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From the manager's chair

AFTER last Saturday's massively disappointing reverse against Bristol Rovers we now find ourselves with an early opportunity to at long last improve our woeful home record this season.

In the four or five games previous to Saturday, I felt we had turned the corner defensively at least, in that although we lost to Walsall and Torquay the problems were more a case of not creating chances in those games.

It was a shaky defensive performance at times against Gillingham before we rallied to snatch a draw, but in the away games against York and Chesterfield we were solid and professional at the back.

These events make the nature of the goals we conceded against Bristol hard to accept and indeed it was not dissimilar to the game against Burnley when, having gone in front, we gifted them two goals.

In last Saturday's first half we looked capable of making chances and scoring goals, but we looked vulnerable every time the opposition attacked. Yet at Chesterfield we were solid at the back, yet rarely looked like scoring.

It is a devil's own job to get the right balance, with an ever diminishing squad of senior players.

I had hoped that everyone would be available for the New Year, but Phil Gray and Marvin Johnson are still two weeks away from playing in the reserves; Julian James will be out until late February or early March; and Stuart Douglas's ankle ligament injury suffered against Bristol means he will be out for some weeks.

Nevertheless the first thing we must do is to stop conceding goals like we did on Saturday,



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

even if that means sacrificing some of our attacking options.

This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and officials from Northampton Town, who have made a splendid start to their campaign in Division Two following promotion at the end of last season.

We have a score to settle after a 1-0 defeat at Northampton earlier this season, an occasion when I was less than happy with the referee's performance.

That has been the only time this season that I have blamed the referee for affecting the course of a game in which we have been involved.

Northampton for certain will be as formidable an opposition as Bristol Rovers were, albeit in different ways.

They will be big, strong, organised and physical, and will pose a massive danger at set plays.

We must match them physically and play our football through them and around them.

Any temptation to play them at their own game can only end

one way.

As the halfway point of the season approaches, I find myself in, for me, a totally unique situation.

I don't think I have ever lost seven home games in a season before, never mind in half a season which is the current statistic staring us in the face.

But conversely our current away record, with only three away defeats, in light of all the injury problems, is nearly promotion form.

However, the great majority of Luton Town supporters pay to see home games, and demand to see entertaining and winning performances. These must be our primary aims for 1998.

They say things go in cycles, and a year ago, going into 1997, we could not stop winning and I still believe that but for the weather-enforced lay-off at New Year we would probably have been promoted.

But the season finished disappointingly for us, and this season has been a disaster.

All-in-all, I'm sure every Luton supporter will be glad to see the back of 1997, and hopefully we can turn things round in 1998.

The current playing squad has been permanently accompanied by tension and pressure, especially at home, in the two years I have been at the club, and probably for some months previously, either fighting relegation or attempting to gain promotion.

People under pressure in any walk of life make poor decisions and that is the single most important reason for the nature of the goals we conceded on Saturday, and the reason consequently for our defeat.

We must not allow setbacks or bad decisions to deflect us from our common purpose. Otherwise the situation will continue.



We must stick together, keep to the game plan, and players must not lose their way and go off and do their own thing when we are on the receiving end of setbacks.

If we can stick together and obtain one or two home results, the pressure will ease and the ability there is in the squad can

ensure we climb the table.

These are hard and difficult times, and certainly the problems at home are unprecedented in my experience. Everybody must work as hard as he can to try and improve the club's situation.

Happy New Year, and let's hope 1998 is a better year than 1997.

ABOVE: Bristol Rovers' keeper Andy Collett can only watch as Chris Allen's shot goes in off the post to put Luton 1-0 in front. More action on pages 16 and 17.

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Dwight's 'free' offer on transfer

HATTERS striker Dwight Marshall has been given the opportunity of a free transfer move by manager Lennie Lawrence.

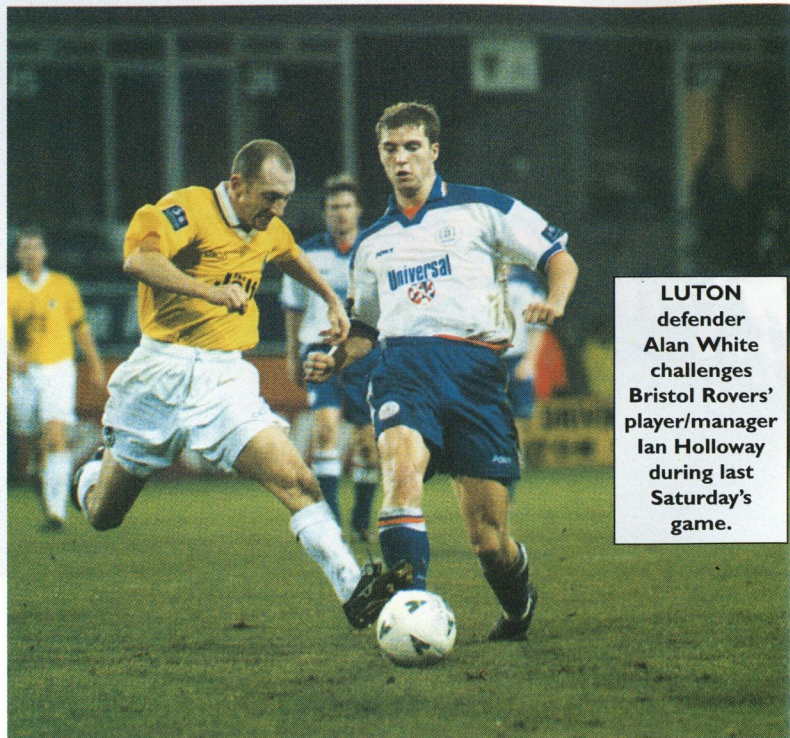
But the offer is subject to a deal being confirmed by the New Year, for the player who joined Luton from Plymouth for £150,000 in the summer of 1994.

Manager Lennie Lawrence said: "Having had discussions with Dwight it was mutually decided that it would be in his best interests if he pursued his career elsewhere.

"We have quite a number of forward players at the club, and after injury he has not forced his way back into the side. He will be granted a free transfer, provided it is to a Division Three club, and the offer is taken up by the end of December. But that is not a situation we want to extend permanently, and if by the first week of January it has not been sorted out, Dwight will stay here and fight for his place at Luton."

Congratulations to the youth team on their progress to the third round of the FA Youth Cup.

Match details can be found on pages 32 and 33, with details of the forthcoming third round game against Tottenham confirmed on page 8.



LUTON defender Alan White challenges Bristol Rovers' player/manager Ian Holloway during last Saturday's game.

Supporters with Sky TV may have seen the Hatters' chairman David Kohler on The Footballers' Football Show recently, which featured a discussion about the Football League's various structure change proposals.

Mr Kohler has been a key figure in drawing up the various options. Details can be found on page 38, and we hope to broaden the debate on this issue in forthcoming match programmes.

The Football League have also asked us to point supporters in the direction of page 390 on Ceefax - the

BBC's teletext service, where there is now a local sports section featured.

It's local in so much that it's the Look East region, but news is fed to the main Ceefax office via local radio stations on the overall BBC computer, so any item featured on BBC Three Counties should find its way onto Ceefax.

Finally, a reminder that early Christmas print deadlines mean that some information in today's match programme may not be as up-to-date as usual. Apologies for any inconvenience. - SIMON OXLEY.

SAFETY NOTE

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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: Father Christmas meets Happy Harry at the Junior Hatters Xmas Party last week. But just who was behind the beard.....? By George, that's a difficult question! (Picture: Gareth Owen).

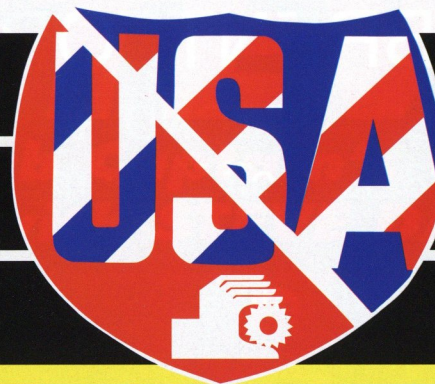
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**Club Captain's Corner
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LEFT: Steve Davis gets above the Rovers' defence during the first-half last Saturday, with Stuart Douglas following up (left).

SATURDAY'S result was certainly not the pre-Christmas tonic we had all hoped for, and the performance was a disappointment to everyone.

Once again we were unable to hold onto the lead for any length of time, and then having got back into the game with David Oldfield's equaliser we once again allowed Bristol Rovers two more goals.

Congratulations to Chris Allen on his first goal for the club, but that wasn't much consolation when the final whistle went.

As I stated in Saturday's notes, the players realise that the performances are not good enough, and hard work is required to turn things around.

Fortunately we now have two games in quick

succession to attempt to put things right, starting this afternoon against Northampton.

Having played against them in September, when we went down 1-0 to an early goal at the Sixfields Stadium, I know the type of threat they will pose, and they will come here in confident mood following an excellent first-half of the season.

Whilst this game doesn't provoke the same reaction from supporters as matches against Watford, it is still something of a 'local derby' and one which we know we have to win.

Then on Sunday we head for Millwall, hoping to avenge a home defeat by the Lions in September. The New Den holds some happy memories after the victory last season which sent us to the top of the league, and it would be timely to take three points once again to hopefully start us moving back in that direction.

Our away form has been good of late, and we need to reproduce that here at Kenilworth Road.

Finally, thank you for your continued support, and I hope everyone had a good Christmas. Can I take this opportunity of wishing all supporters a Happy New Year. Let's hope the New Year will herald a change in fortune for Luton Town Football Club.

Family trip down memory lane

A WARM welcome to Kenilworth Road this afternoon to Andrew Rennie and family who are watching today's game from one of our executive boxes.

It's a nostalgic trip, because Andrew is the son of Joe Rennie who played briefly for the Town in the 1930s. Joe infact made four appearances in seven days in December 1933, but suffered injury problems which forced him out of the game a year later.

But Joe's brother Andy played for the club for over 10 years, from 1925 to 1935, scoring over 170 goals in 300 games after converting to a striker from centre-half.

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MANY thanks to all supporters who attended the club's carol service, which was also attended by players and staff.

In total, there were almost 400 people in the congregation at St Mary's Parish Church, and I'm sure you will agree that it was a most enjoyable evening.

So far we have raised over £300 in donations, with money still coming in which will be divided between the Luton and South Beds Hospice and St Mary's Church.

Now on to fixture news. We have agreed to change our Avon Insurance Combination game with Oxford from Wednesday, March 25, to Tuesday, March 24, kick-off 7.15pm, with the venue now the Manor Ground.

Another Combination change is for our home match with Tottenham which has changed to Wednesday, January 7, kick-off 7pm. The venue remains Hitchin Town, and our thanks to all at Top Field for agreeing to that change.

The Times FA Youth Cup third round match against Tottenham will take place here at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday, January 14, kick-off 7pm.

Admission will be £3.50 for adults, and £1 concessions, with the main stand and enclosure open. It will be pay on the night only.

We have received several enquiries

GROUNDSTAFF REQUIRED

The LTFC groundsman requires additional help at home team matches. Anyone over 16 who is interested should contact the Club Secretary on (01582) 411622.

