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From the manager's chair

LAST week's two away games against Northampton and Bournemouth saw two widely contrasting games, and two widely contrasting performances from us in both these games.

The game against Northampton saw us struggle in the first 30 minutes to cope with Northampton's strength and physical approach, aided as they were by the opening goal after less than 30 seconds which was partly the result of the most obvious foul witnessed by most people in the stadium - except the referee.

We deserved nothing from our first half there, and matters looked worse just before the interval with the sending-off of Gavin McGowan for two bookable offences.

But as is often the case when a team is reduced to 10 men, the players rallied, worked hard, and Northampton sat on their lead. Unfortunately though, we never looked like snatching a point.

We started in a similar vein at Bournemouth, where we dominated for the first half, and should really have come in two goals up.

We created more chances in the first-half on Saturday than in any other 45 minutes this season.

But we only scored one, and Bournemouth came back strongly in the second half, forced us back on the defensive, and we failed to get a grip on the midfield.

Just when it looked as



with **LENNIE
LAWRENCE**

though we would weather the storm with some excellent defending in our own penalty area, and some good saves from Kelvin Davis, together with a touch of luck, we conceded one in slightly unfortunate circumstances to finish with a 1-1 draw.

So despite of the fact that there were considerable plus points from the two away performances - as well as some obvious minus points - nevertheless we gained only one point which leaves us just about where we were last year, and places considerable importance on Saturday's next Division Two fixture with Wrexham.

Before that, we of course entertain West Brom tonight in the second round, first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome their players, officials and supporters to Kenilworth

Road. A special welcome as well for their manager Ray Harford who has made a fine start to the season, and who of course will be remembered with great affection by all Luton Town supporters as the man responsible for bringing silverware to Kenilworth Road for one of the few occasions in the club's history.

In the equivalent game last season we were up against Derby County, and the 1-0 win here set our season going, with the second leg draw at the Baseball Ground taking us through to round three.

Hopefully a similar performance and result tonight can have another kick-starting effect on our season.

The news on the injury front would probably fill these two pages on its own, so I will confine myself to welcoming Richard Harvey and Graham Alexander back to first-team action - albeit without the benefit of too much pre-match training.

These two are likely to occupy the full-back roles, as Gavin McGowan and Bryan Small have not been allowed to play tonight by their respective clubs whilst on loan, and that is perfectly understandable.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Bryan, who seems to have been with us for some time, although has yet to make his home debut.

Also tonight, with Kelvin Davis cup tied, we welcome Andy Dibble on a short-term contract to provide



goalkeeping competition.

Andy of course needs no introduction to Luton supporters.

Hopefully by the end of the week we will be able to welcome at least one more player back from injury, and will have completed a signing to strengthen the

squad - a transfer which may be completed in time for Saturday. There can be no doubt that the last few weeks have been a difficult time for everybody connected with the club. But please get behind the team tonight as we bid to turn our fortunes around.

ABOVE: Paul McLaren pictured in action against Millwall. There's more action from this game on pages 44 and 45.



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DWIGHT Marshall celebrates his opening goal at Bournemouth on Saturday.

Cherries bite back to draw!

A GOAL eight minutes from time denied Luton a much needed victory, after Dwight Marshall's first goal of the season had put the Hatters in sight of the three points, writes Simon Oxley.

Having seen Bournemouth duo Steve Robinson and Ian Cox go close in the opening seven minutes, Luton began to take charge and the Cherries' keeper Jimmy Glass saved well from Gavin McGowan and Stuart Douglas.

Paul McLaren missed a good chance from close range on 26 minutes, but almost made amends 13 minutes later when his header set up Marshall for a close range effort that was blocked.

McLaren did though create the opener after combining with McGowan down the right, before crossing for Marshall to score two minutes from half-time - becoming the third Luton player to score this season.

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But after the break it was Bournemouth who dominated, with Kelvin Davis making an outstanding save to deny Robinson, and then saving well from Graeme Tomlinson (on loan from Manchester United), in the opening 11 minutes of the half.

The Town back four were under pressure for much of the half, with John O'Neill heading wide, and having another close range effort blocked by McGowan.

Nine minutes from time, Marshall had a chance to make it 2-0 on a rare Town break, courtesy of a through ball from Steve Davis, but Glass saved well and then launched the attack which ended with O'Neill scoring from six yards out.

Afterwards, Town manager Lennie Lawrence told reporters: "We were poor in the second half, and if we had held on for victory it would have been the biggest steal since the Great Train Robbery."

FRONT COVER: Town striker Stuart Douglas pictured during Saturday's 1-1 draw at Bournemouth, with David Oldfield looking on.

(Picture: GARETH OWEN).

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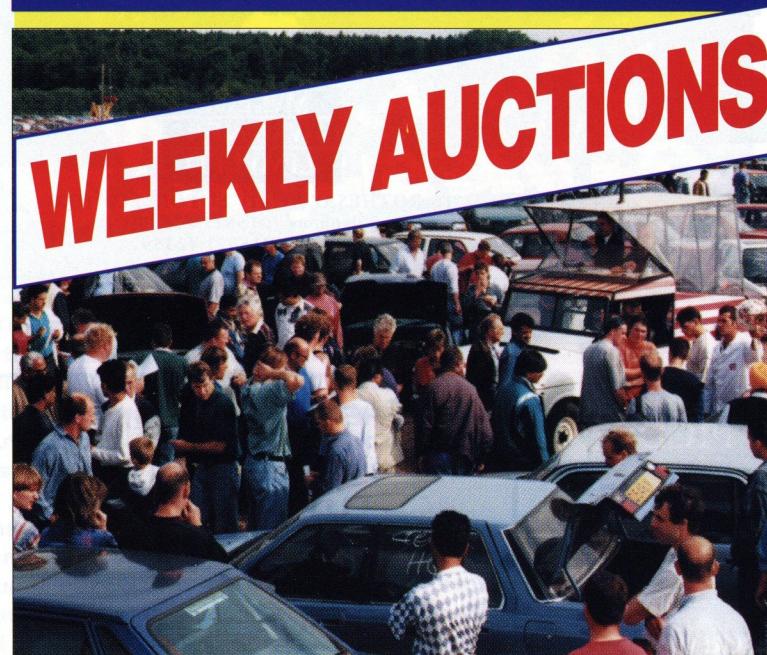
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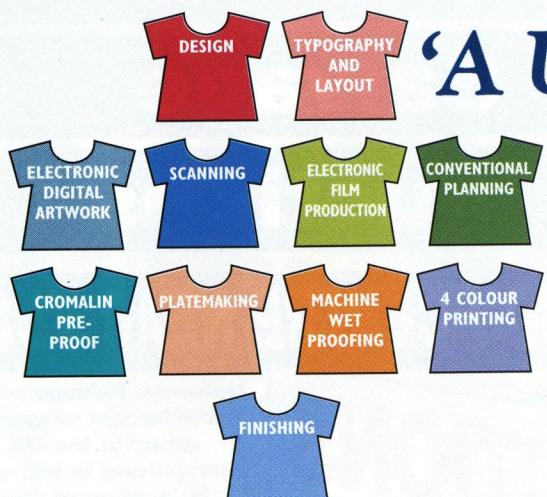
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Please note the ticket office is now open, on a trial basis, until 7pm on Friday evenings to assist supporters in the purchase of match tickets.

And don't forget, the match v Watford on October 4 is ALL-TICKET.

Full details on page 9.

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Club Captain's Corner with STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Millwall keeper Tim Carter made a fine first-half save to deny Steve Davis, after Mitchell Thomas had flicked on a left-wing corner.

AFTER collecting just one point from our trips to Northampton and Bournemouth, Saturday's game against Wrexham is a vital one for us in terms of getting our league form back on tracks.

But tonight's Coca-Cola Cup match against West Brom can play an important part in helping our progress in Division Two.

Last season at this stage we overcame Premiership opposition in the form of Derby County, after a first leg win here at Kenilworth Road, and that really kick-started our season, and we were able to follow it up with a draw at the Baseball Ground, and two good

performances against another Premiership side Wimbledon. Hopefully the visit of West Brom will have the same effect tonight. They have made a good start to the season, and before Saturday were top of Division One.

We should be able to welcome two players back to the side this evening after injury, but of course must do without our on-loan duo of Gavin McGowan and Bryan Small.

A belated welcome to Bryan - both he and Gavin have settled in well, and played a key role in our 'backs to the wall' second half at Bournemouth - and also to Andy Dibble who I'm sure needs no introduction to Luton supporters.

It is a time to pull together as a squad, and also as a club, and we need your support to play a big part in that.

The backing at both Northampton and on the long trip to the south coast was excellent and much appreciated by the players. Let's hope the League Cup can again prove to be a good omen for the fortunes of Luton Town Football Club, as it has been many times in the past.



Dome latest...

THE planned visit to Kenilworth Road of the Sports Minister Tony Banks (as reported in our previous matchday programmes) was unfortunately postponed, as all ministerial engagements that week were cancelled following the death of the Princess of Wales.

Hatters chairman David Kohler did however welcome Luton South MP Margaret Moran, Luton Council leader Roy Davis, and Football Trust Chief Executive Peter Lee, for a demonstration of the mobile pitch, and it is hoped that Mr Banks will be able to visit at a later date to view proposals for the 'Kohlerdome'.

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FOLLOWING the tragic events in Paris, we are this evening holding a collection for the Memorial Fund for Diana, Princess of Wales. I trust all supporters will give generously.

I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Luton for arranging the collection, and in particular Mr Jack Sapsworth for all his help.

Following last week's postponement, the home reserve game with Swindon has now reverted to Monday, December 8, with a 7pm kick-off, and will be played at Hitchin Town FC.

At the present time we still have no details of the away match at Swindon's County Ground.

Supporters have often asked about a parking facility for those who travel on coaches to away games, and I'm pleased to report that this is now available.

As I indicated previously there will be a fee, and the cost will be £3 per match, and it must be pre-booked at the ticket office before the day of the game.

Unfortunately, no bookings can be taken on the day of the match.

Whilst on this subject, I would say how disappointing it was that only two people replied to my previous programme notes regarding the parking, as numerous people had previously complained at the

From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY
NEWBERY**

problems experienced trying to park.

In my last programme notes, we were still awaiting ticket details for the match at West Brom next week, and these can now be found on page 9 opposite.

On the subject of tickets, a reminder that the home game against Watford on October 4 is all-ticket.

Is there anyone out there who has taken early retirement, or who needs a part-time job.

We urgently need people for cleaning work around the stadium after matches. Please contact me here at the club if you can help.

Thank-you to all those supporters who contributed to the SkyBlue Mencap Appeal Collection held here recently. The collection raised £220.

And finally, welcome to Anglia Television who are here tonight for the first time this season, and are recording highlights of the match for transmission later this evening.

Bobbers Travel Club - Coach Travel 1997/98

Date	Destination	Adult	Child/OAP	Depart Cranfield	Depart Luton
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
Tue Oct 21	Carlisle	£16.50	£13.50	11.30am	12.30pm

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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.

TOWN TEASER

Luton Town's record league victory was 12-0 against Bristol Rovers in 1936. Who scored 10 goals in that match?

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

Luton Town v Wrexham

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

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

West Bromwich Albion v Luton Town

COCA-COLA CUP, SECOND ROUND, SECOND LEG
Tuesday, September 23, 1997, kick-off 7.45pm

Pay on the night only at West Brom.

Seats only: £13 for adults, £7 for juniors/senior citizens.

Bristol City v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, September 27, 1997, kick-off 3pm

Pay on the day only at Bristol City.

Seats only at Ashton Gate for visiting supporters, at the Winterstoke Road end.
Prices: £11 for adults,
£8 for senior citizens and students*,
and £6 for juniors (aged under 16 years)
* Please note that students will only be admitted at this price if valid student identification is shown.

(The LTFC ticket office will be open for the sale of other match tickets on Saturday, September 27, between 9am and 11am).

Luton Town v Watford

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, October 4, 1997, kick-off 3pm

Please note: THIS IS AN ALL-TICKET MATCH FOR ALL SUPPORTERS,
AND THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME.

