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## v TORQUAY UNITED

FA Cup First Round - Saturday, November 15, 1997 - Kick-Off 3pm



## From the manager's chair

**TODAY** we welcome Torquay United, their players, officials and supporters, for this first round tie in the FA Cup.

I would especially like to welcome their manager Kevin Hodges, who I signed on as a professional during my time as caretaker manager at Plymouth back in the 1970s.

This fixture by coincidence took place a year ago at the same stage of the competition - albeit on the south coast - one of the many quirks that the FA Cup periodically throws up.

The result that day was close, although the relative fortunes of the sides afterwards were in sharp contrast.

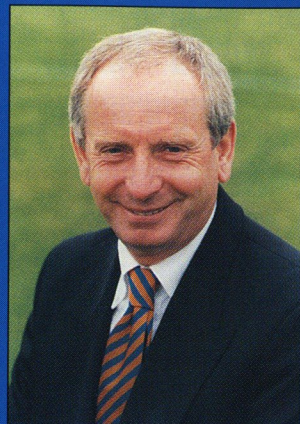
At this stage of the FA Cup there are always shocks and giantkillers, and after our last two home performances and results Torquay will fancy their chances of an upset.

For sure there will be half-a-dozen results that will be a surprise this weekend, and we must make sure we are not one of them.

I remember saying last year that I didn't even want to create headlines in the south-west papers, and we duly came away with the victory.

Looking back on our last two home games, I wrote in last Saturday's programme about the Burnley game where, apart from lapses of concentration defensively, we played very well at times, especially in the opening 20 minutes.

The same could certainly not be said against Preston, where we started dreadfully



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

and indeed were lucky not to be two or three goals down in the opening 20 minutes.

Having said that, had we not conceded the second goal just before half-time it could have been a different story.

But, although we enjoyed a greater share of possession and territorial superiority in the second half, apart from one Tony Thorpe header, we never really looked like scoring.

It is a very difficult and frustrating time for everyone connected with the club - players, management and supporters alike.

We are certainly doing everything we can to improve the situation and put together another good run like the one which preceded the Burnley defeat.

Although there was a strong enough team on paper last Saturday, and although I understand the performance

was unacceptable, the root cause of most of our problems this year has been the injury situation and the constant chopping and changing of the team.

Players have returned earlier than I often would have liked, into a team perhaps lacking in confidence and unable to help that individual find his feet again.

Two or three weeks ago we thought the injury situation was over, and yet today we find ourselves without Steve Davis (suspension); Bryan Small (ineligible, as Bolton understandably do not want him to become cup-tied); Marvin Johnson (recurrence of a knee ligament injury); Mitchell Thomas (not sufficiently match fit after just one reserve game); Paul Showler (hernia); Phil Gray (hamstring); Stuart Douglas (hernia); and Liam George (groin).

Add to that list two or three younger players, notably Steve Augustine who tragically broke his leg in the reserve game at Hitchin on Monday night. We wish him well for a full and speedy recovery.

On the credit side, Darren Patterson came through that reserve game unscathed, his general fitness is good, and circumstances allow him to take his place on the bench today - even though that reserve game was his first outing since the play-offs in May.

Also, goalkeeper Ian Feuer has now played a number of reserve games following the



shoulder injury which has sidelined him since August, and is as fit as he can be, without the benefit of a first team game.

And, whilst on the subject of goalkeepers, congratulations to Kelvin Davis on his call-up to the England Under 21 squad

for the trip to Greece this week.

Today, hopefully the novelty of the FA Cup can take our minds off the problems of our league position, and hopefully the players can enjoy the game and progress to the second round.

**ABOVE:** Tony Thorpe equalises for Luton during last week's home defeat by Preston North End.

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## Kelvin's England U21 call

LUTON goalkeeper Kelvin Davis was called into the England Under 21 squad this week for Thursday's play-off game in Greece.

The side, coached by Peter Taylor, were due to play the first leg of a play-off to qualify for the European Under-21 championship.

Kelvin has featured in the England Under-21 set-up since 1995, and was called up after an injury to Norwich keeper Andy Marshall.

Three Town players have been given contracts to the end of the season.

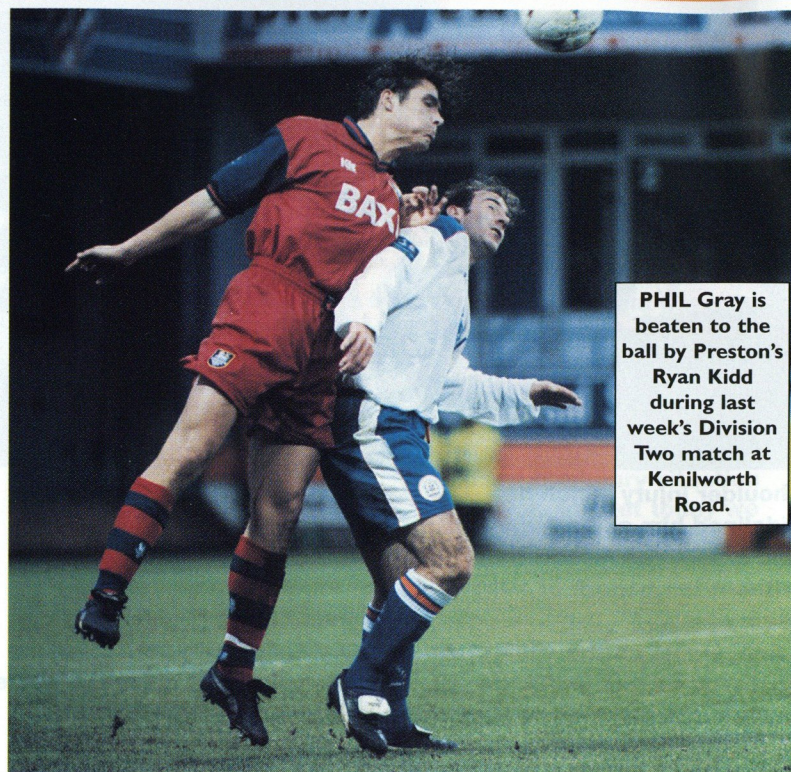
They are goalkeeper Nick Webb, defender Ian Jones and striker Andrew Barr. Jones and Barr have joined Hitchin on a month's loan.

The Town's reserve side opened their series of matches at Hitchin's Top Field with a 3-0 defeat by Ipswich in Monday's Avon Insurance Combination League game.

Mitchell Thomas and Darren Patterson returned to competitive action after lengthy injury lay-offs.

Matthew Spring continued his comeback after suspension, and there was also a starting place for Phil Gray.

But the game was marred by a serious leg injury to Steve Augustine, who has only just



PHIL Gray is beaten to the ball by Preston's Ryan Kidd during last week's Division Two match at Kenilworth Road.

returned to action after a lengthy absence through injury.

Team: Abbey, Clarke, Thomas, Spring, Doherty, Patterson, Evers, Davies, Gray, Harvey, Marshall.

Subs: Kean, Augustine, Boyce.

