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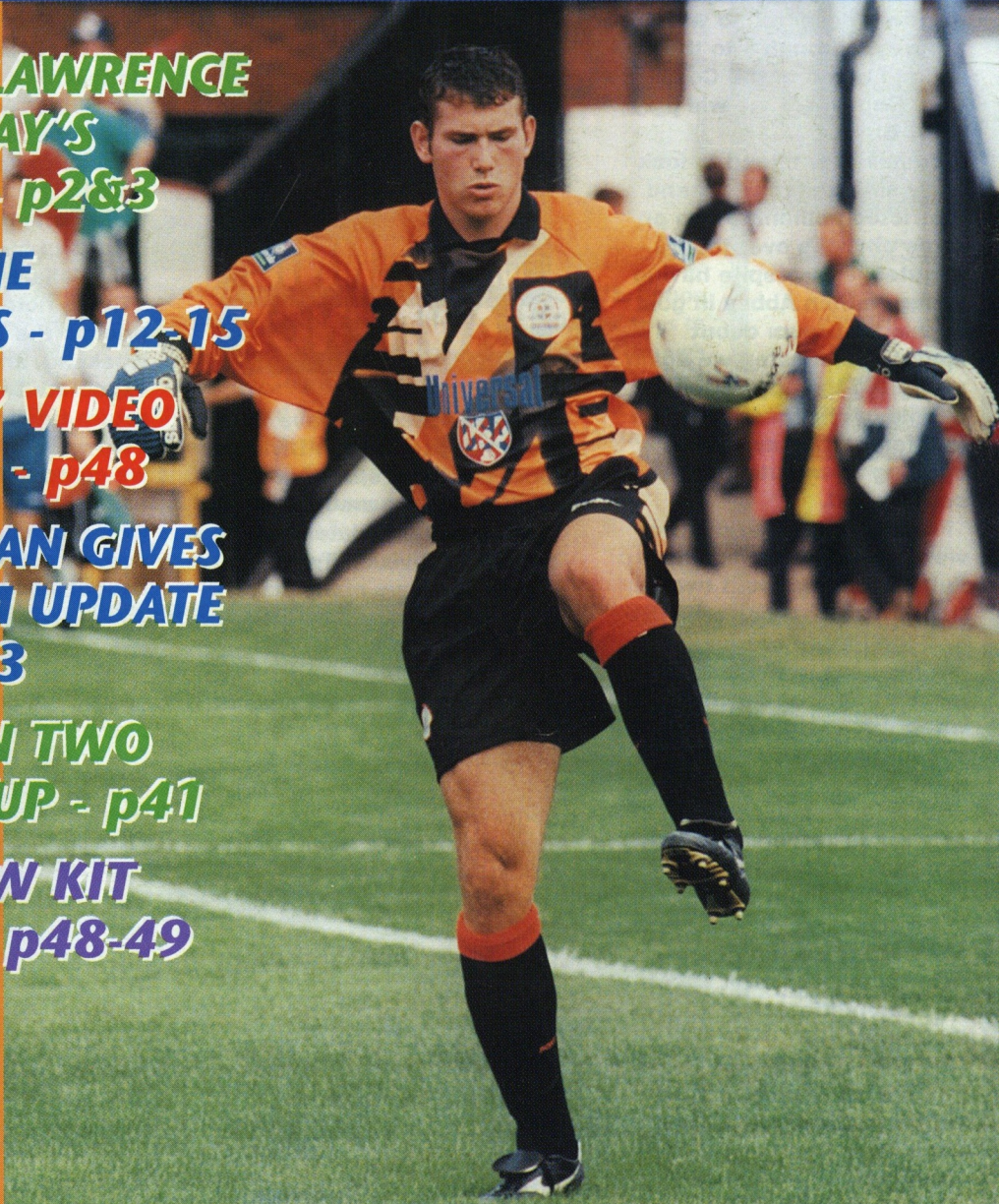
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Nationwide League Div Two - Saturday, August 30, 1997 - Kick-Off 3pm



From the manager's chair

LOOKING back over our last two games we have maintained our steady start to the season with a well deserved point at Fulham, and another draw at home to Colchester which I felt we narrowly deserved to win, to progress through into the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup where we will play West Brom.

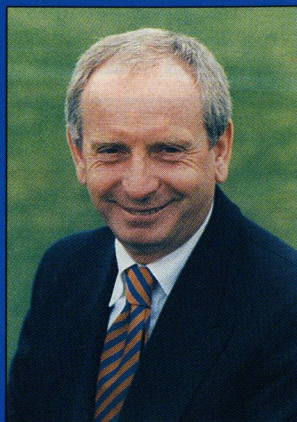
We have continued to look fairly solid defensively, and restricted Fulham to two or three chances over the 90 minutes, and despite having young Nathan Abbey in goal for his first-team debut against Colchester, we again restricted the opposition to a couple of chances during an indifferent display in the opening 25 minutes of the second-half.

From an attacking point of view we did better against Fulham having about two or three good chances ourselves, and then three or four clear cut chances in the last 10 minutes against Colchester - when we would normally expect to have converted at least one.

Nevertheless our start can only be described as steady, and the next two home games - against Oldham this afternoon, and against Millwall on Tuesday evening - will determine whether it becomes a good, indifferent or even a poor start.

We thus welcome Oldham Athletic, their players, supporters and officials, to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Oldham's manager Neil Warnock was appointed too



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

late last season to save them from relegation from Division One, but I feel sure that Oldham will be among the promotion candidates this season in Division Two.

They will have many players with first division experience and qualities, and they have a manager in Neil Warnock who has enjoyed great success at this level.

I told the players in the dressing room after Tuesday's game against Colchester that a repeat of that performance would not be enough to get three points against Oldham today.

I was later surprised to hear that Oldham had been beaten 5-0 in their Coca-Cola Cup second leg tie at Grimsby.

But often of course when that happens words are exchanged and the team resolves to do one thing after a defeat of that nature - not to lose the next game!

In that respect today's game

for us will be even more of a challenge than originally anticipated.

What is certain is that Oldham will be tough and strong, well organised, and probably direct.

We will have to improve on Tuesday night, but if we can do that there is no reason why we cannot win and take the three points.

Those of you who read my notes prior to Tuesday's game were perhaps somewhat confused by my references to our goalkeeping situation.

Those notes were written prior to the Bank Holiday weekend, and having not expected Kelvin Davis to return he promptly did!

We were originally told that we could not recall Kelvin, but having examined the contract with Hartlepool, and held a special meeting, the Football League allowed us to proceed and he was able to play against Fulham - where he did very well.

But Kelvin had already played for Hartlepool in the Coca-Cola Cup, and was thus cup-tied on Tuesday so Nathan Abbey made his debut.

Kelvin of course remains cup-tied as we look ahead to the games against West Brom, and how he and Nathan do in the games over the next two or three weeks will determine whether we need to bring in another goalkeeper on loan.

It is an option which remains open, but one which will not be implemented straightaway.

Meanwhile Ian Feuer continues to make progress, and there is mixed news elsewhere on the injury front.



Andrew Fotiadis is still out with a stomach strain, and Darren Patterson has had an operation on his ankle.

But Graham Alexander, substituted early in the game at Fulham, is not as badly injured as first feared.

What originally looked like a hamstring injury, is a

lower back problem, and he could be fit for today and/or Tuesday. Paul Showler and Gavin McGowan continue their return towards full match fitness, and having both played for the reserves on Thursday afternoon are now ready to compete for a first-team place.

ABOVE: Simon Davies tries to find a way through the Fulham defence at Craven Cottage last Saturday.



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Ray to return with the Baggies

RAY Harford, Luton's manager when they won the League Cup in 1988, will come face-to-face with the Hatters in this season's competition, as his West Brom side play the Town in round two of the Coca-Cola Cup.

Harford infact was in charge for both the Hatters' League Cup Final appearances at Wembley, as they beat Arsenal 3-2 in 1988 and lost 3-1 to Nottingham Forest the following year.

He is currently in his first season in charge at West Brom, with the Baggies among the leading teams in Division One.

The first leg of the second round tie will be at Kenilworth Road, with the return a week later at the Hawthorns.

Full second round draw:

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Grimsby Town v Sheffield Wednesday
Huddersfield Town v West Ham
LUTON TOWN v West Brom
(First leg w/c Sept 15, second leg w/c Sept 22/29).



STUART Douglas pictured during the 0-0 draw at Fulham. There's more action from Craven Cottage on pages 16 & 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.

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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: Kelvin Davis prepares for his return to first-team duty at Fulham last Saturday, when he replaced the injured Ian Feuer. (Picture: GARETH OWEN).

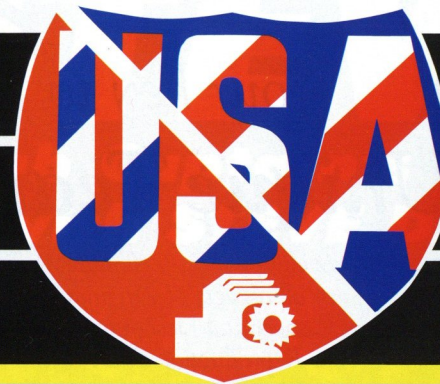
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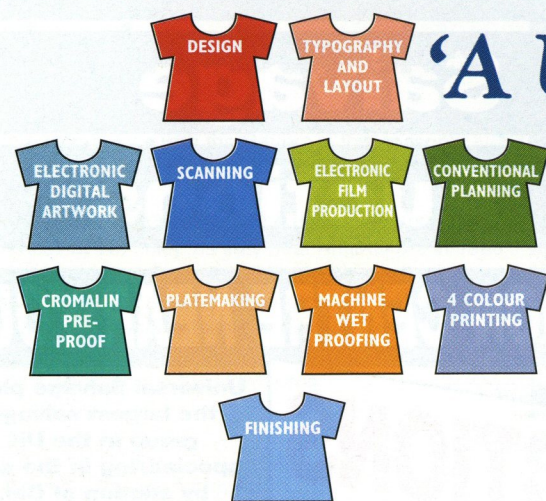
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STEVO

Club Captain's Corner with STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Steve Davis gets in a late shot during last Saturday's 0-0 draw against Fulham at Craven Cottage.

LTFC TICKET OFFICE

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, Tuesday's match at home to Millwall is ALL-TICKET.

Full details on page 9.

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THIS afternoon's game, and Tuesday's visit of Millwall, are vitally important as we look to take our place at the top end of the table.

We need to win our home matches, and in the latter stages of last season we drew too many games here at Kenilworth Road.

But both Oldham and Millwall have similar ambitions to ourselves and will provide tough opposition.

Oldham have an experienced manager in Neil Warnock, whose sides have a strong reputation, and after their exit at Grimsby in the League Cup on Tuesday they will want to bounce back today.

We managed to progress in to the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup, although at the time of writing our next opponents aren't known. It would be nice to get a Premiership team down here, but there are more important matches between now and then.

Following today's game we host Millwall on Tuesday, for whom Kim Grant has been among the goals this season.