Tickets for this match are now on sale at discounted prices.
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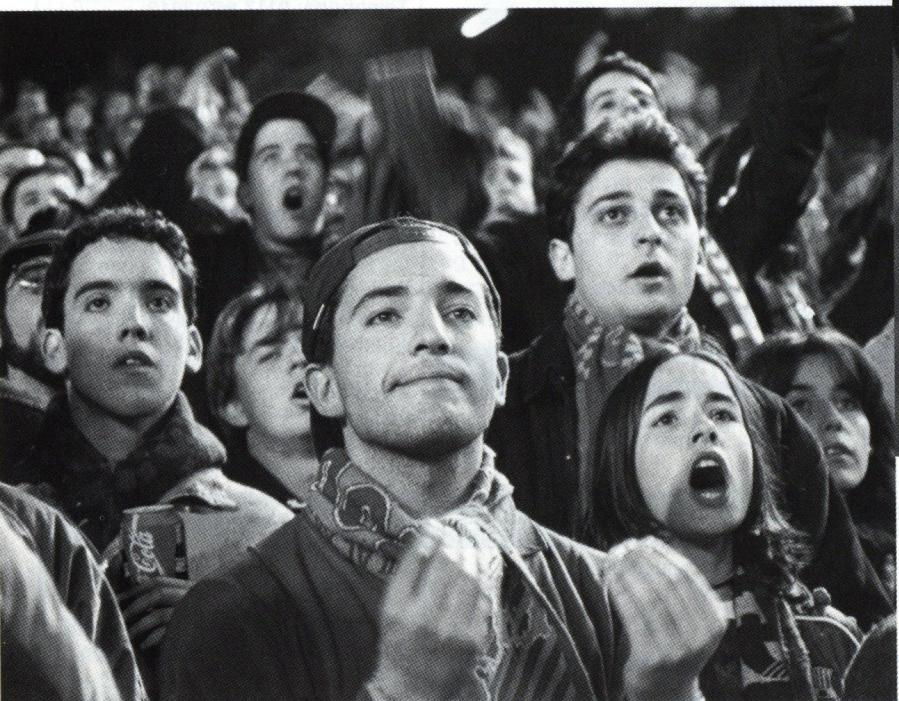
Take M1 south, then M25 west, and M4 west, exiting M4 at junction 19 (s/p Bristol M32). Go to end of M32 (5 miles from M4) and turn left (s/p Broadmead, Temple Meads, Bristol Airport) onto Ring Road. Keep in right hand lanes into underpass (s/p All Other Routes) and get into lane for the Flyover Only (s/p City Centre, Bedminster), and go over flyover. At next two roundabouts follow signs for Taunton A38, Weston A370, Avonmouth A4, into Coronation Road, which runs by the river, passing Avon Packet pub on LHS. Left where road divides and follow Taunton signs onto, and then off, the dual carriageway (by the Mercedes Benz garage) into Winterstoke Road for ground.

Editor's note: Directions courtesy of FOOTBALL FAN'S GUIDE, an excellent publication with directions to, and full details of, every ground in the Premiership and Football League. Copies of this seasonally updated book are available in the club shop.

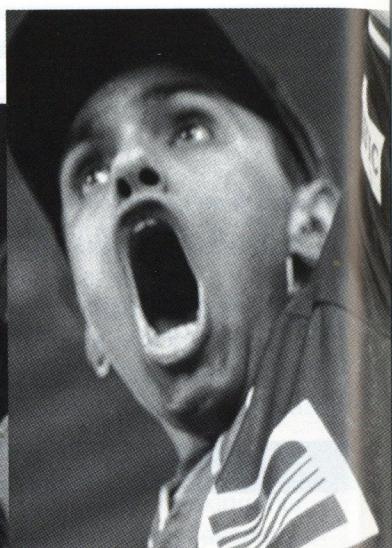


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**If a team came back from 0-3
but there was no one there to see it,
would it still be a miracle?**



League determined to win back Coca-Cola Euro spot

THE Football League have lodged a formal complaint against UEFA with the European Commission in Brussels.

The complaint outlines the grievance the Football League have with the European governing body following their decision to disallow the Coca-Cola Cup as a means of qualification for the UEFA Cup, some 32 years after the first English club gained entry to Europe by this route.

Citing infringements of Articles 85 and 86 of the E.C. Treaty, the Football League feel that UEFA's actions amount to 'an abuse of a dominant position'.

The League's claim surrounds a decision taken by the UEFA Executive Committee in October 1994 that: *..... clubs in the highest division of those associations wishing to enter clubs in the UEFA Cup via another competition than the domestic league championship may not play more than 34 league championship matches in a season ... this ruling must be in force by the 1997/98 season at the latest.*

David Sheepshanks, the Football League's chairman, said: "We believe that to prejudice the Football League's major knockout competition because of the size of the Premier League and the number of matches they play is patently wrong.

"It cannot be right that we are held responsible and penalised for something over which we exercise no control. Moreover, for the same UEFA Cup place which is being denied to the Coca-Cola Cup simply to be

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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, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW.
Requests for penpals, programme swaps etc. can also be forwarded.

redirected to Premier League placings not only rubs salt in the wound but we contend is also discriminatory under European Law.

"The fact is that UEFA's pre-occupation with making provisions for only a handful of elite clubs could ultimately create untold problems for domestic football.

"They continue to expand their own sphere of operations whilst expecting domestic competitions to contract."

The Football League's complaint is now in the hands of the Directorate-General for Competition in Brussels and a 'case officer' has already been allocated.

League officials are now expecting to travel to Belgium later this month to endorse their claim for a European place to be restored to this season's Coca-Cola Cup.

"We are confident that we have a compelling and powerful case," continued Mr Sheepshanks.

"It is regrettable that we have been forced to take this course of action, but let nobody be under any illusions about how determined we are to see this matter through to a successful conclusion.

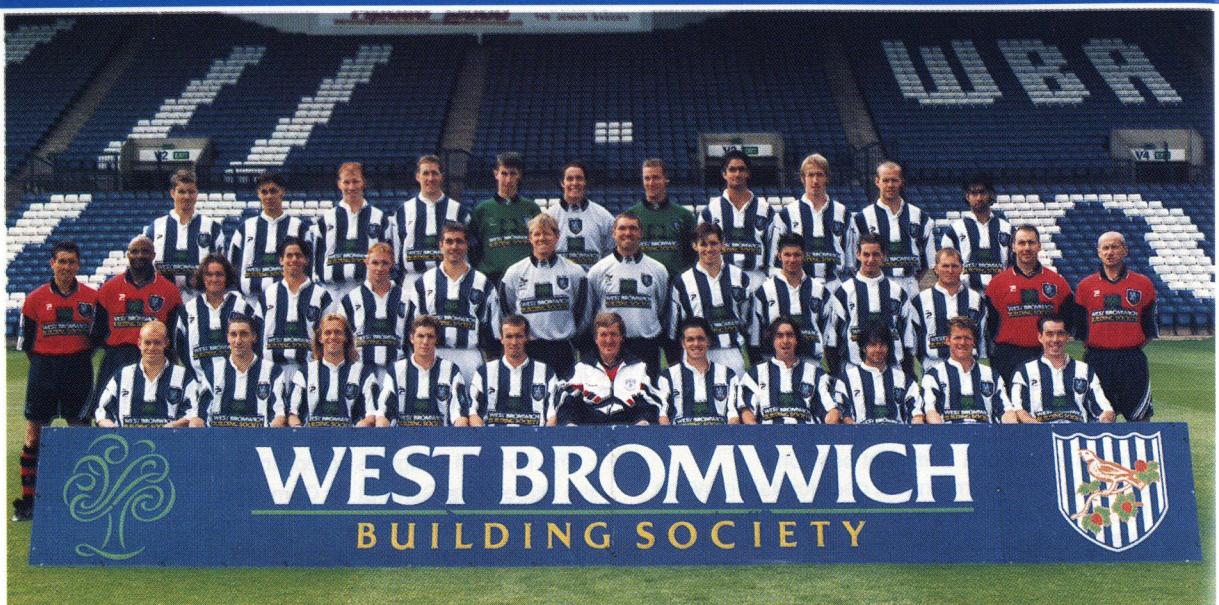
"The prosperity of the original and largest representative body of professional football in the United Kingdom and the welfare and interests of all those it touches may be at stake."

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 Moldtistranda, 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.



Back row: I to r: Shane Nicholson, Dean Bennett, Lee Hughes, Paul Raven, Chris Adamson, Gary Germaine, Paul Crichton, Shaun Murphy, Graham Potter, Tony Dobson, Michael Rodosthenous.

Middle row: I to r: John Trewick (first-team coach), Cyrille Regis (coach), Dean Craven, Andy McDermott, Carl Tranter, Paul Mardon, Nigel Spink, Alan Miller, Kevin Kilbane, Anthony James, Darren Bowman, David Gilbert, Paul Mitchell (physio), Richard O'Kelly (youth team coach).

Front row: I to r: Stacy Coldicott, Daryl Burgess, Richard Sneekes, Andy Hunt, Paul Holmes, Ray Harford (manager), David Smith, Ian Hamilton, Paul Peschisolido, Peter Butler, Bob Taylor.



ABOVE: Alan Miller



Park from non-league Kettering for £150,000 in 1991.

ANDREW McDERMOTT - Australian right-back signed by Ray Harford for £400,000 from QPR on deadline day last March.

PAUL MARDON - Welsh international who endured a frustrating season with injury last term, ruled out from October to March with a thigh injury. Joined Albion from Birmingham for £400,000 in 1993.

ALAN MILLER - England Under 21 international goalkeeper who started his career with Arsenal, before a £500,000 move to Middlesbrough in 1994. Joined Albion for £400,000 in March, after becoming the first ever player to join the club for two separate loan spells.

SHAUN MURPHY - Australian defender who joined Albion for £500,000 from Notts County in December 1996. Australian U21 international, and Olympic Games bronze medallist in 1996.

MICHAEL RODOSTHENOUS - London-born trainee who made his league debut in March.

GARY GERMAINE - Birmingham-born youngster who made his U21 international debut against Sweden in April. (Continued on page 14)

Quashie quashes Albion's unbeaten league start

MIKE Sheron's goal left QPR fans dreaming of promotion - but the return of teenage star Nigel Quashie gave them a bigger lift.

Midfielder Quashie, 19, has been floored for 18 months by glandular fever, back and ankle injuries.

But his first home start of the season inspired Rangers to knock West Brom off the top of the First Division.

Quashie's return and Sheron's arrival from Stoke are threatening to ignite QPR's Premiership push.

Sheron bagged the opner with a glancing header and helped

West Brom lost 2-0 at QPR on Saturday, as reported in yesterday's SUN newspaper.

set up Gavin Peacock's second-half goal.

Albion might have avoided their first defeat of the season had Andy Hunt not wasted a header before the break.

Boss Ray Harford said: "It has not hit our confidence. We must start another unbeaten run.

"The last 15 minutes, when we were chasing a result, flattered Rangers."

Harford is hoping to extend the month-long loan spell of James Thomas, 18, from Blackburn.

DEAN BENNETT - Introduced as a late substitute against Grimsby in Albion's last home game of the season, after impressing in the reserve and intermediate sides.

DARYL BURGESS - Former Albion apprentice who played at right-back, centre-half and sweeper last season. Over 250 league appearances.

PETER BUTLER - Experienced midfielder who missed much of last season with injury. Formerly with West Ham and Notts County.

STACY COLDICOTT - Midfielder who established himself in the team late in the campaign last term.

PAUL CRICHTON - Much-travelled goalkeeper who joined the club from Grimsby. Took over from Nigel Spink last season, but then lost his place with the arrival of Alan Miller.

IAN HAMILTON - Stevenage-born midfielder who skippered the side in the latter part of last season. Was voted Albion's Player of the Year for 1997. Formerly with Southampton, Cambridge and Scunthorpe.

PAUL HOLMES - Impressed at right-back for much of last season, before losing his place to Andy McDermott when the latter arrived from QPR on deadline day in March. Joined Albion from Everton in 1996 after a loan spell.

ANDY HUNT - Albion's top scorer last season with 16 goals. Joined the club from Newcastle for £100,000 in 1995, having moved to St James'

The pacy striker, who has represented Wales at 100 metres, shows bags of potential.

Albion resume league action at home to Swindon on Saturday.

Team: Miller, Holmes, Nicholson, Sneekes, Burgess, Raven, Flynn (Hamilton), Butler (Dobson), Thomas (Kilbane), Hunt, Smith.

See page 22 of this evening's match programme for memories of Albion manager Ray Harford's time at Kenilworth Road.