The draw for the second round of the FA Cup takes place tomorrow at 3.15pm. The draw for the third round will take place on Sunday, December 7, at approximately 6.15pm.

Former Luton striker Roy Wegerle scored two goals as America qualified for next summer's World

Cup Finals in France.

The USA reached their third consecutive World Cup with a 3-0 win over Canada.

Jamaica need only a draw from tomorrow's game against Mexico to qualify.

This follows last weekend's 2-2 draw against El Salvador when Derby's Deon Burton and Portsmouth's Paul Hall scored.

Luton striker Dwight Marshall was in the Jamaican training squad over the summer, and is one of a number of English-based players hoping for a place in France. - Simon Oxley.

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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: Substitute Andrew Fotiadis watches from the sidelines during last week's game against Preston North End. Having recovered from injury, Fotiadis is in line for a starting place this afternoon. (Picture: GARETH OWEN).

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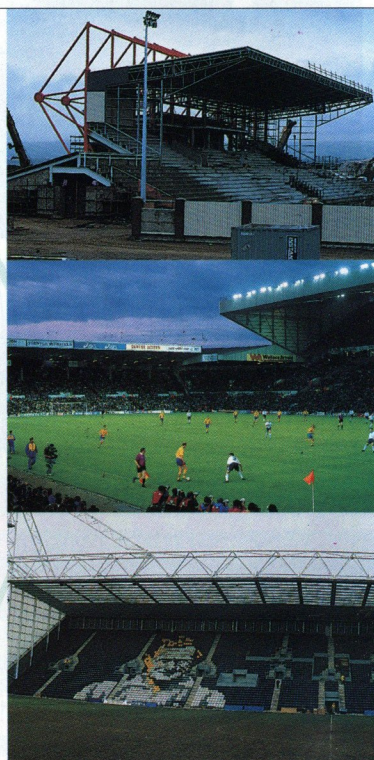
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# STEVO

Club Captain's Corner  
with STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Luton scorer Tony Thorpe is challenged by Preston midfielder Mark Rankine during last Saturday's Division Two match at Kenilworth Road.

WE are now half way through our run of consecutive home games with no points to show from our two versus Burnley and Preston. We are obviously a long way short of the target we had set ourselves.

The line between success and failure is very thin indeed, and I think it is true to say we were close to giving Burnley a good hiding but eventually ended up losing that match, and consequently were beaten by an average Preston side.

If we had taken three points from the Burnley game, I'm sure we would have been coming into today's game trying to extend our unbeaten run to eight.

The visit of Torquay gives a welcome break from the disappointing league campaign so far, and also a chance to progress in this season's FA Cup. As it is a repeat of last year's first round we know it is going to be a tough test, and Ian Feuer certainly played a big part in our victory with some top class saves especially in the first 20 minutes.

Because of the distance the lads had the pleasure of an overnight stay on the English Riviera! There must be hundreds of hotels around Torquay but we managed to find the original Fawley Towers! All I will say to the lads is make sure we reach round two without the need of a replay.

There was a good turnout by members of the club on Tuesday night for the first event of Marv's testimonial season. He's given the club great service over the years, and judging by the number who attended his efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

There was an auction of donated football shirts and a raffle with all proceeds going to Marv. I managed to scoop the second prize of a golf bag and trolley in the raffle which made my night even more enjoyable. Any plans for a golf day Marv?

There were plenty of ex-Luton players present, such as Mick Harford, the Steins and David Preece, and when you speak to these people it makes me all the more determined to turn the season around as they were all part of the most successful team in Luton's history. I for one certainly don't want to be associated with an unsuccessful side, and I'm sure I speak for the rest of the lads as well.

The Gaffa gave a good speech at the dinner, giving the impression he's done a few in his time. As for Marv's speech you can only say one thing..... don't give up the day job! Finally our best wishes go to Steve Augustine who suffered a broken leg on Monday in the reserves. He has only just returned to training after being out for a year with a groin injury. It's a massive blow to the lad as he's got plenty of ability to go with his physique and speed. Hopefully he will be back fit and enjoying his football again soon. Enjoy the game, get behind the lads and help us on the way to a good Cup run and a change of fortune. Your support is much appreciated.



The Luton Town Supporters Club  
are holding their annual  
**CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT**  
on Thursday, December 11, 1997, at the  
Eric Morecambe Lounge, at 7.30pm.



Tickets are £2 for members, £3 for non-members, and are available from the Supporters' Club kiosk on home matchdays, before and after the game.

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THE youth team start their FA Youth Cup campaign in the second round, and have been drawn away to Coventry City - in the competition which is this season being sponsored by The Times newspaper.

The match will be played at Highfield Road on Wednesday, December 3, kick-off 7pm.

For those of you wishing to make the relatively short journey to support the youngsters, admission will be £3 for adults and £1 for juniors and senior citizens.

In the event of a replay the match would be played a week later on Wednesday, December 10, with a 7pm kick-off at Kenilworth Road.

Admission would be £3 for adults and £1 for juniors and senior citizens.

The youth team are at home to Swindon in the third round of the SE Counties League Cup next Saturday - at Luton Rugby Club - kick-off 11am.

In the second round round of the Bedfordshire Premier Floodlit Cup, we have been drawn away to Barton Rovers.

The game will be played at Sharpenhoe Road on Monday, November 17, with a 7.45pm kick-off.

#### PROGRAMME SELLERS

The club requires programme sellers for home matchdays. If you are aged over 15 and are interested, please contact the LTFC ticket office on 01582 416976.

## From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

Admission will be £3.50 for adults, and £1.50 for juniors and senior citizens.

Our winter programme of reserve matches at Hitchin got underway last Monday, and a reminder that the next match scheduled for Hitchin on November 24 has been reversed.

We now play Arsenal away on that date, at Highbury with a 2pm kick-off, with the 'home' game at Hitchin now on Monday, February 16, kick-off 7pm.

So the next game at Top Field is on

Monday, December 8, against Swindon, kick-off 7pm. Admission is £2 for adults and £1 for juniors and senior citizens.

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

A final reminder that the game at Grimsby on Tuesday, November 18, has been postponed due to their Coca-Cola Cup involvement. There is no new date for this game.

Tickets are now available, from the ticket office, for the Luton Town Christmas Carol Service, at St Mary's Parish Church on Wednesday, December 17, at 7.30pm.

There is no official charge, but we are asking for a small donation.

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

## TOWN TEASER

In May 1989, the Hatters avoided relegation on the final day of the season by beating Norwich City 1-0 at Kenilworth Road. Who scored the decisive goal? Listen out for the PA announcer asking this question this afternoon.

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## In the event of a replay... Torquay v Luton

FA CUP (sponsored by Littlewoods) FIRST ROUND  
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 normal league prices.  
Normal guesting facilities apply.

## York City v Luton Town

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

Pay on the day only at York.  
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(The LTFC ticket office will be open on Saturday, November 29, for the sale of other match tickets from 9 to 11am).

