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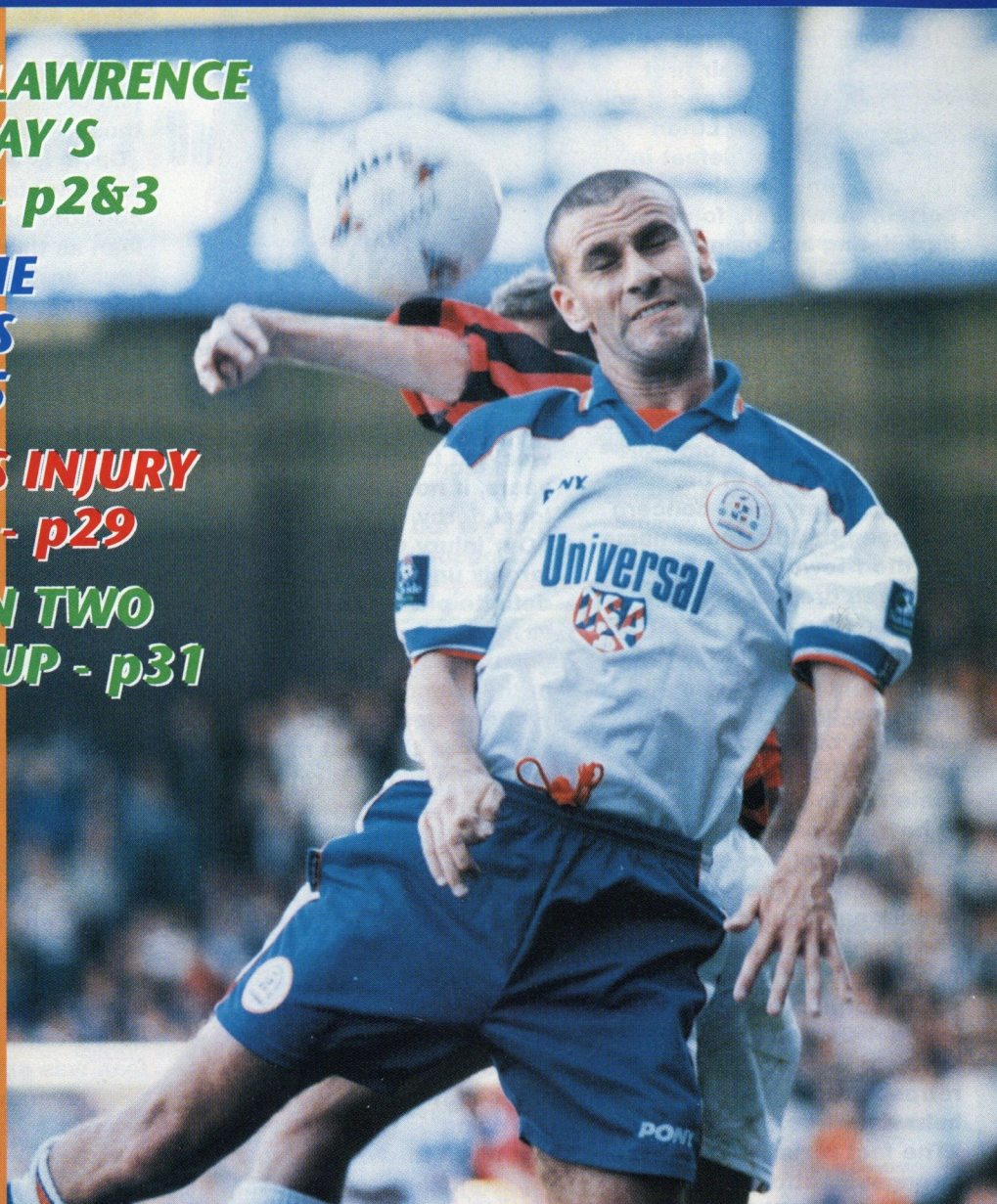
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## From the manager's chair

MUCH has been written and said about last week's derby game against Watford, and I'm sure for those who attended the game, the match will live in the memory for a long time.

It will be remembered by Watford fans as their first victory in 10 years, and it will be remembered by Luton fans as their first defeat in 10 years, and one that certain individuals found so humiliating and painful that they chose to run onto the pitch, and to try and personally dismantle our dugout.

As a manager in these times perhaps you have to accept this sort of abuse from certain elements of the crowd, but my main concern has been that the good name of Luton Town Football Club has been dragged through the mud by a small group of individuals who did enough to give the impression, and the opportunity to certain elements of the media to suggest, there was a full-scale riot in progress.

I have my personal opinions as to how well we dealt with the situation. They will remain personal.

Although one hardly expects to go off at half-time to polite ripples of applause when losing 4-0 at home in a local derby to Watford, perhaps in retrospect some of the behaviour was over the top.

The fact remains that the strongest Watford side for many years, with the best manager since he was there



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

the last time, beat the weakest Luton side for many years, if not ever fielded in a local derby.

Our injury problems are largely unchanged, one definite plus at the time of writing being the return of Julian James who did so well in the second half against Watford, despite one day's training in the past month.

No other player's return is by any means certain at this stage.

On the debit side, Phil Gray definitely misses today's match through injury, although if fit he would have been on international duty with Northern Ireland. He withdrew from the Irish squad this week.

Indeed, he did well to last the game against Watford last week after suffering a recurrence of his ankle injury.

Stuart Douglas, who we

were hoping would return today, looks doubtful once again at the time of writing.

Gavin McGowan's loan expires this weekend, and amazingly he has only started seven games in the 14 weeks he has been with us, including last season, and has completed only four of those.

Gavin is also injured today, and reluctantly we have to consider not renewing the loan as there may well be a greater need in another position.

Where that position might be is somewhat difficult to tell at the moment.

That is the end of the bad news and now we must look forward to today's fixture against Plymouth Argyle, one of my old clubs, and a club who find themselves in a similar league position to us, and consequently need the points as much as we do.

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

Hopefully we may have one or two new debutants today, and it may be possible for players to play in their more normal positions. For example Bryan Small, who has rarely filled his regular left-back slot since coming here from Bolton, and whose loan was extended this week.

However, in spite of all the problems I still feel sure that there is enough spirit and football in the team to win the match today, if the players are not frightened to



death in the opening 20 minutes.

I am hoping for a positive reaction from fans today.

Although I appreciate the utter frustration and despair supporters felt in losing to Watford in that manner, I hope that they can find it

within themselves to help us today. Some of our players are doing unbelievably well in impossible circumstances, and that is the first brick on which to rebuild our hopes and fortunes.

It can turn today, but we will need your help and support.

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## Gray ruled out of Irish return

HATTERS striker Phil Gray was this week forced to pull out of the Northern Ireland squad for today's World Cup qualifying match against Portugal in Lisbon.

Gray suffered a recurrence of an ankle injury during last Saturday's game against Watford, and the decision to withdraw him from the squad was announced on Monday.

Phil had earned a recall to the squad after missing Ireland's last game when they surprisingly lost in Albania, with manager Bryan Hamilton saying Gray's return to English football was the reason for his selection.

Stoke City's Gerard McMahon was called up as a replacement.

Ian Atkins of Northampton has won the Division Two Manager of the Month award for September.

The Cobblers won promotion via the play-offs last term, and won four and drew one of their five matches during September, climbing to second place in the league.

In Division One, the award went to QPR boss Stewart Houston, with Notts County's Sam Allardyce taking the Division Three prize.

The Nationwide Manager of the Month awards are announced at the end of every month during the campaign to recognise the most



IT'S up there somewhere! Simon Davies, Watford scorer David Thomas, and Richard Harvey wait for the ball to arrive!

successful bosses in Divisions One, Two and Three.

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

The findings of a major new survey for supporters with disabilities have been revealed in a Football Trust document entitled 'Leaving the Trackside'.

The project has assessed the nature and extent of facilities for supporters with disabilities at every professional football stadium in England and Scotland. The research will hopefully provide an invaluable and enlightening

source of information on the facilities currently on offer throughout the country.

The survey has taken particular account of the views of spectators with disabilities and selective visits have been made to large and small clubs to examine examples of good practice, find out how facilities have improved and listen to the concerns of fans with disabilities.

Two clubs from the Nationwide League have been rewarded for leading the way with the excellent work that has taken place at their stadia.

Crewe and Northampton picked up their Football Trust/McDonald's Disabled Facilities awards from the Minister for Sport, Tony Banks, at a recent ceremony.

### SAFETY NOTE

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

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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: Simon Davies in the thick of the action during last week's 'derby' game against Watford at Kenilworth Road. More action from last Saturday on pages 16 and 17. (Picture: GARETH OWEN).

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# STEVO

**Club Captain's Corner  
with STEVE DAVIS**



LEFT: Tony Thorpe pictured during last weekend's match against Watford at Kenilworth Road. Thorpe enjoyed playing Plymouth last season, netting five goals in the 3-3 and 2-2 draws against the Pilgrims.

## LTFC TICKET OFFICE

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

See page 9 for ticket details for the forthcoming trips to Wigan and Carlisle.

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WELL, what do we say this week? Do we talk about the result last Saturday or do we forget about it and look forward?

From your point of view I would say the quicker you forget the better. I realise it is easier said than done, as we all know how important the game is to all concerned.

To anyone connected with Luton, Watford is the first fixture you look for, so try to think towards February 14th. Revenge is sweet!

From the players point of view, and not only for the 14 involved on Saturday, but every professional at the club, it was important to look at the video and see exactly where we went wrong.

Several points were made by both management and players, and hopefully by 4.45 - or maybe 5pm depending on the referee in charge - you will have seen those words put into action.

On a brighter note it seems the majority of the injured lads will be back sooner rather than later.

The likes of Mitch, "Feuer, Feuer", and Daz have been bagged off to Lilleshall, which enabled Clive to

have his first day off last Sunday since July!!

The Playstation kings - Marv, "Super Dwight, Dwight, Dwight" and Gav have never stopped talking about the new game Formula 1 '97, but despite coming to work in a Williams-Renault every day, Dwight has managed to be late four times this week! But he still hasn't paid his fines has he Grezza!!

Dwight was certainly looking forward to playing this afternoon against his former club Plymouth, but hopefully Tony Thorpe can continue his excellent goalscoring record against Argyle.

We had two draws against them last season, but Thorpe managed five goals in the 3-3 and 2-2 scorelines.

After today we have two long trips to look forward to, with games at Wigan and Carlisle.

Hopefully by the time our next home game is here, we will have climbed the table and with your support I'm sure we can turn the corner.

At the time of writing I was due to resume training on Thursday, and could be fit to return this afternoon. I certainly hope so. Enjoy the game.

FOR THE LATEST NEWS - CLUBCALL 0891 121 123

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## From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY  
NEWBERY**

A BIG thank-you to everyone who gave to the Herald and Post Scanner Appeal bucket collection last week, when the magnificent sum of £600.24 was collected.

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.

Supporters will be aware that the ticket office has been open for a trial period until 7pm on a Friday night.

The figures show that after 6pm the service is not being used and therefore in future the ticket office will stay open until 6pm to assist supporters.

Congratulations to the youth team who won 3-0 at Clacton in the Eastern Junior Cup on Wednesday.

At the time of going to press, details of the next round are not available.

Unfortunately, due to injury, we have had to postpone our last two Avon Insurance Combination League matches - at home to West Ham last week, and at Brighton last Monday.

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

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.

A reminder 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.