There's Coca-Cola Cup stats for both sides on page 20, and the full draw for the second round is on page 46.



LEFT: Shaun Murphy



RIGHT: Richard Sneekes

See page 20 for West Bromwich Albion stats....

SHANE NICHOLSON - Former Derby full-back who had become a permanent fixture in the Albion side before suffering a serious leg injury 20 games in to last season. Returned for two sub appearances at the end of the campaign. Joined Albion from the Rams for £150,000 in 1996.

PAUL PESCHISOLIDO - Canadian international who joined the club at the start of last season in a £550,000 move from Birmingham. That was his second spell at St Andrews, sandwiching a move to Stoke, after starting his career in his native Canada with Toronto Blizzard.

GRAHAM POTTER - Became Ray Harford's first signing for the club when he joined from Southampton for £300,000 in February. But the former England Under 21 international was injured after a handful of outings for Albion and missed the last six weeks of the campaign. Formerly with Birmingham and Stoke.

PAUL RAVEN - A regular in the centre of defence last season, with a variety of partners (Mardon, Burgess and Murphy, and even Groves and Darby at times), he joined Albion from Doncaster for £100,000 in 1989, and has made over 200 appearances for the club despite his fair share of injuries.

DAVID SMITH - Former Coventry midfielder/winger who re-established himself in the Albion side following the arrival of Ray Harford. Capped 10 times by England at Under-21 level.

RICHARD SNEEKES - Midfielder who won Under-21 caps for Holland after starting his career with Ajax. Joined Bolton from Dutch side Fortuna Sittard for £200,000 in 1994, and moved to Albion for £400,000 in March 1996.

NIGEL SPINK - Made over 350 league appearances for Aston Villa before a move to West Brom in January 1996.

BOB TAYLOR - Injuries and loss of form restricted his appearances last term, but he still managed to find the net on 10 occasions. First came to prominence with a move to Leeds United from his native north-east, and then joined Bristol City for £175,000 in 1989. Joined Albion for £300,000 in 1992, and has now made over 200 league appearances.

SEAN FLYNN - Midfielder who joined West Brom from Derby in August, after starting his career with Coventry.

LEE HUGHES - England semi-professional international who joined Albion from Kidderminster for £250,000 in May, after scoring over 60 goals in three seasons with the Harriers in the Conference.

KEVIN KILBANE - Eire international winger who became Albion's first million-pound player with a £1.5 million move from Preston in the summer - a deal which saw Julian Darby go to Deepdale.

JAMES THOMAS - Joined the Baggies on loan from Blackburn earlier this month.

LEFT: Paul Peschisolido



MEET THE MANAGER



Born in Halifax in June 1945, RAY HARFORD made 400 senior appearances as a player with Charlton, Exeter, Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester, retiring in May 1975.

His managerial career started at Fulham with a two-year spell in charge from 1984-86, before moving to Luton. He worked as coach to John Moore, and then took over the manager's chair in 1987, taking Luton to Wembley for the 1988 League Cup Final and a famous 3-2 win over Arsenal. They also reached the Twinn Towers for that season's Simod Cup Final, and were runners-up in the League Cup competition a year later. After departing Kenilworth Road, Harford has managed in the top flight at Wimbledon and Blackburn, with coach/assistant manager roles at both prior to taking over, and he was appointed manager of West Brom in February 1997 after brief coaching spells at Swindon and Reading.

Harford's assistants are JOHN TREWICK, the former Albion, Newcastle, Birmingham and Oxford midfielder, and CYRILLE REGIS, another former Albion star who scored 112 goals in over 300 games for the Baggies from 1977-84. He later won the FA Cup with Coventry in 1987, and played for Wolves and Aston Villa, thus becoming the first player to appear for the four West Midlands clubs named.

The Hatters & The Baggies



by ROGER WASH

ALTHOUGH this will be our first meeting with West Bromwich Albion in the League Cup competition we have previously clashed twice in the F.A. Cup although there will not be many here tonight who will have seen either game!

The visit of the great 'Throstles' side in January 1897 created great excitement in the town and a record crowd of 6,898 gathered on a cold day.

Record receipts of £184/15/0 were taken even though the game was in doubt until kick-off due to the snow lying on the pitch.

The man the crowd all wanted to see, West Brom right winger Billy Bassett, tested his injured foot before the kick-off but decided not to turn out just as the referee declared the pitch playable.

The Town certainly had their chances in the first half with Gallacher and McInnes both going close but, against the run of play, it was West Brom who stole the lead when inside right Flewitt broke from a seemingly offside position and advanced forward to slot the ball past a hesitant Williams in the Luton goal.

By now a thaw had set in and the pitch quickly changed into a muddy morass which suited the Luton forwards who laid siege on the West Brom goal in the second half but could not put the ball in the net.

The West Brom defence had to resort to "very foul

tactics" but they held on and were only too pleased to hear the final whistle.

Luton: Williams, McCartney, McEwen, Davies, Stewart, Docherty, Gallacher, Coupar, Galbraith, McInnes, Birch.

West Brom: Reader, Horton, Williams, Perry, Higgins, Banks, McLeod, Flewitt, Cameron, Richards, Watson.

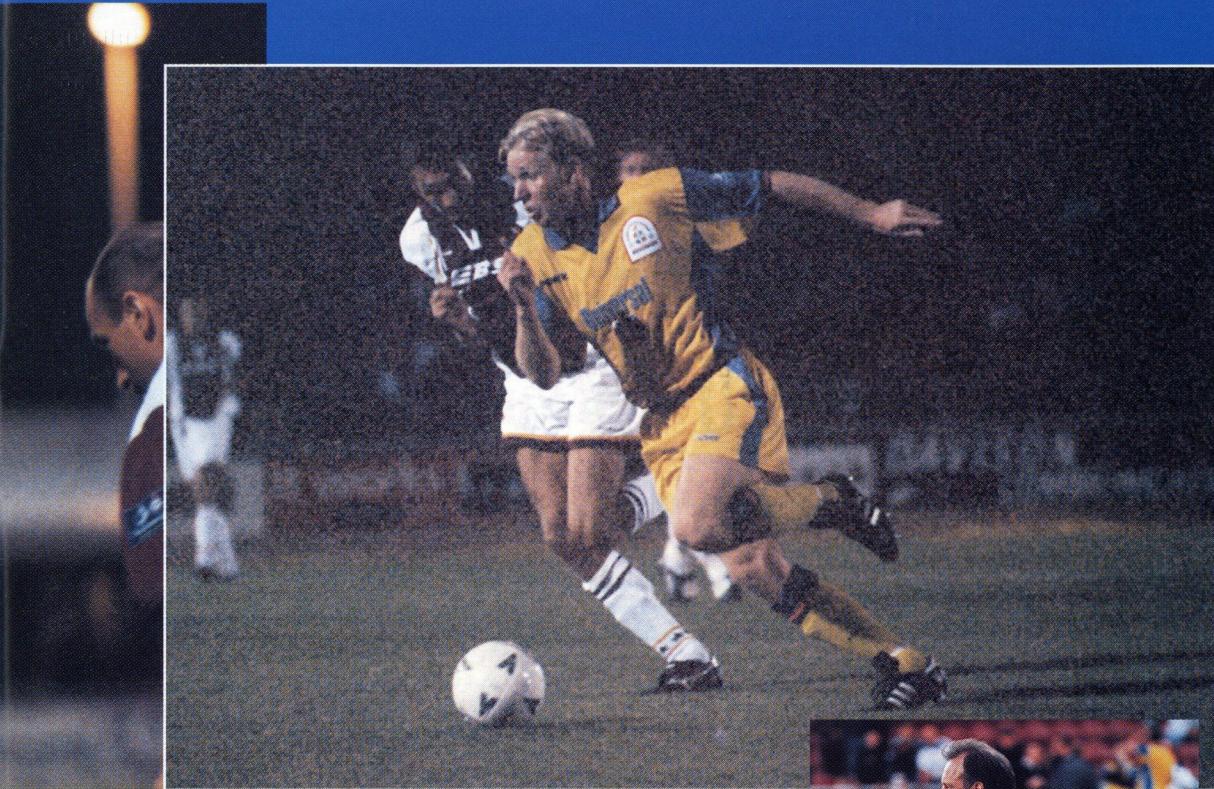
Our second, and last, meeting in the competition took place in January 1925 in the first round (today's equivalent of round three) when a crowd of 30,287 gathered at the Hawthorns to see whether Luton, from Division Three, could beat top flight opponents.

The afternoon got off to a poor start when Albion scored after two minutes through Wilson which meant that we were, from that point, chasing the game. We did not give up and went close several times but, in leaving ourselves open at the back, paid the price when Albion forward James scored three times without reply and our Wembley dreams were over for another year.

Luton: Brookes, Anderson, Graham, Mills, Neal, Millar, Mackey, Butcher, Tricker, Reid, Dennis.

West Brom: Ashmore, Smith, Perry, Magee, Reed, Richardson, Glidden, Carter, James, Wilson, Byers.

LEFT: Ceri Hughes lets fly during West Brom's last visit to Kenilworth Road in 1995. The Baggies won the Division One fixture 2-1, with Luton winning the return at the Hawthorns 2-0.

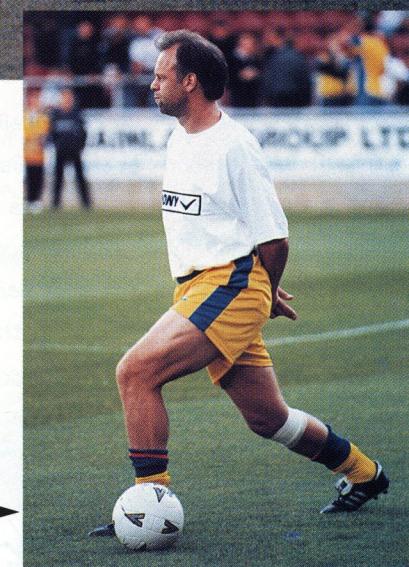


Ground A+; Floodlights B-. David Oldfield emerges from the second-half gloom at the Sixfields Stadium.

Gavin McGowan during the first-half against Northampton, before his dismissal for two bookable offences.

Dwight Marshall challenged by Roy Hunter and David Brightwell (6).

He would have beaten his own record as Luton's oldest league player had he come on. Trevor Peake tests out those knee joints!



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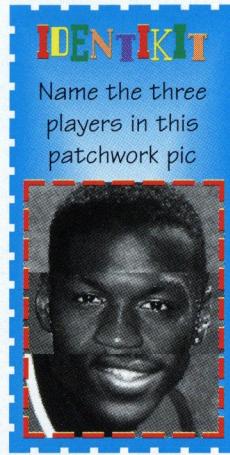
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3. Which Welsh club changed its name to Total Network Solutions in the summer?
4. Who scored the first goal in last season's FA Cup Final?
5. For which club did Arsenal's Paul Merson sign in the summer?
6. Which two clubs were the losing semi-finalists in last season's Coca Cola Cup competition?
7. Which club plays at the Deva Stadium?
8. Which club did former Liverpool man Stan Collymore join in the close season?
9. Where do Macclesfield play their home games?
10. How long was Hereford United's spell in the Football League?



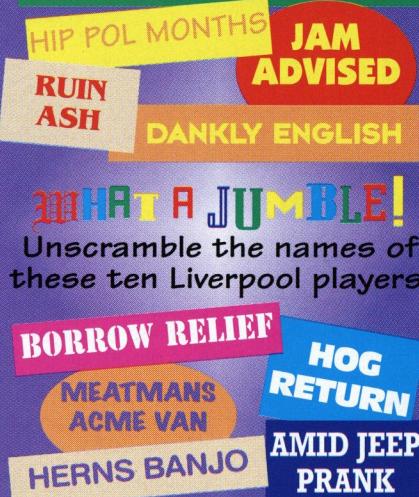
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Unscramble the names of these ten Liverpool players.

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Today's mascot



This evening's Junior Hatters mascot is 12-year-old RICHARD GREEN, who attends Alban Middle School in Barford. His favourite Luton Town player is Tony Thorpe, and his hobbies include mountain-biking and camping. Tonight's ballboy/girl are MATTHEW SCALES and JODIE GREEN.

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.

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 this Saturday, September 20, with the usual pre-match fun and games, with lunch, and a ticket for the match. Wrexham's juniors will also be attending for a game of football before joining us for lunch.