Kim is currently on loan at the New Den but, as I understand it, under the terms of the loan he won't play against us. But we need to be on our guard and avenge last season's home defeat by the Lions which came at a crucial time of the season.

We gained a good point at Fulham last week, where Kelvin Davis did an excellent job in his first game as replacement for the injured Ian Feuer.

Likewise Nathan Abbey did well on Tuesday against Colchester, when really we should have won through more comfortably. It was disappointing to concede a goal, but we were close to a winner on the night on a number of occasions late on.

Supporters' Club prize winners

HERE'S the moment you've all been waiting for.... the results of the Luton Town Supporters' Club 'Predict the Score' competition.

The winner of the competition was PR's Predictions, followed by a very close second from The Jackyl and Hyde, and Beano Beaters, who had to decide second place by a tie breaker.

So congratulations to Trish Johnson, M Forsyth and Martin Turney. Commiserations to Robin Jolly who ended up at the bottom of the league. The other 'divisional winners' were Nationwide Div 2, Towns Total and Stroughton Strikers.

A big thank-you to everyone who entered, and don't forget the Supporters' Club meeting on Monday, September 1, when Lennie Lawrence is our guest. Full details are on page 4. - Cathie Crocker.

THE second round draw of the Coca-Cola Cup has paired us with West Bromwich Albion, and we will be at home in the first leg on Tuesday, September 16, kick-off 7.45pm.

The away leg will be at the Hawthorns on Tuesday, September 23, kick-off 7.45pm.

At the time of writing, ticket prices still have to be confirmed, but we will advise you of the details in Tuesday night's programme.

There are more changes already with regard to reserve matches, due to Swindon re-seeding their pitch at present, yes re-seeding!

We are thus unable to play our away Avon Insurance Combination match at their ground, and have therefore reversed the fixtures.

The home match will be at Kenilworth Road on Thursday, September 4, with a 2pm kick-off, with the match at Swindon now taking place on Monday, December 8, with a 7.15pm kick-off.

A reminder that admission for matches at Kenilworth Road 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.

Tuesday, September 9, sees the

From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

first round match in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, when the youth team entertain Crystal Palace here at Kenilworth Road, with a 7pm kick-off. Entry is via Kenilworth Road only, and admission is £2 for adults and £1 for juniors and seniors.

Thank you to those supporters who have given to the ground collection today in aid of the Blue Sky Appeal on behalf of Mencap.

There will be a presentation on the

pitch this afternoon, prior to the game, when Chris Hull, from the Football League, will be presenting Luton Town FC with a cheque for £10,000 for winning the Division Two Fair Play Award for last season.

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.

Please telephone me at the club if you are interested.

TOWN TEASER

David Pleat was promoted to first team manager at Kenilworth Road in 1978. Who was the previous manager?

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

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Sat Sept 27	Bristol City	£10.00	£8.00	9.30am	10.30am
Sat Oct 18	Wigan	£11.50	£9.00	8.30am	9.30am

Coaches from Cranfield pick up additionally at the following places: Marston Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning and opposite the Luton Gateway Hotel. All coaches then depart from the junction of Hazelbury Crescent and Kenilworth Road.

To book: 1) From the ticket kiosk in the Kenilworth Road turnstiles. See BTC co-ordinator Paul Deason before any Saturday 1st team home match between 2.15 and 2.45pm. (NB No bookings taken at midweek matches). 2) On the return journey from the previous away game. 3) Telephone Paul Deason on Bedford 01234 750996. Membership of the Bobbers Travel Club is £1 for adults and 50p for children/OAPs.

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.

Please note that we have now SOLD OUT of the original allocation of tickets received from Northampton. As of August 26, we have been sent an extra allocation of tickets in the Family Stand which are available to both Season Ticket Holders and Members (subject to availability). Please note that the Family Stand is a No Smoking Stand. Prices: £10.50 adults, £5 juniors/seniors.

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.
(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

Pay on the day only at Bournemouth.
Terracing: £9.50 Adults, £5 Juniors and Senior Citizens.

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).

Luton Town v Wrexham

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, September 20, 1997, kick-off 3pm

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

TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 10am to 4pm. Fridays: 10am to 7pm (trial period).

Saturday (matchdays): 9am to 3pm and 4.45 to 5.15pm.

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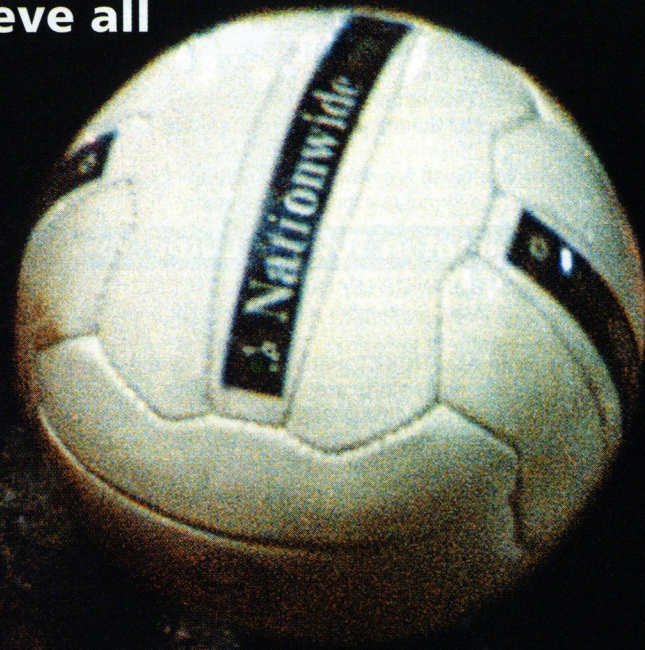
Exit M1 at junction 15a, and follow signs to Northampton A43. At fourth roundabout go straight on, following signs for Sixfields Leisure. At Upton Way roundabout turn right into Sixfields complex.

AFC BOURNEMOUTH
Dean Court Ground, Bournemouth,
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395381.

Take M1 south, M25 west, and then M3 south. Exit M3 onto M27 (s/p M27 West, Southampton docks, Bournemouth). Follow signs for M27 West. The M27 becomes the A31. At the Ashley Heath roundabout (23.2 miles from M3 turn-off), turn left onto the A338 (s/p Bournemouth International Airport, Christchurch). After 7.7 miles, exit A338 (s/p Boscombe A3049, and then King's Park, Littledown). At roundabout turn left into Littledown Avenue and then immediately first right into Thistlebarrow Road for ground.

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ABOVE: Town fan Gary Booth is pictured at the Nantes Football Stadium, as he prepared to watch England take on France in the summer Tournoi event.

THE Luton Town Supporters Club of Scandinavia are looking for a UK-based supporter to become guest writer in their fanzine 'The Hatters Magazine'.

The person must go to every home game and most of the away games, and anyone interested should write to: Lars-Petter Ronnestad, Chairman - Luton Town Supporters Club of Scandinavia, 6076 Moldtustranda, Norway.

The club has nearly 100 members across Scandinavia, and is the biggest club for English second division teams.

In total there are 52 supporters clubs, with nearly 60,000 members. Not surprisingly, Manchester United have the biggest following with 24,000 members in Norway.

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ABOVE: Wayne Garcia and friends are pictured with Ian Feuer, having made the long trip north to watch the pre-season match at Hartlepool.

Don't forget to keep sending us photographs which show you the supporters proudly displaying the Luton colours in various parts of the world.

**(There will a prize for the most obscure, or any with celebrities in!)
Photos should be sent to: The Programme Editor, c/o Luton Town FC,
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Back row: l to r: Steve Redmond, Richard Graham, Doug Hodgson, Shaun Garnet, Ian Ormondroyd, Lee Sinnott, Sean McCarthy, Barrie Hart, Carl Serrant.

Middle row: l to r: Bill Urmson (Chief Youth Coach), Toddy Orlygsson, Mark Allott, Matthew Rush, Ian Ironside, Gary Kelly, Andrew Holt, Lloyd Richardson, David McNiven, Alex Moreno (physio).

Front row: l to r: Andy Ritchie (Player-Coach), Scott McNiven, Stuart Barlow, Lee Duxbury, Neil Warnock (Manager), Paul Reid, Paul Rickers, Andrew Hughes, Ron Reid (Manager's Assistant)



ABOVE: Stuart Barlow

View from the Boundary - the lighter side of life!

RECENT visits to Boundary Park, the home of Oldham Athletic, haven't been especially memorable for Luton Town, writes Simon Oxley.

Their last, on the final day of the 1995/96 campaign, with the Hatters already relegated, ended in a 1-0 defeat. The previous season it finished 0-0, with the visit in April 1992, in the 'old' Division One ending with a 5-1 defeat, as Graeme Sharp netted four goals to send Luton closer to relegation.

Sharp had ironically been given a lift to the game by his former Everton colleague Andy King, at the time the Hatters' Commercial Manager.

Strange events indeed, but then the ground, and indeed the club, are no strangers to the unusual.

Did you know that on Boxing Day

1962, Harry Massey, the then Chairman of Oldham Athletic, offered the Latics players £5 per man bonus for every goal the team scored against the visitors of the day Southport. The Athletic players picked up £55 bonus each as the Latics won 11-0!

Mr Massey did not repeat his offer for the following games, and it was just as well, as Oldham won 4-1, 2-1 and 5-1, against Lincoln, Stockport and Rochdale respectively.

On St Andrews Day, November 30, 1907, the half-time score at Boundary Park was 1-1 between Oldham and Leeds City (now Leeds United). Athletic were late taking the field for the second half and as the referee lost his patience he blew his whistle for the kick-off without the

SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS

GARY KELLY - 31-year-old goalkeeper who joined the Latics for the 96/97 season for a fee of only £10,000 from Bury. Made 42 appearances and was voted Player of the Season, as well as earning a recall to the Republic of Ireland squad. Made 53 appearances for Newcastle prior to moving to Bury.

IAN IRONSIDE - Joined on a free transfer from Scarborough in the summer of 1997. Was in goal against Oldham when Frankie Bunn broke the League Cup scoring record with six goals in a 7-0 win over Scarborough in 1990.

LEE DUXBURY - Defender who joined the Latics in March 1997 from Bradford City for a fee of £350,000, having played with the Bantams twice with a spell at Huddersfield in between.

SHAUN GARNETT - Defender who joined Athletic from Swansea City for £50,000 after spending virtually all his career with Tranmere Rovers.

STEVE REDMOND - Defensive stalwart who played more than 240 times for Manchester City where he was captain, before moving to the Latics for £650,000 where he has since made over 200 appearances.

RICHARD GRAHAM - Came through the junior ranks at Boundary Park, and was selected for the Football League XI in 1995. Made 22 appearances last season, but was dogged by injuries.

DOUG HODGSON - Australian centre-half who

signed for Oldham from Sheffield United for £50,000.

PAUL RICKERS - Busy midfielder who started as a YTS apprentice and progressed through the ranks. Ever-present last season.

TODDY ORLYSSON - Icelandic international who joined the club last season from Stoke City for £160,000. Previously with Nottingham Forest.

