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From the manager's chair

TUESDAY night's game against Burnley ended in bitter disappointment for everybody concerned, especially following our recent good run of results.

The opening 45 minutes was as well as we have played through the season, lacking only an ability to convert chances or half chances in free play, as the goals scored came from set plays.

The first was a practiced routine from the training ground, with the second a brilliant piece of innovation by Graham Alexander.

That gave us an interval lead, but the opening spell of the second half saw us struggle to keep possession of the ball, but nevertheless we had two goal opportunities to go into a 3-1 lead, before Burnley snatched an equaliser through sloppy defending on our part both prior to and at the corner at which the goal was conceded.

Burnley had got behind our defence too easily on one or two occasions in the second half prior to their third, and winning goal, where once again our defending left something to be desired.

Having watched the video of the game, both on my own and with the players, we can obviously point to defensive errors where their second and third goals are concerned, although their first goal owed much to luck as Marvin Johnson's first touch dropped the ball straight into their player's path.

However, the overall quality of performance was better



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

than against Brentford and Plymouth - our last two home games - and indeed against Plymouth the opposition enjoyed as many chances as Burnley enjoyed on Tuesday.

A combination of some inspired goalkeeping by Kelvin Davis that day, and Plymouth's inability to put the ball in the net, meant it was a convincing win on that occasion.

Burnley suffered no such inadequacies. They possess strikers who, if nothing else, score goals when presented with easy opportunities.

In all our recent games the opposition have made or been presented with four or five clear cut chances, the main difference being Burnley converted three of theirs, where other sides have failed to do so - although the signs were there at Wycombe on Saturday when the second goal was as bad as the

second and third on Tuesday night.

The players need to be mindful of the fact they started the game confidently, and played well going forward until the last 20 minutes.

If we can score one or two goals in free play and stop making poor defensive errors, there is no reason why the Burnley result cannot be just a blip and we can progress from here.

This afternoon we welcome Preston North End - their players, officials and supporters. I saw Preston win well at Carlisle three weeks ago, but their fortunes have plummeted since then.

They have struggled to score goals in recent games, and yet they have players in their side who are fully capable of doing so. Sooner or later they will re-capture that goalscoring touch and after Tuesday night's result it is absolutely essential that today is not that day.

On the injury front, the reserve game against Wimbledon on Wednesday saw a number of players continue their comebacks.

Ian Feuer came through another 90 minutes; Andrew Fotiadis played 90 minutes for the first time in some considerable time; and Stuart Douglas made a substitute appearance.

Mitchell Thomas wasn't quite ready to resume, but hopefully will do so in the reserve side on Monday, along with Darren Patterson.

Having rested Alan White for the last two games he returns



today as Steve Davis starts a three-game suspension and will also miss the cup game against Torquay, and the next home league game against Walsall.

As I stated when the suspension became apparent, we have been somewhat

fortunate in that he misses only home games - with one of those being against a lower division side we should beat with or without him.

Bryan Small's loan expires after today's game, and we hope to extend that for a further month.

ABOVE: Discussion time for Paul McLaren (8), Gary Waddock, Steve Davis and Bryan Small, prior to Graham Alexander's first-half equaliser.

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Creaney & Barnes end Town run

LUTON'S five-match unbeaten run was ended by Burnley on Tuesday evening, as second-half goals from Gerry Creaney and Paul Barnes gave the Clarets a 3-2 win, writes SIMON OXLEY.

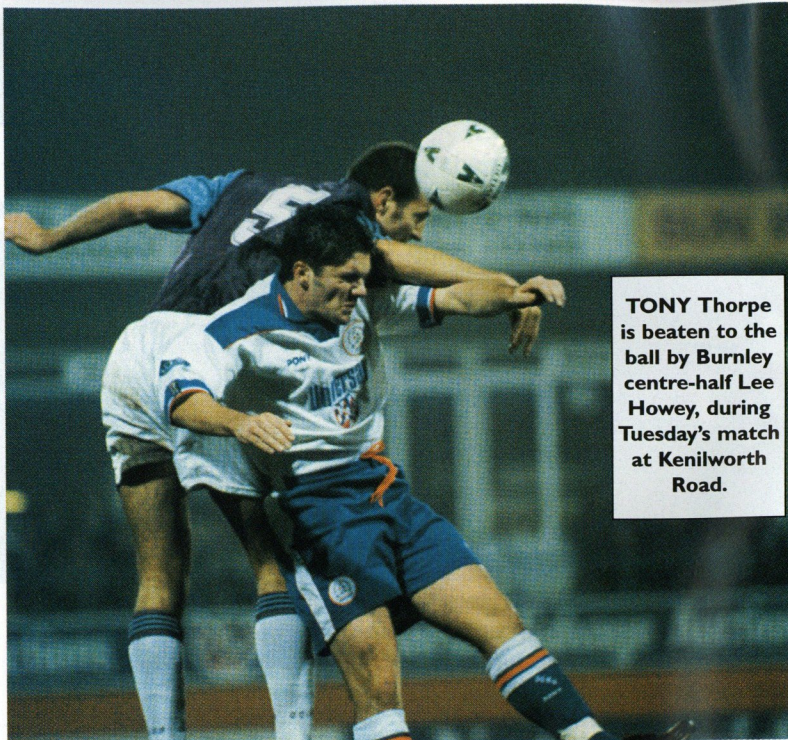
After Burnley keeper Marlon Beresford had made early saves to deny David Oldfield and Phil Gray, as well as keep out a deflection off his own player Lee Howey, the visitors took the lead on 24 minutes when Michael Williams volleyed home.

But the Hatters were level nine minutes later when Graham Alexander fired in from 30 yards out, after a free-kick move, and the Town midfielder then made it 2-1 two minutes later, spotting Beresford out of position, to curl in another long-range effort.

Burnley levelled on the hour when Barnes headed Chris Waddle's corner back across goal for Ceaney to score, with Barnes then finding the net himself on 65 minutes after beating the offside trap.

David Oldfield hit the bar late on, but Burnley held on for their first away win of the season.

Elsewhere, Watford maintained their eight-point lead at the top of Division Two, as Peter Kennedy's hat-trick gave the Hornets a 3-0 win at struggling Southend.



TONY Thorpe is beaten to the ball by Burnley centre-half Lee Howey, during Tuesday's match at Kenilworth Road.

Northampton scored a 75th minute equaliser for a 1-1 draw at Blackpool, with Carlisle recording a rare win with a 1-0 victory at Brentford.

Bristol City stay in second place after their 2-1 win in the Bristol derby against Rovers. Shaun Goater bagged both goals for City at the Memorial Ground.

Chesterfield and Gillingham drew 1-1, with Millwall and Fulham also finishing 1-1. Million-pound signing Paul Peschisolido put Fulham in front, but Paul Shaw equalised for the Lions six minutes from time.

Sean McCarthy scored twice as Oldham beat Wigan 3-1, with

Plymouth's Carlo Corazzin also bagging a brace in his side's 4-2 home win over Wycombe.

Walsall and Grimsby drew 0-0 at the Bescot Stadium, with Wrexham scoring twice in the opening 15 minutes before going on to beat Bournemouth 2-1.

Mark Tinkler scored the only goal of the game after 61 minutes, as York beat today's opponents Preston 1-0 at Bootham Crescent.

See page 39 for current Division Two statistics, and page 46 for up-to-date Division Two table.

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FRONT COVER: Graham Alexander celebrates his second goal against Burnley on Tuesday night, which put the Hatters 2-1 in front after 35 minutes. (Picture: GARETH OWEN).

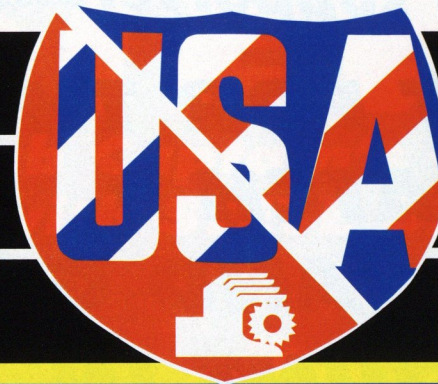
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**Club Captain's Corner
with STEVE DAVIS**



LEFT: Tony Thorpe celebrates his equaliser at Wycombe last Saturday, which gave the Hatters a 2-2 draw. There's more action from Adams Park on pages 36 and 37 of this afternoon's programme.

HAVING managed to keep our run going with a good point at Wycombe, to say the lads were disappointed after Tuesday's game is an under-statement.

I still can't believe we lost the match and with it came the end of our mini-revival. If it hadn't been for my 'ex' mate Marlon Beresford making three outstanding saves, the game could we have been over well before they stole away to score with their first real attempt on goal.

Having gone it at half-time 2-1 ahead, courtesy of two outstanding goals from Grezza, it's obviously bitterly disappointing to lose the game 3-2. We must now put this minor hiccup behind us and embark on another unbeaten run of games.

Just going back to Grezza's goals, he's always said he had a shot like Johnny Metgod, and used to score 30-yarders on a

regular basis at Scunthorpe. It's nice to see him doing it at Luton..... two-and-a-half years on!!!

Unfortunately I'm suspended for our next three games, so like yourselves I'll be willing the lads on from the sidelines. I really think the ruling regarding bookings needs looking into and changed.

Two of my cautions have come in pre-season friendlies when instead of brandishing yellow cards I'm sure a verbal warning would be more appropriate. Unless of course there was a pre-meditated attempt to injure someone, but in my case I don't think there was. I'm sure I will not be the only player suspended at the moment due to the same problem. My argument is why should bookings count in pre-season, when any goals you score in pre-season don't count towards your overall total. It doesn't make sense.

More good news on the injury front is the return to full training of Darren Patterson after a long spell on the sidelines with achilles tendon problems.

My old mucker has had a tough time of it, but has always had a smile on his face and has managed to keep the lads amused with the wide variety of his footwear. He even managed to sell a pair of Jimmy Nail's 'Crocodile Shoes' to Kelv, but what's that old saying..... you have to be mad to be a goalkeeper. I like them really Kelv!!!!

The ever decreasing casualty list has of course been great news for Clive, as since July it has been non-stop with many a long day put in to try and ease the problems. He has now been able to dismantle his camp-bed and re-introduce himself to his wife and daughter. Infact the only long-term injury is Paul Showler's and hopefully he will be back soon, as he is a valuable member of the squad.

Well, hopefully by 4.45 we'll have three points in the bag. Enjoy the game.

**MARVIN JOHNSON
BENEFIT 97/98**

In recognition of 10 years loyal service to Luton Town, Marvin has been granted a benefit match at the end of the 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.



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WE have a collection here this afternoon in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

Our thanks go to the Luton Air Training Corps for their help and assistance with the collection, and also to all supporters, in anticipation, who have contributed.

A reminder that Monday sees our first 'winter' Avon Insurance Combination match at Hitchin Town, when we play Ipswich, kick-off 7pm.

Admission is £2 for adults, and £1 for juniors and senior citizens.

