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v TORQUAY UNITED

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

From the manager's chair



with **LENNIE
LAWRENCE**

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 southwest 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

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



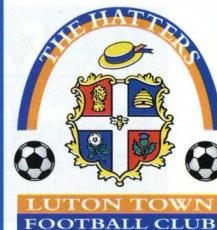
shoulder injury which has sidelined him since August, and is as fit as he can be, without the benefit of a first team game.

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

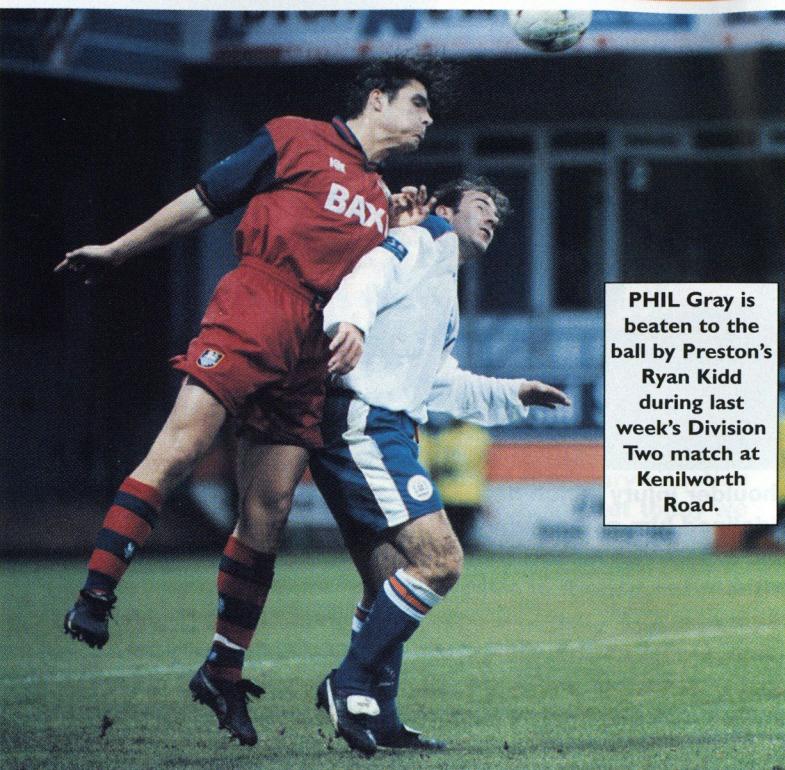
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PHIL Gray is beaten to the ball by Preston's Ryan Kidd during last week's Division Two match at Kenilworth Road.

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.

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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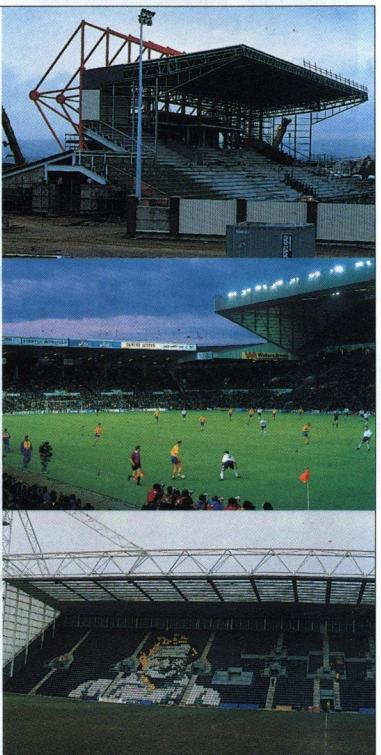
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STEVO

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.

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.

Please book early to avoid disappointment, as there are only a limited number of tickets available.

Maximum number for one team is six.



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 Fawlty 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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.
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York City v Luton Town

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

Pay on the day only at York.
Covered seats: £8.50 for adults, and £5.50 for juniors/senior citizens.
Covered terracing: £7.50 for adults, and £4.50 for juniors/senior citizens.