SCOTT McNIVEN - One of the twin brothers at the club who have both progressed through the junior ranks to first team recognition. Made 18 appearances at fullback last season, and also appeared for Scotland at Under 18 level.

LEE SINNOTT - Signed in July 1997 from Huddersfield for £50,000. Vastly experienced defender with over 450 appearances under his belt. Previously with Walsall, Watford, Bradford (twice) and Crystal Palace, and was in Watford's 1984 FA Cup Final side.

PAUL REID - Another 1997 signing, from Huddersfield Town for £150,000. Played over 160 games for Leicester in his career total of over 300 games, bagging over 50 goals. Also formerly with Bradford.

(Continued on page 14).



ABOVE: Paul McLaren, making only his second full league appearance, gets in a first-half shot against Oldham, during the 1-1 draw between the two sides at Kenilworth Road in November 1995. Stuart Douglas, on his debut, had put Luton in front, with Gunnar Halle netting a second-half equaliser.

See page 20 for 96/97 Oldham Athletic stats.....

LEE RICHARDSON - Key midfielder for the Latics over the last three years. Formerly with Halifax, Watford, Blackburn and Aberdeen, and cost Athletic £350,000 when he was brought back from north of the border.

ANDREW HUGHES - Has progressed through the junior ranks at Boundary Park.

MATTHEW RUSH - Ex-West Ham and Norwich player who cost the Latics £175,000 in 1997. Scored the winner for Northampton against Luton in the Auto Windscreens Shield last season, whilst on loan at the Sixfields Stadium.

IAN ORMONDROYD - 6ft 5ins striker who played for Aston Villa, Derby, Leicester and Bradford, before joining the Latics for £30,000 in 1996.

STUART BARLOW - Ex-Everton striker who cost £400,000 when making his move from Goodison Park. Top scorer for the Latics in 96/97 with 10 goals.

ANDY RITCHIE - Veteran striker with over 500 appearances under his belt. Cult figure at Boundary Park, and is now in his second spell with Oldham, and is now player-coach as well. Started his career with Manchester United, before a £500,000 move to Brighton, followed by a £750,000 transfer to Leeds. Moved to Oldham for just £55,000, and netted 105 goals in 250 games. Returned to Boundary Park to be player-coach after 18 months at Scarborough.

SEAN MCCARTHY - Ex-Swansea, Plymouth and Bradford striker who has scored over 130 goals in only 350 games. Cost the Latics £350,000 when he moved from Valley Parade, and scored both goals in last Saturday's 2-1 win over Bournemouth.

MARK ALLOTT - Came through the YTS programme at Boundary Park, and scored on his debut at Bolton.

DAVID McNIVEN - Brother of Scott, and has represented England at Under 16 level.

CARL SERRANT - 22-year-old Bradford-born player who has come through the ranks at Boundary Park, and is already approaching 100 games for the club. Has represented England at Under 21 level.

Among the current crop of youngsters to have progressed

through the Boundary Park youth programme are:

ANDREW HOLT - Promising Manchester-born defender; **LLOYD RICHARDSON** - Dewsbury-born wide player; **BARRIE HART** - Scottish central defender; **LEE CLITHEROE** - Pacy Lancashire-born winger; **MARK INNIS** - Scottish midfielder; and **GED MURPHY** - Manchester-born midfielder.



LEFT: Sean McCarthy

MEET THE MANAGER

NEIL WARNOCK was born in Sheffield in December 1948, and in an 11-year career as a professional footballer made 326 appearances for Chesterfield, Rotherham, Hartlepool, Scunthorpe, Aldershot, Barnsley, York and Crewe.

He entered management with non-league Burton Albion in 1981, but began to make his name after joining Scarborough four years later.

In his first season he won the Yorkshire side automatic promotion to the Football League; two seasons later he joined Notts County and guided them from the 'old' third division to the first division in successive campaigns; and in 1995 he won his fourth promotion in nine seasons when he took Huddersfield Town from the second division to the first.

Twelve months later he guided Plymouth Argyle from the third division to the second in his first season in charge, by way of a play-off victory in the club's first visit to Wembley.

He has now taken up the challenge of returning Oldham Athletic to their former glories of the early nineties when the Latics spent three seasons in the Premier League, and reached the semi-final of the FA Cup and the final of the League Cup.

Neil Warnock joined Oldham in March 1997, too late to save them from the drop into Division Two, but with a history of getting his sides promoted.



RIGHT: Toddy Orlygsson

The Hatters & The Latics



LEFT: Goalmouth action at Kenilworth Road against Oldham in 1980/81. Godfrey Ingram and Brian Stein wait anxiously while ex-Town star Paul Futcher guards the goal-line.

MEETINGS with the Latics commenced in 1953 following the Lancashire side's promotion to the old Division Two.

Our opening game of the campaign was against them at Kenilworth Road (on a Wednesday evening for some obscure reason) and the crowd of 22,822 was treated to a cracker with John Downie scoring a hat trick on his Luton debut in a 4-4 draw.

Unfortunately Oldham were unable to maintain this level of scoring and by the time of the return they were firmly entrenched at the bottom of the table and two goals from Gordon Turner in a 2-1 victory did not help matters.

The Latics were relegated at the end of that season and ten years were to pass before paths crossed again, but Turner had not forgotten them and was on the scoresheet again in 1963/64 as both sides clashed in the old Division Three.

We achieved the double over the Latics in 1964/65, perversely as we were just about to be relegated, but we emerged from the doldrums suitably refreshed to take them on again on the opening day of 1968/69 when a sun soaked crowd of 14,747 saw a vintage Town performance in a 4-0 win.

We fluked a win at Boundary Park that season with a less than convincing performance. After scoring with a wind assisted own goal in the first minute it was back to

by **ROGER WASH**

the wall for the remainder of the game as we managed to hold out.

After a further gap of six years we have met fairly regularly since but, with a few notable exceptions, the games have been low scoring and without much incident worth reporting.

The exceptions include the opening day (again) 6-1 home win in 1978/79 when, with seven players making their debut, we were 1-0 down at the interval but went goal mad in the second period scoring at will.

The other memorable clash involved the second coming of Mick Harford in 1991/92 when in true storybook fashion he scored twice against the Latics in the closing minutes to secure a valuable 2-1 home win against a newly promoted side that seemed to have the points in the bag.

Our final meetings took place in 1995/96 when in the game at Kenilworth Road Stuart Douglas, making his Town debut, scored a stunning goal in a 1-1 draw while a 1-0 defeat at Boundary Park on the final day of the campaign mattered little as we were already relegated, but I still felt the scoreline flattered the Latics!



↑
Fulham keeper Mark Walton is about to save at the feet of Hatters striker Dwight Marshall, just before half-time at Craven Cottage.

← Ouch! Stuart Douglas feels the full force of the Fulham tackling.

Stuart Douglas' second-half header was saved by former Town youth keeper Mark Walton.

Mitchell Thomas joins the attack during the first-half at Fulham. →

ACTION STATIONS

Fulham 0 Luton Town 0

Saturday, August 23, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 8,142

Pictures by Gareth Owen



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HALF TIME QUIZ

1. Who was manager of Burnley at the start of the season?
2. Which club has reverted to it's 'Penguin' style strip of the 70's?
3. Which player holds the record for the most number of England caps?
4. Which European club did former Chelsea player Scott Minto join in the summer?
5. Who scored the only goal of the game when Brazil played England in Le Tournoi?
6. Which club did Paul McGrath join in the summer?
7. Which club's nickname is 'The Shrimpers'?
8. Which Premiership club lost out in the chase for Roberto Baggio to Bologna this summer?
9. Which two clubs lost in FA Cup semi-finals last season?
10. When did Joe Kinnear become manager of Wimbledon?



whose crest?

Name the three club crests featured in this montage

IDENTIKIT

Name the three players in this patchwork pic



GORTONS HANDCAR

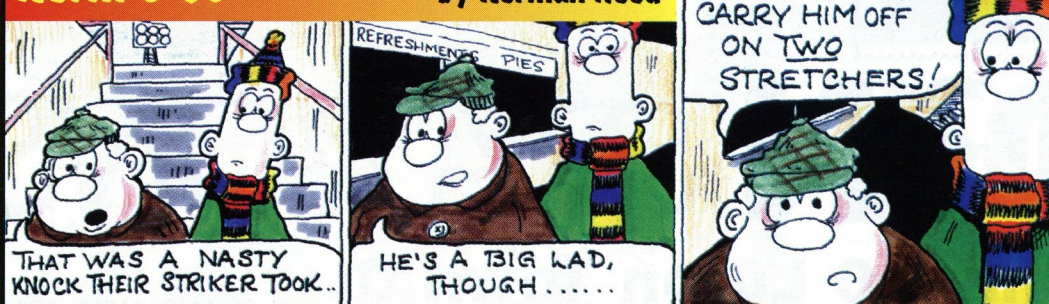
LOWLAND HARKED ANY OVERS DANKLY ENGLISH MENTION LIRA

WHAT A JUMBLE! Unscramble the names of these ten managers.

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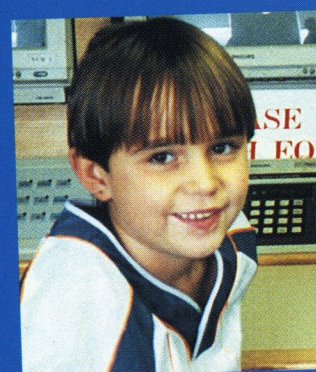


ANSWERS

HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Chris Waddle; 2. Birmingham City; 3. Peter Shilton (125); 4. Benfica; 5. Romario; 6. West Ham United; 7. Southend United; 8. Derby County; 9. Wimbledon and Chesterfield United; 10. January 1991. WHOSE CREST? Newcastle United, Rotherham United and Luton Town. IDENTIKIT: Andy Sinton, Ian Walker and Clive Wilson. WHAT A JUMBLE: Gordon Strachan, Howard Kendall, Kenny Dalglish, Roy Evans, Martin O'Neill, Ruud Gullit, Jim Smith, Brian Little, Colin Todd, Alex Ferguson.



Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is 10-year-old KAYLEIGH INNES, who attends St Mathews Junior School. Her favourite Luton Town player is Ian Feuer, and her hobbies apart from football are swimming and reading.

Don't forget.....

The new Hatters kit is on sale at the Club Shop - see pages 48 and 49 for details..... and for news of coaching courses, and our Community and Schools events across the region - see pages 32 and 33

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road

A WARM welcome back to Kenilworth Road to any Junior Hatters returning from holiday for their first game of the new season, and we hope you all had an excellent summer. And hello again to all those who were at the matches against Southend and Colchester.

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 took place last Saturday, when we headed down to London for the game against Fulham, playing against the Fulham Juniors before going on to watch the match.

Our next trip is next Saturday, September 6, when we make the short journey up the M1 to Northampton. There are still a few seats available, and prices are £14 for adults and £11 for Junior Hatters, which includes coach fare and match ticket.

We hope to be organising a trip to Bournemouth the following week, so watch this space for details.

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).