The next match scheduled for Hitchin on November 24 has been reversed so that we play Arsenal at Highbury, kick-off 2pm, with the 'home' game at Hitchin now on Monday, February 16, kick-off 7pm.

The Division One match at Millwall on Sunday, December 28, now has a confirmed kick-off time of 3pm.

At the time of writing I have no confirmed date for our Nationwide League match with Grimsby, which has been postponed on Tuesday, November 18, due to their Coca-Cola Cup involvement.

In the Beds Senior Cup we have been drawn away against Barton

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From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

Rovers, and this match will be played at Sharpenhoe Road on Monday, November 17, kick-off 7.45pm. Admission prices are still to be confirmed.

A reminder that the youth team will play Swindon in the third round of the South East Counties League Cup. This match will be at Luton Rugby Club on November 22, kick-off 11am.

Christmas is coming, and the Junior Hatters, with the help of the official Luton Town Supporters Club,

have confirmed the date for their Christmas Party as Monday, December 15, from 7 to 9pm.

This will be at the Co-op Bowling Centre in Stockingstone Road, Luton, and further details are available from the ticket office.

See page 19 of tonight's programme for full details of Junior Hatters activities.

Can I once again tell you that, with the kind permission of the Rev. Nick Bell, we will be holding a Luton Town Christmas Carol Service, at St Mary's Parish Church on Wednesday, December 17, at 7.30pm.

Tickets are now available from the ticket office, and whilst there is no official charge, we are asking for a small donation.

Monies raised will be divided between the Luton and South Beds Hospice, and St Mary's Church.

I hope you and your family can join the directors, players and staff for this event.

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Which former Luton Town midfielder was recently dismissed from the manager's job at Huddersfield Town?

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

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in the event of a replay... Torquay v Luton

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Tuesday, November 25, 1997, kick-off 7.45pm

Seats would be available to one per **Season Ticket Holder or Member** after the match on Saturday, November 15. Prices: £8 for adults, £5 for senior citizens and £3 for juniors.

Terracing would be pay on the night only at Torquay. Prices: £8 for adults, £5 for senior citizens and £3 for juniors.

Luton Town v Walsall

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, November 22, 1997, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at the discounted price.
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York City v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, November 29, 1997, kick-off 3pm

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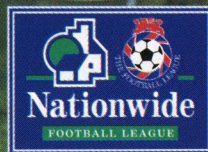
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ABOVE: Catch me if you can..... Graham Alexander celebrates his first-half brace against Burnley.

GRAHAM Alexander scored two goals in a match for the first time on Tuesday, and he's sharing the credit for that outrageous second with Paul McLaren - who spotted Burnley keeper Marlon Beresford well out of position.

But unfortunately Graham's first-half double wasn't enough to secure the points for the Hatters, as Burnley hit back to win 3-2.

The first free-kick was straight off the training ground, as the ball was played across for Graham to drive it past Beresford from some 30 yards out.

"That's one we've worked on with Wayne, and I certainly couldn't have hit it any better," commented the Town midfielder. "It's always nice to see those go in after plenty of practice.

"Had it been more central then Steve Davis might have had a crack, as he did when he scored at West Brom, but we decided it was a chance for me to have a go.

"For the second, I was going to play it into the box towards Steve, but Macca said to have a shot because he'd seen that the keeper was a bit wider to the right than usual.

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.

Goal-den Graham at the double!

"I think Marlon Beresford, having played with Steve at Burnley, was aware of him coming in for the header at the back post, so there was a bit more room to aim at.

"I must admit I've thought of having a go before, but that's the first time I've actually tried it."

Although the goals will live long in the memory at Kenilworth Road, the end result won't.

"It was disappointing to lose, especially after our recent good run," said Graham. "But hopefully it's just a minor setback and we can get back to winning ways against Preston."

No doubt the Lilywhites' keeper won't be leaving too much room at his right-hand post! - *Simon Oxley.*

Many thanks for the large number of 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!) Please keep sending them! Photos should be sent to:

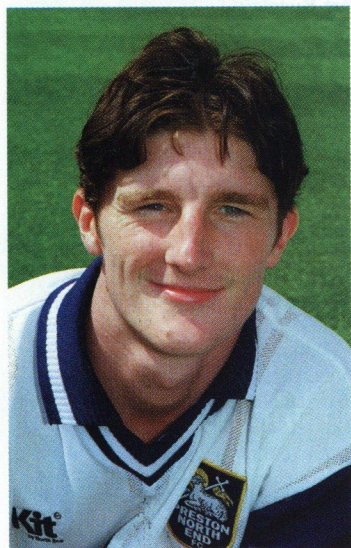
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ABOVE: Gary Peters and his squad line-up for the 1997/98 season at Deepdale.



LEFT: Jonathon Macken - striker who signed for Preston from Manchester United, after an impressive scoring record in the junior sides at Old Trafford.



RIGHT: Lee Cartwright - has come through the youth ranks at Deepdale.

Keeper Jon sees stars and sees off Preston

CROCKED keeper Jon Sheffield helped Plymouth to their first away win of the season - but he could not remember much about it.

Sheffield was concussed but resumed after treatment to turn in a superb display. He pulled off a string of saves, including a spectacular tip-over late in the game to deny David Moyes.

Argyle boss Mick Jones said: "Jon was out of it for four minutes and says he doesn't remember the first half.

"I've always said that he is the best - certainly the bravest -

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY!

Preston's 1-0 home defeat by Plymouth last Saturday, as reported in THE SUN.

keeper in the lower divisions."

Carlo Corazzin headed the winner from Earl Jean's cross after 65 minutes to condemn Preston to their third successive home defeat.

The win lifted Plymouth off the bottom, and Jones said: "Maybe this is the turning point."

On Tuesday night, a 61st-minute goal from former Leeds midfielder Mark Tinkler gave York a 1-0 win over Preston.

MICHAEL HOLT - Former Blackburn Rovers trainee who joined North End in the summer of 1996 on a free transfer. After being released by Blackburn he had trials at Scarborough before signing for North End.

JONATHAN MACKEN - Signed from Manchester United, the 19-year-old striker scored 27 goals in 22 'A' team outings for the team. A member of the England under 20 World Cup squad.

KURT NOGAN - Welsh international striker who signed from Lancashire rivals Burnley in March for £150,000. Started his career at Luton, and scored on his league debut in a 2-2 draw at Liverpool in January 1990. Moved onto Brighton before heading north to Burnley.

DAVID EYRES - Left winger/left-back signed from Burnley last month after over 150 appearances at Turf Moor. Previously with Blackpool, and signed for North End for £80,000.

DAVID LUCAS - Preston-born goalkeeper who has represented England at Under 18 level. Was on loan at third division Darlington last season, and at Scunthorpe and Scarborough. Played for the England Under 20 team in the summer World Cup in Malaysia, but sustained a pre-season injury and lost the number one spot to Teuvo Moilanen.

TEUVO MOILANEN - Finnish international keeper who joined North End in December 1995, and has recently signed a new three-year contract.

DEAN BARRICK - Defender signed from Cambridge United in a player-exchange deal with winger Paul Raynor returning to the Abbey Stadium in September 1995. Formerly with Sheffield Wednesday and Rotherham, and made

over 30 appearances for North End last season.

SEAN GREGAN - Defender signed from third division Darlington for £300,000 in November, and was a firm favourite with the supporters for the remainder of the season.

MICHAEL JACKSON - Signed from Bury for £125,000 on transfer deadline day in March. Defender who made over 100 appearances for the Shakers before joining North End.

RYAN KIDD - Defender who began his career with Port Vale before moving to Deepdale in July 1993. Can operate in any of the back four positions, but usually appears in the centre of defence.

PAUL MORGAN - Defender who signed professional in the summer.

COLIN MURDOCK - Northern Ireland international defender who joined North End for an undisclosed fee from Manchester United. Was a regular member of United's Pontins League winning side.

GARY PARKINSON - Defender previously with Middlesbrough and Bolton who joined North End from Burnley at the end of last season for £50,000. Was Burnley's Player of the Year last term, and was offered a new contract, but opted instead for a move to Deepdale.

PAUL SPARROW - Right-back signed from Crystal Palace in March 1996, but made only seven appearances last season after struggling with injury.

JAMIE SQUIRES - Preston-born defender who is a product of Deepdale's youth policy and signed professional forms with the club in April 1994. Went onto play in the Wembley play-off final at the age of 18, and then gained further valuable experience with a loan spell at non-league Stafford Rangers. Found it difficult to break into the first team last term, but has been a regular member of the championship winning reserve team.

MICHAEL APPLETON - Midfielder who was the third Manchester United player to join North End this summer, signing for a club record fee of £500,000. Played in United's championship winning reserve side, and scored three goals in 10 games when on loan with Grimsby. North End beat several other clubs to secure his services with a four-year contract.

(Continued on page 14)



LEFT: Michael Holt - former Blackburn Rovers trainee

See page 20 for Luton v Preston stats.....

LEE ASHCROFT - Rejoined his old club from West Brom after a loan spell, in November last year, but then missed six weeks of the season following an injury. Has already been among the goals this term, and scored Preston's third in the 3-2 home win over Luton at Deepdale last season.

GRAEME ATKINSON - Midfielder who signed from Hull City in October 1994, and had a large influence in North End's championship winning side of 1995/96. Injuries restricted him to only 12 first team appearances in 1996/97, and although placed on the transfer list has decided to stay and fight for his place, being rewarded with a number of appearances in recent games.

LEE CARTWRIGHT - Utility midfielder who is equally at home in the centre of the park or on the right wing. Has come through the youth ranks at Deepdale and has been a regular in the first team for the past five seasons - playing more than 150 league games for the club.

JULIAN DARBY - Former Bolton, Coventry and West Brom player signed for North End as part of the deal that took Kevin Kilbane to West Brom. Midfielder who has made over 300 appearances for his previous clubs in the Premiership, first and second divisions.

SIMON DAVEY - One of Gary Peters' first signings as manager of Preston, the midfielder was snapped up for a bargain £75,000 fee in February 1995 from Carlisle United. Played over 20 games last season, but following recent signings has been offered a transfer, and is currently on loan at Darlington.

PAUL McKENNA - The latest talent to progress through the youth ranks at Deepdale, the young midfielder signed a professional contract after just 18 months on the youth training programme. Impressed in the reserves last season and was given his first team chance, scoring on his debut against Wycombe.

MARK RANKINE - Signed from Wolves at the beginning of last season for £80,000. Experienced player who made over 200 appearances for Wolves, but had mixed fortunes with North End with injury problems restricting his appearances to 19.

TONY LORMOR - Signed this week from Chesterfield, with Preston also receiving £130,000 as striker David Reeves moved in the opposite direction to Saltergate. Formerly with Newcastle, Lincoln and Peterborough.

DAVID MOYES - Assistant manager who plays at centre-half, and bagged two goals in the 3-2 win over Luton last season.



LEFT: Sean Gregan - signed from Darlington for £300,000

MEET THE MANAGER



Following the departure of John Beck in December 1994, GARY PETERS, Beck's assistant at both Cambridge and Preston, was installed as manager at Deepdale.