(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
Tuesday, December 2, 1997, kick-off 7.45pm

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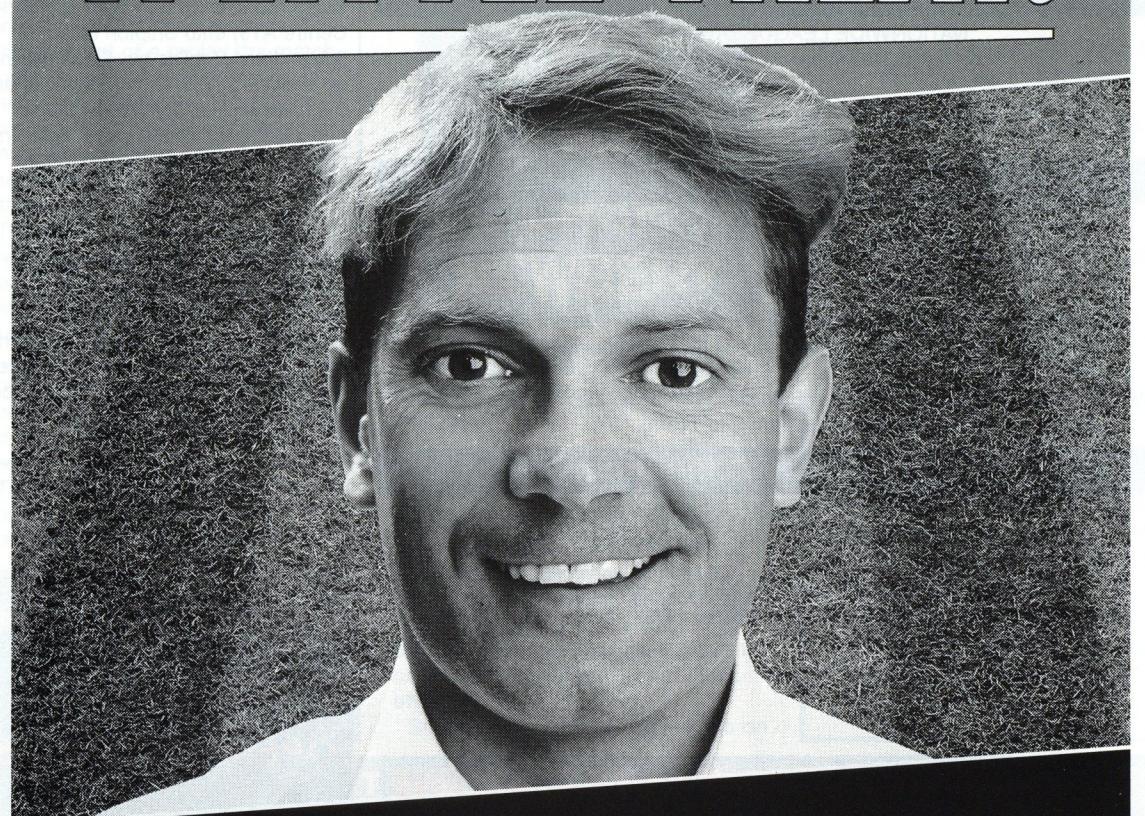
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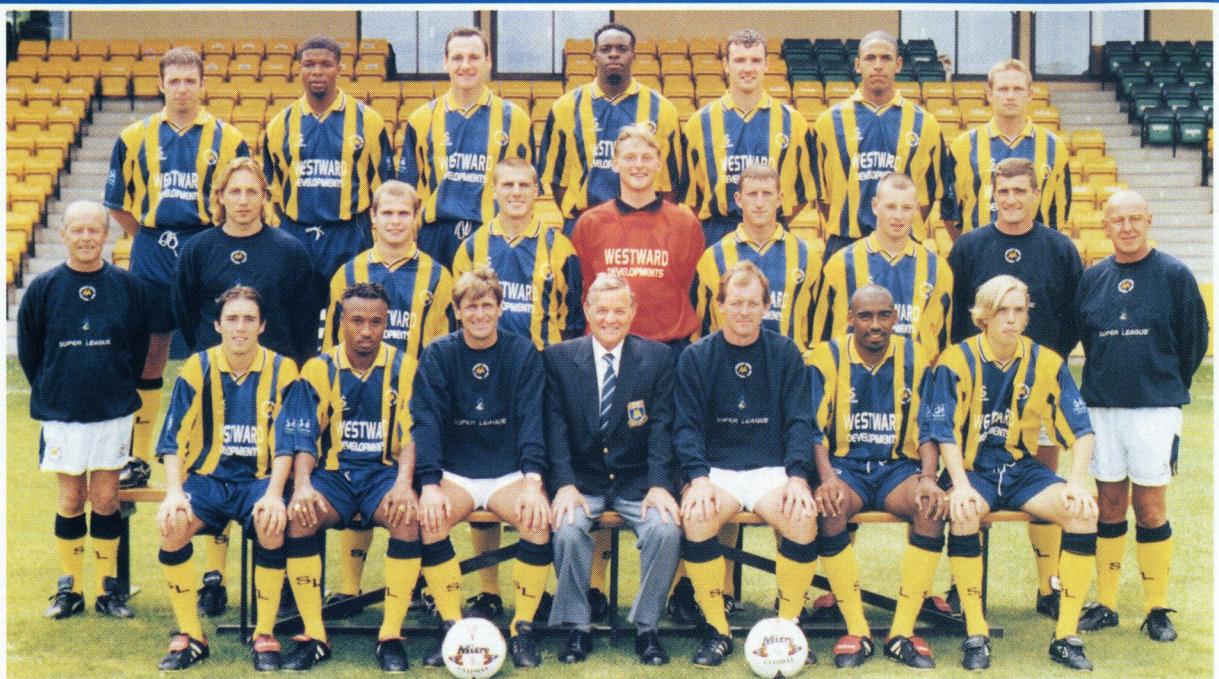
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ABOVE: Back row: I to r: Lee Barrow (now Barry Town), Jon Gittens, Alex Watson, Jamie Robinson, Wayne Thomas, Paul Mitchell. Middle row: I to r: Ian Pearce (youth team physio), Damien Davey (physio), Charlie Oatway (now at Brentford), Andy Gurney, Matthew Gregg, Paul Gibbs, Wayne Hockley (now left the club), Phil Lloyd (youth coach), Peter Distin (assistant youth manager). Front row: I 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.