MARVIN JOHNSON  
BENEFIT SEASON

In recognition of 10 years loyal service to Luton Town, Marvin has been granted a benefit match at the end of this current season, against Sheffield Wednesday, (subject to neither side being involved in any vital matches).

Marvin will also be holding a Sporting Dinner on November 11, at the Vauxhall Recreation Club, where for just £25 per person, you will receive a four-course meal, after-dinner speeches from David Pleat and Nick Owen, plus entertainment from a well-known comedian. For further details please contact 01582 485709.

## TOWN TEASER

In April 1982, Luton Town achieved a 3-2 victory over Newcastle United at Kenilworth Road after being 2-0 down. Who scored a second-half hat-trick to win the game for the Hatters?

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

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Sat Oct 18	Wigan	£11.50	£9.00	8.30am	9.30am
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Sat Nov 1	Wycombe	£6.00	£5.00	11.00am	12 noon
Tue Nov 18	Grimsby	£11.50	£9.00	1.30pm	2.30pm

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

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

## 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).

## Travel Information

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

## TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

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

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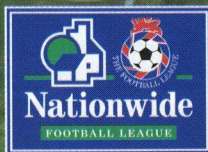
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*As a member you will be very welcome at the regular PACSA Socials held throughout the Duchy next time you are in the South-West, and you will receive "The Janners' Journal" Newsletter - delivered to your door - bi-monthly.*

*For telephone enquiries, ring PACSA Messageline 01209 890770, or write to: The Editor, The Janners' Journal, 9 Shortlands, Pyworthy, Holsworthy, EX22 6SY. You'll be made very welcome!*

*PASALB - Plymouth Argyle Supporters' Association London Branch - was formed in 1976, and currently has over 500 members worldwide who receive a monthly newsletter keeping them informed of the latest goings on at Home Park.*

*The newsletter also contains match reports and details of all PASALB's sporting and social events.*

*We arrange travel to most Argyle matches, and play football, darts and pool against other London-based supporters clubs.*

*If anybody wishes to join, please write to: Phil Carpenter, 46 The Croft, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 1UR, or telephone 01628 482645.*

**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.**

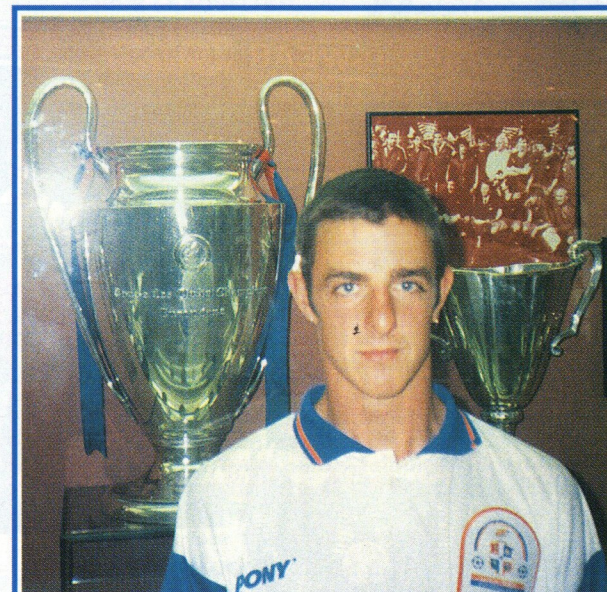
**LUTON fan Robert McCree, from 55 Wroxham Way, Harpenden, Herts, is anxious to obtain a match programme from a friendly match played between Millwall and Luton Town on March 15, 1954. Can anybody help? Please contact Mr McCree at the above address.**

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:** Luton Town fan James Sellars on a visit to Barcelona's trophy room at the Nou Camp stadium. For British fans not old enough to remember - the trophy in the background is the European Cup!



**LEFT:** John and Lynne Newman, from Aylesbury, at the Grand Canyon, in Arizona, USA.

Don't forget to keep sending us photographs which show you the supporters proudly displaying the Luton colours in various parts of the world. (There will a prize for the most obscure, or any with celebrities in!) Photos should be sent to: The Programme Editor, c/o Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW. Requests for penpals, programme swaps etc. can also be forwarded.

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Back row: l to r: Gary Clayton, Jon Ashton, Paul Wotton, Steve Perkins, Mick Heathcote, Tony James, Simon Collins, Jon Beswetherick, Kevin Summerfield (youth team coach).

Middle row: l to r: Norman Medhurst (physio), Graham Anthony, Jason Rowbottom, Mark Patterson, Chris Billy, Jon Sheffield, James Dungey, Mark Saunders, Ronnie Mauge, Ryan Bushby, Chris Leadbitter, Kevin Blackwell (Assistant Manager).

Front row: Kevin Francis, Carlo Corrazin, Earl Jean, Neil Illman, Mick Jones (Manager), Dan McCauley (Chairman), Adrian Littlejohn, Paul Williams, Martin Barlow, Andrew Sargent.



ABOVE: Adrian Littlejohn

## Early Rowe goal sees off 'dangerous' Argyle

NOT a pretty game by any means, but the result was enough to send York City leaping up the table from 17th to ninth as they just got the better of struggling Plymouth, who remain in the bottom four.

The contest was yet another example of York's roller-coaster season - terrible at Walsall a fortnight ago, brilliant at leaders Watford a week ago, and now a no more than average performance as they edged home against Argyle, who will have made the 330-mile journey home on Saturday night believing there was no justice in the game.

York's supporters will take some comfort in the knowledge that they have seen their team play better than this and lose.

They began well enough and after Neil Tolson had headed over the bar in the sixth minute, took the lead two minutes later.

Wayne Hall's long throw into the goalmouth was headed on by Tolson and Rodney Rowe, despite being closely marked by Mick Heathcote, suddenly pivoted to hammer a close-range volley

### WHAT THE PAPERS SAY!

Plymouth's 1-0 defeat at York last Saturday, as reported in the **YORKSHIRE POST**.

past Jon Sheffield.

York had the better of the first-half although Argyle were dangerous at times and it was then that the home side were thankful for the cool and confident handling of Mark Samways.

The second-half saw Argyle get on top and York had to soak up pressure, Tolson being in the right place to block a goal-bound shot from Carlo Corrazin.

But, for all their pressure, Argyle fashioned few clear scoring chances, despite the prompting of the industrious Martin Barlow. In a hectic finish, six players were cautioned, four of them visitors, but York held out.

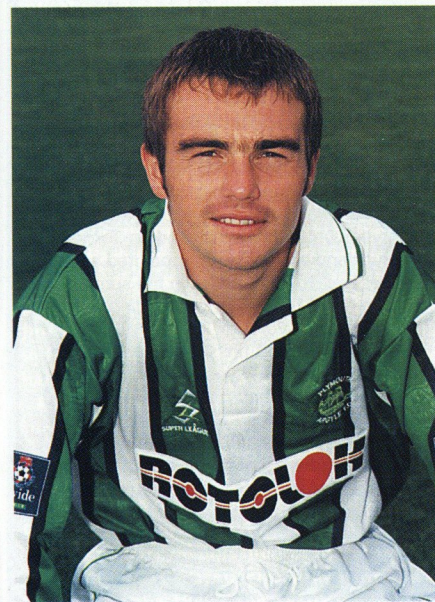
York manager Alan Little said: "We started well but then tailed off and became sluggish in a low key affair. We struggled at times but Plymouth didn't really show many teeth. The good thing was that at least we have got a win."

**JON SHEFFIELD** - Goalkeeper who joined the Pilgrims in July 1996 from Peterborough, for an initial £45,000 which will rise to £150,000 on appearances. Started his professional career in 1986, signing for Norwich, and made his first team debut for the Canaries in the 1988/89 season. Had loan spells with Aldershot and Ipswich before moving to Cambridge in 1991/92. From the Abbey Stadium he had loan spells with Colchester, Swindon and Hereford, before moving to Peterborough where he was an ever-present in the 1995/96 campaign.

**MARK PATTERSON** - The longest-serving member of the Argyle playing staff, he was a regular in the promotion winning side of two seasons ago. Previously played for Carlisle, where he started his career in 1986. Moved to Derby in 1987 for £60,000, before a move to Home Park for £85,000 in July 1993. A broken leg in the July 1996 pre-season game with Chelsea meant that he missed most of last season, although he returned in the centre of defence as the Pilgrims avoided relegation.

**PAUL WILLIAMS** - Left-back who signed from Coventry City in the summer of 1995 for £50,000. Previously with Stockport, whom Coventry paid £150,000 for his services in August 1993. Has also appeared in a West Brom shirt, playing five times for the Baggies during a loan spell in November 1993. Ever-present last season, apart from missing one Auto Windscreen Shield game.

**MARTIN BARLOW** - A key right winger/midfielder for Argyle having been a product of the youth set-up at Home Park, signing senior forms in July 1989. Was voted Player-of-the-Year in 1994/95.



LEFT: Martin Barlow

**CHRIS LEADBITTER** - Left-sided midfielder who signed from Bournemouth during the 1995/96 pre-season. Had spells at Grimsby and Hereford before joining Cambridge in 1988, becoming a

regular at the Abbey Stadium, making 176 league appearances, many alongside current colleague Mick Heathcote. Bournemouth paid £25,000 for his services in August 1993, and he made nearly 50 appearances for the Cherries before the move to Devon. Injury restricted his appearances last season, with a cruciate ligament injury eventually diagnosed.

**RICHARD LOGAN** - Central defender signed from Huddersfield Town. Started his career at Gainsborough Town before joining Huddersfield in November 1993 on a free transfer. Suffered with injury last season, but still managed to get on the scoresheet four times.

**RONNIE MAUGE** - Scored the Wembley goal that took the Pilgrims to promotion the season before last. Was on target a number of times last term, including Plymouth's opener in the 3-3 draw against Luton at Home Park. Signed from Bury during the summer of 1995 for £40,000. London-born midfielder who began his career as a trainee at Charlton, and moved to Fulham in 1988 on a free. Joined Bury for £40,000 in 1990, and whilst at Gigg Lane he had a loan spell at Manchester City.

**ADRIAN LITTLEJOHN** - Striker who joined the club from Sheffield United in the summer of 1996. A £200,000 payment secured the services of a player who had started with Walsall before a free transfer to Sheffield United in 1991. Has represented England Schools, and scored in the 2-2 draw against Luton at Kenilworth Road last season.

**JAMES DUNGEY** - Young goalkeeper who has played for England at Under-15 level, and has already made first-team appearances for Argyle, becoming the youngest player to appear for the Pilgrims when he made his debut at Stockport in the 94/95 season.

**PADDY WILSON** - A late close season signing by Mick Jones in 1997, after a prolific scoring record for Ashton United with 40 goals in the Uni-Bond League last season. Could eventually cost £45,000.

**EARL JEAN** - Rotherham's top scorer last season, who signed for Argyle in August. Captain of the St Lucia national team, and played in Portugal before moving to England.

(Continued on page 14).

See page 20 for Plymouth stats.....



**CARLO CORRAZIN** - Canadian international who joined the club towards the end of the 1995/96 season from Cambridge United, and enjoyed a very dramatic introduction to his Argyle career, coming on as a late substitute against Mansfield in April 1996, being fouled for a penalty, and then scoring the winner from the spot! Born in Canada on Christmas day 1971, he joined Cambridge from Vancouver in December 1993, but missed a lot of games last season because of international call-ups.