Prices are £4 for Junior Hatter season ticket holders, which includes lunch and a drink, and £8 for Junior Hatter non-season ticket holders, which includes lunch and drink, plus a match ticket.

We have already been on several away trips, and were at Northampton last Tuesday. Next weekend we are heading off to Bristol to watch the game at Ashton Gate on September 27. The Junior Hatters have been invited to play against the Young Reds in the morning, and lunch will be provided by Bristol City. The coach will be leaving Kenilworth Road at 8am.

Prices are £12 for adults and £10 for juniors, which includes coach fare and match ticket. Bookings for this trip can be made in person at the Ticket Office, or by phone on 416976.

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).

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Design A Banner Competition, c/o Ticket Office, Kenilworth Road, Luton, LU1 1DH. The winner of the competition will receive four free match tickets for them and their family to attend the game at which the prize will be presented.



ABOVE: Our mascot for the game against Oldham Athletic, Kayleigh Innes, is pictured with the team captains and match officials prior to kick-off.

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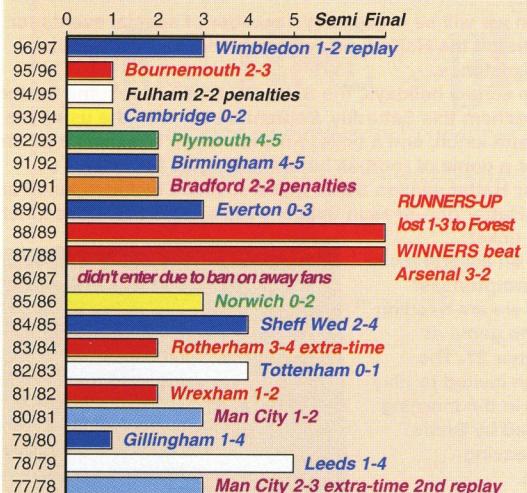


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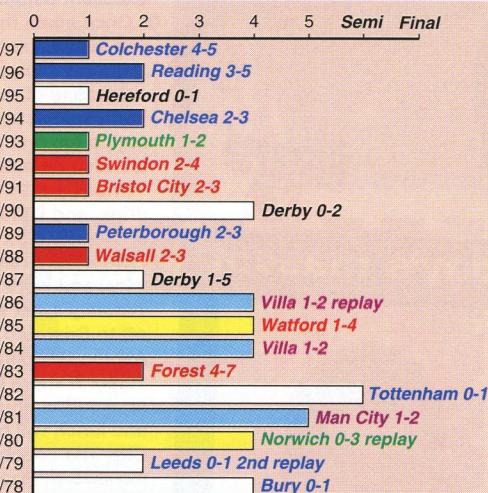
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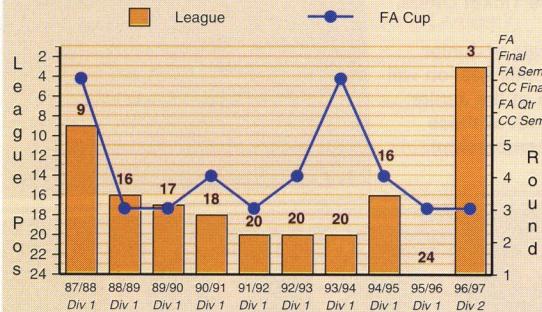
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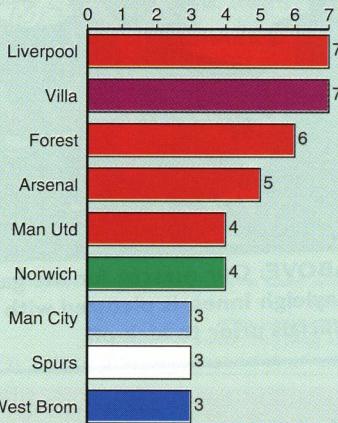
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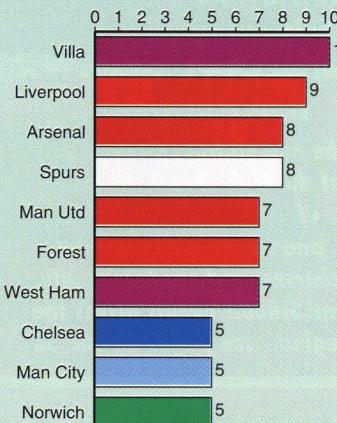
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IT'S ANOTHER DIBBLE DABBLE

AS this evening's programme was going to press, Luton Town were preparing to welcome back a player who will always hold a special place in the hearts of Hatters fans.

Forget "Do you remember Beasant saving from Aldridge?" or "Where were you when Southgate missed?" The only penalty question Luton fans remember is "Where were you when Winterburn took that penalty?" They all know where Andy Dibble was. Saving it.

The 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final hero was poised to make his return to the Luton side tonight, nine years after leaving the club for Manchester City. Ironically it will be in that same League Cup competition, now under



Ten seasons ago Ray Harford gambled on him in a League Cup Final at Wembley..... now Lennie Lawrence brings Andy Dibble back to Kenilworth Road..... for a League Cup tie against Harford's West Brom!

another assumed name, and by an even more remarkable coincidence against the team now managed by the man who managed the Hatters to that Dibble-inspired win - Ray Harford.

On April 24, 1988, against

Arsenal at Wembley, Andy Dibble emerged from a long spell of semi-obscurity in the reserves to perform with remarkable skill, agility and bravery after regular first-choice goalkeeper Les Sealey had suffered a shoulder injury against Sheffield Wednesday on April 5.

The Welsh international produced a brilliant save from a penalty taken by Nigel Winterburn in the second half.

The dramatic moment came with only 10 minutes remaining and Arsenal leading 2-1. A goal then and the Hatters might have been sunk. But Dibble, who had made breathtaking saves from Alan Smith and Martin Hayes as Arsenal piled on the pressure, guessed correctly and dived low to his left to save.

The then 22-year-old goalkeeper had only been told he was playing a couple of hours before the final because Sealey had failed to recover from his shoulder injury.

Dibble said it was the best day of his life, but a few months later agreed to leave Luton for Manchester City because he

wanted to be assured of regular first-team football.

Les Sealey was generous in his after-match praise of the Welshman. "For me, Andy Dibble won Luton the cup," said Sealey. "He was absolutely superb. Faultless. The penalty save was something else, and I just do not know how he got down so low so quickly."

The selection of Andy Dibble was just one of many decisions Ray Harford got right that afternoon.

The Yorkshire-born coach, in his first season in charge after working under John Moore, had taken a gamble on the fitness of Ricky Hill and David Preece, and the temperament of 19-year-old winger Kingsley Black, as well as the nerve of Dibble.

He had not selected Dibble, for only his sixth first team appearance of the season, until the day of the match. Preece had played only once since the previous September. Hill not seriously since Boxing Day. And Black had just a handful of games behind him. Yet it worked.

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Wanderer Bryan arrives on loan

FORMER England Under-21 defender Bryan Small arrived at Kenilworth Road on loan last week from Bolton, following a string of injuries in the Hatters squad, and could end up making a permanent move.

Small, 25, was capped 12 times by England at Under-21 level in 1993 and 1994 when he was at Aston Villa.

He later moved on to Bolton Wanderers, and played against Luton in last season's FA Cup. But following Bolton's return to the Premiership he hasn't been able to secure a first-team place, and so Lennie Lawrence contacted the Wanderers' boss Colin Todd.

Small became Luton's second permitted loan signing, after Gavin McGowan, and following the injuries to Mitchell Thomas, Julian James and Richard Harvey, went straight into the team at Northampton.

"Among the welter of problems we have got at the moment, the left-back situation became the number one priority because we literally had no-one in the squad who could play there," pointed out Lennie Lawrence.

"Bryan is quick and can defend, as well as charge up and down the line, and the loan is a good move for him because he hasn't been able to force his way in at Bolton, where there seem to be a number of players ahead of him.

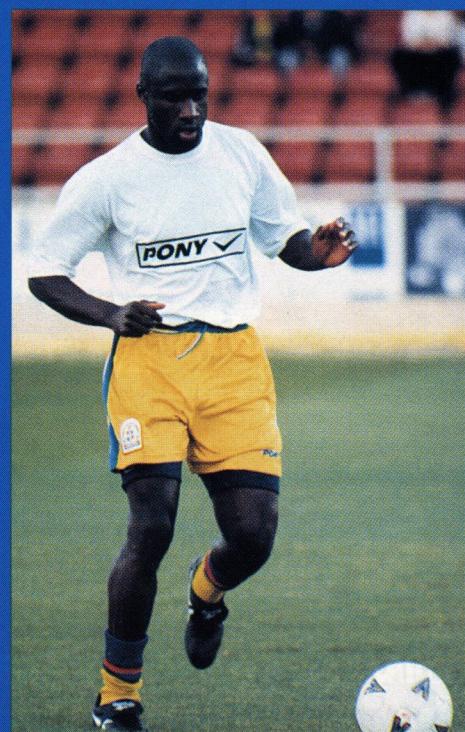
"How we take it from here depends on a number of things," added the Town manager.

"It depends how long Mitchell is out, it depends how well Bryan does, and it depends on how much he will cost."

"But certainly this month he's got to look at us and we've got to look at him."

"Fate has intervened with all these injuries, and we can't wait for everybody to be fit so we must look to bring in some new bodies."

Birmingham-born Small started his career at Aston Villa, making 36 league appearances for the Villa Park side, and also had a brief loan spell at Birmingham before his move to Bolton in March 1996.



ABOVE: Bryan Small prepares for his Luton debut at Northampton last Tuesday.

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Memories of April 24, 1988, are

DIBBLE DABBLE

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Harford gambled with his selection, and indeed with his tactics.

Knowing Arsenal would include a left-footed player at right-back - Winterburn, whose low penalty was saved by Dibble - the manager included the rookie winger Black to dribble on the left.

It meant leaving out Mark Stein, who stormed out of the hotel when told, but who returned to play a key role as a substitute on a wonderful afternoon.

Although as the players celebrated, the manager was in more reflective mood. The man who had masterminded Luton's first trophy-winning cup run admitted he could barely raise a smile.

"I feel 10 times worse today than when we lost to Reading in the Simod Cup Final," he said. "I cannot explain my feelings today. This is the greatest win in my time at Luton and yet I could not even smile for the photographers."

But by the time the open top bus carried the players back into a packed town centre, the manager was able to enjoy it.

"I could not believe those scenes outside the Town Hall," said Harford. "I think all of us felt very emotional.

"Mick Harford said it reminded him of when he was a young supporter who turned out to see Sunderland go home with the FA Cup in 1973.



"Those fans are certainly passionate about their football, but Luton showed there is a lot of feeling for the local club."

Luton were back to defend the cup a year later but lost 3-1 to Nottingham Forest, and nine months later Harford too, like Dibble had left Kenilworth Road. So where have they been?

In the goalkeeper's case, where hasn't he been. He arrives here now from Sheffield United, where his one month contract expired last week, just in time to provide the answer to Lennie Lawrence's Coca-Cola Cup goalkeeping problems.

With Ian Feuer injured and Kelvin Davis cup-tied, Nathan Abbey was called upon for the first round, but Lawrence is reluctant to pitch the youngster in against the Division One leaders. So Dibble was set to sign a short-term contract, with league appearances also on the cards.

"I need somebody for the Coca-Cola Cup and I need some experience," said Lawrence. "Kelvin hasn't let himself down, but has only played a handful of league games and Ian's still a long way from recovery, so really we need an experienced pair of hands."

So might we see Dibble at the likes of Wigan and Carlisle? It would certainly be a far cry from the end of last season when he was on loan at Glasgow Rangers, playing in the cauldron that is the Old Firm derby, as Walter Smith's side made it nine Premier League titles in a row.

But Ibrox is only part of the story. He joined Luton from Cardiff, played on loan with Sunderland and Huddersfield whilst with the Hatters, and since moving to Manchester City has played on loan for Aberdeen, Middlesbrough, Bolton, West Brom and Oldham. Have gloves will travel.

And Mr Harford? Following his departure from Kenilworth Road, he became Bobby Gould's assistant at Wimbledon, and after Gould's resignation became permanent boss in December 1990. He combined this role with coaching duties for the England Under 21 side, taking the Dons to seventh in his only full season in charge, and bringing in the unknown Warren Barton from Maidstone - later to be sold to Newcastle for £4 million.

