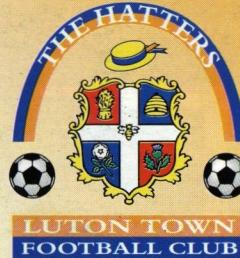


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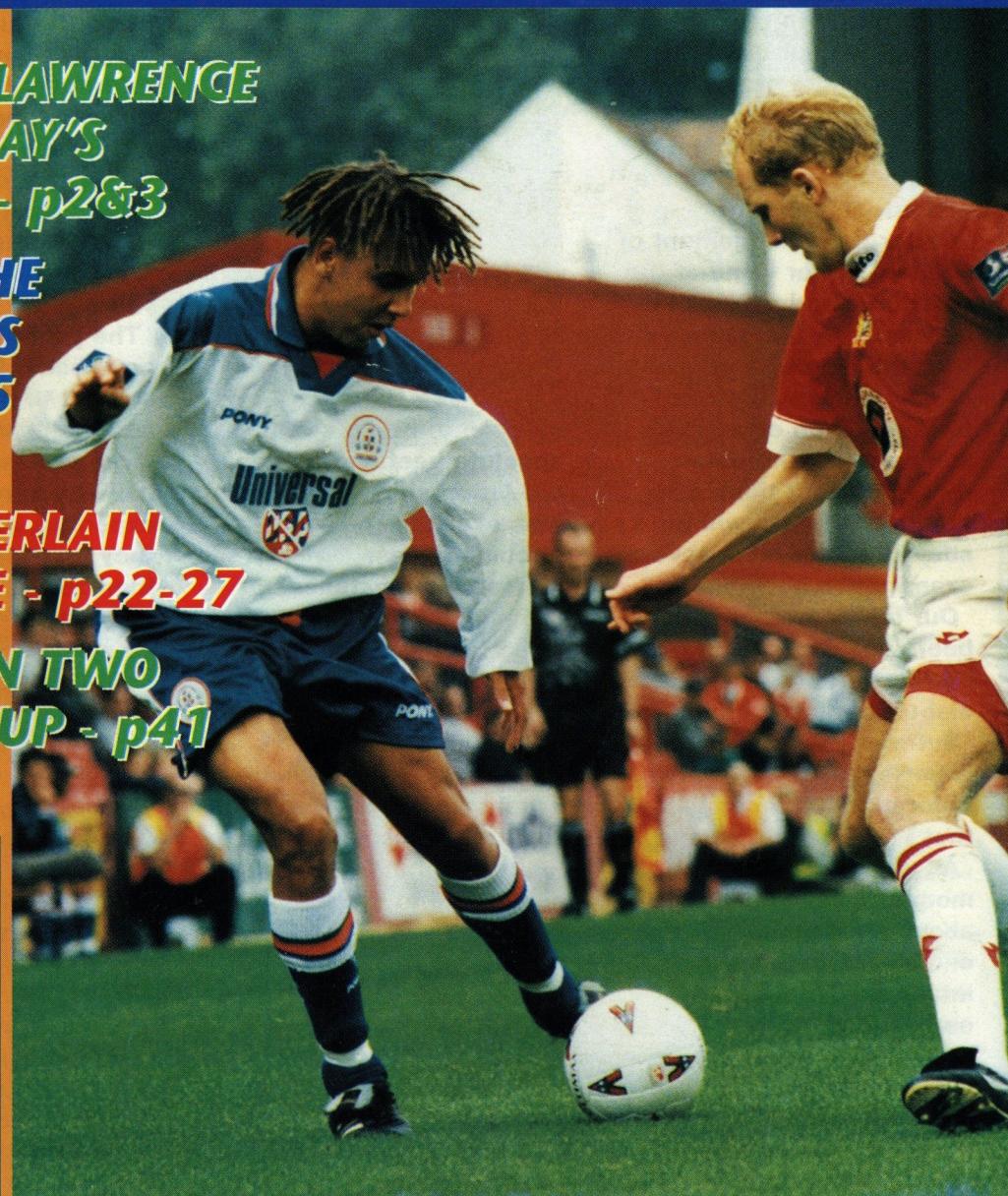
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From the manager's chair

TODAY we welcome the players, supporters and officials of Watford Football Club who have enjoyed an excellent start to the season, and whose fortunes are in stark contrast to our own.

Our finishing position in the play-offs and Watford's finishing position in mid-table last season seems a distant memory now.

Under the management of Graham Taylor - one of the most able and experienced operators in the game - and with the aid of an infusion of new players, Watford have made an excellent start and our unbeaten record against them over the last 10 years will be subject to the most severe examination possible.

Our injury problems have been well documented and I do not propose to further elaborate on the situation.

Suffice to say I have never experienced anything like it before, and I sincerely hope that I do not do so again!

All we can do at the moment is our best, and above all we must endeavour to keep pride intact, which, inspite of early setbacks, we managed to do quite well at Bristol City last week.

This game means a tremendous amount to both sets of supporters, and the only demand that will be made of our players is to



with **LENNIE
LAWRENCE**

be seen to be doing their absolute best and to wear the Luton shirt with pride whatever the circumstances.

Those circumstances at the moment are extremely difficult and demanding, and I hope that you the supporters can show the necessary patience, tolerance and passionate vocal support to help us in our cause this afternoon.

A crowd that is totally supportive of the team can help remove any apprehension or fear, and enable us to play our football and overturn the odds.

One definition of professional is to do your best whatever the circumstances, for as much of the time as possible.

If those on the pitch are

professional in that respect, and those in the crowd are as supportive as they can be - then who knows in football.....

We may have one or two players returning from our lengthy injury list this afternoon, but at the time of writing nothing is certain except the return of Gavin McGowan to the defence after suspension.

But hopefully, in the not too distant future, players will return.

The young players who have come in have been subject to more exposure, and in our current situation more pressure, than would have been reasonably expected, and on the whole they have acquitted themselves well.

The away performance at West Brom in the Coca-Cola Cup second round, second leg, was extremely creditable, especially as we also had to make do without the on-loan players Gavin McGowan and Bryan Small.

I felt that the 4-2 result in West Brom's favour was harsh rewards for our efforts.

As mentioned previously, at Bristol City last week pride was kept intact after a difficult start when we were somewhat unfortunate to concede a fourth minute penalty - and might have had one of our

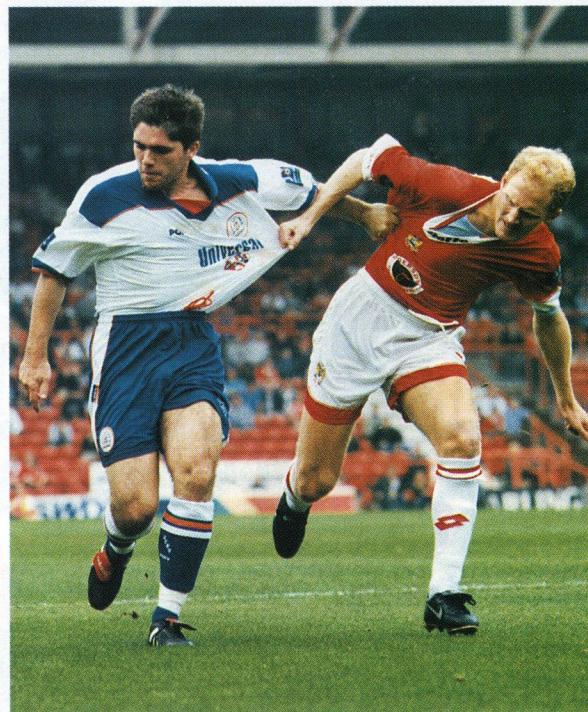
own not long after.

It was a creditable second-half performance, with two good saves from the Bristol keeper denying Simon Davies and Tony Thorpe as we came close to pulling a goal back.

But now we must look forward, and turn our attentions to Watford.

If all the players can make a massive physical and mental effort in the team's cause, and all the supporters can put any frustrations and disappointments they might have aside for 90 minutes, then all things are possible.

Please get behind the team as we bid to turn our fortunes around.



ABOVE: Six of one, half a dozen of the other! Tony Thorpe and Rob Edwards compete for possession at Ashton Gate last week, during Bristol City's 3-0 win over the Hatters.



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Gray earns Irish recall...if he's fit!

PHIL Gray has earned a recall to the Northern Ireland squad just a week after his return to English football to rejoin Luton Town.

Gray, who missed Ireland's last game in Albania - which they surprisingly lost - replaces suspended Blackpool striker James Quinn for the World Cup qualifier against Portugal in Lisbon on October 11.

He will thus miss Luton's home game next Saturday against Plymouth, but the ankle injury he suffered against West Brom last week threatens his place in Bryan Hamilton's squad.

Phil has already been forced to sit out last week's defeat at Bristol City with ligament damage, and at the time of writing was a doubtful starter this afternoon - making him unlikely to travel to Lisbon.

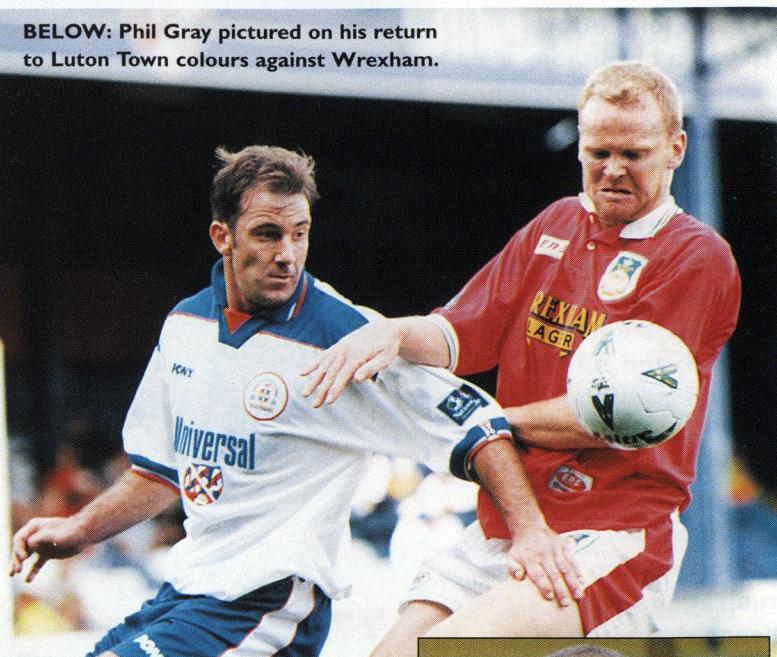
But when the squad was originally picked, Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, said Phil Gray's return to English football was the reason he had recalled him.

"I thought he was losing his way a bit in continental football," said Hamilton. "He's a proven goalscorer and we definitely need one of two of those."

Hamilton's side cannot qualify for next summer's finals in France, and losing their last game in Albania was a particular blow.

"Even though we had top players missing, we should still have been good

BELOW: Phil Gray pictured on his return to Luton Town colours against Wrexham.



enough to win that match," added Hamilton.

Gray could link up in attack with ex-Hatter Iain Dowie, a regular member of the Northern Ireland set-up.

Watford have no postponed their trip to Bristol Rovers next Saturday due to international call-ups, with skipper Robert Page once again in the Welsh squad. Wales play Belgium in Brussels on October 11, with Page joining a trio of ex-Hatters in the squad - John Hartson, Mark Pemberton and Ceri Hughes.

Watford keeper Chris Day is in the England U21 squad next weekend, and new striker David Thomas has been called up by the Welsh for U21 duty.

Gifton Noel-Williams is on England Youth duty, so Watford will travel to Bristol on Tuesday, October 14.



ABOVE: Robert Page

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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: Liam George, pictured with Bristol City's Rob Edwards, made his full league debut for Luton Town at Ashton Gate last week. You can read more about Liam on page 31. (Picture: GARETH OWEN).

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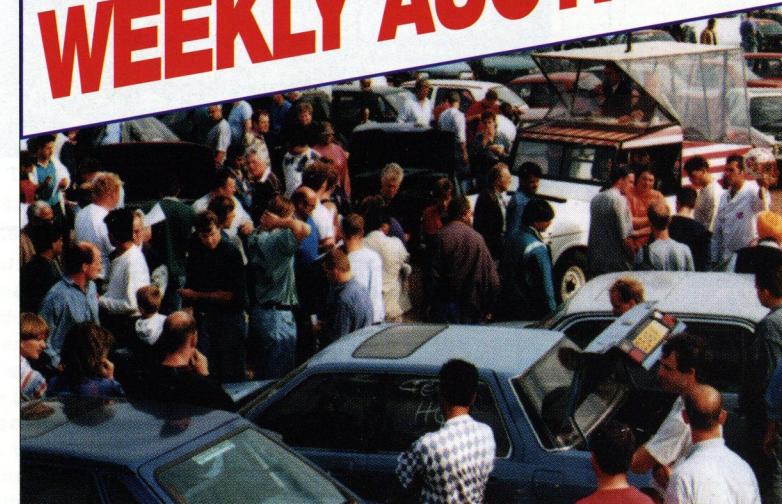
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Club Captain's Corner with STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Paul McLaren and Richard Harvey look on as Steve Davis fires Luton in front at West Brom - and at the rather generous 'in-stadium' odds of 22/1 to score first!

AT time of writing it looks as though I'll be missing again today, which will be a big disappointment having remained mostly free of injuries throughout my time here.

I suffered a back injury in training in Bristol last Friday, which was just about the last thing we needed after all the injury problems building up to the game.