**CHRIS BILLY** - Signed from Huddersfield Town, where he started his career as a trainee, the right-winger/wing-back scored four goals during the 1996/97 season. Joined the club as part of the transfer that took Paul Dalton to Huddersfield, and last season slotted into the right-back role following the pre-season injury to Mark Patterson. Swept the board in the Player-of-the-Season awards, and impressed in a more forward role in pre-season, with two goals against Sheffield Wednesday in July.

**NEIL ILLMAN** - Striker signed from non-league Eastwood Town at the end of the 1995/96 season. Previously a trainee at Middlesbrough, he dropped into non-league where he became a prolific scorer, attracting the attention of a host of league clubs. Senior debut for Argyle came as a second-half substitute at Bournemouth last season.

**MICK HEATHCOTE** - Club captain signed from Cambridge United in the summer of 1995 for £100,000. Durham-born defender whose previous clubs include Spennymoor, Sunderland, Halifax and Shrewsbury - leaving the latter for Cambridge in a £150,000 transfer in September 1991. Has recently signed a new contract, which should see out his playing career with the Pilgrims.

**MARK SAUNDERS** - Signed in the summer of 1995 from non-league Tiverton Town, where he was a prolific scorer from midfield. Played at Wembley for Tiverton in the 1993 FA Vase Final, and won a regular place in the Argyle side towards the end of last season.

**TONY JAMES** - Signed from Hereford in the summer of 1996, but missed the end of last season through injury, and has had cruciate ligament surgery in the close season that will keep him out until Christmas or even the New Year.



**PAUL WOTTON** - Defender who made his senior debut aged just 17, and scored three goals in his nine starts last term. Former captain of the Argyle youth side who has trained with Sheffield Wednesday after they expressed an interest in signing him.

**JOHN BESWETHERICK** - Defender who has progressed through the club's junior ranks, appearing in the first team during pre-season.

LEFT: Tony James

## MEET THE MANAGER

MICK JONES began his playing career in 1964, and had spells at Notts County and Peterborough, before moving into coaching and management.

Was in charge at Halifax, and then moved on to Kettering where he enjoyed league and FA Trophy success, taking the club to Wembley in 1979.

At Bradford City he was 'number two' to manager Roy McFarland when the Bantams won promotion in 1982, and he then had coaching spells at Peterborough and Mansfield before teaming up with Neil Warnock for a seven-year partnership.

Went with Warnock to Plymouth, from Huddersfield, with the pair taking the Pilgrims up from the third division, via the play-offs, in 1996.

When Warnock left Home Park last season, Jones was appointed as caretaker-manager, accepting the full-time post in the summer after keeping the club in Division Two.



Luton-born KEVIN BLACKWELL is the club's assistant manager, who as a player enjoyed a spell at the Home Park club with 20 appearances in 1995/96.

His goalkeeping career started at non-league level with Barton Rovers, followed by moves to Bedford Town, Boston United and Barnet.

Scarborough was his first league club, and he renewed his partnership with Warnock in November 1989 when signing for Notts County for £15,000. Also played for Torquay and Huddersfield, and was appointed as 'number two' to Mick Jones in the summer.

Physio NORMAN MEDHURST joined Argyle from neighbours Torquay in June 1995.

Vastly experienced physio who served the national side for many years under a succession of England managers in over 200 international matches.

Spent many years at Chelsea, and worked with eleven different managers at Stamford Bridge.

## The Hatters and The Pilgrims



LEFT: Tony Thorpe fires home during last season's 2-2 draw at Kenilworth Road. Thorpe bagged a brace here to follow his hat-trick in the 3-3 draw at Home Park.

by ROGER WASH

ALTHOUGH clashes with Plymouth go back to the turn of the century in the Southern League, meetings in the Football League did not commence until 1920 when we were both founder members of the newly formed Division Three.

Our first meeting in the Football League took place at Home Park on 12th March 1921, when we went down 1-0 to set up a sequence of results that are amongst the worst in our history.

In those days only the top team was promoted from Division Three, and Plymouth had the dubious honour of finishing second for six consecutive seasons commencing in 1921/22. They then finished third and fourth over the next two seasons and just when their loyal supporters could be forgiven for thinking that the chance of promotion was slowly drifting away, the championship was won in 1930.

During the whole of this period we continually suffered at the hands of Argyle and out of twenty games played we only came out on the winning side three times. Our record at Home Park showed only one draw from ten starts!

Amazingly enough one of our victories came in Argyle's promotion season when we won 5-2 at Kenilworth Road with Jim Yardley scoring two and Andy Rennie hitting a hat trick in front of a crowd of 9,051. This came as revenge for a 6-1 hammering at Home Park earlier in the season.

Paths crossed again in 1937/38 following our promotion to the old Division Two and it must have been a nervous squad that travelled to Plymouth on 27th November 1937 based on our previous record at Home Park. Typical Luton, we amazed the experts, and a crowd of 18,559, by winning 4-2 to break our duck in style.

Although Argyle punished us by completing the double during the next season, gradually games evened out and throughout the 1940's and 1950's we tended to give as good as we got. We finally parted ways in 1955 when we won promotion to the old Division One, but following relegation

in 1960 we enjoyed three further seasons playing against Argyle before we started tumbling through the divisions.

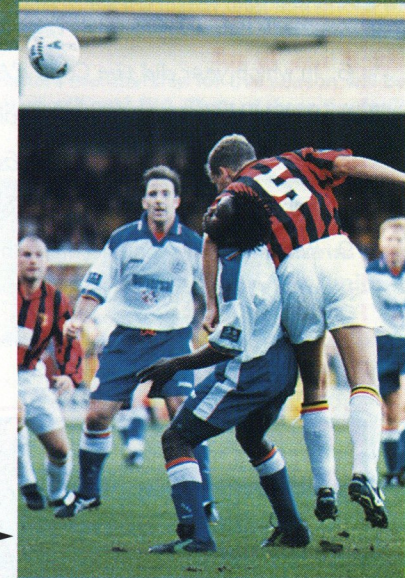
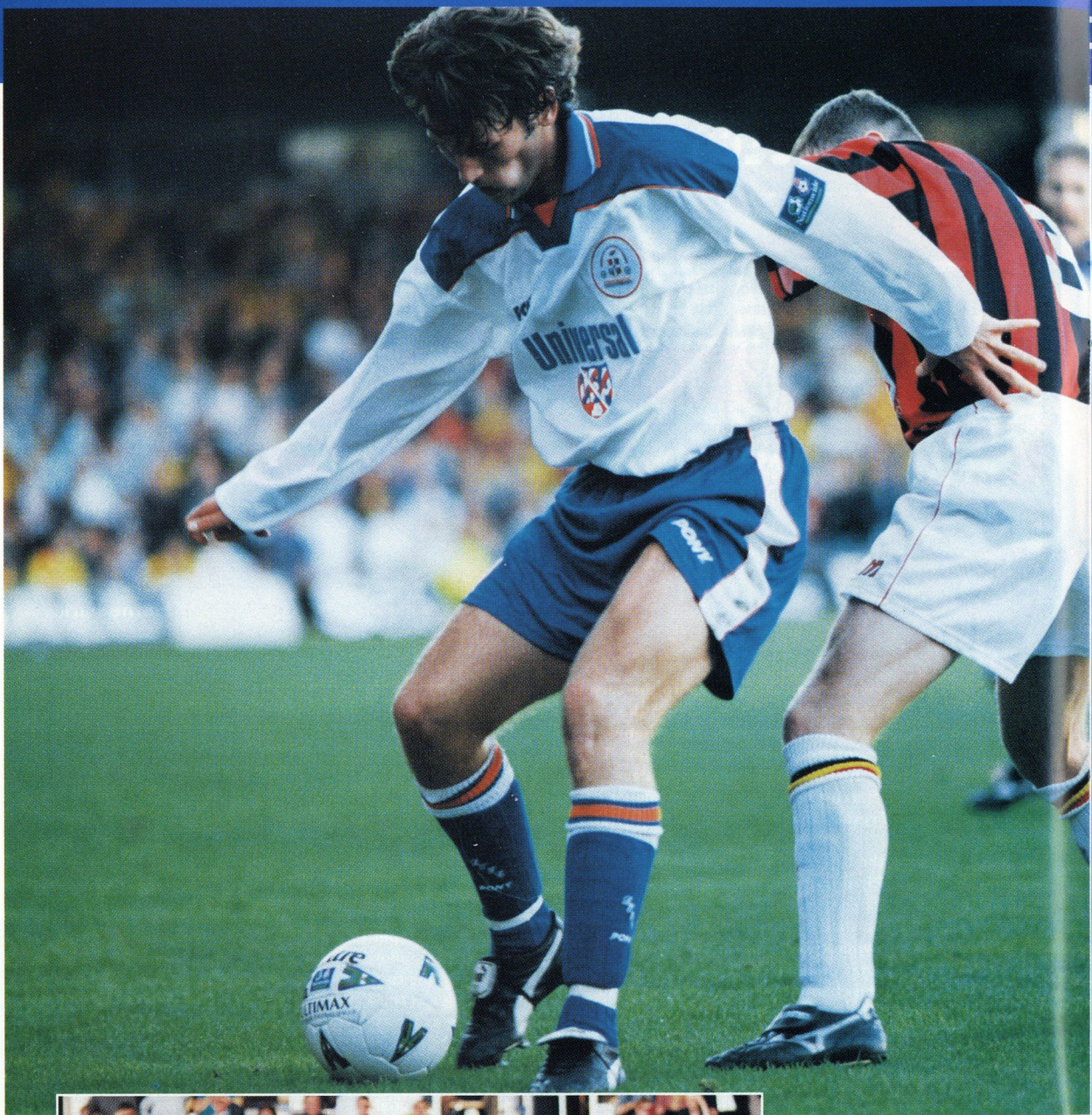
We were on the up again when we next met, in the old Division Three, in 1968 and the game at Kenilworth Road during that season will live long in the memory of those present due the performance of Argyle goalkeeper Pat Dunne, who managed to keep the score down to 2-0 with a string of superb saves. The Town players, anxious to impress new manager, Alec Stock, applauded the ex-Manchester United goalkeeper from the pitch at the end.

During the following season the club made the decision to charter trains to away games with the game at Plymouth earmarked as the first Saturday trip. The novelty of travelling as far as Plymouth for only 25/- return (£1.25) meant that the first train was soon sold out and a second had to be rustled up from somewhere. The upshot was a mass exodus to Home Park which swelled the crowd to 14,111 where goals from Matt Tees, with two, and Graham French secured a comfortable 3-1 victory.

We won promotion at the end of that campaign with Argyle joining us five years later. Although we only met for two seasons we went back to our 1920's form in failing to win in four starts. Argyle hold the dubious honour of bringing to an end our record breaking run of nine consecutive victories when forcing a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road in March 1977.

We then went almost twenty years before our next league meetings which took place last season. At a wet, windswept Home Park we fought out a 3-3 draw despite being down to ten men after Mitchell Thomas was sent off, and followed this up with an entertaining 2-2 draw at Kenilworth Road. Tony Thorpe was the scorer of all five Town goals - more of the same this afternoon, please!





Simon Davies takes on the Watford defence during the first-half last Saturday.

Luton's man-of-the-match Paul McLaren holds off Watford's two-goal hero Peter Kennedy.

Penalty? Tony Thorpe went down under this second-half challenge from Robert Page.

Lean on me! Keith Millen (5) gets the better of Luton substitute Stuart Douglas.