He left Wimbledon and headed north, and into the old second division to join up with Kenny Dalglish at big-spending Blackburn. There's no doubting Dalglish's midas touch, or the influence of one Mr Walker, but Harford showed why he's rated one of the best coaches in the business as Rovers lifted the Premiership title in 1995.

When Dalglish moved 'upstairs' Harford guided Blackburn through the troubled Champions League campaign the following season, but left Ewood Park last term.

He arrived at the Hawthorns at the end of last season, and now has them at the head of those striving for the Premiership goldmine which he knows all about. Typically he's not getting excited at the prospect, and after going top with last weekend's win over Reading, told reporters his squad was neither big enough or good enough to stay there.

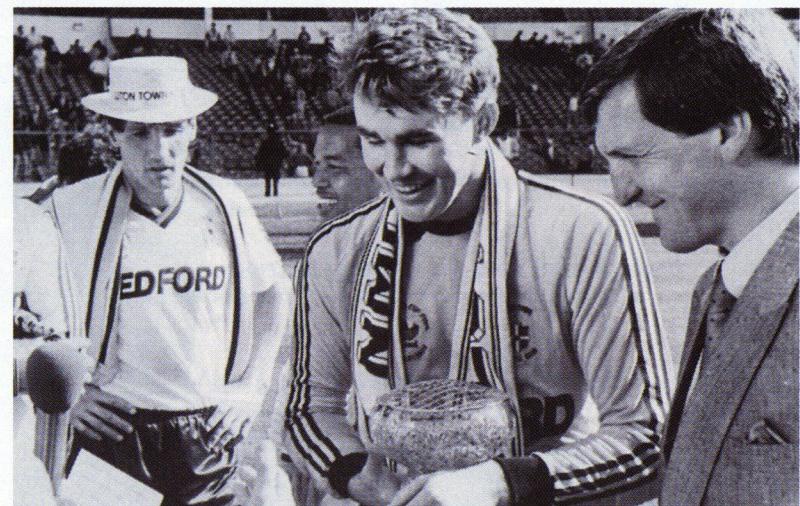
A lot might have happened to both messrs Dibble and Harford in the past nine-and-a-half years, but some things don't change! - *Simon Oxley*.

(Pictures and extracts taken from: Luton Town - A Pictorial Celebration of their Cup History).

rekindled by tonight's match....



ABOVE: That save - Andy Dibble keeps out Nigel Winterburn's penalty which would have put the Gunners 3-1 in front.



RIGHT: Ray Harford looks on as Andy Dibble is presented with his Man-of-the Match award.

FAR LEFT: Harford is now in charge at West Brom.

Player Profile



Autograph

TONY THORPE

Date of Birth: April 10, 1974.

Previous Clubs: Leicester City.

Joined Luton: August 1992

Tony made an immediate impact in the Town side when he scored for the Hatters on his full debut at Newcastle United, in the fourth round of the FA Cup in January 1994. He had joined the club at the start of the 1992/93 season, following a spell at Leicester, but was restricted to just five sub appearances during the 1994/95 campaign. Scored Luton's winner at Southend at the start of the following season, but after signing a new contract in the summer of 1996 established his place in the team and went on to enjoy a record-breaking season - becoming the first Luton player since Malcolm MacDonald in 1970/71 to reach 30 goals - finishing with 31.

Most memorable game: "The 1-1 draw at Leicester two seasons ago. I scored in front of all my family and at my home town club. My debut at Newcastle also stands out, and that was probably my best goal along with one I scored at Kenilworth Road against Barnsley in 1996."

Game I'd prefer to forget: "The 2-2 draw against Crewe at home in the Play-Offs last season. It was such a disappointing end after such a good season not to go up."

Which present-day player do you admire most? "Peter Beardsley. He has a great appetite for the game, and can win a match on his own from nothing. I admire his enthusiasm to keep playing so well into his thirties."

Premiership 'Dream Team': David Seaman; Rob Jones, Colin Hendry, Gary Pallister, Graeme Le Saux; Steve McManaman, Paul Ince, Roy Keane, John Barnes; Ian Wright, Alan Shearer.

Greatest sporting achievement away from football: "I won schools and county swimming medals as a teenager."

State of the game: "Transfer fees are going through the roof, and the prices for players are too high. The money being spent abroad doesn't give the lower league players the chance to play at a higher level."



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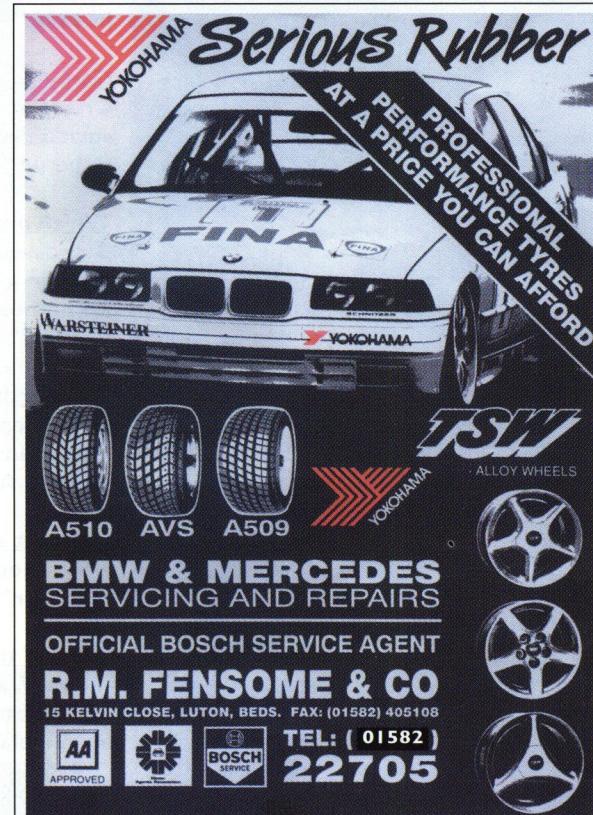
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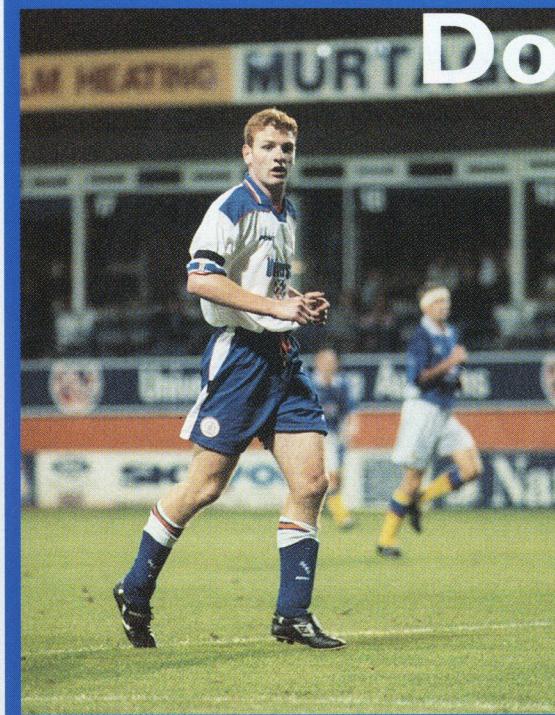
Doherty's debut

SEVENTEEN-year-old youth team player Gary Doherty (pictured left) made his first-team debut when he came on as a substitute against Millwall.

The youngster came on after Graham Alexander had suffered a recurrence of a hamstring injury.

Gary had earned his place in the squad with a two-goal display in the reserves the previous week - ironically against Millwall - at Kenilworth Road, but unfortunately couldn't find the net against the Lions on this occasion.

He was one of the key players in the youth team's successful cup run last



season when they reached the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup, having been pressed into service up front from his usual centre-half position after injuries to Andrew Barr and Steve Augustine.

He has also played some of his football this season for the reserves and youth team in defence, and was selected in that role for the Eire youth squad for a summer tournament in Scandinavia.

Luton-born Gary made a second league appearance, again as a substitute, in last Tuesday's defeat at Northampton, replacing Sean Evers for the last 10 minutes at the Sixfields

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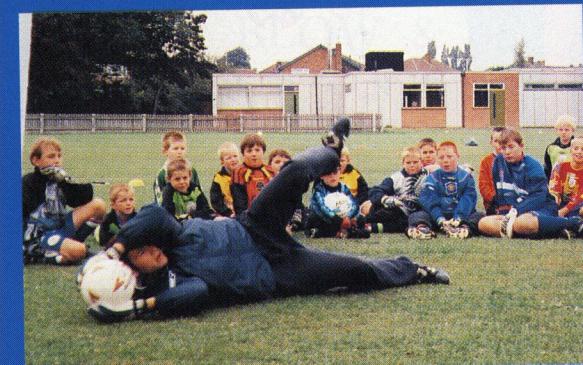
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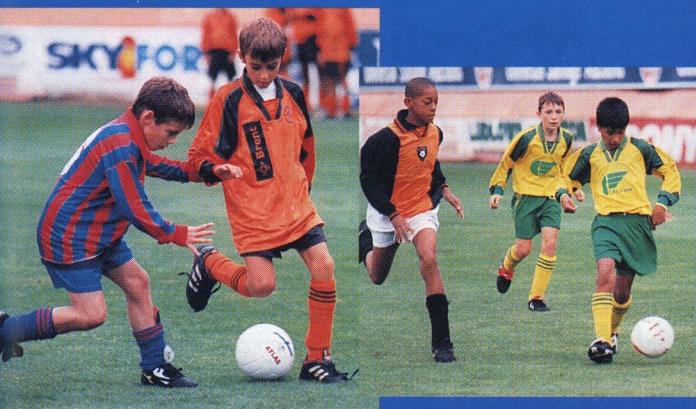


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INJURY UPDATE

Another quiet week in the treatment room!

It goes without saying that this is one of the worst spells for injuries I can remember in my time at the club.

MITCHELL THOMAS aggravated a groin injury in the warm-up prior to the game against Millwall, and has this week undergone an operation which will sideline him for about six weeks.

ANDREW FOTIADIS has also undergone a similar operation, and will be out for about six weeks as well.

PAUL SHOWLER has been suffering with a toe infection, and has had an operation to remove the toenail.

JULIAN JAMES is improving slowly after the ankle injury he suffered in the opening minutes against Millwall, and **IAN FEUER** was due to see the specialist yesterday for a full examination of his injured shoulder. Ian continues to do what work he can on building up the muscles in and around the injured area.

GRAHAM ALEXANDER suffered a recurrence of his injury against Millwall, but is due to return this evening, as is **RICHARD HARVEY** who has been suffering with a calf injury.

TONY THORPE has missed the last two games with a thigh injury, but hopefully could be back for Saturday's game against Wrexham.

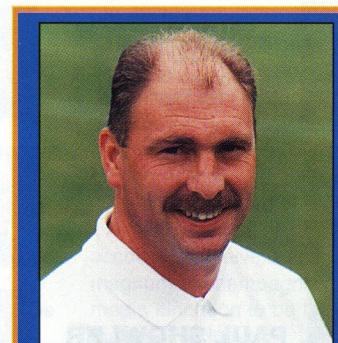
DARREN PATTERSON is able to do some light work at the moment after his ankle operation, and is walking without the aid of crutches. He will obviously be out of action for some time yet.

Two of our younger players **STEVE AUGUSTINE** and **NICK WEBB** have been given the go-ahead to step up training after long-term injuries, and **CHRIS WILLMOTT** has had a further minor operation to remove scar tissue following his knee operation earlier this year. This should only set him back a couple of weeks.



LEFT:
Darren Patterson will be out for over a month after an ankle operation.

RIGHT:
Mitchell Thomas - injured in the pre-match warm-up against Millwall.



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Taylor is Nationwide's Manager of the Month

THE Division Two Nationwide League Manager-of-the-Month for August has been awarded to the former England boss Graham Taylor, who has secured an impressive start to the campaign for high-flying Watford.

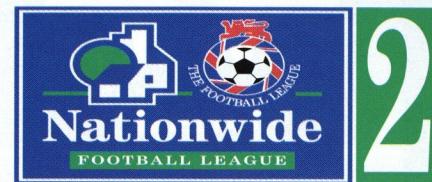
The Hornets won three of their four Division Two encounters, and also fought their way through to the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup thanks to a splendid 3-1 aggregate victory over first division Swindon Town.

