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From the manager's chair

OUR last two away games have seen contrasting results but similarly committed performances, resulting in three points which has maintained our good away record but left a slight feeling of disappointment as a result at Preston could have pulled us a little way clear of the relegation zone.

At Plymouth we gave a solid, professional performance. After a first-half played against a very strong wind, we gained a slightly fortuitous 2-0 victory in the second-half, but it was certainly a game we were always going to draw at the very least.

Tuesday's game against Preston was played on a vastly different surface, and indeed as heavier a surface as we have played on for a long time.

Once again the spirit and commitment of the players was excellent, but unfortunately a piece of sloppy defending from a corner allowed Preston to scramble a goal, and then sit on their lead until the final whistle.

Despite a number of scares in their goalmouth we were unable to gain an equaliser.

It was particularly disappointing as Preston's first-half performance had not caused us any problems whatsoever, and we dominated up until half-time, only lacking a goal.

But Preston's crowd came to their rescue in the second half, and together with a more physical approach they managed to win, despite only winning their first corner after at least an hour.

Had we drawn both at Plymouth and Preston, we would have been one point worse off, but another opportunity has been missed to



with **LENNIE
LAWRENCE**

pull away from the relegation pack.

This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and officials of Wycombe Wanderers, who have seen a recent change of management following John Gregory's departure to Aston Villa.

Neil Smailie has stepped in, and under his charge they have gained two home wins to pull them clear of any relegation worries.

For us a home win and three points is totally essential today.

Our last two home games have been drawn - against Bristol City, when we could have won or lost - and against Wigan when we definitely had enough chances to win.

Our defending has been steady, conceding few goals, but we need to develop a cutting edge to our play today, and in the remaining home games.

Everyone in the team needs to take part of the responsibility for scoring goals.

On now to two recent departures - both of whom will be missed.

The sale of Tony Thorpe was necessitated at this time by the financial situation at the club.

Once we had obtained what I felt to be an offer equivalent to the true value of the player in the current market, then there was no other decision to make.

Talk of waiting for a two million pound offer from a struggling Premiership club seems far-fetched to me, as there had not been any interest from a Premiership club and nobody has moved from this division for a fee in excess of what we received for Tony.

That may change in the future, and obviously we would have preferred to have sold nearer the deadline or at the end of the season.

But the offer from Fulham would certainly have been withdrawn in days, so circumstances conspired to hasten his departure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony for his services to the club, and to wish him well for the future.

I hope he can continue his goalscoring exploits at Fulham, both in this division and at a higher level.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Trevor Peake well on his departure to take up a coaching position at Coventry, which although again untimely was too good an offer to turn down, especially from a club he served so well as a player.

He will be sorely missed, and is greatly liked and respected by myself and the players.

I'm sure he will progress quickly in football management, and once again we wish him



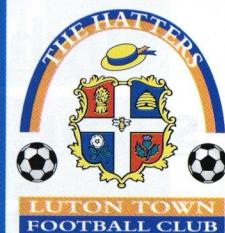
every success for the future.

In the meantime, John Moore will work with me with the first team until the end of the season, and we hope to bring someone in to work with the reserve and youth sides.

Finally, we all saw at first hand what a vocal and passionate

home crowd could do for a team at Preston, despite an indifferent first-half performance against us on Tuesday.

It would be a great help for us if you could offer the same sort of support this afternoon, and help us to three home points.



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Night of surprise as top 3 slip

THE top three sides going into Tuesday night's programme of Division Two matches all slipped up at home, with Watford and Northampton beaten, whilst Bristol City were held by struggling Brentford at Ashton Gate.

Leaders Watford went down 2-1 to Walsall, despite a second goal in as many matches from Gifton Noel-Williams.

Northampton lost 1-0 at home to Wrexham, as the Welsh side strengthened their play-off claims and buried the jinx usually associated with winning the Manager-of-the-Month Award - the February prize having just gone to Brian Flynn.

Dean Spink scored the only goal of the game after 39 minutes.

Fulham were able to at last take advantage with a 1-0 home win over fellow play-off hopefuls Bristol Rovers.

Tony Thorpe netted his first for the Londoners, and his 20th in all for the season following his move from Luton.

The Hatters meanwhile went down 1-0 at Preston, despite having much the better of the first-half when David Oldfield, Mitchell Thomas and Phil Gray all went close to breaking the deadlock.

Preston stepped up a gear after the break, and Ryan Kidd put them in front on 64 minutes after a corner was cleared to him on the edge of the penalty area.

Luton forced six corners in the closing

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OUCH! Dwight Marshall in pain on his return to Home Park to face his former club Plymouth Argyle.

minutes but could find no way through, as Finnish keeper Teuvo Moilanen earned North End their second win under caretaker boss David Moyes.

Bournemouth and Plymouth shared six goals at Dean Court in a 3-3 draw, with Steve Fletcher and Carlo Corazzin both scoring late on to keep the sides level.

Brentford's point in the 2-2 draw at Bristol City came from a Kevin Rapley goal with 11 minutes to play.

Earlier, City had gone 2-1 in front when Glen Cockerill put through his own net.

Carlisle continued their good run with

a 1-0 home win over Millwall, with Ade Akinbiyi netting the winner for Gillingham in the 2-1 home victory over Oldham.

Grimsby and Chesterfield drew 0-0, and Keith Ryan scored Wycombe's winner for the second game in a row as they beat York 1-0 at Adams Park.

The games between Burnley and Blackpool, and Wigan and Southend, were postponed due to heavy rain which threatened Luton's match at Deepdale.

See page 31 for a full round-up of last Saturday's action, and page 46 for the current league table. - Simon Oxley.

FRONT COVER: Andrew Fotiadis pictured in action at Plymouth last Saturday, where he scored his first goal of the season to set up a 2-0 win.

(Picture: GARETH OWEN).

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Club Captain's Corner with STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Steve Davis joins the attack, surging forward in the second-half of the 1-1 draw against Wigan.

IT turned out to be a good trip 'down south' but not so good 'up north'. The game at Plymouth was a hard-fought affair but one I think we deserved to win overall, and it was nice to have two different scorers - proving there is life after Thorpey.

We defended well; Kel made a couple of good saves and looked very confident; Daz slotted back into his more accustomed centre-back position and showed what a good defender he is; and Grezza excelled at right-back. 'Like a duck to water' I think is the saying.

Having taken all three points we were all in confident mood going to Preston, who like ourselves have struggled at home recently.

To come out of the game with nothing was disappointing to say the least, and I think with what Kel had to do compared to their keeper we should probably have won the game.

It wasn't to be and so we go into today's game needing a win to boost our survival hopes once more.

Wycombe will probably, like last season, get eleven men

'Homes of Football' show finds home

STUART Clarke, one of the country's leading football stadium photographers, has established the country's first ever permanent exhibition dedicated to football which is attracting hundreds of visitors a day.

The 'Homes of Football' exhibition is based on Lake Road in Ambleside. This permanent exhibition is spread over three floors of a listed building in the Lake District, and includes a wealth of original mounted prints, books, posters, models and postcards all relating to the game.

behind the ball and make it hard for us to score, hoping they can hit us on the break.

With a bit of good fortune, we can hopefully start to convert a few of the chances we are creating and run out winners.

With the forwards we have, scoring shouldn't be a problem, but obviously losing a proven scorer in Thorpey last week doesn't help. I'm not going to get involved in the politics of his move to Fulham, as they have been well documented, but only wish him all the best.

He's already off the mark having scored on Tuesday, and I'm sure he'll prove to be money well spent.

Another member of staff to go last week was of course Trevor Peake. What an opportunity back to his old stamping ground, where he's a legend in his own right, and as he has said, it was a chance he couldn't say no to.

He will be missed by the lads as not only was he good around the dressing room, he was proving himself to be a very good coach, and our loss is definitely Coventry's gain.

We have Wycombe today. He has Sheffield United in the FA Cup quarter-finals. You just never know what's round the corner!

There's now only 11 games to go, points are needed, but I don't really know what we will require to survive. I know however that the sooner we reach 50 points the better, and it would be nice to know we were safe with a couple of games still to play!

Your support again at Plymouth and Preston, both long trips and one after the other, is much appreciated. Get behind us today and help us on the way to a valuable three points.

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THERE is a bucket collection around the ground this afternoon in aid of Kids In Action.

This is a registered childrens' charity which provides sporting activities for children with disabilities, such as swimming, horse riding and ten-pin bowling.

Thank-you in anticipation for your generous support.

Wednesday's reserve team game against Wimbledon was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch here at Kenilworth Road.

At the time of writing, no new date has been fixed for this game, and indeed we now have a total of five reserve team games waiting to be re-arranged.

In addition to the game against Wimbledon, we have home and away matches against West Ham, plus Tottenham at home, and Brighton away, to fit in.

Watch this space for details in forthcoming match programmes!

I can, however, confirm some dates for youth team matches.

The semi-final of the South East Counties League Cup against Watford, will take place at Vicarage Road on Tuesday, March 24, with a 7pm kick-off.

Admission will be £3 for adults

From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

and £1 for juniors.

The away South East Counties League match at Wycombe has now been re-arranged for Easter Saturday, April 11.

And this Monday evening, March 9, the youth team travel to Mirlees Blackstone in the Eastern Junior Cup. Kick-off is 7.45pm.

By the time you read these notes we will hopefully have played our Beds Premier Cup

semi-final at Brache Sparta - due to take place on Thursday.

Should we have progressed to the final, we will update you with the venue and opposition in the next home programme.

Two of our youth team players, Daniel Tate and Jerry Moses have been selected for the FA Youth XI to play the Combined Services XI tomorrow, Sunday, March 9.

Finally, Emma Brooks, our Ticket Office Manager, is now on maternity leave.

In Emma's absence, Jane Kelso and Graham May will be pleased to deal with your ticket enquiries at the ticket office in Kenilworth Road.

TOWN TEASER

Which former Luton Town midfielder is currently manager of Stoke City?

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

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WALSALL
Bescot Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall, WS1 4SA.
Tele: (01922) 22791.

Take M1 and M6 north, exiting M6 at junction 9 (s/p A461 Wednesbury). At roundabout take turning for A461 Walsall, and after 0.1 miles turn right where road divides (s/p Ring Road, Birmingham A34 and Leather Museum) into Wallows Lane. Straight through traffic lights, over bridge, and right at lights into Bescot Crescent for ground.

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

Burnley v Luton Town

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Pay on the day only at Turf Moor.
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(The LTFC ticket office will be open on Saturday, March 14, for the sale of other match tickets, between 9am and 11am).