An excellent second-half of the season saw one of England's most famous clubs achieve a play-off position for the second season running in Division Three, but North End were to fall to Bury in the semi-final.

During the close season of 1995, major construction work began to turn Deepdale into a 25,000 all-seater stadium. The 90-year-old West Stand, which had been the oldest continually used stand in the Football League, was torn down and replaced by a multi-complex structure - The Tom Finney Stand, incorporating a National Football Museum.

And then on the field, in Gary Peters' first full campaign in charge, North End secured promotion to the second division, as champions of Division Three.

With strong financial backing, and a large supporter base, they have the potential to be one of strongest teams in this division, and were expected to challenge strongly last term. But they figured more in the relegation battle than the promotion race, and it was one of the teams promoted with them the previous season, Bury, who were crowned Division Two champions.

After further investment this summer they are expected to be challenging this time around, but it has been a mixed start for Peters' side.

The Hatters and The Lilywhites

ALTHOUGH we met Preston twice in the F.A.Cup, in 1894/95 and 1920/21 with both games breaking our home attendance record, clashes in the Football League did not commence until 1949/50 following the Lilywhites relegation to the old Division Two.

During that season a Kenilworth Road crowd of 20315 saw a hard fought 1-1 draw but a goal from Wally Shanks earned both points in the return for what has turned out to be the first of only two victories for the Town at Deepdale.

Preston's stay in Division Two was short for at the end of the following campaign they won promotion back to the top flight. We struggled that season and it came as no surprise when Preston achieved the double although our 1-0 defeat at Deepdale, in front of a crowd of 31,083, was seen as an unfair reflection of the game after a battling performance.

Following our promotion to the old Division One in 1955 we came up against Preston in two early season games. In the game at Deepdale, our second away game in the top flight, we came away feeling hard done by after a narrow 2-1 defeat, but in the return a week later the boot was on the other foot as we won 2-1 courtesy of goals from Mike Cullen and John Groves with Preston this time the aggrieved party.

During our five year stay in Division One results tended to go with Preston with one notable exception. In September 1958 Preston visited Kenilworth Road and were walloped 4-1 but of greater significance to the crowd of 23,056 was the fact that we retained our place at the top of the table.

By the end of the following campaign we were staring relegation in the face and our final game of the season, and our last in the top division for 14 years, was at Preston. Unfortunately we were only bit players on the day as the game marked the retirement of the great Tom Finney and a crowd of 29,781 turned out to bid farewell to one of the games legends- we lost the game 2-0 by the way.

Preston obviously missed Finney as twelve months later they suffered the drop and their first game in new surroundings was at Kenilworth Road where we turned on the style, winning 4-1 with goals from Alec Ashworth, later to play for the Lilywhites, with two, Gordon Turner and John Groves. I can always remember my father almost crashing the car in our haste to get back to Luton from Bognor (we knew how to live) where we had been on holiday. It was obviously worth it!

We parted ways again in 1963, with our further relegation, and did not meet again until 1971/72 when we recorded our second, and last to date, win at Deepdale. A solitary goal from Alan Slough and a penalty save from Tony Read earned the points but in the following campaign, when we were boasting an



ABOVE: Gary Waddock was on the scoresheet in last season's 5-1 win.

by ROGER WASH

unbeaten away record going back over three months we went down 2-0 at Deepdale with a lacklustre display.

In our promotion season of 1973/74 we faced Preston at Kenilworth Road at a time when our hopes had taken a turn for the worse. We had suffered two straight defeats including one to eventual champions Middlesbrough and it came as a welcome relief when a Barry Butlin hat trick helped us to a 4-2 win and set us back on the right path.

We met once again in 1978/79, which was a season of struggle for the Town, and our end of the campaign 2-2 draw at Deepdale with David Moss scoring a late goal more or less saved us from the drop. We improved considerably over the next couple of seasons and by 1980/81 were putting in realistic pushes for promotion.

Unfortunately Preston were going the other way and our final meeting, in December 1980, emphasised the gap that had developed between the two sides. Goals from David Moss, with two, Godfrey Ingram and Lil Fuccillo, in his first game back in the side for two years following two broken legs, earned us an emphatic 4-2 win.

Meetings were resumed last season, after 15 years, and despite two goals from Steve Davis we went down 3-2 at Deepdale but made amends when a hat trick from David Oldfield helped us to a 5-1 victory in the return.



↑
Marvin Johnson sees his second-half shot go over the bar.

← You put your right foot in.... Burnley's first goalscorer Michael Williams (right) looks on as Phil Gray challenges for possession.

Paul McLaren makes a break for the Hatters, with veteran midfielder Gordon Cowans in pursuit.

→ Graham Alexander and Paul McLaren celebrate the former's second goal in as many minutes.



ACTION STATIONS

Luton Town 2 Burnley 3

(Alexander 2)

(Williams, Creaney, Barnes)

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2. In which decade did Huddersfield Town first win the FA Cup?
3. Who were the first team from Eastern Europe to win the UEFA Cup?
4. Which nation conceded 29 goals in two World Cup matches in the same week last season?
5. Which former Spurs player became manager of Barcelona?
6. Which is Scotland's most northern football club?
7. Who were the first British club to win a major European Trophy?
8. In 1990 how much did Nottingham Forest pay Cobh Ramblers for Roy Keane?
9. Which Premiership club were formerly known as Christ Church?
10. Which Premiership club started their football life as Thames Ironworks?



whose crests?

Name the three club crests featured in this montage

IDENTIKIT

Name the three players in this patchwork pic



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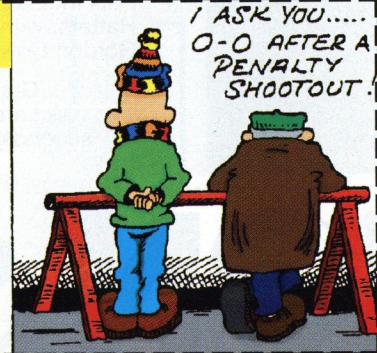
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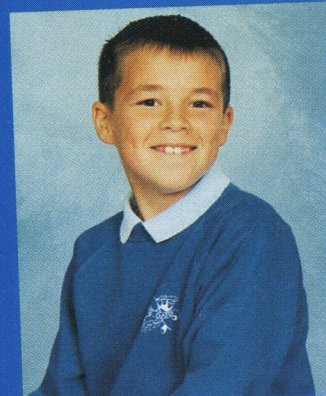
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ANSWERS

HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Paris; 2. 1920's; 3. Ferencvaros; 4. The Maldives; 5. Terry Venables; 6. Ross County; 7. Tottenham Hotspur; 8. £15,000; 9. Bolton Wanderers; 10. Fleet Ham United.
WHOSE CRESTS?: Oxford United, Sheffield Wednesday and Oldham Athletic.
IDENTIKIT: Stuart Ripley, Steve Gortzovic and Paul Kiteon.
WHAT A JUMBLE: Rotherham United, Northampton Town, Blackburn Rovers, Barnsley, Nottingham Forest, Norwich City, Burny, Plymouth Argyle, Southampton and Birmingham City.



Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is 10-year-old RUSSELL HALSEY, who attends Five Oaks School, Caddington. Russell's other hobbies are swimming and cricket, he plays football for Thornhill Colts, and his favourite player is Tony Thorpe.

DON'T FORGET TO POP INTO THE CLUB SHOP FOR A WHOLE RANGE OF GIFT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS!

Get ready for the Juniors Xmas Party!

A WARM welcome to Kenilworth Road to all Junior Hatters, and let's hope we can return to winning ways this afternoon. Don't forget the Junior Hatters Christmas Party is on Monday, December 15, from 7 to 9pm, at the Co-op Bowling Centre in Stockingstone Road, Luton, and further details are available from the ticket office. Tickets are £3.50, and Luton players will be there.

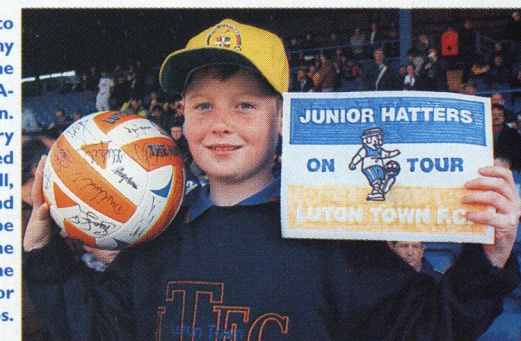
Once again this season we will be organising a number of special events for you, as well as trips to watch the Hatters away from home, and the popular Saturday Club for home matches.

The Saturday Club is back in full swing again, and 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.

We organised a trip to Wycombe last Saturday, and we will also be going to York at the end of November - to watch the game only - and prices are once again £12 for adults and £10 for Junior Hatters for the trip to Bootham Crescent. We will also be going to Chesterfield next month, and hope to organise a trip to Millwall just after Christmas.

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).

RIGHT: Congratulations to Junior Hatter Anthony Dumpleton who is the winner of our Design-A-Banner Competition. Anthony, from Pottery Close, Luton, was presented with his prize, a signed ball, at the Brentford game, and the banner will now be made, and will go up in the Family Room and on the Junior Hatters coach for away trips.



ABOVE: Our Junior Hatters mascot with the team captains and match officials prior to kick-off.

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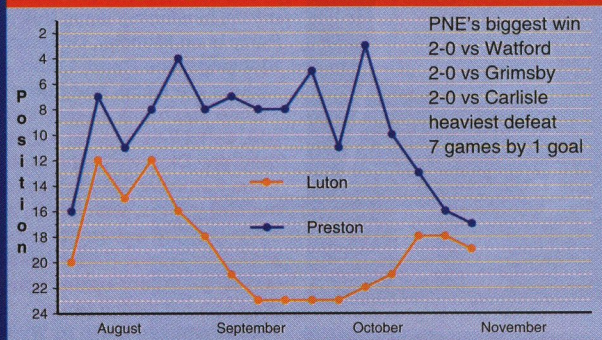