"The players have had to take a lot on board and they have responded extremely well," said Taylor. "Although we are all well aware that three league wins out of four games means nothing in the context of the season, the players deserve great credit for the results so far.

"But it would be foolish to think that we have 'cracked it,'" he added.

Dave Bassett of Nottingham Forest is the Division One winner, after steering the City Ground club to the top of the table at the end of the first month of the season.

The former Wimbledon, Sheffield United and Crystal Palace boss guided Forest to a 100 per cent record from four league fixtures in August, plus a comprehensive victory in



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the Coca-Cola Cup over Doncaster.

In Division Three, the monthly accolade was awarded to Peterborough boss Barry Fry, following a marvellous run of early form from the Posh - spearheaded by former Reading player-manager Jimmy Quinn who is leading the line at London Road at the age of 37. Peterborough won two of their opening four league games, but also accounted for Division One Portsmouth in the Coca-Cola Cup.

The Nationwide Manager of the Month awards will be announced at the end of every month during the campaign to recognise the most successful bosses in Divisions One, Two and Three.

All recipients of these managerial accolades receive a specially-commissioned magnum of champagne at a special monthly media luncheon to be held in the area of the manager's club.

BILL BATES

It is with regret that we inform supporters of the death of former Luton player Bill Bates - a player for the club during the Second World War years.

Mr Bates, 75, from Dunstable, died last month, having been a season ticket holder at Kenilworth Road for many years following his retirement from the game.

He is pictured (front row, last player on the right) in a team

photograph kindly supplied to us by his daughter Lynn Morgan. Lynn was introduced to Luton Town by her father, and now attends with her own children. I'm sure all supporters will join with the club in extending our sympathies to

Set the video for 'Football League Extra'

SUPPORTERS of clubs in the three divisions of the Football League can once again enjoy an extra taste of action from the Nationwide League with the return of the popular ITV highlights package 'Football League Extra' on Monday evenings.

Times vary from region to region, and often the action doesn't start until the early hours of the morning - so set the video!

But the programme will run for the entire 38 weeks of the soccer season, with the 55-minute format featuring all the goals from the weekend's league matches.

There are also features and interviews, and the programme is once again being backed by the league sponsors Nationwide Building Society.



RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



THE Hatters' reserve side beat Millwall 3-1 at Kenilworth Road on August 28, with Gary Doherty netting two goals for Luton.

Andrew Barr was the other Luton scorer, as Gavin McGowan and Paul Showler continued their comebacks from injury.

The Luton side also included Alan White at centre-half, on trial from Middlesbrough.

Team: Abbey, McGowan (Spring), Fraser, Evers, White, Jones, Sweeney (Lawes), Kean, Barr, Doherty, Showler.

Sub not used: Cox.

The match against Swindon on September 4 had been switched to Kenilworth Road because of problems with the County Ground pitch, but was eventually postponed due to the number of injuries in the Town camp, plus the fact that the youth team were playing the following day because of the funeral of Princess Diana.

But the reserves were back in action last Wednesday, with a 3-0 defeat against Tottenham, in a game played at Leyton Orient.

Alan White again played at centre-half, with two further trialists in the Hatters line-up.

The game was refereed by Wendy Toms. You may have seen her featured in the national press, having

been an assistant referee in Football League matches.

Team: Abbey, Jones, Fraser, Kean, Omogbehin (McIndoe), White, Quinn (Spring), George, Doherty, Barr, Sweeney.

Sub not used: Peake.

The reserves are back at Kenilworth Road tomorrow afternoon, when they entertain Crystal Palace.

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 have recorded two

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	E	A	Pts
Tottenham	5	4	0	1	10	5	12
Portsmouth	5	2	3	0	8	4	9
West Ham	6	3	0	3	10	10	9
Arsenal	4	2	2	0	10	4	8
Charlton	4	2	1	1	10	5	7
Watford	4	2	1	1	4	2	7
Millwall	5	2	1	2	7	8	7
C Palace	4	2	0	2	7	8	6
Southampton	4	1	2	1	8	6	5
Wimbledon	4	1	2	1	6	4	5
LUTON TOWN	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
Chelsea	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
Oxford	4	1	2	1	5	7	5
Ipswich	4	1	1	2	2	6	4
Norwich	5	0	3	2	5	12	3
Brighton	4	0	2	2	3	7	2
QPR	4	0	2	2	4	9	2
Swindon	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

League table up to and including 4/9/97

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1997/98 APPS & SCORERS (10/9/97)

	APPS	G	APPS	G
Nathan ABBEY	3			
Ian JONES	4			
Richard HARVEY	2			
Sean EVERIS	3			
Gary DOHERTY	3	2		
Emerson BOYCE	2			
Robert KEAN	4			
Matthew SPRING	1 (2)			
Andrew BARR	4	3		
Liam GEORGE	3			
Terry SWEENEY	4			
Andre SCARLETT	(1)			
Michael McINDOE	(2)			
Stuart FRASER	2 (2)			
Daniel TATE	1			
Gavin McGOWAN	2			
Paul SHOWLER	2			
Alan WHITE	2			
Russell LAWES	(1)			
S OMOGBEHIN	1			
S QUINN	1			

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.

league victories, but have bowed out of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

Starting in the league, they beat Oxford 5-1 on August 30, with two goals apiece for Cox and Kandol, and a penalty from Michael McIndoe.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Kandol, Clarke, Boyce, Scarlett, Cox, Akurang, McIndoe, Jerry.

Subs: Doherty, Spring, McKoy.

The match at Barnet was brought forward to Friday, September 5, because of Princess Diana's funeral the following day, and Luton won 4-2 at Underhill.

Andre Scarlett scored twice, with the other goals coming from Emerson Boyce and Clifford Akurang.

Team: Tate, Boyce, Stirling, Spring, Clarke, Ayres (Lawes), Scarlett, Cox (Jerry), Akurang, Kandol, McKoy.

Sub not used: McIndoe.

But the youth side lost 1-0 to Crystal Palace at Kenilworth Road last Tuesday in the first round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Spring, Clarke, Boyce, Scarlett, Cox, Akurang (Kandol), McIndoe, McKoy.

Subs not used: Jerry, Stirling.

The youth side were hoping for better things from their League Cup trip to Southend on Saturday.

See next weekend's programme for details.



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

Sat Aug 9	WYCOMBE W	lost 1-0	Sat Dec 13 Bristol Rovers
Sat Aug 16	Reading	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	won 5-1	Sat Jan 10 SWINDON TOWN 11am
Fri Sep 5	Barnet	won 4-2	Sat Jan 17 OxfordUnited 11am
Tue Sep 9	C PALACE (SJFC1)	lost 1-0	Sat Jan 24 BARNET 11am
Sat Sep 13	Southend (SECLC1)		Sat Jan 31 Brighton
Sat Sep 20	BRIGHTON	11am	Sat Feb 7 BRISTOL CITY 11am
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City		Sat Feb 14 Brentford
Sat Oct 4	BRENTFORD	11am	Sat Feb 21 SOUTHAMPTON 11am
Sat Oct 11	Southampton		Sat Feb 28 Tottenham
Sat Oct 18	SECLC2		Sat Mar 21 Colchester
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		Games in caps denote HOME matches.
Sat Nov 29	Bournemouth		Home league matches at Luton Rugby Club.
Sat Dec 6	BRISTOL ROVERS	11am	

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	E	A	Pts
Tottenham	4	3	1	0	9	2	10
LUTON TOWN	4	3	0	1	15	4	9
Southampton	4	3	0	1	13	7	9
Brentford	4	2	2	0	10	6	8
Bristol Rovers	4	2	0	1	10	8	7
Oxford Utd	4	2	0	2	8	12	6
Bristol City	4	1	2	1	10	9	5
Wimbledon	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Wycombe	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Swindon	4	1	1	2	8	9	4
Barnet	4	1	1	2	7	11	4
Colchester	4	0	2	2	6	10	2
Bournemouth	4	0	2	2	7	13	2
Brighton	4	0	1	3	5	10	1
Reading	4	0	1	3	4	14	1

League table as at August 30, 1997

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G	YOUTH TEAM 1997/98 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS
Daniel TATE	5		2		
Russell LAWES	3 (1)		2		
Stuart FRASER	4	1	2		
Matthew SPRING	4	1	2		
Emerson BOYCE	4	3	2		
James AYRES	3				
Andre SCARLETT	5	2	2		
Clifford AKURANG	4	3	1 (1)	1	
Gary DOHERTY	2 (1)	1	1		
Richard CLARKE	5		2		
Delroy McKOY	3		2		
Darren HOWE	1		(1)		
C DREW	(1)				
Michael McINDOE	3 (1)	2	2		
Jimmy COX	4	4	2		
T KANDOL	2 (1)	2	(1)		
Moses JERRY	2 (2)	2			
J STIRLING	1				

Up to and including September 9, 1997

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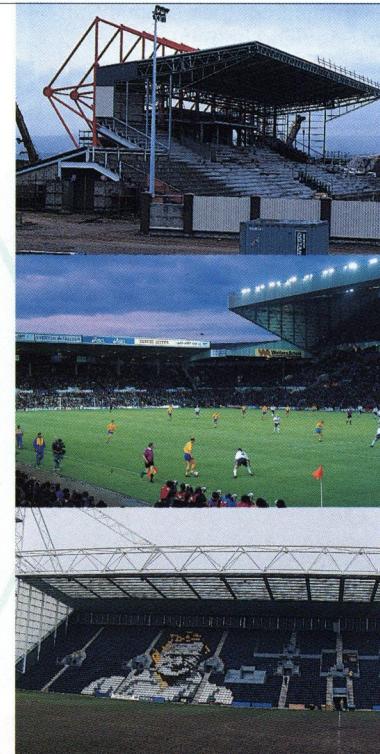
Thanks to the Government and to the Football Association, the FA Premier League and the English Sports Council, a major new funding package to secure the future of the Trust has been put in place.

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Chris Waddle's Clarets remain goalless with six games gone!

BECAUSE of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, last weekend's scheduled Division Two fixtures were played over four days, with teams playing on Friday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Bournemouth missed the chance to return to the top of the division when they went down 2-1 at Gillingham on Friday, and on the same evening Brentford must have thought their luck had turned when they went 1-0 in front at Southend after just two minutes.

But 60 seconds later Alvin Martin's side were level, and moved into a 3-1 half-time lead which they maintained until the final whistle.

On Sunday, Watford were able to cement their place at the top with a 2-1 home win over Wycombe.

Elton John got a hero's welcome a day after his moving performance at Westminster Abbey.

The Watford chairman made his first appearance at Vicarage Road since his consortium bought back the club in May.

And he earned a three-minute standing ovation from both sets of fans for his rendition of 'Candle in the Wind' at Princess Diana's funeral.

Micah Hyde fired Watford in front, with Jason Lee adding a second.

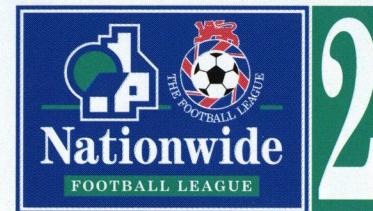
Watford also hit the bar four times, with Wycombe replying late on through Paul Read.

Burnley boss Chris Waddle is still waiting for a league goal after six games.

The Clarets scored three times against Lincoln in the Coca-Cola Cup, but in the second division they are still waiting to break their duck.

Paul Barnes and Andy Cooke brought the number of forwards used by Waddle this season to seven, and the player-manager even substituted himself after 70 minutes.

By then, after three minutes in fact, Chesterfield were in front with Tony Lormor scoring what proved to be the



winner in a 1-0 victory.

Also on Sunday, Blackpool beat Carlisle 2-1 after it looked as though they would have to settle for a draw.

Owen Archdeacon's 89th minute penalty gave Carlisle an equaliser, but youth team striker Clark Carlisle (I kid you not!) netted Blackpool's 90th minute winner.

On Monday evening, in a game televised live on Sky, Wigan beat Wrexham 3-2, with the remaining matches played on Tuesday.

Luton conceded a goal after just 22 seconds to lose 1-0 at Northampton, with Tommy Wright's 76th minute goal giving Oldham a 1-0 win over Preston.

Former Stevenage striker Barry Hayles was on target again for Bristol Rovers in their 2-0 win over Walsall, with Paul Moody scoring both goals in Fulham's 2-0 win over Plymouth on an emotional night at Craven Cottage, where Fulham chairman Mohamed Al Fayed led a pre-match tribute to his son Dodi and Princess Diana.