# ACTION STATIONS

## Luton Town 0 Watford 4

(Johnson, Thomas, Kennedy 2)

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2. In which year were Barnsley formed?
3. How many times have Cameroon won the African Nations Cup?
4. Which Scottish club plays at Boghead Park?
5. In which year did non-league Sutton United knock holders Coventry City out of the FA Cup?
6. In which year did the Copa d'America begin?
7. Which West Midlands side won the Division Four Championship in 1959/60?
8. For which Italian club did Zico play?
9. Which country finished fourth in the 1966 World Cup tournament?
10. Who replaced Brian Clough as manager of Derby County?



## whose crests?

Name the three club crests featured in this montage

## IDENTIKIT

Name the three players in this patchwork pic



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by Norman Hood

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Brian Deane and Bobby Stokes.

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## JUNIOR HATTERS NEWS

# Saturday Club is now back in full swing

A WARM welcome to Kenilworth Road to all Junior Hatters, and let's hope we can return to winning ways this afternoon.

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

Because of the various school holidays, the Saturday Club didn't start up again until the home game against Wrexham, but there's the usual pre-match fun and games, with lunch, and a ticket for the match. The Saturday Club is once again proving extremely popular, with over 70 youngsters now taking part.

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

Thanks to everyone who has entered the Design-A-Banner competition, and we will be announcing the winner in the programme v Brentford in a fortnight's time.

We have already been on several away trips, and were at Bristol last week, watching the game, having played the Bristol juniors in the morning.

Our next trip is to Wycombe on November 1, for the match only, and prices will be £15 for adults and £10 for Junior Hatters. This price includes coach fare and match ticket.

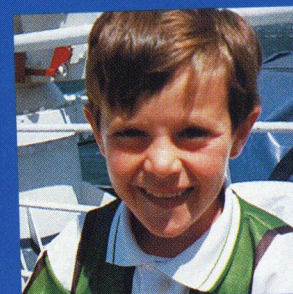
A reminder that renewals of Junior Hatters membership for this season will be £6. New membership of the Junior Hatters will cost £10. (Both of these figures include Junior Membership).

## Today's mascots



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is seven-year-old HOPE DONAGHY, who attends St Martin's School. Her hobbies are swimming and gymnastics, and her favourite Luton Town player is Tony Thorpe.

Today's ballboy and ballgirl are DANIEL SUNDERLAND and LAURA WILSON.



A warm welcome to the Plymouth mascot, CHRISTOPHER DYKE, who celebrates his ninth birthday today!



LEFT: Carl Adams was our Junior Hatters mascot at Bristol City two weeks ago.

RIGHT: Junior Hatters mascot James Falconer is pictured with Commercial Mascot Daniel Murtagh Edmondson, prior to the match against Watford.



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# Hatters



# v Pilgrims

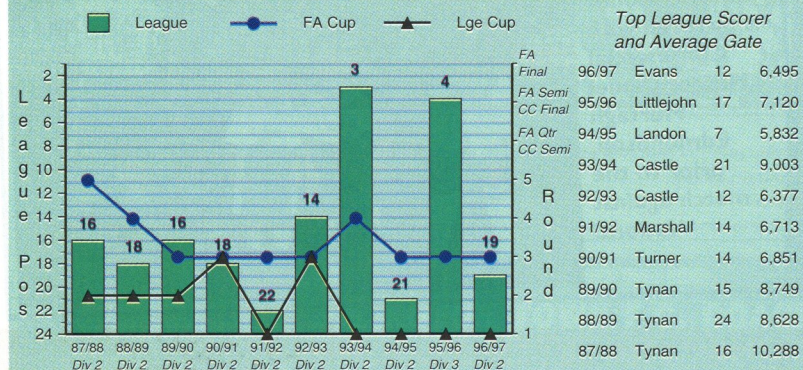


## Who has played for Plymouth

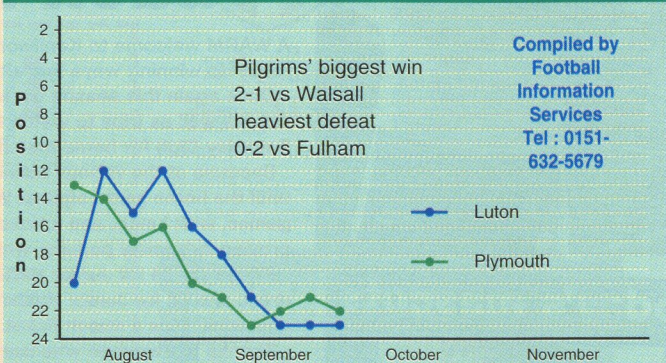
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2/1/73	1			
Mike Heathcote	10	1	1	Cambridge Shrewsbury
10/9/65	2			Sunderland York (L)
				Halifax Spennymoor
Adrian Littlejohn	10	2		Sheff Utd Walsall
26/9/70	2			
Jon Sheffield	10			Peterborough Oldham
1/2/69	2			(L) Watford (L)
				Cambridge Hereford (L)
				Swindon (L) Colchester
				(L) Aldershot Norwich
				Ipswich (L)
Paul Williams	10			Coventry Huddersfield
11/9/69	2			(L) West Brom (L)
				Stockport Leicester
Paul Wotton	10	1		
17/8/77	2			
Ron Mauge	9			Bury Man City (L)
10/3/69	1			Fulham Charlton
Richard Logan	8	2	2	Huddersfield
24/5/69	2	1		Gainsborough
Paddy Wilson	6(2)	1	2	Ashton Utd
age 25	1(1)	1		
Earl Jean	5(3)	1	1	Rotherham Ipswich
9/10/71	1			St Lucia
Martin Barlow	5(1)	2		
25/6/71				
Graham Anthony	5			now released
9/8/75	2			
Carlo Corazzin	5	1(1)		Cambridge Vancouver
25/12/71	1			Canada
Jason Rowbotham	3		1	Wycombe Raith
3/1/69	2			Hereford Shrewsbury
Mark Saunders	2(1)	1		Tiverton
23/7/71				
Neil Illman	1(3)			Cambridge (L) Eastwood
29/4/75	(1)	1		Middlesbrough
Simon Collins	1(1)			Huddersfield
16/12/73	1			
Gary Clayton	(1)			Huddersfield Cambridge
2/2/63				Peterboro (L) Doncaster
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Key: A=Appearances (Sub) C=Cautions (Sent Off) G=Goals  
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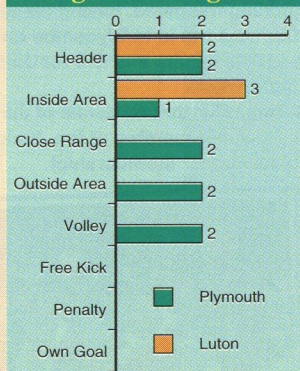
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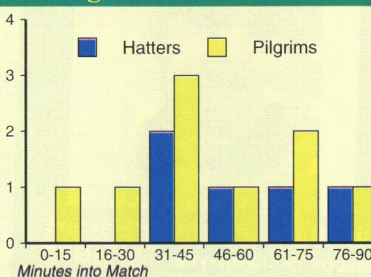
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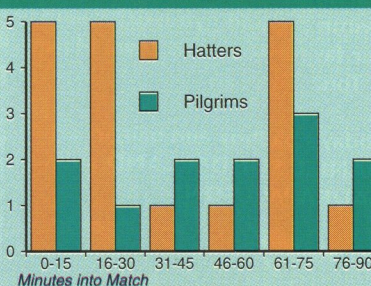
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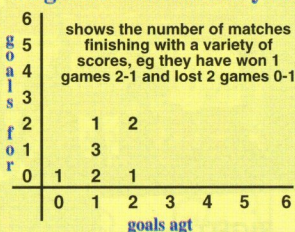
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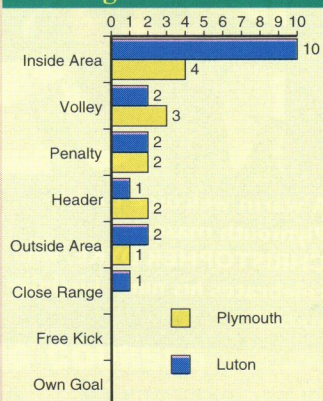
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## Pilgrims' results analysis



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# Player Profile

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## PAUL McLAREN

Date of Birth: 17/11/76

Previous Clubs: None.

Joined Luton: July 1993

Paul made his debut in the Town first-team on the final day of the 1993/94 season, coming on as a substitute at Stoke City.

He joined the Hatters from school, and is an England youth international.

He started as a centre-half in youth team football, but moved into a midfield role for the reserves in 1994/95, and made his full debut at Tranmere in October 1995.

Was an able deputy for Gary Waddock and/or Ceri Hughes in 1996/97, and is set to be a regular this term.

**Most memorable game:** "Three games stand out in my career so far. Firstly there's my league debut at Tranmere, although we lost 1-0, followed by my first league goal later that season. I scored the winner in a 3-2 victory at home, ironically in the return match against Tranmere. The other match that stands out is the 2-0 win at Burnley last season. That was a big win for us, in front of a big crowd at Turf Moor."

**Game I'd prefer to forget:** "In common with many of the players, the FA Cup defeat at Grimsby is one I'd prefer to forget. I would add last Saturday to that. It was my first derby match at Kenilworth Road, and I don't think I have felt so disappointed after a game."

**Which present-day player do you admire most?** "Paul Gascoigne for his ability, and John Barnes for his professionalism as well as his skill."

**Premiership 'Dream Team':** David Seaman; Gary Neville, Tony Adams, Sol Campbell, Gary Pallister, Graeme Le Saux; Paul Ince, Roy Keane, Dennis Wise; Alan Shearer, Ian Wright.

**Greatest sporting achievement away from football:** "I won medals for golf and table tennis when I was about 14."

**State of the game:** "I'm 'for' and 'against' in the debate on foreign players. I think the likes of Bergkamp, Juninho and Di Matteo have been great for the English game. Others have just come for the money. Elsewhere, the rule about going off the field after you have been treated for an injury needs looking at, and I would like to see more consistency in refereeing."





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## Mini-Soccer with LTFC

LTFC's Community and Schools Programme, and the Bedfordshire FA, are to launch a major initiative to encourage young children between the ages of 6 and 11 years to play football.

Mini-soccer has been devised to provide a fun introduction to the sport for children of all abilities, with six or eight-a-side games played with simplified rules on small pitches.

Although mini-soccer is competitive it sets out to reduce the emphasis on winning, and increase the emphasis of team participation and fair play.

Recognising the increased reliance on organised sport and leisure activities for children, Luton Town FC and the Beds FA aim to establish up to 20 mini-soccer centres throughout Bedfordshire.

The initiative was launched this morning, but Mini-soccer will take place every Saturday morning between 10am and 11.30am.

For details call Dean Rastrick, the LTFC Football Development Officer, at Luton Town on (01582) 411622.

## YOUR chance to be a matchday mascot at Luton Town!

LTFC's Community and Schools Programme are offering one lucky youngster the chance to be a matchday mascot at our game with Preston on Saturday, November 8.

The prize includes tickets for Mum and Dad as well, with a pre-match meal and a seat in the Directors' balcony.

The lucky mascot also receives a full LTFC strip, and meets the players before leading the teams out on to the pitch.

This great prize will be won by a youngster attending one of our half-term coaching courses (see opposite page), and for further details please see this week's Luton News, Dunstable Gazette and Leighton Buzzard Observer.

