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From the manager's chair

LAST week's 3-2 victory at Walsall gave everybody connected with the club a massive boost.

The fact that each of the three strikers scored was another bonus for us in our efforts to climb the league table.

It was probably the Walsall defeat at roughly this time last year, when we lost 3-2 after being 2-1 in front, that cost us the chance of an automatic promotion place.

It was ironic that it should be the same scoreline this time in our favour, and hopefully it will provide the impetus to see us climb clear of relegation trouble.

No team is adrift at the bottom of the league, unusually, and most teams in the bottom eight pick up wins - especially at home.

But rarely do teams in the bottom eight manage back-to-back wins, and I feel if we can manage that feat today, then it would be a massive step towards getting out of trouble.

There have been other pleasing aspects in the last two games, with the fightback and spirit shown against Grimsby when we were losing 2-0.

Two goals that day and the three at Walsall have been even more important, as it's goals scored which determine placings if teams finish level on points.

Not so long ago we would have finished below most teams and that is now considerably less likely to apply.

Today we welcome the players, supporters and officials of York City.

They have enjoyed a good season and probably think they need one more result to be on the safe side.

Obviously the three points today mean considerably more



with **LENNIE LAWRENCE**

to us in terms of the situation come the end of the season, but when we went to play at York in November they were fourth in the league, and so they should be treated with the respect they deserve.

If we show the same passion and goalscoring ability as in the last two games there is no reason why we shouldn't gain the three points.

A belated welcome to our two loan signings, Mark Gayle from Crewe as cover for Kelvin Davis, and Rory Allen who has overcome his injury problems at Tottenham, and marked a fine debut at Walsall with a goal and an assist to help us to victory.

So far I have had the worst luck in the world with injuries to loan players, when you think of the likes of Paul Wilkinson, Graeme Tomlinson, Gavin McGowan and Andy Kiwomya, and it would be nice if these two could get through their spells injury-free.

On the subject of injuries, Phil Gray and Paul Showler were due to play in the reserves on

Wednesday, and indeed Phil Gray may appear on the bench today.

Marvin Johnson will be back in training next week; Alan White is available despite his badly cut eye last week; and Darren Patterson is available again after suspension.

Hopefully this means competition for places and a choice in selection.

Since my last programme notes we have finally completed the deal that takes Ian Feuer back to America to play for New England.

I would like to thank him for his services to Luton Town and wish him well for the future.

It became obvious some time ago that a move back to play in the American Soccer League was going to be Ian's preferred course of action.

After several weeks of negotiations this has come to fruition.

There has been much speculation about various aspects of the transfer, but we received no bid for Ian during his stay at Luton - surprisingly so at the end of last season - and I feel that the decision to go back to America was considerably easier to make when a move to a bigger club was obviously not going to take place.

When selling to the American market, figures are considerably difficult and we obtained the best price we could.

In truth, even if I had obtained a better price from even a decent Division One club, Ian would not have gone there.

Nevertheless he did a great job for us last year, and obviously his performance this season was hampered by the shoulder injury which kept him out for several weeks.



Perhaps it became inevitable that this would be the outcome. We wish him well.

Finally, still on the subject of transfers, there was a view expressed that we should have got more money for Tony Thorpe than the one million pounds we will receive. The sale of Shaun Goater from Bristol City to

Manchester City for 'only' £400,000 puts the Thorpe deal in a slightly different light.

Goater has scored over 20 goals for the last five years, and the move was a consequence of not securing players on sufficiently long enough contracts to avoid the impact of the Bosman ruling.

ABOVE: Hands up who scored the winning goal! Dwight Marshall up against the Walsall defence, with David Oldfield (right) looking on.

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Boost for Bees boss as City top

BRENTFORD boss Micky Adams has been named as the Division Two manager-of-the-month for March, after the Bees won three and drew two of their five matches.

In Division One, Ipswich boss George Burley was the winner after a 100 per cent league record in March, whilst Notts County's Sam Allardyce took the Division Three prize for guiding the Magpies to early promotion.

Bristol City moved back to the top of the Division Two table with Tuesday night's 2-1 win at Oldham.

They trailed 1-0 at half-time to a Matthew Rush goal, but sealed the victory with goals on 53 and 54 minutes from Gregory Goodridge and loan signing Jason Roberts.

City are now a point clear of Watford, both having played 40 games, and the two sides meet at Ashton Gate on Easter Monday.

The promotion claims of the top

Please note: The match at Bristol Rovers on April 18 is ALL-TICKET for Luton Town supporters. See page 9.

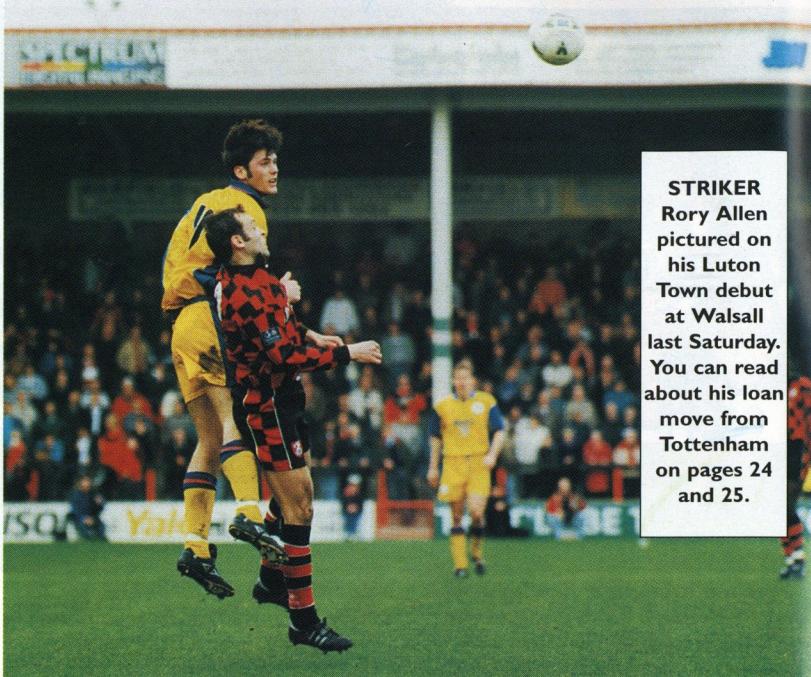
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STRIKER
Rory Allen pictured on his Luton Town debut at Walsall last Saturday. You can read about his loan move from Tottenham on pages 24 and 25.

two were strengthened even further by Grimsby's 0-0 draw at Wrexham on Tuesday.

The Mariners are now 11 points behind second-placed Watford with just one game in hand.

In Tuesday night's other game, Walsall eased their relegation worries with a 1-0 home win over play-off hopefuls Gillingham.

Wayne Evans scored the winner as the Saddlers bounced back from Saturday's home defeat by Luton.

See page 38 for all the remaining league fixtures in Division Two, and page 46 for an up-to-date league table. - Simon Oxley.

Cherries head for a Wembley sell-out!

OUR second division colleagues Bournemouth have sold an amazing 18,000 tickets for their Wembley appearance in the final of the Auto Windscreens Shield.... in just one week!