ABOVE: Our Junior Hatters mascot for the game against Southend, Leanne Bryce, and the Commercial Mascot, Timothy Owen, are pictured with the team captains and match officials prior to the start of the game.

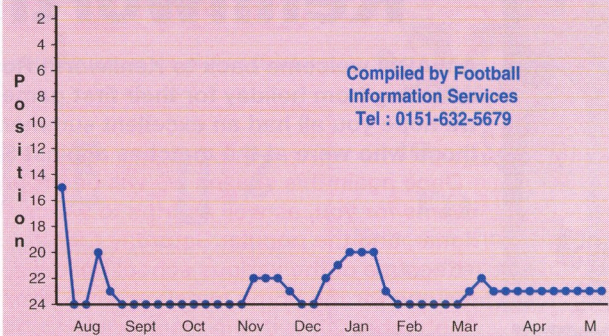
Latics - 96/97 stats

Player Roll Call

	lg A	lg C	cp A	cp C
Rickers	45(1)	5	6	
Fleming	44	7(1)	5	
Kelly	42	1	4	
Serrant	34(6)	2	6	
Richardson	27(4)	5	5	1
Barlow	26(9)	3	3(1)	
Ormondroyd	26(4)		1	
Beresford	24(9)	2	2(3)	
Redmond	24	2	5	2
Orlygsson	23(4)	7	4(2)	1
Garnett	22(1)	4	1	
Henry	21(1)	5	4(1)	1
Halle	18(2)	4	5	
McCarthy	17(4)	4	3(1)	
Banger	16(7)		5	
Graham	16(3)		3	1
Snodin	14	4		
McNiven S	13(6)	1	2(2)	1
Hodgson	11(1)	1		
Duxbury	11(1)	1		
Reid	9	2		
Hughes	7(1)	1	(1)	
Rush	6(2)	1		
Ritchie	4(6)			
Hallworth	4		2	
Morrow	1(1)			
Gannon	1	1		
Allott	(5)			
Pemberton	(3)		(1)	
Foran	(1)			
McNiven D	(1)			

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

league position through the season



League Results

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

Latics' results analysis

goals	for	against
5	1	
4		
3	4	1
2	2	2
1	2	6
0	4	6

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

number of goals scored in games

home	away	home	away
for	for	agt	agt
0	8	9	5
1	7	9	8
2	3	3	8
3	4	2	2
4			1
5	1		
6			

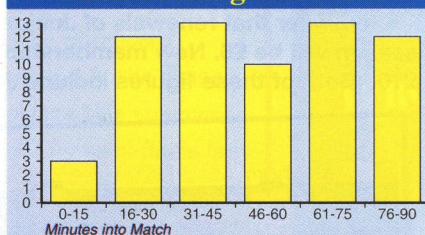
gates at Boundary Park

	0	7,000	14,000
Man City			12,992
Bolton			10,702
Wolves			9,661
Bradford			9,524
Huddersfield			8,566
Stoke			8,021
Portsmouth			7,639
Sheff Utd			7,323
Reading			7,171
Barnsley			7,043
Southend			6,606
Grimsby			6,549
Port Vale			6,051
Birmingham			5,942
West Brom			5,817
Swindon			5,699
QPR			5,590
Norwich			5,562
Tranmere			5,417
Ipswich			5,339
Palace			5,282
Charlton			4,969
Oxford			4,851

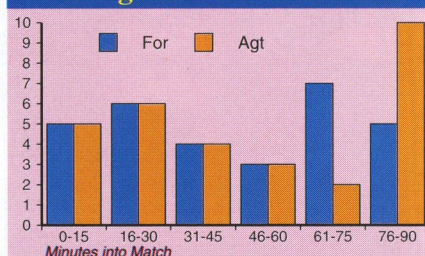
goal scorers

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
Barlow							12
Ormondroyd							8
Banger							5
Richardson							4
McCarthy							3
Rickers							4
Halle							3
Redmond							2
Rush							2
Allott							1
Duxbury							1
Garnett							1
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Henry							1
Orlygsson							1
Reid							1

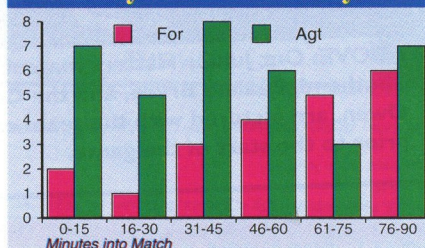
when bookings occurred



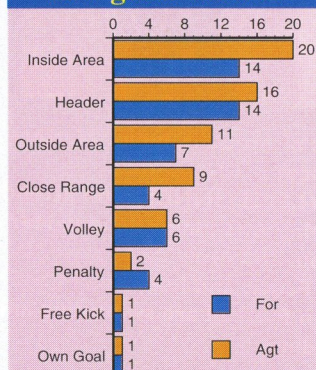
when goals went in at home



and away from Boundary Park



how goals went in



bookings

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Fleming								7
Orlygsson								7
Henry								5
Richardson								5
Rickers								5
Garnett								4
Halle								4
McCarthy								4
Snodin								4
Barlow								3
Beresford								2
Redmond								2
Reid								2
Serrant								2
Duxbury								1
Gannon								1
Hodgson								1
Hughes								1
Kelly								1
McNiven								1
Rush								1

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IN our efforts to secure a new home for Luton Town Football Club, we aim to leave no stone left unturned.

We have attempted to raise the issues with anyone may be able to help our prospects of getting a new ground.

I am therefore delighted that the Sports Minister, Tony Banks MP, is coming here to Kenilworth Road on Monday to see our proposals at first hand.

He will be accompanied by the new MP for Luton South, Margaret Moran, although unfortunately due to other commitments the new MP for Luton North, Kelvin Hopkins, is unable to attend.

I have also invited the leader of Luton Council Roy Davis, and the Chief Executive of the Football Trust, Peter

Hatters chairman **DAVID KOHLER** on the visit of Sports Minister **Tony Banks** to view the 'Kohlerdome' proposals

Lee, and together with David Kierle from KSS Architects, I will be showing the minister our plans for a new stadium and what that will mean for the football club, the people of Luton, and the town of Luton.

It will be my intention to make sure that Mr Banks is fully appraised of the

scheme, and we will also be giving him a practical demonstration of the mobile pitch.

He will, I am certain, be able to see the overall benefit of the scheme to the town, the business community and the residents, and in coming here to Kenilworth Road will also be able to witness the problems and realities of life which we must live with in our current home.

Having seen our plans at first hand, I will impress upon Mr Banks the need to inform the Secretary of State for the Environment, who will ultimately make the decision based on the Planning Inspector's report, as to the merits of a multi-purpose sports facility in this region.

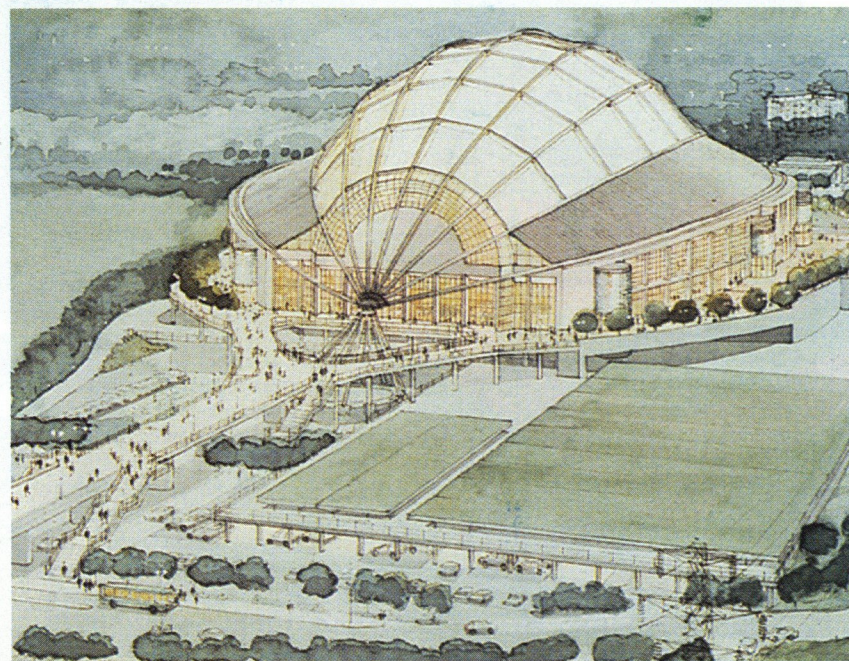
I know that both of our new Labour MP's have been actively canvassing support for the scheme, and as a club we have lobbied and will continue to lobby anyone that will listen. As I said earlier, no stone will be left unturned.

You may have seen in Tuesday's programme that the Department of Environment have written to me apologising for the time taken to make announcement - if you missed it, their comments are once again reproduced (right).

I see the funding of the scheme as being relatively straightforward, but we are in no way underestimating the difficulties in purchasing the freehold, despite the council having resolved to pass a compulsory purchase order.

There are still a number of hurdles to be overcome, and I have always stated that before our stadium can be a reality there are three key elements required - planning consent, land acquisition and funding.

I have always been greatly encouraged by the level of support for the new stadium from around the town and beyond, and I am well aware of the part played by supporters in spreading the word. This support is appreciated.



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 just over a year ago at Luton Town Hall, 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 response to an inquiry made by the Hatters chairman - 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.

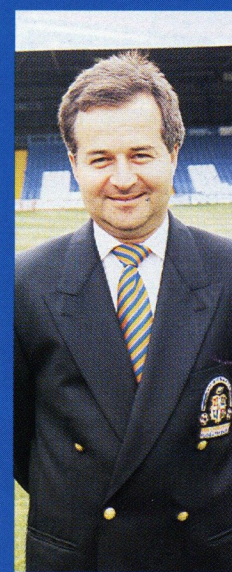
"We will then despatch it to the Government Office for the East as a matter of urgency.

"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 continue to keep supporters fully up-to-date with any further developments as they occur.

As you can read in the accompanying article, Mr Kohler is due to meet the Sports Minister Tony Banks, and the Luton South MP Margaret Moran on Monday, in a bid to get an announcement made as soon as possible.

Watch out for any announcements in the local press, and of course here in the matchday programme. - SIMON OXLEY.



LEFT: Hatters chairman David Kohler has received an apology from the DoE.

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ON 1ST TEAM PLACE

THE last time that Oldham Athletic were at Kenilworth Road, the game produced a storyline commonly known as "Roy of the Rovers" stuff.

Seventeen-year-old Stuart Douglas was plucked from the youth team and given his first-team debut, and responded with the opening goal of the game.

Unfortunately it wasn't the winning goal as the Latics equalised in the second-half, but when Stuart Douglas netted the winner against Southend last Monday in front

of the Sky television cameras it marked senior goal number two for the London-born striker.

He is well aware that he can't wait another two years for his next goal, as he looks to stake his claim for a permanent place in Lennie Lawrence's first-team squad.

"It was a great start to score in my first game, but I knew that I wasn't going to be a regular straightaway and there was still plenty of work to do," said Stuart.