HELP FOR HAPPY HARRY

Our club mascot Happy Harry requires an assistant for matchday work, and anyone interested should contact the Club Secretary on (01582) 411622.

From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

relating to the kick-off time of our match today with Northampton, which is 3pm rather than 11.30am which has been the case for home matches in recent seasons. This appears to be a case of not being able to please all the people all the time, as previously we have received requests for Christmas

matches not to be in the morning!

I am delighted to advise you that we have been able to obtain funding to purchase a new system for the blind and

deaf to receive commentary of the matches, and all we need now is a match commentator. If you feel you can help, please contact me at the club. Experience is not essential.

Finally, many thanks to the Eureka Newsagents in Dunstable Road, who have kindly supplied the sweets to be handed out by Father Christmas this afternoon.

TICKET OFFICE VACANCY

We have an immediate vacancy for a full-time position in the Luton Town ticket office. Anyone interested should contact the Club Secretary in writing, enclosing a cv.

DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

Calling all doctors! (Medical that is) We need additional doctors to be on standby on a matchday. If you can help contact the Club Secretary on (01582) 411622.

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Millwall v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Sunday, December 28, 1997, kick-off 3pm

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Covered seats for visiting supporters, behind one goal.
Prices: £10 for adults and £6 for juniors and senior citizens.

Southend United v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, January 3, 1998, kick-off 3pm

North Bank Family Stand

Tickets for this area can only be purchased up until Wednesday, December 31, 1997, at 4pm, from the ticket office in Kenilworth Road. Tickets for the Family Stand will not be on sale on the day at Southend.

Prices: £8.00 for adults, and £4.00 for juniors and senior citizens.
Tickets in the Family Stand can only be purchased by adults or senior citizens accompanying juniors from the same family.

North Bank Stand - covered seats behind the goal

Pay on the day only.
Price: £10 - no concessions.

(The LTFC ticket office will be open on Saturday, January 3, 1998 for the sale of other match tickets between 10am and 1pm).

Luton Town v Brentford

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD - SECOND ROUND
Tuesday, January 6, 1998, kick-off 7.45pm

Unreserved seating. Pay on the turnstiles on the night. Cash only.

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£1.00 for Juniors/Senior Citizens.

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Luton Town v Blackpool

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, January 10, 1998, kick-off 3pm

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

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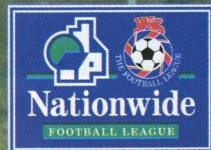
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Hatters draw Brentford in Auto Winds'ns Rd 2

LUTON Town have been drawn at home to fellow Division Two side Brentford in the second round of the Auto Windscreens Shield.

Both sides received a bye to the second round stage, with matches to be played in the week commencing January 5, 1998.

Among the first round losers were Division Two leaders Watford, with a very much under-strength Hornets side going down 1-0 at Fulham.

Brentford have already visited Kenilworth Road this season in the league, losing 2-0 to goals from Graham Alexander and Tony Thorpe in October.

But since that visit, they have had a change of manager, with former Fulham

boss Micky Adams taking over at Griffin Park following the departure of Eddie May and Clive Walker.

Luton have never gone beyond round two of this competition, having gone out to Northampton at this stage in our first ever appearance in the competition last season.

The Hatters beat Leyton Orient 2-1 in the first round, before going down 1-0 to a last minute goal from Matthew Rush at the Sixfields Stadium.

See page 9 for full ticket details for the second round tie at home to Brentford.

Full second round draw:

Southern section:

Fulham v Wycombe Wanderers

LUTON TOWN v Brentford
Walsall v Brighton
Bournemouth v Leyton Orient
Swansea v Peterborough
Northampton v Torquay
Bristol City v Millwall
Exeter v Bristol Rovers

Northern section:

Blackpool v York City
Grimsby v Hull City
Mansfield v Wrexham
Wigan v Rotherham
Carlisle v Rochdale
Burnley v Notts County
Macclesfield v Preston
Hartlepool v Scunthorpe

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.



ABOVE: Tony Thorpe is pictured during October's 2-0 league victory over Brentford at Kenilworth Road. Thorpe netted Luton's second goal, after Graham Alexander had given the Hatters a first-half lead.

Many thanks for the large number of photographs which show you the supporters proudly displaying the Luton colours in various parts of the world. (There will a prize for the most obscure, or any with celebrities in!) Please keep sending them! This feature will resume in the New Year. Photos should be sent to: The Programme Editor, c/o Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8AW. Requests for penpals, programme swaps etc. can also be forwarded. (NB Please enclose SAE for return of photos).

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Back row: l to r: Denis Casey (physio), Claudio DeVito, James Hunt, Chris Lee, Tony Godden (goalkeeper coach), Lee Colkin, Jason White, Ian Clarkson, Garry Thompson (coach).

Middle row: l to r: Carl Heggs, Dean Peer, David Brightwell, Billy Turley, Ian Sampson, Andy Woodman, David Martin, David Rennie, John Gayle.

Front row: l to r: Ian Atkins (manager), Ali Gibb, Roy Hunter, Michael Warner, Ray Warburton, Paul Conway, Sean Parrish, John Frain, Kevin Wilson (assistant manager).



ABOVE: Ray Warburton

Free headers give Cobblers the points

CHRIS Freestone is poised to kick-start his stuttering career by joining Northampton.

The on-loan Middlesbrough striker has been squeezed out in the north-east but he made an instant impact with a second-half double that buried Plymouth.

Both goals were soaring far-post headers from right-wing corners by fullback John Frain, and Freestone, 26, admitted: "Northampton have the potential to be a promotion side again.

"If Boro want to sell me and the clubs can agree a fee, I would be more than happy to move permanently."

Freestone, rated at around

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY!
Northampton's 2-1 win over Plymouth last Saturday, as reported in THE SUN

£75,000, teamed up with fellow new boy Jason Dozzell, the former Spurs and Ipswich midfielder, as Northampton came from behind to win and take the three points which moved them up to fifth place in Division Two.

Plymouth had stolen the lead when the impressive Carlo Corazzini whipped in his eighth goal of the season just before half-time.

Team: Woodman, Clarkson, Frain, Hill, Bishop (Gibb), Brightwell, Peer, Heggs (Seal), Freestone, Dozzell, Hunter (Hunt).

SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS



ANDY WOODMAN - Goalkeeper, formerly with Crystal Palace and spent seven years as understudy to Nigel Martyn at Selhurst Park without making a single appearance. Joined Exeter before moving to Northampton on a free transfer in March 1995. Has only missed three league and cup matches since.

BILLY TURLEY - Goalkeeper signed from non-league Evesham United during the summer before the 95/96 season. Has spent loan spells at nearby Kettering Town.

IAN CLARKSON - Was voted Player of the Year last season, having joined the Cobblers in the summer of 1996 on a free transfer from Stoke City. Started his career with Birmingham.

JOHN FRAIN - Signed on a free transfer from Birmingham City on transfer deadline day last season, after some impressive displays on loan. Played over 300 matches for Birmingham, and has entered Northampton folklore with his last minute winner in last season's Wembley play-off final against Swansea.

DAVID BRIGHTWELL - Brother of Manchester City's Ian, and also started his career at Maine Road. Played over 50 times for City, with loan spells at Chester, Lincoln and Stoke before a £30,000 move to Bradford in December 1995. Was released by Bradford in the summer, and signed on a free for Northampton.

IAN SAMPSON - Started his career with non-league Goole Town before moving to Sunderland in

November 1990. Signed for the Cobblers for £30,000 in August 1994 after impressing during a loan spell. Was the only ever-present player during the 94/95

season, and was loaned to Tottenham for the Inter-Toto Cup.

RAY WARBURTON - Centre-back and club captain who started his career with home-town team Rotherham, before moving to York in 1989. The Cobblers paid £35,000 for him during the 94/95 season after he had impressed during a three-month loan spell.

COLIN HILL - Northern Ireland international who signed for Northampton in November 1997 after a spell in Sweden. Formerly with Arsenal, Colchester, Sheffield United and Leicester, playing over 200 times for the latter following a £200,000 move from Bramall Lane.

ROY HUNTER - Formerly at Manchester United's School of Excellence, he started his career with West Brom but was released during the summer of 1995. Joined the Cobblers, and has established himself in midfield - and is the club's regular penalty taker.

SEAN PARRISH - Started his career at Shrewsbury, moved to non-league Telford, and was then signed by Ian Atkins for Doncaster. Signed for Northampton in 1996 for £45,000, and scored the winner in the final match of the league season to send the Cobblers into the play-offs. Scored the winner against Luton earlier this season, but suffered a fractured tibia against Gillingham in October, and will be sidelined until February.

JAMES HUNT - Young midfielder who was signed on a free transfer during the summer having been released by Notts County.

MICHAEL WARNER - Joined the Cobblers from non-league Tamworth, and represented Britain in the World Student Games in September 1995 whilst completing a three-year business study course at Sheffield University.

DEAN PEER - Midfielder who started his career with Birmingham, playing over 100 league games for the Blues. Moved to Walsall in 1993, and signed for Northampton in the summer of 1995.

DAVID MARTIN - Former England youth player who joined Northampton in October 1996. Formerly with Millwall, Wimbledon, Southend, Bristol City, Gillingham and Leyton Orient.

(Continued on page 14).



LEFT: James Hunt



RIGHT: Ali Gibb

See page 20 for Northampton stats for the current season.....

LEE COLKIN - Midfielder who came through the Cobblers youth system playing over 100 times since turning pro in 1992.

PAUL CONWAY - Joined in the summer on a free transfer, having been released by Carlisle. Helped the Cumbrians to promotion and the AWS victory last term. Son of former Fulham player Jimmy Conway.

CHRISTIAN LEE - Aylesbury-born forward who signed for Northampton after completing his youth training at Doncaster. Scored nine times in 16 full appearances last season.

CLAUDIO DEVTIO - Second-year professional who has yet to make his senior debut at the start of this season.

ALISTAIR GIBB - Promising young right winger who was signed from Norwich for £30,000 in February 1996 after an impressive loan spell.

DAVID SEAL - Australian-born striker who became Northampton's record signing in September when he joined the club from Bristol City for £90,000 midway through a loan spell that had seen him score four times in five starts - including one against City!

JOHN GAYLE - Signed from Stoke in February 1997, and scored on his debut. Started his league career with Wimbledon, before a £175,000 transfer to Birmingham. Moved to Coventry and Burnley before joining Stoke.

KEVIN WILSON - Player/coach at Northampton after a summer move from Walsall. Former international who made 42 appearances for Northern Ireland, during a career at Derby, Ipswich, Chelsea and Notts County.

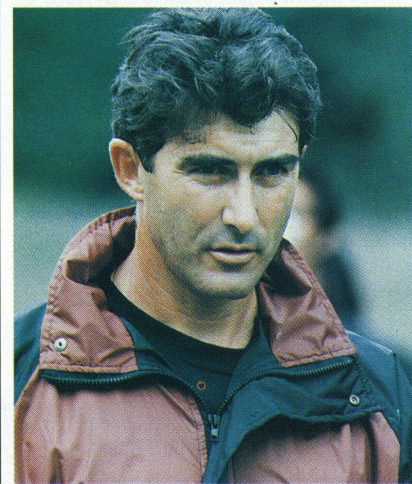
CARL HEGGS - Joined the Cobblers in the summer from Swansea, for £40,000. Started his career with West Brom.