The Cherries, whose average home gate is just 4,500, play Grimsby next month in what will be the first visit to the twin towers for both clubs.

Bournemouth say they are confident of selling all their 31,000 allocation.

FRONT COVER: Rory Allen celebrates his debut goal which helped Luton to a 3-2 win at Walsall last Saturday. There's more action from the Bescot Stadium on pages 16 and 17. (Picture: GARETH OWEN).

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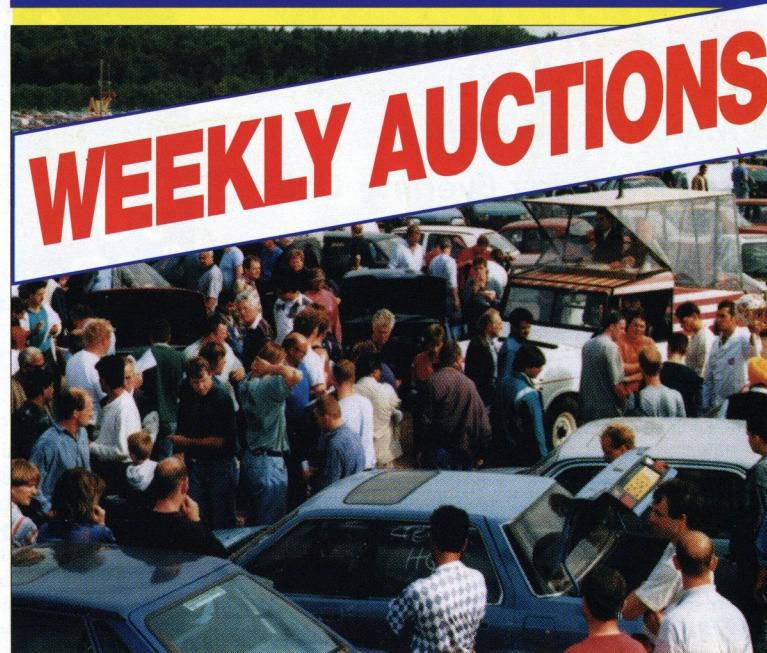
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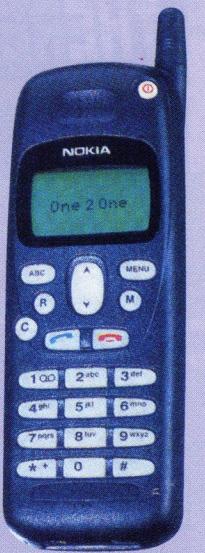
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STEVO

Club Captain's Corner with STEVE DAVIS



LEFT: Emergency striker Steve Davis heads Luton's equaliser against Grimsby with just five minutes to go, as the Hatters earned a vital point after recovering from a 2-0 deficit.

ONE defeat in eight games is good form going into the run-in of what has been a disappointing season. Last Saturday's win at Walsall was most definitely the most important result of the campaign so far, and with most of our rivals playing away from home today, nothing less than three points will do for us from our game with York.

For only the third time this season we managed to score three goals in a game, and if us lot at the back can continue to try and keep the opposition out, we will hopefully stay up quite comfortably. That's the plan anyway!

Rory Allen has arrived at the club, along with Mark Gayle - we welcome them both - and already Rory has chipped in with a goal and an assist (that's five points in the Fantasy League if he was at Tottenham!).

Dave Oldfield, or Skippy as he is known to supporters (he's never been called Skippy by any of the lads, plenty of

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other names but never Skippy!) was outstanding, also chipping in with five points.

Today will be his 48th game of the season and considering his work-rate week in, week out, it is great testimony to his fitness (and lifestyle?) that he's managed to last this long into the season without picking up any sort of injury (touch wood).

As I said earlier, if we can win today it will go a long way towards our eventual survival, and also give us our third 'double' of the season after our 2-1 win at York in November.

They are in mid-table and would consider themselves safe from any threat of relegation, and with Walsall's victory over Gillingham in midweek there is now a four point gap between the bottom seven and the rest.

That gap can easily be closed, I hear you say, but with games disappearing it becomes harder to get back in touch, so a win today is vital. We would then be on 47 points and within touching distance of a survival spot.

All this of course depends on how our rivals do, but as long as we only worry about ourselves and not the rest we'll be okay.

As I said in my last notes, goals scored could be a deciding factor so a 3-0 win would do nicely thank you!

Thank you for your vocal support at the Bescot Stadium, and please continue it today. We all have an important part to play. Enjoy the game.

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WE are still trying to arrange our outstanding fixtures in the Avon Insurance Combination League, with matches against Tottenham, West Ham and Brighton still to be confirmed.

On the subject of reserve team matches, could I point out that we do everything we can to advise supporters of late changes to these fixtures by informing the press, local radio and teletext.

Perhaps those supporters who travel some distance to these matches could call the club just to check before they travel.

The youth team will play West Ham in the final of the South East Counties League Cup, over two legs, following their semi-final win at Watford.

No dates have yet been agreed for the home and away matches against West Ham.

Advance notice that the Division Two match at Brentford on April 25 will be all-ticket, with no tickets available on the day of the game.

Seats are priced at £14 for adults and £11 for concessions, with terracing at £9 and £6.

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Date	Destination	Adult	Child/OAP	Depart Cranfield	Depart Luton
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Sat Apr 25	Brentford	£6.00	£5.00	11.00am	12 noon

Coaches from Cranfield pick up additionally at the following places: Marston Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick, Weston and opposite the Luton Gateway Hotel. All coaches then depart from the junction of Hazelbury Crescent and Kenilworth Road.

To book: 1) From the ticket kiosk in the Kenilworth Road turnstiles. See BTC co-ordinator Paul Deason before any Saturday 1st team home match between 2.15 and 2.45pm. (NB No bookings taken at midweek matches). 2) On the return journey from the previous away game. 3) Telephone Paul Deason on Bedford 01234 750996. Membership of the Bobbers Travel Club is £1 for adults and 50p for children/OAPs.

From the secretary's chair



with **CHERRY NEWBERY**

These tickets will only be available from the Luton Town ticket office, and we should have them available from Tuesday, April 7.

Kenilworth Road hosts Marvin Johnson's testimonial match on Tuesday, May 5.

I can confirm that Sheffield Wednesday will provide the opposition, with a 7.45pm kick-off.

Admission will be pay on the night, with unreserved seating in all parts of the ground.

Prices will be £8 for adults, £4 for seniors, and £2 for juniors.

Supporters will have noticed the fourth official signalling the amount of playing time still left at the end of 45 minutes in each half of the matches.

This is in an experimental stage, and whilst it is a good idea, I do feel that the cards used should be a different colour to those used for substitutes.

I am still looking to see who is being subbed!

TOWN TEASER

The Hatters beat Liverpool 4-1 at Kenilworth Road on October 25, 1986. Who scored a hat-trick in that match?

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

Grimsby Town v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Tuesday, April 7, 1998, kick-off 7.45pm

Pay on the night only at Blundell Park.
Seats only for Luton supporters - behind goal in Osmond Stand.