Luton Town v Grimsby Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, March 21, 1998, kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at the discounted prices.
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Walsall v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, March 28, 1998, kick-off 3pm

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Luton Town v York City

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Saturday, April 4, 1998, kick-off 3pm

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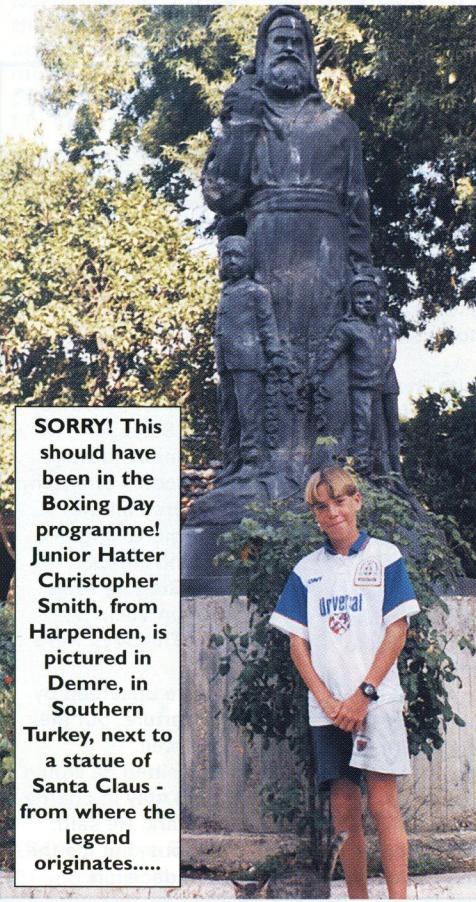
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ABOVE: Youngsters Luke and James Dodds clearly have aspirations to be a Luton strikeforce at some time in the future - influenced by mum Yvonne, a Hatters fan for many years.



ABOVE: Man in Luton shirt, pictured in Luton. Nothing strange there you might think, but Mr Fazekas, of Strathmore Walk, Luton in Bedfordshire, is in fact in Luton, Devon - apparently a remote outpost which is very difficult to find. Good job he was wearing the orange kit, or we might have lost him!



SORRY! This should have been in the Boxing Day programme! Junior Hatter Christopher Smith, from Harpenden, is pictured in Demre, in Southern Turkey, next to a statue of Santa Claus - from where the legend originates.....



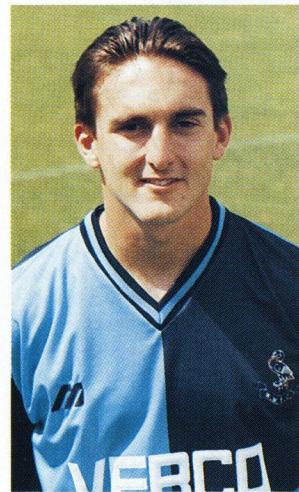
LEFT: Hatters fan Ross Horn, from Caddington, is pictured at Disneyland in Florida.... with Minnie Mouse wearing what looks remarkably like a Watford kit! Do these characters have no shame?

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BACK row: I to r: Gary Wraight, Maurice Harkin, Keith Ryan, Keith Scott, Alan Beeton, Steve Brown, Aaron Patton. Middle row: I to r: Adrian Cole (Youth Development Officer), Jason Kavanagh, Paul McCarthy, Martin Taylor, Brian Parkin, Michael Forsyth, John Cornforth, David Jones (Physio). Front row: I to r: Jason Cousins, Michael Simpson, Mark Stallard, Richard Hill (former Assistant Manager), John Gregory (former Manager), Neil Smillie (Caretaker Manager), Paul Read, Steve McGavin, Dave Carroll.



LEFT: Former Derby striker Mark Stallard scored against the Hatters in November.



RIGHT: Midfielder Keith Ryan scored Wycombe's winner last Saturday.

Sweet first victory for caretaker boss Smillie

WYCOMBE'S new caretaker-manager Neil Smillie enjoyed the sweet taste of success against Division Two form side Gillingham.

Midfielder Keith Ryan's 29th-minute header from David Carroll's sweetly-hit cross sunk the Gills, and with it ended their superb eight-match unbeaten run that's seen impressive victories at both Watford and Bristol City.

The Kent side opened as though they were going to swamp Wycombe, their leading scorer Ade Akinbiyi causing great concern for the home defence with his powerful, purposeful runs.

And after such a difficult week for Wycombe that saw both manager John Gregory and his assistant

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY!
Reaction from Wycombe's 1-0 defeat of Gillingham last Saturday, as reported in the *SUNDAY EXPRESS*

Richard Hill leave, they were always going to be unsteady.

But, driven on by David Carroll and Steve McGavin's midfield work and Keith Scott's strength, they weathered all the pressure from Gillingham.

Smillie, who stepped in after John Gregory took over at Aston Villa, stressed: "The boys were fantastic.

"They were unsettled by John's departure, but they responded well."

Smillie admitted he would be happy to stay in charge at Adams Park. He said: "I'm ambitious, but it's the chairman's decision."

SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS

BRIAN PARKIN (Goalkeeper) Born 12/10/65, Birkenhead. Joined from Bristol Rovers on a free transfer in the closed season. Played 437 League and Cup games for Crystal Palace, Crewe and Bristol Rovers. Brian's contract is until the end of the 1997/98 season.

JASON COUSINS (Defender) Born 4/10/70, Hayes. A summer 1991 signing from Brentford where he spent four seasons making a total of 28 appearances. Scored the first goal in the 1993 FA Trophy Final and was included in the 1992-93 Conference Team of the Year and the 1993-94 PFA Division Three Team of the Year. Voted Supporters' Player of the Year in 1994, Jason has made 145 League appearances for the Club.

DAVE CARROLL (Midfield) Born 20/9/66, Paisley. Signed in the summer of 1988 from Ruislip Manor following a short loan spell the previous season. Started out as a Fulham youth player before joining Wembley FC. Has represented England youth (3 caps), the FA and was a FA Trophy winner in 1991 and 1993. He scored two goals in the Play-off Final last May against Preston. He has now made over 170 League appearances for Wycombe, scoring over 30 goals, and can play anywhere in midfield or up front.

KEITH RYAN (Midfield) Born 25/6/70, Northampton. Arrived from Berkhamsted during the 1990 close season after making some reserve appearances the previous year. A central midfielder who can also play up front and has now played over 150 times for the club. He scored on his debut for Wycombe and was an FA Trophy

winner in 1991 and 1993, and a Play-off winner in 1994. Keith has made 90 League appearances for the Club.

STEVE BROWN (Midfield) Born 6/7/66, Northampton. Joined in February last season from Northampton Town, where he was team captain, for a club record fee of an initial £40,000. Made over 200 appearances for the Cobblers either side of a spell with Irthingborough Diamonds. Brownie has made 122 League appearances for the Club.

STEVE McGAVIN (Forward) Born 24/1/69 North Walsham. A club record signing for £140,000 from Birmingham City in March last season. Started as a trainee with Ipswich Town before moving to non-league Sudbury Town. Then spent 18 months with Colchester United where he won Conference and FA Trophy honours in 1992, joining Birmingham in January 1994 for £150,000. Steve has made 78 League appearances to date.

PAUL McCARTHY (Central Defender) Born 4/8/71 Cork, Southern Ireland. Joined from Brighton & Hove Albion for £100,00. He has 10 under 21's Caps for the Republic of Ireland.

PAUL READ (Striker) Born Harlow 25.9.73. Signed from Arsenal January 1997 for initial fee of £35,000. Trainee with Arsenal F.C. from 1991 to 1997. Scored two goals on his home debut for Wycombe vs York City on 25th of January 1997.

JASON KAVANAGH (Defender). Born Birmingham 23.11.71. Signed from Derby County on 29.11.96, following a months loan period, for a fee of £20,000. Played for Birmingham City as a Schoolboy and joined Derby County during season 1988-89. His debut game for Wycombe vs Crewe Alexandra on 2.11.96.

MICHAEL FORSYTH (Left Back/Central Defender). Born Liverpool 20.3.66. A very experienced defender who moved from Derby County to Notts County during 1994/95 season for £275,000. Transferred to Wycombe on 5.12.96 for a fee of £25,000. Debut game for Wycombe vs Rushden & Diamonds on the 18.12.96.

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ABOVE: Steve Davis and Tony Thorpe are marked by Jason Cousins (2) and Keith Ryan (4) during November's match at Adams Park.

See page 20 for Wycombe Wanderers stats.....



JOHN CORNFORTH (Centre Midfield). Born Whitley Bay 7.10.67. Signed from Birmingham City on 5.12.96, for a fee of £50,000. Birmingham paid £350,000 for him from Swansea F.C. in March 1996. Previously also played for Sunderland and has 2 full Welsh Caps. Made his debut game for Wycombe vs Rushden & Diamonds on 18.12.96.

MICHAEL SIMPSON (Midfield). Born Nottingham 28.2.74. Signed by tribunal from Notts County in January 1997. Trainee with Notts County 1992 to 1997. Made his debut for Wycombe vs Chesterfield on December 14th, 1996.

MAURICE HARKIN (Midfield/Winger). Born Derry - Northern Ireland 16.8.79. Had trials with Watford, Brentford and Nottingham Forest before joining the YTS scheme at W.W.F.C. Has also made 9 appearances for Northern Ireland Youth. He made his debut for the Wanderers 1st Team vs

Barnet (F.A.Cup 2nd Round) on the 7th of December, 1996.

MARTIN TAYLOR (Goalkeeper). Born Tamworth - 9.12.66. Started his career with Mile Oak Rovers and after two seasons joined Derby County, where he made a total of 140 league and cup appearances. He made his debut for Wycombe, whilst on loan from Derby County, at a home match vs Shrewsbury on the 29th of March, 1997. Martin has signed a 3 year contract with The Blues.

MARK STALLARD (Forward). Born Derby - 24.10.74. Joined Wycombe in March 1997 from Bradford City for a fee of £110,000. Scored 4 goals in 12 appearances in the Football League.

KEITH SCOTT (Forward). Born Westminster - 9.6.67. Returned to the Club during Season 1997/98 after leaving in November 1993 to join Swindon for a Club record transfer fee of £375,000. He made his return debut match for Wycombe on the 29th of March vs Shrewsbury whilst on loan from Norwich City. Scottie has scored 15 League goals for Wycombe.

NICKY MOHAN (Central Defender). Born Middlesbrough - 6/10/70. YTS at Middlesbrough, transferred to Leicester City for £330,000 - September, 1994. After 26 appearances was transferred to Bradford City for £225,000 in September, 1995. A regular at centre-half for Bradford during 1996/97 only missing when suspended. Transferred to Wycombe Wanderers for £80,000 in October, 1997.

ALAN BEETON Born Watford - 4.10.78. Signed from the YTS in the 1996/97 Season. Alan has already made several 1st Team appearances.

GARY WRAIGHT Born Epping - 5.3.79. Signed from the YTS in the 1996/97 Season. Gary has already been on the bench this season.

AARON PATTON Born London - 27.2.79. Signed from the YTS in the 1996/97 Season.

Information and figures supplied by Wycombe Wanderers F.C. For up-to-date Wycombe stats please see page 20

MEET THE MANAGER



As this afternoon's programme was going to press, Wycombe had yet to announce a replacement for **JOHN GREGORY** (left) who departed Adams Park last week to take over at Aston Villa - following the resignation of Brian Little.