THERE'S a half-time penalty competition this afternoon, featuring youngsters from the Chiltern Youth League. Those Under 11s taking part are: LIAM JONES (Thornhill Colts), PAUL DORMAN (Dragons Youth), and DAVID HILL (Dunstable Wanderers).

## LTFC Home Counties U12 tournament



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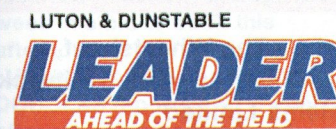
AS part of Luton Town's rapidly expanding Community and Schools Programme, we are hosting a Home Counties Under 12 representative tournament - sponsored by ASDA stores.

This will take place on Saturday, October 25, at the Vauxhall Recreation Centre, in Gypsy Lane, Luton, and will feature teams from the following leagues:- Bedford Colts League, Chiltern Youth League, Mid Herts Rural Minors, Bushey Friendly League, Milton Keynes Youth League, and the Royston Crow League.

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.



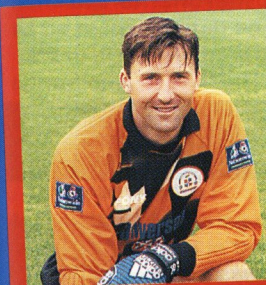
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Venue: Icknield Junior School, Birdsfoot Lane, LUTON

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

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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)

(\*Three days, combining striker/coaching at Icknield Junior School - £20). (\*Two days, combining goalkeeping/coaching at Sacred Heart - £16)

Code: MK1

Venue: Milton Keynes Sports Club, Woughton on the Green, MILTON KEYNES

Date: Monday and Tuesday, October 27 and 28

Cost: £18

Course Type: Coaching

Code: LBI

Venue: Linslade Middle School, Mentmore Road, Linslade, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Date: Tuesday and Wednesday, October 28 and 29

Cost: £16

Course Type: Coaching

Code: DUI

Venue: Queensbury High School, Langdale Road, DUNSTABLE

Date: Thursday and Friday, October 30 and 31

Cost: £16

Course Type: Coaching

Code: DU2

Venue: Beecroft Lower School, Westfield Road, DUNSTABLE

Date: Monday, November 3

Cost: £8

Course Type: Striker (with TONY THORPE)



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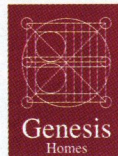
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## INJURY UPDATE

### Five head for Lilleshall as injury list shortens....just!

Five players have been at Lilleshall this week to aid their recovery from various injuries. The five are IAN FEUER, DARREN PATTERSON, CHRIS WILLMOTT, MITCHELL THOMAS and ANDREW FOTIADIS, who have been able to benefit from all day treatment, and having continuous one-to-one treatment which just isn't possible here.

When Ian returns we are hopeful he will be able to restart handling work, whilst for Darren it is his second week at Lilleshall as he recovers from an ankle injury.

Mitchell and Andrew are both well on schedule after their hernia operations.

MARVIN JOHNSON will hopefully resume training next week after his knee injury, and could figure in the reserves on Wednesday.

Likewise DWIGHT MARSHALL, following the ankle injury he suffered in the opening minutes of the game against Wrexham.

PHIL GRAY was withdrawn from the Northern Ireland squad following a recurrence of his ankle injury, and won't be available today.

But we have been able to give him a week of treatment on the ankle, and he should be able to resume training next week.

GRAHAM ALEXANDER and STEVE DAVIS, at the time of writing, were due to resume training on Thursdays following their back problems.

PAUL SHOWLER is back from Lilleshall and is working on his general fitness, and STEVE AUGUSTINE is finally over his groin injury and could resume training next week.

GAVIN MCGOWAN was substituted at half-time on Saturday after suffering a knee injury during the game, and has received treatment through the week in a bid to be fit this afternoon.

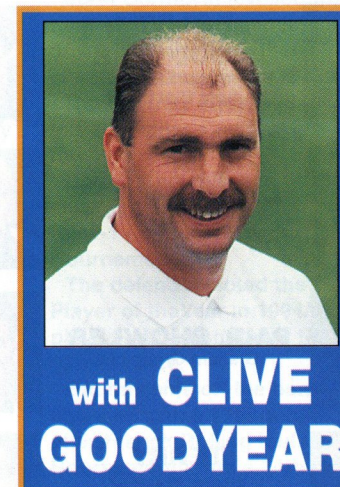
JULIAN JAMES and STUART DOUGLAS reported no ill effects after returning on Saturday - both having come on for the second half against Watford.



LEFT: Graham Alexander was due to resume training on Thursday.



RIGHT: Dwight Marshall could figure in the reserves next week.



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LEFT: Paul Showler is back from Lilleshall.

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## Warnock's promotion warning for Keegan and Wilkins

FULHAM celebrated their first win under the new management team of Ray Wilkins and Kevin Keegan, with a 3-1 home victory over Oldham.

But the duo were warned they will have to wait until next season for promotion.

Oldham manager Neil Warnock said: "I think we'll finish above them. Money doesn't guarantee success."

Warnock knows what he's talking about having won promotion with Notts County, Huddersfield and Plymouth, and he added: "Kevin won't be kidding himself. Fulham were not that good - we were just abysmal."

"There will be a big turnaround here over the next few months. They will bring in quality. But it has to be quality with the right temperament for this division."

"I'll be surprised if they are not promoted but I don't think it will automatically be this season."

Fulham won with two goals from Paul Moody, and an own goal from Lee Sinnott, before Oldham grabbed a late consolation through Doug Hodgson.

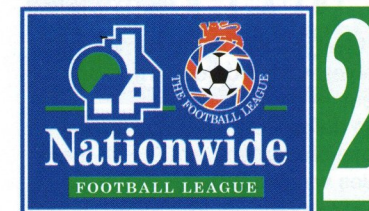
Bristol Rovers maintained their challenge at the top of the table, with a 1-0 win over Wrexham.

Welsh Under-21 international Tom Ramasut curled a 20-yard free-kick past Andy Marriott in the 55th minute to clinch the points after he was felled by Wayne Phillips.

Chris Waddle's Burnley have now gone 10 games without a win, but there were words of comfort for the ex-England man from on-loan striker Gerry Creaney who scored both goals in the 2-2 draw with Wycombe.

Creaney, on loan from Manchester City, said: "I can remember going 11 games without a three-pointer, and like Burnley we were stuck at the bottom of the league."

"But we got out of it, and you only need a few wins to send you



shooting up the table."

Waddle was involved in the move which saw Creaney put Burnley 1-0 in front with a close-range header.

John Cornforth levelled from the spot after Chris Brass had brought down Mark Stallard, then Keith Scott looped in a header for Wycombe.

But Creaney equalised by putting in Paul Weller's perfect cross from the byline.

Darren Carr returned from injury to salvage a point for Chesterfield in the 1-1 home draw with Bournemouth.

The defender, voted the club's Player of the Year in 1994/95 has played just a handful of first-team games since.

But he came off the bench to equalise with a 77th minute header, after Franck Rolling had volleyed Bournemouth into a 14th minute lead.

Former Norwich striker Ade Akinbiyi scored twice in the first-half as Gillingham beat Bristol City 2-0.

Gills boss Tony Pulis said afterwards he had spent three months haggling with Norwich manager Mike Walker before paying £250,000 for the striker, and believes it's the best he's spent on a player.

Bristol manager John Ward was left to reflect: "We are just such a soft touch away from home."

Millwall beat Blackpool 2-1 at the New Den, with new signing Paul Wilkinson predicting promotion.

The striker has tasted promotion three times in six seasons with Middlesbrough and Barnsley, and

reckons the Lions can do the same.

The recent £150,000 signing from Oakwell scored Millwall's first after 49 minutes, and said afterwards: "I truly believe we can go up. I wouldn't have come here otherwise."

His strike partner Kim Grant was gifted the second by Blackpool keeper Steve Banks, who completely mis-kicked a 65th minute backpass.

Tony Ellis grabbed a late consolation for the visitors.

Northampton's progress was checked with a 0-0 draw at Southend, with Wigan also coming unstuck away from home with a 2-1 defeat at Grimsby.

The home side took the three points with two penalties converted by Kevin Donovan, either side of a 51st minute effort from David Lowe.

A half-time roasting from manager Gary Peters did the trick for Preston as they beat Brentford 2-1 at Deepdale.

They trailed at the interval to a Marcus Bent goal, and would have been further behind if Kevin Rapley had not missed a penalty.

Peters said: "I had a few words to say at half-time to liven things up, and we had the boost of an early goal. But we can't kid ourselves, we didn't play that well."

Lee Ashcroft levelled on 50 minutes, with summer signing from Manchester United Colin Murdock scoring the winner six minutes from time.

French striker Roger Boli bagged a brace in Walsall's 3-1 home win over Carlisle.

Rodney Rowe scored an eighth-minute goal which was enough for York to beat Plymouth 1-0, with Watford staying on top of Division Two with a 4-0 win at Luton.

The Hornets were 4-up at half-time, with goals from Richard Johnson, David Thomas and Peter Kennedy (2). - Simon Oxley.



# 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	postponed
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 last Wednesday, was postponed due to the injury problems at Luton Town.

Also postponed was Monday's trip to Brighton. At the time of writing no new dates have 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.

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 Kandol, with Cox and Jerry completing the scoring.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Spring

## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	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 EVERS	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 OMOGBEHIN	3			
S QUINN	2			
Trevor PEAKE	2			
Richard CLARKE	(2)			
M BLOCK				

(Akurang), Clarke, Ayres, Scarlett, Cox (Jerry), Kandol (Harrington), McIndoe, McKoy.

With youth team player Matthew Spring called up for first team duty at Bristol City, the South East Counties game between the two sides ended in 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.

Last Saturday the youth team, fielding a number of schoolboy players, lost 1-0 at home to Brentford.

Team: Tate, Clarke, Stirling (Moran), Minton (Robert), Boyce, Ayres, Scarlett, Gregory (Jerry), Kandol, McIndoe, McKoy.

This morning the youth side were due to travel to Southampton.

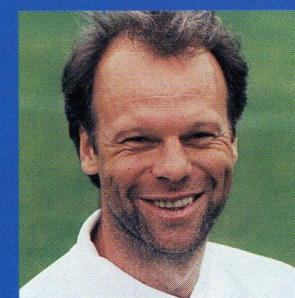
The youth side have though progressed in the South East Counties League Cup, with a 1-0 win at Southend.

They travel to Arsenal for the second round next Saturday.