"I didn't start too many games for the rest of the season in fact, but was in the squad a few times, although at the beginning of last season I was involved once again.

"I started the game at Plymouth, and then played in the cup game at Torquay.

"Then on the Tuesday following the Torquay game I was in the starting line-up for the match at Preston, but I had to come off quite early after a hamstring injury.

"The luck was really against us that night, because Gary Waddock came off, and then just a few minutes later I was injured."

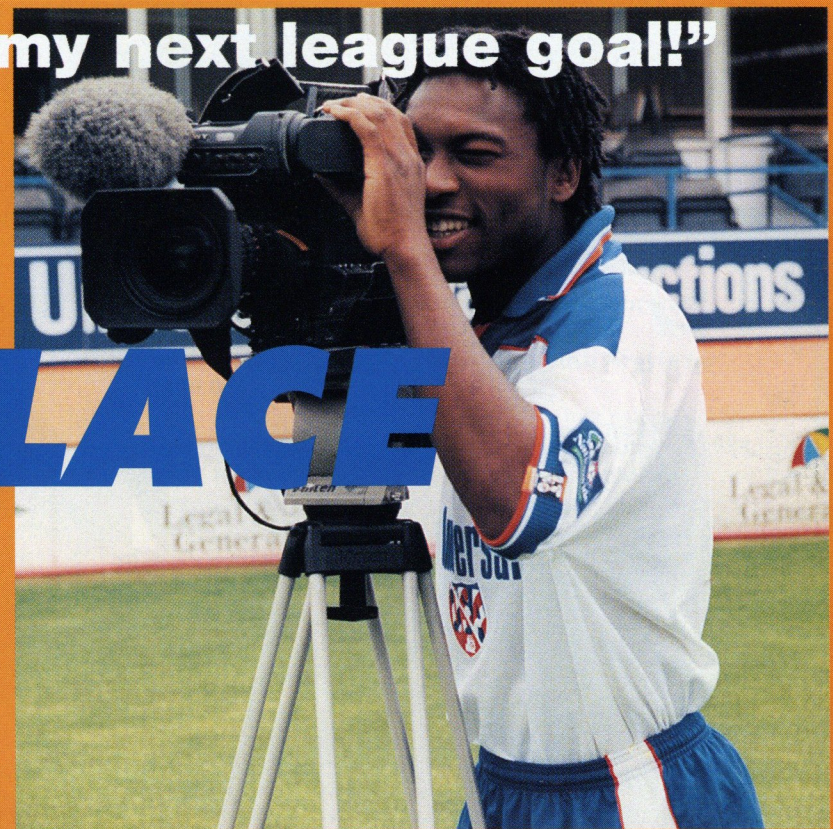
The hamstring problem sidelined Stuart for some time, and he then suffered with a groin injury, having an operation in

April. So with season 96/97 probably best forgotten he's hoping for better things in 97/98.

"Hopefully I'll stay injury free, and I must admit I feel a lot stronger now.

"I've done a lot of ball work over the summer, and have worked on strengthening the hamstring to make sure that problem doesn't happen again.

"I came in for plenty of rehabilitation work with Clive Goodyear before we started the pre-season training, and then I managed to get on the scoresheet in pre-season games at Hitchin, Colchester and Raunds.



"That was a great boost to my confidence, and then I managed to take the opportunity against Southend.

"I was a little disappointed not to start, but I had to accept that, and I

knew that I would probably get on at some stage.

"I was really pleased to score, especially as it took us off the bottom of the table, and was a win in our first home game.

"My parents were delighted, and it was nice to have the family here to see me score as they have been a great support in my career.

"Now I want to be part of the first team on a regular basis, that's my goal, and the best way to stake a claim is by scoring.

"With Kim Grant away, and a number of the other front players having been injured, I have to take my chance.

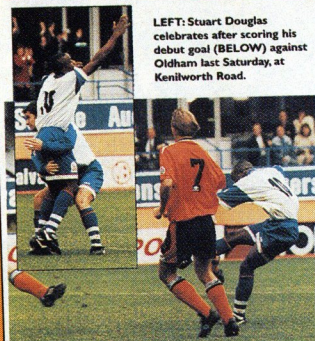
"There will be plenty of competition when everyone's fit, and if you don't do well enough you won't get a place.

"The manager says he's pleased with the way I've started, but I have to progress and keep improving.

"I know I have to keep my feet on the ground, work hard, listen to the experienced players and take everything in." - SIMON OXLEY.

LEFT: Stuart Douglas celebrates his winner against Southend, with a little help from Simon Davies.

DEBUT DIARY OF STUART DOUGLAS - AGED 17 1/2



LEFT: Stuart Douglas celebrates after scoring his debut goal (BELOW) against Oldham last Saturday, at Kenilworth Road.



LEFT: A salute to the crowd from a happy young man

Saturday, November 11, 1995
9am: The youth team have gone to Reading for a South East Counties League game, but I'm preparing for what could be my Football League debut.
 I trained with the first team yesterday, having played in the second half of the Anglo-Italian Cup game in Cesena, and the manager said I might be on the bench against Oldham. I spend the morning watching football on the television, and then we have to report to the ground at 1.45pm.

1.45pm: Arrived at the ground, and saw virus-victim Dwight Marshall coming out of the physio's room. He says, "See you later boys, have a good game," and I wondered where he was going.
2pm: Now I know he's gone home, as the manager asks me if I'm ready to play from the start, and I have no hesitation in saying yes.
2.15pm: Go out to warm up on the pitch, and the crowd building up



STUART'S collision with Oldham keeper Paul Gerrard left both players needing treatment.

doesn't really worry me, but when we get back into the dressing room the tension starts to mount. Everyone keeps wishing me well, but I just want to get out there and start the game.
3pm: The game kicks-off and I'm in the action straightaway. Chasing a through ball I collide with the Oldham keeper, and I don't think he liked it much! We collide again a few moments later, and that leaves me winded and having difficulty catching my breath. I go off, but don't want to stay off too long in case I'm substituted.

3.41pm: Scott Oakes' cross is headed back by Marvin Johnson, and the ball is at my feet. I just strike it, and it's amazing to see it go in. There's no time to celebrate though, as before I know where I am, all the rest of the players jump on me. Jogging back for the restart I pick out Mum and Dad, and the rest of the youth team players, and give them a salute.

3.45pm: Half-time, and I'm feeling quite tired. I

get my second wind during the break, and the manager tells me to just keep working.
4.15pm: A pass from Steve Davis puts me in behind the Oldham defence, and I am in two minds whether to shoot or take another touch, and am tackled. Soon after I'm close to a Ceri Hughes cross to the near post, but then Oldham equalise. I feel tired during the final 10 minutes, and we are close to a winner, but Ceri's shot is saved.
4.45pm: The final whistle, and back to the dressing room. I'm in the bath when the message comes through that I have won the man-of-the-match award. First though it's a TV interview on the pitch, and then up to the Sponsors' Lounge to collect the bottle of champagne (which Mum and Dad have later on).
Sign: Leave the club still trying to take everything in. Go for a meal with my family, and then back home where the answerphone is full of messages from family and friends which is nice.



RIGHT: And finally a word from our sponsors — Stuart collects his champagne as Luton's man-of-the-match.

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LEFT: Stuart's dream debut as featured in the following week's LTFC programme.



Player Profile

Autograph

DWIGHT MARSHALL

Date of Birth: October 3, 1965.

Previous Clubs: Plymouth Argyle, Middlesbrough (loan).

Joined Luton: July 1994 (from Plymouth Argyle for £150,000).

Dwight signed from Plymouth in the summer of 1994, after scoring 14 goals for Peter Shilton's side the previous season - his third campaign at Home Park after playing non-league football with Grays Athletic. He was Luton's leading scorer with 13 in his first season, and had also reached that total by February of the following campaign before suffering a broken leg at Sunderland. Returned in November 1996, scoring five goals in four games.

Most memorable game: "My first league game for Plymouth, at home to Barnsley in season 1991/92. We won 2-1 and I scored the first goal."

Game I'd prefer to forget: "Luton's 7-1 defeat in the FA Cup at Grimsby in 1996. I would rate that as even worse than the game at Sunderland when I broke my leg."

Which present-day player do you admire most? "Ian Wright for his goalscoring ability and his appetite for the game."

Premiership 'Dream Team': Peter Schmeichel; Jason McAteer, Colin Hendry, Gary Pallister, Stuart Pearce; Steve McManaman, David Beckham, Paul Ince, John Barnes; Alan Shearer, Ian Wright.

Greatest sporting achievement away from football: "I won trophies for table tennis and badminton as a kid."

State of the game: "I think football is moving in the right direction. There are a lot more families coming to matches, the foreign imports have bought a great deal to the game, and the standard in the Premier League is getting better. But I also believe that to be working down through the other divisions. The down side is spiralling transfer fees, and the Bosman ruling will not be beneficial to the smaller clubs. For players it can be of benefit if you have a value, but many will be in the melting pot with a lot of free transfers available."

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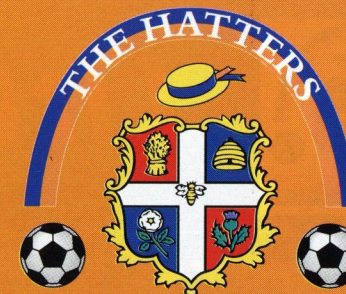
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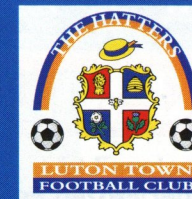
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Courses were held in Milton Keynes, Luton, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard and Harpenden, with many including a trip to, and tour of, Wembley Stadium.

We will shortly be announcing details of courses for the October half-term holiday. Watch this space!



OUR Chiltern Fives Invitational Tournament was held at Wardown Park on Sunday, August 24, with four sides progressing to the finals of the Under 10s and Under 12s events - to be played prior to the Luton v Oldham match at Kenilworth Road.

The U10 Final, kindly sponsored by McDonald's, is between MK City Youth and Lewsey Centre. The U12 Final, kindly sponsored by British Car Rental, is between Luton Bramingham AFC and Sacred Heart.

Pictured: (clockwise l to r): Slip End Boys, with Player of the Tournament Harry Maidment (front right); Fair Play Award winners Leighton United; U12 finalists Sacred Heart; U12 finalists Luton Bramingham AFC.



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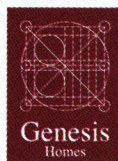
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Ankle op sidelines defender Patterson

Hatters defender DARREN PATTERSON had an operation on his ankle on Tuesday to remove a cyst, after the injury flared up again after Darren had resumed training.

The Northern Ireland international is likely to be sidelined for between four and six weeks.

As I'm sure all supporters are aware, IAN FEUER suffered a muscle injury against Southend as he was throwing the ball out.

It's a bad tear of the muscle under his arm, and is a similar injury to that suffered in throwing sports - for example pitchers in baseball.

He had painkilling injections to see him through the second-half against Southend, and has already started some work on building up the muscles once again. This will be something he will have to keep working on for some time, even when he resumes playing, to try and prevent the injury happening again.