Gregory's assistant Richard Hill also left the club, so youth team manager Neil Smillie was in charge for last Saturday's home game against Gillingham.

Gregory was appointed manager of Wycombe in October 1996 following the departure of Alan Smith. He arrived from Villa Park where he had been Little's assistant, having also worked with Little at Leicester.

Prior to Smith, Wycombe's only league manager was Martin O'Neill who took them up from the Conference before moving on to Norwich and Leicester.



RIGHT: Paul McLaren fires in a first-half shot during the 2-2 draw at Adams Park in November.

The Hatters and The Chairboys...



ABOVE: Goalmouth action from last season's first ever meeting between Wycombe and Luton, at Adams Park
LEFT: Former England international Ray Wilkins, with Andrew Fotiadis.

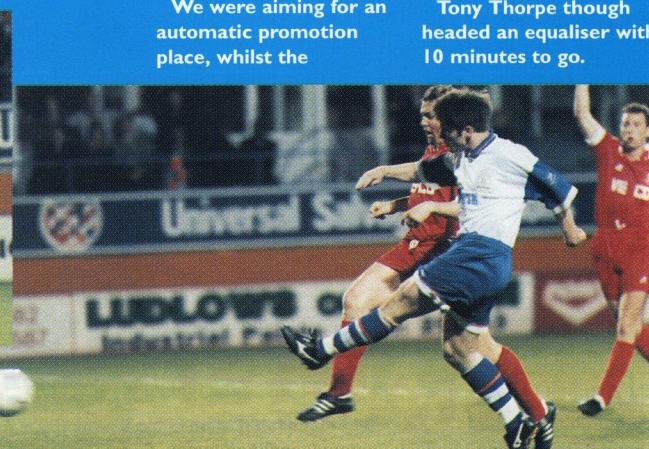


ABOVE: David Oldfield scores the winner at Wycombe.



ABOVE: Mitchell Thomas and Steve Davis in action for the Hatters during last season's 0-0 draw at Kenilworth Road.

RIGHT: Tony Thorpe in the same game.



THERE have only been three previous league meetings between ourselves and Wycombe Wanderers.

Last season we came out on top with an early September win at Adams Park, with a goal from David Oldfield.

The game marked the only appearance in Wycombe colours for the former England midfielder Ray Wilkins.

Then, in April, the sides met at Kenilworth Road needing points for entirely different reasons.

We were aiming for an automatic promotion place, whilst the

by ROGER WASH

Chairboys were battling against relegation - and the result from our point of view was a frustrating 0-0 draw.

Then in November it was again honours even, as we drew 2-2 at Adams Park.

Mark Stallard put the home side in front, with David Oldfield equalising before half-time, and then as we had much the better of the second period, Steve McGavin broke out for Wycombe to snatch the lead.

Tony Thorpe though headed an equaliser with 10 minutes to go.



↑
Penalty? David Oldfield goes down following Jon Sheffield's challenge in the opening minutes of the second-half.

←
Luton sub Andrew Fotiadis beats Sheffield to the ball to head the Hatters in front.

Sean Evers converts Phil Gray's cross for his first goal for Luton Town to make it 2-0.

→
Ian Feuer congratulates Gary Waddock as the Town earn a vital three points.



ACTION STATIONS



Plymouth Argyle 0 Luton Town 2

(Fotiadis, Evers)

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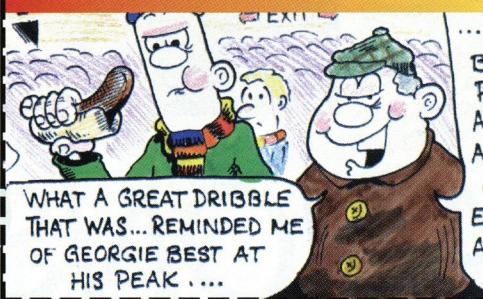
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HALF TIME QUIZ

1. Which Bavarian Bundesliga side plays at the Olympiastadion?
2. What is the name of Barcelona's ground?
3. At which venue did England play South Africa at the end of last season?
4. At which league club did John Salako begin his career?
5. Which club did Andy Impey join upon leaving Queens Park Rangers?
6. Which Manchester United player was sent off in the first leg of the 1968 World Club Cup?
7. In which South American country was the 1962 World Cup held?
8. Which two teams played in the Centenary FA Cup Final?
9. Who was appointed player-manager of Swansea City in February 1996?
10. Who scored Liverpool's winning goal in the 1978 European Cup Final?

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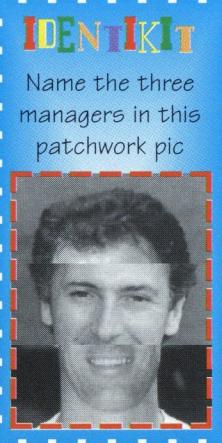
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ANSWERS

HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Bayern Munich; 2. New Camp; 3. Old Trafford; 4. Crystal Palace; 5. West Ham United; 6. Nobby Stiles; 7. Chile; 8. Leeds United and Arsenal; 9. Ian Holloway; 10. Kenny Dalglish.
WHOSE CRESTS? 1. Ajax; 2. Queens Park Rangers and Charlton Athletic; 3. Old Trafford; 4. Crystal Palace; 5. West Ham United; 6. Nobby Stiles; 7. Chile; 8. Leeds United and Arsenal; 9. Ian Holloway; 10. Kenny Dalglish.
WHAT A JUMBLE! 1. Teddi Sherrington; 2. Gary Lineker; 3. John Collins; 4. Billy Bremner; 5. Stan Collymore; 6. Mick Channon; 7. Ricky Villa; 8. Trevor Brooking.
IDENTITY? 1. Graeme Souness; 2. Trevor Francis and Mick McCarthy.
IN PICTURE: 1. Eddie Sharpenham; 2. Gary Lineker; 3. John Collins; 4. Billy Bremner; 5. Stan Collymore; 6. Mick Channon; 7. Ricky Villa; 8. Trevor Brooking.

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Name the three club crests featured in this montage

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JOSH LINCOLN

WHAT A JUMBLE!
Unscramble the names of these ten players.

CONN HICKMAN
KIT ROB GOVERNOR
OAF KU KEEN
LARKY CIVIL
BRANK GODSON



Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is 10-year-old BEN SMITH who attends Ferrars Junior School. He plays for his school team, and his favourite Luton Town player is Steve Davis. This afternoon's ballboys are RYAN EVERITT and DAVID GARWOOD.

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JUNIOR HATTERS NEWS

Book now for trips to Burnley and Walsall

A WARM welcome to all Junior Hatters attending today's match.

Our Junior Hatters had a good morning at the last Saturday Club prior to the match against Bristol City, where we entertained the Junior Reds with football and lunch.

If you are a Junior Hatter and are interested in taking part in the Saturday Club the prices for the day are £4.00 for season ticket holders, which includes a lunch of sausage and chips with a drink, and £8.00 for non-season ticket holders which includes a ticket for the match as well as lunch.

The next Junior Hatters away trips will be to Burnley and Walsall - where although there is no football prior to the game there will be an American-style shoot-out at half-time. Prices for both these trips will be £12.00 for adults and £10.00 for Junior Hatters.

Anyone interested in joining the Saturday Club or travelling to away matches can book at the ticket office on 01582 416976.

The Junior Hatters wordsearch competition to win seats in an executive box for the Luton v Grimsby Town match has been extremely popular with over 100 entries.

The winner has been drawn at this morning's Saturday Club, and the winner will be announced in our next home match programme.



RIGHT: Our Junior Hatters mascot against Bristol City was Sarah Lindsay. She is pictured with the two Commercial Mascots, team captains and match officials, prior to kick-off.



LEFT: Our Junior Hatters mascot against Wigan was Paul Draycott. He is pictured with the team captains and match officials prior to kick-off and the 1-1 draw.

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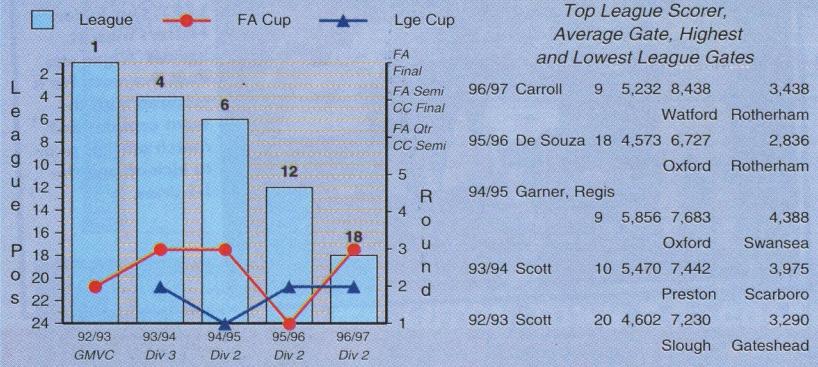


Wycombe's Roll Call

	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Martin Taylor	35	(1)	Derby	Crewe (L)
9/12/66	4		Scunthorpe (L)	Carlisle (L)
Mark Stallard	34	13	3	Preston (L) Bradford
24/10/74		1(1)		Derby Fulham (L)
Jason Kavanagh	33(2)	1	6	Derby
23/11/71	Eng Yth	3(1)		
Steve McGavin	31(3)	2	1	Birmingham Colchester
24/1/69		3(1)	2	
Stephen Brown	31	3	9	Northampton
6/7/66		2(1)		
Keith Ryan	30	2	3	
25/6/70		3	1	
Paul McCarthy	28(3)	1	6(1)	Brighton
4/8/71	Eire	U21	3	
Dave Carroll	25(4)			Ruislip
20/9/66	Eng Sch	3	1	
Mick Forsyth	23	6		Hereford Notts County
20/3/66	Eng B	3	1	Derby West Brom
Nicky Mohan	23	5		Northampton (L)
6/10/70		2		Bradford Leicester
Kevin Scott	20(1)	9	4	Middlesbrough Hull (L)
17/12/66	3	2		Norwich Tottenham
Jason Cousins	17(4)		7	Charlton (L) Port Vale
14/10/70	2			(L) Newcastle
John Cornforth	15(4)	5	3(1)	Brentford
7/10/67	Wales	4	2	
Paul Read	11(10)	3		Birmingham Swansea
25/9/73		3(1)	1	Sunderland Lincoln (L)
Michael Simpson	10(8)	4(1)		Shrewsbury (L)
28/2/74		2(2)		Doncaster (L)
Alan Beeton	8(3)		1	
4/10/78		1(1)		
David Kerslake	8(1)			on loan from Ipswich
19/6/66	Eng U21			
Maurice Harkin	7(20)	1	2	
16/8/79		2(1)	1	Bristol Rovers Palace
Brian Parkin	1			Crewe Oldham
12/10/65				
Gary Wright	1			
5/3/79				

Key : A=Appearances (Sub) C=Caution (Sent Off) G=Goals
Cup details, date of birth and international honours in italics