ABOVE: Highly-rated striker Rodney Jack.

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.



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.

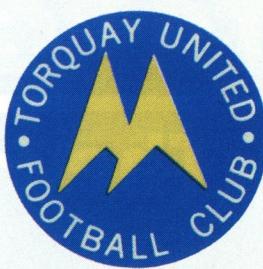


ABOVE: Kevin Hill



ABOVE: Gary Clayton

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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!

Hatters



The Gulls

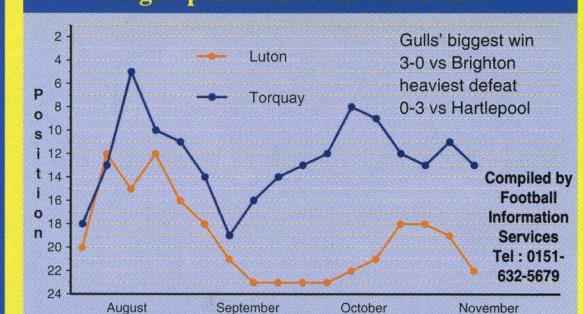


Who has played for Torquay

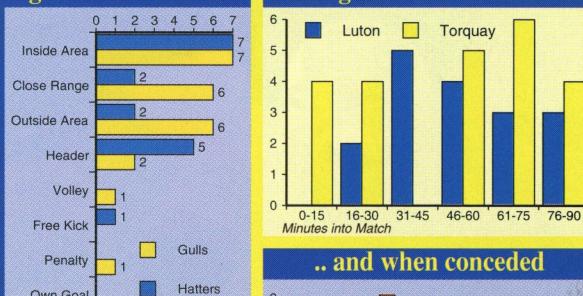
	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Paul Gibbs	17	2	3	Colchester
26/10/72	4	1		
Jon Gittens	17	4	3	Portsmouth Middlesboro
22/11/64	4			Southampton Swindon
Andy Gurney	17	2	2	Bristol Rovers
25/11/74	4	1		
Jamie Robinson	17	4	4	Carlisle Barnsley
22/2/72	4			Liverpool
Alex Watson	17	1	2	Bournemouth Gillingham (L)
15/4/68 Eng Yth	4			Liverpool Derby (L)
Gary Clayton	15	3	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
15/10/60 Eng B	1(1)			Carlisle (L) Ipswich
Rodney Jack	14	4	(1)	Lambada
28/9/72 St Vincent	4	1		
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)			
Charlie Oatway	2	1		Cardiff
28/11/73	1	1		
Ken Veysey	2			Dorchester Oxford
8/6/67				Sheff Utd (L) Torquay
Wayne Thomas	1(3)			
28/8/78	(1)			
Lee Barrow	2(2)			Scarborough Notts
1/5/73	(1)			County
Justin Newall	(1)			
age 18				