Prices: £12 for adults and £6 for juniors and senior citizens.

Gillingham v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, April 11, 1998, kick-off 3pm

Terracing - Pay on the day only.
Prices: £9 adults, £7 senior citizens, and £4 juniors.

Seating - Very limited for Luton supporters. Tickets can be purchased from Gillingham before the day of the match, and seats are available on the day subject to availability.

Prices: £12 adults, £10 senior citizens, and £7 juniors.
(The LTFC ticket office will be open on Saturday, April 11, for the sale of other match tickets between 9am and 12 noon).

Luton Town v Chesterfield

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Tuesday, April 14, 1998, kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal league prices.
Normal guesting facilities apply.

Bristol Rovers v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, April 18, 1998, kick-off 3pm

Terracing only for Luton supporters.

Prices: £9 for adults, £4.50 for juniors and senior citizens.

This is an ALL-TICKET match for Luton supporters. There will be NO tickets available on the day of the game. Tickets can be purchased from the LTFC ticket office until 12 noon on Friday, April 17.

(The LTFC ticket office will be open on Saturday, April 18, between 9am and 11am for the sale of other match tickets.)

Travel Information

GRIMSBY TOWN
Blundell Park, Cleethorpes, South Humberside, DN35 7PY.
Tele: (01472) 697111

Take M1 north, and then M18 and M180, continuing on the A180 to Grimsby. At 1st roundabout go straight on (s/p Docks, Cleethorpes A180). From here, follow signs to Cleethorpes A180 onto the Grimsby Road and to the ground, a distance of 2.7 miles. The ground is on the LHS.

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ABOVE: Former Hatters favourite Ricky Hill was an Executive Box guest at the recent home game with Grimsby. He is pictured with seven-year-old Ricky Blenner Hassett whose father, a Town fan for 25 years, named his son after his favourite player!



RIGHT: The 500-mile round trip to Plymouth was certainly worthwhile for Town fan Daniel Margott from St Albans, especially as his cousin Peter, who lives in Devon, is an Argyle fan!



Injury-time clue from fourth official

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Managers, officials, players and supporters will be asked for their observations on this new initiative, and the Football League might decide to stick with the system permanently from the start of season 1998/99.

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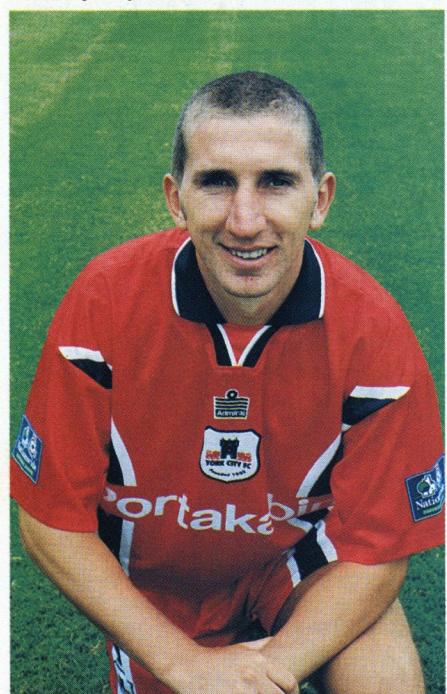
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LEFT:
Centre-half and captain Tony Barras joined York from Stockport in 1994.

Cresswell salvages a last-gasp point for City

A 90th-minute goal from substitute Richard Cresswell salvaged a point for York City after Blackpool had led from the fifth minute through Andy Preece.

The Blackpool striker was told in midweek that he would not be offered a new contract for next season, but he made his point when he scored from close range after Dave Linighan had headed the ball down.

Blackpool had to battle with 10 men from the 55th minute when goalkeeper Steve Banks was sent off after a rugby tackle on York's Rodney Rowe.

Stand-in goalkeeper Mike Conroy, normally a striker and bought from Fulham in midweek for £50,000, proved a capable deputy.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY!

Reaction from York's 1-1 draw at home to Blackpool last Saturday, as reported in the SUNDAY EXPRESS

But he had luck on his side when Neil Tolson twice hit the bar, and was helpless when Cresswell glanced in a header off a post from Gary Bull's centre.

Blackpool boss Nigel Worthington was able to see the funny side, and quipped: "I was grateful to Mike for volunteering to play in goal.

"That's why I signed him - as an all-rounder!"

The draw kept both sides in mid-table in Division Two, with both on 51 points, although it was only Blackpool's 12th point on their travels - from 19 games.

SPOTLIGHT ON TODAY'S VISITORS

PADDY ATKINSON - Left-back who joined the club in November 1995. Born in Singapore he served his apprenticeship with Sheffield United before making his Football League debut with Hartlepool in 1988/89. Later played for non-league Workington and made a number of appearances for Newcastle United reserves before moving to Bootham Crescent.

TONY BARRAS - Now in his fourth season with City having signed from Stockport County in the summer of 1994 for a fee of £25,000. Born in Billingham, he started his career with Hartlepool, and whilst at Stockport had a loan spell with Rotherham. Captain and ever-present in 1996/97 he was voted 'Clubman of the Year'.

GARY BULL - Joined the club in March 1996 from Birmingham. Started his career at Southampton before making his Football League debut for Cambridge in 1987/88. Moved to Barnet, and then signed for Nottingham Forest where he made a number of Premiership appearances.

STEVE BUSHELL - Manchester-born midfielder who joined the club on the youth training scheme in the summer of 1989, making his first-team debut in 1991.

RICHARD CRESSWELL - Striker who was with City on schoolboy forms before signing on the youth training scheme. Turned pro in 1995, and made his league debut in January 1996. Had a spell on loan at Mansfield last season, and scored for York against Luton earlier this season. Netted the equaliser in last Saturday's home draw with Blackpool.

WAYNE HALL - Joined City in March 1989 from Hatfield Main originally as a left winger. Turned professional in the summer of 1989, and having subsequently converted to left-back he was a member of the 92/93 promotion winning side. A virtual ever-present for five seasons, injuries have caused his problems in the last couple of campaigns.

GARY HIMSWORTH - Utility player who is equally at home at left-back or wide midfield, and is in his second spell with City. Originally joined the club on the youth training scheme in 1986, he moved to Scarborough in 1990. He then moved to Darlington in 1993, but returned to Bootham Crescent in February 1996 for £25,000. Sustained a broken leg in the last game of last season.

SCOTT JORDAN - Newcastle-born midfielder who joined York in 1991 and made his first-team debut aged 17 in October 1992.

ANDY McMILLAN - Now in his 11th season at Bootham Crescent having joined the club as a trialist at the start of the 1987/88 campaign. South African-born of English parents he has made the right-back position his own for the past seven years. During the course of last season he became only the 7th player in City's history to top 400 senior appearances.

GRAEME MURTY - Utility player who joined the club on the youth training scheme in 1991, making his league debut in April 1994.

ALAN POUTON - Newcastle-born midfielder who joined his home town club as a trainee, but was released by the Magpies and was snapped up by City towards the end of the 95/96 campaign. Made his full senior debut in November 1996.