Wycombe Wanderers' 5 year league and cup record



Top League Scorer, Average Gate, Highest and Lowest League Gates

FA Final	96/97 Carroll	9	5,232	8,438	3,438
FA Semi	Watford				
CC Final	Rotherham				
FA Qtr					
CC Semi					
95/96 De Souza	18	4,573	6,727	2,836	
	Oxford				
94/95 Garner, Regis	9	5,856	7,683	4,388	
	Oxford				
93/94 Scott	10	5,470	7,442	3,975	
	Preston				
92/93 Scott	20	4,602	7,230	3,290	
	Slough				
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96 (N) Rover 414 Si 5dr, Dark Grey met, s/roof, elec. win, 8,000 m.....£8,995

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96 (P) Range Rover 4.6 HSF 5dr. Dark green met, brown leather, climate control, cruise control, sunroof, elec/windows, etc, 12,000 m.....£39,995

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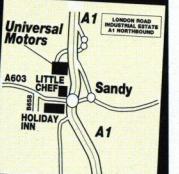
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(Oldfield, Thorpe)

at Adams Park

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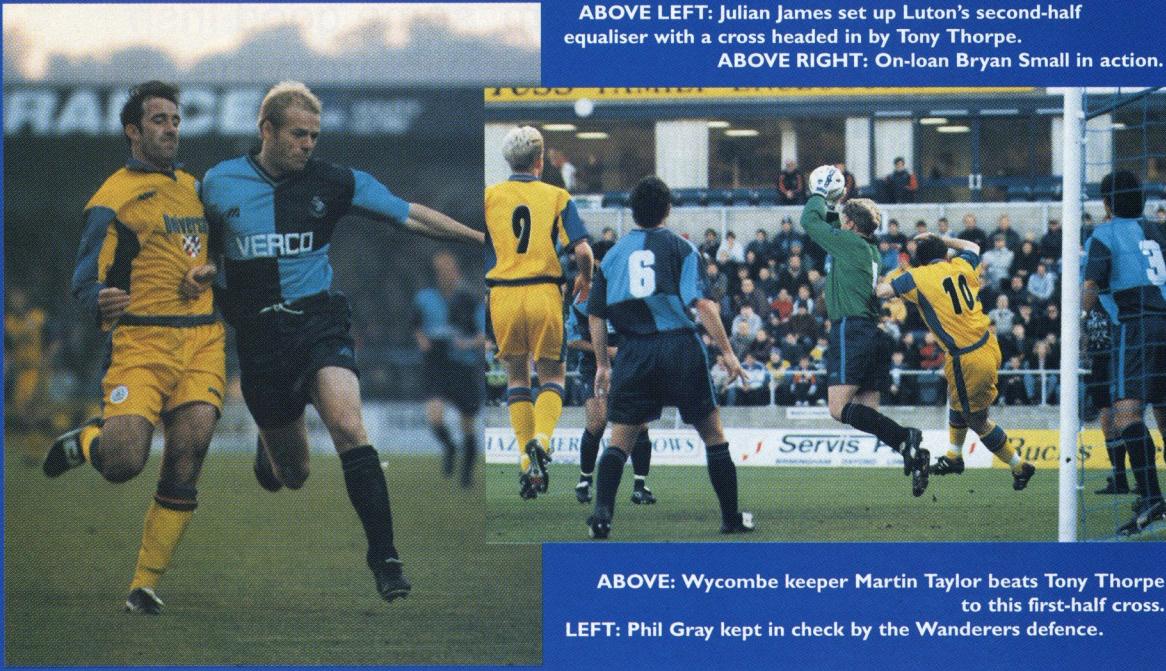


ABOVE: Paul McLaren, playing in his home town, is tripped as he takes on the Wycombe defence.



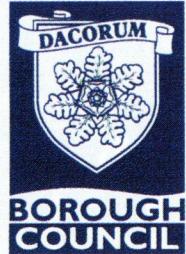
ABOVE LEFT: Julian James set up Luton's second-half equaliser with a cross headed in by Tony Thorpe.

ABOVE RIGHT: On-loan Bryan Small in action.



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

LEFT: Phil Gray kept in check by the Wanderers defence.



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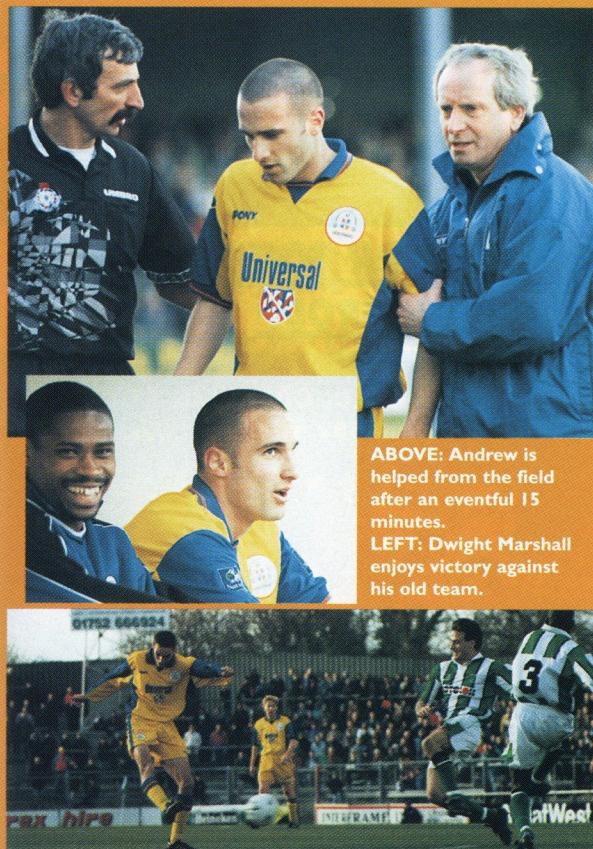
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ABOVE: Andrew is helped from the field after an eventful 15 minutes.
LEFT: Dwight Marshall enjoys victory against his old team.



ABOVE: Trevor's substitute appearance against Wrexham earlier this season broke his own record as the club's oldest ever player.



HERTS OF GOAL-D!

WHISPER it in Watford, but two Hertfordshire boys earned Luton the points at Plymouth last Saturday!

The Hatters goalscorers were Andrew Fotiadis and Sean Evers - both born in Hitchin!

For both players it was their first goals of the season, and for Evers his first senior goal in Luton colours.

"It was just reward for some good performances of late from Sean," commented Lennie Lawrence. "Once again he was up in support of the front players, and was able to convert the chance as Plymouth pressed forward looking for an equaliser."

The opening goal from Fotiadis came on 78 minutes - just eight minutes after he had come on as a substitute for former Argyle favourite Dwight Marshall.

And Andrew enjoyed an action-packed spell before being substituted himself after being winded.

"He had quite a day," said the Luton manager. "He was on for only 15 minutes, scored one, missed two and then went off injured!"

LEFT: Sean fires in a second-half shot for the Hatters. See pages 16 and 17 for the goal action!

Record-breaker Peake rejoins the Sky Blues

LUTON coach Trevor Peake has left the club to join the backroom staff at his old club Coventry.

Trevor Peake, the oldest league player in the Hatters' history when he played at the age of 40 years and 221 days earlier this season, joined from Coventry seven years ago.

"I have enjoyed my time at Luton, and I'm sorry to be leaving in some ways, but this was an opportunity open for a limited time, and I have a strong feeling for Coventry," he said.

Town manager Lennie Lawrence commented: "Coventry made the approach quite properly, and although Trevor is still under contract with us I felt it would not be fair to stand in his way when he has the chance to join a Premiership club. He has been terrific for us and he is a diamond of a man."

Trevor started his league career at Lincoln City in 1979, before moving on to Coventry City in 1983. He enjoyed eight full seasons at Highfield Road, winning an FA Cup winners' medal in 1987 as the Sky Blues beat David Pleat's Tottenham 3-2 at Wembley.

Trevor was then signed by David Pleat, joining Luton for £100,000 in August 1991, and was appointed club captain.

He signed a new one-year contract in the summer of 1994, and for the first time in his career he maintained an ever-present record throughout the season, being voted the Supporters' Club Player of the Year; signed a further one-year deal in the summer of 1995, and was appointed reserve team coach during the 95/96 season. He beat his own record as Luton's oldest ever player, when he came on as a substitute against Wrexham in September 1997, and assumed a greater role in first-team affairs following Wayne Turner's departure at Christmas.

I'm sure all Luton supporters would wish to join me in wishing Trevor every success at Highfield Road, thanking him for his efforts both on and off the field at Kenilworth Road. - SO.



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ABOVE: St Joseph's Paul Kelly receives his McDonald's Player-of-the-Tournament Award.



LEFT:
Hart Hill
won the
Medisport
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Award.



ABOVE: The semi-finalists line-up for the camera.

THE annual Luton Schools FA Year 5 Indoor Tournament took place last weekend with over 300 children from 30 Luton Schools competing.

The tournament was this year sponsored by The Murtagh Group, in conjunction with the Luton News sponsored LTFC Community and Schools Programme.

The semi-finalists were St Joseph's, Hillborough, Sacred Heart and Whitefields, with St Joseph's going on to win the final.

As part of the sponsorship package The Murtagh Group are providing football kit for Luton Schools FA, as well as providing tickets for all of the semi-finalists from the tournament for today's Luton v Wycombe game, where the winners will receive their trophies on the pitch.

Hart Hill won the Medisport Fair Play Award, and Paul Kelly from St Joseph's won the McDonald's Player of the Tournament.



ABOVE: Runners-up Hillborough

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ABOVE: Tours of Kenilworth Road are available for school or youth groups, including a chance to visit the dressing rooms and walk down the tunnel, with an in-depth look behind the scenes at Luton Town FC. Contact the Community and Schools Department for details on 01582 411622.

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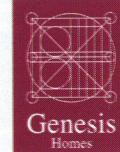
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INJURY UPDATE

Reserve postponement halts James comeback

Defender JULIAN JAMES' return from a knee injury was halted temporarily this week, following the postponement of Wednesday's reserve game against Wimbledon - due to a waterlogged pitch at Kenilworth Road.

Julian was due to play 45 minutes of the game, following a successful return to full training, but will now have to wait until this week's Combination fixture.

ALAN WHITE is improving following a recurrence of his knee injury which he suffered against Wigan.

He missed the matches at Plymouth and Preston, but has been better this week. At the time of writing it is difficult to say whether he will figure at the weekend.

MARVIN JOHNSON continues to recover from his hamstring injury, but could be two weeks away from playing. It is always a case of caution with hamstring injuries, so as not to damage the muscle further if it hasn't had time to heal properly.

But there is better news of PAUL SHOWLER, who has suffered a wretched time with injury.

He hopes to rejoin training in the next few days.

Youth team goalkeeper DANIEL TATE has undergone a shoulder operation following a second dislocation in training, and ANDREW BARR and IAN JONES are receiving treatment for knee ligament and hamstring injuries respectively.



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LEFT: Julian James - back in training after knee injury.



RIGHT: Paul Showler - back in training shortly.

