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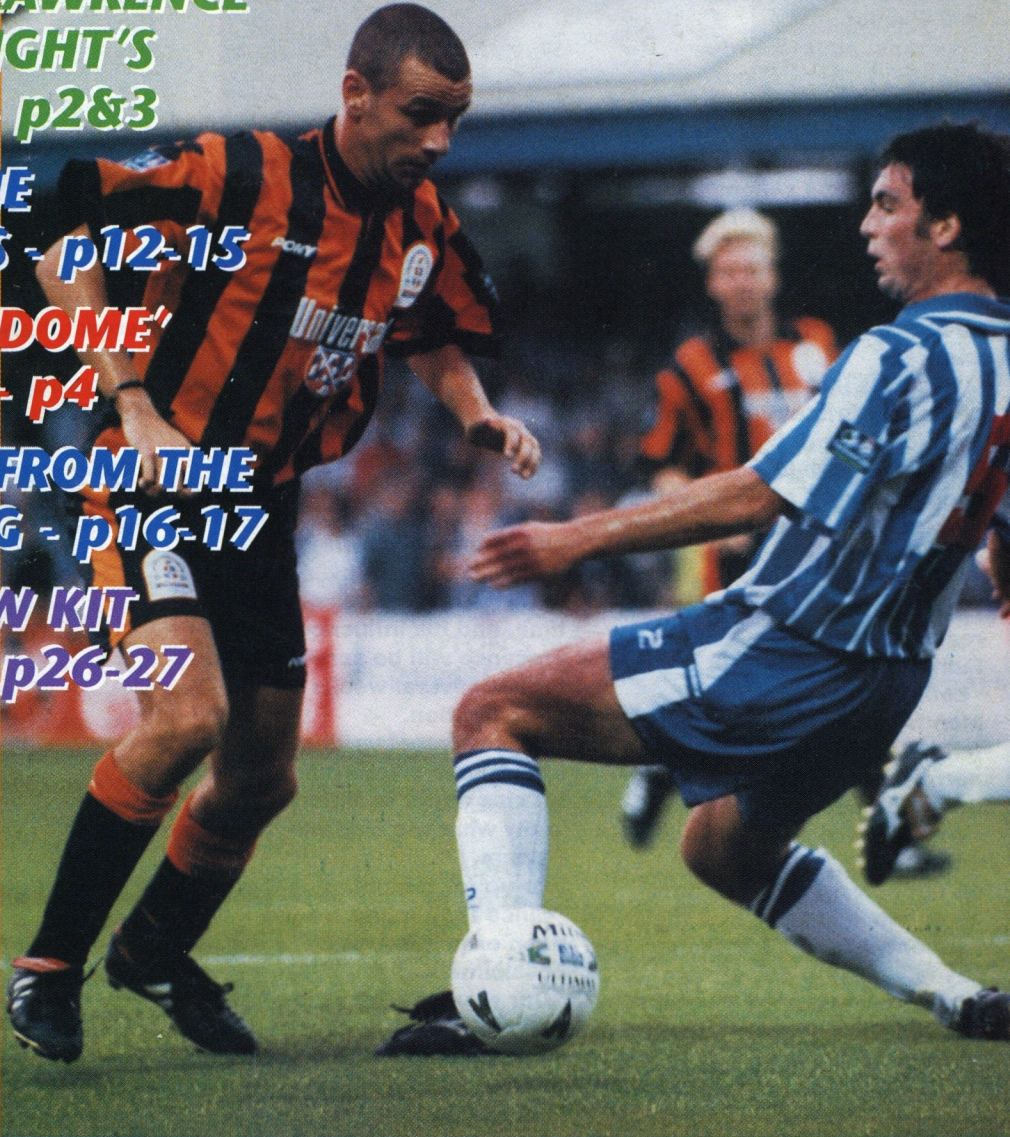
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v COLCHESTER UNITED

Coca-Cola Cup, 1st rd, 2nd leg - Tuesday, August 26, 1997 - Kick-Off 7.45pm

From the manager's chair

THIS evening we welcome Colchester for the second leg of our first round Coca-Cola Cup tie.

This will be the third time we have played them in the last month, having managed to secure two narrow victories in the previous meetings, but we must take nothing for granted this evening.

We must adopt a professional attitude, forget the goal lead we hold from the first leg, and treat the game simply as one which needs to be won.

A place in the second round could produce an attractive fixture against Premier League opposition, although at this stage of the competition not necessarily a financial windfall.

This time last year we overcame Bristol Rovers in the first round, and then beat Derby over two legs in the second round - a result which kick-started our season.

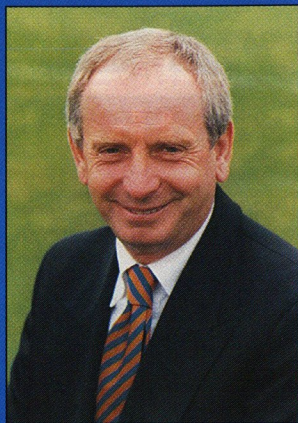
So hopefully a win tonight can give us an attractive tie.

At the time of writing the result of Saturday's game at Fulham is not known.

Looking back to last Monday's win over Southend, I felt it was a satisfactory performance, and that we defended well on the night.

We were not at our best from an attacking point of view, but on another day it could have been two or three-nil as their keeper made two excellent saves, whilst at the other end, apart from one shot which hit the bar early on, Southend rarely troubled us.

Although last year we had our fair share of injuries, any injuries to key players were thankfully at a minimum. But



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

luck in this respect has deserted us with a vengeance, with Ian Feuer suffering a bad injury in the game against Southend, tearing a muscle in his shoulder as he slipped whilst attempting to throw the ball to the halfway line.

Ian has been an ever-present in the side for a considerable time, and his influence and presence will be sorely missed for the several weeks he is out of contention.