TONY THORPE missed the game at Fulham with a thigh strain but resumed against Colchester on Tuesday.

GAVIN MCGOWAN was on the bench at Fulham after his bruised toe, and DAVID OLDFIELD has resumed after his knee ligament injury.

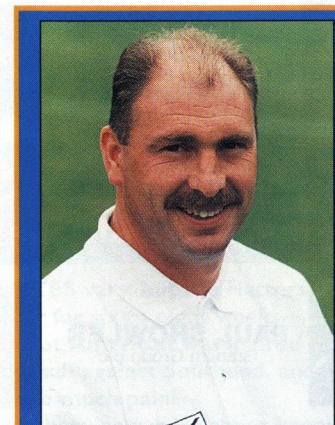
GRAHAM ALEXANDER was injured against Fulham, but at the time of writing the injury does not seem as bad as first feared.

What at first appeared to be a hamstring injury, now seems to be related to the lower back, and he may be able to return quicker than expected.

ANDREW FOTIADIS has a stomach strain and continues to receive treatment, but PAUL SHOWLER is back in full training.

Paul was sub on Tuesday, after RICHARD HARVEY suffered a calf-strain in the warm-up.

STEVE AUGUSTINE and NICK WEBB have been given the go-ahead to step up training after long-term injuries, and CHRIS WILLMOTT had a minor operation on Thursday to remove scar tissue



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following his knee operation earlier this year. This should only set him back a couple of weeks though.



LEFT:
Tony
Thorpe
missed last
Saturday's
match at
Fulham.



RIGHT:
Andrew
Fotiadis
has been
troubled
with injury
at the
start of
the
season.



LEFT:
Graham
Alexander
was injured
in the
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minutes at
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Cue frantic phone calls, and much difficult decision making.

Can we get the reserve keeper back even though he's still in the first month of his loan; how long will the first-choice keeper be out; do we play our young professional and give him his senior debut; and who's available should we want to loan a goalkeeper?

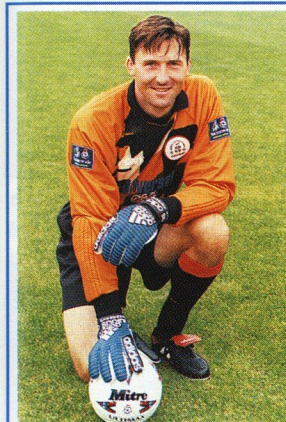
These were the choices facing Town manager Lennie Lawrence after Ian Feuer was injured against Southend.

The return of Kelvin Davis appeared to be a non-starter as he was still in his first month on loan at Hartlepool, and the League were unlikely to make a 'special case' as there were still other goalkeepers on the Town staff.

Loan possibilities were examined, but Manchester United were unwilling to let third-choice Kevin Pilkington come due to registration requirements for the forthcoming Champions League, and the experienced Southampton keeper Dave Beasant was heading for a loan spell at Nottingham Forest.

But then, just 24 hours before Saturday's game at Fulham, the Football League decided that given the "extraordinary circumstances" the Hatters could recall Kelvin Davis from Hartlepool.

And you wondered why managers go grey!

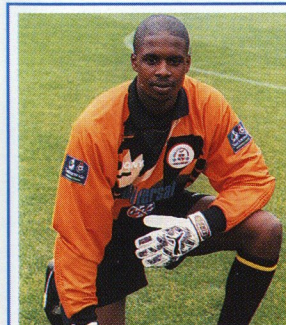


Feuer faces 'lengthy' lay-off

ESTIMATES vary, but the Hatters could be without Ian Feuer for six to eight weeks.

The giant American was injured midway through the first-half against Southend, and said he'd never been in so much pain!

"With these new rules about keeping the ball for no more than five seconds, I went to throw the ball out quickly, and as I did so I slipped and I just felt the muscle go," said Ian. "It was a terrible stabbing pain, and I was in agony up until half-time when I was able to have an injection. Fortunately the defence did a really good job keeping Southend out."



Abbey gets Coca-Cola Cup call

WITH Kelvin Davis cup-tied having played for Hartlepool against Tranmere, 19-year-old Nathan Abbey was given his senior debut in Tuesday night's Coca-Cola Cup first round, second leg tie against Colchester.

The youngster responded with a sound performance, and had little or no chance with Ian Hathaway's 51st minute equaliser as the game ended 1-1.

Kelvin home from Hartlepool



KELVIN Davis expected to be spending last Saturday playing in goal for Hartlepool at Rotherham.

But instead he was at Fulham, making his first league appearance for the Hatters since April 1996.

He played two league games, and a Coca-Cola Cup match for the North-East side, and said that recent first-team experience had played a major factor in his success at Craven Cottage when he made a number of key first-half saves in the 0-0 draw.

Kelvin made his league debut for Luton as a 17-year-old on the final day of the 1993/94 season in a 2-2 draw at Stoke.

He spent a month on loan at Torquay in the following autumn, before winning a place in the Luton starting line-up in March 1995.

With Juergen Sommer on international duty, Kelvin made his home debut in the televised 'derby' with Watford, saving a penalty in the 1-1 draw.

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Thu Aug 21	Queens Park R	drew 1-1
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	WIMBLEDON	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.

THE Town's reserve side opened their Avon Insurance Combination League campaign at home to Oxford on August 13, and drew 1-1 with Andrew Barr netting the Hatters' goal from the penalty spot.

Team: Abbey, Jones, Harvey, Evers, Doherty, Boyce (Fraser), Kean, Spring, Barr, George (Scarlett), Sweeney (McIndoe).

The second match of the campaign also ended in a 1-1 draw, as the Town drew with Queens Park Rangers in a game played at non-league Harrow Borough FC.

Once again Andrew Barr was on the scoresheet, with Paul Showler and Gavin McGowan returning after injury, and youth team keeper Daniel Tate playing in goal.

Team: Tate, McGowan, Harvey, Evers, Boyce (Fraser), Jones, Sweeney, Kean, Barr, George, Showler.

Subs not used: Peake, Cox.

The reserves were due to be back in action on Thursday, at home to Millwall.

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 on the opening Saturday of the season.

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

Sub not used: Howe.

But they bounced back at Reading on August 16 with a 6-0 win, despite the sending-off of centre-half James Ayres.

Emerson Boyce and Jimmy Cox both scored twice, with Gary Doherty and Michael McIndoe also netting.

Team: Tate, Clarke, Fraser, Spring, Boyce, Ayres, Scarlett, Cox, Doherty (Kandol), McIndoe, McKoy (Jerry).

Sub not used: Akurang.

The youth team have progressed into the first round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, after a 1-0 preliminary round win at Ipswich.

Substitute Clifford Akurang scored the winner at Portman Road.

Team: Tate, Clarke, Fraser, Spring, Lawes (Howe), Boyce, Scarlett, Cox, Doherty (Akurang), McIndoe, McKoy. Sub not used: Jerry.

In the first round, Luton will be at home to Crystal Palace at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday, September 9, kick-off 7pm.

Last weekend saw a 4-2 win for the youth team in the South East Counties League match at Swindon,

which went ahead as originally scheduled after Swindon cancelled a tour which at one stage had seen the match postponed.

Clifford Akurang scored twice for Luton, with Stuart Fraser and Matthew Spring (penalty) the other scorers.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Spring, Howe (Doherty), Clarke, Scarlett, Cox, Akurang, McIndoe, Jerry.

Subs not used: McKoy, Gregory.

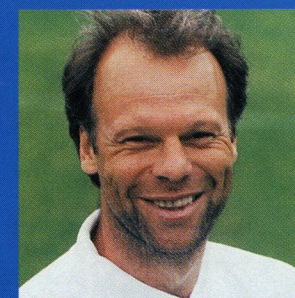


ABOVE: Andrew Barr - on target for the Reserves in their opening two matches.

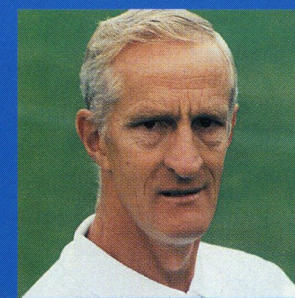
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Oxford	3	2	0	1	7	7	6
Brentford	3	1	2	0	7	4	5
Wimbledon	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Bristol C	3	1	1	1	8	7	4
Barnet	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Wycombe	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Swindon	3	0	1	2	5	8	1
Colchester	3	0	1	2	5	9	1
Brighton	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Bournemouth	3	0	1	2	4	10	1
Reading	3	0	1	2	3	11	1

League table as at August 23, 1997



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Sat Aug 9	WYCOMBE W	lost 1-0	Sat Dec 13	Bristol Rovers	
Sat Aug 16	Reading	won 6-0	Sat Dec 20	Wycombe W	
Tue Aug 19	Ipswich (SJFC Pre)	won 1-0	Sat Dec 27	Wimbledon	
Sat Aug 23	Swindon Town	won 4-2			
Sat Aug 30	OXFORD UTD	11am	Sat Jan 10	SWINDON TOWN	11am
			Sat Jan 17	Oxford United	
Sat Sep 6	Barnet		Sat Jan 24	BARNET	11am
Tue Sep 9	C PALACE (SJFC1)	7pm	Sat Jan 31	Brighton	
Sat Sep 13	Southend (SECLC1)				
Sat Sep 20	BRIGHTON	11am	Sat Feb 7	BRISTOL CITY	11am
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City		Sat Feb 14	Brentford	
			Sat Feb 21	SOUTHAMPTON	11am
Sat Oct 4	BRENTFORD	11am	Sat Feb 28	Tottenham	
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Sat Oct 25	TOTTENHAM	11am	Sat Mar 28	BOURNEMOUTH	11am
Sat Nov 1	READING	11am	Sat Apr 4	WIMBLEDON	11am
Sat Nov 15	COLCHESTER	11am			
Sat Nov 22	SECLC3				
Sat Nov 29	Bournemouth				
Sat Dec 6	BRISTOL ROVERS	11am			

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Daniel TATE	3		1	
Russell LAWES	2		1	
Stuart FRASER	3	1	1	
Matthew SPRING	3	1	1	
Emerson BOYCE	2	2	1	
James AYRES	2			
Andre SCARLETT	3		1	
Clifford AKURANG	2	2	(1)	1
Gary DOHERTY	2 (1)	1	1	
Richard CLARKE	3		1	
Delroy MCKOY	2		1	
Darren HOWE	1		(1)	
C DREW	(1)			
Michael MCINDOE	2 (1)	1	1	
Jimmy COX	2	2	1	
T KANDOL	(1)			
Moses JERRY	1 (1)			

YOUTH TEAM 1997/98

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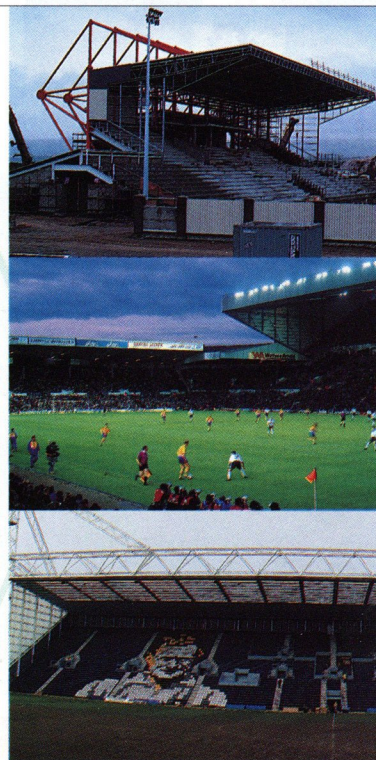
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Aid mission saves Buckley's boys but 100 per cent Hornets are top

AIDAN Davison had kept mighty Germany at bay for more than an hour in midweek.