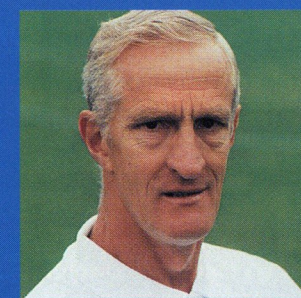
## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LUTON TOWN	7	5	1	1	29	9	16
Southampton	6	4	0	2	15	9	12
Brentford	6	3	2	1	14	7	11
Wycombe	4	3	1	0	9	1	10
Bristol R	6	3	1	2	17	12	10
Swindon	6	3	1	2	14	12	10
Tottenham	6	3	1	2	9	10	10
Bristol C	6	2	3	1	14	12	9
Wimbledon	4	2	1	1	7	10	7
Oxford	5	2	0	3	9	14	6
Colchester	6	1	2	3	9	13	5
Barnet	6	1	1	4	9	17	4
Brighton	6	1	1	4	8	18	4
Reading	6	1	1	4	6	16	4
Bournemouth	6	0	2	4	10	19	2

League table as at September 27, 1997



with **TREVOR PEAKE**



and **JOHN MOORE**

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

Sat Aug 9	WYCOMBE W	lost 1-0	Sat Dec 13	Bristol Rovers	
Sat Aug 16	Reading	won 6-0	Sat Dec 20	Wycombe W	
Tue Aug 19	Ipswich (SJFC Pre)	won 1-0	Sat Dec 27	Wimbledon	
Sat Aug 23	Swindon Town	won 4-2			
Sat Aug 30	OXFORD UTD	won 5-1	Sat Jan 10	SWINDON TOWN	11am
			Sat Jan 17	Oxford United	
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 Sep 20	BRIGHTON	won 8-1	Sat Feb 7	BRISTOL CITY	11am
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City	drew 2-2	Sat Feb 14	Brentford	
			Sat Feb 21	SOUTHAMPTON	11am
Sat Oct 4	BRENTFORD	lost 1-0	Sat Feb 28	Tottenham	
Sat Oct 11	Southampton				
Sat Oct 18	Arsenal (SECLC2)		Sat Mar 21	Colchester	
Sat Oct 25	TOTTENHAM	11am	Sat Mar 28	BOURNEMOUTH	11am
Sat Nov 1	READING	11am	Sat Apr 4	WIMBLEDON	11am
Sat Nov 15	COLCHESTER	11am			
Sat Nov 22	SECLC3				
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

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G	YOUTH TEAM 1997/98
Daniel TATE	8		3		LEAGUE AND CUP
Russell LAWES	5 (1)		3		APPEARANCES
Stuart FRASER	5	1	3		& SCORERS
Matthew SPRING	5	4	3		
Emerson BOYCE	5	3	2		
James AYRES	6				
Andre SCARLETT	8	3	2		
Clifford AKURANG	4 (1)	3	2 (1)	1	
Gary DOHERTY	2 (1)	1	1		
Richard CLARKE	8		3		
Delroy MCKOY	5 (1)		2		
Darren HOWE	1		(1)		
C DREW	(1)				
Michael MCINDOE	6 (1)	2	3		
Jimmy COX	6	5	3		
T KANDOL	5 (1)	5	1 (1)		
Moses JERRY	4 (3)	2	1		
J STIRLING	3		1		
J HARRINGTON	(2)				
S ROBERT	1 (1)				
A MINTON	1				
C GREGORY	1				
MORAN	(1)				

Up to and including October 4, 1997

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Anyone interested should contact Youth Development Officer Paul Lowe on (01582) 411622.



## Where are they now?

THE second of a two-part feature. (Part One was in last week's programme v Watford).

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.

"We were playing in the Mercantile Credit Centenary competition at Wembley against Manchester United and I went into an awkward tackle with Peter Davenport and badly injured an ankle amongst other things," said Mal.

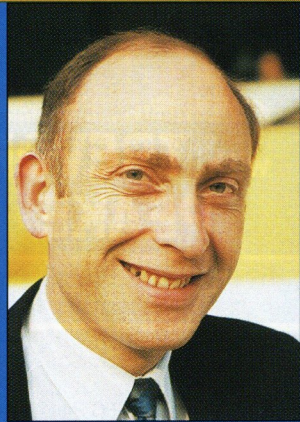
"I have nothing but praise for physiotherapist John Sheridan and club doctor Bill Berry who worked on me non-stop during the following week in order to try to get me fit for the big game.

"I did eventually make it although it was a close run thing as I was only passed fit on the day of the match."

The win against Arsenal was undoubtedly the highlight of his stay at Kenilworth Road and it seemed likely that the unflappable central defender, left back and goalkeeper would spend the rest of his career at Kenilworth Road.

It came as a shock therefore when, early in the following season, Alex Ferguson came in with a £650,000 bid to take the 31 year old to Old Trafford.

"It came as a great surprise when Manchester United came in for me. I agonised over the decision for two weeks as I had enjoyed ten great years at Kenilworth Road and was happily settled in Luton.



by **ROGER WASH**

"If it had been anyone else apart from Manchester United I would have said no but I supported them as a kid

and in fact my only visit to England before signing for Luton was a trip to Old Trafford.

"It was a great wrench but in the end I decided to go although I did not burn all my boats as I kept my house on in Luton."

After 483 senior appearances for the Town it was on to pastures new with Manchester United and a total of 119 senior appearances spread over the next four seasons including six in the European Cup Winners Cup, although he was unfortunate to only be a non-playing substitute in the Cup final win over Barcelona.

In a twist to the tale Mal actually returned to Luton in December 1989, in the final days under manager Ray Harford, as a loan player.

He made five further appearances for the Town during this spell which ended on the appointment of Jim Ryan to the Luton hot seat.

It was during this time that he was awarded a well deserved testimonial for his ten years sterling service to the club, and in January 1980 we took on Ricky Hill's Le Havre at Kenilworth Road.

By the end of the 1991/92 season Mal's appearances at Old Trafford were becoming less regular as Gary Pallister established himself in the side and a telephone call from Ian Porterfield gave him the opportunity to finish his career at Chelsea with a two year contract, where he would still be able to use his experience in the Premiership.

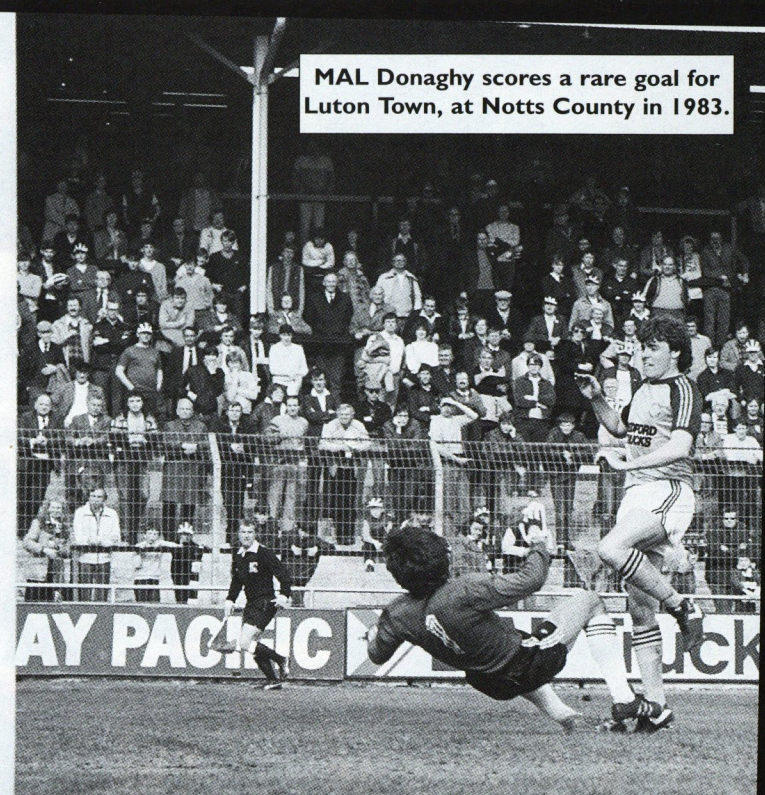
"It was an ideal move for me and I used to travel to training with Mick Harford who was also still living in the Luton area," said Mal.

"In fact the Luton connection went even further than Mick and myself as Paul Elliott, Mark Stein and Alec Chamberlain were also at Stamford Bridge at the time.

"I played in 78 first team games for Chelsea over two



MAL Donaghy scores a rare goal for Luton Town, at Notts County in 1983.



seasons but could only make the bench for the F.A.Cup semi-final against Luton at Wembley in 1994.

"After retiring from the playing side in 1994, I had the opportunity to go to Southend but did not really want to step down a level and I faded into the background a bit waiting for the right opening to come up.

"That opportunity did come up last year when my old Northern Ireland team mate Ian Stewart invited me over to Belfast to work with the Football Association coaching schoolchildren.

"I was not sure whether I would take it, but I am now loving the job with the result that I have now finally sold my house in Luton and moved the whole family to Belfast after 18 years in England."

I am sure that we have not heard the last of Mal

Donaghy as he has a great deal to offer the game, and if he comes across another unflappable and effective central defender who is going to give ten years great service for a song perhaps no doubt he will have a word with Lennie.

In closing it is worth recalling that Mal's Luton career would have been over before it had hardly started if he had listened to the 'bloke behind me' in the Bobbers Stand.

"He will never make a footballer, he is too long striding (whatever that meant)" was the shout that went up every time that Mal came out of defence with the ball.

Perhaps that is why some of us are born to play football and others are born to spectate!

## 5 YEARS AGO

10/10/92: The Town, second bottom in the new Division One, visited rock bottom Barnsley and finished on the wrong end of a 3-0 scoreline.

## 10 YEARS AGO

10/10/87: Another low point as the Town went down 3-1 at Portsmouth in the old Division One. Mick Harford was the solitary Luton scorer in front of a crowd of 12,391 at Fratton Park.

## 15 YEARS AGO

9/10/82: We recorded our first away win back in the top flight, when goals from Brian Stein, Paul Walsh and David Moss secured a 3-2 victory at Birmingham City.

## 20 YEARS AGO

8/10/77: At Ninian Park, Cardiff, one of our bogey grounds, we won an amazing game 4-1. Lil Fuccillo, Ron Futch and Ricky Hill netted for the Town, as did a Cardiff player to complete the scoring.





↑  
The 'veteran' of the Town back four on duty, Richard Harvey, is pictured in action at Ashton Gate.

← David Oldfield keeps the City defence at bay during the second-half.

Keith Welch saves Simon Davies's second-half shot, with Tony Thorpe (10) looking on.

→ Youth-team midfielder Matthew Spring made his debut for Luton as a second-half substitute.



# ACTION STATIONS



## Bristol City 3 Luton Town 0

(Bell pen, Torpey 2)

Saturday, September 27, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 8,509

*Pictures by Gareth Owen*



FORTHCOMING MATCHES  
IN NATIONWIDE DIV TWO

Saturday, October 11

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

Tuesday, October 14

Bristol Rovers v Watford

Friday, October 17

Bristol City v York  
 Carlisle v Preston

Saturday, October 18

Bournemouth v Fulham  
 Blackpool v Grimsby  
 Brentford v Walsall  
 Northampton v Gillingham  
 Oldham v Chesterfield  
 Plymouth v Southend  
 Watford v Millwall  
 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

# Mariners and Saddlers fly the Division Two flag

GRIMSBY Town and Walsall fly the flag for Division Two in this week's third round of the Coca-Cola Cup.

Grimsby's reward for their second round defeat of David Pleat's Sheffield Wednesday is a home tie against cup holders Leicester City. Walsall put out Division One leaders Nottingham Forest in the last round, and now entertain another high-flying Division One outfit - Sheffield United.

There's also a Division Three representative still in the competition.

Mark Hateley's Hull City caused the upset of round two with their defeat of Premiership side Crystal Palace, but that will be nothing compared to the shock created if they see off Newcastle in round three.

Luton Town's conquerors West Brom, are at home to Liverpool, while there's a north-east derby at the Riverside Stadium where Middlesbrough host Sunderland.