At the time of writing, various other players have minor injuries and it is difficult to know what the side will be at Fulham, let alone predict a line-up for tonight.

Since Ian's injury we have been examining all possibilities.

Our regular reserve keeper Kelvin Davis is currently on loan at Hartlepool, and the rules regarding loan players being recalled in the first month are very clear.

Basically they can't be. We

could appeal to the League Management Committee, but would have to be without a goalkeeper in our entire professional staff, and they would simply tell us to play one of our other keepers.

So it may well have been the case that we played Nathan Abbey on Saturday, and he may well figure again this evening, although I do not want to expose him to too many games, and we are looking at the possibility of a loan.

Even if we have managed to secure a goalkeeper on loan, it is unlikely his club would let him play tonight and thus become cup-tied, and on that subject, Kelvin has already represented Hartlepool in the Coca-Cola Cup so would also have been unable to play against Colchester.

But these injuries do give young players a chance, and that has been a feature of the start of this season.

We have defended well, although Ian's absence will test that out, but we need to score more.

Stuart Douglas came in and took his chance against Southend, and it is up to the likes of Stuart and Andrew Fotiadis to take these opportunities.

It is good for Luton in some ways that they are getting a first-team place, but we can't rely on that for a promotion challenge. Their aim must be to hold their end up for a handful of games.

Paul Showler and Gavin McGowan were due to play in the reserve side on Thursday afternoon after injury, and both could figure this evening, but



Darren Patterson is still not ready to return.

Finally I am delighted to report that Steve Davis has signed an extension to his existing contract which was due to expire at the end of the season.

Negotiations were amicable, didn't take long,

and we have secured a tremendous professional who is a great advertisement for the club.

With the shadow of the Bosman ruling hanging over all football clubs, such a deal is a necessary part of securing this club's long term playing future.

ABOVE: Lennie Lawrence gives his pre-match thoughts to Sky TV, ahead of the 1-0 win against Southend last Monday.

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DoE says "sorry" for stadium delay

THE Department of the Environment has apologised for the delay in making a decision over the 'Kohlerdome' project.

But in a letter to the Hatters chairman David Kohler, the DoE say they expect the Planning Inspector's report within the next two weeks, and it will then be dealt with "as a matter of urgency".

The public inquiry into the stadium project opened a year ago, and was concluded in December, since when Mr Kohler, like thousands of other Luton Town fans, has been waiting for news of any decision.

In a letter to Mr Kohler, dated August 19, 1997, the Planning Inspectorate state:

"We are sorry that you have had to write to us to express your concern about the length of time it is taking for the decision to be issued on these appeals.

"The Secretary of State for the Environment will be making the final decision on the appeals once he has received the Inspector's report. Unfortunately, the submission of this report has been held up by two bouts of sick leave and the Inspector's involvement with other duties which he was unable to avoid.

"We apologise for any inconvenience that the delay has caused you, but I can assure you that the Inspector is fully aware of the situation, and is expected to submit his report to this office within the next two weeks. We will then despatch it to the Government Office for the East as a matter of urgency. We have already spoken to colleagues at the Government Office on this matter, and I will ensure that they are alerted to it when the report is forwarded to them."

As promised, we will keep supporters fully up-to-date with any further developments as they occur.

As reported in last Monday's programme, Mr Kohler is due to meet the Sports Minister Tony Banks, and the Luton South MP Margaret Moran in the near future, in a bid to get an announcement made as soon as possible.

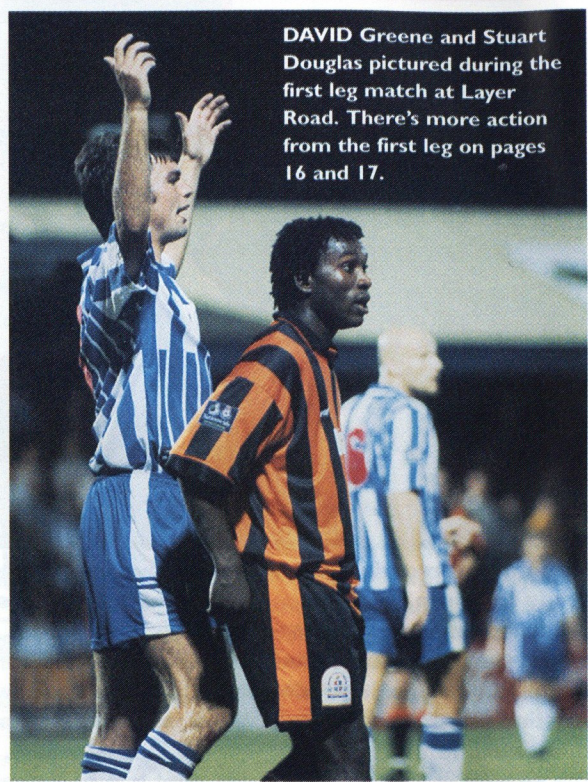
SAFETY NOTE

The Chairman and Directors of Luton Town Football Club undertake to ensure as far as humanly possible that all activities that take place at the Kenilworth Stadium are conducted in such a way that, as far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of everybody at the stadium is assured.

It is the policy of the Chairman and Directors to ensure that the conditions set out in the General Safety Certificate, issued under Safety at Sports Ground Act 1975 are fully complied with.

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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.



DAVID Greene and Stuart Douglas pictured during the first leg match at Layer Road. There's more action from the first leg on pages 16 and 17.



MEET THE MANAGER

The Luton Town Supporters' Club are hosting an evening with Lennie Lawrence on Monday, September 1, at 7.30pm in the Eric Morecambe Lounge, at Luton Town FC.

Tickets are available for members at £2 and non-members at £3, but non-members can join on the night.

FRONT COVER: Hatters new-boy Simon Davies takes on Hatters old-boy David Greene, during the first leg of our Coca-Cola Cup tie against Colchester at Layer Road. (Picture: Gareth Owen).