MARTIN REED - Defender who came through the club's junior ranks and can operate at either fullback or centre-half. Turned professional in the summer of 1996, and made his Football League debut towards the end of last season.

NEIL THOMPSON - Left-back recently signed on loan from Barnsley. Formerly with Hull, Scarborough and Ipswich, making over 200 league appearances for the Portman Road side.

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ABOVE: Luton's Bryan Small takes on York defenders Martin Reed (5) and Graeme Murty (2) during our 2-1 win at Bootham Crescent in November.

See page 20 for this season's York City stats.....



RODNEY ROWE - Signed from Huddersfield Town in February 1997 for £65,000, having joined his home town club as a trainee, making his senior debut in 1993/94. Whilst at Huddersfield he had loan spells at Scarborough and Bury.

MARK SAMWAYS - Goalkeeper signed from Scunthorpe during the summer, after a spell on loan at the end of last season. Started his career with Doncaster, before making over 150 league appearances for Scunthorpe.

JOHN SHARPLES - Central defender signed from Ayr in March 1996 for £75,000. Served his apprenticeship with Manchester United but was released by the Old Trafford club and moved to Hearts before his transfer to Ayr.

MARK TINKLER - Signed from Leeds United in March 1997 for £75,000, and is a former England schools and youth international. Helped Leeds to win the FA Youth Cup in 1992/93, and made a number of Premier League appearances for the Elland Road side.

NEIL TOLSON - Top scorer with 17 league and cup goals last term in his first season with the club. Started his career with Walsall before a £150,000 move to Oldham in March 1992. Joined Bradford in December 1993, and joined York in 1996 for £80,000.

ANDY WARRINGTON - Sheffield-born goalkeeper who joined City as a trainee in 1992. Turned professional in 1994, and made his first-team debut against Manchester United in the Coca-Cola Cup in October 1995. Was first-choice for much of last season.

BARRY JONES - Recent arrival from Wrexham. Defender who joined the Welsh side in 1992 after four years in Liverpool's reserve side. Played at right-back for Wrexham before a switch to centre-half.

MARCO GABBIADINI - Striker who has recently returned to York - where he started his career. Left Bootham Crescent for spells at Sunderland, Crystal Palace and Derby, and earlier this season played under former York boss Denis Smith at Oxford.

MEET THE MANAGER



ALAN LITTLE (left) is now in his 10th season at Bootham Crescent having joined the club from Hartlepool in October 1988 as assistant manager and coach to John Bird.

In March 1993 he was appointed manager in succession to John Ward, and is now in the top ten of longest serving managers in the Premier/Football League.

He led City to Wembley and promotion in May 1993, and to the second division play-offs the following season.

Born in Newcastle, he started his playing career as an apprentice with Aston Villa and went on to play for Southend, Barnsley, Doncaster, Torquay, Halifax and Hartlepool, making a total of over 400 league appearances.

York's first-team coach is **DEREK BELL**, who was previously youth team manager and chief scout with the club.

He played for Derby, Halifax, Barnsley, Lincoln, Chesterfield and Scunthorpe.

The Hatters and The Minstermen

CLASHES with today's visitors started relatively recently in 1966/67 in the old Division Four. We were suffering the worst ever season in our history while the Minstermen were hardly better. We had struggled throughout the campaign but just before Easter 1967 had put a mini run together which we hoped would put us clear of the re-election positions.

Results over Easter, however, put us back in trouble with a reversal at Hartlepool on Good Friday followed by a heavy defeat at Bootham Crescent and a home debacle at the hands of Hartlepool again.

York had suffered relegation the previous season and were now in freefall. Poor results and the added attraction of Leeds in the city for a rugby league encounter meant that a crowd of only 1,828, the lowest to watch the Town since the 1930's, bothered to turn up to see Andy Provan give the home side the lead in the 13th minute.

Graham French equalised for the Hatters after 24 minutes and play remained even until just after half time when Les Collinson put York back in front. The Town chased for the equaliser but were caught out on the break when goals from Tom Spencer and John Goodchild thundered into our net. The game was now out of our reach and Provan wrapped up the scoring with a goal three minutes from the end.

We managed to scrap our way out of the re-election dogfight and our final game of the season was against York at Kenilworth Road. A respectable crowd of 5,196 was present to see an expected victory but the Minstermen managed to score after only two minutes, through John Hawksby, to shatter our hopes.

Gradually we fought back and with Brian Johnson, enjoying a rare first team outing, having a field day on the wing goals were set up for both Keith Allen and Fred Jardine. An unfortunate own goal from York's Gerry Baker followed and we finished the season with a flourish when top scorer Bruce Rioch scored twice to fully avenge our Easter disaster.

York were early visitors in the following campaign but this time, with a much strengthened side, we had started well



by ROGER WASH

and had suffered only one defeat from six starts. Again the Minstermen tried to spoil the party by scoring first through Ted MacDougall and again we fought back with Rioch surging through to score a typical goal and then being fouled in the box with Ray Whittaker netting from the spot. Rioch scored a third goal for the Town just before the end to put the game completely out of the reach of the visitors.

By the time of the return, the following February, we were going through a poor spell and had not won in four games but were still lying in fifth place in Division Four. York were suffering even more and were second bottom.

The game was a non event as far as Luton supporters were concerned with York taking the lead just after the interval only for Allen to score a hardly deserved equaliser 17 minutes from the end.

We did improve after this performance and went on to clinch the championship three months later and had to wait seven years before again meeting up with the Minstermen, this time in the old Division Two.

York were enjoying their second, and last, season in Division Two, but by the time of their visit to Kenilworth Road in November 1975 they had suffered five straight defeats and were struggling at the wrong end of the table. We had managed only one win in ten weeks and this was reflected in the attendance of only 7,982 who turned up to see Jim Husband give us an interval lead.

Things got better in the second half with goals from Alan West, Andy King and Peter Anderson securing a 4-0 win and emphatically ending our goal drought.