In the final match, Grimsby and York drew 0-0.

See page 54 of tonight's match programme for an up-to-date league table, including this weekend's matches, and this page on Saturday will feature a full round-up of those Division Two matches. - Simon Oxley.



ABOVE: David Oldfield, who once played a loan spell for Millwall, finds his progress halted by the Lions during our match against the Londoners two weeks ago.

SYD Owen, now living in retirement in Leeds, can look back with satisfaction on a football career that encompassed playing for his adopted home town club Luton Town as well as England.

He then managed the Town and followed that by coaching probably the finest side of the 60's and 70's, Leeds United.

Born in Birmingham in 1922, Syd left school at 14 and although playing local football the outbreak of War put an embargo on any thoughts he may have had of playing professionally.

"I joined the R.A.F and saw service in Italy but while I was there I managed to play a fair amount of representative football," he said.

"It was while I was in Italy that I met up with several professional footballers, including Bill Nicholson who was at Tottenham and we became firm friends, and I must say I learnt a lot from him."

While on leave from Italy in 1945 Syd was invited for trials at Birmingham City and on de-mob signed on at St Andrews.

Unfortunately due to the large number of professionals on the books at St Andrews, Syd only managed five appearances in 1945/46, as the Blues walked away with the Football League (South) competition, and the same number in the following campaign which was the first year of normal League competition following the hostilities.

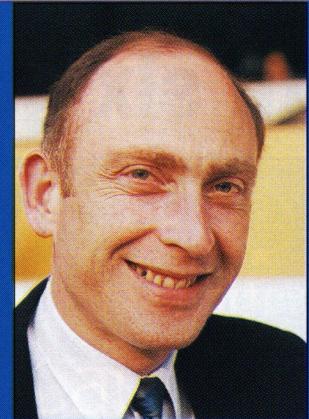
"You have to remember that I was 25 and needed first team football," said Syd. "Manager Harry Storer made it fairly obvious that he did not rate me and placed me on the transfer list with a price tag of £1,500. I was desperate to prove him wrong and jumped at the chance to come to Kenilworth Road."

Luton chairman Charles Jeyses negotiated the transfer that brought Syd to Luton in June 1947, but his move was overshadowed somewhat when the

5 YEARS AGO

23/9/92: In the second round of the League Cup we were drawn at home to Plymouth, and only two goals from Steve Claridge saved our faces in a 2-2 draw. The second leg proved to be an even bigger disaster as, despite a spirited fightback, we went down 3-2.

Where are they now?



by **ROGER
WASH**

Town signed Welsh International full back Billy Hughes, coincidentally from Birmingham, for £11,000 the following month.

Hughes lasted less than a season despite all the hype at the time, while Owen gave twelve years solid service to the Town rearguard. Syd did not have to wait long before getting his chance, for after a disastrous 4-1 defeat at Coventry on the opening day of the 1947/48 season he found himself in the side replacing Doug Gardiner at left half in the following game away at Brentford.

The Town won 3-0 with ease, courtesy of a Hugh Billington hat trick, and that was the start of a career that took in 388 League appearances in the black and white of the Town.

After almost two years with the Hatters, Owen was moved over to

centre half, a position he had played in as a schoolboy.

Initially reluctant to forego his old wing half position it soon became apparent that his ability in the air meant that he was made for central defence, although that meant the end of his prodigious long throw that was often used by the Town to good effect in the late 1940s!

His displays at centre half with his heading ability, cool distribution and long legs that seemed to snake out to dispossess many an opposition forward, earned him the captaincy at Kenilworth Road and the honour of travelling with the F.A. party to Australia.

Further honours by way of places in the Football League side against both Denmark and Scotland as well as trips to the West Indies and South Africa with the F.A. party followed, and it only seemed a matter of time before he would get a chance in the full England side.

England had lost 6-3 to Hungary at Wembley in 1953,

10 YEARS AGO

22/9/87: Little did we know at the time, but a second round tie with Wigan was the start of the road to Wembley glory. A goal from Micky Weir secured a hard-fought victory at Wigan, while a 4-2 second leg win at Kenilworth Road sent us smoothly through to the next stage.

the first time we had been beaten by a foreign side on our own soil, and for the return in 1954 Syd was given a chance at centre half.

Unfortunately the Hungarians, with Puskas in full flow, ran riot and ended up 7-1 winners. It has to be said that Hungary would have thrashed anyone at that time and as if to prove that it was not Syd's fault he earned two more caps and took part in the 1954 World Cup tournament.

He would probably have earned more caps had Billy Wright not been an almost automatic selection at centre half for England at the time.

Syd licked his wounds and got back to life at Kenilworth Road and in the 1954/55 season he captained the side to promotion to Division One for the first time in the club's history.

Such was Syd's influence on the side, it is interesting to note that during that promotion season he missed six games through injury of which four were lost!

As we entered Division One Syd, by now 33, was given the extra responsibility of coaching the youngsters but this did not detract from his performances on the pitch, as the Town took to their new higher status like ducks to water and saw off some of the best teams in the land.

Syd was injured halfway through the campaign, during an F.A. Cup game against Leicester, and only came back at the season's end.

During his absence the team went off the boil and it is pure conjecture to think what might have happened had he been fit for the whole season. Certainly many Town fans felt that this was one of the best Hatters sides in our history.

Syd went on to hold the greatest centre forwards in the country in his pocket but by the summer of 1958, despite being super fit, he decided to call it a day and concentrate on coaching having been appointed chief coach at the club.

"I had told the club I wanted to finish but it was not as easy as it sounds and the board and manager Dally Duncan talked me round," he remembered. "For that I shall always be grateful."

The reason for this show of appreciation? For the first time in the club's history we reached the F.A. Cup final twelve months later.

15 YEARS AGO

5/10/82: Charlton were our opponents in the competition, and we seemed to have done enough when winning the first leg 3-0 at Kenilworth Road. In the return however, we made it difficult with keeper Jake Findlay getting sent off, and were hanging on at the end - losing 2-0 on the night.



Before all this Dally Duncan resigned in October 1958 and for the remainder of the season the team was picked by a consortium which included Owen, trainer Frank King and the Board.

The second part of this interview will be featured in Saturday's match programme against Wrexham.

20 YEARS AGO

30/8/77: A much earlier start to the competition, and a second round pairing with first division Wolves at Molineux (one leg only in those days). On a marvellous night for Town supporters we won 3-1, and it could have been more! Jim Husband, Phil Boersma and David Carr were the scorers.



↑
Substitute Sean Evers entered the fray for the Hatters after just 10 minutes, when Julian James was injured.

← High-flying Dwight Marshall looks for an opening against Millwall.

Tony Thorpe gets in a second-half shot for the Hatters. His header hit the post late on.

Stuart Douglas looks on as the visitors' defence clears the danger once again. →



ACTION STATIONS



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FORTHCOMING MATCHES
IN NATIONWIDE DIV TWO

Saturday, September 20
Blackpool v Oldham
Brentford v Wycombe
Bristol City v Bournemouth
Burnley v Preston
Carlisle v Plymouth
Chesterfield v Bristol Rovers
Gillingham v Watford
Grimsby v Millwall
LUTON v Wrexham
Northampton v Wigan
Southend v Fulham
Walsall v York

Saturday, September 27
Bournemouth v Grimsby
Blackpool v Southend
Brentford v Burnley
Bristol City v LUTON
Carlisle v Gillingham
Northampton v Millwall
Oldham v Bristol Rovers
Plymouth v Walsall
Watford v York
Wigan v Fulham
Wrexham v Chesterfield
Wycombe v Preston

Saturday, October 4
Bristol Rovers v Wrexham
Burnley v Wycombe
Chesterfield v Bournemouth
Fulham v Oldham
Gillingham v Bristol City
Grimsby v Wigan
LUTON v Watford
Millwall v Blackpool
Preston v Brentford
Southend v Northampton
Walsall v Carlisle
York v Plymouth

Saturday, October 11
Bristol Rovers v Watford
Burnley v Carlisle
Chesterfield v Wigan
Fulham v Blackpool
Gillingham v Wycombe
Grimsby v Northampton
LUTON v Plymouth
Millwall v Oldham
Preston v Bournemouth
Southend v Bristol City
Walsall v Wrexham
York v Brentford

Coca-Cola Cup - second round draw

THIRD division Barnet have been rewarded for their first round win over Norwich with a tie against Middlesbrough.

Blackpool, who knocked out Manchester City on penalties, take on Coventry.

Local derbies see Blackburn take on Preston, with Wimbledon playing Millwall.

Full draw: Second round, first leg:

Playing tonight:

Blackpool v Coventry

Burnley v Stoke
Chesterfield v Barnsley

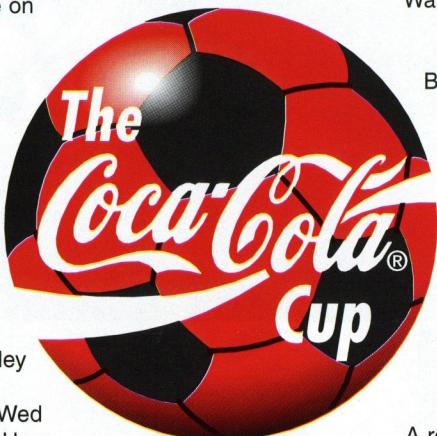
Fulham v Wolves
Grimsby v Sheffield Wed

Huddersfield v West Ham
Hull City v Crystal Palace

Ipswich v Torquay
Leyton Orient v Bolton

LUTON TOWN v West Brom
Middlesbrough v Barnet

Notts County v Tranmere



Oxford United v York City
Reading v Peterborough
Scunthorpe v Everton
Southend v Derby
Sunderland v Bury
Watford v Sheffield United
Wimbledon v Millwall
Playing tomorrow:
Birmingham v Stockport
Blackburn v Preston
Leeds v Bristol City
Nottingham F v
Walsall
Southampton v
Brentford
Tottenham v Carlisle

(First leg w/c Sept 15,
second leg w/c Sept
22/29).

A reminder that the seven Premiership sides playing in European competitions - Manchester United, Liverpool, Newcastle, Arsenal, Aston Villa, Chelsea and Leicester - don't enter the Coca-Cola Cup until the third round stage this season.



ABOVE: Luton Town manager Lennie Lawrence, and club secretary Cherry Newbery, accepted a cheque for £10,000 prior to the game against Oldham, from the Football Association. This was for the Hatters winning the FA's Fair Play Award for last season in Division Two.

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

Hd=Header CR=Shot inside 6 yards Ob=Shot outside area V=Volley

FK=Direct Free Kick P=Penalty Ib=Shot inside area OG=Own Goal

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Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates

12,100 Watford v Wycombe 7-Sep
2,853 York v Gillingham 30-Aug

Highest Aggregate Scores

Wigan 5-2 Wycombe 9-Aug
Wrexham 3-4 Blackpool 2-Sep

Biggest Home Win

Wigan 5-2 Wycombe 9-Aug
Wycombe 4-1 Southend 2-Sep

Biggest Away Win

Wrexham 3-4 Blackpool 13-Sep
Wycombe 1-4 Carlisle 13-Sep

Consecutive Wins

Northampton 4

Games Unbeaten

Bristol Rovers, Chesterfield, Northampton 6

Consecutive Defeats

Blackpool, Carlisle 3

Games without a Win

Burnley, Plymouth 7

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins

Watford 3

Games Unbeaten

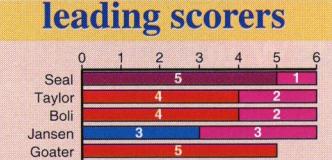
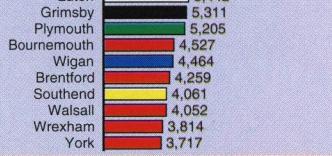
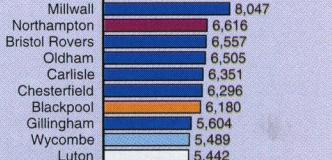
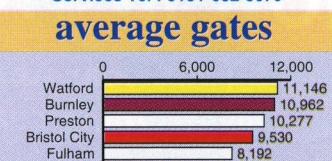
Northampton 6

Consecutive Defeats

Bristol City, Burnley, Wycombe 2

Games without a Win

Burnley, Plymouth 7



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10am to 4pm

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TOMORROW.....