## Luton Town v Gillingham

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO  
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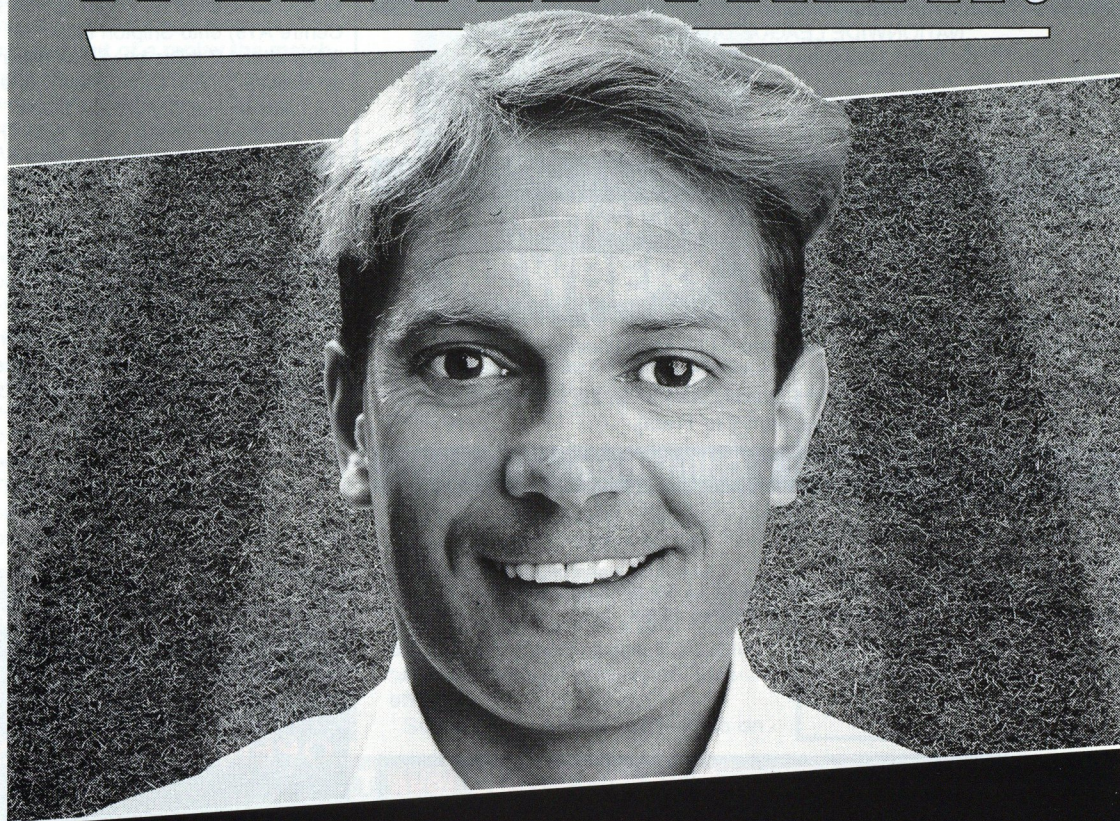
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ABOVE: Back row: l to r: Lee Barrow (now Barry Town), Jon Gittens, Alex Watson, Jamie Robinson, Wayne Thomas, Paul Mitchell. Middle row: l to r: Ian Pearce (youth team physio), Damien Davey (physio), Charlie Oatway (now at Brentford), Andy Gurney, Matthew Gregg, Paul Gibbs, Wayne Hockley (now left the club), Phil Lloyd (youth coach), Peter Distin (assistant youth manager). Front row: l to r: Leon Hapgood, Rodney Jack, Kevin Hodges (Head Coach), Mervyn Benney (Chairman), Steve McCall (assistant coach/youth development officer), Tony Bedeau, Michael Preston. Missing from photo: Kevin Hill, Gary Clayton, Kenny Veysey.

## MEET THE MANAGER

KEVIN HODGES has spent all of his playing career in Devon, starting out as an apprentice at Plymouth Argyle in the mid 1970s, and wearing the green shirt of Argyle in a record-breaking 530 league games - scoring 81 goals.

Ironically he was given his first professional contract some 19 years ago by a certain Lennie Lawrence, when the current Luton boss was caretaker manager at Home Park.

After his lengthy spell at Plymouth, Kevin Hodges joined Torquay and made 71 appearances - netting four goals - before becoming YTS manager in 1995/96 and then Head Coach in June 1996.

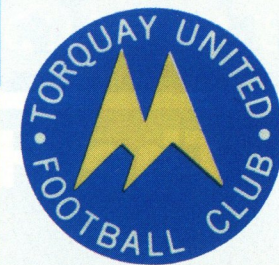
His assistant is the former Ipswich and Sheffield Wednesday defender STEVE MCCALL.

The 37-year-old joined Torquay in June 1996 from Plymouth. He made over 250 appearances for Ipswich in the 1980s when the Portman Road club tasted European success under Bobby Robson. He is also YTS officer at Plainmoor.



ABOVE: Highly-rated striker Rodney Jack.

## SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS



**MATTHEW GREGG** - 19-year-old goalkeeper who signed a full contract in the summer after completing his YTS at Plainmoor. Made his debut as a 16-year-old in a 1-1 draw with Wigan in September 1995, but had to wait until May 1997 for his second appearance.

**KENNY VEYSEY** - Is providing the non-contract goalkeeping back-up to Gregg. Was transferred from Torquay to Oxford in 1990 for £100,000 and after four years at the Manor Ground played non-league for Dorchester. He was also a former Arsenal apprentice.

**ALEX WATSON** - Club captain and a former Liverpool apprentice who joined Torquay in November 1995 for £50,000. Up to the end of the 96/97 season he had made 75 consecutive league appearances for the Gulls. Previously with Liverpool, Derby, Bournemouth and Gillingham, his brother Dave is the long-serving Everton skipper.

**JAMIE ROBINSON** - Liverpool-born player who started as an apprentice with the Reds. Arrived at Plainmoor in the summer, via Barnsley and Carlisle.

**JON GITTENS** - Joined the Gulls in August 1996 from Portsmouth, and played in 33 league games last season. Experienced defender who made nearly 400 league appearances for Southampton, before moves to Swindon, Middlesbrough and Portsmouth.

**ANDY GURNEY** - Bristol-born defender/midfielder who joined the Gulls from Bristol Rovers in July 1997, having spent his entire career from a trainee with the Pirates.

**PAUL GIBBS** - After playing in last season's Auto

Windscreens Shield final at Wembley for Colchester, joined Torquay in the summer and will operate on the left side. Joined Colchester from non-league Diss Town, and spent two seasons at Layer Road.

**RODNEY JACK** - Born on St Vincent in the West Indies, the 24-year-old striker is currently in his third season at Plainmoor. His appearances for the Gulls have limited by World Cup appearances for St Vincent, and he missed last season's cup game for this reason.

**ANDY MCFARLANE** - Joined Torquay in February from Scunthorpe in a £20,000 deal. Striker previously with Portsmouth and Swansea.