It seems that with every game we play more players are added to the casualty list, but it has to now be a case of battling on and starting to haul ourselves up the table.

And what better place to start than a derby game against Watford. The players are well aware what the game means to supporters, and Watford or not, it's always nice to try and knock a side off the top of the table.

Watford have made an excellent start, and there are several new faces in their team since we last met.

Luton Town Supporters' Club host a 'MEET THE PLAYERS' evening on Thursday, October 9, 1997

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The two games against them which I have played in here have both been very tight, fair to say dour affairs, but that's often the way in derby games and nobody is too concerned about the game as long as they win.

I'm sure the Luton players on duty will be determined to put recent disappointments behind us. We put up a good showing at West Brom, and on a personal note it was good to see a free-kick routine pay-off to such good effect.

It was frustrating to have to sit and watch at Ashton Gate, but the youngsters battled well, and the likes of Robert Kean, Liam George and Matthew Spring can be proud of their efforts.

We also welcome Alan White to Kenilworth Road - it's good to have a fellow North-East voice in the dressing room!

I felt we had played well as a centre-half partnership at West Brom, and was looking forward to building on that at Bristol.

Maybe today!

Thanks for your continued support, and I'm sure you'll be right behind the team again today.

The players know how much this game means to you the fans.

Let's hope it's the start of better things to come.

THERE will be a special presentation on the pitch today to Chris Ellis, who has this week celebrated 25 years of service with the club.

Chris has been an invaluable member of staff, who works many long hours behind-the-scenes, especially with the youth and junior sections.

The presentation, at 2.30pm this afternoon, is in recognition of his loyal service. Well done Chris!

There will be a collection today in aid of the Herald and Post Scanner Appeal.

Whilst the target figure of £70,000 has now been reached, the appeal now aims to add to the scanner by purchasing two probes which will enable the scanner to help even more local people.

As ever, your support is much appreciated.

On the subject of collections, please see page 11 with details of a letter we have received following the recent away game at Northampton.

Unfortunately, due to injury, we have had to postpone TWO Avon Insurance matches.

The game due to be played here against West Ham on Wednesday was called off, and this Monday's fixture at Brighton has also now been postponed.

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From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY
NEWBERY**

We will advise you of new dates, times and venues as soon as these details are known.

A reminder that 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.

Next Wednesday, the youth team travel to Clacton to play in the Eastern Junior Cup. Kick-off is 7.45pm.

The car park for supporters for away matches is working well, and I would remind you that the cost is only £3.

The ticket office will take your booking up to 24 hours before the away game.

Can I remind you that the trip to Wycombe at the start of next month is all-ticket.

Full details of this and other forthcoming games can be found on page 9 opposite.

Finally, 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.

TOWN TEASER

Lennie Lawrence's first home league game in charge of the Hatters was against Huddersfield Town in December 1995. What was the final score?

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

Luton Town v Plymouth Argyle

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, October 11, 1997, kick-off 3pm

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

Wigan Athletic v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, October 18, 1997, kick-off 3pm

Pay on the day only at Wigan.
Seats: £10 adults and £6 juniors/senior citizens.
Terracing: £7 adults and £4 juniors/senior citizens.

(The LTFC ticket office will be open on Saturday, October 18, between 9am and 11am, for the sale of other match tickets).

Carlisle United v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Tuesday, October 21, 1997, kick-off 7.45pm

Pay on the night only at Brunton Park.
Covered seats only for Luton Town supporters.
Prices: £11 adults and £6 juniors/senior citizens.

Luton Town v Brentford

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, October 25, 1997, kick-off 3pm

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

Wycombe Wanderers v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, November 1, 1997, kick-off 3pm

THIS IS AN ALL-TICKET MATCH FOR LUTON SUPPORTERS, WITH NO TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE GAME.
NB: Tickets are limited for this match.

Season ticket holders can now purchase one ticket each (subject to availability) up until Wednesday, Oct 15, at 4pm. If any tickets are still remaining they will go on sale to one per **Member** (subject to availability) from Thursday, Oct 16, at 10am.

Prices: Amersham and Wycombe College Stand (along side of the pitch) - £13 adults, £12 senior citizens, £11 juniors/students.

The Roger Vere Stand (behind goal) - £11 adults, £9 senior citizens, £7 juniors/students.

*Bucks Free Press Family Stand (along side of pitch) - £9 adults, £7 senior citizens, £5 juniors/students. NB: Tickets in the Family Stand can only be purchased by adults, seniors or students accompanying juniors from the same family.

(LTFC Ticket office open for sale of other match tickets - 9am to 12 noon - 1/11/97).

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CARLISLE UNITED
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It might be a long way, but in the words of the guide book, it is "spectacularly easy to find". Take M1 north and the M6, exiting M6 at junction 43 (s/p Carlisle A69). Follow the A69 towards Carlisle, and Brunton Park is on the RHS after 1.1 miles. Moreover, there's a huge car park right by the away turnstiles!

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"Honest, decent people united in common cause"

The following letter has been received by Luton Town FC, and is reproduced in full:

Dear Sir,

During the course of the game between yourselves and Northampton on Tuesday, September 9, a collection was held on behalf of the National Meningitis Trust, a registered charity, in memory of my niece, Stacey Lewin, who died suddenly of meningitis in April this year. Stacey was 17 years of age. She was put on a life-support machine only four hours after entering hospital with mild symptoms, but, sadly, she never recovered consciousness.

The collection amounted to nearly £750. It was one of a number of events all raising money for the Trust, which has three main aims - funding research, increasing awareness and offering support. Until July 1996, the President of the Trust was Diana, Princess of Wales.

May I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere gratitude to your fans at the match - not only for their generous support for the collection but also for their respectful and good-humoured manner.

There is also one side issue which you may wish to be aware of. Although there is no way that your fans would know of this, one of the collectors at the 'away' end was Stacey's mother, Christine, who, as you might imagine, is still finding it extremely difficult to cope with the tragic circumstances of Stacey's death.

Because this fixture was re-arranged at short notice, a number of our original collectors were unable to attend. Christine agreed to stand in to assist one of my daughters - and I can tell you that she was greatly impressed by the attitude and generosity shown. Her experiences at this match have certainly assisted in the slow process of coming to terms with the future.

It once again shows that, contrary to certain sensationalist media reports, football fans - whatever their rivalry - are, for the most part, just ordinary, honest and decent people who can be united in a common cause. Well done, Luton fans - you have every reason to be proud of yourselves! Best wishes for the rest of the season.

Yours faithfully,
Bryan Lewin.

ASTON Villa supporter Mr W Rawbone is anxious to obtain a copy of the match programme Luton Town v Aston Villa, from January 18, 1986.

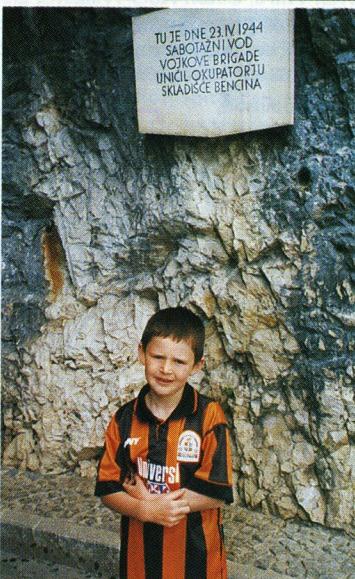
If anyone can help, Mr Rawbone can be contacted at: 7 Longmeadow Grove, West Heath, Birmingham, B31 4SU, or by telephoning 0121 477 3152 or 0410 258293.

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.



ABOVE: The Mayne family, from Stanton Road, Luton, are pictured on top of the Niesen in Switzerland, some 2,336 metres above sea level.

Unfortunately the cloud had descended when this picture was taken in August!

LEFT: Six-year-old Matthew Bartlett, from London Colney, pictured at the entrance to the largest showcave in Europe, in Postumia, Slovenia - part of the former Yugoslavia.

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 be 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.

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ABOVE: Back row: I to r: Kirk Wheeler (Football in the Community Officer), Daniel Grieves, Nathan Lowndes, Robert Page, Keith Millen, Jason Lee, Darren Ward, Gifton Noel-Williams, Lars Melvang, Colin Pluck, David Perpetuini, Dominic Ludden, Roy Clare (kit manager). Middle row: I to r: Jimmy Gilligan (Youth team manager), Gary Johnson (Youth development officer), Vince Cave, Steve Talboys, David Thomas, Tommy Mooney, Alec Chamberlain, Chris Day, Steve Palmer, Peter Kennedy, Micah Hyde, Mark Rooney, Tom Walley (Reserve team manager), Phil Edwards (physio). Front row: I to r: Chris Johnson, Richard Johnson, Wayne Andrews, Paul Robinson, Clint Easton, Kenny Jackett (First team coach), Graham Taylor (Manager), Luther Blissett (coach), Stuart Slater, Nigel Gibbs, Richard Flash, Darren Bazeley, Andy Johnson.



ABOVE: Tommy Mooney

Minster men halt Hornets!

WATFORD 1 YORK CITY 1 - Saturday, September 27, 1997.

Watford boss Graham Taylor fears his side could become victims of their own success.

York arrived at Vicarage Road with one thing on their minds - halt the Hornets' promotion surge.

And after Alan Little's side came within 18 minutes of achieving their objective, Taylor is worried other Second Division teams will try to copy York's spoiling tactics.

He said: "That's the second time a team has set out to frustrate us. I would have hoped the players had learned from the first time.

"We were very flat. The

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Catch up with the visitors' most recent performance, as reported by THE SUN.

players can't keep looking at the manager to lift things."

It was Taylor's 65th minute introduction of subs Stuart Slater and Steve Palmer which added some urgency.

Jason Lee's equaliser kept Watford ahead of second-placed Northampton after Neil Tolson's 33rd-minute opener for the visitors.

York boss Little admitted: "The substitution changed the tempo of Watford's game and we did well to hold on."

SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS

ALEC CHAMBERLAIN - One of the Hornets' more recent recruits, Alec signed for Watford in July 1996 in a £40,000 move from Sunderland. The experienced goalkeeper has recorded well over 450 senior outings in a career which has so far taken in Ipswich, Colchester, Everton, Tranmere (loan), Luton, Sunderland and Liverpool (loan).

CHRIS DAY - Joined Crystal Palace from Tottenham in August 1996, and made 28 appearances for the Selhurst Park side. The current England Under-21 keeper, Chris arrived at Vicarage Road during the close season as part of the deal which took Kevin Miller to Palace.

DARREN BAZELEY - Originally fielded as a right winger, Darren made his first-team debut while still a youth trainee and is now in his sixth year as a professional. During the 95/96 campaign he made a successful switch to fullback, but was then used as an emergency striker and netted a hat-trick in a 4-0 win at Southend. Netted Watford's equaliser in last season's 1-1 draw at Vicarage Road.

NIGEL GIBBS - The longest-serving player in the Watford side, who made his debut for the Hornets against Sparta Prague in 1983, when he was just 18. Was granted a free transfer at the end of the 95/96 season after lengthy injury problems, but stayed on and was rewarded with a new contract last term.

DOMINIC LUDDEN - Joined the Hornets from Leyton Orient in August 1994, having represented England Schools at Under 18 level.

KEITH MILLEN - Signed from Brentford in March 1994, as part of a deal which took Barry Ashby in

the opposite direction. Spent 10 years with Brentford, helping them to the 1992 Division Three championship, and has recently returned to the Watford side after injury.

ROBERT PAGE - Watford's club captain and a regular in the Welsh international side at centre-half. Progressed through the youth set-up at Vicarage Road, and also represented his country at youth and Under-21 level.

CLINT EASTON - England youth international who won a first-team place last season in midfield in his first year as a professional.

RICHARD FLASH - Signed on a free transfer from Wolves in July 1996, having been signed by the Molineux club when Graham Taylor was in charge. Progressed through the youth set-up at Manchester United as a schoolboy and trainee player.

MICAH HYDE - Joined the Hornets from Cambridge in the summer for £100,000, with further payments dependent on appearances. Captain at the Abbey Stadium, despite being just 22 years old.

RICHARD JOHNSON - Australian-born midfielder whose coach in Australia paid for the youngster to come to England for a trial. Has a reputation for spectacular, long-range goals!

RONNY ROSENTHAL - Experienced Israeli international who joined Watford from Tottenham on a free transfer just after the start of the

season. First came to England in 1990, whilst playing for Belgian side Standard Leige, and had a loan spell at Luton playing a number of trial games in the reserves. Impressed with a good scoring record, but the two clubs couldn't agree a fee, so he moved on to Liverpool where seven goals in eight games secured a permanent transfer to Anfield. Scored 14 goals in 66 league games for the Reds after that, and moved to Tottenham.

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LEFT: Teenage striker Gifton Noel-Williams.

FAR LEFT: Former Notts County winger Peter Kennedy.



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PETER KENNEDY - Northern Ireland B international who played just half a season for Notts County last term, having signed from Portadown. The promising left-sided player became Graham Taylor's second close-season signing for the Hornets in a deal worth £130,000.

STEVE PALMER - Joined Watford from Ipswich Town in a £135,000 deal in September 1995. Obtained a degree at Cambridge University prior to joining the Suffolk club, and has played in midfield and defence for the Hornets.

STUART SLATER - Arrived at Vicarage Road on a free transfer from Leicester City, after a roller-coaster career which began with West Ham, where he signed schoolboy forms, and continued with Ipswich and Celtic, who paid a record £1.5 million for him. Has had to be content with a place on the substitute's bench of late, but could start this afternoon as Jason Lee is suspended.