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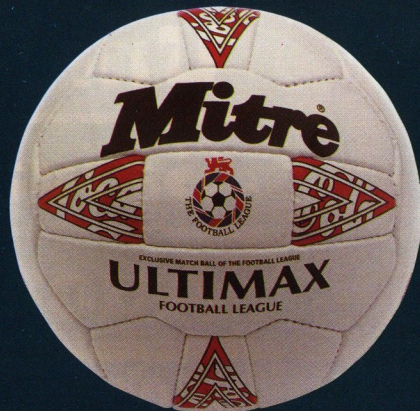
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STEVO

Club Captain's Corner
with STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Hatters striker Stuart Douglas, who opened his account for the season with the winner against Southend, is pictured with Colchester's Peter Cawley during the first leg at Layer Road two weeks ago.

IT was important to collect our first league points with last Monday's 1-0 win over Southend.

These notes are being written prior to Saturday's trip to Fulham, but hopefully we were able to build on the victory over the Shrimpers.

It was certainly a hard-fought three points in difficult, muggy conditions, and bearing in mind the number of players who were short of match practice I thought we kept going well throughout the 90 minutes.

On another day we might have won by more, with the Southend keeper making a number of fine saves, but on the other hand we could have been playing for two thirds of the game without a recognised goalkeeper after Ian

suffered his shoulder injury.

That disrupted us at the time, but I thought the back four did well as a unit to protect him for much of the rest of the game.

At the time of writing the extent of his injury isn't known, but it will be a blow to lose Ian for however long, although it could present a great opportunity for Kelvin Davis or Nathan Abbey.

Tonight we are aiming to progress in the League Cup, with a 1-0 first leg advantage, but will be taking nothing for granted. Colchester have given us plenty to think about in the two games played between the two sides this season, and the former Luton players in their team will be

especially keen to do well. Let's hope we can take our place in round two, and perhaps get a top Premiership side down here.

Finally, on a personal note, I am delighted to have signed a new three-year contract with Luton Town.

I have enjoyed my time here tremendously, and am more determined than ever to strive for that promotion place this season.

Coca-Cola Cup, first round, second leg

Playing tonight:

Barnet v Norwich
Birmingham v Gillingham
Bradford v Huddersfield
Bristol R v Bristol C
Burnley v Lincoln
Bury v Crewe
Carlisle v Chester
Chesterfield v Wigan
Exeter v Walsall
Fulham v Wycombe
Grimsby v Oldham
Hartlepool v Tranmere
Hull v Macclesfield
Ipswich v Charlton

Luton Orient v Brighton

Luton v Colchester
Man City v Blackpool
Notts County v Darlington
Plymouth v Oxford
Portsmouth v Peterborough
Preston v Rotherham
Scunthorpe v Scarborough
Sheffield Utd v Wrexham
Shrewsbury v Brentford
Southend v Cardiff
Stockport v Mansfield
Swansea v Reading
Torquay v Bournemouth
Watford v Swindon

York v Port Vale

Playing tomorrow:

Millwall v Northampton
Nottingham F v Doncaster
Stoke City v Rochdale
West Brom v Cambridge
Wolves v QPR

The second round of the Coca-Cola Cup will also be played over two legs.

The dates for these matches are September 16/17 and 23/24.

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

The game at Swindon Town was infact played on Saturday, having at one stage been postponed as it was thought Swindon would be on tour.

The youth team have also won the first match in their Southern Junior Floodlit Cup campaign, winning at Ipswich, and they will entertain Crystal Palace in the next round. No date has yet been fixed.

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.

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 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.

From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

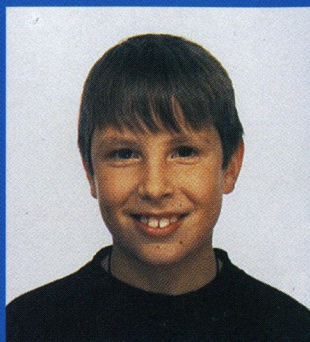
Please telephone me at the club if you are interested.

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.

Today's mascot



This evening's Junior Hatters mascot is 10-year-old **JOSEPH WESSON**.

His favourite Luton player is Ian Feuer, and he attends Warden Hills Junior School. Joseph plays for Bushmead Youth, and his other hobbies include running, swimming and hockey.

TOWN TEASER

Which goalkeeper, who won an FA Cup winners medal in 1975, played on loan for Luton Town during the early 1990s?

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

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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 normal league prices.
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 on sale to ONE per Member from Tuesday, August 26, at 10am.
Prices: £9.50 adults, £6.50 juniors/seniors.

(The ticket office will be open on Saturday, September 6, for the sale of other match tickets between 10am and 12 noon).

AFC Bournemouth v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, September 13, 1997, kick-off 3pm

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Seating is available for FAMILIES ONLY. (A family is classed as adults or senior citizens accompanying juniors under 16 years of age, from the same family). Please note that this area is very limited. Price: £11.50 - no concessions.

(The ticket office will be open on Saturday, September 13, between 9am and 11am for the sale of other match tickets).