Third round draw:

Tuesday, October 14

Arsenal v Birmingham  
 Barnsley v Southampton  
 Bolton v Wimbledon  
 Grimsby v Leicester  
 Ipswich v Manchester Utd  
 Oxford v Tranmere  
 Reading v Wolves  
 Stoke City v Leeds  
 Walsall v Sheffield Utd

Wednesday, October 15

Chelsea v Blackburn  
 Coventry v Everton  
 Middlesbrough v Sunderland  
 Newcastle v Hull  
 Tottenham v Derby  
 West Brom v Liverpool  
 West Ham v Aston Villa.

## 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.

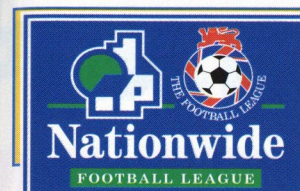
The second round, area quarter-final, and area semi-final sections follow, with the area finals once again played over two legs on a home and away basis. The competition final is at Wembley on Sunday, April 19, 1998.

## Chris clocks up 25 years



THERE was a special presentation made prior to last Saturday's game, by chairman David Kohler, to Chris Ellis who has recently celebrated 25 years of service with the club.

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



## Division 2 Stats

the 97/98 season

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

### Results and Fixtures (as at 5th October)

Fixture dates are <i>italicised</i> (e.g. 4.5 is 4th May), results are in <b>bold</b> .	2011-12																							
	Bournemouth	Blackpool	Brentford	Bristol City	Bristol Rovers	Burnley	Carlisle	Chesterfield	Fulham	Gillingham	Grimsby	Luton	Millwall	Northampton	Oldham	Plymouth	Preston	Southend	Walsall	Watford	Wigan	Wrexham	Wycombe	York
Bournemouth		2-0	1.11	7.2	1-1	25.4	22.11	14.2	18.10	26.12	0-1	1-1	21.10	10.1	24.1	3.3	28.2	18.11	14.4	20.12	1-0	14.3	4.4	2.12
Blackpool	17.1		13.4	3.1	25.4	8.11	2-1	21.10	28.2	21.3	18.10	1-0	14.2	4.11	2-2	2.12	20.12	3-0	4.4	7.3	31.1	28.12	2-4	22.11
Brentford	7.3	13.12		8.11	21.10	2-1	4.11	0-0	11.4	2-0	3-1	25.4	10.1	21.3	28.3	31.1	14.2	26.12	18.10	24.1	18.4	29.11	1-1	28.2
Bristol City	1-1	2-0	3.3		14.3	2.12	4.4	20.12	0-2	14.2	10.1	3-0	26.12	24.1	1.11	18.11	21.10	28.2	25.4	13.4	3-0	31.1	22.11	17.10
Bristol Rovers	28.12	25.10	2.5	4.11		17.1	3-1	7.2	8.11	1-2	12.12	18.4	29.11	7.3	21.2	1-1	21.3	28.3	2-0	11.10	11.4	1-0	24.2	3.1
Burnley	25.10	3.3	21.2	11.4	0-0		11.10	26.12	18.4	0-0	28.3	14.3	18.11	29.11	0-0	2.5	1-1	24.1	1.11	10.1	13.12	24.2	2-2	31.1
Carlisle	28.3	26.12	14.3	29.11	24.1	28.2		18.11	13.12	2-1	18.4	21.10	3.3	0-2	11.4	2-2	17.10	10.1	14.2	0-2	1-0	1.11	31.1	25.4
Chesterfield	1-1	2.5	3.1	18.4	0-0	1-0	21.3		7.3	4.11	8.11	13.12	28.3	11.4	24.2	17.1	3-2	29.11	3-1	31.1	11.10	21.2	25.10	28.12
Fulham	24.2	11.10	2.12	28.12	3.3	20.12	13.4	1.11		21.11	0-2	0-0	14.3	25.10	3-1	2-0	4.4	7.2	3.1	2.5	21.2	1-0	17.1	18.11
Gillingham	2-1	18.11	28.12	2-0	31.1	3.1	21.2	14.3	28.3		29.11	11.4	1.11	24.2	3.3	25.10	0-0	13.12	2-1	2-2	2.5	18.4	11.10	17.1
Grimsby	21.2	24.2	17.1	1-1	13.4	22.11	20.12	3.3	31.1	4.4		18.11	0-1	11.10	2.5	3.1	28.12	1.11	14.3	25.10	2-1	0-0	2.12	0-0
Luton	31.1	10.1	25.10	21.2	20.12	4.11	2.5	14.4	24.1	2.12	21.3		0-2	26.12	1-1	11.10	8.11	1-0	22.11	0-4	24.2	2-5	7.3	4.4
Millwall	2.5	2-1	3-0	tba	4.4	21.3	8.11	22.11	5.11	7.3	7.2	28.12		21.2	11.10	13.4	3.1	3-1	1.2	25.2	25.10	17.1	20.12	2-3
Northampton	0-2	14.3	18.11	2-1	1.11	4.4	17.1	2.12	25.4	18.10	28.2	1-0	2-0		31.1	20.12	13.4	14.2	28.12	22.11	1-0	3.3	3.1	21.10
Oldham	2-1	7.2	22.11	7.3	4-4	28.12	2.12	18.10	14.2	8.11	21.10	17.1	28.2	2-2		4.4	1-0	25.4	19.12	21.3	4.11	3.1	13.4	3-1
Plymouth	8.11	11.4	0-0	21.3	10.1	21.10	7.2	1-1	26.12	25.4	2-2	28.2	13.12	18.4	29.11		7.3	18.10	2-1	0-1	24.1	28.3	4.11	14.2
Preston	11.10	18.4	2-1	2.5	18.11	7.2	24.2	24.1	29.11	10.1	2-0	3.3	2-1	13.12	26.12	1.11		11.4	0-0	2-0	28.3	25.10	21.2	14.3
Southend	21.3	21.2	3-1	11.10	22.11	1-0	1-1	3.4	1-0	13.4	7.3	3.1	31.1	0-0	25.10	24.2	2.12		17.1	4.11	8.11	2.5	28.12	19.12
Walsall	13.12	29.11	24.2	25.10	26.12	7.3	3-1	10.1	1-1	24.1	4.11	28.3	11.4	0-2	18.4	21.2	31.1	3-1		8.11	21.3	11.10	2.5	2-0
Watford	18.4	1.11	3-1	13.12	28.2	1-0	3.1	2-1	21.10	7.2	25.4	14.2	18.10	28.3	18.11	28.12	17.1	14.3	3.3		29.11	11.4	2-1	1-1
Wigan	3.1	3-0	20.12	17.1	2.12	13.4	28.12	28.2	2-1	21.10	14.2	18.10	25.4	7.2	14.3	1-1	22.11	3.3	18.11	4.4		3-2	5-2	1.11
Wrexham	4.11	3-4	4.4	2-1	14.2	18.10	7.3	0-0	10.1	20.12	24.1	7.2	30.9	8.11	3-1	22.11	25.4	21.10	28.2	2.12	26.12		21.3	13.4
Wycombe	29.11	24.1	7.2	28.3	18.10	14.2	1-4	25.4	2-0	28.2	10.4	1.11	18.4	0-0	13.12	14.3	0-0	4-1	21.10	26.12	10.1	18.11		3.3
York	11.4	28.3	11.10	24.2	0-1	3-1	25.10	0-1	21.3	2-1	26.12	29.11	24.1	2.5	10.1	1-0	4.11	18.4	7.2	21.2	7.3	13.12	8.11	

### attendances

	0	6,000	12,000
Watford			11,679
Burnley			11,151
Preston			9,983
Bristol City			9,086
Fulham			8,314
Millwall			7,796
Bristol Rovers			6,611
Northampton			6,599
Oldham			6,402
Gillingham			6,174
Luton			6,121
Blackpool			6,051
Carlisle			5,957
Chesterfield			5,736
Plymouth			5,406
Wycombe			5,358
Grimsby			4,964
Wigan			4,561
Bournemouth			4,364
Southend			4,302
Brentford			4,204
Wrexham			3,841
Walsall			3,817
York			3,552

### average goals per match

	For	Home	Away	Agt	Home	Away
Bournemouth	1.1	1	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.2
Blackpool	1.5	2	1	1.9	1.4	2.4
Brentford	1.1	1.6	0.6	1.4	0.6	2.2
Bristol City	1.33	1.8	0.75	1.11	0.6	1.75
Bristol Rovers	1.4	1.6	1.2	0.9	0.8	1
Burnley	0.5	0.6	0.4	1.1	0.6	1.6
Carlisle	1.3	1	1.6	1.7	1.4	2
Chesterfield	1.1	1.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6
Fulham	1	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.2
Gillingham	1.2	1.6	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.4
Grimsby	0.9	0.6	1.2	1	0.6	1.4
Luton	0.5	0.8	0.2	1.8	2.4	1.2
Millwall	1.75	2.5	1	1.13	1.25	1
Northampton	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.6	0.4
Oldham	1.7	2.4	1	1.7	1.6	1.8
Plymouth	0.9	1	0.8	1.2	1	1.4
Preston	1.1	1.6	0.6	0.7	0.4	1
Southend	0.9	1.2	0.6	1.6	0.4	2.8
Walsall	1.2	1.8	0.6	1.4	1	1.8
Watford	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Wigan	1.5	2.8	0.2	1.4	1.2	1.6
Wrexham	1.67	2	1.4	1.44	1.5	1.4
Wycombe	1.7	1.4	2	1.7	1	2.4
York	1.1	1.2	1	1.2	0.8	1.6

### Div 2 results analysis

H	O	M	E
6			
5	1		
4	1	1	
3	5	12	2
2	11	17	6
1	14	14	1
0	15	5	7
	0	1	2
		3	4
			5
			6

### number of games resulting in home & away wins and draws in Div 2 & Nationwide.

Home Wins	63	Home Wins	229
Away Wins	19	Away Wins	118
Draws	36	Draws	126
1-1 Draws	14	1-1 Draws	63
0-0 Draws	15	0-0 Draws	38

stats up to date on 5th October

### yellow & red cards

	0	4	8	12	16	20	24
Southend			22				2
Burnley			17				2
Oldham			20				1
Wycombe			19				1
Bristol Rovers			20				1
Wigan			17				1
Fulham			19				1
Gillingham			12				2
York			15				1
Northampton			17				1
Carlisle			16				1
Plymouth			13				1
Blackpool			15				1
Luton			12				1
Walsall			12				1
Wrexham			12				1
Bournemouth			13				1
Bristol City			13				1
Millwall			10				1
Preston			11				1
Watford			8				1
Brentford			6				1
Chesterfield			6				1
Grimsby			9				1