STEVE TALBOYS - Joined Watford from Wimbledon in the summer of 1996 on a free transfer. The Bristol-born player was plucked from non-league Gloucester City by the Dons in January 1992.

WAYNE ANDREWS - Speedy striker who made 30 first-team appearances last season, after an excellent scoring record in two years of youth and reserve team football where he netted 46 times in 89 outings.

JASON LEE - Previously with Lincoln and Southend, the 6'3" target man was signed by Graham Taylor in the summer from Nottingham Forest for £200,000. Suspended this afternoon following his sending off at Gillingham two weeks ago.

NATHAN LOWNDES - Striker who joined the Hornets from Leeds in October 1995, scoring seven goals in his first eight reserve games.

TOMMY MOONEY - A trainee at Aston Villa, he signed professional forms at Villa Park when Graham Taylor was in charge. Moved on to Scarborough and Southend, before joining Watford initially on loan. A firm favourite for his work-rate and attitude he spent much of last season up front, but has now reverted to defence.

DAVID THOMAS - Scored 11 goals last season for Swansea, and moved to Watford for £100,000 in the summer. Welsh Under-21 international.

MARK ROONEY - Right-back or centre-half who signed professional terms with the club this summer.

COLIN PLUCK - Former youth team captain, now challenging Page and Millen at centre-half.

PAUL ROBINSON - Watford-born left-sided player.

DARREN WARD - Centre-back who made his league debut at Luton in 1995/96.

GIFTON NOEL-WILLIAMS - Striker who last season became the youngest ever player to score for Watford in a league match whilst still a youth-team player.

LEFT: Richard Johnson



MEET THE MANAGER



GRAHAM TAYLOR returned to Vicarage Road in February 1996, following the departure of Glenn Roeder, but couldn't keep Watford in Division One as they were relegated along with Luton Town and Millwall.

Last season he took on the role of General Manager, leaving former Hornets defender Kenny Jackett in charge of playing matters.

But Watford failed to maintain a promotion challenge and in the summer Taylor resumed control of team affairs, having been instrumental in the boardroom restructuring which saw the return of Elton John as chairman, and the groundshare scheme with Saracens rugby union club.

With Kenny Jackett as first-team coach, and another Hornets favourite Luther Blissett also on the staff, Taylor has now done a fair amount of restructuring on the field.

With goalkeeper Kevin Miller having departed for Crystal Palace, striker Kevin Phillips moving to Sunderland, and Republic of Ireland starlet David Connolly packing his bags for a free transfer to Holland, Taylor has brought in several new faces.

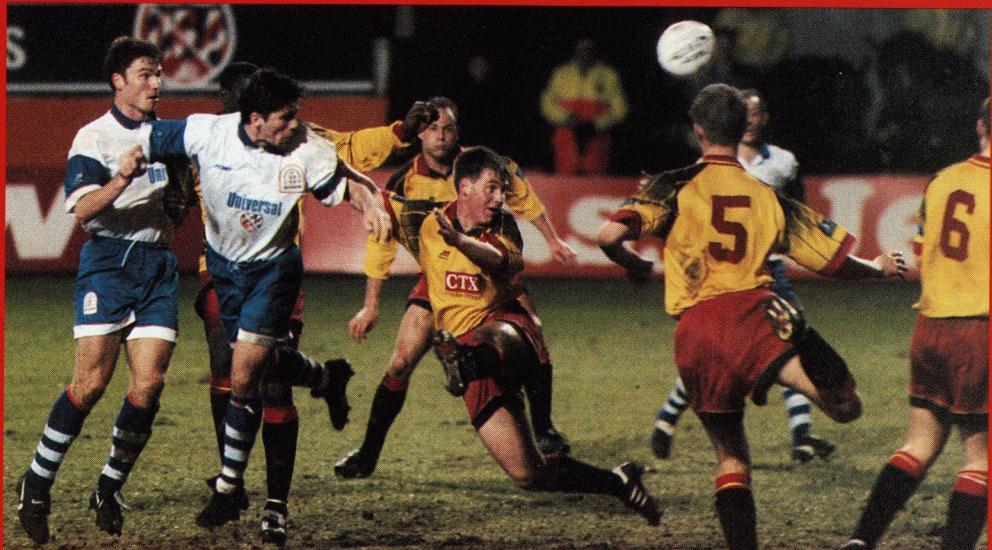
Micah Hyde, Jason Lee, Ronny Rosenthal, Peter Kennedy and David Thomas are all new arrivals, but have settled quickly to take Watford to the top of Division Two.

Taylor's first spell at Watford started in 1977, after five years in charge at Lincoln, and he masterminded the Hornets' rise from fourth to first division, before taking Aston Villa back to the top flight.

From Villa Park, he succeeded Bobby Robson as manager of England, guiding his country to the 1992 European Championship finals, but missing out on the finals of the 1994 World Cup.

He was then appointed manager of Wolves, leaving Molineux in November 1995, before returning 'home' three months later.

The Hatters and The Hornets



LEFT: Tony Thorpe heads for goal during last season's 0-0 draw at Kenilworth Road.

by ROGER WASH

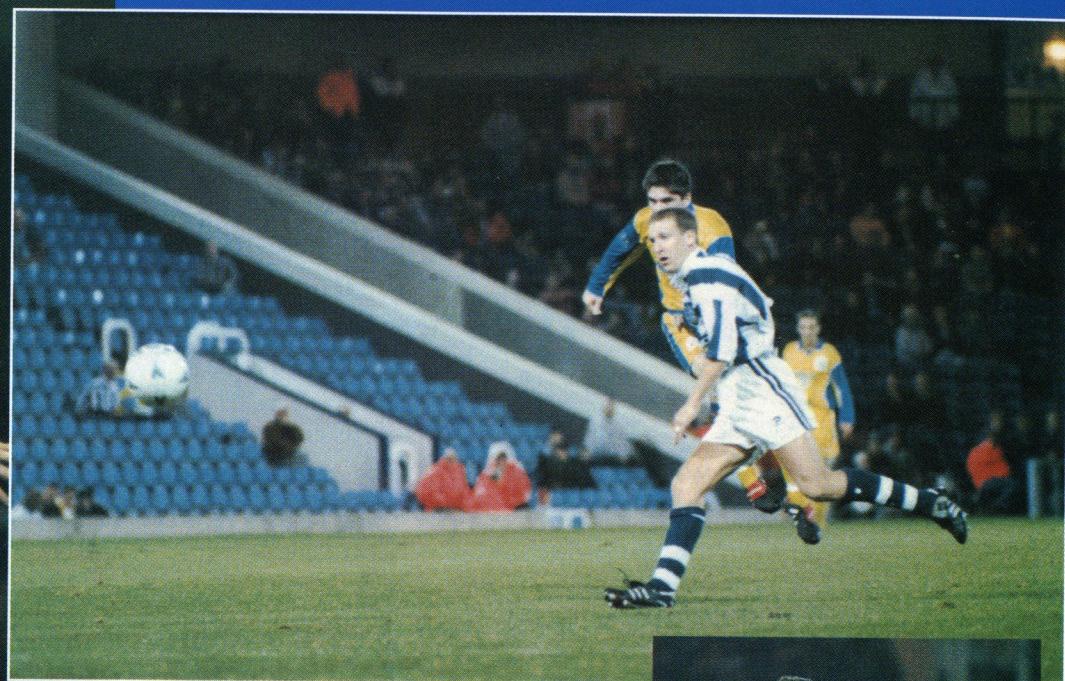
netting a late penalty (our first of the season) for a deserved equaliser.

Our meeting with the Hornets at Vicarage Road in 1994/95 is still talked about by Hatters supporters present on the day with our 4-2 win the biggest since 1929/30. After Jamie Moralee had put the Hornets ahead we hit back with three quick goals from Oakes, Telfer and Dixon. Tommy Mooney briefly reduced the deficit only for Telfer to hit our fourth and complete the scoring on a brilliant afternoon.

Live TV was again the order of the day for the return and with Kelvin Davis making his home debut and John Taylor pulling on a Luton shirt for the first time we could have been expected to play it tight in the opening minutes. We started like whirlwinds, however, and Telfer gave us an early lead only for the Hornets to gradually claw their way back and equalise through Kevin Phillips on the hour. Kelvin Davis was the Luton hero on the day, saving a late Gary Porter penalty and deservedly winning his 'Man of the Match' award.

The following season saw both teams relegated to Division Two and both games finish in stalemate. In the clash at Vicarage Road, Steve Davis gave us an interval lead and with Watford missing another penalty, Ian Feuer saving from Craig Ramage, we seemed to be heading for victory. An uncharacteristic error from Trevor Peake just before the end, however, gifted the Hornets an equaliser gratefully accepted by Phillips.

Last season's meeting at Vicarage Road, fought out in our new surroundings of Division Two, saw Paul Showler give us a deserved lead with a spectacular shot only for the Hornets to equalise (very) deep in 'stoppage' time. The home clash, again televised, finished in a boring 0-0 draw and we are obviously hoping for a more end-to-end contest this afternoon.



Pick that one out! Tony Thorpe reduces the deficit to 3-2 with his second-half strike.

You put your left foot in.... Phil Gray calls the tune against the Albion defence.

Simon Davies gets the better of the West Brom right-back Andy McDermott.

Phil Gray gives chase, with Albion's Andy McDermott in pursuit.

ACTION STATIONS



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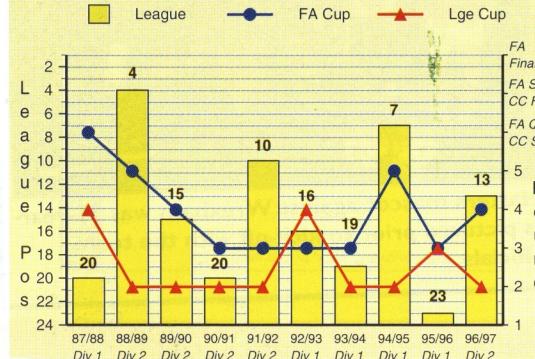


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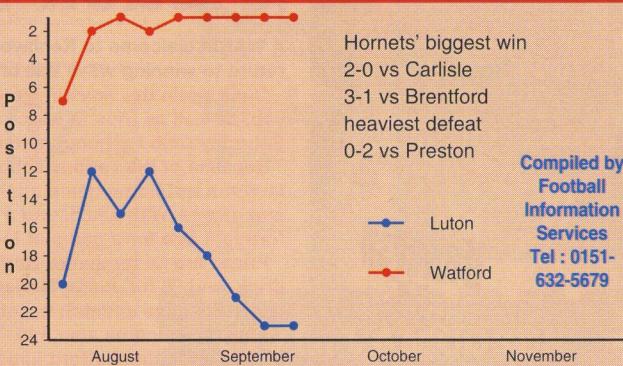
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| 10/9/73 | | 4 | 1 | Portadown |
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| 11/8/71 | | 4 | | Villa |
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| Nigel Gibbs | 5(2) | | | |
| 20/11/65 <i>Eng U21</i> | | 3 | | |
| Stuart Slater | 4(2) | | | Ipswich Celtic West |
| 27/3/69 <i>Eng B</i> | 3 | | | Ham |
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| Clint Easton | (1) | | | |
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| Chris Day | | | | Palace Tottenham |
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Watford's 10 year league and cup record



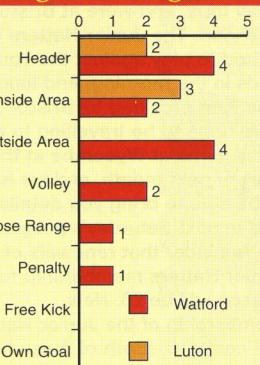
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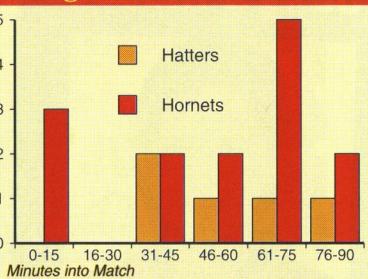
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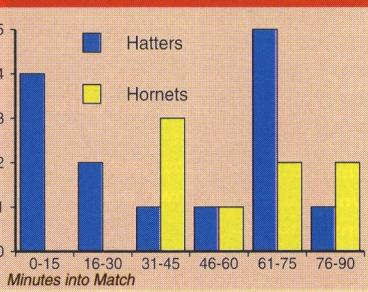
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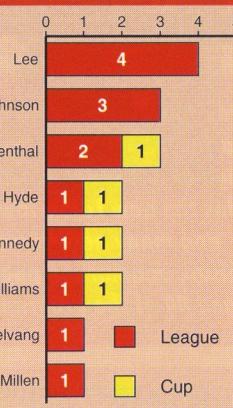
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PONY

Former Town Player-of-the-Year returns with derby rivals

ALEC'S KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

THERE aren't many Hatters and Hornets - Kerry Dixon being a notable exception in recent seasons - but this afternoon Alec Chamberlain returns to Kenilworth Road, a ground where he enjoyed many fine performances in the late 80s and early 90s.

So was this the first fixture he looked for? "I suppose you always look for games against your old clubs, and at Watford, as they do at Luton, you always look out for the 'derby' game," said Alec.

"For me the two big games are Luton and Northampton, the latter because that's where we are living now, and when we play them in November it has taken on extra significance because of the start they too have made."