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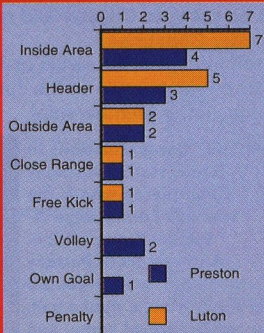
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Lee Ashcroft	16	4	1	West Brom Notts
7/9/72 Eng U21	4			County (L)
Gary Parkinson	16	1		Burnley Bolton
10/1/68	4			Middlesbrough Southend (L)
Mark Rankine	16	1	3	Wolves Doncaster
30/9/69	4			
Teuvo Moilanen	15			Darlington (L)
12/12/73	4			Scarborough (L) Jaro Ilves
Ryan Kidd	14(1)	3		Port Vale
6/10/71	4			
Lee Cartwright	12(3)			
19/9/72	3(1)			
David Reeves	12(1)	1	2	Carlisle Notts County
19/11/67	3(1)	3		Bolton Sheff Wed Burnley (L) Scunthorpe (L)
Dean Barrick	11(1)	1	3	Cambridge Rotherham
30/9/69	3(1)	1		Sheff Wed
Michael Jackson	11			Bury Crewe
4/12/73	4			
Michael Appleton	10(4)	1		Man Utd Grimsby (L)
4/12/75	2(1)			Lincoln (L)
Colin Murdock	10	1	3	Man Utd
2/7/75	2			
Sean Gregan	9(2)	2		Darlington
29/3/74	3	1		
Kurt Nogan	7(3)	3		Burnley Brighton
9/9/70 Wal U21	1(1)			Peterborough Luton
Jonathan Macken	6(3)	1	2	Man Utd
7/9/77 Eng Yth	2(2)	2		
David Moyes	5	1		Hamilton Dunfermline
25/4/73				Shrewsbury Bristol City Cambridge Celtic Burnley Blackpool
David Eyres	2			
26/2/64				
Julian Darby	1(4)			West Brom Coventry
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Graeme Atkinson	1(2)			Hull
11/11/71				
David Lucas	1			Scunthorpe (L)
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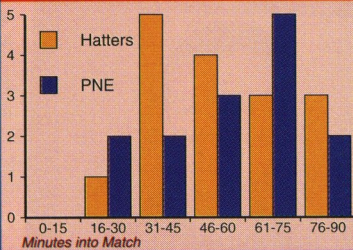
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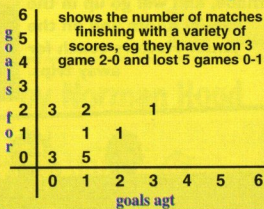
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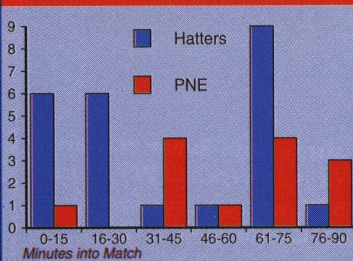
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Preston's results analysis



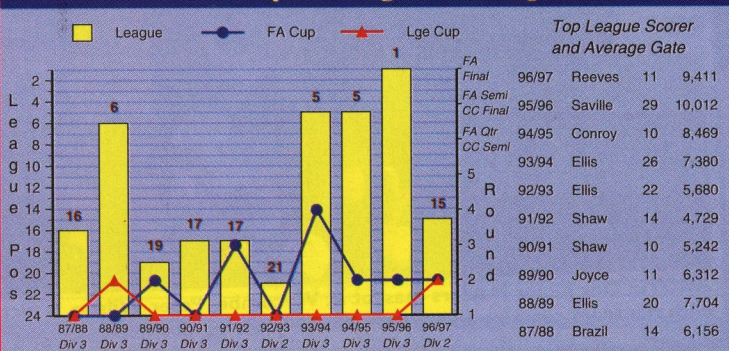
.. and when conceded



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Preston's 10 year league and cup record



Top League Scorer and Average Gate

Season	Player	Goals	Average Gate
96/97	Reeves	11	9,411
95/96	Saville	29	10,012
94/95	Conroy	10	8,469
93/94	Ellis	26	7,380
92/93	Ellis	22	5,680
91/92	Shaw	14	4,729
90/91	Shaw	10	5,242
89/90	Joyce	11	6,312
88/89	Ellis	20	7,704
87/88	Brazil	14	6,156



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Player Profile



MARVIN JOHNSON

Date of Birth: 29.10.68

Previous Clubs: None

Joined Luton: July 1985

Marvin made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988, and quickly established himself as a versatile defender. Started the 1994/95 season at left-back, but then switched to the centre of defence to form a reliable partnership with Trevor Peake.

Marvin was one of only three players to play in every first-team match in the 1994/95 season, and was awarded the Players' Player of the Year Trophy.

He was again a consistent performer in 1995/96 at centre-back, alongside Steve Davis for the most part, and Darren Patterson - and likewise in 1996/97.

Most memorable game: "Many games have been memorable over the last 10 years, but I especially remember my senior debut at Everton in the Simod Cup. We won 2-1 against one of the top sides in the country, with an inexperienced team, and David Oldfield scored both goals."

Game I'd prefer to forget: "As many of the lads have already stated in this column, the FA Cup defeat at Grimsby and last season's play-off semi-final, second leg, against Crewe really stand out."

Which present-day player do you admire most? "Ian Wright - he plays with such enthusiasm."

Premiership 'Dream Team': David Seaman; Tony Adams, Colin Hendry, Gary Pallister; David Beckham, Roy Keane, John Barnes, Nicky Butt, Phil Neville; Ian Wright, Dennis Bergkamp.

Greatest sporting achievement away from football: "I was school chess champion at the age of 12!"

State of the game: "I still enjoy the game as much as ever, but without wishing to criticise them I feel referees are having an increasing influence on the outcome of the game. When I started playing the referee was just 'the referee' but now they are increasingly featured in the media, and are as well known as the players. That's not necessarily their fault, and I'm not knocking them, but it's almost as if they have something to live up to, and have to make decisions accordingly."

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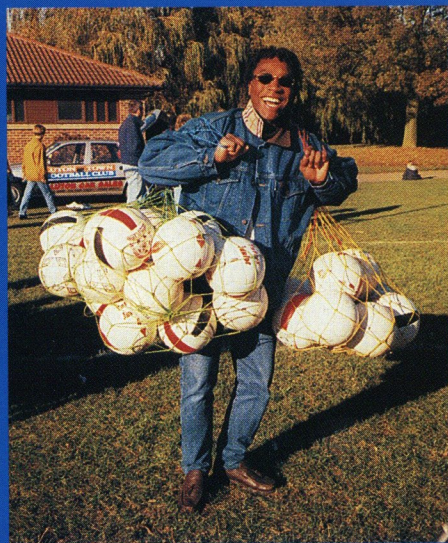


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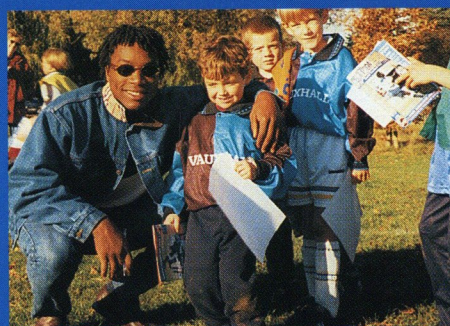
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Hundreds of youngsters enjoy Hatters half-term coaching courses....



ABOVE: Youngsters on our half-term course in Leighton Buzzard.

LEFT: Having a ball.... Town striker Stuart Douglas lends a helping hand at the half-term course at Linslade Middle School, Leighton Buzzard.



RIGHT: It's autograph time for the Hatters front man.

BELOW: The youngsters at the Icknield Junior School course show off their certificates.



A BIG thank-you to all those who have attended our Half-Term courses across the region, which have once again proved a great success. We were in Luton, Milton Keynes, Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable, with Tony Thorpe (left) and Ian Feuer among the players to take part. These pictures are taken from one of the extremely popular Striker Courses, attended by the Hatters' leading scorer Tony Thorpe. We will shortly be announcing our Christmas programme.



Mini-Soccer with LTFC

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

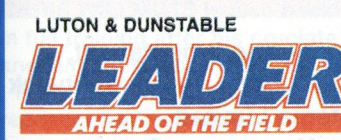
Mini-soccer has been devised to provide a fun introduction to the sport for children of all abilities, with six or eight-a-side games played with simplified rules on small pitches.

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 two weeks ago, 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.



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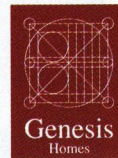
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INJURY UPDATE

Injury worries ease as players return in reserves

A number of players have continued their recovery from injury in the reserve team this week.

IAN FEUER, having played last week at Norwich and coming through without any problems, played again on Wednesday afternoon in the Combination match against Wimbledon at Plough Lane.

STUART DOUGLAS resumed training on Monday after his groin injury, and played in the closing stages on Wednesday, after coming on as a substitute.

MITCHELL THOMAS had resumed training after his hernia operation, and was hoping to play as well. But a slight thigh strain meant he was forced to delay his comeback.

ANDREW FOTIADIS has continued his recovery, playing at Norwich, and of course making a substitute appearance against Burnley. He too played at Wimbledon on Wednesday.

MARVIN JOHNSON resumed after his knee injury with a full appearance against Wycombe, and then played against Burnley, where he suffered a knock on the ankle.

JULIAN JAMES was unable to train for much of last week after a nose injury suffered against Brentford. Supporters may recall he was forced to leave the field in the first-half after a bang on the nose, but then suffered another bang in the face and we were unable to stop the bleeding so he had to come off.

He then sat out training to avoid the possibility of further damage, but resumed on Friday, and of course played at Wycombe.

The only injury to come out of the game against Wycombe was to PHIL GRAY who jarred his ankle in a second-half tackle.

DARREN PATTERSON is due to resume full training this week after his lengthy lay-off, and CHRIS WILLMOTT is also back in full training after his cruciate knee ligament operation.

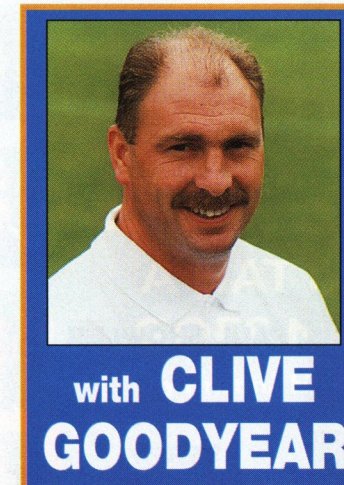
PAUL SHOWLER continues his recovery from a hernia operation.



LEFT: Gary Waddock suffered an injury during the game against Burnley.



RIGHT: Mitchell Thomas was hoping to resume in the reserve side in midweek.



Win tickets for YOUR junior team

FOR the third season in succession, the Loyal Luton Supporters Club are once again sponsoring the Young Team of the Month Award.

Having received a grant from NatWest Bank as part of the bank's Community Action Scheme, and through monies raised through the year, the supporters, in conjunction with Luton Town FC, have again funded the award.

The award is run on a monthly self-nomination basis - starting with November 1997 - and is open to all teams, boys and girls, under the age of 16. Winners receive 15 tickets (13 children and two adults) for a chosen Luton home match.

Previous winners have included successful regional champions through to teams who have won their first point after two years of playing.

Anyone wanting to nominate their local youth, school, cubs or girls team, should send a letter to Simon Oxley, c/o LTFC, briefly explaining why they deserve to win one of the monthly awards. And remember, you only need to make one nomination. All remaining letters will be considered throughout the rest of the season.