And Grimsby's keeper, who starred in Northern Ireland's 3-1 World Cup defeat to the European Champions, saved Alan Buckley's Grimsby in the 0-0 draw with Wrexham last Saturday.

Wrexham keeper Andy Marriott had saved Kevin Donovan's 56th minute penalty as the home side dominated the first 80 minutes, but Wrexham staged a late fightback and were thwarted by a hat-trick of fine saves from the former Bolton keeper Davison.

Lars Melvang is keen to earn a long-term deal at Watford.

The 28-year-old Danish right-back is on a three-month contract after an initial snub from Hornets manager Graham Taylor.

But he scored Watford's second against Brentford after just 10 minutes, to add to an opening goal from centre-half Keith Millen.

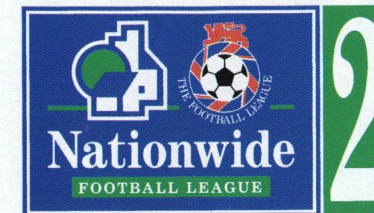
Stuart Slater missed a penalty and the Bees threatened a fightback when Robert Taylor netted from the spot. But Richard Johnson wrapped it up for Watford with number three, to give Taylor's men their third win from three league games.

Big-spending Wigan were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Plymouth, as Argyle fought back to equalise despite being down to just 14 available players for the game.

David Lowe had put Wigan in front, but Richard Logan equalised six minutes from time.

It was a tale of two keepers as Fulham and Luton drew 0-0 at Craven Cottage.

RIGHT: Tony Thorpe shoots against Southend, with Stuart Douglas (12) waiting to net the rebound.



For the Hatters Kelvin Davis made key first-half saves on his recall from a loan spell to replace the injured Ian Feuer.

After the break it was the turn of Fulham's Mark Walton - a former Luton youth team keeper - with two fine saves to earn his side a point.

Walton, formerly with Norwich, had been playing non-league football for Fakenham, but since arriving at Fulham is keeping out South African signing Andre Arendse.

Kim Grant staked his claim for a permanent move from Luton to Millwall with two goals for the Lions, to take his tally to four in four games since arriving at the New Den on loan.

Unfortunately for the Ghanaian striker it wasn't enough to see off York who won 3-2 with an 86th minute winner from former Millwall player Paul Stephenson.

Gillingham recorded a 2-1 home win over Walsall, with goals from Paul Smith and Ade Akinbiyi. Frenchman

Roger Boli netted an injury-time consolation.

Preston, who spent £1 million on new players over the summer, lost 3-2 at Chesterfield, who sold two of last season's stars - Sean Dyche and Kevin Davies - before the start of this campaign. The Spireites were 3-0 up at half-time, with goals from Marcus Ebdon, Mark Jules and Jamie Hewitt.

North End pulled second-half goals back through Mark Rankine and Dean Barrick.

Blackpool, opening day victors over Luton, crashed 4-2 at home to Wycombe, with former Bradford and Derby striker Mark Stallard netting twice for John Gregory's side.

The former Stevenage striker Barry Hayles was on target again for Bristol Rovers in their 3-1 win over Carlisle, and Sean McCarthy scored both goals in Oldham's 2-1 win over Bournemouth.

Bristol City manager John Ward allowed on-loan striker David Seal to play against City for Northampton, but the striker scored one and set up the other in a 2-1 win for the Cobblers.

And Jeroen Boere's sixth minute goal gave Southend a 1-0 win over Burnley, to leave Claret's new player-manager Chris Waddle still waiting for his first win. - SIMON OXLEY.

(See page 54 for current Division Two



BORN in South Africa in 1957 Brian Stein was brought to England at the age of seven after his family fled the apartheid regime.

Although football was important to the young Stein he decided to concentrate on his studies and it was only when brother Edwin persuaded him to join his team, Sudbury Court, that he started to develop his skills again.

"After playing for Sudbury Court, where I scored 70 goals in a season, I was spotted by Edgware Town and combined turning out for them with a job as an Executive Officer for the local Health Board.

"We played against Dunstable and John Moore, who was with them at the time, recommended me to Luton and it was only a short time later that Harry Haslam and David Pleat convinced me that my future lay at Kenilworth Road."

Only weeks after joining the Town, Brian was thrown into the deep end when appearing at Old Trafford in a League Cup second replay against Manchester City.

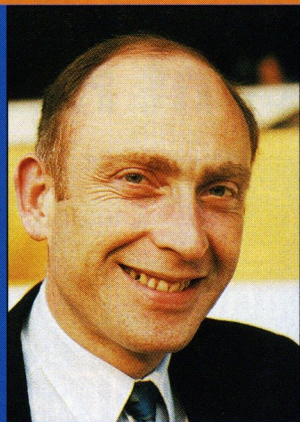
"I always remember that on arrival at our hotel in the afternoon before the game we were told to get some sleep," recalled Brian. "I obviously could not because of the anticipation of my first big game but thought it strange that we should be expected to sleep when only weeks before my pre-match ritual was eating fish and chips!"

Brian made his league debut shortly afterwards coming on as a substitute for Gary Heale in a 3-1 defeat at windswept Mansfield in November 1977.

"Skipper Alan West came in for some stick from Harry Haslam for playing into the wind in the first half and then seeing the wind change round at the interval," he recalled.

The first goals in a prolific Luton career were not long in coming with a pair knocked in during the 4-0 home victory against Sheffield United over Christmas 1977.

Where are they now?



by **ROGER WASH**

With Haslam replaced by David Pleat later on that season the team was gradually rebuilt and Brian Stein became a regular in the side. Learning from that wily old pro, Bob Hatton, Brian became a goalscorer in his own right and hit home a creditable ten goals in 1978/79 in a side that struggled to make an impact.

In the following season Stein was ever present but left the main goalscoring responsibilities to Hatton and winger David Moss, who was going through a purple patch at the time.

Bob Hatton left Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1980, and Stein top scored for the Town in the following season which included his first hat trick coming in a 4-2 win at Bristol Rovers.

By now David Pleat's rebuilding works were complete and Stein top

scored again as the Town walked away with the old Division Two in 1982.

"We were an outstanding team that season and after near misses in the previous two campaigns, promotion, as well as the championship, was never in doubt right from the opening day," said Brian.

"The game that probably sticks out more than any other is the home win over Newcastle towards the end of the season. We were 2-0 down to a Magpies side that was making a late bid for promotion but we managed to fight back to win 3-2.

"I scored all three that day and, in the absence of regular penalty taker David Moss through injury, hit two of them from the spot."

Unfortunately after a tremendous goalscoring start to the next campaign when Brian scored 13 goals in only 18 appearances including a hat trick against Brighton he broke a bone in his foot during the home game against Manchester City and played only a bit part in the second half of the season.



LEFT: Brian Stein scores from the spot against Newcastle United at Kenilworth Road in 1982.

RIGHT: Brian Stein was unfortunate to only make one appearance for England. Both he and fellow Town striker Paul Walsh were picked to play against France in Paris in 1984, and as you can see from the photograph the press had the expected field day!



"We were very cavalier but always had the confidence to go forward and expected to score more than the opposition.

"The games in the early part of 1982/83 were a joy to play in but after breaking my foot I attempted to come back too early and only played a few games in the second half of the season.

"I did, however, play in the final game at Manchester City which we needed to win to stay up. We were all up for it and the sheer tension of the occasion meant that just about everyone was in tears in the changing room at the end of the game. An incredible experience."

David Pleat did not want to go through that trauma again and started to strengthen the spine of the team

and by 1985 with the acquisition of Steve Foster, Peter Nicholas, David Preece and Mick Harford we had a team to compare with the best in the country.

"With just a shade more luck I think we could have won the league around that period. Liverpool were not the team they were, the division was wide open and I certainly feel we had more ability than Everton. We all mixed socially and had a great team spirit."

You can read Part Two of this interview with Brian Stein in Tuesday night's programme against Millwall, when he recalls, amongst other things, a certain afternoon at Wembley in 1988.

5 YEARS AGO

29/8/92: After two straight defeats a welcome point was won in a boring 0-0 draw at Upton Park, which was the home to Charlton that season. The only Luton player to go close was new signing Steve Claridge.

10 YEARS AGO

29/8/87: After going down 3-0 at Chelsea we had only one point to show from four games and were rooted to the bottom of the old Division One.

15 YEARS AGO

28/8/82: In our first game back in Division One following promotion we went to the home of FA Cup winners Tottenham and returned with a point following a creditable 2-2 draw. John Lacy, with an own goal, and Brian Stein were the Luton scorers in front of a crowd of 39,180.

20 YEARS AGO

3/9/77: After a dull start to the campaign we came to life with a bang seeing off Charlton 7-1 at Kenilworth Road. On one of those days where everything came off, Jim Husband bagged four and Gary Heale scored on his league debut.



↑
Southend keeper Simon Royce saved Tony Thorpe's shot, but Stuart Douglas (left) was on hand to net the rebound.

← High-flying Dwight Marshall challenges for the ball with ex-Hatter Nathan Jones.

Penalty? Tony Thorpe is wrestled to the ground during the first-half.

→ Substitute Stuart Douglas was the Luton Town hero, with the 76th minute winner.

ACTION STATIONS

Luton Town 1 Southend Utd 0

(Douglas)

Monday, August 18, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 5,140

Pictures by Gareth Owen



FORTHCOMING MATCHES
IN NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
DIVISION TWO

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 City 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

Monday, September 8
Wigan v Wrexham

Saturday, September 13
Bournemouth v LUTON
Bristol R v Gillingham
Fulham v Grimsby
Millwall v Southend
Oldham v Northampton
Plymouth v Brentford
Preston v Walsall
Watford v Chesterfield
Wigan v Blackpool
Wrexham v Bristol City
Wycombe v Carlisle
York v Burnley

Nationwide web site is top of the league

NATIONWIDE Building Society's popular web site on the Internet has been improved even further for the new season to give the millions of visitors to the service even better coverage of the three divisions.

Visitors to the web site, which can be accessed at <http://www.nationwide.co.uk>, will now be able to personalise and design their own Nationwide Football League homepage - replete with their own name and using their favourite football team's name, colours, next fixture and League position.

New features include a Nationwide Football League 'top fan site' and a 'sad fan of the month'. The service will also contain information on how to apply for Nationwide's 'final whistle game' which is a test of fans' powers of prediction.