ABOVE: Alec lines up with Richard Harvey, Kingsley Black and Sean Farrell in 1991.

Programme Editor SIMON OXLEY meets goalkeeper ALEC CHAMBERLAIN - once a top Hatter, now on top with the Hornets.....

Infact he went to watch Luton's recent trip to the Sixfields Stadium, but was five minutes late and so missed the goal!

"Luton's injury problems have been well documented, and I keep in touch with the club although there aren't too many players left that I played with," Alec pointed out.

"I keep in touch with Richard Harvey, and Marvin and Julian James are still there, along with Trevor Peake, and I know David Oldfield from his first spell at the club.

"But they have some quality players. Phil Gray is obviously someone I know well having played with him at Luton and Sunderland, and he will be one we will have to watch."

Since leaving Luton, Alec has primarily been stationed in the north-east with Sunderland, but had a loan spell at Liverpool before returning south to Watford last summer.

Indeed his spell at Liverpool was rewarded with a League Cup winner's medal in 1995, as he was on the bench as the Reds saw off Bolton 2-1 with two goals from Steve McManaman. Ironically his former Luton team-mate John Dreyer was at Bolton on loan at the same time!

It was from Merseyside that Alec Chamberlain arrived at Luton Town, signed in 1988 from Everton where he was understudy to the man he rates as 'number one' Neville Southall.

Alec forced his way into Ray Harford's Luton side at the end of the 1988/89 season, following the Littlewoods Cup Final defeat by Nottingham Forest, as the Hatters stayed up on the final day of the

season with victory over Norwich.

He was first-choice at the start of the 1989/90 campaign, which started under Ray Harford but ended under Jim Ryan, and once again with a last day decider - that never to be forgotten 3-2 win at Derby.

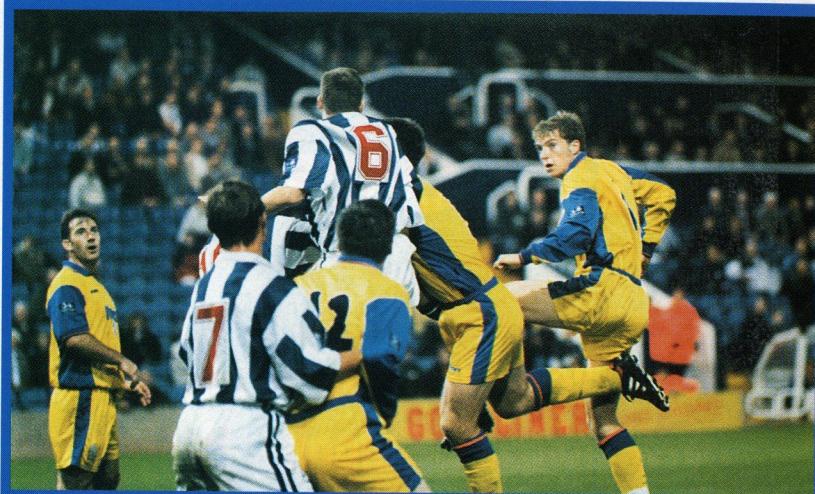
Alec was an ever-present that and the next season, and following Ryan's departure he started the 1991/92 season under David Pleat.

But Alec lost his place during Pleat's first season back at the helm, as first Steve Sutton arrived on a three-month loan, and then Mervyn Day was drafted in.

Pleat recalled him for the latter stages of the season, but the Hatters went down on the last day at Notts County. It was one Houdini act too many.

The Australian Andy Petterson, now first choice at Charlton, was Pleat's choice between the sticks for the first season in the 'new' Division One, but after the Hatters squandered a 3-0 lead with 15 minutes to go to draw 3-3 at Cambridge, Alec was back and remained in goal for the rest of the season.

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ABOVE: Alan (right) on his debut at West Brom.

Bye, bye to Boro - hello to the Hatters

TWENTY-one-year-old Alan White is the latest recruit to the Luton Town defence after a £40,000 move from Middlesbrough.

The Darlington-born centre-half had found first-team opportunities limited at the Riverside Stadium, and after impressing in two trial matches for the Hatters' reserves, Lennie Lawrence signed him for the second time in his career to date.

Alan was on Derby County's books as a schoolboy, but Lennie Lawrence signed him for Boro as a 17-year-old during the Town manager's stint in charge on Teeside.

But a handful of games on the substitutes' bench is the nearest he has got to a senior appearance under Bryan Robson.

"The size of the squad there has made it difficult to get a chance in the first-team," explained Alan, "and although I had signed a new contract it was likely to be a long wait. When the chance to come to Luton came along, I was happy to accept."

With the injuries to Darren Patterson, Julian James, Marvin Johnson, Mitchell Thomas and now Steve Davis, Alan got his chance straightaway with the Hatters.

He made his debut at West Brom, with a first league appearance following at Bristol City.

"It's worth a gamble at that price, and in our current situation the decision is made a lot easier," said Lennie Lawrence.

"Alan's opportunities have been limited at Middlesbrough, but he showed his ability in those two reserve games for us."



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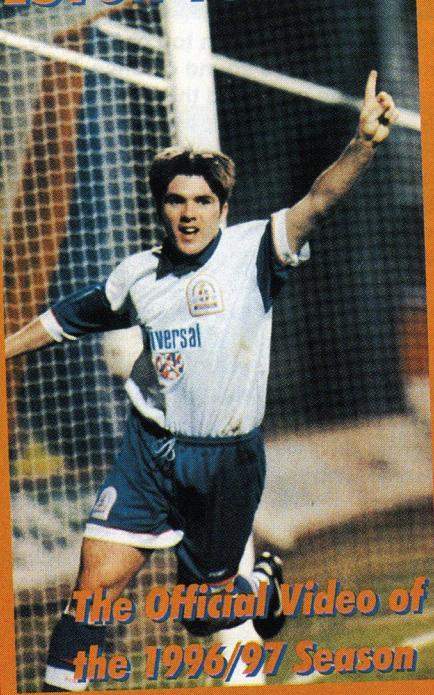
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IN recent weeks, calls to Three Counties Sport have either been, "more injuries, we're in for a beating in the derby match," or, "I can't wait for Kenilworth Road, because we've never had a better chance of beating the Hatters".

There's no way we need to hype up a match that to both sets of fans means more than any other game in the year.

It may not be the 'Old Firm' or Arsenal v Tottenham, but in Beds and Herts there's no game like it. The football in the last two years hasn't been great, but the atmosphere has been electric and the controversy never very far away.

Last year at Kenilworth Road for example was certainly a cure for insomnia, but it broke the record for the largest amount of balloons on the pitch come kick-off!

I'm not even going to try to predict the outcome this afternoon, but one thing is certain. Whatever happens on the pitch will be relived for hours, days and weeks to come - well until February 14th at Vicarage Road anyway, an ironic date if ever there was one!

And relived not just in the homes of supporters, or at work on Monday morning, but on the airwaves of Three Counties Radio.

Our lines are always open whenever there's a sports show on the air, and we're expecting the phones to be ringing as soon as the match is over.

This is an invitation to have a gloat or a moan, or even a rant, and as the only station that covers Luton and



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By the time you read this, you will hopefully have heard our preview of the match on last night's edition of Teamtalk, with the thoughts of Lennie Lawrence and Graham Taylor. We are lucky to have two such respected managers in our region, who are both 'media friendly', and are never short of a word be it in victory or defeat.

Sitting firmly on the fence, can I wish them both every success this season.

Enjoy the game, and here's one piece of advice to both sets of fans. Have your excuses at the ready..... because after 4.45pm you might be needing them!

Don't forget, Three Counties Radio's Saturday Sportsound can be heard between 1pm and 6.30pm on 103.8, 95.5 and 104.5 FM across Beds, Herts and Bucks, and on 1161 and 630 medium wave from Newquay up to Liverpool, so I'm told.

I look forward to hearing from you on 0645 455555!

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

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But in the summer came the move to Sunderland, as he and Phil Gray both headed to Roker Park for 1993/94.

In 1994/95 Tony Norman started the season in goal for Sunderland, but Alec was back by the time the Wearhoppers came to Kenilworth Road just after Christmas, losing 3-0 on a waterlogged pitch, to a Luton side for whom John Hartson was catching the eye.

It was a happier return for Alec the following season with Phil Gray among the scorers in Sunderland's 2-0 win, but by the time of the return at Roker Park - when Dwight Marshall broke his leg - the on-loan Shay Given was Peter Reid's choice in goal.

Alec signed for Watford last summer for £40,000, making rare appearances last season as understudy to Kevin Miller.

He readily admits that was an education in itself, and is full of praise for his former team-mate who is now earning rave reviews in the Premiership. But with Miller having moved on to Crystal Palace, Alec's experience has won him the nod from Graham Taylor - ahead of England Under-21 keeper Chris Day.

Taylor's faith has been rewarded with some fine



LEFT:
Graham Taylor opted for Alec Chamberlain's experience in the Watford goal, and has been rewarded with a consistent start from the former Hatters keeper.

performances as Watford sit on top of the table, reproducing last season's sound defence, but with goals going in at the other end this time around.

"We have started well, but we were disappointed to only draw at home against York last week, especially after getting a point from a difficult trip to Gillingham the week before," said Alec.

"What we have to do now is continue the form we have shown, and maintain it over the next 10 games."

Having played in the top two divisions what does he make of Division Two?

"I got a good look last year from just watching most of the games, and I think on the whole you have to battle your way out."

"Crewe played their way out in some respects, but they still had some power in that side, and the majority of sides who do well will be well organised and strong on set-pieces."

"But you need quality where it matters, and we feel we have that at Watford with Jason Lee and Ronny Rosenthal up front."

"The potential was there last year, but for one reason or another it just didn't quite gel, and we were unlucky with injury with Kevin Phillips and David Connolly ruled out for much of the time. We drew too many games, but we look like scoring more this time around."

It's ironic that he should finally team up with Rosenthal. It might have happened in a Luton shirt, because the Israeli was on trial at Kenilworth Road before signing for Liverpool.

But Graham Taylor looks to have made a shrewd investment in bringing Rosenthal from Spurs on a free - albeit on a Premiership wage.

Having worked with the likes of Pleat, Reid and Harvey, Alec has been impressed by his current manager's influence on the club.

"He has a proven track record, and is determined to have success again, and the first aim is to get out of Division Two."

"The supporters worship him, and he has a great relationship with them, and with Elton John involved again there is a great spirit at the club."

It sounds like the time could be ripe to end Luton's recent good run in the derby matches, a run Alec played a part in, albeit just two appearances - a 2-0 home win in a televised game, and a 0-0 draw at Vicarage Road in season 1992/93.

Luton supporters will I'm sure acknowledge the part he played in some memorable seasons here, when the club defied all the odds to stay in the top flight.

His standing ovation on his return here with Sunderland was a gesture which touched Alec Chamberlain. Whatever the badge on the shirt, it would be fitting to a true professional to witness it again.



ABOVE and RIGHT: Alec Chamberlain joined Luton from Everton, and made 138 league appearances for the Hatters.

Associate schoolboys sign on

THE following youngsters have joined Luton Town FC as associate schoolboy signings:

JUDE STIRLING - is an Under 16 player from Highgate in London, who was recruited during the summer months after playing for Haringey Youth. He attends Ravenscroft Secondary School in Barnet, and has represented Middlesex County Schools. Since signing he has played for the youth team against Barnet, Crystal Palace and Southend, and he chose the Hatters ahead of Spurs, Brentford and Watford.

SPENCER PARSONS - is an Under 16 player from Nuneaton in Warwickshire, who was recruited through the summer school holiday trial programme. He has represented Coventry Schools, and was introduced to the club by our Milton Keynes scout Ugo Cerrone.

JAMIE GRAHAM - is an Under 16 player from Peterborough, who has

represented Peterborough and District Schools. He was introduced to the club by our Peterborough scout Richard Green.

DEAN MORTARA - is an Under 15 player from Basingstoke in Hampshire, who was introduced to the club by Ugo Cerrone, who saw Dean playing in a summer five-a-side competition. He has recently played in matches against QPR, Oxford and Crystal Palace, and has been offered schoolboy terms.

JOHN CARROLL - is another Under 15 signing, from Northolt in Middlesex, who joined us over the summer months, and played in trial games against Chelsea and Oxford. He was introduced to the club by Wembley scout Peter Mooring.

After an exhausting holiday period of trials and matches, we feel that we have had a successful summer, writes Youth

Development Officer Paul Lowe.

The following players stayed in digs and trained with us - Ezra Mentore (Wembley), Jerome Thomas (Wealdstone), Rene Barritteau (Hall Place), Lee Mansell (Gloucester), Ryan Moran (Hatfield), Lee Orchard (Milton Keynes) and Steven Roberts (Wembley) - which proved to be a great experience for the players and the coaching staff at the club.

Many thanks to all our landladies, and the catering staff at the club, who looked after the boys.

It proved to be an excellent opportunity for the coaching staff to work with the young players for longer periods and help them develop their game, and hopefully these youngsters can follow in the footsteps of the likes of Matthew Upson, Stuart Douglas, Paul McLaren, Sean Evers, Kelvin Davis and Andrew Fotiadis.

Player Profile

Autograph



GARY WADDOCK

Date of Birth: 17.3.62

Previous Clubs: QPR (twice), Millwall, Swindon Town (loan), Bristol Rovers.

Joined Luton: December 1994 (free transfer from Bristol Rovers).