**TONY BEDEAU** - 18-year-old in his first year as a pro after completing his YTS last season. Made a number of first-team appearances as a youth team player.

**MIKE PRESTON** - Plymouth-born player who suffered a broken leg last term - his first season as a professional. Made eight first team appearances as a YTS.

**GARY CLAYTON** - Experienced midfielder who joined the club from Plymouth. Started his career with Doncaster, before moving to Cambridge, Peterborough and Huddersfield.

**PAUL MITCHELL** - Midfielder who joined the club from Bournemouth. Formerly with West Ham.

**KEVIN HILL** - Striker who joined Torquay from non-league Torrington Town.

**STEVE MCCALL** - 37-year-old who joined Torquay in June 1996 from Plymouth Argyle. The Cumbrian defender/midfielder played over 200 games for Ipswich before moving to Sheffield Wednesday. Also had a short spell at Carlisle before moving to Home Park. Made 24 league appearances for the Gulls last season before an ankle injury ruled him out. Has now regained full fitness and combines playing with coaching duties, and is the club's YTS Officer.



ABOVE: Kevin Hill



ABOVE: Gary Clayton

See page 15 for Torquay United stats.....



The Hatters and The Gulls



LEFT: Andy Donnelly of Torquay dives on the ball during our 1-0 home win in 1968. The Luton players are Brian Lewis (left) and Graham French.

AFTER winning the Southern League (Western Section) in 1927, Torquay United were admitted to the Football League and our first meetings were over Easter 1928.

On Good Friday, Andy Rennie scored twice during a comfortable 5-0 victory at Kenilworth Road but was injured during the game and was unable to turn out in the return three days later. Jimmy Yardley took over the goalscoring mantle, however, and netted twice in a 4-0 win at Plainmoor.

Over the next few seasons results tended to go our way with Rennie invariably on the scoresheet. It is worth mentioning that the fixture compiler regarded Luton v Torquay as a local derby and, after our pairing over Easter 1928, saw fit to put us together over Christmas three seasons later!

On Christmas Day 1930 we saw off the Gulls 3-1 at Kenilworth Road and with both teams travelling down on the train to the West Country together fought out a 1-1 draw the following day.

Tom Tait hit a hat-trick in the 6-1 home victory the following season, but for goalmouth excitement the game at Kenilworth Road in 1933/34 takes some beating with the Town finishing up 10-2 winners.

We had started that campaign with two wins, at Northampton and at home to Charlton, and a crowd of 10,475 gathered to see Tom Bell take his place in the forward line in place of the previous season's top scorer Tom Tait who was out with a 'swollen leg' (a technical term, presumably).

Goals from Andy Rennie gave us a 2-0 interval lead and when Torquay pulled one back soon after the restart the supporters no doubt felt that we had a tough game on our hands.

Instead of protecting our lead we went goal crazy and four goals in five minutes mid-way through the half brought a different complexion to the game.

Although the Gulls did not give up, and scored a consolation through ex-Hatter Albert Hutchinson, we continued hitting the net up until the final whistle with Rennie finishing with a four-goal haul.

by ROGER WASH

We parted ways in 1937 with our promotion to the old Division Two, and Torquay hold a place in our history as they were the visitors to Kenilworth Road on the final day of the season as we clinched top spot. A crowd of 20,355 was present to see Joe Payne score both goals in our 2-0 victory and bring his personal tally up to 55 for the season.

It was to be almost thirty years before we clashed again and, following our relegation to Division Four in 1965, we met in an early season game at Plainmoor, going down 2-0 to a side that was to eventually win promotion at the campaign's end. By the time of the return we had adjusted to life at the bottom and had eyes on promotion ourselves and the hard fought 3-2 win, in front of a crowd of 9,271, was one of the season's highlights.

We met up again, in the old Division Three, in 1968/69 and an early season 1-0 win at Kenilworth Road, courtesy of a goal from Brian Lewis, was par for the course as we made a brilliant start to the campaign.

By the time of the return, however, over Easter 1969, we were now chasing the leading pair, Watford and Swindon, and a 1-1 draw at Plainmoor, with Billy McDerment scoring a rare goal, did not help our cause.

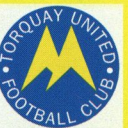
Our final pair of games took place the following season and, in front of the T.V cameras and a Kenilworth Road crowd of 16,087, a spectacular own goal from John Ryan gave Torquay the lead and it left Matt Tees to spare our blushes when he grabbed the equaliser.

In the return we drew 2-2 at Plainmoor but from memory we always seemed to be chasing the game despite strikes from Mike Harrison and Malcolm MacDonald. Gulls manager Allan Brown, still simmering from his hasty dismissal from Kenilworth Road the previous season, had certainly done his homework!