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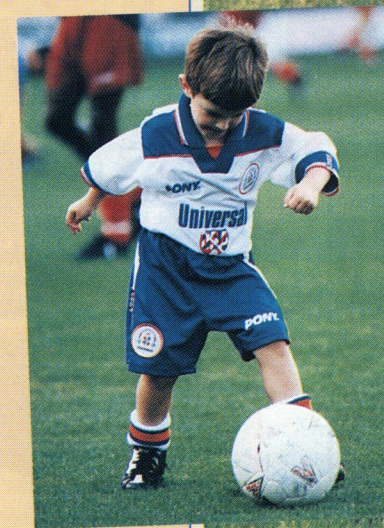
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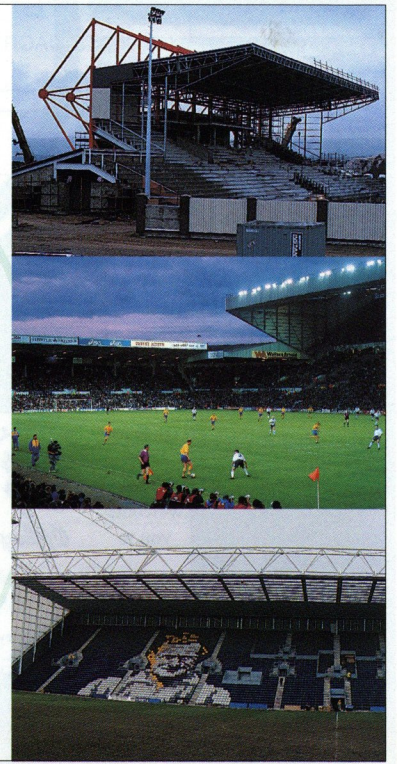
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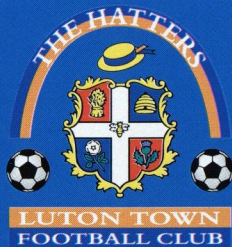
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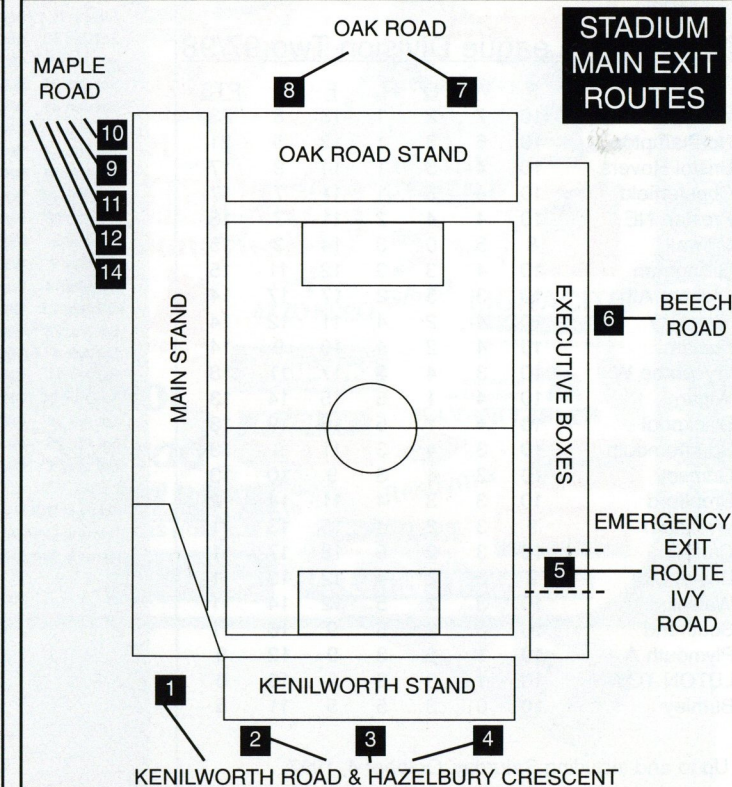
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# TEAMStatistics

## LUTON TOWN 1997/98

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LGE APPS	LGE GLS	CUP APPS	CUP GLS	LTCF career apps (league & cup, incl subs) & goals, as at start 97/98
Nathan ABBEY			1		
Graham ALEXANDER	4		2		101 3g
Simon DAVIES	7 (1)		3 (1)		
Kelvin DAVIS	7				21 0g
Steve DAVIS	8	1	4	1	100 11g
Andy DIBBLE	1		2		
Gary DOHERTY	(3)				
Stuart DOUGLAS	4 (5)	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	2	1	1		67 26
Richard HARVEY	3 (1)		2 (1)		181 5g
Julian JAMES	4 (1)		1		309 14g
Marvin JOHNSON	7		3		289 6g
Robert KEAN	(1)				
Dwight MARSHALL	7	1	2		115 33g
Gavin MCGOWAN	6 (2)				2 0g
Paul McLAREN	8 (2)		4		44 1g
David OLDFIELD	9		4		125 21g
Trevor PEAKE	(1)				201 0g
Paul SHOWLER	(1)				33 6g
Bryan SMALL	5				
Matthew SPRING	(1)				
Mitchell THOMAS	4		2		273 5g
Tony THORPE	6 (1)	1	2 (1)	3	110 41g
Gary WADDOCK	10				133 3g
Alan WHITE	2		1		

## Nationwide League Division Two 97/98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Watford	10	7	2	1	18	8	23
Northampton	10	6	3	1	12	5	21
Bristol Rovers	10	4	5	1	14	9	17
Chesterfield	10	4	5	1	11	7	17
Preston NE	10	4	4	2	11	7	16
Millwall	8	5	0	3	14	9	15
Gillingham	10	4	3	3	12	11	15
Oldham Ath	10	3	5	2	17	17	14
York City	10	4	2	4	11	12	14
Fulham	10	4	2	4	10	9	14
Wycombe W	10	3	4	3	17	17	13
Wigan	10	4	1	5	15	14	13
Blackpool	10	4	1	5	15	19	13
Bournemouth	10	3	4	3	11	9	13
Grimsby	10	3	4	3	9	10	13
Brentford	10	3	3	4	11	14	12
Wrexham	9	3	2	4	15	13	11
Carlisle	10	3	2	5	13	17	11
Bristol City	9	3	2	4	12	10	11
Walsall	10	3	2	5	12	14	11
Southend	10	3	2	5	9	16	11
Plymouth A	10	1	6	3	9	12	9
LUTON TOWN	10	1	3	6	5	18	6
Burnley	10	0	3	5	5	11	5

Up to and including Saturday, October 4, 1997.

1997/98 ..... See page 39 for Division Two stats

## DATE OPPONENTS F-A ATT POS

Sat Aug 9	Blackpool	0-1	6,547	-
Tue Aug 12	Colchester Utd CCC1 (1)	1-0	2,840	-
Mon Aug 18	<b>SOUTHEND UTD</b>	1-0	5,140	12
Sat Aug 23	Fulham	0-0	8,142	15
Tue Aug 26	<b>COLCHESTER UTD CCC1 (2)</b>	1-1	2,816	-
Sat Aug 30	<b>OLDHAM ATHLETIC</b>	1-1	5,404	12
Tue Sep 2	<b>MILLWALL</b>	0-2	5,781	15
Tue Sep 9	Northampton Town	0-1	7,246	18
Sat Sep 13	AFC Bournemouth	1-1	4,561	21
Tue Sep 16	<b>WEST BROM CCC2 (1)</b>	1-1	3,437	-
Sat Sep 20	<b>WREXHAM</b>	2-5	5,241	23
Tue Sep 23	West Brom CCC2 (2)	2-4	7,227	-
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City	0-3	8,509	23
Sat Oct 4	<b>WATFORD</b>	0-4	9,041	23
Sat Oct 11	<b>PLYMOUTH ARGYLE</b>			
Sat Oct 18	Wigan Athletic			
Tue Oct 21	Carlisle United			
Sat Oct 25	<b>BRENTFORD</b>			
Sat Nov 1	Wycombe Wanderers			
Tue Nov 4	<b>BURNLEY</b>			
Sat Nov 8	<b>PRESTON NORTH END</b>			
Sat Nov 15	FA Cup 1			
Tue Nov 18	Grimsby Town			
Sat Nov 22	<b>WALSALL</b>			
Sat Nov 29	York City			
Tue Dec 2	<b>GILLINGHAM</b>			
Sat Dec 6	FA Cup 2			
Sat Dec 13	Chesterfield			
Sat Dec 20	<b>BRISTOL ROVERS</b>			
Fri Dec 26	<b>NORTHAMPTON TOWN</b>			
Sun Dec 28	Millwall			
Sat Jan 3	Southend United			
Sat Jan 10	<b>BLACKPOOL</b>			
Sat Jan 17	Oldham Athletic			
Sat Jan 24	<b>FULHAM</b>			
Sat Jan 31	<b>AFC BOURNEMOUTH</b>			
Sat Feb 7	Wrexham			
Sat Feb 14	Watford			
Sat Feb 21	<b>BRISTOL CITY</b>			
Tue Feb 24	<b>WIGAN ATHLETIC</b>			
Sat Feb 28	Plymouth Argyle			
Tue Mar 3	Preston North End			
Sat Mar 7	<b>WYCOMBE W</b>			
Sat Mar 14	Burnley			
Sat Mar 21	<b>GRIMSBY TOWN</b>			
Sat Mar 28	Walsall			
Sat Apr 4	<b>YORK CITY</b>			
Sat Apr 11	Gillingham			
Tue Apr 14	<b>CHESTERFIELD</b>			
Sat Apr 18	Bristol Rovers			
Sat Apr 25	Brentford			
Sat May 2	<b>CARLISLE UTD</b>			

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

## GK 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Feuer	McGowan	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Davies)	(Douglas)	Evers	Harvey
Feuer	Douglas	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	(Oldfield)	THORPE	Davies	Kean	(Harvey)	Evers
Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Davies	Alexander	(Fotiadis)	(Thorpe)	Marshall	(DOUGLAS)(McLaren)	Harvey	
K.Davis	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	(Alexander)	Oldfield	(Douglas)	Marshall	(McGowan)	(Harvey)	(McLaren)
Abbey	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	Marshall	(Douglas)	Showler	Evers
K.Davis	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	(Marshall)	(Douglas)	(Showler)	(McGowan)
K.Davis	(James)	McGowan	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	(Alexander)	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Douglas)	(Doherty)	(Evers)
K.Davis	McGowan	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	(Evers)	Oldfield	Douglas	(Marshall)	Peake	(Davies)	(Doherty)
K.Davis	McGowan	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	(Douglas)	MARSHALL	(Evers)	Peake	(Doherty)
Dibble	Alexander	Harvey	Waddock	S.Davis	(Johnson)	(Evers)	McLaren	Oldfield	DOUGLAS	Marshall	Doherty	(Davies)	(George)
Dibble	McGowan	(Harvey)	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	Small	GRAY	McLaren	Oldfield	Douglas	(Marshall)	(Thorpe)	(Evers)	(Peake)
Dibble	Evers	Harvey	Waddock	S.DAVIS	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	(Douglas)	(Davies)	(THORPE)	Doherty	(George)
K.Davis	Evers	Harvey	(Waddock)	Small	White	Davies	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	(George)	(Kean)	(Spring)	Omogbehin
K.Davis	(McGowan)	Harvey	Waddock	Small	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Davies)	(Douglas)	Spring	James

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# Team Check



## Luton Town

## V Plymouth A

Kelvin DAVIS	1	Jon SHEFFIELD
Gavin McGOWAN	2	Chris BILLY
Richard HARVEY	3	Paul WILLIAMS
Gary WADDOCK	4	Ronnie MAUGE
Bryan SMALL	5	Mick HEATHCOTE
Alan WHITE	6	Paul WOTTON
Phil GRAY	7	Martin BARLOW
Paul McLAREN	8	Mark SAUNDERS
David OLDFIELD	9	Adrian LITTLEJOHN
Tony THORPE	10	Carlo CORAZZIN
Simon DAVIES	11	Paddy WILSON

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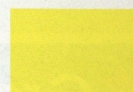
Today's referee is  
**DAVID CRICK**  
from Surrey.

Mr Crick, 41, is a Bank Officer, and is married with three children. He is a FIFA linesman, and ran the line for last season's FA Cup Final, and the 1995 Charity Shield.

S. Peeke



K.S.  
Reynolds



4th official: R.K. Franklin

### Next match at Kenilworth Road

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

This game is on Saturday, October 25, kick-off 3pm. See page 9 for ticket details.



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