Gary completed a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994, after a three-month loan spell at Kenilworth Road. Started his career with QPR making over 200 appearances, including an FA Cup Final against Spurs in 1982, and the subsequent replay. That was followed by a spell in Belgium with Charleroi as Gary recovered from a serious knee injury, and he also had spells at Millwall, QPR again, and Swindon, before moving to Bristol.

Gary missed only one game, through suspension, after joining the Hatters in 1994/95, and scored his first goal for the club on the final day of the season. His consistent displays in 95/96 were rewarded with the Players' Player of the Year Trophy. Team captain in 96/97 and 97/98. Capped 21 times by the Republic of Ireland from 1980-90.

Most memorable game: "The FA Cup Final for QPR against Tottenham in 1982, because nothing can compare to playing in the Cup Final at Wembley. We drew the first game 1-1, but then lost the replay 1-0 to a Glenn Hoddle penalty. Other games that stand out are my first league game for QPR, against Charlton, at Loftus Road; international matches; and my return to English football after serious injury and a spell in Belgium."

Game I'd prefer to forget: "The 7-1 FA Cup defeat for Luton at Grimsby, and last season's defeat by Crewe in the play-offs. I've lost twice now in the play-offs and they hurt. Afterwards you look back over the whole season having got so close, and it's taken away in one game."

Which present-day player do you admire most? "Paul Ince. He is a quality player with a great will to succeed, and he's a winner. I especially admire him for his success both here and abroad."

Premiership 'Dream Team': Peter Schmeichel; Gary Neville, Tony Adams, Colin Hendry, Graeme Le Saux; David Beckham, Paul Ince, Patrick Vieira, Ryan Giggs; Dennis Bergkamp, Alan Shearer.

Greatest sporting achievement away from football: "Medals for cricket, basketball and swimming at school, but nothing really stands out. I always wanted to play football!"

State of the game: "I feel the standard in the Premiership especially is extremely high, with the foreign players such as Zola and Bergkamp, and the coaches, such as Wenger and Gullitt, having a real influence. If we can learn from them, and add that to the many good things we already have in the English game it will be of great benefit both at domestic and international level. The transfer fees are frightening, and having levelled off they are now spiralling again. But if we get the best players because of that, as mentioned above, it can be of benefit."

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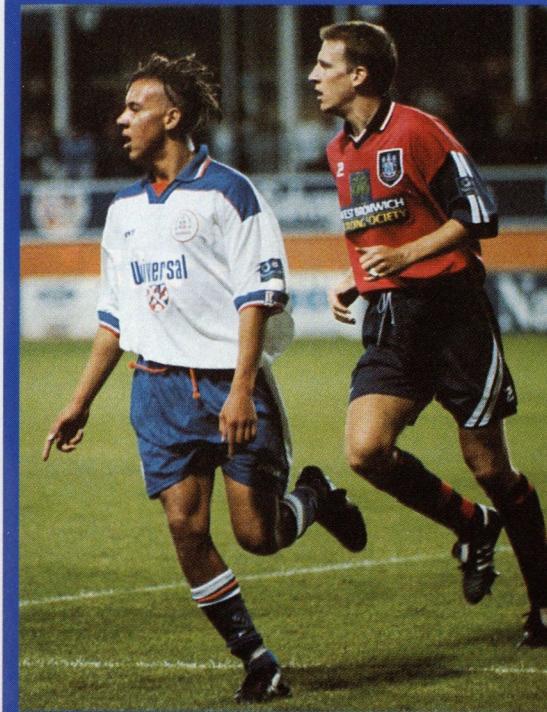
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The boy George!

Teenager LIAM GEORGE (left) made his senior debut for the Hatters when he came on as a second-half substitute in the Coca-Cola Cup match at home to West Brom.

He also made a substitute appearance in the second leg at the Hawthorns, and then made his full league debut in last week's game against Bristol City at Ashton Gate - coming close to a first-half goal when his shot was deflected just wide.

Liam is a first-year professional at Kenilworth Road, and has recovered from a serious knee injury which brought about a premature end to what was turning out to be a memorable season last term.

Liam, now 18, had scored 30 goals for the youth and reserve sides, including a hat-trick in the 5-2 FA Youth Cup win at Sunderland, before he was injured in a reserve team game at Southampton in March.

Also last Saturday at Ashton Gate, there were senior debuts for second-half substitutes MATTHEW SPRING and ROBERT KEAN.

Kean became the 29th player used in just 13 matches so far this term. In 60 league and cup matches last season, Luton used 26 players!

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Recognising the increased reliance on organised sport and

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To launch this major initiative, free places are available to the first 60 children who register for the launch, which will take place on Saturday, October 11 at the Beds FA playing fields in Skimpot Lane, Luton, (adjacent to Tesco).

Mini-soccer will take place every Saturday morning between 10am and 11.30am.

To register your free place on October 11, you should call Dean Rastrick, the LTFC Football Development Officer, at Luton Town on (01582) 411622.

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The tournament gets underway at 9.30am, with presentations to the winning teams being made at half-time at Kenilworth Road in that afternoon's Luton Town v Brentford match.

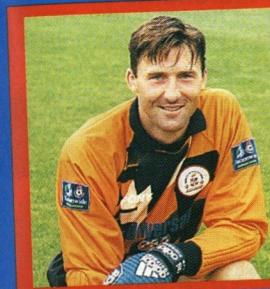
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IAN FEUER
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Venue: Icknield Junior School, Birdsfoot Lane, LUTON
Date: Friday, October 24
Cost: £8
Course Type: Striker (with TONY THORPE)

Code: LU2
Venue: Icknield Junior School, Birdsfoot Lane, LUTON
Date: Monday and Tuesday, October 27 and 28.
Cost: £16
Course Type: Coaching

Code: LU3
Venue: Sacred Heart Junior School, Langford Drive, LUTON
Date: Thursday and Friday, October 30 and 31
Cost: £16
Course Type: Coaching

Code: LU4
Venue: Sacred Heart Junior School, Langford Drive, LUTON
Date: Thursday and Friday, October 30 and 31
Cost: £16
Course Type: Goalkeeping (with IAN FEUER)

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INJURY UPDATE

Gray and James face fitness battle for 'derby'

There is slightly better news on the injury front, but we still have a large number of the professional players receiving treatment, and this week's reserve team game was postponed because of the extent of our problems.

But **PHIL GRAY** and **JULIAN JAMES** could possibly be in contention today after ankle injuries.

Julian has been out since getting injured in the opening minutes against Millwall, with **Phil** suffering ligament damage against West Brom, which meant he missed the game at Bristol. At the time of writing, both had completed light training on Wednesday.

They were joined in that by **CHRIS WILLMOTT** and **GARY DOHERTY**, the latter having suffered a hamstring injury in a reserve game, and youth team players **DARREN HOWE** and **EMERSON BOYCE**.

Also receiving treatment throughout the week, able to do various circuits, have been **IAN FEUER**, **STUART DOUGLAS**, **MARVIN JOHNSON**, **DWIGHT MARSHALL**, **GRAHAM ALEXANDER** and **ANDREW BARR**.

STEVE DAVIS has had a scan on his back injury, and has seen a specialist, and the results were encouraging.

There is no serious damage, and he continues to receive treatment, and undergo mobilising exercises.

GARY WADDOCK needed stitches in a gashed shin last week, but should be available today, whilst **MICHAEL THOMAS** and **ANDREW FOTIADIS** are making good progress after their hernia operations.

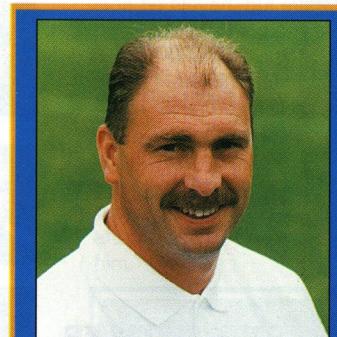
Both have seen the surgeon once again to monitor their progress, and have started jogging.

PAUL SHOWLER, **DARREN PATTERSON** and **STEVE AUGUSTINE** have been at Lilleshall this week for rehabilitation work, with **Paul Showler** hopefully able to resume training on his return.

Apart from that, it's been a quiet week!



LEFT:
Marvin
Johnson has
been ruled
out with a
knee injury.



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RIGHT:
Julian
James
could
possibly
return this
afternoon
after an
ankle
injury.



LEFT: Here we go again! Dwight Marshall, injured after just six minutes against Wrexham, is treated by physio Clive Goodyear and club doctor Bill Berry.



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Managers want refs to be wired for time

THE League Managers' Association (LMA) are calling time on referees and are to ask for them to be 'wired' to stadium clocks to diffuse potential disputes over the length of matches.

The LMA want the watch of the official to be linked to electronic clocks around grounds so that players, officials and fans all know exactly how long is remaining.

The time problem reared its head again last month when Arsenal players surrounded referee Graham Barber after he had played six minutes overtime in the 3-3 draw with Leicester at Filbert Street.

Several managers have contacted the LMA to see what can be done to eliminate such situations, and it was due to be discussed at a technical liaison panel consisting of representatives of the Football Association, the Premier League, the Football League and the LMA this week.

But the LMA want the referee to remain as the timekeeper and also can see flaws in the Italian system whereby an electronic board is held up at the end of the 90 minutes indicating how much additional time is to be played.

LMA chief executive John Barnwell said: "The Leicester-Arsenal game highlighted the situation and several managers have made enquiries to me as to what moves could be made to eliminate the problem. Many are concerned about what can be done."

"The LMA believe that the referee's watch should be linked to the electronic clocks that are in many grounds now so that everybody knows exactly just how much time is left."

"If the referee stops his watch, for example, two minutes for an injury or 30 seconds for a substitution, then the stadium clock does likewise, and so when it finally reaches the 45-minute mark that would be the end of the game."

"Referees have been instructed to make it as clear as possible how things stand regarding just how much extra time is being played, but hopefully the introduction of the technology would help greatly."

Supporters from both sides this afternoon will doubtless recall last season's match at Vicarage Road when Watford scored an equaliser deep into stoppage time to draw 1-1, with the referee Trevor West coming

under fire for the amount of added time played.

"We definitely think the referee should remain as the time-keeper," said John Barnwell. "He will have the feel for the game and if he gets the feeling that someone is wasting time then he can, for example, put his watch back 15 seconds - and with it the electronic clock goes back 15 seconds."

"That sort of thing would be difficult for someone controlling the time in the stand to implement because it is not a hard and fast situation like with an injury or substitution."

"The Italians put a board up at the end of 90 minutes telling how much additional time is to be played, but even that system can have flaws. What happens if someone is injured or a substitution is made after the board has been held up in the extra time?"

"We think the official being linked to the clock is the best way forward. Technology is already working well with the linesman's electronic flag this season whereby he presses a button in the flag to attract the attention of a referee if he has his back to him."



**Peake's
record**

TREVOR Peake's appearance against Wrexham saw him beat his own record (39 years and 17 days, set v Reading in February 1996) as Luton's oldest ever player in the Football League - at 40 years 221 days.

Mel Daniel

IT is with regret that we inform supporters of the death of former Luton Town player Mel Daniel. Mel, an inside forward for the Town in the late 1940s, died last month in Ashford in Kent, aged 81, after a long illness.

One of his most famous post-war appearances came in a memorable 1946 victory for the Hatters when they overturned a 3-0 first-half deficit to beat Division Two leaders Newcastle 4-3, with Mel netting the second Luton goal.

Mel's son Alan was later to play for the Town in the 1960s.

All at Luton Town FC extend their sincere condolences to the family at this time.

LEFT: Trevor replaces Richard Harvey to also become Luton's oldest ever player, beating the record set by Bob Hawkes in April 1920 (39 years and 191 days) in the days when the Hatters played in the Southern League.

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RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



| | | |
|------------|----------------|-----------|
| Wed Aug 13 | OXFORD UTD | drew 1-1 |
| Thu Aug 21 | Queens Park R | drew 1-1 |
| Thu Aug 28 | MILLWALL | won 3-1 |
| Wed Sep 10 | Tottenham | lost 3-0 |
| Wed Sep 17 | CRYSTAL PAL | lost 2-0 |
| Wed Sep 24 | WATFORD | won 3-1 |
| Wed Oct 1 | WEST HAM | postponed |
| 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 |
| TBA | Swindon Town | |

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 Reserve team game against West Ham which was due to be played at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday, was postponed due to the injury problems at Luton Town.

At the time of writing no new date has been confirmed.

In their last two home games the reserves have recorded a win and a defeat.

The defeat came against Crystal Palace on September 17, with the Eagles winning 2-0.

Team: Abbey, Jones (Lawes), Fraser, Kean, Omogbehin, Peake (Clarke), Quinn, Spring, Doherty, George, McIndoe (Scarlett).

But last week the Hatters overcame Watford at Kenilworth Road, winning 3-1.

Liam George continued his impressive scoring record in reserve team football with two goals, with Gavin McGowan netting the third.

Team: Abbey, Jones, McIndoe, Kean, Omogbehin, Peake (Clarke), McGowan, Spring (Scarlett), Doherty, George, Block.

Sub not used: Lawes.

The next reserve game is scheduled to be Monday afternoon's trip to Brighton.

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. This now includes a rearranged game at home to Swindon on Monday, December 8.

At the time of writing we are still waiting to confirm a date for the match at the County Ground.

The youth team have moved four points clear at the top of South East Counties Division Two, and done their goal difference the power of good, after an 8-1 defeat of Brighton on September 20.