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HOME SHORTS
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HOME SOCKS
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Mens - £9.99

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CBC Print are also regular supporters of the club, and are a print firm based in Luton, off the New Bedford Road.

We also welcome Mr Phil Crace from Third Millennium Distribution, and trust that all our sponsors and their guests have an enjoyable evening.

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with **KATHY
LEATHER**

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We in the Commercial Department are always willing to talk to you about how you and your company can get involved with Luton Town. We have packages to suit all budgets, and a variety of ways in which your company can get involved. For full details, or to arrange a visit, please contact the Commercial Department on Luton (01582) 411622. Also in this programme you can find details of our Prizeline, where you can win a number of special Luton Town prizes.

On page 25 of tonight's programme you can find details of our trip to Towcester races in October.

Well done David!



ABOVE: David Oldfield was voted Man-of-the-Match by the members of the press for the home Coca-Cola Cup match against Colchester. He is pictured being presented with his prize - a Coca-Cola CD player - by Luton Town director Nigel Terry. There will be another award tonight!

CableTel kids having a ball!

RIGHT: All the CableTel kids from season 1996/97 enjoyed a day out at the club recently, having a tour of the ground, meeting the players, and then watching the reserve game against Millwall.



LEFT: The CableTel kids for the match against Oldham were: Taylor Leon, Keiron Synnott, Rory Synnott, Caroline Synnott, Alex Wilson, Elizabeth Wilson, Katherine Brandon, Bradley Paul, Lauren Paul, Emily Smith, Katie Smith, Katie Baker, Leah Baker, Amy Bond, Sian Murray and Ben McQueeney.

Luton Town FC 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.

SECRETARIAL/ADMINISTRATION WORK WITHIN THE CLUB

Applications, including cv, should be sent to:
Ms Kathy Leather, Commercial Manager, LTFC.



I'm sure you will have noticed the giant Vauxhall Griffin which covers the centre-circle before the match, and the teams of youngsters who remove it prior to kick-off.

We are looking for junior teams to be 'Team Griffin' for forthcoming matches, so if you are interested please contact the Commercial Department.

OVER THE BAR!

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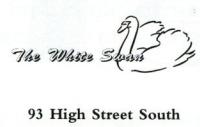
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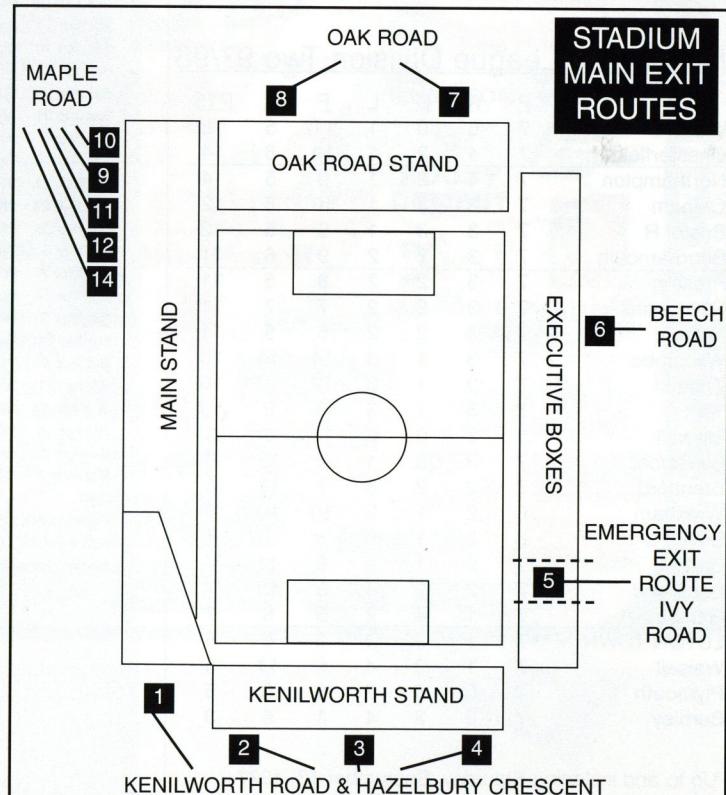
LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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.
- Ensure the dispersal of the crowd from the area to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks.

In the event of an evacuation of all or part of the stadium, you will receive instructions over the public address system on how you should leave the stadium. Stewards will direct you to the nearest exit. It may be that your normal exit route will not be available. On leaving the stadium, you will find some roads closed to pedestrian traffic, to enable swift and unobstructed arrival of the emergency services.

Please leave the area of the ground as quickly as possible by the route directed. Your co-operation will be most appreciated. GEOFF LOVELL, Safety Manager.



TEAM Statistics

LUTON TOWN 1997/98

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LGE APPS	LGE GLS	CUP APPS	CUP GLS	LTEC career caps (league & cup, inci subs & goals, as at start 97/98)
Nathan ABBEY				1	
Graham ALEXANDER	4		1		101 3g
Simon DAVIES	5 (1)		2		
Kelvin DAVIS	5				21 0g
Steve DAVIS	7		2		100 11g
Gary DOHERTY	(3)				
Stuart DOUGLAS	3 (4)	1	1 (1)		20 1g
Sean EVERS	1 (2)				4 0g
Ian FEUER	2		1		98 0g
Andrew FOTIADIS	1				23 3g
Kim GRANT					44 8g
Richard HARVEY	(1)		(1)		181 5g
Julian JAMES	4		1		309 14g
Marvin JOHNSON	7		2		289 6g
Dwight MARSHALL	6		1		115 33g
Gavin McGOWAN	4 (2)				2 0g
Paul MCLAREN	5 (2)		2		44 1g
David OLDFIELD	6		2		125 21g
Darren PATTERSON					42 0g
Paul SHOWLER	(1)				33 6g
Bryan SMALL	2				
Mitchell THOMAS	4		2		273 5g
Tony THORPE	4	1	2	2	110 41g
Gary WADDOCK	7		2		133 3g

Nationwide League Division Two 97/98

	P	W	D	L	E	A	PTS
Watford	7	6	0	1	11	5	18
Chesterfield	7	4	2	1	10	6	14
Northampton	7	4	2	1	9	5	14
Oldham	7	3	3	1	10	8	12
Bristol R	7	3	3	1	9	5	12
Bournemouth	7	3	2	2	9	6	11
Preston	7	3	2	2	8	5	11
Gillingham	7	3	2	2	7	7	11
Fulham	7	3	2	2	6	5	11
Wycombe	7	3	1	3	14	14	10
Wigan	7	3	1	3	12	10	10
York	7	3	1	3	9	9	10
Millwall	5	3	0	2	11	6	9
Blackpool	7	3	0	4	9	15	9
Brentford	7	2	2	3	7	10	8
Wrexham	6	2	1	3	10	10	7
Bristol C	6	2	1	3	8	7	7
Carlisle	7	2	1	4	8	11	7
Southend	7	2	1	4	8	13	7
Grimsby	7	1	4	2	6	8	7
LUTON TOWN	7	1	3	3	3	6	6
Walsall	7	1	2	4	6	11	5
Plymouth	7	0	5	2	5	8	5
Burnley	7	0	3	4	1	6	3

Up to and including Saturday, September 13, 1997.

1997/98 See page 47 for Division Two stats

DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	POS	GK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Sat Aug 9	Blackpool	0-1	6,547	-	Feuer	McGowan	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Davies)	(Douglas)	Evers	Harvey	
Tue Aug 12	Colchester Utd CCC1 (1)	1-0	2,840	-	Feuer	Douglas	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	(Oldfield)	Thorpe	Davies	Kean (Harvey)	Evers	Harvey	
Mon Aug 18	SOUTHEND UTD	1-0	5,140	12	K.Davis	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Davies	Alexander (Fotiadis)	(Thorpe)	Marshall	(DOUGLAS)(McLaren)	(McGowan) (Harvey)	Evers	Harvey	
Sat Aug 23	Fulham	0-0	8,142	15	Abbey	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren (Alexander)	Oldfield	Thorpe	Marshall	(Douglas) Showler	(Douglas) (Showler)	Evers (McGowan)	Harvey (Doherty)
Tue Aug 26	COLCHESTER UTD CCC1 (2)	1-1	2,816	-	K.Davis	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Douglas) (Doherty)	Peake (Davies)	Peake (Doherty)	
Sat Aug 30	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-1	5,404	12	K.Davis	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Douglas) (Evers)	(Evers) (Doherty)	(Doherty) (Evers)	
Tue Sep 2	MILLWALL	0-2	5,781	15	K.Davis	(James)	McGowan	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren (Alexander)	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Davies)	(Davies) (Peake)	(Davies) (Peake)	(Davies) (Peake)	
Tue Sep 9	Northampton Town	0-1	7,246	18	K.Davis	McGowan	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	(Evers)	Oldfield	Douglas (Marshall)	(Davies)	(Davies) (Peake)	(Davies) (Peake)	(Davies) (Peake)	
Sat Sep 13	AFC Bournemouth	1-1	4,561	21	K.Davis	McGowan	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	(Davies)	MARSHALL	(Davies) (Peake)	(Davies) (Peake)	(Davies) (Peake)	
Tue Sep 16	WEST BROM CCC2 (1)																		
Sat Sep 20	WREXHAM																		
Tue Sep 23	West Brom CCC2 (2)																		
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City																		
Sat Oct 4	WATFORD																		
Sat Oct 11	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE																		
Sat Oct 18	Wigan Athletic																		
Tue Oct 21	Carlisle United																		
Sat Oct 25	BRENTFORD																		
Sat Nov 1	Wycombe Wanderers																		
Tue Nov 4	BURNLEY																		
Sat Nov 8	PRESTON NORTH END																		
Sat Nov 15	FA Cup 1																		
Tue Nov 18	Grimsby Town																		
Sat Nov 22	WALSALL																		
Sat Nov 29	York City																		
Tue Dec 2	GILLINGHAM																		
Sat Dec 6	FA Cup 2																		
Sat Dec 13	Chesterfield																		
Sat Dec 20	BRISTOL ROVERS																		
Fri Dec 26	NORTHAMPTON TOWN																		
Sun Dec 28	Millwall																		
Sat Jan 3	Southend United																		
Sat Jan 10	BLACKPOOL																		
Sat Jan 17	Oldham Athletic																		
Sat Jan 24	FULHAM																		
Sat Jan 31	AFC BOURNEMOUTH																		
Sat Feb 7	Wrexham																		
Sat Feb 14	Watford																		
Sat Feb 21	BRISTOL CITY																		
Tue Feb 24	WIGAN ATHLETIC																		
Sat Feb 28	Plymouth Argyle																		
Tue Mar 3	Preston North End																		
Sat Mar 7	WYCOMBE W																		
Sat Mar 14	Burnley																		
Sat Mar 21	GRIMSBY TOWN																		
Sat Mar 28	Walsall																		
Sat Apr 4	YORK CITY																		
Sat Apr 11	Gillingham																		
Tue Apr 14	CHESTERFIELD																		
Sat Apr 18	Bristol Rovers																		
Sat Apr 25	Brentford																		
Sat May 2	CARLISLE UTD																		

Game in **BOLD** denotes home match.

Name in **CAPITALS** denotes goalscorer.

Name in (brackets) denotes player substituted or substitute used.

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Team Check



Luton Town V West Brom

Andy DIBBLE	1	Alan MILLER
Graham ALEXANDER	2	Paul HOLMES
Richard HARVEY	3	Shane NICHOLSON
Gary WADDOCK	4	Richard SNEEKES
Steve DAVIS	5	Daryl BURGESS
Marvin JOHNSON	6	Paul RAVEN
Sean EVERE	7	Sean FLYNN
Paul McLAREN	8	Peter BUTLER
David OLDFIELD	9	James THOMAS
Stuart DOUGLAS	10	Andy HUNT
Dwight MARSHALL	11	David SMITH
	12	
	13	
	14	



Today's referee is

EDDIE

WOLSTENHOLME

from Lancashire.

Mr Wolstenholme, a Structural Engineer, began refereeing in the Preston Sunday League in 1977. He joined the Football League list in 1992.

S.L.
Gagen



A.C.
Harvey



4th official: G.A. Cowie

Next match at Kenilworth Road

The next visitors to Kenilworth Road are WREXHAM, in Division Two of the Nationwide League.

This game is on Saturday, September 20, kick-off 3pm.

See page 9 for ticket details.



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