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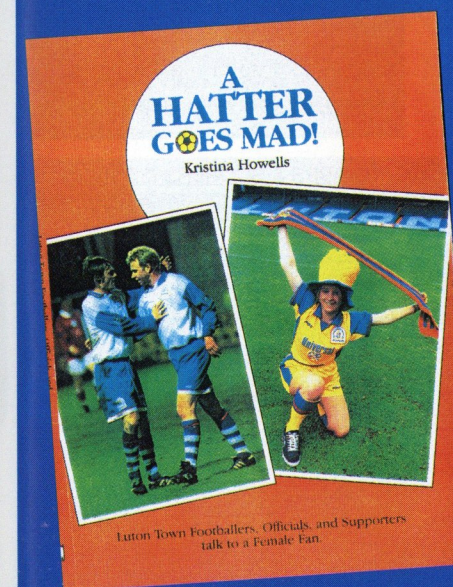


ABOVE and inset: Phil Gray is pictured during our last two matches, against Wycombe and at home to Burnley.



A HATTER GOES MAD

by Kristina Howells



Look out for a this new publication which is launched in Luton on November 8. It's a collection of Luton Town memories compiled by past and present players, officials and supporters - as told to committed Hatters fan Kristina Howells.

The launch on November 8 is at three venues, across the town:
9.30 to 10.45am - Hammicks, Arndale Centre.
11am to 12 noon - LTFC Club Shop.
12.30 to 2pm - Asda, Wigmore Lane.

Museum set for Deepdale

THE Heritage Lottery Fund has this week awarded a grant of seven and a half million pounds towards the stablishment of The Football Museum at the Deepdale Stadium - home of Preston North End.

It means that the £12 million project can now go ahead, and it coincides with the development of the current Deepdale Stadium into a 30,000 all-seater facility.

The Museum is expected to be fully operational by the autumn of 1999, and will include the FIFA Museum Collection containing football memorabilia dating from the 16th century to the present day.

RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



THE Town's reserve side returned to action with a defeat and a draw following the postponement of the games against West Ham and Brighton.

(These games were postponed due to injuries, and at the time of writing no new dates had been arranged).

The defeat came at Kenilworth Road, 4-1 to Charlton, in a game which saw Icelandic triallist Haraldar Ingolfsson make his debut.

The Luton scorer was Andrew Barr, with his fourth goal of the season in the Avon Insurance Combination.

Team: Abbey, Lawes, Harvey, Evers, Boyce, Fraser, Sweeney (McIndoe), Kean, Barr (Scarlett), Doherty, Ingolfsson.

Sub not used: Peake.

Marvin Johnson returned to action after a knee injury, playing 65 minutes of the 0-0 draw against Chelsea.

Dwight Marshall and Richard Harvey also featured in the Town side.

Team: Abbey, Jones, Fraser, Evers, Boyce, Johnson (Peake), Sweeney, Kean, Barr, Harvey, Marshall (Scarlett).

Sub not used: Lawes.

A number of players returned from injury in last Monday's 1-0 defeat by Norwich at Carrow Road.

Ian Feuer, Andrew Fotiadis and Steve Augustine played the full 90 minutes, with Marvin Johnson also getting in another full game after his knee injury.

Team: Feuer, Jones (Sweeney), Harvey, Evers, Boyce, Johnson, Augustine, Kean, Davies, Fotiadis,

Marshall. Subs not used: Barr, Abbey.

The reserves were due to play at Wimbledon on Wednesday afternoon, with Stuart Douglas on the bench after injury, and Matthew Spring resuming after suspension.

Our reserve team fixtures with Arsenal have been reversed, and will now be played as follows: We will play at Highbury on November 24, with a 2pm kick-off, with the return at Hitchin Town on February 16, kick-off 7pm.

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

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	11	7	3	1	32	9	24
Tottenham	11	7	2	2	20	13	23
C Palace	11	7	0	4	21	14	21
Charlton	9	6	1	2	22	8	19
Southampton	11	5	4	2	22	12	19
Oxford	11	4	5	2	18	18	17
Wimbledon	11	4	3	4	14	9	15
Portsmouth	10	3	5	2	12	9	14
Norwich	11	3	5	3	12	17	14
Watford	11	3	4	4	12	17	13
Millwall	10	3	3	4	11	17	12
Ipswich	11	2	5	4	14	22	11
West Ham	11	3	2	6	14	22	11
QPR	11	2	4	5	11	13	10
LUTON TOWN	8	2	3	3	9	13	9
Chelsea	11	1	5	5	11	21	8
Swindon	9	2	1	6	7	12	7
Brighton	10	1	3	6	10	26	6

League table up to and including 22.10.97

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1997/98 APPS & SCORERS (27/10/97)

	APPS	G		APPS	G
Nathan ABBEY	7		Haraldar INGOLFSSON	1	
Ian JONES	8		Marvin JOHNSON	2	
Richard HARVEY	5		Dwight MARSHALL	2	
Sean EVERS	6		Ian FEUER	1	
Gary DOHERTY	6	2	Steve AUGUSTINE	1	
Emerson BOYCE	5		Simon DAVIES	1	
Robert KEAN	9		Andrew FOTIADIS	1	
Matthew SPRING	3 (2)				
Andrew BARR	6	4			
Liam GEORGE	5	2			
Terry SWEENEY	6 (1)				
Andre SCARLETT	(5)				
Michael McINDOE	2 (3)				
Stuart FRASER	5 (2)				
Daniel TATE	1				
Gavin McGOWAN	3	1			
Paul SHOWLER	2				
Alan WHITE	2				
Russell LAWES	1 (2)				
Colin OMOGBEHIN	3				
S QUINN	2				
Trevor PEAKE	2 (1)				
Richard CLARKE	(2)				
M BLOCK					

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	lost 4-1
Mon Oct 20	Chelsea	drew 0-0
Mon Oct 27	Norwich City	lost 1-0
Wed Nov 5	Wimbledon	2pm
Mon Nov 10	IPSWICH T	7pm*
Wed Nov 19	Southampton	7.30pm
Mon Nov 24	Arsenal	2pm
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*
Mon Feb 16	ARSENAL	7pm*
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.

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 remained top of South East Counties Division Two, with a 3-2 win at Southampton.

Tresor Kandol bagged a hat-trick for the Hatters, who also had James Ayres sent off.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Clarke, Boyce, Ayres, Scarlett, Robert (McKoy), Kandol (Howe), McIndoe, Jerry. Sub not used: Harrington.

The Town youngsters progressed to the third round of the South East Counties League Cup, with a 2-0 win against Arsenal, at London Colney.

Substitute Delroy McKoy scored both Luton goals, after replacing Darren Howe after 35 minutes.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Clarke, Howe (McKoy), Ayres (Harrington), Scarlett, Robert (Stirling), Kandol, McIndoe, Jerry.

Luton now play Swindon Town, at home, in the third round on Saturday, November 22.

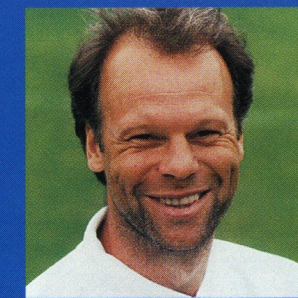
Last Saturday the youth team extended their lead at the top of the league table with a 1-0 win over Tottenham, with Moses Jerry netting the winning goal.

Team: Tate, Lawes, McKoy, Howe (Harrington), Moran, Stirling (Boyce), Scarlett, Clarke, Kandol (Robert), McIndoe, Jerry.

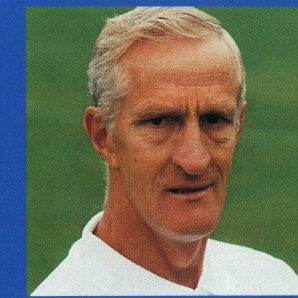
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LUTON TOWN	10	7	1	2	33	12	22
Brentford	9	4	4	1	18	10	16
Southampton	10	5	1	4	26	18	16
Tottenham	10	5	1	4	15	18	16
Bristol City	8	4	3	1	17	13	15
Swindon T	9	4	2	3	18	17	14
Colchester U	10	4	2	4	17	17	14
Wycombe W	8	3	3	2	14	9	12
Bristol R	9	3	3	3	23	20	12
Wimbledon	8	3	3	2	16	19	12
Oxford Utd	9	4	0	5	19	25	12
Barnet	10	2	3	5	16	24	9
Bournemouth	10	1	4	5	16	23	7
Reading	9	1	3	5	10	21	6
Brighton	9	1	3	5	11	23	6

League table as at October 25, 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	OxfordUnited	
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	won 3-2			
Sat Oct 18	Arsenal (SECLC2)	won 2-0	Sat Mar 21	Colchester	
Sat Oct 25	TOTTENHAM	won 1-0	Sat Mar 28	BOURNEMOUTH	11am
Sat Nov 1	READING	11am	Sat Apr 4	WIMBLEDON	11am
Sat Nov 15	COLCHESTER	11am			
Sat Nov 22	SWINDON (SECLC3)				Games in caps denote HOME matches.
Sat Nov 29	Bournemouth				Home league matches at Luton Rugby Club.
Sat Dec 6	BRISTOL ROVERS	11am			

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G	YOUTH TEAM 1997/98 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS
Daniel TATE	10		4		
Russell LAWES	7 (1)		4		
Stuart FRASER	6	1	4		
Matthew SPRING	5	4	3		
Emerson BOYCE	6 (1)	3	2		
James AYRES	7		1		
Andre SCARLETT	10	3	3		
Clifford AKURANG	4 (1)	3	2 (1)	1	
Gary DOHERTY	2 (1)	1	1		
Richard CLARKE	10		4		
Delroy McKOY	6 (2)		2 (1)	2	
Darren HOWE	2 (1)		1 (1)		
C DREW	(1)				
Michael McINDOE	8 (1)	2	4		
Jimmy COX	6	5	3		
Tresor KANDOL	7 (1)	8	2 (1)		
Moses JERRY	6 (3)	3	2		
J STIRLING	4		1 (1)		
J HARRINGTON	(3)		(1)		
S ROBERT	2 (2)		1		
A MINTON	1				
C GREGORY	1				
R MORAN	1 (1)				

LUTON Town FC require landladies on a permanent and/or part-time basis for our YTS players.

We are ideally looking for families, in Luton, with an interest in football, who have room available for one of our youngsters, either on a permanent (seven days a week) basis, or on a temporary basis (for example in school holidays).

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

Where are they now?



by **ROGER WASH**

"The run to the F.A.Cup final will obviously remain in my memory with the demolition of Leeds, Leicester and Ipswich leading up to the quarter final against Blackpool putting the fans in the Wembley spirit.

"All went wrong at Blackpool in the sixth round, however, when, with the seconds ticking away, and with us leading 1-0 I was left with the ball at my feet in the area.

"I could have cleared it anywhere and with goalkeeper Ron Baynham expecting a back pass and Dave Pacey telling me to get rid I did neither and Ray Charnley nipped in for Blackpool. What made it worse was that he slipped as he won the ball and his miss hit shot trickled past Ron and hit a post before just settling over the line.

"In the replay, which was played in the afternoon because Stan Matthews refused to play under our lights, it was my job to mark the 'Wizard of the Dribble' again.

"My task as advised to me by our inside forward Allan Brown, who had played with Stan at Blackpool, was to more or less stand on his right leg to stop him going on the outside.