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The Gulls

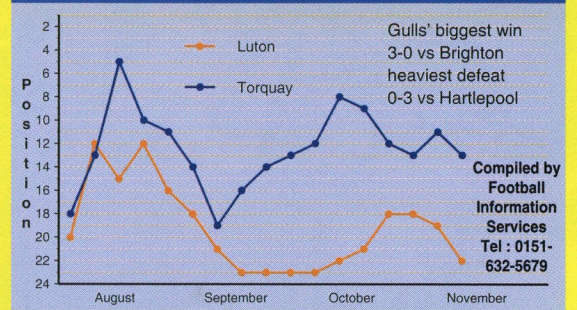


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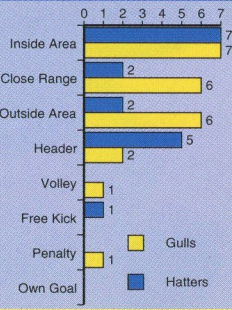
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Jon Gittens	17	4	3	Portsmouth Middlesboro
22/1/64	4			Southampton Swindon
Andy Gurney	17	2	2	Bristol Rovers
25/1/74	4	1		
Jamie Robinson	17	4		Carlisle Barnsley
22/2/72	4	1		Liverpool
Alex Watson	17	1	2	Bournemouth
15/4/68 Eng Yth	4			Gillingham (L)
				Liverpool Derby (L)
Gary Clayton	15	3		Plymouth Huddersfield
2/2/63	3			Cambridge Doncaster
				Peterborough (L)
Matt Gregg	15			
30/11/78	4			
Steve McCall	14(2)	1	2	Plymouth Sheff Wed
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Andy McFarlane	13(2)	3		Scunthorpe Swansea
30/11/66	3	1		Portsmouth
Kevin Hill	11(3)	2	2	Torrington
age 21	4	2		
Paul Mitchell	7	1(1)		Bournemouth West
20/10/71	2	1		Ham
Anthony Bedeau	6(8)	2	1	
24/3/79	1(1)			
Leon Hapgood	2(5)	2		
7/8/79	1(1)			
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Wayne Thomas	1(3)			
28/8/78	(1)			
Lee Barrow	(2)			Scarborough Notts
1/5/73	(1)			County
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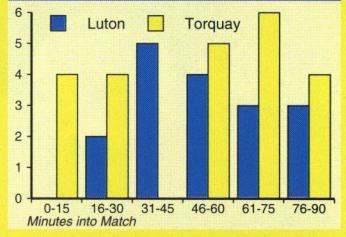
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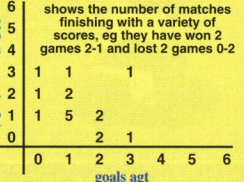
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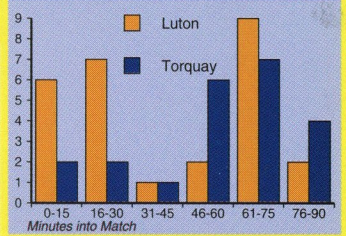
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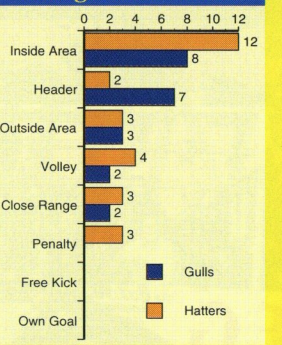
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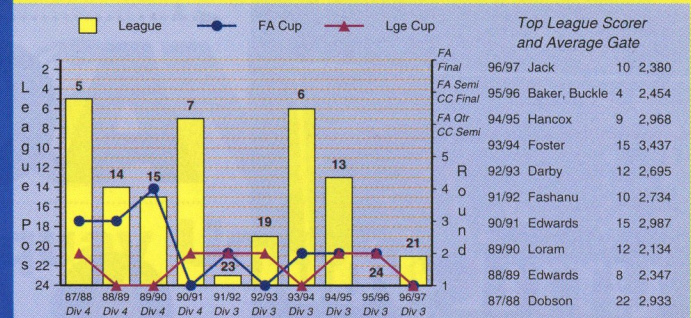
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Torquay's 10 year league and cup record





# FLASHBACK!



↑  
Stuart Douglas gets in a second-half shot during last season's match - the home side having changed shirts at half-time.

← Paul Showler makes a break for the Hatters.

Ian Feuer made some important early saves at Plainmoor in the first round of last season's FA Cup.

→ Stuart Douglas started his second game of the season at Torquay.

## ACTION STATIONS

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2. From which club did Everton sign Daniel Amokachi?
3. In which World Cup tournament did former England boss Bobby Robson appear as a player?
4. Where was the only official FA Cup Final of World War One played?
5. In which country was former Welsh international Pat van Den Hauwe born?
6. Which former England player moved from the Premiership to Malaysia for a season in 1996?
7. How many teams entered the first European Championships?
8. When was the League Cup competition sponsored by the Milk Marketing Board?
9. Which former Newcastle star recently starred in a car advert on TV?
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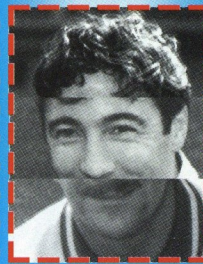


## whose crests?

Name the three club crests featured in this montage

## IDENTIKIT

Name the three players in this patchwork pic



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## WHAT A JUMBLE!

Unscramble the names of these ten players.

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ANSWERS

HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Bradford City; 2. FC Bruges; 3. 1958; 4. Old Trafford; 5. Belgium; 6. Tony Cottee; 7. 17; 8. 1982; 9. David Ginola; 10. Carlisle United.  
WHOSE CRESTS?: Bristol City, Crystal Palace and Liverpool  
IDENTIKIT?: Brian Glavin, Gordon Cowans, Slaven Bilic, John Lukic, Egil Ostenstad, Kerry Dixon  
WHAT A JUMBLE!: Archie Gemmill, Bobby Moore, Luis Enrique, Gordon Cowans, Slaven Bilic, John Lukic, Egil Ostenstad, Kerry Dixon

## Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is 12-year-old **MATTHEW FRANCIS**. He attends Radcliffe School, and his favourite Luton player is Dwight Marshall. Matthew's hobbies apart from football are fishing, bell ringing and cricket.



LEFT: Liam Jones, 10, from Dunstable won a shirt signed by Tony Thorpe on our recent Strikers Course in the town, following a competition run in conjunction with the Dunstable Gazette.

# Get ready for the Juniors Xmas Party!

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 will 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.

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ABOVE: Russell Halsey was our Junior Hatters mascot last Saturday, whilst Aaron Coleman from Luton (in the goalkeeper's kit) was the winner of our Community Mascot competition, run in conjunction with Home Counties Newspapers as part of our Community and Schools programme.

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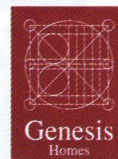
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# Cut-price sub Scott gives spenders Fulham victory

SUPERSUB Rob Scott fired a two-goal reminder to manager Ray Wilkins, as Fulham won 3-2 at Bristol Rovers.

Scott, 24, cost just £40,000 long before Mohammed Al Fayed's cash injection.

But when £1.1 million striker Paul Peschisolido went off with flu, Fulham's fourth-choice hitman struck two priceless late goals.

Scott headed home to make it 2-2 eight minutes from the end, then stole it in stoppage time.

Fulham led through Richard Carpenter's 30-yarder only for Gary Penrice's double to put Rovers in front.

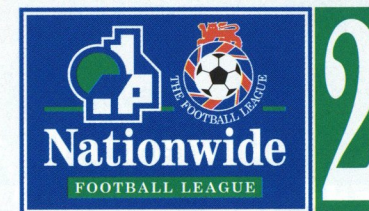
Chairman Michael Knighton is still in charge of team affairs at Carlisle, who earned a point with a 1-1 draw at Millwall.

Striker Matt Jansen netted his 10th of the season to equalise after Brian Law had headed Millwall in front after just two minutes.

Mickey Adams reckons he should be certified for returning to football.

Adams was sent off in his first match in charge at Brentford as the Bees crashed to the bottom of Division Two with a 4-1 home defeat by Bristol City.

He said: "I must be mad. I've got



hundreds of thousands of pounds in the bank and I still want to work!"

Referee Paul Danson gave Adams his marching orders for comments made to a linesman following City's third goal.

Two goals from Shaun Goater, plus strikes from Steve Torpey and Tommy Doherty, extended City's unbeaten run to eight games. Ricky Reina scored a consolation.

Burnley's mini-revival came to a halt with a 2-1 defeat at Blackpool.

Gerry Creaney put Burnley ahead, then Phil Clarkson headed home from a corner, and Andy Preece sealed the points with a header from a Tony Ellis cross.

York's sixth successive home win rocketed them to third in the table yet the fans continue to stay away.

The Bootham Crescent outfit average just 3,077 for their nine home games.

They beat Wycombe 2-0, with skipper Tony Barras giving York a 44th-minute lead from the spot after Paul McCarthy had handled.

Rodney Rowe wrapped up the points with a 56th-minute header - his 10th goal of the season.

David Reeves fired Chesterfield to a 1-0 victory over Grimsby, and then admitted: "I owe them one."

The new signing from Preston became an instant hit with the home fans after his late winner, but Reeves was not always the darling of the Saltergate faithful.