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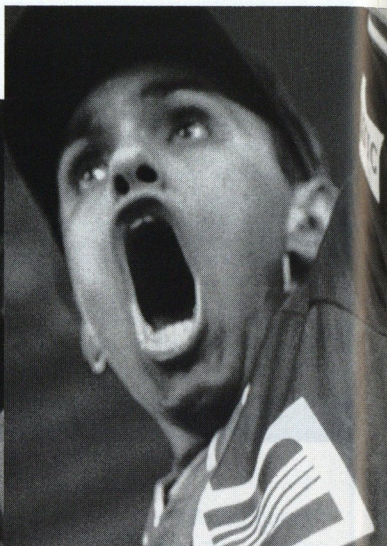
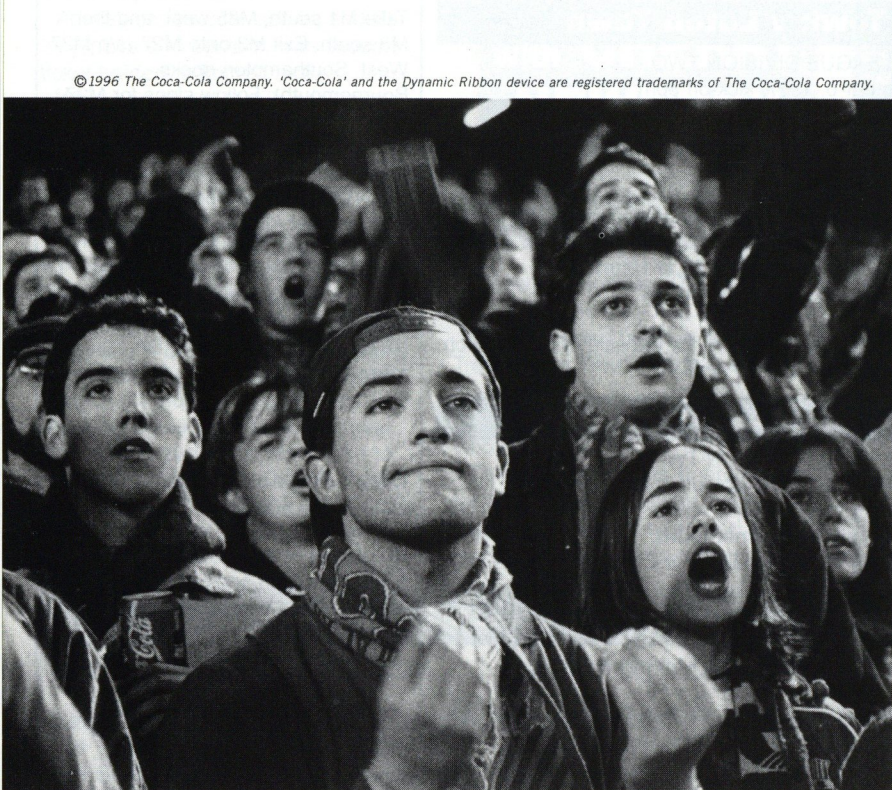
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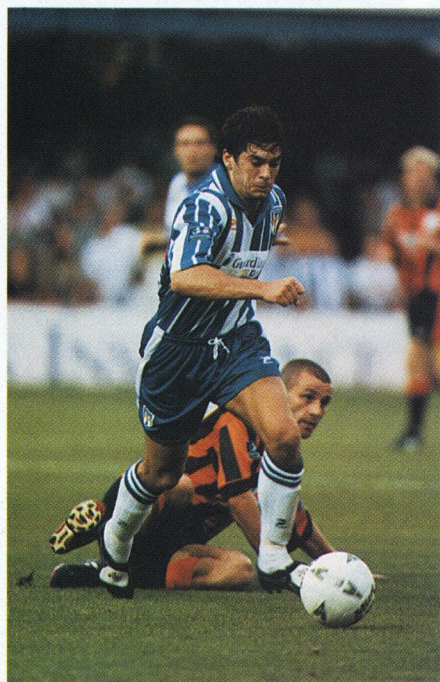


Back row: l to r: Robert Bates, Nicky Haydon, David Rainford, Gavin Armitage.

Middle row: l to r: Paul Dyer (reserve manager), Richard Wilkins, Aaron Skelton, Steve Forbes, Garrett Caldwell, Mark Sale, Carl Emberson, Peter Cawley, David Gregory, Paul Abrahams, Brian Owen (physio), Geoff Harrop (youth development officer).

Front row: l to r: Sponsor, Sponsor, Joe Dunne, Tony Adcock, Simon Betts, Tony Lock, Micky Cook (youth team manager), Steve Wignall (manager), Steve Whitton (assistant manager), Karl Duguid, Paul Buckle, Scott

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ABOVE: Paul Abrahams

The Hatters and The U's

by ROGER WASH

AS Colchester only entered the Football League in 1950 it can be gathered that our meetings over the years have been infrequent to say the least.

In fact this is only the fourth time that the 'U's have visited Kenilworth Road for a competitive match.

Our first meetings took place in 1963/64 following our relegation to the old Division Three and at Kenilworth Road a crowd of 4,725 saw goals from John O'Rourke, Gordon Turner and Harry Walden earn a 3-1 win. O'Rourke was on target again in the return - a 1-1 draw.

In the following season, which saw both sides relegated to Division Four, we achieved the double, winning 1-0 at Layer Road, with Ray Whittaker on target and

3-1 again at Kenilworth Road where Tom McKechnie bagged two.

The final league clashes took place over Easter 1966 with both sides chasing an immediate return to Division Three.

On Good Friday a crowd of 10,200, which has since only once been bettered in the league, gathered at Layer Road to see a hard fought 2-2 draw.

Whittaker was on the scoresheet again (it is no wonder that he eventually left Luton for Layer Road) along with Dick Edwards, and my abiding memory of the game is the frantic efforts by ground staff to fill in a large hole that had mysteriously appeared in the Luton goalmouth during the

CARL EMBERSON - Goalkeeper for the majority of last season, having one of his finest games at Wembley in the final of the Auto Windscreens Shield. Started his career with Millwall, but joined Colchester on loan before a permanent move to Layer Road.

GARRETT CALDWELL - Goalkeeper signed by the club after playing for Canada.

TONY ADCOCK - Experienced striker nearing his 300th league appearance for Colchester, and last season scored his 200th league goal. Ten more goals this season will make him the leading scorer in Colchester's history, beating Martyn King's 130 from 1956-64. Much-travelled player, who has also had spells at Manchester City, Northampton, Bradford and Peterborough, as well as a season at Kenilworth Road. But he made just two league appearances for Luton in a season plagued by injury.