Nationwide's existing Internet site has been extremely popular with supporters, taking over a million 'hits' per month. The improved site includes all the popular

features on the existing service, including team news and match reports which appear within 30 minutes of a match finishing.

There is also an individual page for each of the 72 Nationwide Football League clubs providing team details, club strips, ground addresses, travel information and the latest news relating to each club.

Stuart Bernau, Nationwide's Retail Operations Director, commented: "We were the first UK institution to introduce Online Banking on the Internet and the Nationwide Football League section of the site has proved extremely popular with the fans."

On Thursday this week, Nationwide presented an evening of 'live' football chat on their web site which was accessible to millions of fans.

Supporters were able to fire questions at a celebrity panel including Geoff Hurst, Jack Taylor and Football League secretary David Dent.

European Under 21 Championship - Qualifying Match

ENGLAND v MOLDOVA

at Adams Park, Wycombe Wanderers FC

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Kick-Off 7.45pm

Special admission charges:

Amersham and Wycombe College Stand (seats) - £9

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how teams have scored when teams have scored .. and how conceded

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	
Bournemouth	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	Bournemouth	0	0	0	0	2	2	Bournemouth	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Blackpool	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	Blackpool	1	1	0	0	0	1	Blackpool	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
Brentford	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Brentford	0	0	0	0	0	1	Brentford	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
Bristol City	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	Bristol City	1	1	0	1	0	1	Bristol City	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Bristol Rovers	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Bristol Rovers	1	1	1	2	0	0	Bristol Rovers	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Burnley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Burnley	0	0	0	0	0	0	Burnley	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Carlisle	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	Carlisle	0	0	1	1	0	0	Carlisle	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Chesterfield	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	Chesterfield	1	0	3	0	0	2	Chesterfield	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fulham	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	Fulham	0	0	1	1	0	0	Fulham	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Grimsby	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	Grimsby	0	0	0	0	3	0	Grimsby	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
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FK=Direct Free Kick P=Penalty Ib=Shot inside area OG=Own Goal

Division 2 Stats League Table

	Home					Away									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	G	Pt	
Watford	3	2	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	2	0	6	9	6	
Chesterfield	3	2	0	0	6	3	0	1	0	0	0	6	7		
Bristol Rovers	3	1	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	5	7		
Oldham	3	2	0	0	5	2	0	0	1	1	3	6	6		
Bournemouth	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	2	4	6		
Fulham	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	5		
Gillingham	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	5		
Wigan	3	1	1	0	6	3	0	0	1	0	1	6	4		
Wycombe	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	7	6	4		
Bristol City	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	3	4	4		
Preston	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	3	4	4		
Wrexham	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	4		
Southend	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	4		
Northampton	3	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	4		
Luton	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	4		
Millwall	3	1	0	1	5	3	0	0	1	1	2	6	3		
Plymouth	3	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	2	4	3		
York	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	4	5	4	3		
Grimsby	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	3	3		
Blackpool	3	1	0	1	3	4	0	0	1	0	2	3	3		
Walsall	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	5	3	1		
Carlisle	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	4	2	1		
Brentford	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	6	1	1		
Burnley	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1		

.. various Div 2 stats ..

includes those who have left the club	Plyrs used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low pos.	high pos.	Plyrs used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low pos.	high pos.	
Bournemouth	17	4	2	2	5	1	Millwall	17	6	5	1	16	2
Blackpool	14	3	6	1	20	6	Northampton	16	2	3	1	23	14
Brentford	17	1	6	1	24	22	Oldham	17	6	5	0	10	3
Bristol City	16	4	3	1	10	4	Plymouth	15	4	4	0	17	13
Bristol Rovers	16	5	2	1	12	3	Preston	15	4	4	1	16	7
Burnley	17	0	2	1	24	20	Southend	15	2	2	1	19	9
Carlisle	17	2	6	0	22	14	Walsall	16	3	6	0	21	16
Chesterfield	17	6	3	1	4	2	Watford	17	6	1	2	7	1
Fulham	17	2	1	2	8	5	Wigan	16	6	4	0	8	1
Gillingham	18	2	1	2	15	7	Wrexham	14	3	2	1	21	11
Grimsby	17	3	3	1	19	11	Wycombe	16	6	7	1	17	9
Luton	17	1	1	2	20	12	York	18	4	6	0	23	18

Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates

11,811 Burnley v Gillingham 16-Aug
3,307 York v Bristol Rovers 16-Aug

Highest Aggregate Scores

Wigan 5-2 Wycombe 9-Aug

Biggest Home Win

Wigan 5-2 Wycombe 9-Aug

Millwall 3-0 Brentford 9-Aug

Biggest Away Win

Blackpool 2-4 Wycombe 23-Aug

Northampton 0-2 Bournemouth 9-Aug

Carlisle 0-2 Watford 16-Aug

Consecutive Wins

Watford 3

Games Unbeaten

Bristol Rovers, Chesterfield, Fulham,

Gillingham, Grimsby, Plymouth,

Watford 3

Consecutive Defeats

Blackpool, Carlisle, Millwall, York 2

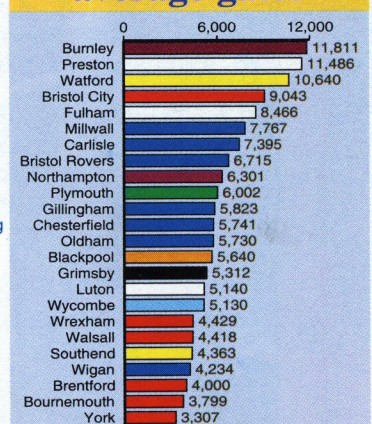
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Brentford, Burnley, Carlisle, Grimsby,

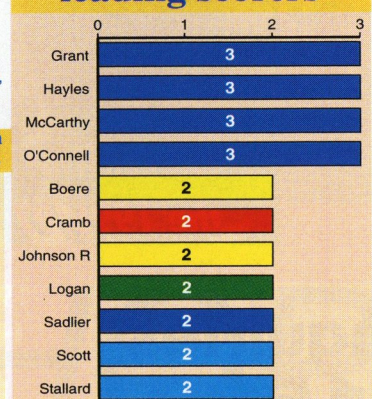
Plymouth, Walsall 3

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average gates



leading scorers



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COMMERCIAL NEWS

This afternoon we welcome match sponsors the **BOBBERS TRAVEL CLUB AND FRIENDS**.

The support of the Bobbers Club is much appreciated at Luton Town, both in terms of the sponsorship such as this, and in the fundraising they do in following the Hatters the length and breadth of the country.

Once again last season they raised several thousands pounds which was presented to our physio Clive Goodyear for the purchase of new medical and gymnasium equipment.

Details of the Bobbers travel arrangements for forthcoming away matches can be found on page 8 of today's programme.

If you or your company would like details of match or matchball sponsorship, please contact the Commercial Department on (01582) 411622. We in the Commercial Department are always willing to talk



with **KATHY LEATHER**

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)

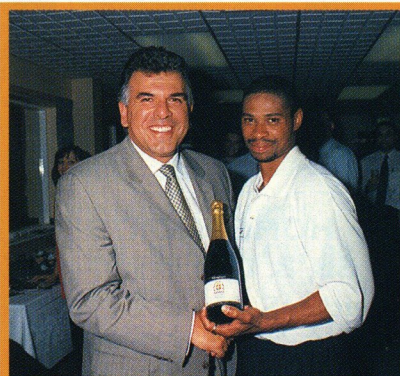
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LEFT: Dwight Marshall was voted man-of-the-match by our sponsors Progressive Printing, for the recent home match against Southend.



ABOVE: Commercial Mascot Timothy Owen meets the players after the game against Southend.

Hatters acting on Impulse!

THE Town players, under the supervision of Hatters physio Clive Goodyear, have been using the excellent facilities at the Impulse Health and Fitness Centre, at the Dunstable Leisure Centre. Clive is pictured (right) with Chris Willmott, David Oldfield and Darren Patterson.



DUNSTABLE LEISURE CENTRE

Luton Town Football Club require maternity cover for the following positions:

ASSISTANT IN THE ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Starting as soon as possible, this person should be computer literate, and familiar with wages, purchase and sales ledgers.

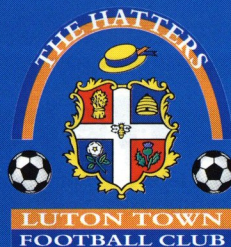
Applications, including cv, should be sent to: Mr Bob Bird, Financial Controller, LTFC.

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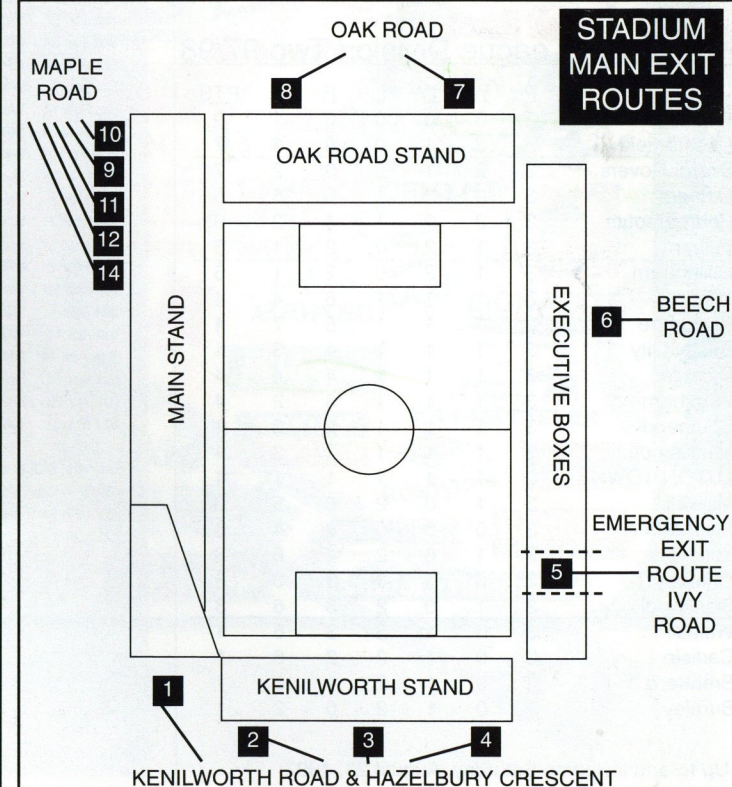
LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

- Ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the ground.
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GEOFF LOVELL, Safety Manager.



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Julian JAMES	2	Steve REDMOND
Mitchell THOMAS	3	Carl SERRANT
Gary WADDOCK	4	Richard GRAHAM
Steve DAVIS	5	Lee SINNOTT
Marvin JOHNSON	6	Shaun GARNETT
Simon DAVIES	7	Mark ALLOTT
Paul McLAREN	8	Lee DUXBURY
David OLDFIELD	9	Sean McCARTHY
Tony THORPE	10	Stuart BARLOW
Dwight MARSHALL	11	Paul REID

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Today's referee is **ALAN BUTLER** from Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. Mr Butler, a senior police officer, is in his fourth season as a Football League referee.

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M.J. Perry



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