Reeves bagged a brace for Carlisle in 1995 to deny John Duncan's team automatic promotion from Division Three.

Grimsby boss Alan Buckley said: "Chesterfield just kept thumping the ball long and it was soul destroying to lose."

Neil Roberts netted his fourth goal in three games as Wrexham beat Northampton 1-0, with Plymouth's Adrian Littlejohn netting twice in Argyle's 3-0 victory over Bournemouth - 0 their third successive win.

Tony Thorpe scored his 50th goal for Luton, but it wasn't enough to see off Preston who won 3-1 at Kenilworth Road with goals from Tony Lormor, David Eyres and Lee Ashcroft.

Leaders Watford were held 0-0 at Walsall, where teenage striker Giffon Noel-Williams missed the best chance of the game, rounding keeper James Walker on the stroke of half-time, but having his shot cleared off the line.

Former West Ham striker Jeroen Boere netting a 71st minute winner for Southend in their 1-0 victory over Wigan. But the crowd at Roots Hall, just 2,716, was Southend's lowest gate in nine years. - Simon Oxley.

## 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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AFTER fighting our way through from the First to the Sixth Round of the F.A.Cup in 1933, where we went down 6-0 to Everton at Goodison Park, our exploits were rewarded with exemption to the Third Round the following season and it was to be thirty years before we had to take part at the first stage again.

Following our relegation from the old Division Two in 1963 our road to Wembley started in November with a trip to Bridgwater of the Western League.

On a wet, miserable day we came under early pressure from the part timers but a fluke goal from Gordon Turner broke the deadlock and gave us an interval lead. Superior fitness told in the end but two goals from Tom McKechnie gave the scoreline a flattering look.

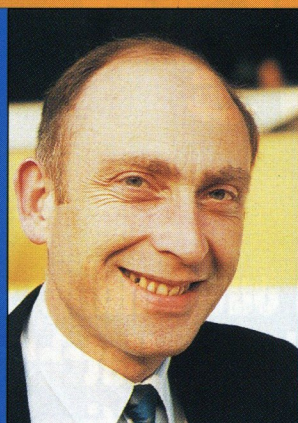
In the following season our first round opponents at Kenilworth Road were Southend United and we upset the form book by winning through 1-0, with full back John Bramwell scoring the all important goal when his mis-hit 25 yard shot bounced over the unsighted Shrimpers goalkeeper.

The rest of the game saw Town goalkeeper Ron Baynam, who only five years before was playing for the Hatters at Wembley, pull off a string of fantastic saves to bring about an unlikely victory.

We suffered relegation at the end of that campaign and in 1965/66 we were drawn against non-league opposition again at the first round stage, this time in the shape of Romford of the Southern League.

We took a large following to Brooklands and after withstanding a fair amount of pressure took the lead with thirty minutes left from a deflected Tony Read free kick. Unfortunately we could not hold on to this lead and ten minutes later Tom Barnett netted for the home side although the goal had 'offside' written all over it. In the replay a Kenilworth Road crowd of 11,061 saw

## Those were the days!



by **ROGER WASH**

John O'Rourke score the only goal in a tight game to keep up our 100% record against non-league sides, a record

that was to disappear when we were knocked out by Corby in the next round!

Season 1966/67 was probably the lowest spot in our history with a mediocre home record combined with a terrible record on our travels to eventually leave us fighting against the threat of re-election for almost the whole campaign. The F.A.Cup was therefore not seen as a welcome diversion and when we were drawn out of the hat to play Exeter at St James Park in the first round heads probably dropped at the thought of a long, expensive trip when we were fighting for our lives in the League. In a niggly game we took the lead through winger Ray Whittaker direct from a free kick but, as was normal at the time, we were unable to hold

on to the advantage and Ray Keeley equalised just after half time and our goal was bombarded for the remainder of the game.

The replay took place on the following Thursday evening and on a muddy pitch we skated to a 2-0 half time lead with goals from Bruce Rioch and David Pleat. Exeter, who included future Hatters boss Ray Harford at centre half, decided to employ rough tactics in the second half and kicked everything that moved with the result that we finished with only nine fit men on the pitch.

The aftermath saw a weakened side go down 8-1 at Lincoln on the following Saturday and, not surprisingly, matches have not been played at Kenilworth Road on a Thursday since, except in exceptional circumstances.

In the following campaign we were drawn to play at Isthmian League side Oxford City in the first round but, on the day of the game, with supporters sitting on coaches in Oak Road, the match was called off

because of a snow covered pitch.

We refused to play the whole re-arranged game under the Oxford City floodlights so the choice was to be between an afternoon kick-off or a switch to Kenilworth Road.

Money obviously talked and a Kenilworth Road crowd of 13,394 saw the Town force 16 corners in a one sided first half without scoring and then concede a soft goal just after the break. We eventually equalised through Bruce Rioch on the hour and forced home the winner after a mistake from the previously impeccable Oxford goalkeeper John Shippey who, nevertheless, received a standing ovation from the crowd at the end.

We won the championship of Division Four at the end of that campaign and were challenging strongly at the top of the Third Division when we were paired with Ware at Kenilworth Road in the First Round in 1968/69.

We made hard work of breaking down the part timers defence and it was not until the 58th minute that George Potter broke the deadlock to partly appease the increasingly restless crowd of 10,952.

All came well in the end with the introduction of substitute Keith Allen who turned the game on its head with a ten minute hat-trick (the first ever by a substitute) and an injection of urgency to the side which saw an eventual 6-1 win.

Our final entry into the First Round stage, before last season, took place in 1969/70 with a trip to fellow third division side Bournemouth. Again we were doing well in the League but, in one of our poorest displays of the campaign, we made heavy work of our trip to the south coast.

Future Hatters coach Trevor Hartley gave the Cherries a deserved lead after we had failed to clear a loose ball and it was left to John Collins to snatch an equaliser on the stroke of half time.

In the second period our goal came under siege but a mixture of poor finishing by the normally lethal Ted MacDougall and desperate defending enabled us to hold out for a replay.

A "surprisingly low" crowd of 13,384 turned up for the replay the following week and saw Jim White score for the Cherries after only three minutes. We settled down, however, and by half time goals from Collins and Matt Tees had given us the lead and when



**ABOVE:** Town skipper Gary Waddock pictured during last season's first round match at Torquay.

Malcolm MacDonald netted after 47 minutes we were on our way to an emphatic victory and a trip to non-league Hillingdon, but that is another story!

Finally, we resumed first round action against Torquay last season, with Ceri Hughes' first-half goal enough to secure a 1-0 victory and a place in the second round - again against non-league opposition in Borehamwood.

## 5 YEARS AGO

14/11/92: The Town crashed 4-0 at Oxford to slump to 22nd place in Division One. Steve Claridge made his final appearance for the Hatters, while at the other end of the pitch, John Durnin scored all four goals for the home side.

## 10 YEARS AGO

14/11/87: Goals from Mark Stein and Ian Allison secured a valuable away win, our second of the season, at Sheffield Wednesday. The victory pushed us up to 12th place in the old Division One.