LEFT: Marvin Johnson - recovering from a hamstring injury.

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Thorpe leaves Hatters

TONY Thorpe has left Luton, joining Fulham for £800,000 - a fee which could reach the million-pound mark depending on appearances and whether the Londoners win promotion.

Tony made an immediate impact in the Town side when he scored for the Hatters on his full debut at Newcastle United, in the fourth round of the FA Cup in January 1994. Newcastle were then managed by Kevin Keegan, who

has obviously kept tabs on the striker before signing him for Fulham.

He joined the club at the start of the 1992/93 season, following a spell at Leicester. He was restricted to just five substitute appearances during the 1994/95 campaign, but scored Luton's winning goal at Southend in August 1995 - the Hatters' first win of the season, and their first under Terry Westley.

He signed a new contract in the summer of 1996, and went on to enjoy a record-breaking season, becoming the first Luton player since Malcolm MacDonald in 1970/71 to reach 30 goals.

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LAST SATURDAY'S DIVISION TWO ROUND-UP

Martin's moan after Jones gets red carded at City

SOUTHEND boss Alvin Martin was left fuming with ref Robert Styles after his side lost 1-0 at high-flying **Bristol City**.

Martin's team were always struggling after former Luton midfielder Nathan Jones was sent off on the half hour.

Jones was yellow-carded after 19 minutes, and was then sent off in bizarre circumstances 11 minutes later.

He was tripped in the area, grabbed the ball believing he had won a penalty, but was then booked for diving and ordered off.

Colin Cramb later headed the winner for Bristol to keep them on course for an automatic promotion place.

Neil Smillie began his reign as caretaker boss at **Wycombe** with a 1-0

reverse at **Wrexham**. He said: "We have to dig ourselves out of a hole. Perhaps we are trying to play nice football instead of the direct route. We are in a relegation battle now and it will be a scrap."

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Furious Fulham manager Ray Wilkins said: "We were abysmal in the second-half. Up to then we had the game won."

"Blackpool came out for the second period wanting to win and we were atrocious."

Scott McNiven's sliced own goal gifted **Millwall** an equaliser in the 1-1 draw at **Oldham**, after Stuart Barlow had put the Latics in front.

But Oldham boss Neil Warnock claimed their was a foul in the build-up to the equaliser, and spent 10 minutes trying to persuade the referee to watch the match video.

Goals from sub Andrew Fotiadis and Sean Evers gave **Luton** a 2-0 win at **Plymouth**, with Marco Gabbiadini inspiring **York** to a 2-1 win at **Brentford**.

He has joined the Minstermen until the end of the season, and opened the scoring.

Tommy Mooney's late strike earned **Watford** all three points after they had squandered a 2-0 half-time lead against play-off hopefuls **Bristol Rovers**.

Gifton Noel-Williams and Ronny Rosenthal put the Division Two leaders in front, but Tom White and Jamie Cureton levelled.

Mooney's winner left former Hornet Harry penrice, now with Rovers, tipping his old side for the title.

Angry **Grimsby** boss Alan Buckley blasted his side for five minutes of second-half madness as they lost 2-1 at paly-off rivals **Northampton**.

The Mariners, beaten only once in 14 previous games, were in control as they sat on Kevin Donovan's 17th-minute strike.

But a David Seal penalty and a goal from Nigel Gleghorn gave the Cobblers the points.

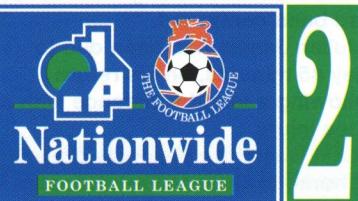
Buckley moaned: "It was just stupid. We were in no trouble at all and under no threat. But we lost our discipline for five minutes and it cost us the game."

Carlisle chief Michael Knighton blasted the knockers after the Cumbrians hauled themselves out of the relegation zone with a 2-1 win over **Burnley**.

He said: "Six points in two games shows you can sell £3 million-worth of talent and still keep performing."

Knighton has been stung by criticism after the big-money transfers of Matt Jansen and Rory Delap.

Bournemouth had won six out of seven, but lost 2-0 at home to **Preston** who recorded their first win under caretaker-manager David Moyes. - **SIMON OXLEY**.



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home win over in-form **Gillingham**.

Keith Ryan netted the winner, heading home a Dave Carroll free-kick.

Walsall boss Jan Sorensen is looking for a change of tactics to save his sinking side who have gone six League games without a win, following a 2-1

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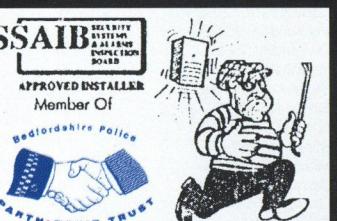
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RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



THE Reserve team were thwarted by the weather on Wednesday, when the game against Wimbledon was postponed due to a waterlogged surface at Kenilworth Road.

At the time of writing no new date had been confirmed.

Julian James had been due to play 45 minutes, on his return following a lengthy absence with a knee injury.

Last week, the Reserves drew 0-0 at home to Queens Park Rangers - a game played on Thursday, February 26 - and prior to that a strong Arsenal side were held 1-1 at Hitchin.

Former Luton player Matthew Upson scored for Arsenal, with Gavin McGowan - on loan at Kenilworth Road this season - also in the Gunners' defence.

But despite much pre-match speculation, England goalkeeper David Seaman did not make his return from injury in this game.

Luton's goalscorer was Terry Sweeney.

Team: Abbey, Jones, Harvey (McKoy), Spring, Doherty, Willmott, Douglas, George, Gray (Fraser), Fotiadis, Sweeney.

Sub not used: Barr.

The Reserves are due back in action this Wednesday, March 11,

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 Jan 13	Oxford	lost 2-1
Wed Jan 21	Watford	lost 1-0
Wed Jan 28	BRIGHTON	won 3-1
Wed Feb 4	Charlton	lost 2-0
Mon Feb 9	PORTSMOUTH	won 3-1
Mon Feb 16	ARSENAL	drew 1-1
Thu Feb 26	QPR	drew 0-0
Wed Mar 4	WIMBLEDON	postponed
Wed Mar 11	NORWICH	2pm
Mon Mar 16	Swindon	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	
TBA	West Ham	
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at home to Norwich with a 2pm kick-off at Kenilworth Road.

The semi-final of the Beds Premier Club between Luton Town and Brache Sparta was due to take place on Thursday.

We will bring you details of this game in the next match programme.

The Youth team have maintained their position at the top of the league with a draw at home to Southampton, and a 5-0 win at Tottenham.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	23	15	6	2	56	17	51
Charlton	20	14	4	2	49	11	46
Tottenham	21	14	4	3	45	20	46
Wimbledon	23	10	5	8	32	27	35
Norwich	25	9	8	8	25	31	35
Oxford	24	9	7	8	36	47	34
Southampton	21	8	8	5	34	24	32
QPR	23	8	6	9	34	29	30
Crystal Palace	21	10	0	11	30	29	30
Millwall	23	8	5	10	21	33	29
Ipswich	20	7	6	7	32	37	27
Portsmouth	23	7	6	10	29	34	27
LUTON	21	7	4	10	29	32	25
Chelsea	24	5	9	10	32	39	24
Swindon	22	6	3	13	30	41	21
Watford	19	5	6	8	19	32	21
West Ham	20	5	3	12	22	40	18
Brighton	17	1	4	12	13	45	7

League table up to and including 14.2.98

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1997/98 APPS & SCORERS (16.2.98)

	APPS	G		APPS	G
Nathan ABBEY	14		Haraldar INGOLFSSON	1	
Ian JONES	12		Marvin JOHNSON	5	
Richard HARVEY	15		Dwight MARSHALL	6	1
Sean EVERIS	16 (1)		Ian FEUER	2	
Gary DOHERTY	13	3	Steve AUGUSTINE	2 (1)	
Emerson BOYCE	6 (2)		Simon DAVIES	11	
Robert KEAN	19 (1)		Andrew FOTIADIS	9 (2)	2
Matthew SPRING	11 (3)	1	Stuart DOUGLAS	7 (1)	2
Andrew BARR	6	4	Mitchell THOMAS	6	1
Liam GEORGE	13 (2)	11	Darren PATTERSON	4	
Terry SWEENEY	11 (3)	1	Phil GRAY	4 (1)	
Andre SCARLETT	(5)		Delroy MCKOY	2 (2)	
Michael McINDOE	2 (3)		Chris WILLMOTT	10 (2)	
Stuart FRASER	7 (6)		Tresor KANDOL	(1)	
Daniel TATE	1		Kelvin DAVIS	6	
Gavin McGOWAN	3	1	Steve DAVIS	1	1
Paul SHOWLER	4		A VERNIER	1	
Alan WHITE	2				
Russell LAWES	3 (2)				
Colin OMOGBEWIN	11				
S QUINN	2				
Trevor PEAKE	2 (2)				
Richard CLARKE	1 (2)				
M BLOCK					

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The 1-1 draw against the Saints came on February 21, with Jimmy Cox the Luton scorer.

Team: Ward, Lawes, Fraser, Clarke, Boyce, Ayres, Scarlett, Cox, Kandol (Akurang), McIndoe, Jerry (McKoy).

Sub not used: Howe.

Michael McIndoe scored twice in last week's win over Tottenham, one from the penalty spot, with the other Town scorers being Jimmy Cox, Clifford Akurang and Tresor Kandol.

Team: Ward, Clarke, Fraser (Lawes), Jerry, Howe, Boyce, Scarlett, Cox, Akurang, McIndoe, McKoy (Kandol). Sub not used: Ayres.

The Youth team are in cup action on Monday, March 9, in the Eastern Junior Cup, with a trip to Mirlees Blackstone. Kick-off is 7.45pm.

A date has also been confirmed for the semi-final of the South-East Counties League Cup against Watford.

This game will be played on Tuesday, March 24, with a 7pm kick-off at Vicarage Road.