"If he went on the inside he was nowhere near as effective and ended up confusing his fellow forwards who were always looking for a cross or pull back from the by-line. It got to the stage where I was almost standing on the touchline to prevent him going down my outside but the plan worked and we won through 1-0 with Allan Brown scoring the all important goal against his old club.

"For the semi-final against Norwich I watched film of the Canaries Canadian right winger, Errol Crossan, who was a real livewire and who had destroyed Mel Hopkins of Tottenham and Noel Cantwell of Manchester United in previous rounds.

"I decided to let him know I was there and probably went in a little hard early on. I can always remember the referee, Mr Pickles, siding up to me and saying, "There are a lot of big nobs in the stand and I intend to do my job properly. Make sure you do yours." I obviously took his advice and behaved myself!"

The Town won through against Norwich, after a replay, and everyone went Cup mad in the lead up to our first ever trip to

Wembley which did not help Ken as he lived slap bang next to the ground. Our preparation for the big game involved absolutely nothing out of the ordinary and Ken was still up in the early hours of the morning of May 2nd 1959 fielding personal callers for tickets. His wife still has a shoe box full of begging letters including one from a supporter who offered a racehorse for half a dozen tickets!

"Our preparation was all wrong and when we were waiting in the tunnel before the start of the game, Forest's Stuart Imlach was amazed to hear that we had not been away.

"They had been right away from it somewhere on the east coast and had hardly seen a human being until coming up Wembley Way. They were therefore hungry to get out and play."

With the disappointment of the Wembley defeat behind them the players, with new manager Syd Owen at the helm, set about the 1959/60 season with the full intention of giving the fans something to shout about. Unfortunately it all went terribly wrong and we ended up being relegated for the first time in our league history.

Ken only made 22 appearances that season due to a debilitating virus that left him lacking in power and early in the following campaign the writing was on the wall when new manager Sam Bartram, who had replaced Syd Owen in the Luton managerial hot seat, arranged a deal that brought Everton full back John Bramwell to Kenilworth Road in part exchange for Billy Bingham.

"Sam Bartram did me no favours and having brought Bramwell to Kenilworth Road he had to play him. At the end of that season I was invited to go to Peterborough, who had just walked away with the Fourth Division title but, after a virtually injury free career, I suffered a broken arm, cracked ribs and a cartilage operation over the next twelve months with the result that I only turned out once for Posh.

"I was offered the chance to join Hull but it was a good



ABOVE: The 1959 FA Cup Final team: Back row: King (trainer), Groves, McNally, Baynham, Pacey, Hawkes. Front row: Bingham, Brown, Owen, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

job that I turned them down as manager Cliff Britton was sacked only weeks into the new season. Instead I went semi-pro with Bedford and got a job as a sales representative for a wholesale food firm. I never earned as much money from the game as I did then!"

Ken enjoyed three years at Bedford before becoming player coach at St Neots followed by a couple of years as manager of Electrolux. After 35 years as a sales representative he is now enjoying retirement and is a regular visitor to Kenilworth Road and is often asked to speak in the sponsors lounges before a game.

"I was never the most cultured full back in the world but I looked after myself, was always well prepared and always gave 100% effort.

"I enjoy the current game and when I am asked about the present day I just merely state that there are not so many broken legs today and recount watching Billy Cooke (Luton hard man of the 1940's and early 1950's) in my early days here launching himself two footed from ten yards at Jimmy Andrews of West Ham and wondering whether I was expected to do the same!"

5 YEARS AGO

7/11/92: Without a home victory at that stage in the campaign, we sank deeper into trouble when Grimsby returned from Kenilworth Road with the points after an easy 4-1 win. The crowd of 6,928 watched in disbelief as we were given the runaround.

10 YEARS AGO

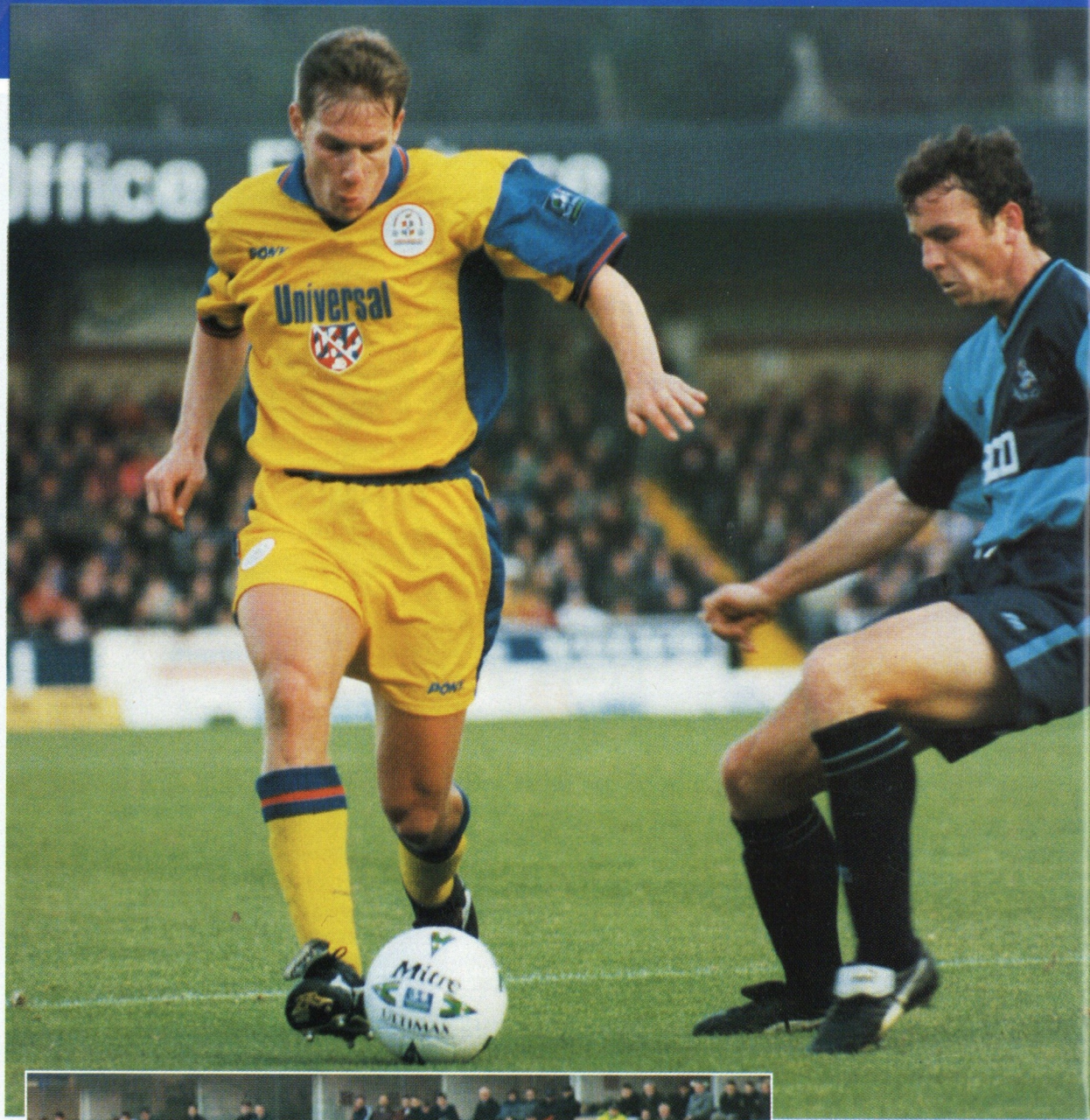
14/11/87: Goals from Mark Stein and Ian Allinson secured a 2-0 win at Sheffield Wednesday. This second away victory of the season pushed us up to 12th position in the old Division One.

15 YEARS AGO

13/11/82: Although we picked up a welcome away point at Sunderland we dropped down to 18th position in Division One. David Moss was the Luton scorer in the 1-1 draw.

20 YEARS AGO

12/11/77: Brian Stein made his Luton debut coming on as a substitute in an away game at Mansfield in the old Division Two. Unfortunately he was unable to prevent the Town going down to a 3-1 defeat watched by a wet and windswept crowd of 7,522.



↑
Wycombe keeper Martin Taylor beats Tony Thorpe to this first-half cross.

← Julian James, who set up Luton's second-half equaliser, makes a break.

Paul McLaren, playing in his home town, is tripped as he tries to find a way through the Wycombe defence.

→ Bryan Small's progress down the left wing is halted by this second-half tackle.



ACTION STATIONS

Wycombe W 2 Luton Town 2
 (Stallard, McGavin) (Oldfield, Thorpe)
 Saturday, November 1, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two
 Attendance: 6,219
Pictures by Gareth Owen



FORTHCOMING MATCHES IN NATIONWIDE DIVISION TWO

Saturday, November 8

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

Saturday, November 15

FA Cup first round - see page 31

Tuesday, November 18

- Bournemouth v Southend
- Bristol City v Plymouth
- Burnley v Millwall
- Carlisle v Chesterfield
- Fulham v York
- Gillingham v Blackpool
- Northampton v Brentford
- Preston NE v Bristol R
- Watford v Oldham
- Wycombe v Wrexham

Saturday, November 22

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

Saturday, November 29

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

Hatters face FA Cup first round clash with Torquay

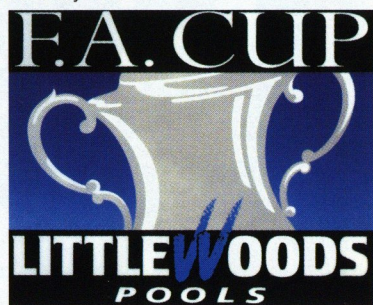
LUTON Town will face Torquay United in the first round of the FA Cup, on November 15, in a repeat of last season's first round tie.

On that occasion the Hatters made the long trip to the south-west, and came away with a 1-0 win, with Ceri Hughes netting the winner during the first-half.

Elsewhere in the draw, Boreham Wood, our opponents in round two last season, have again progressed to the first round after a replay win over Rushden and Diamonds. They now travel to Hayes.

And there's a Hertfordshire derby with third division Barnet hosting Watford at Underhill.

Big-spending Fulham travel to non-league Margate, in the tie selected for live television coverage by Sky on Sunday, November 16.



'Nationwide six' in Coca-Cola round 4

SIX clubs remain to fly the flag for the Nationwide Football League in this season's Coca-Cola Cup following the draw for the fourth round of the competition.

First division quartet Ipswich, Middlesbrough, Oxford and Reading, are joined by our fellow Division Two sides Grimsby and Walsall.

Both Division Two sides have been drawn away to Premiership opposition in round four.

Grimsby will travel to Anfield to play Liverpool - the Reds having won 2-0 at Luton's conquerors West Brom. Walsall are away to West Ham, for whom John Hartson has scored five goals in the competition already.

Tuesday, November 18: Arsenal v Coventry, Derby v Newcastle, Leeds v Reading, Liverpool v Grimsby, Middlesbrough v Bolton, Oxford v Ipswich.