Key: A=Appearances (Sub) C=Caution (Sent Off) G=Goals
Cup details in italics

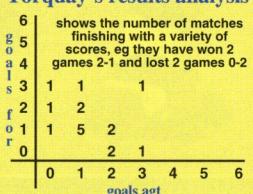
league positions so far this season



goals - how scored

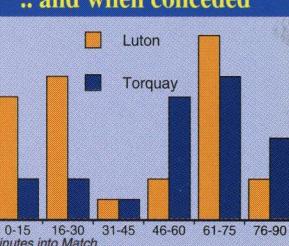


Torquay's results analysis



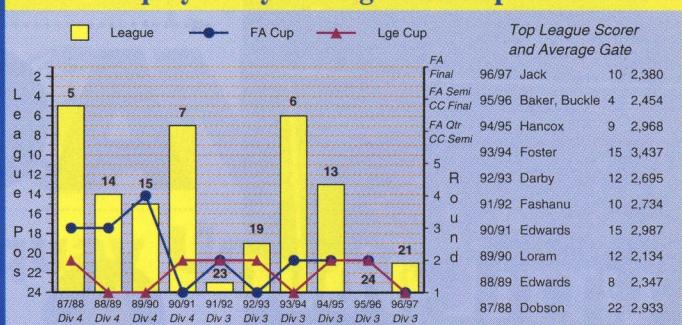
Goals agt

.. and when conceded

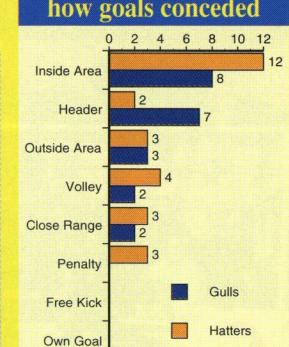


Goals agt

Torquay's 10 year league and cup record



how goals conceded



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



Torquay United 0 Luton Town 1

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1. With which club did Ireland defender Phil Babb begin his League career?
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?
10. Geographically speaking, which club is the most isolated in Britain?

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whose crests?

Name the three club crests featured in this montage



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Name the three players in this patchwork pic

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!

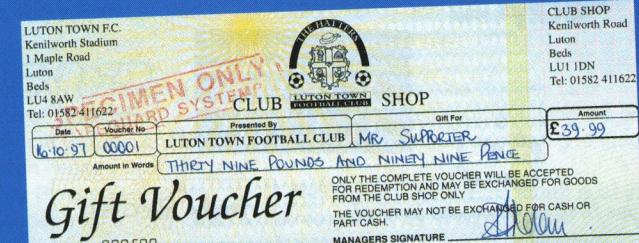
DON'T forget the Junior Hatters Christmas Party is on Monday, December 15, from 7 to 9pm, at the Co-op Bowling Centre in Stockingstone Road, Luton, and further details are available from the ticket office. Tickets are £3.50, and Luton players will be there.

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.

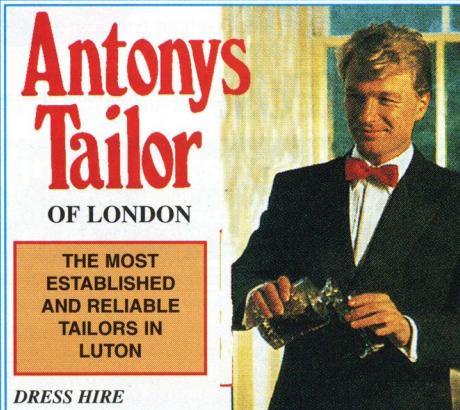
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ABOVE: Russell Halsey was our Junior Hatters mascot last Saturday, whilst Aaron Coleman from Luton (in the goalkeeper's kit) was the winner of our Community Mascot competition, run in conjunction with Home Counties Newspapers as part of our Community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

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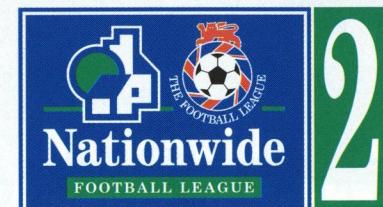
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Last week's Division Two round-up

Cut-price sub Scott gives spenders Fulham victory



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."

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.

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.

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 Gilton 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.