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

Sat Aug 9	WYCOMBE W	lost 1-0	Sat Dec 13	Bristol Rovers	won 1-0
Sat Aug 16	Reading	won 6-0	Sat Dec 20	Wycombe W	postponed
Tue Aug 19	Ipswich (SJFC Pre)	won 1-0	Sat Jan 10	SWINDON TOWN	lost 1-0
Sat Aug 23	Swindon Town	won 4-2	Wed Jan 14	TOTT'HAM (FAYC3)	drew 2-2
Sat Aug 30	OXFORD UTD	won 5-1	Sat Jan 17	OxfordUnited	drew 1-1
Fri Sep 5	Barnet	won 4-2	Fri Jan 23	BARNET	won 3-0
Tue Sep 9	C PALACE (SJFC1)	lost 1-0	Mon Jan 26	Tottenham (FAYC3)	lost 4-2
Sat Sep 13	Southend (SECLC1)	won 1-0	Sat Jan 31	Brighton	drew 1-1
Sat Sep 20	BRIGHTON	won 8-1	Sat Feb 7	BRISTOL CITY	won 2-0
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City	drew 2-2	Sat Feb 14	Brentford	won 4-0
Sat Oct 4	BRENTFORD	lost 1-0	Sat Feb 21	SOUTHAMPTON	drew 1-1
Sat Oct 11	Southampton	won 3-2	Sat Feb 28	Tottenham	won 5-0
Sat Oct 18	Arsenal (SECLC2)	won 2-0	Sat Mar 14	Wimbledon	
Sat Oct 25	TOTTENHAM	won 1-0	Sat Mar 21	Colchester	
Sat Nov 1	READING	won 4-2	Sat Mar 28	BOURNEMOUTH	11am
Sat Nov 15	COLCHESTER	won 3-2	Sat Apr 4	WIMBLEDON	11am
Sat Nov 22	SWINDON (SECLC3)	won 4-2	Sat Apr 11	Wycombe	
Sat Nov 29	Bournemouth	drew 1-1	Sat Dec 3	Coventry (FAYC2)	won 4-0
Sat Dec 6	BRISTOL ROVERS	drew 2-2	Sat Dec 6	BRISTOL ROVERS	drew 2-2

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G	YOUTH TEAM 1997/98 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS
Daniel TATE	15	6			
Russell LAWES	15 (2)	7			
Stuart FRASER	17	2	8		
Matthew SPRING	8	4	6	4	
Emerson BOYCE	17 (3)	3	6	1	
James AYRES	15			1	
Andre SCARLETT	23	5	7		
Clifford AKURANG	10 (4)	7	2 (2)	1	
Gary DOHERTY	8 (1)	4	4	2	
Richard CLARKE	21 (2)			8	
Delroy MCKOY	11 (7)	4	2 (1)	2	
Darren HOWE	8 (3)		2 (1)		
C DREW	(1)				
Michael McINDOE	20 (1)	7	8	1	
Jimmy COX	14	9	7		
Tresor KANDOL	14 (6)	12	4 (1)		
Moses JERRY	15 (4)	4	5		
J STIRLING	7 (1)		1 (1)		
J HARRINGTON	1 (4)				
S ROBERT	2 (2)			1	
A MINTON	2				
C GREGORY	1				
R MORAN	2 (2)				
Stuart KIMBER	3				
S WARD	5	2			

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BORN in Greets Green, Birmingham in October 1908 Fred Roberts played his early football for Smethwick Highfield and Piggotts Works while at the same time trying hard to obtain a professional contract.

Trials at Wolverhampton, Stoke, Brighton, Cardiff and two at Birmingham came to nothing and so it was back, disappointingly, to works football.

Fred took up the story while writing for a local newspaper several years later: "Out of the blue Birmingham suddenly came back for me and offered me professional terms and within three weeks of signing I was in the first team.

"My first match was in October 1933 against Wolves at St Andrews when I played centre forward against my future playing colleague at Luton, Jack Nelson, who was operating at centre half for the Wolves."

Fred did not score in this game but opened his account in a 1-1 draw at Stoke the following week. In all Fred made 30 appearances for the Blues that season in the old Division One finishing as top scorer with eight goals.

"I played my first few games at centre forward but was then moved over to inside left for a game at Portsmouth where it was felt that Pompey's big centre half, Jim Allen, would have the beating of me in the air. From then on I played at inside forward apart from one memorable game at Liverpool where I had to go in goal.

"Our England International goalkeeper, Harry Hibbs, was injured during the game and conceded two soft goals that he would normally have saved with his eyes shut. He was taken off and I was asked to take his place.

"The weather was lousy, mud was oozing over my boots and my jersey was several sizes too big. Much to the amusement of the crowd someone on the Kop

took pity on me and an umbrella came whistling past my ear and landed on the pitch. Although I made a few saves I did let in two further goals but left to a standing ovation."

At the end of that season Birmingham felt that Fred was more suited to half back but as the Blues had a strong middle line at the time it was back to a period of reserve team football.

Fred was obviously unhappy and made his feelings known with the result that both the Town and Norwich made enquiries for him. "Luton manager Harold Wightman was more persuasive and I moved to Kenilworth Road in December 1934 and went straight in to the first team as an inside forward, making my debut in a 4-1 win at Millwall where I was lucky enough to get on the scoresheet.

"We scored four goals in each of my first three games and the crowd soon forgot that I was taking the shirt of one of their favourites, Andy Rennie.

"Soon after joining Luton I was involved in an incredible game which will always stick in my mind.

"We were 3-0 down at Southend when our defender Tom Mackey was sent off. We rolled up our sleeves, however, and pulled all three goals back and would have won but for the ball sticking on the goal line in the final minute."

From then until the outbreak of War, Fred was virtually ever present in a side that won the Third Division South championship in 1937 and then took the old Division Two by storm.

He reverted to wing half in 1938/39, handing his forward line position to Eddy Connelly, but took on the captaincy of the side that almost won promotion to Division One.

"It came as a surprise to be handed the captaincy but I enjoyed the responsibility and I also soon warmed to a position at half back where I was facing



LEFT: Fred Roberts (centre) watches Joe Payne score yet another goal on the way to promotion in 1936/37.

the play all the time rather than constantly twisting and turning up front. We had a tremendous team during my time at Kenilworth Road and we all fought for each other and never knew when we were beaten.

"When I am asked as to my best goal I always remember the one I scored at West Ham in the F.A.Cup in 1936.

"Winger George Stephenson put over a cross which I ran on to and hit first time with my left foot from 25 yards just as I was tackled by Jim Barrett. Luckily he was a fraction late as the ball fairly whistled in to the net. We drew that game 2-2 and won the replay at Kenilworth Road."

The War put an end to Fred's top level career and

after the hostilities had finished he played a couple of seasons at Kettering before hanging up his boots.

He was not, however, finished with the club as he carried out some scouting duties for the Town and was instrumental in bringing Syd Owen to Kenilworth Road when it was discovered he was surplus to requirements at Birmingham. Another signing attributed to Fred was Jim Pemberton who was spotted playing for Stourbridge.

Fred finished his working life as a courier at Luton College of Technology and sadly passed away in 1979 swearing to the end that Joe Payne did score all ten goals against Bristol Rovers in 1936!

5 YEARS AGO

6/3/93: After a run of eight games without defeat, the Town went down 2-1 at Portsmouth. Phil Gray scored the Luton goal in front of a crowd of 10,457.

10 YEARS AGO

5/3/88: In only our fourth league game since early January, we lost 2-0 to Wimbledon at Plough Lane. Making his Town debut that day was Marvin Johnson.

15 YEARS AGO

5/3/83: League leaders Liverpool visited Kenilworth Road and returned to Merseyside with all three points following a 3-1 win - their fifth victory in a row. Brian Stein was the sole Luton marksman in front of a crowd of 18,434.

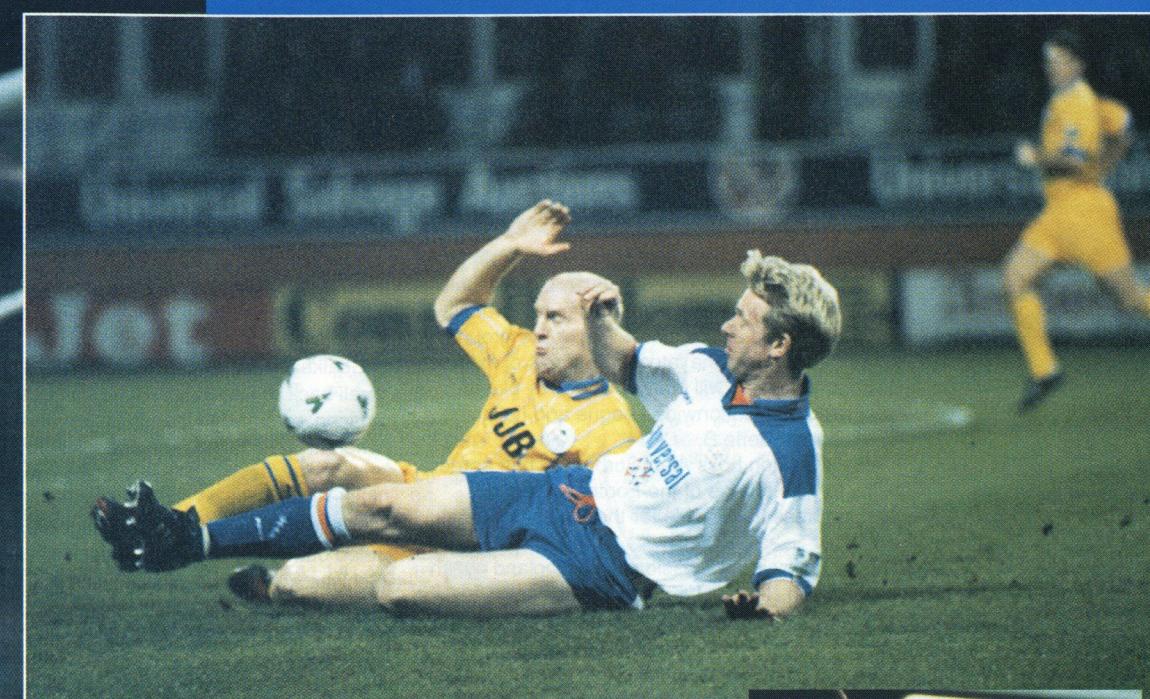
20 YEARS AGO

4/3/78: After a run of seven games without a victory it was back to winning ways with Cardiff being seen off at Kenilworth Road. Phil Boersma, with two, and Bob Hatton were on target in the 3-1 win.

Those were the days!



by ROGER WASH



Hatters' scorer David Oldfield challenges for the ball with Wigan skipper Colin Greenall.

← Dwight Marshall's second-half effort was kept out by Wigan keeper Roy Carroll.

Graham Alexander makes a second-half break for the home side.

→ David Oldfield celebrates his first-half equaliser, which was his sixth goal of the season.



ACTION STATIONS



Luton Town 1 Wigan Athletic 1

(Oldfield)

(Jones)

Tuesday, February 24, 1998 - Nationwide League Division Two

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DIVISION TWO

Friday March 6
Oldham v Bristol City

Saturday, March 7
Blackpool v Watford
Brentford v Bournemouth
Bristol Rovers v Northampton
Chesterfield v Fulham
LUTON v Wycombe
Millwall v Gillingham
Plymouth v Preston
Southend v Grimsby
Walsall v Burnley
Wrexham v Carlisle
York v Wigan

Tuesday, March 10
Bristol Rovers v York

Saturday, March 14
Bournemouth v Wrexham
Bristol City v Bristol R
Burnley v LUTON
Carlisle v Brentford
Fulham v Millwall
Gillingham v Chesterfield
Grimsby v Walsall
Northampton v Blackpool
Preston NE v York
Watford v Southend
Wigan v Oldham
Wycombe v Plymouth

Saturday, March 21
Blackpool v Gillingham
Brentford v Northampton
Bristol Rovers v Preston
Chesterfield v Carlisle
LUTON v Grimsby
Millwall v Burnley
Oldham v Watford
Plymouth v Bristol City
Southend v Bournemouth
Walsall v Wigan
Wrexham v Wycombe
York v Fulham

Saturday, March 28
Brentford v Oldham
Bristol R v Southend
Burnley v Grimsby
Carlisle v Bournemouth
Chesterfield v Millwall
Gillingham v Fulham
Plymouth v Wrexham
Preston v Wigan
Walsall v LUTON
Watford v Northampton
Wycombe v Bristol City
York v Blackpool

Tuesday at The Valley for League's Italian Job!