Wednesday, November 19: Chelsea v Southampton, West ham v Walsall

The draw for the first round of this season's Auto Windscreens Shield competition, which will also determine the 16 clubs to go straight through to the second round of the Auto Windscreens Shield, is due to 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.

First round draw:

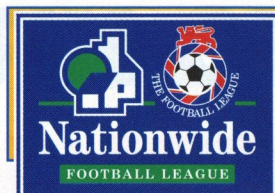
Northern section:

- Notts County v Colwyn Bay
- Darlington v Stalybridge or Solihull Borough
- Chesterfield v Northwich
- Hull v Hednesford
- Hartlepool v Macclesfield
- Chester v Winsford
- Rochdale v Wrexham
- Morecambe v Emley
- Ilkeston v Boston Utd
- Lincoln City v Gainsborough
- Shrewsbury v Grimsby
- Oldham v Mansfield
- Rotherham v Burnley
- Southport v York
- Preston NE v Doncaster
- Carlisle v Wigan
- Walsall v Lincoln United
- Blackpool v Blyth Spartans
- Scunthorpe v Scarborough

Southern section:

- Swansea v Peterborough
- Sittingbourne or Hereford v Brighton
- Hayes v Boreham Wood
- Cheltenham v Tiverton
- Billericay or Camberley v Gloucester or Wisbech
- Bognor Regis or Farnborough v Dagenham and Redbridge
- Hendon v Leyton Orient
- Brentford v Colchester
- Bournemouth v Heybridge Swifts
- Wycombe v Basingstoke
- Woking v Southend
- LUTON TOWN v Torquay
- Plymouth v Cambridge
- Exeter v Northampton
- Carshalton v Stevenage
- Slough v Cardiff
- Kings Lynn v Bromsgrove
- Bristol Rovers v Gillingham
- Margate v Fulham
- Barnet v Watford
- Bristol City v Millwall

See page 9 for ticket details for the match against Torquay on Saturday, November 15, at Kenilworth Road.



Division 2 Stats

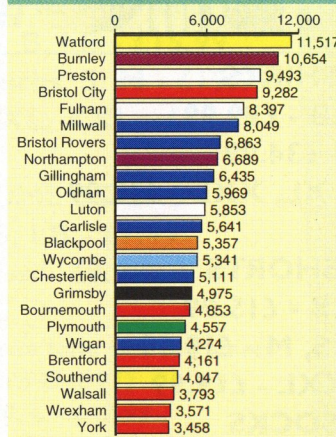
the 97/98 season

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Results and Fixtures (as at 5th November)

Fixture dates are italicised (e.g. 4.5 is 4th May), results are in bold.	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	0-0	7.2	1-1	25.4	22.11	14.2	2-1	26.12	0-1	1-1	0-0	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	2-1	28.2	21.3	2-2	1-0	14.2	1-1	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	2-3	2-1	0-1	0-0	11.4	2-0	3-1	25.4	10.1	21.3	28.3	31.1	14.2	26.12	3-0	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	1-0	18.11	2-1	28.2	25.4	13.4	3-0	3.1	22.11	2-1	
Bristol Rovers	28.12	0-3	2.5	1-2	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	1-2	11.4	1-0	24.2	3.1	
Burnley	2-2	3.3	21.2	11.4	0-0	3-1	26.12	18.4	0-0	28.3	14.3	18.11	29.11	0-0	2.5	1-1	24.1	2-1	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	0-1	3.3	0-2	11.4	2-2	0-2	10.1	14.2	0-2	1-0	2-2	31.1	25.4	
Chesterfield	1-1	2.5	3.1	18.4	0-0	1-0	21.3	7.3	1-1	8.11	13.12	28.3	11.4	24.2	17.1	3-2	29.11	3-1	31.1	2-3	21.2	1-0	28.12	
Fulham	24.2	1-0	2.12	28.12	3.3	20.12	13.4	1-1	21.11	0-2	0-0	14.3	1-1	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	1-3	24.2	3-3	2-1	0-0	13.12	2-1	2-2	2.5	18.4	1-0	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	1-0	2.5	3.1	28.12	5-1	14.3	0-1	2-1	0-0	2.12	0-0	
Luton	31.1	10.1	2-0	21.2	20.12	2-3	2.5	14.4	24.1	21.2	21.3	0-2	26.12	1-1	3-0	8.11	1-0	22.11	0-4	24.2	2.5	7.3	4.4	
Millwall	2.5	2-1	3-0	0-2	4.4	21.3	8.11	22.11	1-1	7.3	7.2	28.12	21.2	2-1	13.4	3.1	3-1	3.12	25.2	1-1	17.1	20.12	2-3	
Northampton	0-2	14.3	18.11	2-1	1-1	4.4	17.1	2.12	25.4	2-1	28.2	1-0	2-0	31.1	20.12	13.4	14.2	28.12	22.11	1-0	3.3	3.1	1-1	
Oldham	2-1	7.2	22.11	7.3	4-4	28.12	2.12	2-0	14.2	8.11	2-0	17.1	28.2	2-2	4.4	1-0	25.4	19.12	21.3	3-1	3.1	13.4	3-1	
Plymouth	8.11	11.4	0-0	21.3	10.1	2-2	7.2	1-1	26.12	25.4	2-2	28.2	13.12	18.4	29.11	7.3	2-3	2-1	0-1	24.1	28.3	4-2	14.2	
Preston	0-1	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	0-1	11.4	0-0	2-0	28.3	0-1	21.2	14.3	
Southend	21.3	21.2	3-1	0-2	22.11	1-0	1-1	3.4	1-0	13.4	7.3	3.1	31.1	0-0	1-1	24.2	2.12	17.1	0-3	8.11	2.5	28.12	19.12	
Walsall	13.12	29.11	24.2	0-0	26.12	7.3	3-1	10.1	1-1	24.1	0-0	28.3	11.4	0-2	18.4	21.2	31.1	3-1	8.11	21.3	3-0	2.5	2-0	
Watford	18.4	4-1	3-1	13.12	28.2	1-0	3.1	2-1	2-0	7.2	25.4	14.2	0-1	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	1-4	14.2	1-1	25.4	7.2	14.3	1-1	22.11	3.3	18.11	4.4	3-2	5-2	1-1	
Wrexham	2-1	3-4	4.4	2-1	14.2	0-0	7.3	0-0	10.1	20.12	24.1	7.2	30.9	8.11	3-1	22.11	25.4	3-1	28.2	2.12	26.12	21.3	13.4	
Wycombe	29.11	24.1	7.2	28.3	1-0	14.2	1-4	25.4	2-0	28.2	10.4	2-2	18.4	0-0	13.12	14.3	0-0	4-1	4-2	26.12	10.1	18.11	3.3	
York	11.4	28.3	3-1	24.2	0-1	3-1	4-3	0-1	21.3	2-1	26.12	29.11	24.1	2.5	10.1	1-0	1-0	18.4	7.2	21.2	7.3	13.12	8.11	

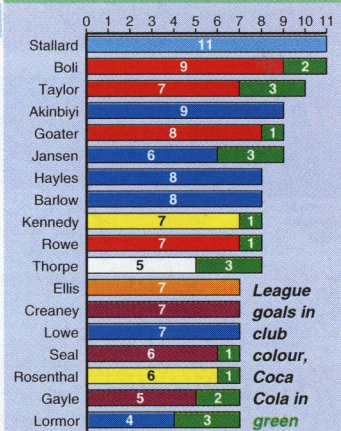
attendances



average goals per match

	For	Home	Away	Agt	Home	Away
Bournemouth	1.07	0.88	1.29	0.80	0.50	1.14
Blackpool	1.53	2.00	1.13	1.80	1.43	2.13
Brentford	1.13	1.86	0.50	1.47	0.86	2.00
Bristol City	1.40	1.75	1.00	0.80	0.63	1.00
Bristol Rovers	1.27	1.29	1.25	1.20	1.29	1.13
Burnley	0.93	1.25	0.57	1.13	0.88	1.43
Carlisle	1.27	0.88	1.71	1.93	1.50	2.43
Chesterfield	1.07	1.57	0.63	1.00	1.00	1.00
Fulham	0.93	1.13	0.71	1.00	0.63	1.43
Gillingham	1.40	1.50	1.29	1.20	1.00	1.43
Grimsby	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.07	0.63	1.57
Luton	0.93	1.29	0.63	1.40	1.71	1.13
Millwall	1.50	1.86	1.14	1.00	1.29	0.71
Northampton	1.13	1.25	1.00	0.67	0.75	0.57
Oldham	1.53	2.29	0.88	1.40	1.14	1.63
Plymouth	1.00	1.29	0.75	1.47	1.43	1.50
Preston	0.93	1.00	0.86	0.80	0.63	1.00
Southend	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.93	0.71	3.00
Walsall	1.20	1.71	0.75	1.53	0.71	2.25
Watford	1.80	1.88	1.71	0.73	0.75	0.71
Wigan	1.47	2.13	0.71	1.53	1.50	1.57
Wrexham	1.50	1.83	1.25	1.36	1.17	1.50
Wycombe	1.60	1.75	1.43	1.53	1.13	2.00
York	1.40	1.86	1.00	1.33	1.14	1.50

leading scorers



Div 2 results analysis

6	1	1				
5						
4	2	2	1	1		
3	8	16	2	1		
2	15					

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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(10am to 5pm - Dec 1 to 23)

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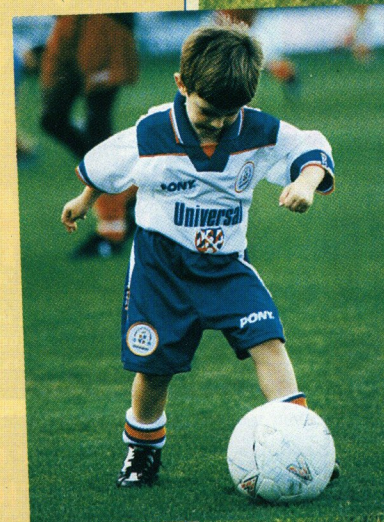
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COMMERCIAL NEWS

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If they were fortunate enough to get a place in a Hospice now, they and their families would have to travel to Cambridge, Birmingham or Oxford.

If anybody wishes to help by making a donation or offering their time to raise money, please contact Roger Sharp, the Appeal Manager, at the Hospice on Luton (01582) 492339.



with **KATHY LEATHER**

THE WHITBREAD BEER COMPANY are regular supporters and sponsors of the club. They have had a long association with Luton Town, and of course with the town of Luton, and we once again thank them for their support.

If you or your company would like details of match or matchball sponsorship, please contact the Commercial department on (01582) 411622. We have packages to suit all budgets, and a variety of ways in which your company can get involved with Luton Town.

This afternoon's CableTel kids are: Darren Custance, Matthew Custance, Marcus Campbell, Erron Frater, Lois Frater, Cherrell Frater, Daniel Thompsett, Ben Thompsett, Benjamin Warren, Kimberley Warren and Laura Warren.