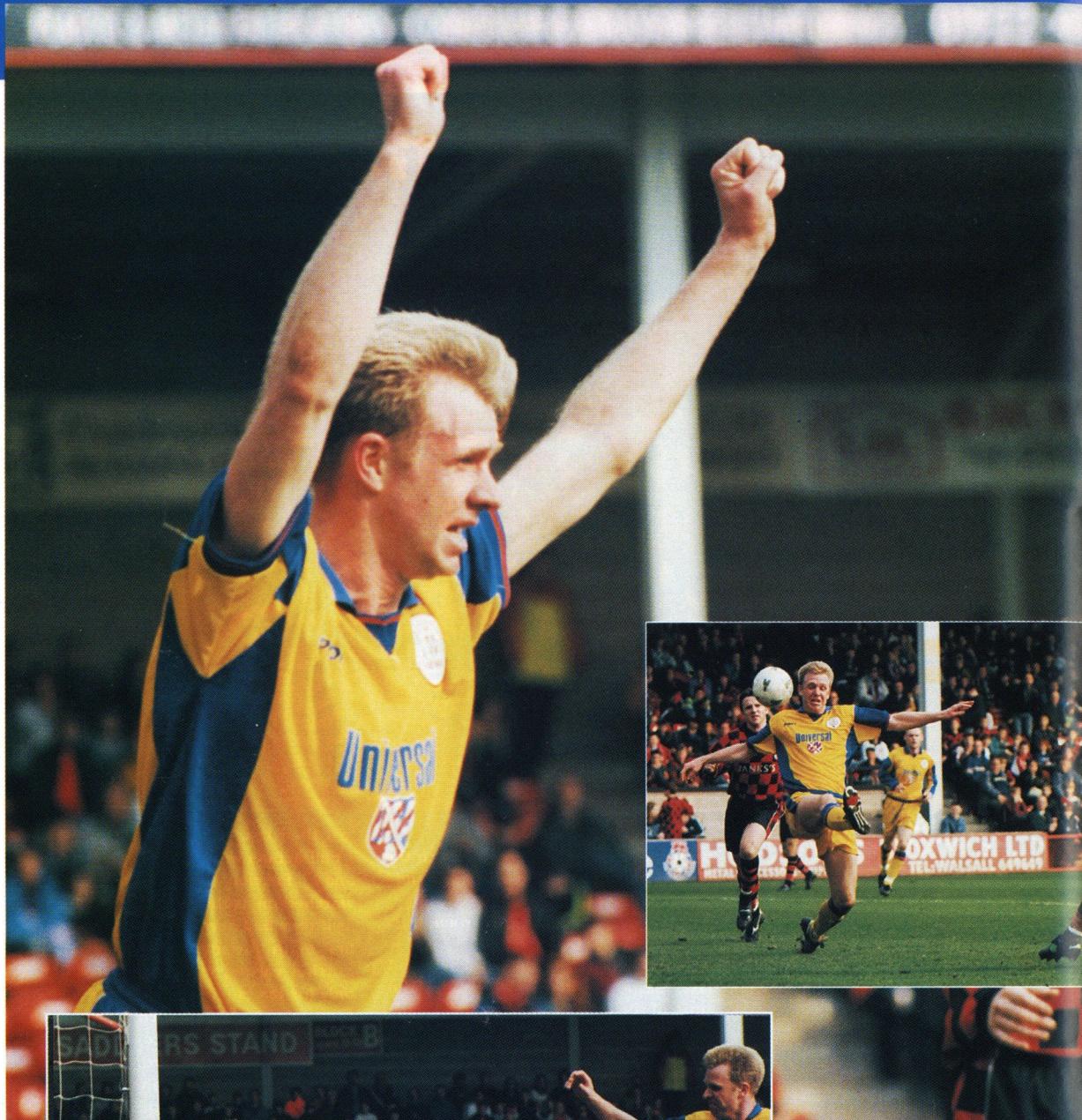
Things had much improved for the Town by the time of the return, the following February, and we were on a run that had seen seven wins from the last nine starts. York were second from the bottom of the table and had

lost their last three games.

Full debuts were given to Paul Price and Lil Fuccillo and a crowd of 3,132 watched on as the youngsters played as if they had never been out of the first team. Brian Chambers and Ron Futcher earned us a two goal cushion only for Ian Holmes, from the penalty spot, to reduce the deficit. A fine solo effort from Fuccillo restored our advantage and a reply from Brian Pollard was too little, too late.

After a long gap we met up again last season with both sides in Division Two. In the clash at Kenilworth Road in December 1996, Dwight Marshall, with his third goal in as many games since his return from serious injury, gave us the lead with Tony Thorpe scoring the second to earn the three points.

The return was drawn 1-1, but earlier this season we went one better when goals from Graham Alexander and Thorpe earned us a 2-1 victory at Bootham Crescent to ease the pain of suffering four straight home defeats.



ACTION STATIONS



Walsall 2 Luton Town 3

(Viveash, Tholot) (Oldfield, Allen, Marshall)

Saturday, March 28, 1998 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 3,922

Pictures by Gareth Owen

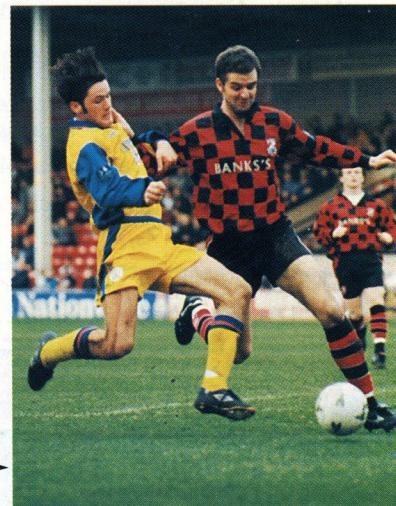


Dwight Marshall takes the ball round Walsall keeper James Walker and puts Luton Town 3-1 in front.

David Oldfield celebrates his 7th goal of the season which put Luton 1-0 up in the first-half.

Oldfield connected with Rory Allen's cross (inset) and the ball evaded Walsall keeper Walker.

Rory Allen made the first and scored the second on his debut at the Bescot Stadium.



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HALF TIME QUIZ

1. In 1958, which club were relegated from the First Division for the first time in 68 years?
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3. With which club was Jimmy Seed manager between 1933 and 1956?
4. Which Blackburn player in 1966 was sent off after just three minutes of his debut?
5. What colour are Real Madrid's home shirts?
6. Name the losing Italian captain in the 1994 World Cup Final?
7. What was the title of Kevin Keegan's chart hit in the 1970's?
8. When did Danny Wilson become manager of Barnsley?
9. Which Second Division club plays at Vicarage Road?
10. With which club did Julian Dicks make his League debut?



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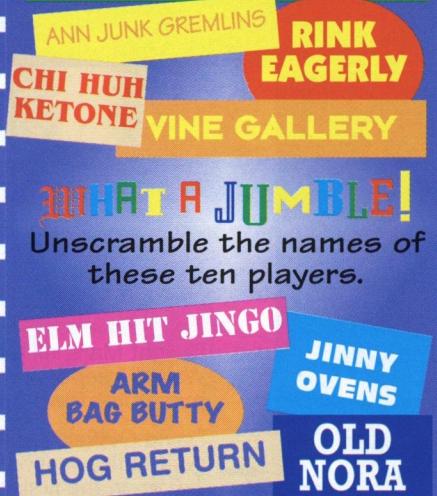
Name the three players in this patchwork pic



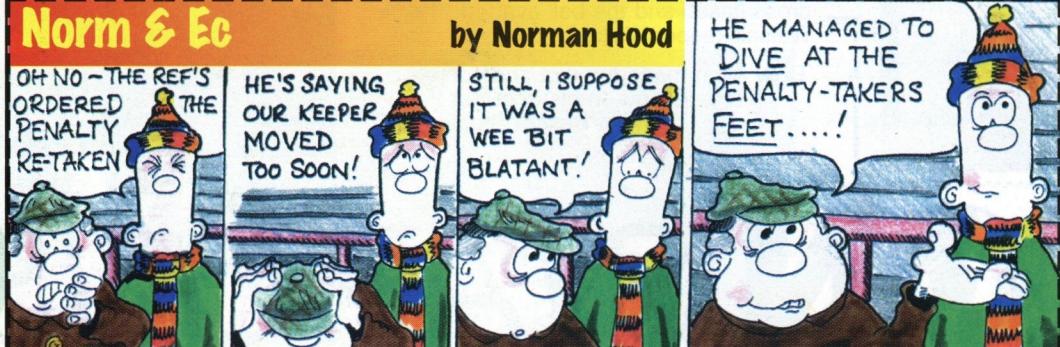
whose crests?