## 15 YEARS AGO

20/11/82: It was now six games without a win as we crashed 4-2 at Coventry. Brian Horton and Brian Stein were on target for the Town in a defeat that saw us slip further down the table.

## 20 YEARS AGO

19/11/77: A rare goal from Steve Buckley was not enough to save us as we went down 2-1 to Stoke City in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd on 9,384.



FORTHCOMING MATCHES IN  
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**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

**Friday, November 21**  
Fulham v Gillingham

**Saturday, November 22**  
Bournemouth v Carlisle  
Blackpool v York  
Bristol City v Wycombe  
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

**Tuesday, December 2**  
Bournemouth v York  
Blackpool v Plymouth  
Bristol City v Burnley  
Fulham v Brentford  
Grimsby v Wycombe  
LUTON v Gillingham  
Northampton v Chesterfield  
Oldham v Carlisle  
Southend v Preston  
Wigan v Bristol R  
Wrexham v Watford

**Wednesday, December 3**  
Millwall v Walsall

## Time change for AW Shield draws

AS previously announced, the draws for each round of this season's Auto Windscreens Shield will be broadcast live on Virgin Radio's popular 'Russ and Jono' show.

However, as Russ Williams and Jonathan Coleman recently surrendered the morning shift on Virgin to Chris Evans, it is now confirmed that the draws will take place on the presenters' new early evening slot.

The draw for the first round of the competition for second and third division clubs will be conducted between 5 and 5.30pm on Thursday, November 20, exclusively live on Virgin Radio.

The slot will feature celebrity guests and also post-draw comments and observations over the telephone from managers of clubs in the Nationwide League taking part in the Auto Windscreens Shield.

This is the fourth season that Auto Windscreens, the UK's leading automotive vehicle glazing company, have sponsored the competition, and their commitment to the development of league football in Divisions Two and Three has been demonstrated by agreeing to invest over £1 million through to the year 2000.

The format once again involves a northern and southern section, with the first round involving 32 clubs, and the remaining 16 receiving a bye into the second round.

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

## FA Cup first round draw...

### Played last night:

Bristol Rovers v Gillingham  
Swansea v Peterborough

### Playing today:

Darlington v Solihull Borough  
Chesterfield v Northwich Victoria  
Hull City v Hednesford  
Hartlepool v Macclesfield  
Fulham v Brentford  
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 v Doncaster  
Carlisle v Wigan  
Walsall v Lincoln Utd  
Blackpool v Blyth Spartans  
Scunthorpe v Scarborough

Hereford v Brighton  
Hayes v Boreham Wood  
Cheltenham v Tiverton  
Billericay v Wisbech  
Farnborough v Dagenham  
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  
Barnet v Watford  
Bristol City v Millwall

### Playing tomorrow:

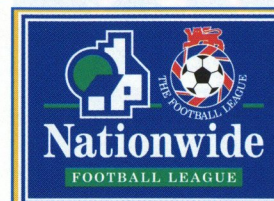
Margate v Fulham  
Notts County v Colwyn Bay

## Nationwide award for Boro's boss

MIDDLESBOROUGH boss Bryan Robson was the Nationwide League Manager of the Month for October, as his side climbed up the Division One table with three wins and a draw from their five games.

The Division Two award went to Bristol City's John Ward whose Ashton Gate side took 13 points from six league encounters. By the end of the month, the Robins were perched in third position in the table.

The Division Three accolade went to Peterborough's Barry Fry for the second time this season. Fry's team won four out of five matches in October.



## Division 2 Stats

the 97/98 season

Compiled by Football Information  
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### Results and Fixtures (as at 12th 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	2-1	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		1-4	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	31-1	22-11	2-1
Bristol Rovers	28-12	0-3	2-5	1-2		17-1	3-1	7-2	2-3	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	1-0	13-12	28-3	11-4	24-2	1-1	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	21-2	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	1-3	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	1-1	22-11	1-1	7-3	7-2	28-12		21-2	2-1	13-4	3-1	3-1	31-2	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	21-2	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	21-2	2-0	14-2	3-1	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	3-0	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	2-1	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	21-2		17-1	0-3	1-0	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		0-0	1-3	2-0	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	21-2	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	1-0	3-1	22-11	25-4	3-1	28-2	21-2	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	2-0	

### club's highest gates

	0	7,000	14,000
Watford			13,812
Burnley			13,809
Preston			11,486
Bristol City			10,293
Millwall			10,291
Fulham			9,848
Luton			9,041
Oldham			8,732
Gillingham			8,383
Bristol Rovers			8,110
Bournemouth			7,484
Blackpool			7,429
Chesterfield			7,406
Carlisle			7,395
Northampton			7,264
Wycombe			6,278
Grimsby			6,220
Plymouth			6,207
Brentford			6,183
Wigan			5,517
York			5,424
Wrexham			5,132
Walsall			5,077
Southend			5,026

### Div 2 results analysis

H	O	M	E	A	W	A	Y
6							
5	1	1					
4	2	2	1	1			
3	9	17	2		1		
2	16	27	11	6	1	1	
1	24	26	3	2	3		
0	21	12	10	2	1		
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

### average goals per match

	For	Home	Away	Agt	Home	Away
Bournemouth	1.00	0.88	1.11	1.00	0.50	1.44
Blackpool	1.53	1.89	1.13	1.71	1.33	2.13
Brentford	1.06	1.56	0.50	1.59	1.22	2.00
Bristol City	1.59	1.75	1.44	0.82	0.63	1.00
Bristol Rovers	1.29	1.33	1.25	1.35	1.56	1.13
Burnley	1.06	1.25	0.89	1.24	0.88	1.56
Carlisle	1.24	0.88	1.56	1.76	1.50	2.00
Chesterfield	1.06	1.44	0.63	0.94	0.89	1.00
Fulham	1.06	1.13	1.00	1.06	0.63	1.44
Gillingham	1.35	1.50	1.22	1.29	1.00	1.56
Grimsby	1.00	1.13	0.89	1.00	0.63	1.33
Luton	1.00	1.33	0.63	1.59	2.00	1.13
Millwall	1.44	1.67	1.14	1.00	1.22	0.71
Northampton	1.06	1.25	0.89	0.71	0.75	0.67
Oldham	1.71	2.44	0.88	1.35	1.11	1.63
Plymouth	1.29	1.78	0.75	1.41	1.33	1.50
Preston	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.82	0.63	1.00
Southend	0.94	0.89	1.00	1.88	0.89	3.00
Walsall	1.06	1.33	0.75	1.35	0.56	2.25
Watford	1.76	1.88	1.67	0.65	0.75	0.56
Wigan	1.35	2.13	0.67	1.59	1.50	1.67
Wrexham	1.50	1.75	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.50
Wycombe	1.53	1.75	1.33	1.71	1.13	2.22
York	1.41	1.78	1.00	1.18	0.89	1.50