RAYMOND VAN DULLEMEN - Signed in the summer under the Bosman ruling from Dutch amateur side VIOS.

CHRIS FREESTONE - Striker currently on loan from Middlesbrough.

JASON DOZZELL - Former Spurs and Ipswich midfielder.

MEET THE MANAGER



IAN ATKINS started his career as an apprentice with Shrewsbury in 1973 and went on to play over 300 league and cup games for the club. Joined Sunderland in 1982, and then moved to Everton in 1984, winning a League Championship medal and a European Cup Winners Cup medal in his time at Goodison.

Left for Ipswich in 1986, and joined Birmingham in 1988, captaining all the sides he played for with the exception of Everton.

His managerial career started as player/manager at Colchester in 1990, before he returned to Birmingham as assistant to Terry Cooper.

Managerial spells at Cambridge and Doncaster followed, and his first match in charge of Northampton was in January 1995, as he took over from John Barnwell.

The Cobblers finished 11th in Division Three in his first full season in charge, and then last term secured promotion via the play-offs.

The Hatters and The Cobblers

MY late grandfather maintained that Northampton Town were always regarded as the Hatters spiritual local derby rivals rather than Watford, who were looked on as a London side who could turn to the Capital for their 'enemies'.

Unfortunately, as we have only played the Cobblers once for league points since the War, they have turned to Peterborough and possibly Cambridge for all the 'fun' of a local derby while we have turned our attentions to the Hornets. Perhaps these things can change!

Our meetings with the Cobblers stretch back to our days in the Southern league and we were both founder members of the newly formed Football League Division Three in 1920. The matches in that initial campaign of 1920/21 set a pattern that was to run on for several seasons with each side winning at home.

We eventually broke the tradition when a solitary George Dennis goal secured both points at the County Ground in 1925/26 but it was back to normality in the following season and then again in 1927/28 where we suffered one of the greatest comebacks in football history.

Both games in 1927/28 were scheduled over the Christmas period and when the Town travelled to Northampton, snow was beginning to fall and with a blizzard at our backs we took a 5-1 interval lead with Sid Reid scoring four times.

Unfortunately we had to face the blizzard in the second period and the Cobblers won an amazing game 6-5. The scheduled return game the following day did not take place as the Northampton party got stuck in the snow at Wendover but we did take revenge when the game eventually took place in March, winning 2-0.

One of our prolific scorers, Andy Rennie, scored four goals against the Cobblers in 1928/29 when we took three out of the four points on offer but ex-Hatter Ralph Hoten hit a hat trick in the 4-1 hammering of the Town at the County Ground the following season before a then record league crowd of 19251.

After 17 years of conflict came the parting of the ways with our promotion to the old Division Two in 1937 but the final game in the series, if the newspaper reports are to be believed, made the recent Chelsea v Leeds game look like a Buckingham Palace tea party.

We were out to avenge a 3-1 defeat at the County Ground earlier in the season and a



LEFT: Action from Luton v Northampton in 1968, as Cobblers' keeper Gordon Morritt gathers the ball, with Laurie Sheffield (9) and Brian Lewis look on.

by ROGER WASH

crowd of 19579 turned out at Kenilworth Road to help us on our final push for promotion.

The normally calm and reasoned 'Crusader' reporting in the 'Luton News' said, "The crowd were clamouring for salutary measures against this or that player, the referee was running hither and thither, the whistle was given rarely a moments respite, players were felled to the ground without ceremony, wrangling went on between players and officials were terrible."

Northampton had obviously come for a point but two early goals from Joe Payne and Fred Roberts had upset their plans.

"Crusader" felt that early bookings for Cobblers Danny Tolland and Jock Lauderdale would have calmed things down but it did not happen and both

teams forgot about football and entered into a kicking contest, which we obviously were not very good at as Northampton came back to level the score, only for Payne to put us ahead to bring about another bout of vendettas sprouting up around the pitch.

The referee eventually called both sides together to ask for calm but almost immediately afterwards ex-Town centre half Billy Thayne went in hard on Roberts and was sent off which was a very rare occurrence in those days. This had the effect of diffusing the situation and the remainder of the game was played without further incident.

Our only further meetings took place in 1968/69 as we were advancing through the divisions while the Cobblers were going the other way.

The first league clash for 31 years saw a Kenilworth Road crowd of 17818 turn out to see Sandy Davie and Jack Bannister make their Town debuts with both players fitting in straightaway as we

took a two goal lead, through Keith Allen and Laurie Sheffield, mid-way through the first half. John Fairbrother pulled a goal back for the Cobblers on the hour and it was an anxious last few minutes as we hung on for the points.

The return was played on 28th December 1968 in the early days of new manager Alec Stock.

Although we were up near the top of the old Division Three it was down to our home record as on our travels we had picked up only one win and scored a measly four goals.

Despite all this a large number of Town fans made the short trip up the M.1 swelling the crowd to 15161, which has not been bettered by Northampton in the league since. The match was in doubt up until kick off due to the frozen surface but the Town players adapted better from the start and were two up through goals from Bruce Rioch before half time and the win was a formality long before the end.



On-loan winger Chris Allen evades the challenge of Rovers' right-back Matthew Hayfield.

Stuart Douglas gives chase during the first-half, eventually setting up David Oldfield for a shot which resulted in Chris Allen's opener.

David Oldfield fires Luton level at 2-2 midway through the first-half.

Mitchell Thomas wins this aerial battle against Matthew Hayfield.



ACTION STATIONS

Luton Town 2 Bristol Rovers 4

(Allen, Oldfield)

(Cureton, Hayles 2, Beadle)

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patchwork pic



HALF TIME QUIZ

1. To which club did John Charles move from Leeds in 1962?
2. Which former League club used to play at Watling Street?
3. Which club won the 1996 Scottish Coca Cola Cup Final?
4. With which club did Les Ferdinand make his League debut?
5. In which year did Barcelona win the European Cup?
6. Which goalkeeper, then of Hibernian, scored a goal in 1988?
7. For which English club did Ally McCoist play?
8. Who was manager of Everton when they won the 1995 FA Cup Final?
9. Which club did Mike Newell join from Birmingham City in the last close season?
10. Who scored the winning goal in the 1992 European Cup Final?

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WHAT A JUMBLE!

Unscramble the names of
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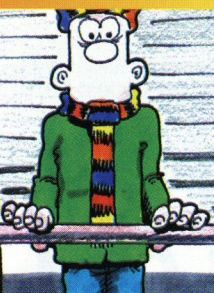
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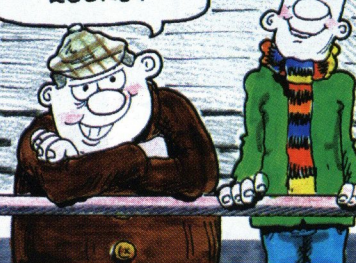
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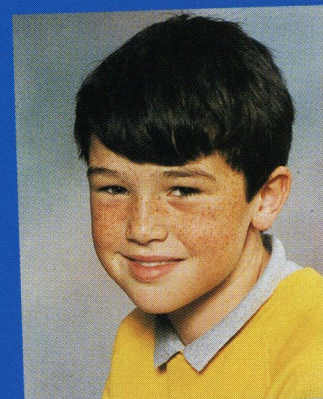


ANSWERS

HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. AS Roma; 2. Middlesbrough; 3. Aberdeen; 4. Queens Park Rangers; 5. 1992; 6. Andy Goram; 7. Sunderland; 8. Joe Royle; 9. Aberdeen; 10. Ronald Koeman.
WHOSE CRESTS?: Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday and Glasgow Rangers.
IDENTIKIT: Emerson, Ian Rush and John Scales.
WHAT A JUMBLE: Mart Le Tissier, Darren Anderson, Ray Wilkins, Dion Dublin, Eric Cantona, Bobby Moore, Denis Wise, John McGinlay.
Kevin Friesen and Stuart Pearce.



Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is nine-year-old JAMIE LEE MANN, who attends St John Rigby School in Bedford. He plays for the school team, and his favourite Luton player is Tony Thorpe. Jamie's other hobbies are basketball and badminton.

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JUNIOR HATTERS NEWS

Happy New Year to all Junior Hatters

A WARM welcome to Kenilworth Road to all Junior Hatters, and we hope you are having a wonderful Christmas. Thanks to everyone who attended the Junior Hatters Christmas Party last Monday evening, and look out for pictures from the party on pages 24 and 25 of today's programme.

We would like to thank the following for their kind donations for the Christmas party: Luton Town Supporters Club, Hallmarks Coaches, Pepe's Fishbar, Seemarks Coaches, Co-operative Social Club, Asda - Wigmore Lane - Luton, GSB Tyre Services, Russell Cook, Eureka Newsagents.

Once again this season we are 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 next Saturday Club will be for the match against Blackpool and Saturday, January 10, 1998 at Dallow Road Junior School.

We are expecting the Junior Seasideers to join us for the morning activities of football, games and lunch. Bookings can be made at the ticket office on 01582 416976 until the day prior to the match.

We have been on our travels to recent away games, with trips to York and Chesterfield, with a visit to Millwall planned for this Sunday, December 28. At Chesterfield we played the Chesterfield Juniors in the morning, prior to lunch and then going on to watch the game in the afternoon.

For the game against Millwall we have been invited to join their juniors to watch the pantomime 'Babes in the Wood' which will be performed by a professional troupe, before going to watch the match. Tickets are £12 for adults and £10 for Junior Hatters, which includes coach fare and match ticket.

Bookings can be made at the ticket office on 01582 416976, but don't leave it too late as places are limited. The ticket office will be open on Saturday, December 27, between 10am and 1pm for bookings.

RIGHT: Our Junior Hatters mascot for the game against Bristol Rovers was Joe Oddy. He is pictured with the match officials and team captains prior to kick-off.