Name the three club crests featured in this montage

BLABBY TORCHON



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ANSWERS

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JUNIOR HATTERS NEWS

Welcome to York for our Saturday Club

A WARM welcome to all Junior Hatters attending today's match, and we especially welcome our guests from York who have joined us for the Saturday Club at Dallow Road Junior School.

We will be joined by the York City Juniors in the morning for football, and a lunch of sausage and chips, with a drink.

Anyone interested in taking part in the Saturday Club or travelling to the away matches can book up by contacting the ticket office on 01582 416976.

After travelling to Burnley earlier last month, the Junior Hatters went to Walsall last Saturday, where they took part in an American-style shoot-out at half-time on the pitch at the Bescot Stadium.

We hope to organise trips to forthcoming away games, including Gillingham, Bristol Rovers and Brentford, so please contact the ticket office on 01582 416976 for more details.

Details of any trip to Bristol Rovers will be included in the Easter Tuesday programme against Chesterfield.

Congratulations to James Roff - the winner of the Junior Hatters Wordsearch competition.

James and his family viewed the Grimsby match from the executive box seats which were his prize after being drawn out from the many correct entries we had. The word left out of the wordsearch was TICKET. Well done James!



Today's mascot



This afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot is 12-year-old TANYA HUGHES, who attends Wenlock C of E School. Her hobbies are dancing, singing and netball, and her favourite Luton Town players are Dwight Marshall and Steve Davis.

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ABOVE: 15-year-old Philip Jones was our Junior Hatters mascot for the home game against Grimsby. He is pictured with the team captains and match officials prior to kick-off

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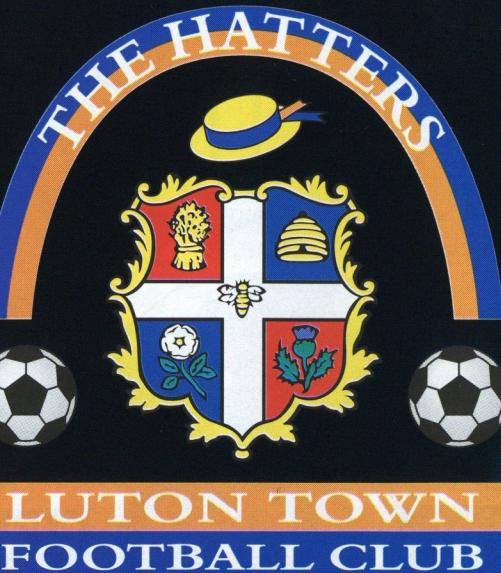
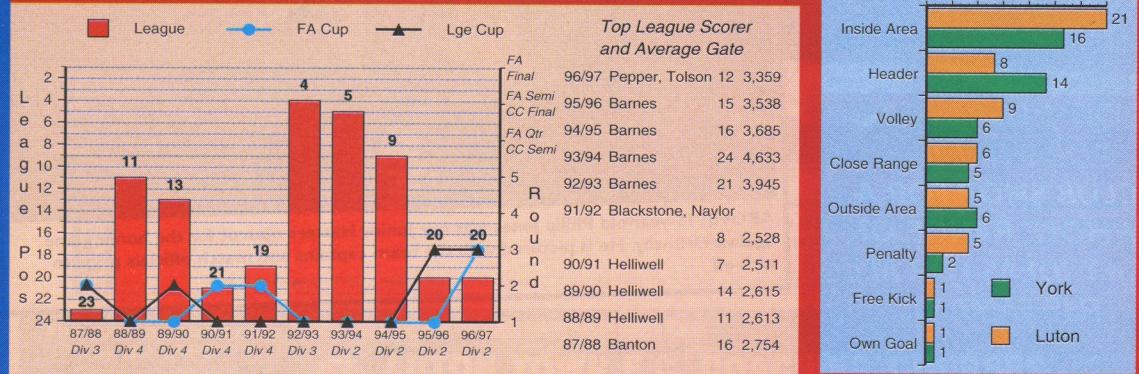
Minstermen's Roll Call

	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
Mark Tinkler	38(1)	5	6	Leeds
24/10/74 Eng Yth	6			
Tony Barras	37	6	5	Stockport Rotherham (L) Hartlepool
29/3/71	6	1		
Steve Bushell	36	2	7	
28/12/72	6	1		
Rodney Rowe	35(2)	10	3	Huddersfield Bury (L)
30/7/75	5	4	1	Scarborough (L)
Paul Stephenson	34(1)	5	5	Brentford Millwall
2/1/68 Eng Yth	5(1)			Gillingham (L) Newcastle
Graeme Murty	32(1)	1	1	
13/11/74	4			
Alan Pouton	31(5)	4	4	Oxford
1/2/77	5(1)	1		
Mark Samways	29		1	Scunthorpe Doncaster
11/11/68	5			
Wayne Hall	27		1	Darlington
25/10/68	5			
Andy McMillan	24		1(1)	
22/6/68	4			
Martin Reed	19		3	
10/1/78	4		1	
Barry Jones	18	2	1	Wrexham
20/6/70				
Gary Bull	17(9)	1		Forest Birmingham (L)
12/6/66	4(2)	1		Brighton (L) Barnet
Richard Cresswell	13(8)	3	3	Cambridge Southampton Mansfield (L)
20/9/77	1(2)			
Andy Warrington	11			
10/6/76	1			
Gary Hinsworth	7(5)			Darlington
19/12/69	1(1)			Scarborough
Neil Tolson	7(4)	2	2	Bradford Chester (L)
25/10/73	2(1)			Oldham Walsall
Neil Thompson	6	1		on loan from Barnsley
2/10/63				
Jonathan Greening	5(15)	2		
2/1/79		(1)		
Marco Gabbiadini	5	1		Derby Oxford (L)
20/1/68 Eng B				Birmingham (L) Palace
Paddy Atkinson	3(1)			Sunderland
22/5/70	(1)			Workington Hartlepool
Steve Tutili	2			
1/10/69 Eng Sch	1			Football Information Services
Scott Jordan	(10)			Tel : 0151-632-5679
19/7/75	(1)			Stats don't include Auto-Windscreen matches

Key : A=Appearances (Sub) C=Caution (Sent Off) G=Goals

Cup details, date of birth and international honours in italics

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93 (L) Range Rover Vogue SE 5dr, Auto, Olive Green met, s/roof, a/c, leather interior, elec win, 42,500 m... £17,995
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94 (M) Rover Vouge TD 5dr Man, Bronze met, s/roof, bull bars, tow bar, 38,000 m... £16,995
96 (N) Subaru Impreza 2.0 4WD Turbo 5dr, Dark green met, elec windows, alloy wheels, PAS, c/flocking, 6,800 m... £16,250