There were hat-tricks for Spring and

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

| | P | W | D | L | E | A | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Tottenham | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 18 |
| C Palace | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 8 | 15 |
| Arsenal | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 9 | 14 |
| Millwall | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 11 |
| Charlton | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 10 |
| Portsmouth | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 10 |
| Oxford | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| West Ham | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 15 | 10 |
| Norwich | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 14 | 10 |
| Wimbledon | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 9 |
| Southampton | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 9 |
| Watford | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 9 |
| LUTON TOWN | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 8 |
| Ipswich | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 8 |
| Chelsea | 7 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 6 |
| QPR | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 5 |
| Brighton | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 15 | 5 |
| Swindon | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 3 |

League table up to and including 25.9.97

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1997/98 APPS & SCORERS (24/9/97)

| | APPS | G | | APPS | G |
|-----------------|-------|---|--|------|---|
| Nathan ABBEY | 5 | | | | |
| Ian JONES | 6 | | | | |
| Richard HARVEY | 2 | | | | |
| Sean EVERIS | 3 | | | | |
| Gary DOHERTY | 5 | 2 | | | |
| Emerson BOYCE | 2 | | | | |
| Robert KEAN | 6 | | | | |
| Matthew SPRING | 3 (2) | | | | |
| Andrew BARR | 4 | 3 | | | |
| Liam GEORGE | 5 | 2 | | | |
| Terry SWEENEY | 4 | | | | |
| Andre SCARLETT | (3) | | | | |
| Michael McINDOE | 2 (2) | | | | |
| Stuart FRASER | 3 (2) | | | | |
| Daniel TATE | 1 | | | | |
| Gavin McGOWAN | 3 | 1 | | | |
| Paul SHOWLER | 2 | | | | |
| Alan WHITE | 2 | | | | |
| Russell LAWES | (2) | | | | |
| Colin OMGBEHIN | 3 | | | | |
| S QUINN | 2 | | | | |
| Trevor PEAKE | 2 | | | | |
| Richard CLARKE | (2) | | | | |
| M BLOCK | | | | | |

Kandol, with Cox and Jerry completing the scoring.

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

Last Saturday, youth team player Matthew Spring was called up for first team duty at Bristol City.

In the South East Counties game between the two sides, it was honours even after a 2-2 draw.

Andre Scarlett and Moses Jerry were the Town scorers.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Stirling, Cox, Clarke, Ayres (McKoy), Scarlett, Robert (Harrington), Kandol, McIndoe, Jerry. Sub not used: Minton.

This morning the youth side entertained Brentford.

The youth side have though progressed in the South East Counties League Cup, with a 1-0 win at Southend.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Stirling, Spring, Clarke, Fraser, Jerry, Cox, Akurang, McIndoe, Kandol. Subs: Moran, McKoy, Harrington.



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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 Jan 10 SWINDON TOWN 11am |
| Sat Aug 30 | OXFORD UTD | won 5-1 | Sat Jan 17 OxfordUnited 11am |
| Fri Sep 5 | Barnet | won 4-2 | Sat Jan 24 BARNET 11am |
| Tue Sep 9 | C PALACE (SJFC1) | lost 1-0 | Sat Jan 31 Brighton |
| Sat Sep 13 | Southend (SECLC1) | won 1-0 | Sat Feb 7 BRISTOL CITY 11am |
| Sat Sep 20 | BRIGHTON | won 8-1 | Sat Feb 14 Brentford |
| Sat Sep 27 | Bristol City | drew 2-2 | Sat Feb 21 SOUTHAMPTON 11am |
| Sat Oct 4 | BRENTFORD | 11am | Sat Feb 28 Tottenham |
| Sat Oct 11 | Southampton | | Sat Mar 21 Colchester |
| Sat Oct 18 | SECLC2 | | Sat Mar 28 BOURNEMOUTH 11am |
| Sat Oct 25 | TOTTENHAM | 11am | Sat Apr 4 WIMBLEDON 11am |
| Sat Nov 1 | READING | 11am | |
| Sat Nov 15 | COLCHESTER | 11am | |
| Sat Nov 22 | SECLC3 | | |
| Sat Nov 29 | Bournemouth | | |
| Sat Dec 6 | BRISTOL ROVERS | 11am | |

Games in caps denote HOME matches. Home league matches at Luton Rugby Club.

| | LGE APPS | G | CUP APPS | G | YOUTH TEAM 1997/98 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS |
|------------------|----------|---|----------|---|---|
| Daniel TATE | 7 | 3 | | | |
| Russell LAWES | 5 (1) | 3 | | | |
| Stuart FRASER | 5 | 3 | | | |
| Matthew SPRING | 5 | 3 | | | |
| Emerson BOYCE | 4 | 2 | | | |
| James AYRES | 5 | | | | |
| Andre SCARLETT | 7 | 2 | | | |
| Clifford AKURANG | 4 (1) | 1 | 2 (1) | 1 | Up to and including September 27, 1997 |
| Gary DOHERTY | 2 (1) | 1 | | | |
| Richard CLARKE | 7 | 3 | | | |
| Delroy McKOY | 4 (1) | 2 | | | |
| Darren HOWE | 1 | | | | |
| C DREW | (1) | | | | |
| Michael McINDOE | 5 (1) | 2 | 3 | | |
| Jimmy COX | 6 | 3 | | | |
| T KANDOL | 4 (1) | 5 | 1 (1) | | |
| Moses JERRY | 4 (2) | 2 | 1 | | |
| J STIRLING | 2 | | | | |
| J HARRINGTON | (2) | | | | |
| S ROBERT | 1 | | | | |

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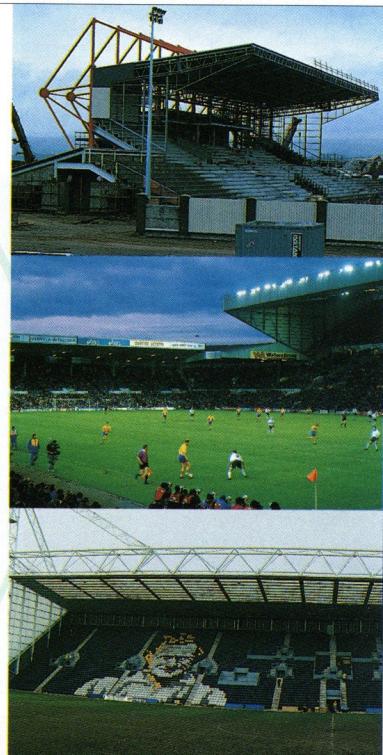
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Last weekend's Division Two Round-Up

Keegan's Fulham find Wigan pier pressure hard to handle

KEVIN Keegan discovered the hard facts of life in Division Two as his newly-acquired **Fulham** charges went down to a last-minute goal at **Wigan**, writes *Simon Oxley*.

Keegan and his former England teammate Ray Wilkins took charge at Craven Cottage last Thursday, and after the Premiership splendours of their respective previous employment, Saturday afternoon at Springfield Park just wasn't the same.

Fulham took the lead through Steve Hayward, before former Luton defender Gavin Johnson equalised, with Wigan skipper Colin Greenall netting the 89th minute winner.

Greenall has won promotion in the lower divisions with Chester, Blackpool and Wigan, and now aged 34 has experienced life in the basement.

"If Keegan brings Premiership players down to this level it will really open their eyes," he said. "They won't get pretty football in this division, it can be mayhem at times. People think it is easy to get out of the second and third divisions, but I can tell them it isn't. It takes time. You have to dig in, be organised and be able to fight."

Keegan and Wilkins of course have Mr Al Fayed's money to spend - like John Deehan's Wigan who are backed by millionaire sports shop owner Dave Whelan.

But Greenall warned Fulham not to expect overnight success.

"John Deehan has completely turned the playing squad around here, but it has taken time," he pointed out.

"You can't bring a whole new team in and be successful straight away."

Watford manager Graham Taylor said his players have to learn to cope with sides coming to Vicarage Road aiming for just a point.

Taylor was speaking after the 1-1 draw with **York**, which kept the Hornets top on goal difference.

They were just 18 minutes from defeat, as York defended grimly after



Neil Tolson's first-half opener. But the arrival of substitutes Steve Palmer and Stuart Slater saw Watford step up a gear, and Jason Lee headed an equaliser.

Taylor said: "That's the second time a team has set out to frustrate us. I would have hoped the players had learned from the first time."

Two goals in the final 10 minutes gave **Blackpool** a flattering 3-0 win over **Southend**.

Mark Bonner opened the scoring, but after Blackpool keeper Steve Banks had denied Andy Thomson three times, the home side scored two late goals through Tony Ellis and Phil Clarkson.

Luton had two players making their league debuts, and three subs without a league appearance between them in the 3-0 defeat at **Bristol City**. Mickey Bell with a penalty, and Steve Torpey (2) netted City's goals in the first-half.

Northampton joined Watford at the top of Division Two with a 2-0 home win over **Millwall**.

Ian Sampson opened the scoring in the 53rd minute when Ray Warburton's shot hit him and went in, with victory confirmed by Roy Hunter's penalty.

Millwall, who had the better of the first-half, had Paul Sturgess sent off.

Bristol Rovers recovered from a 3-0 deficit to draw 4-4 at **Oldham**, to leave Latics' boss Neil Warnock to reflect: "It should have been all over - we blew it!"

Stuart Barlow (2) and Sean McCarthy put the home side in control, before former Watford striker Peter Beadle (2) and Barry Hayles made it all-square at half-time. Shaun Garnett made it 4-3 to Oldham, but Rovers hit back again with

a Jamie Cureton penalty.

It was another miserable day for Chris Waddle's **Burnley**, as **Brentford's** Kevin Rapley netted a late winner for a 2-1 victory for the Bees.

Carl Hutchings had put Brentford in front, with Mark Ford equalising, but Burnley's cause wasn't helped by the dismissal of Lee Howey for a professional foul.

But Waddle maintained afterwards: "I knew only one way to play, and I'll carry that on into management."

"I'll not start playing direct and pumping the ball into the box, and I don't think our fans would want us to."

Wycombe skipper Paul McCarthy was sent off after just 30 minutes for handball on the line in the home game against **Preston**, but the visitors' missed the resulting penalty and the game ended 0-0. It was also goalless in the game between **Wrexham** and **Chesterfield**, whilst **Carlisle** made it three games unbeaten since Mervyn Day's departure with a 2-1 home win over **Gillingham**.

Plymouth scored their first win of the season with a 2-1 victory at home to **Walsall**, with Paul Groves on target for **Grimsby** in their 1-0 win at **Bournemouth**.

Elsewhere around the leagues, there were several ex-Hatters on the scoresheet. John Hartson netted for West Ham in their 2-1 win over Liverpool, whilst in Division One, Paul Dickov scored two in Manchester City's 6-0 win over Swindon.

Martin Williams scored for Reading in their 2-0 win at Portsmouth; Scott Houghton scored as Peterborough drew 1-1 at Macclesfield; and Sean Farrell scored Notts County's winner in the 2-1 victory at Scarborough.

And best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ben Chinery, who was taken to hospital with concussion after a clash of heads during Cambridge's game against Cardiff. Ben was treated on the pitch for eight minutes.

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BORN in Belfast in September 1957, Mal Donaghy made an early name for himself as a Gaelic footballer and while at school represented County Antrim in the sport.

After leaving school and becoming a clerical officer with the Post Office, association football began to take over and it was not long before he was playing for Larne in the Irish League. Picking up a 'Player of the Month' award in the Irish League just weeks after turning out for the first time he went on to win the award three months in succession.

Honours came thick and fast and he was voted 'Newcomer of the Year' by the Northern Ireland Professional Footballers Association, and was outstanding in his first international at under-21 level against Eire.

"I was picked to play for the Northern Ireland Under 21 team to play Eire in Dublin and was apparently watched by David Pleat," recalled Mal.

"He was obviously impressed and put in a bid of around £20,000 for me, but the Larne manager Brian Halliday wanted considerably more."

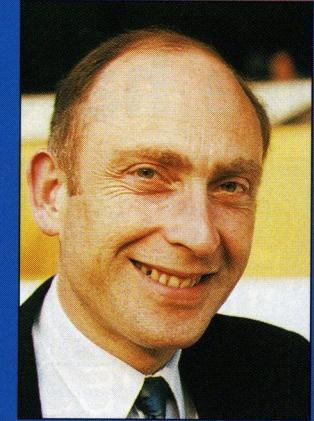
Pleat waited for Halliday, who was also secretary of the Northern Ireland Professional Footballers Association, to go on holiday and then stepped in with a further bid which was accepted by the Larne directors who thought that Donaghy had not re-signed for them and could have left for nothing.

"Halliday was not happy, to put it mildly," said Mal. "But I do see him now from time to time, and he does talk to me!"

The Town had therefore snapped up 'one of the best players to leave Northern Ireland' for a song and from under the noses of Celtic, who had previously invited him over for a week's trial, Wolves, Sheffield United and Q.P.R. "We think we have something special," reported David Pleat at the time.

Mal was very homesick at the start of his stay at Luton but was looked after by landlady Mrs Haughney in Shaftesbury Road who made him welcome, and with

Where are they now?



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whom he keeps in contact to this day.

Making his first team debut in a friendly at Oxford, playing at left half, Donaghy scored what was to be a rare goal in a 2-2 draw. This was followed by a home defeat at the hands of Coventry in another friendly before the first league game of the season, at home to Oldham.

