sat Oct 11	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE																	
Sat Oct 18	Wigan Athletic																	
Tue Oct 21	Carlisle United																	
Sat Oct 25	BRENTFORD																	
Sat Nov 1	Wycombe Wanderers																	
Tue Nov 4	BURNLEY																	
Sat Nov 8	PRESTON NORTH END																	
Sat Nov 15	FA Cup 1																	
Tue Nov 18	Grimsby Town																	
Sat Nov 22	WALSALL																	
Sat Nov 29	York City																	
Tue Dec 2	GILLINGHAM																	
Sat Dec 6	FA Cup 2																	
Sat Dec 13	Chesterfield																	
Sat Dec 20	BRISTOL ROVERS																	
Fri Dec 26	NORTHAMPTON TOWN																	
Sun Dec 28	Millwall																	
Sat Jan 3	Southend United																	
Sat Jan 10	BLACKPOOL																	
Sat Jan 17	Oldham Athletic																	
Sat Jan 24	FULHAM																	
Sat Jan 31	AFC BOURNEMOUTH																	
Sat Feb 7	Wrexham																	
Sat Feb 14	Watford																	
Sat Feb 21	BRISTOL CITY																	
Tue Feb 24	WIGAN ATHLETIC																	
Sat Feb 28	Plymouth Argyle																	
Tue Mar 3	Preston North End																	
Sat Mar 7	WYCOMBE W																	
Sat Mar 14	Burnley																	
Sat Mar 21	GRIMSBY TOWN																	
Sat Mar 28	Walsall																	
Sat Apr 4	YORK CITY																	
Sat Apr 11	Gillingham																	
Tue Apr 14	CHESTERFIELD																	
Sat Apr 18	Bristol Rovers																	
Sat Apr 25	Brentford																	
Sat May 2	CARLISLE UTD																	

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

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Team Check

Luton Town

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Ian FEUER	1	Simon ROYCE
Gavin McGOWAN	2	Andy HARRIS
Mitchell THOMAS	3	Mark STIMSON
Gary WADDOCK	4	Mike MARSH
Steve DAVIS	5	Leo ROGET
Marvin JOHNSON	6	Keith DUBLIN
Paul McLAREN	7	Paul BYRNE
Graham ALEXANDER	8	Carl BEESTON
David OLDFIELD	9	Jereon BOERE
Tony THORPE	10	Andy THOMSON
Simon DAVIES	11	Nathan JONES

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Today's referee is **CHRIS FOY** from St Helens, Merseyside. Mr Foy, a policeman, is a former Premier League linesman, and is in his second season as a Football League referee. He refereed our home game v Shrewsbury last term.

AJ Webb



PM
Roberts



4th official: P McCave

Next match at Kenilworth Road

The next visitors to Kenilworth Road are Colchester United, next Tuesday, August 26, for the second leg of our Coca-Cola Cup first round tie.

Kick-off is 7.45pm.
See page 9 for ticket details.



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