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93 (K) Ford Mondeo 1.6 LX 5dr, Dark Blue, s/roof, elec. front win with only 35,200 m... £6,250
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96 (N) Ford Mondeo LX 16V 5dr, Dark green met, s/roof, elec windows, 18,200 m... £8,995
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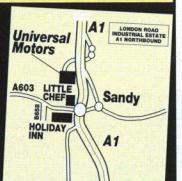
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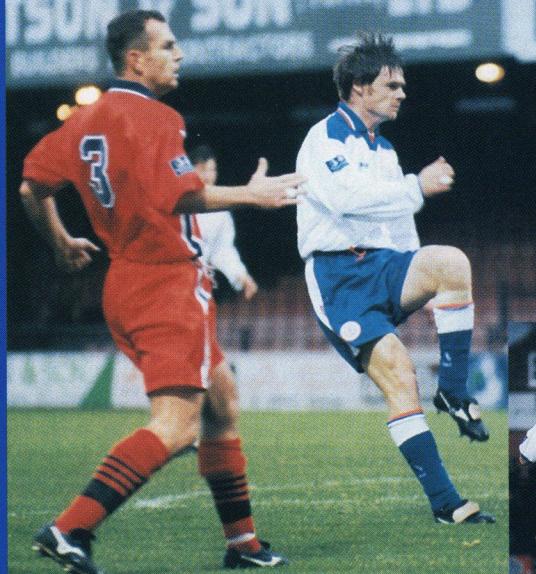
YORK CITY 1
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LUTON TOWN 2
(Alexander, Thorpe)

at Bootham Crescent,
Saturday, November 29, 1997

Attendance: 3,636

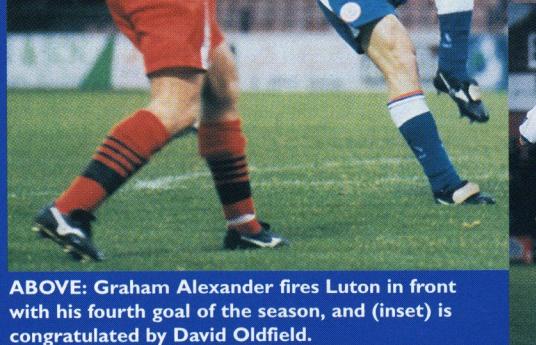
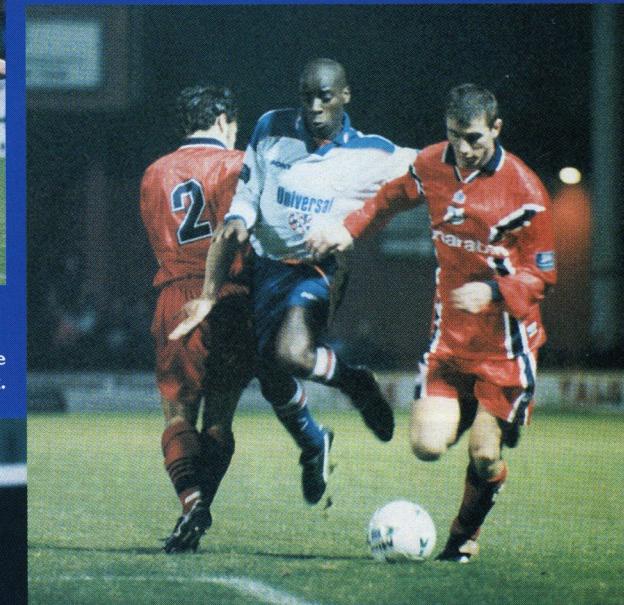


ABOVE: Tony Thorpe is denied a second goal, and a third for Luton, by a last-ditch tackle by York keeper Andy Warrington.



ABOVE: Thorpe gets in a first-half shot during the 2-1 win at Bootham Crescent.

RIGHT: Loan signing Chris Allen made his debut for the Hatters at York.



ABOVE: Graham Alexander fires Luton in front with his fourth goal of the season, and (inset) is congratulated by David Oldfield.



FAR RIGHT: Alan White makes a break for Luton.



ABOVE: Rory Allen (10) is congratulated by David Oldfield after his debut goal for the Hatters at Walsall.

Feuer flies out... Gayle blows in



ABOVE: Ian Feuer has returned to the United States after a two-year stay at Kenilworth Road.

GOALKEEPER Ian Feuer has left Luton Town in a £200,000 move to US Soccer League side New England, writes Simon Oxley.

New England were due to start their season last weekend, with Feuer hoping a return home would boost his chances of a place in the USA's World Cup squad.

Ironically his main rival for the third goalkeeping slot - behind Leicester's Kasey Keller and Liverpool's Brad Freidel - is former Town keeper Juergen Sommer, also back in the States after his move to QPR.

Ian Feuer signed for the Hatters from West Ham in December 1995, for a fee of £580,000. The 6ft 7ins American had arrived at Luton in September, and spent three months on loan. He was the overwhelming choice as Luton's Player of the Year for the 95/96 season, despite relegation.

At West Ham he was understudy to Ludek Miklosko, but never played a first team game, and due to restrictions on overseas players was kept off the bench by Les Sealey. His Luton debut wasn't his league debut though,

as he was on loan at Peterborough in 1994/95, playing 16 games in Division Two. He was spotted by West Ham playing in Belgium, although he actually signed from Los Angeles Salsa.

A virtual ever-present for the Hatters in 96/97 as they just missed out on promotion, he suffered a serious shoulder injury at the start of this season which kept him out for three months. Ian returned to the side in November, but lost his place to Kelvin Davis in the new year.

He made no secret of his desire to seek pastures new, and with little or no interest from this country a move back to the States was always on the cards.

Whatever the circumstances of his departure, I sure Town fans would echo my sentiments in wishing Ian well for the future.

Of course his leaving meant Lennie Lawrence needed to bring in cover for Kelvin Davis, so it's welcome to Mark Gayle, 29, who has joined the Hatters on loan from Crewe, where he has made over 100 league starts.

DEADLINE DAY DEALINGS.....

Rory earns his spurs with debut goal for Hatters

at this level, especially when I get my fitness back.

"That game was certainly tougher than the reserve matches I have played, and I'm glad to have completed 90 minutes."

He made his mark in the Tottenham first team last season, making a total of 17 appearances, and scored a couple of goals in the Premiership.

But a serious ankle injury has kept him on the sidelines for much of the current campaign, and the loan move was seen as the perfect opportunity to reignite the youngster's career once again, by Tottenham's new Director of Football..... some chap named David Pleat who might be familiar to Luton fans!

Lennie Lawrence had made no

secret of his interest in Charlton duo Bradley Allen and Steve Jones as possible loan signings, but those opportunities fell through when Charlton were unable to sign Steve Claridge from Leicester.

So he turned to another Allen, admitting it was a gamble on a striker who had played just one-and-a-half reserve games following that ankle operation, and was impressed by Rory's debut.

"He has good pace, took his goal well, and showed plenty of commitment," said the Town manager.

"He did especially well when you consider his recent injury problems, and the fact that it was his first full game for some time." - Simon Oxley.