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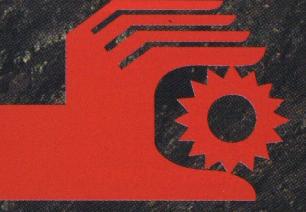


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AFTER fighting our way through from the First to the Sixth Round of the FA Cup in 1933, where we went down 6-0 to Everton at Goodison Park, our exploits were rewarded with exemption to the Third Round the following season and it was to be thirty years 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 Bayham, 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

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 Allinson 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.

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.

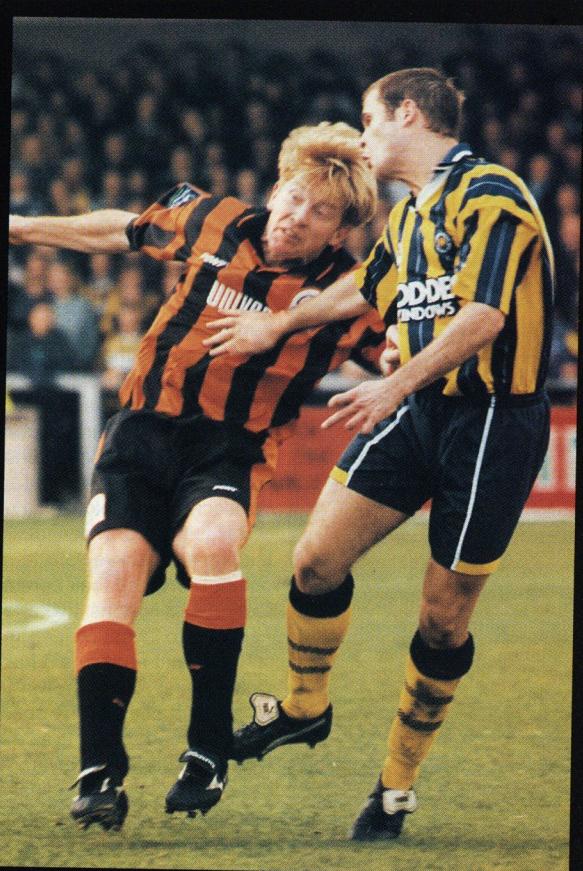
All came well in the end with the introduction of substitute Keith Allen who turned the game on its head with a ten minute hat-trick (the first ever by a substitute) and an injection of urgency to the side which saw an eventual 6-1 win.

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.

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.

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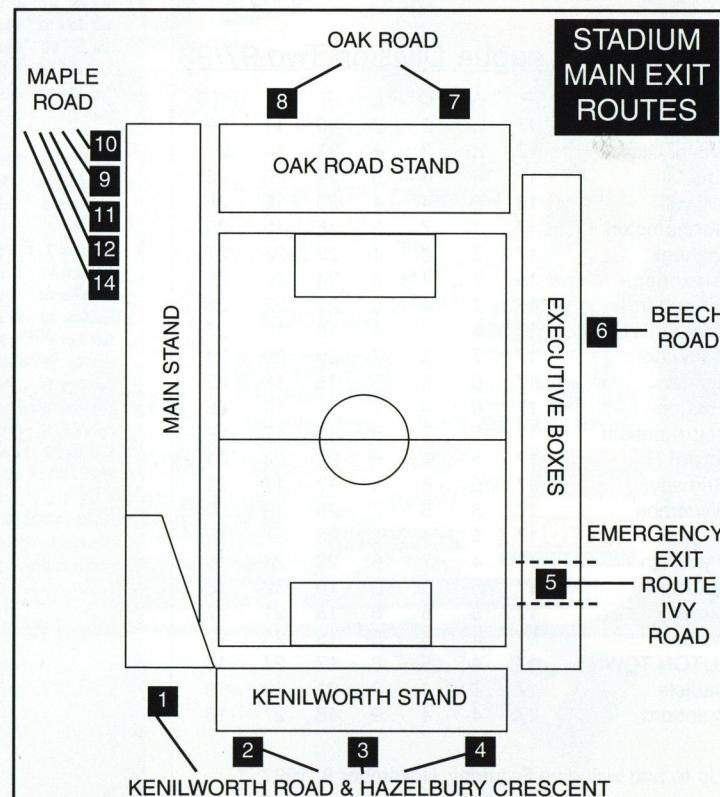
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LUTON TOWN 1997/98

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)		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)				
Paul SHOWLER	(1)				201 0g
Bryan SMALL	12				33 6g
Matthew SPRING	3 (1)				
Mitchell THOMAS	4		2		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.

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Team Check



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
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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. This game is on Saturday, November 22, kick-off 3pm. See page 9 for ticket details.



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