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

	Home Wins	Home Wins	283
Away Wins	42	Away Wins	137
Draws	59	Draws	182
1-1 Draws	26	1-1 Draws	88
0-0 Draws	21	0-0 Draws	59

stats up to date on 12th November

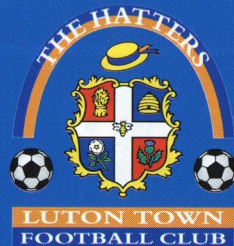
### yellow & red cards

	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35
Oldham						32		2
Wycombe						32		2
Southend						31		2
Bristol Rovers						33		1
Northampton						32		
Carlisle						25		2
Gillingham						21		3
Wigan						27		1
Burnley						23		2
Fulham						29		
Luton						23		2
Preston						28		
Walsall						22		2
Plymouth						21		2
Wrexham						24		1
Millwall						22		1
Blackpool						24		
Bristol City						23		1 point for a booking, 3 for a dismissal
York						19		1
Brentford						18		1
Bournemouth						20		
Watford						17		1
Grimsby						15		
Chesterfield						11		1



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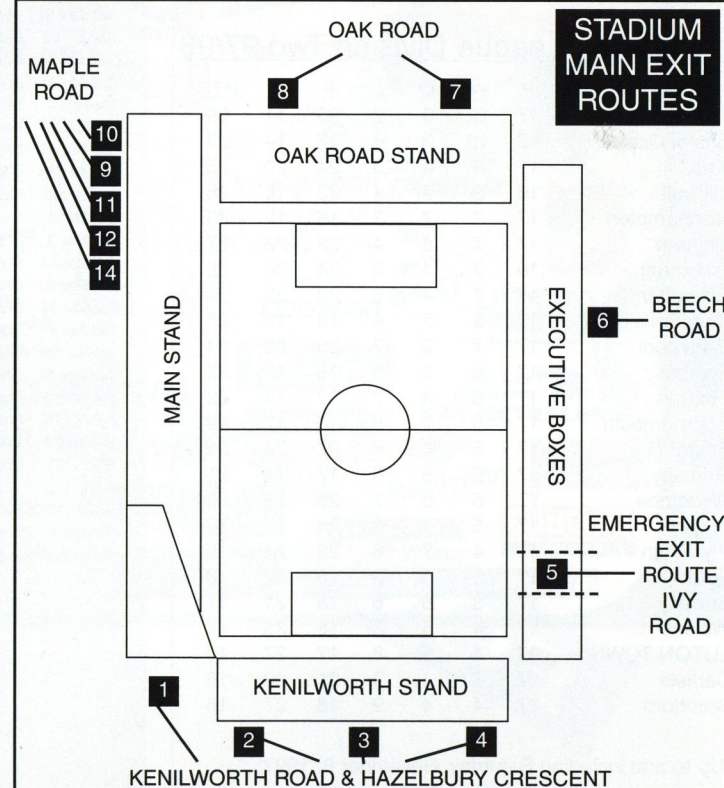
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# TEAMStatistics

## 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	11	3	2		101 3g
Simon DAVIES	7 (4)	1	3 (1)		
Kelvin DAVIS	14				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 (2)				23 3g
Liam GEORGE	1		(2)		
Phil GRAY	8	1	1		67 26
Richard HARVEY	3 (1)		2 (1)		181 5g
Julian JAMES	11 (1)				309 14g
Marvin JOHNSON	10 (1)		3		289 6g
Robert KEAN	(1)				
Dwight MARSHALL	7 (4)	1	2		115 33g
Gavin McGOWAN	6 (2)				2 0g
Paul McLAREN	15 (2)		4		44 1g
David OLDFIELD	16	2	4		125 21g
Trevor PEAKE	(1)				201 0g
Paul SHOWLER	(1)				33 6g
Bryan SMALL	12				
Matthew SPRING	3 (1)				
Mitchell THOMAS	4				273 5g
Tony THORPE	13 (1)	6	2 (1)	3	110 41g
Gary WADDOCK	15 (1)		4		133 3g
Alan WHITE	7	1	1		

## Nationwide League Division Two 97/98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Watford	17	12	3	2	30	11	39
Bristol City	17	10	3	4	27	14	33
York	17	8	4	5	24	20	28
Millwall	16	8	4	4	23	16	28
Northampton	17	7	7	3	18	12	28
Oldham	17	7	6	4	29	23	27
Wrexham	16	7	4	5	24	20	25
Gillingham	17	7	4	6	23	22	25
Chesterfield	17	6	7	4	18	16	25
Blackpool	17	7	3	7	26	29	24
Fulham	17	6	5	6	18	18	23
Preston	17	6	4	7	17	14	22
Bournemouth	17	5	7	5	17	17	22
Bristol R	17	5	6	6	22	23	21
Grimsby	17	5	6	6	17	17	21
Wycombe	17	5	5	7	26	29	20
Wigan	17	5	4	8	23	27	19
Plymouth	17	4	7	6	22	24	19
Southend	17	5	3	9	16	32	18
Burnley	17	3	8	6	18	21	17
Walsall	17	4	5	8	18	23	17
LUTON TOWN	17	4	5	8	17	27	17
Carlisle	17	4	4	9	21	30	16
Brentford	17	4	4	9	18	27	16

Up to and including Saturday, November 8, 1997.

# 1997/98 ..... See page 27 for Division Two stats

DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	POS	GK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sat Aug 9	Blackpool	0-1	6,547	-	Feuer	McGowan	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Davies)	(Douglas)	Evers	Harvey
Tue Aug 12	Colchester Utd CCC1 (1)	1-0	2,840	-	Feuer	Douglas	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	(Oldfield)	THORPE	Davies	Kean	(Harvey)	Evers
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	Fotiadis	White
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	ThorpeALEXANDER 2	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	White	(Marshall)
Sat Nov 8	PRESTON NORTH END	1-3	5,767	22	K.Davis	James	(Small)	(Waddock)	White	Johnson	(Gray)	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	Alexander	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	(Marshall)
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 (brackets) denotes player substituted or substitute used.

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## Luton Town **V** Torquay Utd

Kelvin DAVIS	1	Matthew GREGG
Julian JAMES	2	Andy GURNEY
Bryan SMALL	3	Paul GIBBS
Gary WADDOCK	4	Jamie ROBINSON
Alan WHITE	5	Jon GITTENS
Marvin JOHNSON	6	Alex WATSON
Phil GRAY	7	Gary CLAYTON
Paul McLAREN	8	Kevin HILL
David OLDFIELD	9	Rodney JACK
Tony THORPE	10	Andy McFARLANE
Graham ALEXANDER	11	Steve McCALL

12  
13  
14



Today's referee is  
**PAUL DURKIN**  
from Dorset.

Due to the international fixtures this weekend, we are able to welcome one of the Premier League's top officials to Kenilworth Road for a rare visit.

M.  
Ebbage



J.W.  
Pettitt



4th official: S. Gill

### Next match at Kenilworth Road

The next visitors to Kenilworth Road are  
**WALSALL**,  
in Nationwide League Division Two.  
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22, kick-off 3pm.  
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