SIMON BETTS - Missed out on a Wembley appearance last season after suffering an ankle injury. Formerly with Ipswich and Scarborough, and is approaching 150 league appearances for the U's.

JOSEPH DUNNE - Dublin-born, and former Youth and Under 21 international, who signed for Colchester from Gillingham after making over 100 league appearances for the Gills.

PAUL ABRAHAMS - Product of the youth team at Layer Road, and last season netted the 'Golden

Goal' which took Colchester to Wembley.

PAUL BUCKLE - One of the club's most successful signings in recent years. Midfielder formerly with Torquay, Exeter and Brentford, winning a championship medal at the latter.

DAVID GREENE - Joined Colchester from Luton in 1996 for £30,000, after loan spells at Layer Road and at Brentford the previous season. Has represented Eire at Under 21 level, and holds the record for caps gained. Made 19 league appearances for the Hatters, but is perhaps remembered best at Kenilworth Road for his FA Cup quarter-final appearance in 1994 in the 0-0 draw at West Ham, when he deputised for injured skipper Trevor Peake.

MARK SALE - 6ft 5ins centre-forward recently signed from Mansfield. Formerly with Stoke, Cambridge, Birmingham, Torquay and Preston.

RICHARD WILKINS - Captain who rejoined Colchester after playing for Hereford and Cambridge, winning promotion at the latter as part of John Beck's successful side.

(Continued on page 14).

pre-match kick in!

The return was played two days later when a crowd of 15,309, easily the biggest of the season, turned up to see Gordon Riddick score an important goal in a 1-1 draw.

One further match has taken place between the two sides with both ourselves and Colchester qualifying for the never to be forgotten Watney Cup in 1971.

As an experiment the offside rule was altered in the competition that season with players only being in an offside position goalside of a line level with the edge of the penalty area.

Colchester practised beforehand to take advantage of this change while we did not, and the outcome was a 1-0 defeat with ex-Luton favourite Brian Lewis, scoring the solitary goal from the spot.



ABOVE: Viv Busby in Watney Cup action against Colchester in 1971.

See page 15 for Coca-Cola Cup stats.....

IAN HATHAWAY - Joined Colchester in the close season from Torquay, having made over 100 league appearances for the south coast club. Left winger, formerly with Mansfield and Rotherham.

AARON SKELTON - Close season signing on a free transfer from Luton Town. Midfielder/defender who came through the youth ranks at Kenilworth Road, but whose first-team opportunities were always hit by injury.

DAVID GREGORY - Colchester-born midfielder/defender who started his career with Ipswich. Had spells with Hereford and Peterborough before moving to his home town club.

KARL DUGUID - Hitchin-born forward who came through the youth ranks at Layer Road.

NICKY HAYDON - Signed professional forms at 17, after representing his country at youth level.

TONY LOCK - 20-year-old midfielder/forward who is one of the brightest prospects at the club having recovered from a serious knee injury.

STEVE FORBES - Signed from Millwall, and immediately impressed on his debut against Barnet last season.

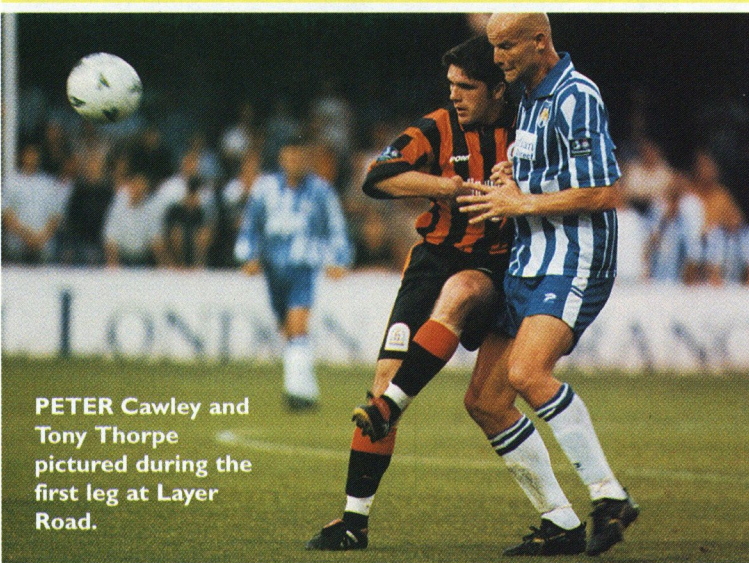
SCOTT STAMPS - Left-sided player signed from Torquay. Birmingham-born, but progressed through the youth ranks at Torquay.

ROBERT BATES - Following a successful period in the youth team, he missed the whole of last season following a back operation. Back in full training, and a regular scorer for the reserves.

GAVIN ARMITAGE - Another product of the Layer Road youth system, who signed a three-month contract at the start of the season with the hope of being taken on full-time. Centre-half who is a good prospect.

DAVID RAINFORD - Midfielder who has a keen eye for goal and is a regular scorer for the reserves. Another product of the youth system, also on a three month contract.

PETER CAWLEY - Much-travelled centre-half who has now played over 120 league games for Colchester. Previously had spells at Wimbledon, Bristol Rovers, Fulham, Southend, Exeter and Barnet.



PETER Cawley and Tony Thorpe pictured during the first leg at Layer Road.

MEET THE MANAGER



STEVE WIGNALL is one of Colchester's most successful managers. Since joining the club from Aldershot, where he guided them to two successive championships, he has taken Colchester to the play-off semi-finals and last season to the Auto Windscreen Shield Final at Wembley. He has played over 700 league games for Aldershot, Colchester and Doncaster, and took over at Layer Road in January 1995 when George Burley left for Ipswich.

Previous managers at Colchester include: Jim Smith, Bobby Roberts, Allan Hunter, Mike Walker, Jock Wallace, Mick Mills and Ian Atkins.

Current assistant manager at Layer Road is STEVE WHITTON, who has played at the top level for Coventry, West Ham, Birmingham, Sheffield Wednesday and Ipswich.