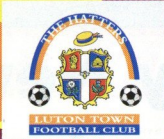


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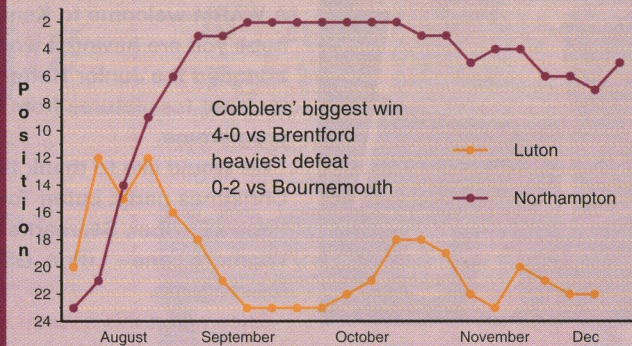


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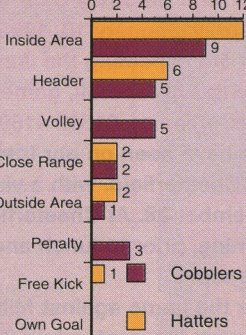
	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Ian Clarkson	23	2		Stoke Birmingham
4/12/70	5			
Roy Hunter	23	3	4	West Brom
29/10/73	5	2		
Andy Woodman	23			Exeter Palace
11/8/71	5			
David Brightwell	22	2		Bradford Blackpool (L)
7/1/71	5			Man City Stoke (L)
				Lincoln (L) Chester (L)
John Frain	22	1		Birmingham
8/10/68	5			
Ray Warburton	21	3		York Rotherham
7/10/67	5			
David Seal	20(3)	8	4	Bristol City Aalst
26/1/72	4	2		
John Gayle	20	6	5	Stoke Gillingham (L)
30/7/64	3(1)	2	1	Burnley Coventry
				Birmingham Walsall (L)
				Wimbledon Burton
				Sunderland Goole Town
Ian Sampson	20	2	1	
14/11/68	4			
Carl Heggs	12(10)	2	4	Swansea West Brom
11/10/70	4(1)	1		Bristol Rovers (L)
Sean Parrish	12	1	2	Doncaster Telford
14/3/72	2			Shrewsbury
Dean Peer	9(3)	2		Walsall Mansfield (L)
8/8/69	2			Birmingham
Colin Hill	5			Helsingborgs Leicester
12/11/63	N Ire	1		Sheff Utd Colchester
				Maritimo Arsenal
				on loan from Stoke
Graham Potter	4			
20/5/75	Eng U21			
Christian Lee	3(2)			Doncaster
8/10/76	2(1)			
James Hunt	2(4)			Notts County
17/12/76	(1)			
Paul Conway	2(1)	1		Carlisle
17/4/70	1		1	
Charlie Bishop	2			Wigan Barnsley Burnley
16/2/68				(L) Preston (L) Bury
Ali Gibb	1(15)	1		Norwich
17/2/76	1(4)			
Michael Warner	1(2)			
17/1/74				
Chris Freestone	1(1)	2		on loan from
4/9/71				Middlesbrough
Jason Dozell	1			Tottenham Ipswich
9/12/67	Eng U21			
Kevin Wilson	(5)			Walsall Notts County
18/4/61	N Ire	(1)		Bradford (L) Chelsea
				Ipswich Derby
Ray van Dulleman	(1)			Vios
6/5/73	(1)			

Key : A=Appearances (Sub) C=Cautions (Sent Off) G=Goals
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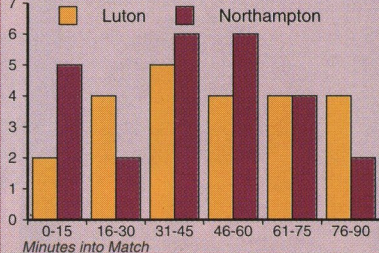
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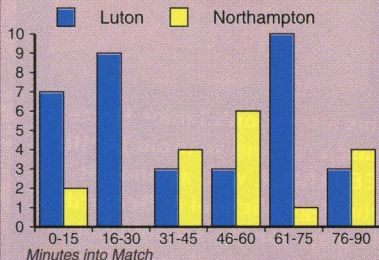
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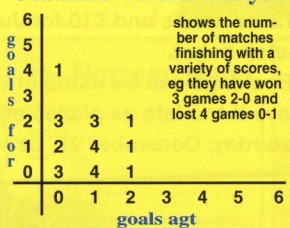
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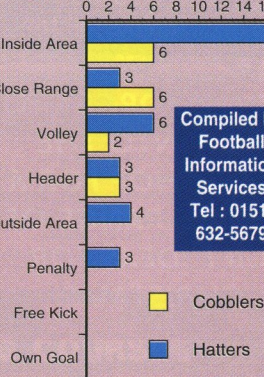
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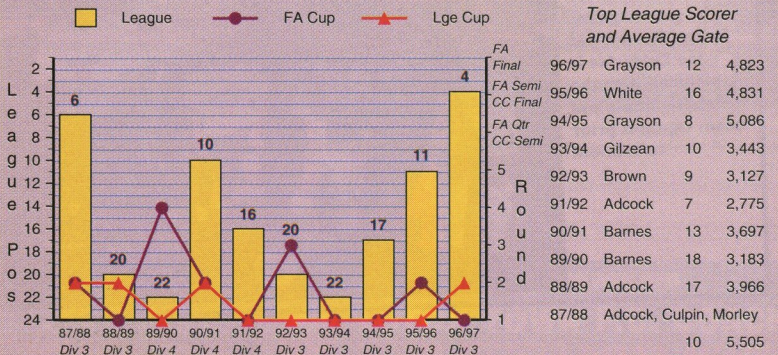
Cobblers' results analysis



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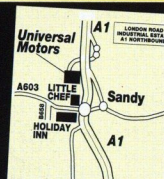
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- 1) Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23 - Coaching
- 2) Monday, January 5 - Coaching

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- 1) Tuesday, December 30 - Coaching



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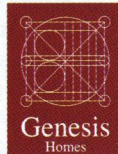
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INJURY UPDATE

James faces eight-week lay-off after knee injury

JULIAN JAMES faces a number of weeks on the sidelines after suffering a knee injury in the opening minutes of the game against Chesterfield at Saltergate.

Julian suffered medial ligament damage in his right knee - a similar injury to that which has kept Marvin Johnson out for some time.

Julian went for a scan to determine the full extent of the injury last Wednesday, and is likely to be ruled out for six to eight weeks.

STUART DOUGLAS was stretchered off during the first-half last Saturday against Bristol Rovers, and faces several weeks out of action after damaging ankle ligaments.

MARVIN JOHNSON himself has spent two weeks at Lilleshall recovering from his injury, and is now working on general fitness with a view to returning in the New Year.

PHIL GRAY has also been at Lilleshall, suffering from a back injury, and like Marvin is working at regaining full fitness.

There's better news of DARREN PATTERSON who played a full game for the reserves last week following his ankle and calf injuries, and returned to first-team action against Bristol Rovers.

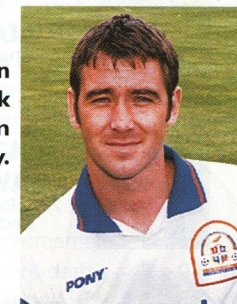
RICHARD HARVEY was also in reserve action having recovered from a calf problem, and DWIGHT MARSHALL is back in training after a similar injury. Also back in full training is PAUL SHOWLER.

CHRIS WILLMOTT has now played a number of reserves games following his cruciate operation, with broken leg victim STEVE AUGUSTINE now starting early mobility exercises.

The break in fixtures after the match against Gillingham gave a number of players a chance to get over minor knocks, and came at the right time for ALAN WHITE who needed stitches in a cut on his cheekbone suffered against the Gills.



LEFT: Steve Augustine - recovering after a broken leg.



RIGHT: Darren Patterson - back in the first team last Saturday.



LEFT: Julian James - suffered a knee injury in the opening minutes at Chesterfield, which will sideline him for several weeks.

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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, 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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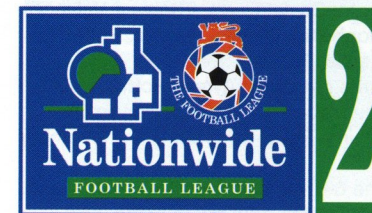
Kennedy's strike keeps table-toppers on course

PETER Kennedy kept **Watford** surging towards the second division title with the winner against **Bournemouth** - then revealed how he almost quit football.

Kennedy, 24, was so fed up with life at Notts County that he returned to his native Northern Ireland in the summer and pondered his future.

But he was rescued by ex-Irish star Gerry Armstrong, who recommended him to Watford manager Graham Taylor.

And Kennedy has grabbed 10 goals to help the Hornets clock up 53 points in the first half of the season.



He said: "Everything went wrong at County last season and I went home and seriously thought about finding another way to make a living."

Kennedy's 57th minute strike floored Bournemouth, and inflicted their first home defeat of the season.

Bristol City stay in second place after their 1-0 home win over **Chesterfield**.

Mickey Bell scored the winner from the penalty spot, after a foul on Shaun Goater, leaving Chesterfield to ponder 378 minutes without a league or cup goal.

Dutch striker Jorg Smeets scored twice as **Wigan** beat **Brentford** 4-0 at Springfield Park. David Lowe had opened the scoring with his 10th of the season.

Wrexham were jeered off the pitch by a crowd of just 2,834, following the 0-0 draw with **Gillingham**.

The Gills have now gone 12 games without a win, but manager Tony Pulis was pleased with the away point and the clean sheet.

Paul Shaw's 47th-minute header gave **Millwall** a 1-0 home win over **Wycombe**.

There were six goals at Kenilworth Road, with Barry Hayles netting two of **Bristol**

Rovers' four in a 4-2 win over **Luton**, but that was topped by eight goals at Roots Hall last Friday.

Southend and **York** battled out a 4-4 draw, with Mark Tinkler equalising for the visitors on 89 minutes.

Also on Friday, **Fulham** scored a last minute winner to beat **Burnley** 1-0 at Craven Cottage, in a match televised live on Sky.

Blackpool overcame **Preston** 2-1 in the Lancashire derby, going 2-0 in front in the first-half with goals from Andy Preece and Lee Philpott.

Michael Holt pulled one back for Preston.

Fullback John McDermott hit a rare goal as Alan Buckley's **Grimsby** continued their climb up the table with a 1-0 home win over bottom club **Carlisle**.

The Cumbrians had their chances to equalise, but couldn't follow up the previous week's shock win over Fulham.

On-loan Chris Freestone scored both **Northampton** goals in their 2-1 win over **Plymouth** at the Sixfields Stadium.

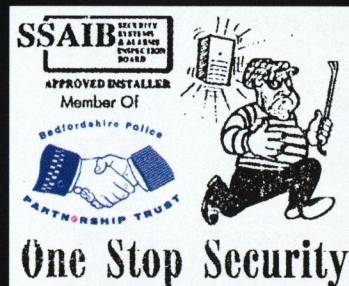
Freestone is on loan from Middlesbrough, and his brace saw the Cobblers recover from a 1-0 half-time deficit. Former Cambridge striker Carlo Corraizin had put Argyle in front.

See page 39 for the up-to-date Division Two statistics. The Christmas and New Year fixtures can be found on page 38, and the current Division Two league table is on page 46. - Simon Oxley.