Don't forget the Luton Town **PRIZELINE**

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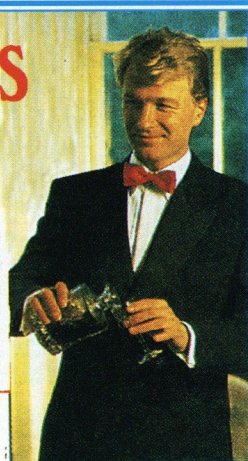
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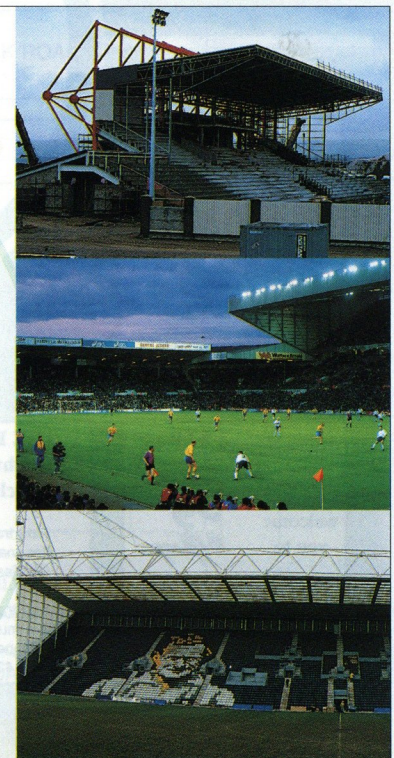
Thanks to the Government and to the Football Association, the FA Premier League and the English Sports Council, a major new funding package to secure the future of the Trust has been put in place.

These funds will be in addition to income derived from the football pools companies Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters, and will enable the Trust to complete its Taylor task, carry on its essential safety work and continue to grant aid football at every level. The Government's commitment to the Trust has the support of everyone who cares about our national game.



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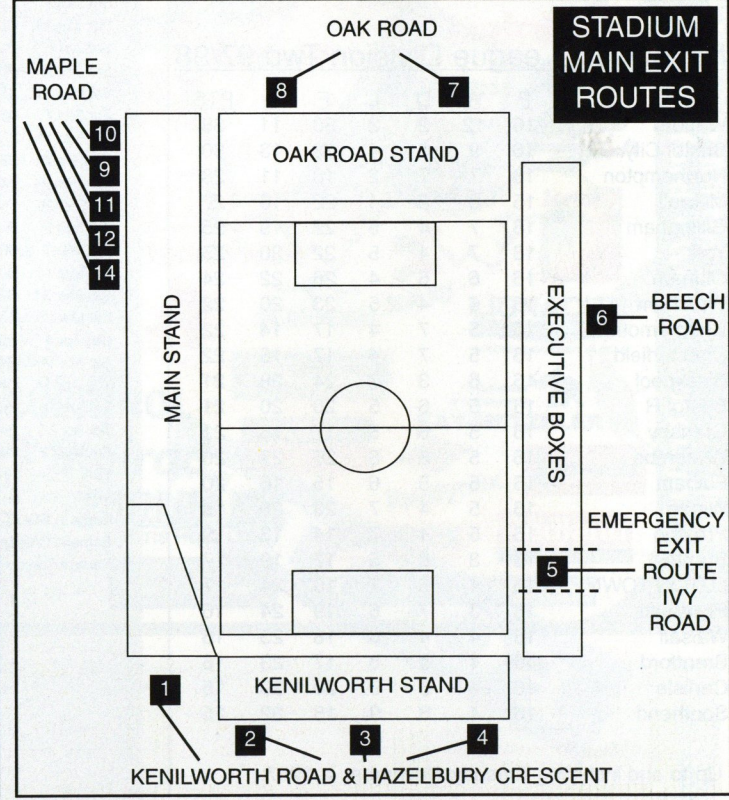
LTFC EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

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

In the event 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.



TEAM Statistics

1997/98 See page 39 for Division Two stats

LUTON TOWN 1997/98

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LGE APPS	LGE GLS	CUP APPS	CUP GLS	LTC career apps (league & cup, incl subs) & goals, as at start 27/98
Nathan ABBEY			1		
Graham ALEXANDER	10	3	2		101 3g
Simon DAVIES	7 (3)	1	3 (1)		
Kelvin DAVIS	13				21 0g
Steve DAVIS	13	1	4	1	100 11g
Andy DIBBLE	1		2		
Gary DOHERTY	1 (3)				
Stuart DOUGLAS	4 (5)	1	3 (1)	1	20 1g
Sean EVERS	2 (4)		2		4 0g
Ian FEUER	2		1		98 0g
Andrew FOTIADIS	1 (1)				23 3g
Liam GEORGE	1		(2)		
Phil GRAY	7	1	1		67 26
Richard HARVEY	3 (1)		2 (1)		181 5g
Julian JAMES	10 (1)				309 14g
Marvin JOHNSON	9 (1)		3		289 6g
Robert KEAN	(1)				
Dwight MARSHALL	7 (3)	1	2		115 33g
Gavin MCGOWAN	6 (2)				2 0g
Paul McLAREN	14 (2)		4		44 1g
David OLDFIELD	15	2	4		125 21g
Trevor PEAKE	(1)				201 0g
Paul SHOWLER	(1)				33 6g
Bryan SMALL	11				
Matthew SPRING	3 (1)				
Mitchell THOMAS	12		2		273 5g
Tony THORPE	12 (1)	5	2 (1)	3	110 41g
Gary WADDOCK	14 (1)		4		133 3g
Alan WHITE	6	1	1		

Nationwide League Division Two 97/98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Watford	16	12	2	2	30	11	38
Bristol City	16	9	3	4	23	13	30
Northampton	16	7	7	2	18	11	28
Millwall	15	8	3	4	22	15	27
Gillingham	16	7	4	5	22	19	25
York	16	7	4	5	22	20	25
Oldham	16	6	6	4	26	22	24
Wrexham	15	6	4	5	23	20	22
Bournemouth	16	5	7	4	17	14	22
Chesterfield	16	5	7	4	17	16	22
Blackpool	16	6	3	7	24	28	21
Bristol R	16	5	6	5	20	20	21
Grimsby	16	5	6	5	17	16	21
Wycombe	16	5	5	6	26	27	20
Fulham	16	5	5	6	15	16	20
Wigan	16	5	4	7	23	26	19
Preston	16	5	4	7	14	13	19
Burnley	16	3	8	5	17	19	17
LUTON TOWN	16	4	5	7	16	24	17
Plymouth	16	3	7	6	19	24	16
Walsall	16	4	4	8	18	23	16
Brentford	16	4	4	8	17	23	16
Carlisle	16	4	3	9	20	29	15
Southend	16	4	3	9	15	32	15

Up to and including Tuesday, November 4, 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	SOUTHEND UTD	1-0	5,140	12	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Davies	Alexander	(Fotiadis)	(Thorpe)	Marshall	(DOUGLAS)	(McLaren)	Harvey
Sat Aug 23	Fulham	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)	Omogbehin
Sat Oct 4	WATFORD	0-4	9,041	23	K.Davis	(McGowan)	Harvey	Waddock	Small	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Davies)	(Douglas)	Spring	James
Sat Oct 11	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	3-0	4,931	23	K.Davis	Alexander	Small	Waddock	James	White	Spring	McLaren	Oldfield	(THORPE 2)	(Doherty)	(DAVIES)	Harvey	(Evers)
Sat Oct 18	Wigan Athletic	1-1	4,466	22	K.Davis	James	Small	(Spring)	S.Davis	White	(Gray)	McLaren	OLDFIELD	Thorpe	Alexander	(Davies)	Doherty	(Marshall)
Tue Oct 21	Carlisle United	1-0	4,341	21	K.Davis	James	Small	(Spring)	S.Davis	WHITE	(Gray)	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	Davies	(Waddock)	(Marshall)
Sat Oct 25	BRENTFORD	2-0	5,972	18	K.Davis	(James)	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	(THORPE)	ALEXANDER	(Johnson)	Davies	(Marshall)
Sat Nov 1	Wycombe Wanderers	2-2	6,219	18	K.Davis	James	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Gray	McLaren	OLDFIELD	THORPE	Alexander	Davies	Fotiadis	White
Tue Nov 4	BURNLEY	2-3	5,315	19	K.Davis	James	Small	(Waddock)	S.Davis	Johnson	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	ALEXANDER 2	Davies	(Fotiadis)	White
Sat Nov 8	PRESTON NORTH END																	
Sat Nov 15	TORQUAY UNITED FAC1																	
Sat Nov 22	WALSALL																	
Sat Nov 29	York City																	
Tue Dec 2	GILLINGHAM																	
Sat Dec 6	FA Cup 2																	
Sat Dec 13	Chesterfield																	
Sat Dec 20	BRISTOL ROVERS																	
Fri Dec 26	NORTHAMPTON TOWN																	
Sun Dec 28	Millwall																	
Sat Jan 3	Southend United																	
Sat Jan 10	BLACKPOOL																	
Sat Jan 17	Oldham Athletic																	
Sat Jan 24	FULHAM																	
Sat Jan 31	AFC BOURNEMOUTH																	
Sat Feb 7	Wrexham																	
Sat Feb 14	Watford																	
Sat Feb 21	BRISTOL CITY																	
Tue Feb 24	WIGAN ATHLETIC																	
Sat Feb 28	Plymouth Argyle																	
Tue Mar 3	Preston North End																	
Sat Mar 7	WYCOMBE W																	
Sat Mar 14	Burnley																	
Sat Mar 21	GRIMSBY TOWN																	
Sat Mar 28	Walsall																	
Sat Apr 4	YORK CITY																	
Sat Apr 11	Gillingham																	
Tue Apr 14	CHESTERFIELD																	
Sat Apr 18	Bristol Rovers																	
Sat Apr 25	Brentford																	
Sat May 2	CARLISLE UTD																	
TBA	Grimsby Town																	

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

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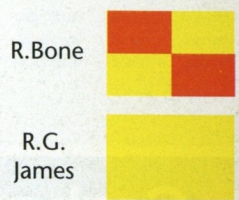
Luton Town **V** Preston NE

Kelvin DAVIS	1	Teuvo MOILANEN
Julian JAMES	2	Gary PARKINSON
Bryan SMALL	3	Ryan KIDD
Gary WADDOCK	4	Colin MURDOCK
Alan WHITE	5	David MOYES
Marvin JOHNSON	6	Julian DARBY
Phil GRAY	7	Jonathan MACKEN
Paul McLAREN	8	Lee ASHCROFT
David OLDFIELD	9	Kurt NOGAN
Tony THORPE	10	Mark RANKINE
Graham ALEXANDER	11	David EYRES
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Today's referee is **CLIVE WILKES** from Gloucester.

Mr Wilkes, a car trader, joined the Football League list in 1990. He refereed the 1995 Division Two play-off final at Wembley.



4th official: C.M. Ross

Next match at Kenilworth Road

The next visitors to Kenilworth Road are **TORQUAY**, in the first round of the FA Cup. This game is on Saturday, November 15, kick-off 3pm. See page 9 for ticket details.



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