THE Football League will renew old acquaintances with the Italian League on Tuesday in a representative match which will be played at Charlton's The Valley ground.

The game, the latest in a series of fixtures at this level, will feature Under 21 players from the Nationwide League and Italian league Serie B.

Charlton boss Alan Curbishley has agreed to take charge of the Football League representative side for the match on March 10.

Following discussions with England coach Glenn Hoddle, it has been decided to continue the same approach as in the previous three representative fixtures between the two leagues, in order to identify and provide international experience for young English players qualified to play for their country.

The two representative sides last met in February 1997 where they fought out a 1-1 draw in Genoa.

Luton keeper Kelvin Davis was in that squad, and in a previous Anglo-Italian

encounter in 1994 the League XI was managed by the then Hatters manager David Pleat.

Goalkeeper Andy Dibble, who had a short spell back at Kenilworth Road earlier this season, returned to league action on Sunday when he was called up by Middlesbrough for their top-of-the-table Division One clash at Nottingham Forest.

Dibble was called in after a thigh injury ruled out Boro's regular number one Mark Schwarzer. It wasn't a happy afternoon for the hero of Luton's 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final win, as Forest won 4-0!

Striker Graeme Tomlinson, who was on loan at Luton two years ago, is currently on trial at Burnley.

Tomlinson, came here from Manchester United but the loan spell ended when he broke his leg at Port Vale, and he has continued to suffer from injury at Old Trafford.

RIGHT:
Photographer Gareth Owen
spotted a familiar face from days gone by at the recent home game against Bristol City. Hosted by box holder Judy Brown (right) was none other than former fullback Kirk Stephens, who is pictured with his wife Karen.



Hornets' boss Taylor breaks accolade record

GRAHAM Taylor, manager of second division leaders Watford, has set a new landmark this season which even betters the records of Brian Clough, Bob Paisley and Alex Ferguson.

Following his success with the Vicarage Road club, the former England manager has now won more monthly managerial awards than any other boss in the history of the professional game.

Taylor has now been awarded 26 managerial accolades

during his 26-year career in the English game, which started at Lincoln in 1972.

He won 12 awards in his first spell at Watford, before going on to manage Aston Villa and Wolves, returning to Watford two seasons ago.

His nearest challengers in this category are Brian Clough (24), Bob Paisley (22) and Alex Ferguson (16).

But Taylor missed out on February's Division Two award which went to Wrexham's Brian Flynn.



Division 2 Stats

the 97/98 season

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

Results and Fixtures (as at 4th March)

	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		
Fixture dates are italicised (e.g. 4.5 is 4th May), results are in bold.																										
Bournemouth	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	2-1	4-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	3-0	0-0	3-3	0-2	2-1	14-4	0-1	1-0	14-3	4-4	0-0	0-2	1-2	2-4	1-0	
Blackpool	1-0	<i>13.4</i>	2-2	25.4	2-1	2-1	21.3	2-2	1-0	3-0	1-1	2-2	0-0	2-1	3-0	4-4	7-3	0-2	1-2	2-4	1-0	1-2	18.4	1-1	1-1	
Brentford	<i>7.3</i>	3-1	1-4	2-3	2-1	0-1	0-0	<i>11.4</i>	2-0	3-1	25.4	2-1	21.3	28.3	3-1	0-0	1-1	3-0	1-2	18.4	1-1	1-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	
Bristol City	1-1	2-0	2-2	14.3	3-1	4-4	1-0	0-2	4-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-1	2-1	0-0	2-1	2-1	0-0	25.4	13.4	3-0	1-1	3-1	2-1	2-1	
Bristol Rovers	5-3	0-3	2-5	1-2	1-0	3-1	2-3	1-2	0-4	18.4	2-1	7.3	1-1	21.3	28.3	2-1	0-0	2-0	1-2	11.4	1-0	1-0	2-2	7-2	1-0	
Burnley	2-2	<i>tba</i>	1-1	11.4	0-0	3-1	0-0	18.4	0-0	28.3	14.3	1-2	2-1	0-0	2.5	1-1	1-0	2-1	2-0	0-2	1-2	2-2	0-0	25.4	1-0	
Carlisle	28.3	1-1	14.3	0-3	3-1	2-1	0-2	2-0	2-1	18.4	0-1	0-0	0-2	11.4	2-1	2-2	0-2	5-0	1-1	0-2	1-0	2-2	0-0	25.4	1-0	
Chesterfield	1-1	2.5	0-0	18.4	0-0	1-0	21.3	7.3	1-1	0-0	28.3	11.4	2-1	2-1	3-2	1-0	1-1	3-1	2-3	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	
Fulham	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	13.4	1-1	3-0	0-2	0-0	14.3	1-1	3-1	2-0	4-4	2-0	<i>tba</i>	2.5	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	
Gillingham	2-1	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-1	2-0	1-0	28.3	0-2	11.4	1-3	1-0	2-1	2-1	0-0	2-2	2-2	2.5	18.4	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Grimsby	2-1	0-1	4-0	1-1	4-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	4.4	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	2.5	3.1	3-1	5-1	14.3	0-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Luton	1-2	3-0	2-0	0-0	2-4	2-3	2.5	14.4	1-4	2-2	21.3	0-2	2-2	1-1	3-0	1-3	0-1	0-1	4-4	1-1	2-5	7.3	4-4	1-0	1-0	
Millwall	2.5	2-1	3-0	0-2	4.4	21.3	1-1	7.3	0-1	0-2	0-0	2-1	13.4	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	3-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	2-3	1-0
Northampton	0-2	14.3	4-0	2-1	1-1	4.4	2-1	0-0	25.4	2-1	1-0	2-0	0-0	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	
Oldham	2-1	0-1	1-1	7.3	4-4	0-0	3-1	2-0	2-1	1-1	2-2	4.4	1-0	25.4	1-0	2-1	3-1	3-0	13.4	3-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1
Plymouth	3-0	11.4	0-0	21.3	2-1	2-2	1-1	1-1	25.4	2-2	0-2	3-0	18.4	0-2	7.3	2-3	2-1	0-1	2-2	28.3	0-1	1-1	14.3	0-1	0-0	0-0
Preston	0-1	18.4	2-1	2.5	1-2	3-0	0-3	1-3	0-2	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	11.4	0-1	1-1	1-0	
Southend	21.3	2-1	3-1	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-1	3.4	1-0	13.4	7.3	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	3-0	3-2	0-1	0-3	1-0	2.5	1-2	4-4	1-0	1-0	
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Watford	18.4	4-1	3-1	1-1	3-2	1-0	iba	2-1	2-0	2-5.4	1-1	0-1	2-1	1-1	3-1	1-1	3-1	1-1	14.3	1-2	1-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	
Wigan	3.1	3-0	4-0	0-3	3-0	13.4	0-2	2-1	2-1	4-0	1-2	1-1	25.4	1-1	1-1	1-4	<i>tba</i>	4.4	3-2	5-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	
Wrexham	2-1	3-4	4.4	2-1	1-0	0-0	7.3	0-0	0-3	0-0	iba	2-1	30.9	1-0	1-1	25.4	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-2	21.3	13.4	1-0	0-0	0-0	
Wycombe	1-1	2-1	0-0	28.3	1-0	1-1	2-1	4-5	2-0	1-0	10.4	2-2	18.4	0-0	2-1	14.3	0-1	4-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	
York	11.4	28.3	3-1	0-1	0-1	3-1	4-3	0-1	21.3	2-1	0-0	1-2	2-3	2.5	0-0	1-0	18.4	1-0	1-1	7.3	1-0	2-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	

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Bristol City		16,128	
Watford		16,072	
Burnley		13,809	
Preston		13,441	
Fulham		13,273	
Millwall		10,291	
Plymouth		9,469	
Oldham		9,041	
Burnley		8,732	
Gillingham		8,383	
Blackpool		8,342	
Bristol Rovers		8,110	
Wycombe		8,090	
Carlisle		8,010	
Bournemouth		7,484	
Chesterfield		7,406	
Northampton		7,373	
York		7,093	
Brentford		6,969	
Grimsby		6,785	
Walsall		6,634	
Southend		5,705	
Wigan	</		

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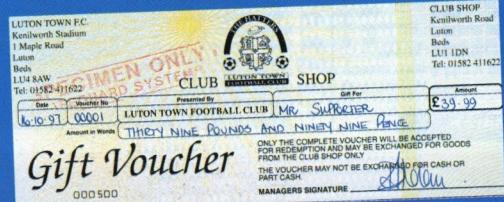
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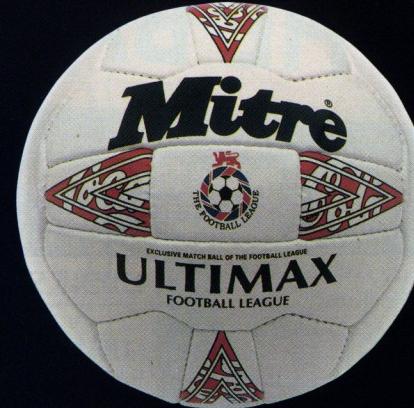
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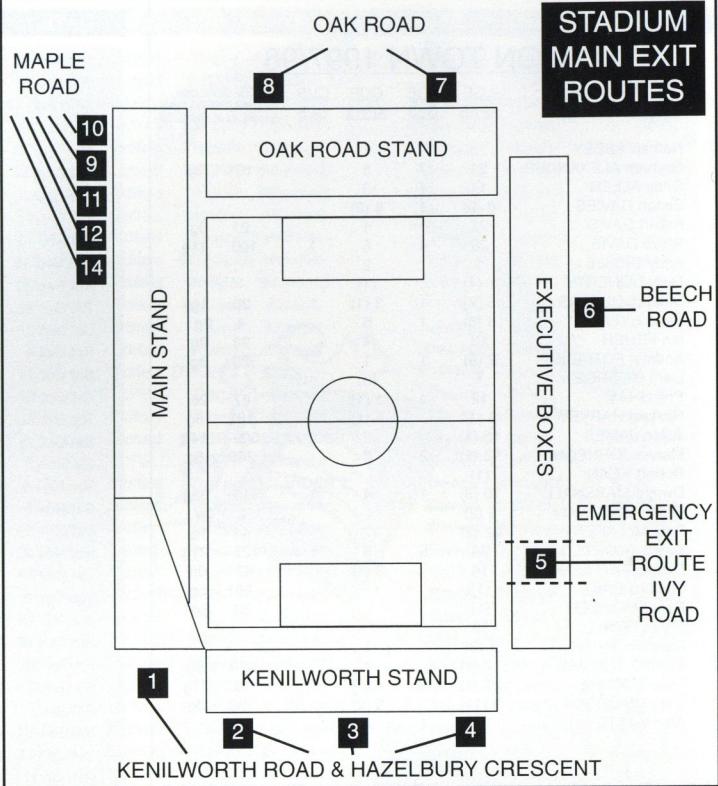
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LUTON TOWN 1997/98