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RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



Wed Aug 13	OXFORD UTD	drew 1-1
Thu Aug 21	Queens Park R	drew 1-1
Thu Aug 28	MILLWALL	won 3-1
Wed Sep 10	Tottenham	lost 3-0
Wed Sep 17	CRYSTAL PAL	lost 2-0
Wed Sep 24	WATFORD	won 3-1
Wed Oct 15	CHARLTON	lost 4-1
Mon Oct 20	Chelsea	drew 0-0
Mon Oct 27	Norwich City	lost 1-0
Wed Nov 5	Wimbledon	lost 2-0
Mon Nov 10	IPSWICH T	lost 3-0
Wed Nov 19	Southampton	drew 1-1
Mon Nov 24	Arsenal	lost 4-1
Thu Dec 4	Millwall	won 3-0
Mon Dec 8	SWINDON T	won 6-0
Tue Dec 16	Crystal Palace	won 2-1
Tue Dec 23	WEST HAM	postponed
Wed Jan 7	TOTTENHAM	7pm*
Tue Jan 13	West Ham	7.30pm
Wed Jan 21	Watford	7.30pm
Mon Jan 26	BRIGHTON	7pm*
Wed Feb 4	Charlton	2pm
Mon Feb 9	PORTSMOUTH	7pm*
Mon Feb 16	ARSENAL	7pm*
Wed Feb 25	QPR	2pm
Wed Mar 4	WIMBLEDON	2pm
Wed Mar 11	NORWICH	2pm
Mon Mar 16	Swindon	7.15pm
Tue Mar 24	Oxford	7.15pm
Wed Apr 1	SOUTHAMPTON	2pm
Wed Apr 8	Portsmouth	7pm
Wed Apr 15	Ipswich Town	7pm
Wed Apr 22	CHELSEA	2pm
TBA	Brighton	

Games in CAPITALS denotes home fixture.
Home matches played at Kenilworth Road will kick-off at 2pm. * Denotes home match to be played at Hitchin, kick-off 7pm.

THE Town's reserve side has returned to winning ways, with wins over Millwall and Swindon.

The 3-0 win at the New Den came on December 4, with Stuart Douglas returning after injury to net two goals, with Liam George adding number three.

Team: Davis, Evers, Thomas, Willmott, Omogbehin, Davies, George, Kean, Douglas, Fotiadis, Sweeney.

Subs not used: Ayres, McKoy, Peake.

The Hatters hit Swindon for six at Hitchin's Top Field ground on December 8.

The 6-0 win saw Andrew Fotiadis and Liam George both score twice, with Stuart Douglas and Matthew Spring also on the scoresheet.

Team: Abbey, Evers, Thomas, Willmott, Omogbehin, Davies, George, Kean, Douglas, Fotiadis, Spring.

Subs not used: Sweeney, Boyce, Lawes.

There have been a number of changes to the reserve team fixture list.

The home match against West Ham is to be played on Tuesday, December 23, with a 2pm kick-off at Kenilworth Road.

The away match against Swindon will now be played on Monday, March 16, kick-off 7.15pm.

We have also agreed to change our Combination match with Oxford from Wednesday, March 25 to Tuesday, March 24, with a 7.15pm kick-off, and that match will now be played at the Manor Ground.

And the home match with Tottenham

has now changed to Wednesday, January 7, with a 7pm kick-off - with the venue remaining Hitchin Town FC.

The youth team have maintained their top of the league position, have progressed in the South East Counties League Cup, and have made a splendid start to their Times FA Youth Cup campaign with a 4-0 win at Coventry.

The League Cup progress came courtesy of a 4-2 win over Swindon.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Clarke, Howe, Boyce, Scarlett, Cox, Kandol, McIndoe, Jerry.

Subs: Akurang, Ayres, McKoy.

That was followed by a 1-1 league

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	E	A	Pts
Arsenal	17	11	5	1	44	11	38
Tottenham	17	11	4	2	36	18	37
Charlton	14	9	3	2	33	11	30
Southampton	16	7	6	3	30	17	27
C Palace	15	9	0	6	26	22	27
Norwich	18	6	8	4	19	20	26
Wimbledon	16	7	4	5	22	13	25
Millwall	16	6	4	6	15	22	22
Portsmouth	16	5	5	6	20	18	20
Oxford	16	5	5	6	21	33	20
QPR	17	5	4	8	23	24	19
Ipswich	15	4	6	5	23	27	18
Watford	16	4	5	7	15	28	17
LUTON	15	4	4	7	20	24	16
Chelsea	18	3	6	9	23	35	15
Swindon	16	4	2	10	20	32	14
West Ham	15	4	2	9	17	31	14
Brighton	13	1	3	9	12	33	6

League table up to and including 11.12.97

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1997/98 APPS & SCORERS (8/12/97)

	APPS	G		APPS	G
Nathan ABBEY	10		Haraldar INGOLFSSON	1	
Ian JONES	8		Marvin JOHNSON	2	
Richard HARVEY	9		Dwight MARSHALL	3	
Sean EVERS	12		Ian FEUER	2	
Gary DOHERTY	10	3	Steve AUGUSTINE	2 (1)	
Emerson BOYCE	6 (2)		Simon DAVIES	6	
Robert KEAN	14 (1)		Andrew FOTIADIS	4	2
Matthew SPRING	6 (3)	1	Stuart DOUGLAS	3 (1)	1
Andrew BARR	6	4	Mitchell THOMAS	5	
Liam GEORGE	7 (1)	5	Darren PATTERSON	2	
Terry SWEENEY	8 (1)		Phil GRAY	1	
Andre SCARLETT	(5)		Delroy MCKOY	1	
Michael MCINDOE	2 (3)		Chris WILLMOTT	2 (2)	
Stuart FRASER	7 (3)		Tresor KANDOL	(1)	
Daniel TATE	1		Kelvin DAVIS	2	
Gavin MCGOWAN	3	1	Steve DAVIS	1	1
Paul SHOWLER	2				
Alan WHITE	2				
Russell LAWES	3 (2)				
Colin OMOGBEHIN	6				
S QUINN	2				
Trevor PEAKE	2 (1)				
Richard CLARKE	1 (2)				
M BLOCK					

draw at Bournemouth on November 29, when Jimmy Cox netted the Luton goal.

Team: Tate, Boyce, Ayres, Howe (Moran), Fraser, Scarlett, Clarke, McIndoe, Jerry (Harrington), Akurang (McKoy), Cox.

Following their semi-final place last season, the youth team made a cracking start to this season's FA Youth Cup campaign with a 4-0 second round win at Coventry.

They were 3-0 in front at half-time with goals from Gary Doherty, Michael McIndoe and Emerson Boyce, with Matthew Spring adding number four in the 90th minute.

Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Spring, Clarke, Boyce, Scarlett, Cox, Doherty, McIndoe, Moses.

Subs not used: Kandol, Ayres, McKoy.

In round three, Luton will be at home to Tottenham, and at the time of writing no date had been confirmed. Please see page 8 for confirmation.

The youth team have since recorded a draw and a win from two league matches against Bristol Rovers.

The 2-2 draw came at home, with Gary Doherty netting both goals.

Team: Tate, Fraser, Stirling (Boyce), Clarke, Ayres, Howe, Scarlett, Akurang (Kandol), Doherty, McIndoe, McKoy.

Sub not used: Jerry.

Last Saturday, saw a 1-0 away win, with Andre Scarlett scoring the only goal.

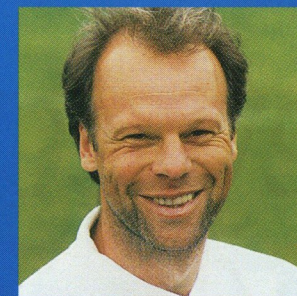
Team: Tate, Lawes, Fraser, Spring, Boyce, Ayres, Scarlett, Clarke, Kandol (Akurang), Doherty, Jerry.

Subs not used: Howe, McKoy.

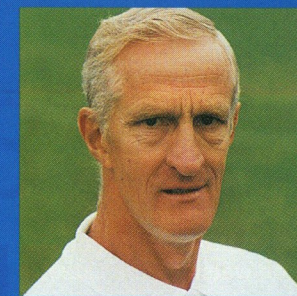
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIV TWO

	P	W	D	L	E	A	Pts
LUTON TOWN	14	9	3	2	43	19	30
Brentford	15	7	6	2	29	17	27
Bristol City	13	8	3	2	26	17	27
Oxford	15	8	1	6	34	38	25
Southampton	14	7	2	5	33	23	23
Wycombe	13	5	5	3	21	13	20
Swindon	13	6	2	5	25	21	20
Colchester	15	5	5	5	24	24	20
Tottenham	15	6	2	7	21	28	20
Barnet	16	5	4	7	28	32	19
Wimbledon	13	5	3	5	27	29	18
Bristol R	15	3	4	8	30	36	13
Reading	13	3	4	6	19	26	13
Brighton	13	2	3	8	16	35	9
Bournemouth	15	1	5	9	20	38	8

League table as at December 6, 1997



with **TREVOR PEAKE**



and **JOHN MOORE**

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

Sat Aug 9	WYCOMBE W	lost 1-0	Sat Dec 6	BRISTOL ROVERS	drew 2-2
Sat Aug 16	Reading	won 6-0	Sat Dec 13	Bristol Rovers	won 1-0
Tue Aug 19	Ipswich (SJFC Pre)	won 1-0	Sat Dec 20	Wycombe W	
Sat Aug 23	Swindon Town	won 4-2			
Sat Aug 30	OXFORD UTD	won 5-1	Sat Jan 10	SWINDON TOWN	11am
			Sat Jan 17	OxfordUnited	
Fri Sep 5	Barnet	won 4-2	Sat Jan 24	BARNET	11am
Tue Sep 9	C PALACE (SJFC1)	lost 1-0	Sat Jan 31	Brighton	
Sat Sep 13	Southend (SECLC1)	won 1-0			
Sat Sep 20	BRIGHTON	won 8-1	Sat Feb 7	BRISTOL CITY	11am
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City	drew 2-2	Sat Feb 14	Brentford	
			Sat Feb 21	SOUTHAMPTON	11am
			Sat Feb 28	Tottenham	
Sat Oct 4	BRENTFORD	lost 1-0			
Sat Oct 11	Southampton	won 3-2	Sat Mar 14	Wimbledon	
Sat Oct 18	Arsenal (SECLC2)	won 2-0	Sat Mar 21	Colchester	
Sat Oct 25	TOTTENHAM	won 1-0	Sat Mar 28	BOURNEMOUTH	11am
			Sat Apr 4	WIMBLEDON	11am
Sat Nov 1	READING	won 4-2			
Sat Nov 15	COLCHESTER	won 3-2			
Sat Nov 22	SWINDON (SECLC3)	won 4-2			
Sat Nov 29	Bournemouth	drew 1-1			
Wed Dec 3	Coventry (FAYC2)	won 4-0			

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

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G	
Daniel TATE	15		6		
Russell LAWES	10 (1)		6		
Stuart FRASER	10	1	6		
Matthew SPRING	6	4	4	1	
Emerson BOYCE	9 (3)	3	4	1	
James AYRES	11		1		
Andre SCARLETT	15	5	5		
Clifford AKURANG	6 (2)	3	2 (1)	1	
Gary DOHERTY	4 (1)	3	2	1	
Richard CLARKE	14 (1)		6		
Delroy MCKOY	7 (4)	1	2 (1)	2	
Darren HOWE	5 (1)		2 (1)		
C DREW	(1)				
Michael MCINDOE	12 (1)	3	6	1	
Jimmy COX	9	6	5		
Tresor KANDOL	10 (2)	11	3 (1)		
Moses JERRY	10 (3)	4	4		
J STIRLING	6		1 (1)		
J HARRINGTON	1 (4)		(1)		
S ROBERT	2 (2)		1		
A MINTON	1				
C GREGORY	1				
R MORAN	2 (2)				

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

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

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

Those were the days!

A FACT missed by most people here this afternoon is that Christmas Day has not always been a time for sitting comatose in front of the television watching the Queen's Speech and yet another re-run of Mary Poppins.