He has made almost 400 league appearances, scoring nearly 100 league goals, and has battled back to fitness after a serious knee injury.

Colchester's physio BRIAN OWEN will be a familiar figure to Luton Town fans, having been club physio at Kenilworth Road during David Pleat's second spell in charge.

Brian has also been at Wolves, Watford, Ipswich and Cambridge, and has been involved in the medical set-up for England Under-21 sides.

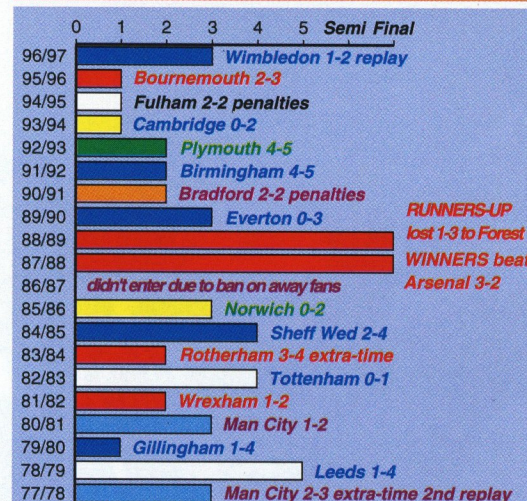


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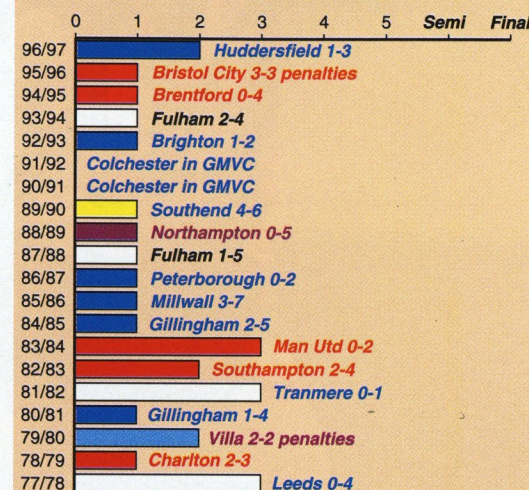
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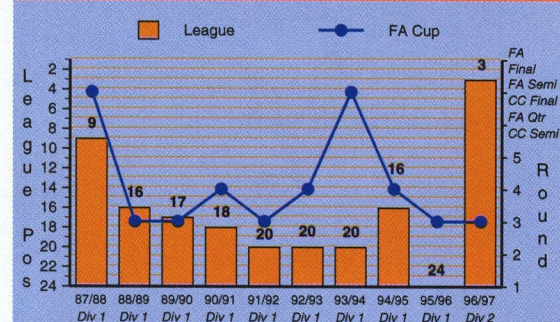
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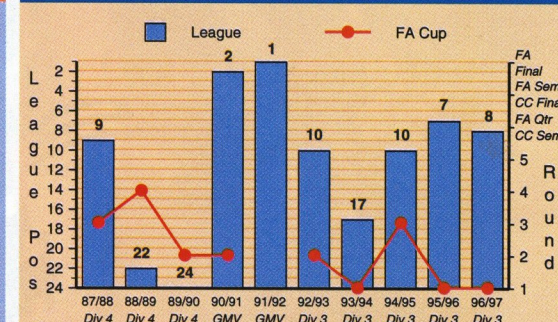
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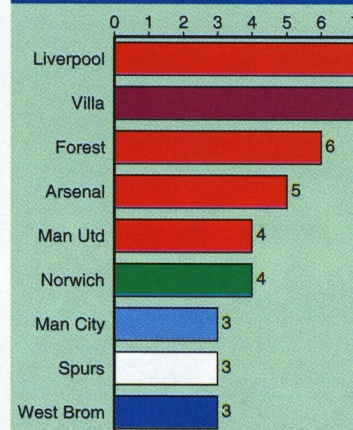
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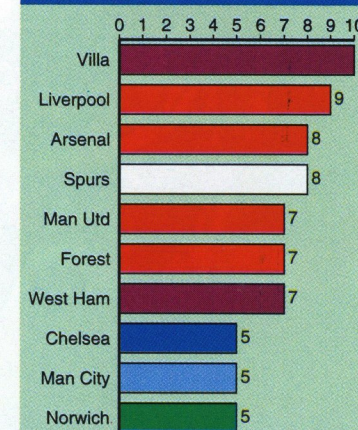
League Cup Winners



Most Times in Final



Most Times in Semis





Excuse me! Tony Thorpe finds a way past former team-mate David Greene, during our first leg win.

Hatters midfielder Paul McLaren in action at Layer Road.

Simon Davies is denied by the Colchester centre-half Peter Cawley.

Tony Thorpe scores the 87th minute goal which divides the two sides going into tonight's second leg.



ACTION STATIONS

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(Thorpe)

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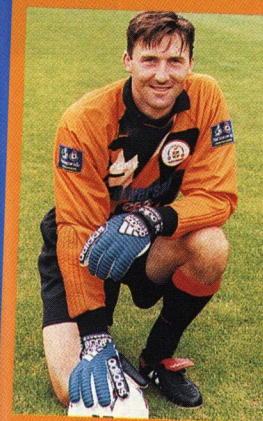


OUR Summer Holiday coaching courses have again proved extremely popular, and thanks to everyone who took part.

We are rounding off the summer programme today, tomorrow and Thursday, with courses in Luton and Harpenden, at the Sacred Heart Junior School and the Wood End Junior School.

Pictured left are the youngsters at the summer course held at the Linslade Middle School, Leighton Buzzard, with Town players Robert Kean, Simon Davies and Sean Evers.