"I think there were seven players making their league debut for Luton that day (Donaghy, Steve Sherlock, Kirk Stephens, Chris Turner, Mark Aizlewood, David Moss and Bob Hatton) which must be some sort of record."

"I thought we played reasonably well in the first half, considering the number of new players in the side, but we went in at the interval one down. "We certainly made up for it in the second half with David Moss and Bob Hatton each scoring twice in an eventual 6-1 win."

Although the Town struggled after a bright start during that 1978/79 campaign, things eventually got better and we were unlucky to miss out on promotion from the old Division Two in each of the next two seasons. It was therefore third time lucky when we won the championship, at a canter, in 1981/82.

"The team that won promotion was a dream to play in and although we were always liable to let in goals, such was the cavalier nature of our play, we were always likely to score more," said Mal.

"I must admit, as a defender, that a 1-0 win was always better than 5-4 but the crowd always seemed to prefer the latter."

By this time Mal was already a regular in the Northern Ireland team, having made his debut against Scotland in May 1980.

He eventually went on to win 91 caps, with 58 of them earned during his time at Kenilworth Road which is a record I should imagine will stand for all time.

From looking at the record books a good many of his international appearances were made at left back, a position he only appeared in during his early days at

Kenilworth Road. So which was his favourite position?

"I was always happy to play wherever I was picked, but if pushed I preferred to play in central defence playing off the big, ugly centre half (Clive Goodyear excluded, of course!).

"I also played in goal on three occasions during my time at Luton, moving back to replace Jake Findlay, which I didn't mind as my previous life as a Gaelic footballer taught me good hand and eye co-ordination."

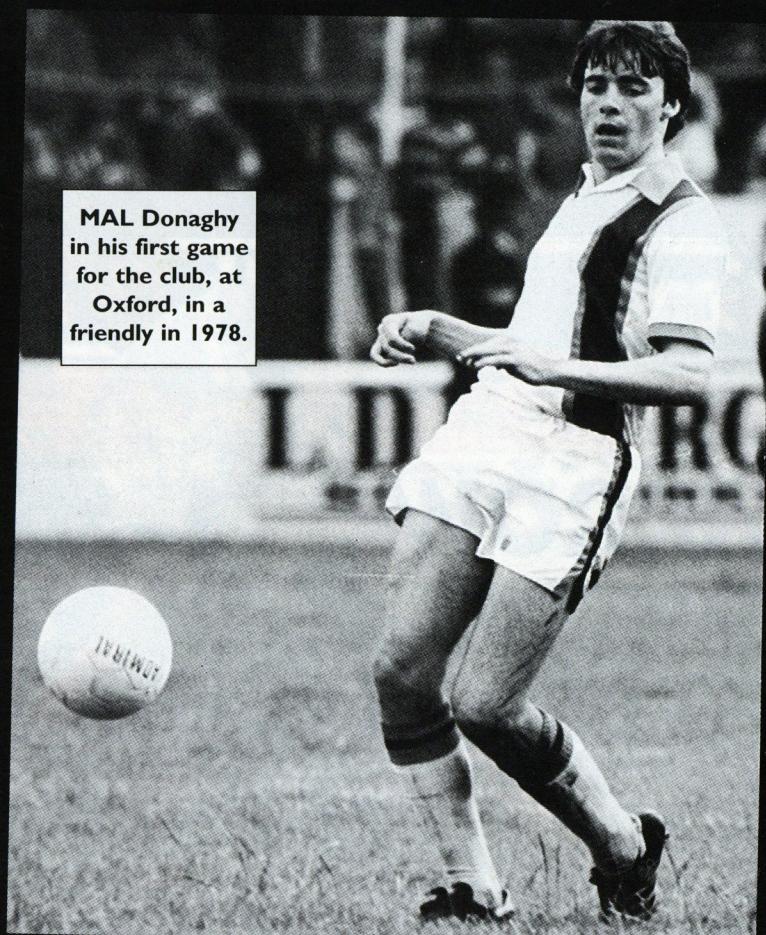
The games that Mal recalled playing in goal were at Cambridge, which we won, at Charlton which we lost and at Liverpool, which was drawn.

That match at Anfield, in 1982, will live long in the memory as three different goalkeepers conceded goals to Liverpool forwards in the same game.

Jake Findlay was injured in the first half to be replaced by Kirk Stephens with each letting in a goal to put us 2-1 down at half time. Mal replaced Stephens in the second half and performed heroically as we went 3-2 ahead. Unfortunately Liverpool equalised before the end and quite understandably Mal blamed his defence!

1982 was a good year for Mal Donaghy as his son, Ciaran, was born, the Town were promoted to the old Division One and he appeared for Northern Ireland in the World Cup finals.

He then went on to enjoy central defensive partnerships with Clive Goodyear, Paul Elliott, and an enduring one with Steve Foster which would see us to eventual glory in the Littlewoods Cup final in



1988.

During his time at Kenilworth Road Mal was remarkably injury free, no doubt down to playing alongside the big, ugly centre half, and in his first nine seasons here he was ever present in six of them, and missed only six games in total from the other three.

It therefore came as a big shock

when he was stretchered off, badly injured the week before the biggest game during his time at Kenilworth Road, the Littlewoods Cup Final against Arsenal.

You can read Part Two of this interview with Mal Donaghy in next week's programme when we entertain Plymouth.

5 YEARS AGO

3/10/92: In farcical, rain-soaked conditions at Kenilworth Road, visitors Portsmouth adapted better and ran out 4-1 winners. John Dreyer was the sole Luton marksman in front of a crowd of 7,954.

10 YEARS AGO

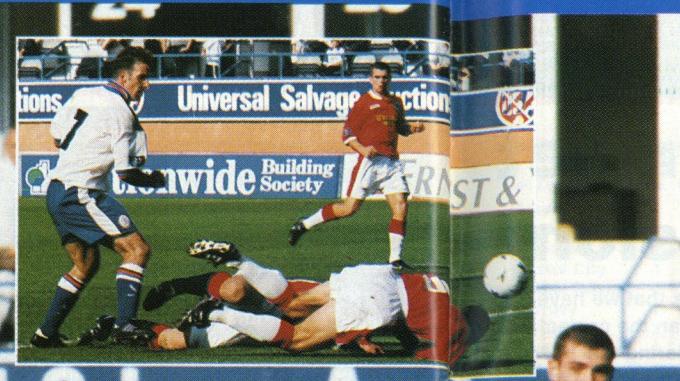
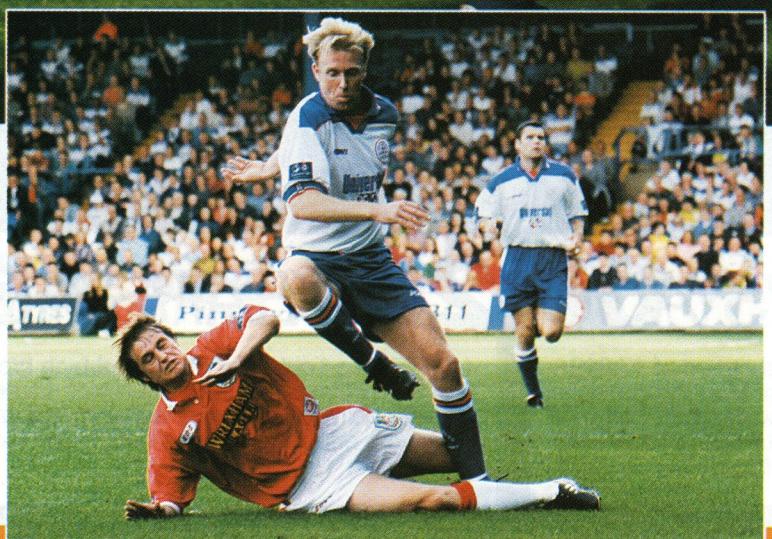
3/10/87: Manchester United were the visitors to Kenilworth Road, and Mick Harford gave us a surprise interval lead against one of our bogey sides. True to form the match finished 1-1 to leave us in 14th place in the old Division One.

15 YEARS AGO

2/10/82: A Kenilworth Road crowd of 17,009 turned up to see the first visit of Manchester United since 1960. The match finished 1-1 with Ricky Hill on target for the Town, and future Hatter Ashley Grimes scoring for the Reds.

20 YEARS AGO

4/10/77: In a tight game, watched by a crowd of 9,119, a solitary goal from Paul Price earned us both points in a home clash with Millwall.



Steve Davis (5) pulls a goal back for the Hatters just before half-time, heading home Richard Harvey's corner.

← A mix-up in the Wrexham defence (insets) gives Phil Gray the chance to score on his return.

David Oldfield is kept in check by the Wrexham defence.

Tony Thorpe keeps the Welsh side at arms length during the second-half. →



ACTION STATIONS



Luton Town 2 Wrexham 5

(Davis, Gray)

Saturday, September 20, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 5,241

(Brammer, Connolly 3, Skinner pen)

Pictures by Gareth Owen

FORTHCOMING MATCHES
IN NATIONWIDE DIV TWO

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

Saturday, October 18
Bournemouth v Fulham
Blackpool v Grimsby
Brentford v Walsall
Bristol City v York
Carlisle v Preston
Northampton v Gillingham
Oldham v Chesterfield
Plymouth v Southend
Wigan v LUTON
Wrexham v Burnley
Wycombe v Bristol R

Tuesday, October 21
Bournemouth v Millwall
Blackpool v Chesterfield
Brentford v Bristol R
Bristol City v Preston
Carlisle v LUTON
Northampton v York
Oldham v Grimsby
Plymouth v Burnley
Watford v Fulham
Wigan v Gillingham
Wrexham v Southend
Wycombe v Walsall

League delegation meet European Commission

A SENIOR delegation from the Football League, including the Chairman, David Sheepshanks, and Secretary, David Dent, have visited the European Commission in Brussels to discuss their formal complaint against UEFA's ruling to disallow the Coca-Cola Cup as a means of qualification for the UEFA Cup.

Commenting after these discussions, David Sheepshanks said: "We have had an extensive and sympathetic meeting at which we were able to present our case arguments to the officers of Department DG1V and the Competition Commissioner's office.

"They will now further consider our complaint while taking into account the views of other interested parties including UEFA.

"As expected, there is no more to report at this stage. However, nothing we heard

in the meeting suggests that we have taken anything other than the correct course of action considering the importance of this case for the League."

The Football League have also circulated details of its case to nearly 100 British members of the European Parliament - an initiative which has already seen an excellent response from the country's representatives in Brussels.

Citing infringements of Articles 85 and 86 of the European Treaty of Rome, the Football League felt that UEFA's actions amount to 'an abuse of a dominant position', are discriminatory and penalise the Football League for the Premier League's refusal to reduce its numbers in accordance with UEFA's requirement - a matter over which the Football League have no control.

Shield draws live on Virgin Radio

THE Football League have announced that the draws for each round of this season's Auto Windscreens Shield will be broadcast live on Virgin Radio's award-winning 'Russ 'n' Jono Breakfast Experience'.

The draw for the first round of this season's competition, which will also determine the 16 clubs to go straight through to the second round of the Auto Windscreens Shield, will be made on Virgin Radio on Thursday, November 20.

Auto Windscreens have confirmed their fourth year of sponsorship of the competition for second and third division clubs.

The current format, in operation for the second successive season, incorporates a northern and southern section, with the first round now played on an instant knockout basis - rather than the round-robin format of previous years.

The first round sees 32 clubs competing, with the remaining 16 clubs receiving a bye into the second round.

The second round, area quarter-final, and area semi-final sections follow, with the area finals once again played over two legs on a home and away basis. The competition final is at Wembley on Sunday, April 19, 1998.

Busy Bees get stadium boost

THINGS are certainly buzzing for the Bees of Barnet FC, with the North London club announcing major news concerning their new stadium development, on the back of a new sponsorship deal.

London Borough Council have given the third division side the green light for the move from their Underhill home to a redeveloped arena at the present site of Barnet Copthall Stadium.

The project will cost the football club in the region of £14 million to construct, with club officials hoping that they could be in the new 10,000 all-seater stadium at some stage next season.

Barnet chairman Tony Kleanthous said: "This decision goes a long way towards securing the future of Barnet Football Club. I am both relieved and delighted with the news."