Up until the late 1950's it was generally regarded, the country over, as one of the most important days in the football calendar.

Although a bit before my time, the accepted practice was for the women of the house to prepare the Christmas dinner while their menfolk toddled off to watch festive football before returning home exhausted ready to be fed! (Editor's note: All letters on this subject can be addressed to Mr R. Wash!).

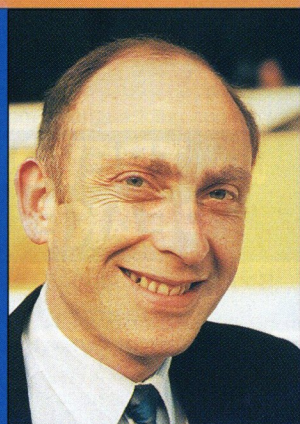
Looking back through the record books it was normal practice for home and away games to be played against the same opposition on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

In those pre- computer days though, the fixture compilers often got it wrong with the result that both teams could be seen travelling on a train together on Christmas night from some far flung outpost of the country.

Upon entering the Football League Division Three in 1920, the Town had to face Southampton twice over the festivities, but luckily Boxing Day fell on a Sunday that year so there was a chance for the players to travel at their leisure between the two fixtures.

As both games ended 1-1 the players probably wished they could have agreed the results beforehand and therefore enjoy an extended break!

Our first 'double header' took place two years later when we played Q.P.R. on consecutive days. We lost 4-0 in West London on Christmas Day, then won 1-0 at Kenilworth Road after making only one change



by **ROGER WASH**

to the side.

The most amazing pair of games during this decade came in 1926. A hat trick

from Sid Reid set us on our way to a 6-0 home win over Millwall, but the following day we lost 7-0 at the Den with the same side, and by all accounts we were lucky to get nil! Probably our longest trip of the season was saved for the Christmas period in 1930 when the fixture planners, in their wisdom, paired us with Torquay.

We won convincingly here 3-1 on Christmas Day, but not surprisingly both sides put on a jaded performance the following day in the return and 'fought' out a 1-1 draw. Throughout the remainder of that decade, 'local derbies' at places such as Cardiff, Bournemouth, Brighton and Barnsley were played on a home and away basis over the

Christmas period, but from reading the match reports it would appear that no-one complained and travelling long distances was accepted as a fact of life. The supporters obviously loved it and turned out in their droves.

One surprising fact is that it took until 1935 before either the Town or one of their opponents achieved the double over the Christmas period.

The sequence was finally broken when we won 3-0 at Notts County on Christmas Day, and followed it up with a solitary Fred Roberts goal in front of a then record Kenilworth Road league attendance of 18100. We achieved the double again, this time over Nottingham Forest in 1938 and then over Leeds in 1947.

Attendance records were broken all over the country two years after that, but the Town played their Christmas fixtures against Southampton- two clubs with small ground capacities- and although the crowds appear large in today's climate, 18,765 at

Kenilworth Road and 26,928 at the Dell, they were no more than normal at the time.

We then settled into a spell of playing West Ham over the Christmas period, although 'local' games over Swansea and Leeds did spring up to test the resolve of the travelling supporters.

By the mid-1950's, crowds for the Christmas Day fixture were beginning to dwindle due, in the main, to a cut back in public transport services on that day.

Our final Christmas Day fixture took place in 1957, and the game holds rather poignant memories for many people as it was against the 'Busby Babes' only a matter of weeks before the Munich disaster.

The Town players travelled to Manchester where the United officials were worried about the size of the crowd- only 39144, which was still 10000 higher than any other crowd that day!

We could have done without the fixture as key first teamers Bob Morton, Syd Owen and Gordon Turner were all absent through injury, which meant a debut for Dave Pacey and a first outing of the season for Terry Kelly and Tony Gregory.

The then league title holders were awarded a dubious penalty in the 19th minute, when John Groves seemed to win the ball fairly from Bobby Charlton. The referee, however, thought otherwise and Duncan Edwards slammed home the resultant spot kick.

We went two down just before the interval when Tommy Taylor deflected a Charlton shot past the now injured Ron Baynham in the Luton goal, and the scoring was completed in the 70th minute when Charlton tapped the ball home from close range after a mix up in the Town defence.

It seems quaint to hear that the two sets of players travelled back to Luton by train together that evening ready for the return the following day.

The Town drew the game 2-2, incidentally, thanks to a last minute equaliser from Allan Brown to save our proud record of never being beaten twice by the same side in Christmas and Boxing Day clashes.



ABOVE: Dave Pacey - who made his debut on Christmas Day 1957.

5 YEARS AGO

28/12/92: Goals from Ceri Hughes and John Dreyer earned a point in a 2-2 draw at Upton Park against a highly-fancied West Ham side. Martin Williams made his first full league appearance for the Town in this game.

10 YEARS AGO

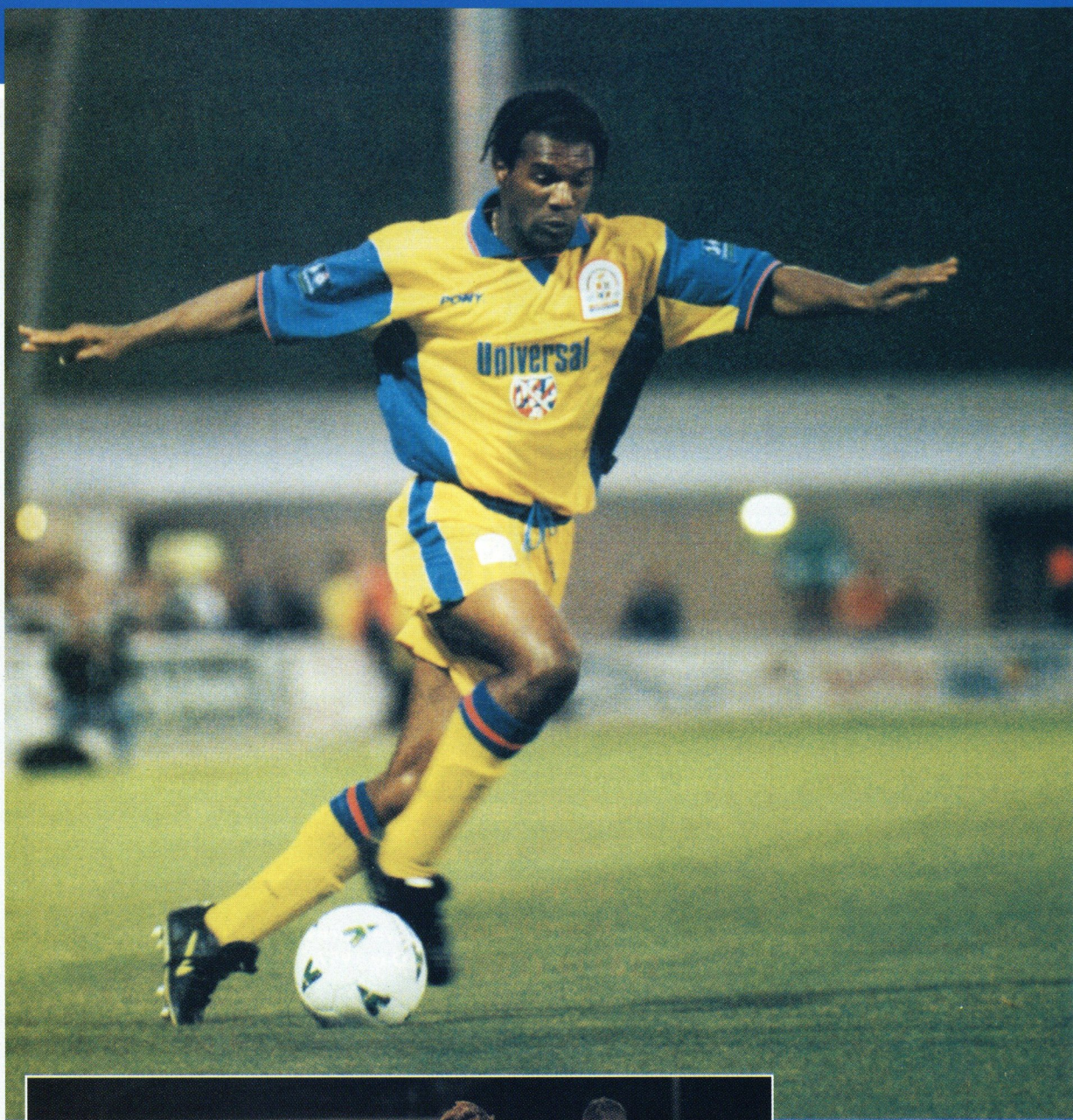
26/12/87: The Town went down 2-0 to Everton at Goodison Park in front of a crowd of 32,128. Of more concern was the bad injury to Ricky Hill that kept him out of the Luton side until the Littlewoods Cup Final in April.

15 YEARS AGO

27/12/82: A miss-hit shot from Clive Goodyear was enough to secure all three points against high-flying Watford at Kenilworth Road, in front of a crowd of 21,145.

20 YEARS AGO

26/12/77: In a thrilling end-to-end contest we ended up drawing 3-3 with Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park. The crowd of 22,405 was treated to goals from Paul Price, Phil Boersma and Ron Fitcher, as well as a screamer from young Palace fullback Kenny Sansom.



David Oldfield emerges from the second-half gloom at the Sixfields Stadium.

Gavin McGowan pictured during the first-half against Northampton, before his dismissal for two bookable offences.

Dwight Marshall challenged by Roy Hunter and David Brightwell (6).

He would have beaten his own record as Luton's oldest league player had he come on. Trevor Peake was on the bench.

ACTION STATIONS

Northampton Town 1 Luton Town 0

(Parrish)

Tuesday, September 9, 1997 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 7,246

Pictures by Gareth Owen



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
MATCHES IN NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
DIVISION TWO

Friday, December 19

Fulham v Burnley
Oldham v Walsall
Southend v York

Saturday, December 20

Bournemouth v Watford
Blackpool v Preston
Bristol City v Chesterfield
Grimsby v Carlisle
LUTON v Bristol Rovers
Millwall v Wycombe
Northampton v Plymouth
Wigan v Brentford
Wrexham v Gillingham

Friday, December 26

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

Sunday, December 28

Blackpool v Wrexham
Bristol Rovers v Bournemouth
Chesterfield v York
Fulham v Bristol City
Grimsby v Preston
Millwall v LUTON TOWN
Northampton v Walsall
Oldham v Burnley
Southend v Wycombe
Watford v Plymouth
Wigan v Carlisle

Monday, December 29

Gillingham v Brentford

Saturday, January 3 (subject to
cancellation due to FA3)Blackpool v Bristol City
Chesterfield v Brentford
Gillingham v Burnley
Grimsby v Plymouth
Millwall v Preston
Northampton v Wycombe
Southend v LUTON TOWN
Watford v Carlisle"We must improve our
product" - Chairman

FOOTBALL League chairman David Sheepshanks has stressed the need for change to keep clubs financially secure and maintain the interest of fans.

Mr Sheepshanks was among the 72 Nationwide League chairmen meeting in London last week to consider changes in the structure of the competition.