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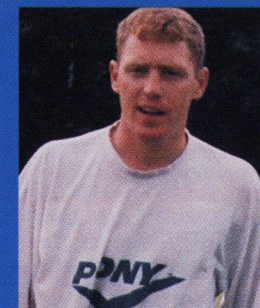
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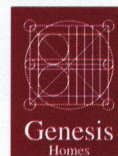
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- Which club won the European Cup last season?
- Who wrote the football novel 'Fever Pitch'?
- Who was voted Young Player of the Year last season?
- Which nation became the first to qualify for next summer's World Cup?
- Which British team became the first to play in the Chinese-owned Hong Kong?
- Which group sang the theme song for Euro '96 with Frank Skinner & David Baddiel?
- Which club has held the FA Cup for the longest period of time?
- Which club does comedian and TV presenter Nick Hancock support?
- Which former weather girl appeared in a crisps advert with Gary Lineker?

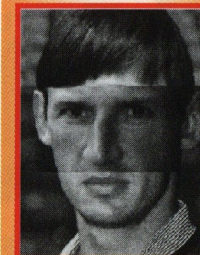


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Name the three club
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Name the three
Everton players in
this patchwork pic



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Unscramble the names of
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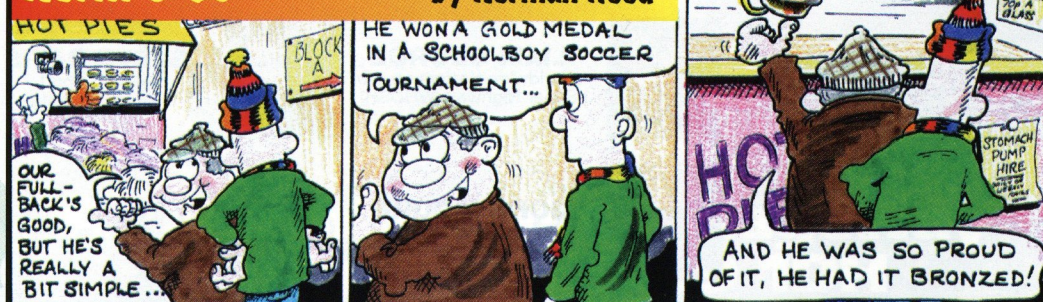
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Where are they now?

BORN in Woking in 1943, Brian Lewis joined Crystal Palace from school and made his way up through the ranks before making his league debut for the Glaziers, as they were then known, on the final day of the 1960/61 season just as the club were fighting their way out of Division Four.

As Palace consolidated their place at the higher level Lewis became more of a regular in the side and by 1963 was being looked at by bigger clubs and that summer his old manager, George Smith, took him to Portsmouth, then in the old Division Two.

He took the step up in his stride and was virtually ever present in a strong Pompey side that often threatened to regain a place in the top flight but always failed at the last. It was not long, however, before the chance of playing in the top flight came his way, but first he had to help his new club win promotion.

Coventry City had never appeared in Division One but, by 1967, were riding on the crest of a wave inspired by a certain Jimmy Hill who, using clever marketing skills as well as an astute footballing brain, had made the Sky Blues (another Hill marketing ploy) one of the most talked about clubs in the country, as testified by regular home crowds approaching 40,000.

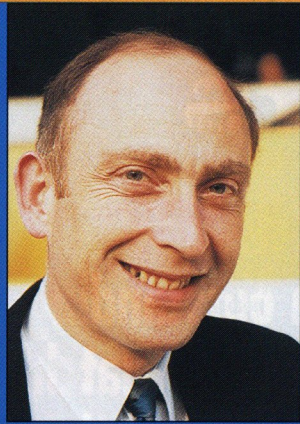
It was now or never for the club in its quest for a place in Division One and the signing of Brian Lewis in January 1967 was seen as the final piece in the jigsaw.

Coventry remained unbeaten during the second part of the 1966/67 season, due in no small measure to Lewis who bolstered the midfield and performed a vital role as link man.

Promotion was won and the championship taken following an end of the season decider against nearest challengers Wolves before a record Highfield Road crowd of over 51,000.

"I enjoyed my time at Coventry and Jimmy Hill had certainly built a wonderful team spirit with everyone throughout the club pulling together," said Brian.

"I scored the club's first goal in Division One, at Burnley, but it all went wrong with firstly Hill taking up an offer he



by **ROGER WASH**

could not refuse from television then a horrendous injury list meant that we struggled from the start. Coventry avoiding

relegation at the death is nothing new, and we escaped the drop on the final day in that first season."

By this time the Town had sewn up the championship of Division Four and manager Allan Brown was already looking for additions to the squad as we attempted to 'do a Coventry'. Remembering Lewis from his time at Portsmouth, where Brown was playing out his final days, he approached Coventry just before deadline day in 1967.

"I still had two years left on my contract at Coventry and although by this time I was not getting a regular place in the side I decided to stay. By the summer, however, I was ready for a move and took a drop in salary to come to Kenilworth Road as well as a drop of two divisions."

The signing of Lewis in the summer of 1968 was seen as a major coup by the club and the fee of £35,000 an astronomical amount. He immediately won over the crowd with a stunning display of class in a pre season win over Oxford, and continued in this vein as we threatened to run away with Division Three.

Never previously renowned as a goalscorer, Lewis could not stop hitting the back of the net as six goals in his first five league games testified. He eventually finished up as top scorer with 22 as the Town narrowly failed to win further promotion.

"Luton was a similar sort of club to Coventry in that there was a great team spirit and everyone pulled together. The crowd appreciated effort and that was one thing we did not lack.

"I was a trier and was soon accepted by the crowd and the goals I scored were a product of team work. We had two good wingers in Mike Harrison and Graham French who used to lay the ball on a plate, so it was difficult not to hit the back of the net."

With Allan Brown leaving the club in controversial circumstances in December 1968 to be replaced by Alec Stock, it took some time for the team to regain its pattern



LEFT:
Brian Lewis
in action
against
Swindon in
1969.

and with Stock eventually bringing in his own players Lewis found himself out of favour.