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.)	LGE APPS		LGE GLS		CUP APPS		CUP GLS		LTFC career apps (league & cup, incl subs & goals, as at start 5/7/98)
	LGE	GLS	CUP	GLS	CUP	GLS	CUP	GLS	
Nathan ABBEY				1					
Graham ALEXANDER	29	7	5						101 3g
Chris ALLEN	14	1	3						
Simon DAVIES	8 (9)	1	6 (2)						
Kelvin DAVIS	21		1						21 0g
Steve DAVIS	29	4	6	1					100 11g
Andy DIBBLE	1		2						
Gary DOHERTY	1 (4)		(1)						
Stuart DOUGLAS	5 (7)	1	3 (1)	1					20 1g
Sean EVERES	6 (6)	1	5						4 0g
Ian FEUER	13		4						98 0g
Andrew FOTIADIS	2 (9)	1	1						23 3g
Liam GEORGE	1		(3)						
Phil GRAY	12	1	1 (1)						67 26
Richard HARVEY	5 (1)		4 (1)						181 5g
Julian JAMES	15 (1)		2						309 14g
Marvin JOHNSON	13 (1)	2	3						289 6g
Robert KEAN	(1)								
Dwight MARSHALL	10 (9)	1	4	1					115 33g
Gavin McGOWAN	6 (2)								2 0g
Paul MCALRENN	32 (2)		7						44 4g
David OLDFIELD	34	5	8	1					125 21g
Darren PATTERSON	14		3 (1)						42 0g
Trevor PEAKE	(1)								201 0g
Paul SHOWLER	(1)								33 6g
Bryan SMALL	15								
Matthew SPRING	4 (3)		1						
Mitchell THOMAS	17 (1)		4						273 5g
Tony THORPE	27 (1)	14	4 (2)	5					110 41g
Gary WADDOCK	30 (1)		5 (2)						133 3g
Alan WHITE	21	1	5						

Nationwide League Division Two 97/98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Watford	35	20	10	5	52	29	70
Bristol City	36	20	9	7	58	29	69
Grimsby	33	15	10	8	44	27	55
Northampton	36	14	13	9	40	30	55
Fulham	35	15	9	11	44	32	54
Gillingham	35	15	9	11	44	41	54
Bristol R	35	15	8	12	53	51	53
Wrexham	34	14	11	9	42	40	53
Bournemouth	35	13	11	11	44	38	50
Oldham	35	12	13	10	48	40	49
Chesterfield	36	11	15	10	34	33	48
Blackpool	35	13	7	15	45	52	46
Wycombe	36	11	13	12	41	46	46
York	35	11	13	11	40	43	46
Preston	35	11	9	15	40	41	42
Walsall	33	11	9	13	35	38	42
Millwall	34	11	9	14	35	42	42
Carlisle	35	11	7	17	46	51	40
Wigan	33	11	7	15	46	51	40
LUTON	35	9	11	15	40	51	38
Plymouth	35	8	12	15	42	54	36
Brentford	36	7	14	15	36	56	35
Burnley	34	8	10	16	40	48	34
Southend	35	9	7	19	36	62	34

Up to and including Tuesday, March 3, 1998. Does not include last night's match - Oldham v Bristol City.

1997/98 See page 39 for Division Two stats

DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	ATT	POS	GK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sat Aug 9	Blackpool	0-1	6,547	-	Feuer	McGowan	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Davies)	(Douglas)	Evers	Harvey
Tue Aug 12	Colchester Utd CCC1 (1)	1-0	2,840	-	Feuer	Douglas	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Alexander	(Oldfield)	THORPE	Davies	Kean	(Harvey)	Evers
Mon Aug 18	SOUTHEND UTD	1-0	5,140	12	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Davies	Alexander	(Fotiadis)	(Thorpe)	Marshall	(DOUGLAS)	(McLaren)	Harvey
Sat Aug 23	Fulham	0-0	8,142	15	K.Davis	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	(Alexander)	Oldfield	(Douglas)	Marshall	(McGowan)	(Harvey)	(McLaren)
Tue Aug 26	COLCHESTER UTD CCC1 (2)	1-1	2,816	-	Abbey	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	(McLaren)	Oldfield	THORPE	Marshall	(Douglas)	(Showler)	Evers
Sat Aug 30	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-1	5,404	12	K.Davis	(James)	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	(McLaren)	Oldfield	THORPE	(Marshall)	(Douglas)	(Showler)	(McGowan)
Tue Sep 2	MILLWALL	0-2	5,781	15	K.Davis	(James)	McGowan	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	(Alexander)	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Marshall)	(Doherty)	(Evers)	
Tue Sep 9	Northampton Town	0-1	7,246	18	K. Davis	McGowan	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	(Evers)	Oldfield	Douglas	(Marshall)	Peake	(Doherty)	(George)
Sat Sep 13	AFC Bournemouth	1-1	4,561	21	K.Davis	McGowan	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	(McLaren)	Oldfield	(Douglas)	MARSHALL	(Evers)	(Peake)	(Doherty)
Tue Sep 16	WEST BROM CCC2 (1)	1-1	3,437	-	Dibble	Alexander	Harvey	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	(McLaren)	Oldfield	DOUGLAS	Marshall	Doherty	(Davies)	(George)
Sat Sep 20	WREXHAM	2-5	5,241	23	Dibble	McGowan	(Harvey)	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	Small	GRAY	McLaren	Oldfield	Douglas	(Marshall)	(Thorpe)	(Evers)	(Peake)
Tue Sep 23	West Brom CCC2 (2)	2-4	7,227	-	Dibble	Evers	Harvey	Waddock	S.DAVIS	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	(Douglas)	(Davies)	(Thorpe)	(Doherty)	(George)
Sat Sep 27	Bristol City	0-3	8,509	23	K.Davis	Evers	Harvey	(Waddock)	Small	White	Davies	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	(George)	(Kean)	(Spring)	Omogbehin
Sat Oct 4	WATFORD	0-4	9,041	23	K.Davis	(McGowan)	Harvey	Waddock	Small	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	(Davies)	(Douglas)	Spring	James
Sat Oct 11	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	3-0	4,931	23	K.Davis	Alexander	Small	Waddock	James	White	Spring	McLaren	Oldfield	(THORPE 2)	(Doherty)	(DAVIES)	Harvey	(Evers)
Sat Oct 18	Wigan Athletic	1-1	4,466	22	K.Davis	James	Small	(Spring)	S.Davis	White	(Gray)	McLaren	OLDFIELD	Thorpe	(ALEXANDER 2)	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	White
Tue Oct 21	Carlisle United	1-0	4,341	21	K.Davis	James	Small	(Spring)	S.Davis	WHITE	(Gray)	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	ALEXANDER	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	(Marshall)
Sat Oct 25	BRENTFORD	2-0	5,972	18	K.Davis	(James)	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	(THORPE) ALEXANDER	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	(Patterson)	(Marshall)
Sat Nov 1	Wycombe Wanderers	2-2	6,219	18	K.Davis	James	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Gray	McLaren	OLDFIELD	THORPE	ALEXANDER	Davies	Fotiadis	White
Tue Nov 4	BURNLEY	2-3	5,315	19	K.Davis	James	Small	(Waddock)	S.Davis	Johnson	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	ALEXANDER 2	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	(Marshall)
Sat Nov 8	PRESTON NORTH END	1-3	5,767	22	K.Davis	James	(Small)	(Waddock)	White	Johnson	(Gray)	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	(Doherty)
Sat Nov 15	TORQUAY UNITED FAC1	0-1	3,446	-	Feuer	James	(Harvey)	(Waddock)	White	(Spring)	Fotiadis	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	ALEXANDER	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)	(Patterson)
Sat Nov 22	WALSALL	0-1	4,726	23	Feuer	James	Small	(Waddock)	White	(Davies)	Fotiadis	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	ALEXANDER	(Spring)	(Douglas)	Harvey
Sat Nov 29	York City	2-1	3,636	20	Feuer	James	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER	Davies	Fotiadis	Thomas
Tue Dec 2	GILLINGHAM	2-2	4,408	21	Feuer	James	Small	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	(White)	Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER	Davies	Fotiadis	(Thomas)
Sat Dec 13	Chesterfield	0-0	4,358	22	Feuer	James	(Thomas)	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	ALEXANDER	Davies	Fotiadis	(Douglas)
Sat Dec 20	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-4	5,266	22	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	(Douglas)	S.Davis	White	ALLEN	(McLaren)	OLDFIELD	Thorpe	ALEXANDER	Waddock	(Davies)	(Fotiadis)
Fri Dec 26	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	2-2	8,035	21	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Allen	McLaren	OLDFIELD	THORPE	(ALEXANDER)	Davies	(Fotiadis)	Spring
Sun Dec 28	Millwall	2-0	7,461	20	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.DAVIS	White	Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER	Davies	Fotiadis	Spring
Sat Jan 3	Southend United	2-1	5,056	19	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER 2	Davies	Fotiadis	Spring
Sat Jan 10	BLACKPOOL	3-0	5,574	18	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE 3	ALEXANDER	Davies	Fotiadis	Evers
Tue Jan 13	BRENTFORD AWS2	2-1	3,106	-	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Evers	S.Davis	White	Allen	Davies	OLDFIELD	(THORPE) (ALEXANDER)	(George)	Harvey	(Waddock)	
Sat Jan 17	Oldham Athletic	1-2	6,057	18	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	(Waddock)	S.Davis	White	Allen	(Spring)	Oldfield	Thorpe	ALEXANDER	(Davies)	(Mar	



Team Check



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Kelvin DAVIS	1	Martin TAYLOR
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Gary WADDOCK	4	Keith RYAN
Steve DAVIS	5	Jason COUSINS
Darren PATTERSON	6	Nicky MOHAN
Sean EVERS	7	Dave CARROLL
Paul McLAREN	8	Keith SCOTT
David OLDFIELD	9	Mark STALLARD
Phil GRAY	10	Steve McGAVIN
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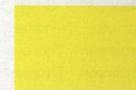
Today's referee is
MICK PIERCE
from Portsmouth.

Mr Pierce, a transport manager, joined the Football League list in 1989/90. He refereed our league match at Fulham in August, and the AWS match at home to Brentford in January.

R. Bone



G.K.
Hegley



4th official: C.M. Ross

Next match at Kenilworth Road

The next visitors to Kenilworth Road are **GRIMSBY TOWN**, in Nationwide League Division Two, on Saturday, March 21, kick-off 3pm.

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