You may remember that we detailed the thoughts of the Town chairman David Kohler in a previous matchday programme earlier this season, and Mr Kohler, a member of the league's working party, has been at the forefront of discussions into possible changes.

The most radical of four proposals was a plan for a 12-club Super league for Nationwide teams, and Mr Sheepshanks, also chairman of Division One club Ipswich, explained the need to discuss change.

"Fifty-seven out of 72 clubs were losing money last year, that's the strongest reason," he said.

"Clearly we have to tackle that problem and improve the product and the excitement.

"We need to become more commercially led and need to become more responsive to the interests of fans.

"One of our challenges is to popularise the live experience and, while there is increasing opportunities for armchair viewers, we need to present the Football League in a guise which will work well for all our clubs."

Mr Sheepshanks though stressed that nothing is going to be decided in the immediate future.

"We are allowing a lot of time for discussion among the clubs, and any

idea that receives a broad consensus of support will be taken forward for voting at an EGM."

Two separate working parties have been preparing proposals to present to the clubs before next year's 100th anniversary of the formation of the world's original league football competition.

The first deals with an overhaul of the existing rule book to simplify regulations, and the second concerns the shake-up of the current league structure of three divisions of 24 clubs.

The league's working party has come up with four alternatives:

1) Three divisions of 20, 26 and 26 clubs respectively with increased promotion and relegation between the divisions.

2) Four divisions of either 18 or 20 clubs with increased promotion and relegation. Eight clubs would be co-opted from the Vauxhall Conference to make up the numbers.

3) Six divisions of 12 clubs with increased promotion and relegation.

4) The creation of a Football League Super League of 12 clubs with two divisions of 24 and another division of 12.

Keeping the current structure of three divisions of 24 clubs is also on the table. Among other points raised was the option of a radical change to the awarding of points, with an incentive for teams to lead at half-time, with extra points to clubs who win by large margins. Penalty shoot-outs could determine drawn games.

The chairmen meet again next month, but no votes will be taken until February's EGM.

League's early warning procedure

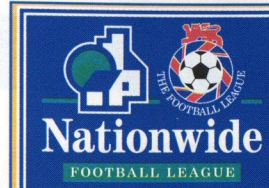
WITH the winter weather yet to cause any major disruption, the Football League have once again set out their early warning procedure for the inspection of pitches.

In an effort to prevent unnecessary inconvenience to the travelling clubs and their supporters, League clubs are instructed to liaise closely to ascertain the travelling arrangements of the visitors.

Home clubs are also asked to contact the

match referee for his travel details and any plans to stay overnight in order that he can be reached at short notice.

Clubs can also request referees to travel the day before the match if an early pitch inspection is necessary. In the event that the match referee is unable to travel early to the ground, the Football League would call in a local official to advise them on the condition of the playing surface.



Division 2 Stats

the 97/98 season

Compiled by Football Information
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Results and Fixtures (as at 21st December)

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	3-2	14.2	2-1	26.12	0-1	1-1	0-0	10.1	24.1	3.3	28.2	2-1	14.4	0-1	1-0	14.3	4.4	0-0
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	0-0	2-1	3-0	4.4	7.3	31.1	28.12	2-4	1-0
Brentford	7.3	3-1		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	14.2	1-1	1-1	28.2
Bristol City	1-1	2-0	3.3		14.3	3-1	4.4	1-0	0-2	14.2	10.1	3-0	26.12	24.1	1-0	2-1	2-1	28.2	25.4	13.4	3-0	31.1	3-1	2-1
Bristol Rovers	28.12	0-3	2.5	1-2		17.1	3-1	7.2	2-3	1-2	0-4	18.4	2-1	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	1-2	2-1	0-0	2.5	1-1	24.1	2-1	10.1	0-2	1-0	2-2	31.1
Carlisle	28.3	26.12	14.3	0-3	24.1	28.2		0-2	2-0	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	0-0	28.3	11.4	24.2	17.1	3-2	1-0	3-1	31.1	2-3	21.2	1-0	28.12
Fulham	24.2	1-0	1-1	28.12	3.3	1-0	13.4	1-1		3-0	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	1-1
Gillingham	2-1	1-1	28.12	2-0	31.1	3.1	21.2	14.3	28.3		0-2	11.4	1-3	24.2	3.3	2-1	0-0	1-2	2-1	2-2	2.5	18.4	1-0	17.1
Grimsby	21.2	24.2	17.1	1-1	13.4	4-1	1-0	3.3	31.1	4.4		1-0	1-0	2.5	3.1	28.12	5-1	14.3	0-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Luton	31.1	10.1	2-0	21.2	2-4	2-3	2.5	14.4	24.1	2-2	21.3		0-2	26.12	1-1	3-0	1-3	1-0	0-1	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	1-1	1-1	7.3	7.2	28.12		21.2	2-1	13.4	3-1	3-1	0-1	25.2	1-1	17.1	1-0	2-3
Northampton	0-2	14.3	4-0	2-1	1-1	4.4	17.1	0-0	25.4	2-1	28.2	1-0	2-0		31.1	2-1	13.4	14.2	28.12	0-1	1-0	3.3	3.1	1-1
Oldham	2-1	7.2	1-1	7.3	4-4	28.12	3-1	2-0	14.2	3-1	2-0	17.1	28.2	2-2		4.4	1-0	25.4	0-0	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	3-0	18.4	0-2		7.3	2-3	2-1	0-1	24.1	28.3	4-2	14.2
Preston	0-1	18.4	2-1	2.5	1-2	7.2	24.2	24.1	3-1	10.1	2-0	3.3	2-1	1-0	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	1-1	1-0	1-1	3.4	1-0	13.4	7.3	3.1	31.1	0-0	1-1	24.2	3-2		17.1	0-3	1-0	2.5	28.12	4-4
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Watford	18.4	4-1	3-1	1-1	28.2	1-0	3.1	2-1	2-0	7.2	25.4	14.2	0-1	28.3	2-1	28.12	17.1	14.3	3.3		2-1	11.4	2-1	1-1
Wigan	3.1	3-0	4-0	17.1	3-0	13.4	28.12	28.2	2-1	1-4	14.2	1-1	25.4	7.2	14.3	1-1	1-4	3.3	1-4	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	0-0	24.1	7.2	30.9	1-0	3-1	1	25.4	3-1	28.2	1-1	26.12		21.3	13.4
Wycombe	1-1	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	2-1	14.3	0-0	4-1	4-1		2-2	10.1	0-0	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	1-2	24.1	2.5	10.1	1-0	1-0	18.4	7.2	21.2	7.3	1-0	2-0	

club highest gates

	0	9,000	18,000
Watford			16,072
Burnley			13,809
Bristol City			11,792
Preston			11,486
Fulham			10,767
Millwall			10,291
Luton			9,041
Oldham			8,732
Gillingham			8,383
Blackpool			8,342
Bristol Rovers			8,110
Bournemouth			7,484
Chesterfield			7,406
Carlisle			7,395
Northampton			7,373
Wycombe			6,278
Grimsby			6,222
Plymouth			6,207
Brentford			6,183
Wigan			5,649
York			5,424
Wrexham			5,132
Walsall			5,077
Southend			5,026

average goals per match

	For	Home	Away	Agt	Home	Away
Bournemouth	1.04	1.00	1.09	1.04	0.67	1.45
Blackpool	1.39	1.67	1.09	1.57	1.08	2.09
Brentford	1.04	1.64	0.50	1.70	1.18	2.17
Bristol City	1.74	1.92	1.55	0.78	0.67	0.91
Bristol Rovers	1.35	1.27	1.42	1.52	1.73	1.33
Burnley	1.00	1.18	0.83	1.48	1.09	1.83
Carlisle	1.13	0.82	1.42	1.83	1.55	2.08
Chesterfield	0.96	1.27	0.67	0.78	0.73	0.83
Fulham	1.09	1.25	0.91	1.09	0.58	1.64
Gillingham	1.17	1.27	1.08	1.39	1.18	1.58
Grimsby	1.27	1.27	1.27	0.82	0.55	1.09
Luton	1.05	1.33	0.70	1.59	2.08	1.00
Millwall	1.27	1.42	1.10	1.09	1.08	1.10
Northampton	1.09	1.33	0.82	0.74	0.67	0.82
Oldham	1.61	2.17	1.00	1.26	1.00	1.55
Plymouth	1.22	1.73	0.75	1.35	1.27	1.42
Preston	1.26	1.18	1.33	1.00	0.73	1.25
Southend	1.17	1.33	1.00	1.87	1.25	2.55
Walsall	1.09	1.45	0.73	1.14	0.64	1.64
Watford	1.65	1.82	1.50	0.65	0.82	0.50
Wigan	1.55	2.27	0.82	1.50	1.45	1.55
Wrexham	1.23	1.45	1.00	1.09	0.91	1.27
Wycombe	1.30	1.55	1.08	1.52	1.00	2.00
York	1.35	1.64	1.08	1.22	0.91	1.50

club lowest gates

	0	4,500	9,000
Watford			8,397
Burnley			8,369
Bristol City			8,330
Preston			7,448
Fulham			5,096
Northampton			4,824
Bristol Rovers			4,801
Gillingham			4,774
Millwall			4,647
Oldham			4,449
Luton			4,408
Grimsby			4,160
Wycombe			3,635
Grimsby			3,591
Brentford			3,424
Chesterfield			3,420
Blackpool			3,281
Bournemouth			3,019
Plymouth			2,993
York			2,831
Wigan			2,738
Walsall			2,599
Southend			2,307
Wrexham			2,039

Div 2 results analysis

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O	2	3	2	1	2		
M	12	22	4		1		
E	17	38	12	6	2	1	
	32	37	7	2	4		
	29	16	14	3	2		
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
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number of games resulting in home & away
wins and draws in Div 2 & Nationwide.

Home Wins	135	Home Wins	389
Away Wins	58	Away Wins	191
Draws	80	Draws	239
1-1 Draws	37	1-1 Draws	121
0-0 Draws	29	0-0 Draws	75

stats up to date on 21st December

Nationwide results analysis

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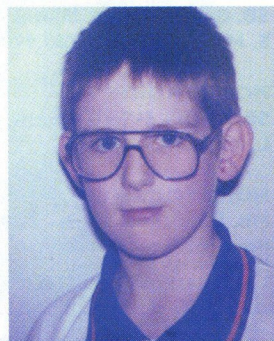
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RIGHT: A warm welcome to this afternoon's Commercial Mascot, THOMAS AYRES, who celebrates his 11th birthday tomorrow. Thomas attends William Austin Junior School, and his favourite Luton Town player is Tony Thorpe.

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Unfortunately, John Smith, the club's Chief Executive at the time felt that reams of statistics would hinder the sale of the book and would only authorise a 'halfway house' version which subsequently left Town supporters thirsting for more.

Now finally a complete record style book has been published as Volume 10 in a series commissioned by the Association of Football Statisticians.

The book contains, in 102 A4 pages, a complete record of every first team game played by the Town including team line-ups, goalscorers and attendances as well as a potted early history. Also included is a list of all first team players showing dates of birth, previous and next club and total Luton appearances.