"Allan Brown was treated with respect by everyone and in turn treated you as an adult. I was sorry to see him go. My move to Oxford in January 1970 was a mistake as I soon realised they were not a footballing side.

"When Dick Graham, who I knew from my Palace days, came in for me to join Colchester I jumped at the chance, although it was agreed that if a bigger club approached me I was free to leave."

Soon after joining Colchester, Lewis was involved in that famous giantkilling performance when Leeds, then at the height of their powers, were seen off in the F.A.Cup at Layer Road.

When the excitement of that cup run died down the call to return to the higher divisions came and a transfer to Portsmouth, with whom he came back twice to Kenilworth Road scoring on both occasions!

After half a season playing with Hastings in 1975, Lewis retired from the game with a back injury which still gives

him problems to this day. After many years in the furniture retail trade he now works at a friend's garage in Bournemouth, but does not care much for the present day game.

When asked to recall his most memorable game in Luton colours I expected the Mansfield home game in 1968, which we won 4-2 against the odds, to figure strongly, or the home draw with Southport when he started off in the forward line then moved back into midfield, before finishing the game in goal wearing a jersey eight sizes too big!

No, the enduring memory is of a 5-1 League Cup defeat at Everton against the future champions where we both agreed the scoreline flattered the home side.

As a parting shot I asked for comments as to the four players who were sent off for upending him during that 1968/69 season, mostly under severe provocation.

He only chuckled and said: "It was a different game then!"

5 YEARS AGO

22/8/92: With everyone at the club confident of a quick return to the top flight we were brought back to earth with a bump, when an Andy Cole inspired Bristol City came to Kenilworth Road for our first home game of the season and thumped us 3-0!

10 YEARS AGO

22/8/87: We won our first point of the season, after two defeats, with a 2-2 home draw against West Ham. Mick Harford scored both Luton goals in front of a crowd of 8,073.

15 YEARS AGO

21/8/82: With the new season still a week away we went to Wolves for a friendly fixture and gained a confidence building 4-3 win, after going 2-0 down in the opening minutes.

20 YEARS AGO

27/8/77: Despite a welcome return to the Town side of Alan West, who had spent the summer playing in the States, we went down 1-0 at Oldham in a dismal game in front of a crowd of 7,579.

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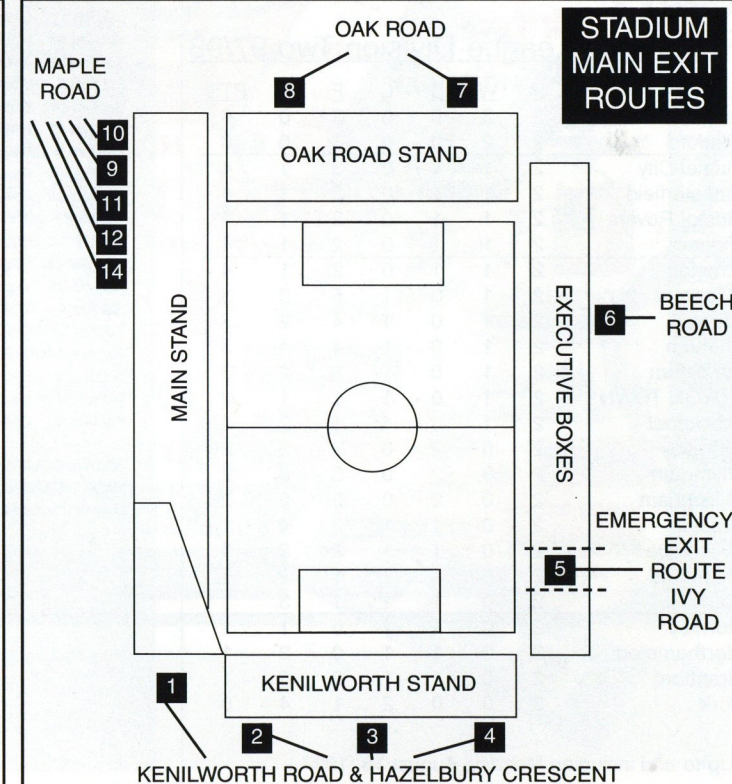
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TEAMStatistics

LUTON TOWN 1997/98

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

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Watford	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Bristol City	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Chesterfield	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Bristol Rovers	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Fulham	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Preston	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Wigan	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Millwall	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Oldham	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Wrexham	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
LUTON TOWN	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Blackpool	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Grimsby	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Plymouth	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Gillingham	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Walsall	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Wycombe	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Southend	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Carlisle	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Burnley	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Northampton	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Brentford	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
York	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Up to and including Monday, August 18, 1997.

Luton Town FC 1997/98

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	1-0	5,140	12	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Davies	Alexander	(Fotiadis)	(Thorpe)	Marshall	(DOUGLAS)(McLaren)		Harvey
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



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Ian FEUER	1	Carl EMBERSON
Julian JAMES	2	David GREGORY
Mitchell THOMAS	3	Scott STAMPS
Gary WADDOCK	4	Aaron SKELTON
Steve DAVIS	5	David GREENE
Marvin JOHNSON	6	Peter CAWLEY
Simon DAVIES	7	Richard WILKINS
Graham ALEXANDER	8	Paul BUCKLE
Andrew FOTIADIS	9	Mark SALE
Tony THORPE	10	Paul ABRAHAM
Dwight MARSHALL	11	Ian HATHAWAY

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Tonight's referee is **DAVID ORR** from Iver in Buckinghamshire. Mr Orr is a Civil Engineer, who was appointed to the Football League referees' list in 1993.

E.W.
Green



K.A.
Woolmer



4th official: S.J. Gadsden

Next match at Kenilworth Road

The next visitors to Kenilworth Road are **OLDHAM ATHLETIC**, this Saturday, August 30, kick-off 3pm. See page 9 for ticket information. See page 7 for tonight's other games.



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