The news of a move followed the announcement of a new shirt sponsorship agreement with 'Loaded' magazine.

how teams have scored

| see key below | Hd | CR | Ob | V | FK | P | Ib | OG | mins into match | 0-15 | 16-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-75 | 76-90 |
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| Gillingham | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | Gillingham | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
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| Millwall | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | Millwall | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
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| Oldham | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | Oldham | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
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| Millwall | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
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Highest/Lowest Gates

13,812 Watford v York 27-Sep

2,853 York v Gillingham 30-Aug

Highest Aggregate Scores

Oldham 4-4 Bristol Rovers 27-Sep

Biggest Home Win

Wigan 5-2 Wycombe 9-Aug

Biggest Away Win

Luton 2-5 Wrexham 20-Sep

Consecutive Wins

Northampton 4

Games Unbeaten

Northampton 8

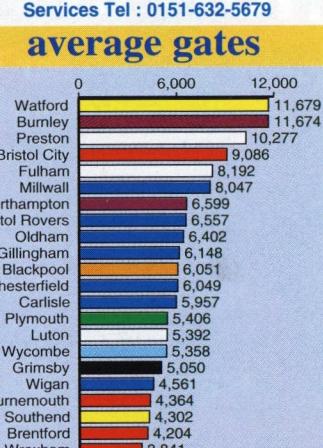
Consecutive Defeats

Blackpool, Carlisle, Fulham 3

Games without a Win

Burnley 9

average gates



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Consecutive Wins

Northampton 2

Games Unbeaten

Northampton 8

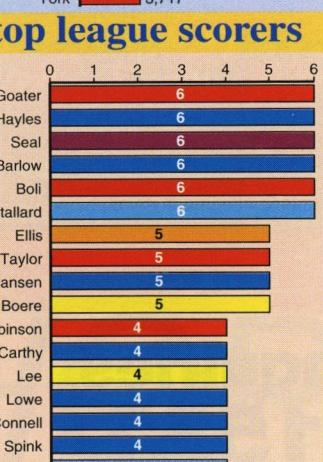
Consecutive Defeats

Fulham 3

Games without a Win

Burnley 9

top league scorers



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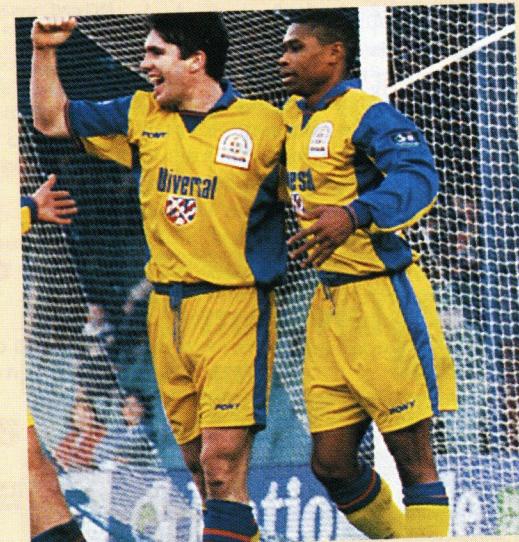
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As ever, the game against Watford has proved extremely popular, but if you missed out on this occasion

COMMERCIAL NEWS



with **KATHY LEATHER**

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THIS afternoon we welcome Commercial Mascot DANIEL MURTAGH EDMONDSON, who attends Icknield Junior School in Luton. His hobbies are football and swimming, and his favourite Luton Town player is Tony Thorpe.



ABOVE: Phil Branston of Anachem, pictured with the Town players after his company's sponsorship of the game against West Brom.

World Cup at Kenilworth Road

IN 1990 we had to make do with Gazza on an open-top bus touring the streets of Luton, but now the World Cup has been seen in the town! The priceless World Cup trophy was on a two-day visit to the Vauxhall plant in the town, and was on display at our home match against Millwall.



Vauxhall Motors is an official sponsor of the 1998 World Cup Finals and was allowed to borrow the trophy once this year. It was brought from FIFA headquarters in Zurich, and was accompanied by a giant blue cockerel - Footix - the World Cup '98 mascot for the finals in France.

Look out for a number of World Cup initiatives involving Vauxhall ahead of next summer.



ABOVE: The Cabletel kids from the last home game against Wrexham

Today's Cabletel kids are: Christopher Fagence, Thomas Hill, Tom Morgan, Lewis Gammon, Oliver Churm, Ian Preedy, Joe Heracleous, Jake Heracleous, Kim Aldhon, Ross Horn and Benjamin Gopal.

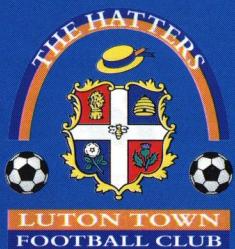


I'm sure you will have noticed the giant Vauxhall Griffin which covers the centre-circle before the match, and the teams of youngsters who remove it prior to kick-off.

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

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

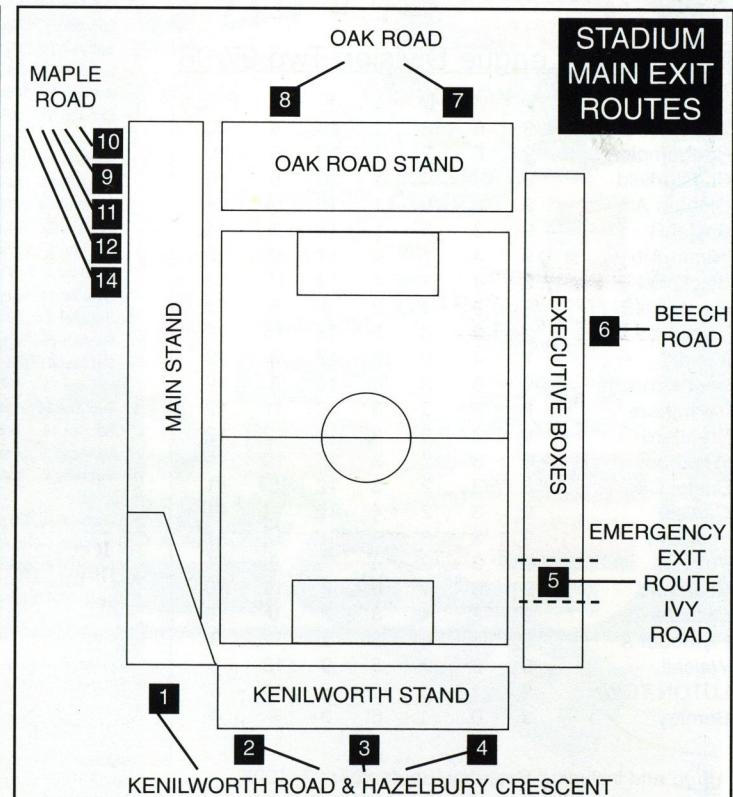
LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

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

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

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



TEAMStatistics

1997/98 See page 47 for Division Two stats

LUTON TOWN 1997/98

| PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.) | LGE APPS | LGE GLS | CUP APPS | CUP GLS | LTEC career apps (league & cup, incl subs) & goals, as at start 97/98 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|---|
| Nathan ABBEY | | | 1 | | |
| Graham ALEXANDER | 4 | | 2 | | 101 3g |
| Simon DAVIES | 6 (1) | | 3 (1) | | |
| Kelvin DAVIS | 6 | | | | 21 0g |
| Steve DAVIS | 8 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 100 11g |
| Andy DIBBLE | 1 | | 2 | | |
| Gary DOHERTY | (3) | | | | |
| Stuart DOUGLAS | 4 (4) | 1 | 3 (1) | 1 | 20 1g |
| Sean EVERS | 2 (3) | | 2 | | 4 0g |
| Ian FEUER | 2 | | 1 | | 98 0g |
| Andrew FOTIADIS | 1 | | | | 23 3g |
| Liam GEORGE | 1 | | (2) | | |
| Phil GRAY | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 67 26 |
| Richard HARVEY | 2 (1) | | 2 (1) | | 181 5g |
| Julian JAMES | 4 | | 1 | | 309 14g |
| Marvin JOHNSON | 7 | | 3 | | 289 6g |
| Robert KEAN | (1) | | | | |
| Dwight MARSHALL | 7 | 1 | 2 | | 115 33g |
| Gavin McGOWAN | 5 (2) | | | | 2 0g |
| Paul McLAREN | 7 (2) | | 4 | | 44 1g |
| David OLDFIELD | 8 | | 4 | | 125 21g |
| Trevor PEAKE | (1) | | | | 201 0g |
| Paul SHOWLER | (1) | | | | 33 6g |
| Bryan SMALL | 4 | | | | |
| Matthew SPRING | (1) | | | | |
| Mitchell THOMAS | 4 | | 2 | | 273 5g |
| Tony THORPE | 5 (1) | 1 | 2 (1) | 3 | 110 41g |
| Gary WADDOCK | 9 | | 4 | | 133 3g |
| Alan WHITE | 1 | | 1 | | |

Nationwide League Division Two 97/98

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | PTS |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Watford | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 8 | 20 |
| Northampton | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 20 |
| Chesterfield | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| Oldham Ath | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 16 | 14 | 14 |
| Bristol R | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 9 | 14 |
| Wigan Ath | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 12 | 13 |
| Blackpool | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 17 | 13 |
| Preston NE | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 13 |
| Wycombe W | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 15 | 12 |
| Millwall | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 12 |
| Bournemouth | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 12 |
| Gillingham | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Brentford | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 12 |
| Wrexham | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 11 |
| Bristol City | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 11 |
| Carlisle | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 11 |
| York City | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 11 |
| Fulham | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 11 |
| Southend | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 16 | 10 |
| Grimsby | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 10 |
| Plymouth A | 9 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 11 | 9 |
| Walsall | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 8 |
| LUTON TOWN | 9 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 14 | 6 |
| Burnley | 9 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 4 |

Up to and including Saturday, September 27, 1997.

| DATE | OPPONENTS | F-A | ATT | POS | GK | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Sat Aug 9 | Blackpool | 0-1 | 6,547 | - | Feuer | McGowan | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | McLaren | Alexander | Oldfield | Thorpe | (Davies) | (Douglas) | Evers | Harvey |
| Tue Aug 12 | Colchester Utd CCC1 (1) | 1-0 | 2,840 | - | Feuer | Douglas | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | McLaren | Alexander | (Oldfield) | THORPE | Davies | Kean (Harvey) | Evers | |
| Mon Aug 18 SOUTHPARK UTD | | 1-0 | 5,140 | 12 | Feuer | James | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | Davies | Alexander | (Fotiadis) | (Thorpe) | Marshall | (DOUGLAS) | (McLaren) | Harvey |
| Sat Aug 23 | Fulham | 0-0 | 8,142 | 15 | K.Davis | James | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | (Davies) | (Alexander) | Oldfield | (Douglas) | Marshall | (McGowan) | (Harvey) | (McLaren) |
| Tue Aug 26 | COLCHESTER UTD CCC1 (2) | 1-1 | 2,816 | - | Abbey | James | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | (Davies) | McLaren | Oldfield | THORPE | Marshall | (Douglas) | Showler | Evers |
| Sat Aug 30 | OLDHAM ATHLETIC | 1-1 | 5,404 | 12 | K.Davis | (James) | Thomas | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | (Davies) | McLaren | Oldfield | THORPE | (Marshall) | (Douglas) | (Showler) | (McGowan) |
| Tue Sep 2 | MILLWALL | 0-2 | 5,781 | 15 | K.Davis | (James) | McGowan | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | McLaren (Alexander) | Oldfield | Thorpe (Marshall) | (Douglas) | (Doherty) | (Evers) | | |
| Tue Sep 9 | Northampton Town | 0-1 | 7,246 | 18 | K. Davis | McGowan | Small | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | McLaren | (Evers) | Oldfield | Douglas (Marshall) | | Peake (Davies) | (Doherty) | |
| Sat Sep 13 | AFC Bournemouth | 1-1 | 4,561 | 21 | K.Davis | McGowan | Small | Waddock | S.Davis | Johnson | (Davies) | McLaren | Oldfield | (Douglas) | MARSHALL | (Evers) | Peake (Doherty) | |
| Tue Sep 16 WEST BROM CCC2 (1) | | 1-1 | 3,437 | - | Dibble | Alexander | Harvey | Waddock | S.Davis | (Johnson) | (Evers) | McLaren | Oldfield | DOUGLAS | Marshall | Doherty (Davies) | (George) | |
| Sat Sep 20 WREXHAM | | 2-5 | 5,241 | 23 | Dibble | McGowan | (Harvey) | (Waddock) | S.DAVIS | Small | GRAY | McLaren | Oldfield | Douglas (Marshall) | (Thorpe) | (Evers) | (Peake) | |
| Tue Sep 23 | West Brom CCC2 (2) | 2-4 | 7,227 | - | Dibble | Evers | Harvey | Waddock | S.DAVIS | White | Gray | McLaren | Oldfield | (Douglas) | (Davies) | (THORPE) | Doherty (George) | |
| Sat Sep 27 | Bristol City | 0-3 | 8,509 | 23 | K.Davis | Evers | Harvey | (Waddock) | Small | White | Davies | McLaren | Oldfield | Thorpe (George) | (Kean) | (Spring) | Omobodion | |

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| Southend | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 16 | 10 |
| Grimsby | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 10 |
| Plymouth A | 9 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 11 | 9 |
| Walsall | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 8 |
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| Burnley | 9 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 4 |

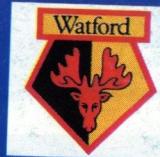
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Team Check



Luton Town V Watford

| | | |
|----------------|----|----------------------|
| Kelvin DAVIS | 1 | Alec CHAMBERLAIN |
| Gavin McGOWAN | 2 | Nigel GIBBS |
| Richard HARVEY | 3 | Peter KENNEDY |
| Gary WADDOCK | 4 | Robert PAGE |
| Bryan SMALL | 5 | Keith MILLEN |
| Alan WHITE | 6 | Tommy MOONEY |
| Simon DAVIES | 7 | Gifton NOEL-WILLIAMS |
| Paul McLAREN | 8 | Micah HYDE |
| David OLDFIELD | 9 | Jason LEE |
| Tony THORPE | 10 | Richard JOHNSON |
| Liam GEORGE | 11 | Ronny ROSENTHAL |

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Today's
Officials
Today's referee is
TERRY HEILBRON
from County Durham.

Mr Heilbron, an Area Manager for a Motor Manufacturer, joined the league list in 1993, refereeing last season's Division 3 play-off final between Northampton and Swansea..

P.W.
Barnes



A.J. Green



4th official: D. White

Next match at Kenilworth Road

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

This game is on Saturday, October 11, kick-off 3pm.
See page 9 for ticket details.



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