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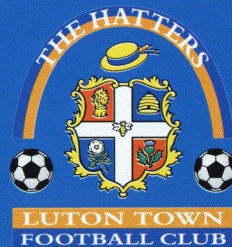
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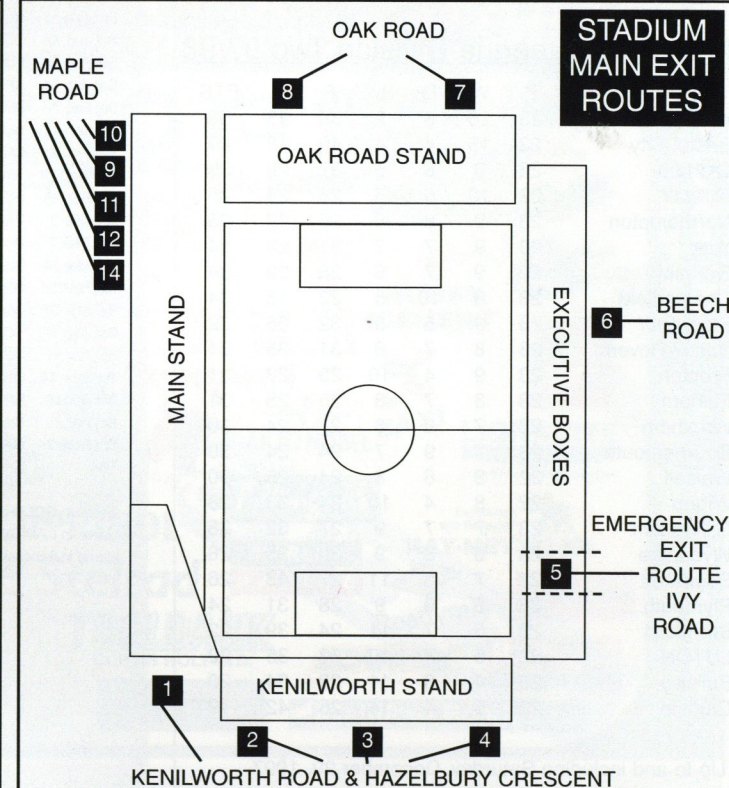
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IN the event of any emergencies at Luton Town Football Club, the emergency services and the club have agreed on an evacuation policy which is designed to:

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



TEAM Statistics

LUTON TOWN 1997/98

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LGE APPS	LGE GLS	CUP APPS	CUP GLS	LTC career apps (league & cup, incl subs) & goals, as at start 97/98
Nathan ABBEY			1		
Graham ALEXANDER	16	4	3		101 3g
Chris ALLEN	4	1			
Simon DAVIES	8 (5)	1	3 (2)		
Kelvin DAVIS	14				21 0g
Steve DAVIS	17	2	4	1	100 11g
Andy DIBBLE	1		2		
Gary DOHERTY	1 (3)		(1)		
Stuart DOUGLAS	5 (7)	1	3 (1)	1	20 1g
Sean EVERS	2 (4)		2		4 0g
Ian FEUER	7		2		98 0g
Andrew FOTIADIS	2 (4)		1		23 3g
Liam GEORGE	1		(2)		
Phil GRAY	8	1	1		67 26
Richard HARVEY	3 (1)		3 (1)		181 5g
Julian JAMES	15 (1)		2		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	20 (2)		5		44 1g
David OLDFIELD	21	3	5		125 21g
Darren PATTERSON	1		(1)		42 0g
Trevor PEAKE	(1)				201 0g
Paul SHOWLER	(1)				33 6g
Bryan SMALL	15				
Matthew SPRING	3 (2)		1		
Mitchell THOMAS	6 (1)		2		273 5g
Tony THORPE	18 (1)	8	3 (1)	3	110 41g
Gary WADDOCK	19 (1)		5		133 3g
Alan WHITE	12	1	2		

Nationwide League Division Two 97/98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Watford	23	16	5	2	38	15	53
Bristol City	23	15	4	4	40	18	49
Oldham	23	9	8	6	37	29	35
Millwall	22	10	5	7	28	24	35
Northampton	23	9	8	6	25	17	35
York	23	9	7	7	31	28	34
Grimsby	22	9	7	6	28	18	34
Chesterfield	23	8	10	5	22	18	34
Blackpool	23	9	5	9	32	36	32
Bristol Rovers	23	8	7	8	31	35	31
Preston	23	9	4	10	29	23	31
Fulham	23	8	7	8	25	25	31
Wrexham	22	7	9	6	27	24	30
Bournemouth	23	7	9	7	24	24	30
Walsall	22	8	6	8	24	25	30
Wigan	22	8	4	10	34	33	28
Gillingham	23	7	7	9	27	32	28
Wycombe	23	6	8	9	30	35	26
Southend	23	7	5	11	27	43	26
Plymouth	23	5	9	9	28	31	24
Brentford	23	5	7	11	24	39	22
LUTON	22	5	7	10	23	35	22
Burnley	23	4	8	11	23	34	20
Carlisle	23	5	4	14	26	42	19

Up to and including Saturday, December 20, 1997.

1997/98 See page 39 for Division Two stats

DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	POS
Sat Aug 9	Blackpool	0-1	6,547	-
Tue Aug 12	Colchester Utd CCC1 (1)	1-0	2,840	-
Mon Aug 18	SOUTHEND UTD	1-0	5,140	12
Sat Aug 23	Fulham	0-0	8,142	15
Tue Aug 26	COLCHESTER UTD CCC1 (2)	1-1	2,816	-
Sat Aug 30	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-1	5,404	12
Tue Sep 2	MILLWALL	0-2	5,781	15
Tue Sep 9	Northampton Town	0-1	7,246	18
Sat Sep 13	AFC Bournemouth	1-1	4,561	21
Tue Sep 16	WEST BROM CCC2 (1)	1-1	3,437	-
Sat Sep 20	WREXHAM	2-5	5,241	23
Tue Sep 23	West Brom CCC2 (2)	2-4	7,227	-
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City	0-3	8,509	23
Sat Oct 4	WATFORD	0-4	9,041	23
Sat Oct 11	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	3-0	4,931	23
Sat Oct 18	Wigan Athletic	1-1	4,466	22
Tue Oct 21	Carlisle United	1-0	4,341	21
Sat Oct 25	BRENTFORD	2-0	5,972	18
Sat Nov 1	Wycombe Wanderers	2-2	6,219	18
Tue Nov 4	BURNLEY	2-3	5,315	19
Sat Nov 8	PRESTON NORTH END	1-3	5,767	22
Sat Nov 15	TORQUAY UNITED FAC1	0-1	3,446	-
Sat Nov 22	WALSALL	0-1	4,726	23
Sat Nov 29	York City	2-1	3,636	20
Tue Dec 2	GILLINGHAM	2-2	4,408	21
Sat Dec 13	Chesterfield	0-0	4,358	22
Sat Dec 20	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-4	5,266	22
Fri Dec 26	NORTHAMPTON TOWN			
Sun Dec 28	Millwall			
Sat Jan 3	Southend United			
Tue Jan 6	BRENTFORD AWS2			
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			

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

GK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Feuer	McGowan	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Davies)	(Douglas)	Evers	Harvey
Feuer	Douglas	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	(Oldfield)	THORPE	Davies	Kean	(Harvey)	Evers
Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Davies	Alexander	(Fotiadis)	(Thorpe)	Marshall	(DOUGLAS)	(McLaren)	Harvey
K.Davis	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	(Alexander)	Oldfield	(Douglas)	Marshall	(McGowan)	(Harvey)	(McLaren)
Abbey	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	Marshall	(Douglas)	Showler	Evers
K.Davis	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	(Marshall)	(Douglas)	(Showler)	(McGowan)
K.Davis	(James)	McGowan	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	(Alexander)	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Douglas)	(Doherty)	(Evers)
K. Davis	McGowan	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	(Evers)	Oldfield	Douglas	(Marshall)	Peake	(Davies)	(Doherty)
K.Davis	McGowan	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	(Douglas)	MARSHALL	(Evers)	Peake	(Doherty)
Dibble	Alexander	Harvey	Waddock	S.Davis	(Johnson)	(Evers)	McLaren	Oldfield	DOUGLAS	Marshall	Doherty	(Davies)	(George)
Dibble	McGowan	(Harvey)	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	Small	GRAY	McLaren	Oldfield	Douglas	(Marshall)	(Thorpe)	(Evers)	(Peake)
Dibble	Evers	Harvey	Waddock	S.DAVIS	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	(Douglas)	(Davies)	(THORPE)	Doherty	(George)
K.Davis	Evers	Harvey	(Waddock)	Small	White	Davies	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	(George)	(Kean)	(Spring)	Omogbehin
K.Davis	(McGowan)	Harvey	Waddock	Small	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Davies)	(Douglas)	Spring	James
K.Davis	Alexander	Small	Waddock	James	White	Spring	McLaren	Oldfield	(THORPE 2)	(Doherty)	(DAVIES)	Harvey	(Evers)
K.Davis	James	Small	(Spring)	S.Davis	White	(Gray)	McLaren	OLDFIELD	Thorpe	Alexander	(Davies)	Doherty	(Marshall)
K.Davis	James	Small	(Spring)	S.Davis	WHITE	(Gray)	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	Davies	(Waddock)	(Marshall)
K.Davis	(James)	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	(THORPE)ALEXANDER	(Johnson)	Davies	(Fotiadis)	(Marshall)
K.Davis	James	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Gray	McLaren	OLDFIELD	THORPE	Alexander	Davies	Fotiadis	White
K.Davis	James	Small	(Waddock)	S.Davis	Johnson	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPEALEXANDER 2	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	(Marshall)	(Marshall)
K.Davis	James	(Small)	(Waddock)	White	Johnson	(Gray)	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	Alexander	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	(Marshall)
Feuer	James	(Harvey)	(Waddock)	White	(Spring)	Fotiadis	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	(Davies)	(Patterson)	(Doherty)
Feuer	James	Small	(Waddock)	White	(Davies)	Fotiadis	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	(Spring)	(Douglas)	Harvey
Feuer	James	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE ALEXANDER	Davies	Fotiadis	Thomas	Thomas
Feuer	James	Small	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	(White)	Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	Alexander	Davies	(Fotiadis)	(Thomas)
Feuer	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	Davies	Fotiadis	(Douglas)
Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	(Douglas)	S.Davis	White	ALLEN	(McLaren)	OLDFIELD	Thorpe	Alexander	Waddock	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)

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Ian FEUER	1	Andy WOODMAN
Darren PATTERSON	2	Ian CLARKSON
Mitchell THOMAS	3	John FRAIN
Gary WADDOCK	4	Colin HILL
Steve DAVIS	5	Charlie BISHOP
Alan WHITE	6	David BRIGHTWELL
Chris ALLEN	7	Dean PEER
Paul McLAREN	8	Carl HEGGS
David OLDFIELD	9	Chris FREESTONE
Tony THORPE	10	Jason DOZZELL
Graham ALEXANDER	11	Roy HUNTER
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	14	

Today's Officials

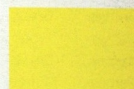
Today's referee is
CLIVE WILKES
from Gloucester.

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

R. Lee



J.E. Pearce



4th official: F.J. Nemeth

Next match at Kenilworth Road

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