ABOVE: Rory Allen in action at the Bescot Stadium.

AMONG the cluster of deadline day moves, were transfers for a number of ex-Hatters - including two of football's great journeymen.... Steve Claridge and Les Sealey.

Claridge moved from Leicester to Wolves for £400,000, and what odds I wonder another play-off winner at Wembley in May?

Sealey, now 40, joined Bury on a free transfer from West Ham, although he will stay on at Upton Park in his coaching capacity until required at Gigg Lane.

Elsewhere, goalkeeper Mark Walton, who started his career as a youth team player at Kenilworth Road, returned to another of his former clubs Norwich. This was a loan transfer from Gillingham, and he has also played for Fulham this season.

Graeme Tomlinson joined Millwall on loan from Manchester United, and will doubtless be hoping for better luck than his deadline day move of two years ago when he joined Luton. That spell ended with a broken leg.

He scored on his debut for the Lions on Saturday, but they lost 3-1 at Chesterfield.

This time last year, Andy Kiwomya was joining Luton Town. Now the much travelled winger is lining up his 10th league club after accepting an invitation to train with Chesterfield.

The 30-year-old England youth international was

Claridge and Sealey on the move...again!

released by Notts County recently, but has made only 67 appearances in 12 seasons.

Among the transfer deals involving other Division Two clubs..... Peter Beardsley joined Fulham on loan from Bolton, with the Londoners selling Mike Conroy to Blackpool for £50,000.

Former Everton striker Stuart Barlow joined Wigan from Oldham for £45,000, with York's Jonathan Greening joining Manchester United for an undisclosed sum.

Bristol City were forced to sell leading scorer Shaun Goater to Manchester City for £400,000, faced with the prospect of losing him for nothing when his contract expires in the summer.

City though bought in Sean McCarthy on loan from Oldham, and Jason Roberts on loan from Wolves.

Rob Newman joined Wigan on loan from Norwich, and John Mullin went on loan from Sunderland to Burnley.

But perhaps most remarkably, for the first time in 27 years as a manager, Peterborough boss Barry Fry failed to sign a single player on deadline day! - Simon Oxley.



LTFC Community & Schools Noticeboard



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FOLLOWING successful tournaments over the past two seasons, we will once again be holding the Vauxhall Mini-World Cup in Luton.

The competition will be six-a-side for children up to the age of 12, with five area qualifying tournaments - Luton, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Milton Keynes and Bedford - with two teams progressing from each to the Vauxhall



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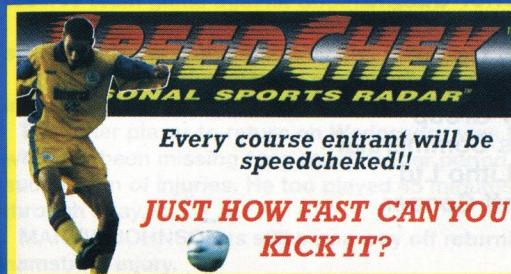
The Hatters' HCN-sponsored tournament featured 12 schools from Dunstable and Luton with over 100 boys and girls taking part, all cheered on by over 200 enthusiastic parents.

The semi-finalists were Hadrian, Beecroft and Lancot Lower Schools



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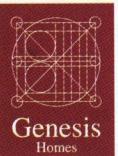
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INJURY UPDATE

Duo on comeback trail in midweek reserve game

Two players returned from injury in Wednesday afternoon's reserve team game against Southampton.

PHIL GRAY played 45 minutes and reported no ill-effects, and so should be available for selection today.

He has missed the last two games after suffering a groin injury in training the day before the home match against Grimsby.

The other player to return on Wednesday was PAUL SHOWLER who has been missing for a much longer period with a succession of injuries. He too played 45 minutes and came through okay.

MARVIN JOHNSON is still some way off returning following his hamstring injury.

He resumed training a couple of weeks ago, but the hamstring was still causing problems, so he resumed further strengthening work on the muscle.

He should restart training again next week.

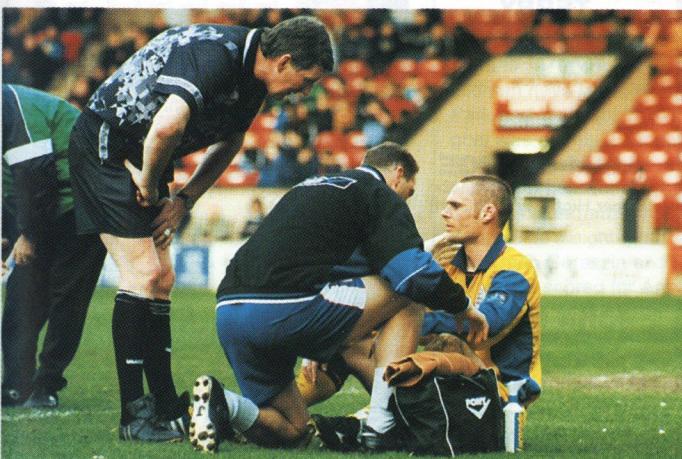
Supporters who were at Walsall last week would have seen ALAN WHITE leave the field midway through the first-half.

He had three stitches in a cut over his left eye, and later suffered a knock to his calf, but is expected to be fit today.

STEVE DAVIS has been receiving treatment this week for a thigh strain suffered in training, and RICHARD HARVEY is set to resume training next week after a minor knee operation to clean up scar tissue from a previous operation.



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ABOVE: Graham Alexander receives treatment during last Saturday's match at Walsall.

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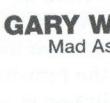
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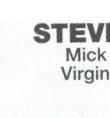
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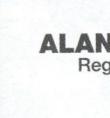
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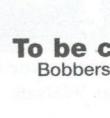
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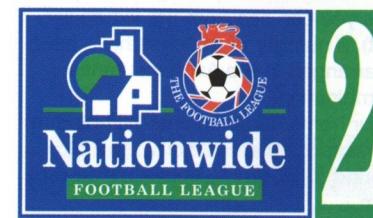
Promotion boost for top two after Payton halts Mariners

ANDY Payton's winner 10 minutes from time saw bottom club **Burnley** blow a massive hole in **Grimsby**'s automatic promotion hopes.

The 2-1 win for Chris Waddle's side at Turf Moor came as a huge relief for Watford and Bristol City - the top two clubs for so long, but who faced being caught by the Mariners who have games in hand.

Watford drew for the seventh time in 10 games, whilst City have been forced to off-load leading scorer Shaun Goater to Manchester City.

And Burnley were not the only side battling against relegation to collect three points, as Luton, Plymouth and Brentford all won. Glen Little had put the Clarets in



front, with Jack Lester equalising, only for Payton to pounce on 80 minutes after an under-hit backpass by Peter Handside.

Watford went 1-0 in front at home to **Northampton** with another long-range effort from midfielder Richard Johnson.

But the Cobblers equalised six minutes from time when Dean Peer headed home.

Bristol City though showed there is life without the leading scorer, as Colin Crumb bagged a brace in their 2-1 win at **Wycombe**.

The winner came six minutes from time, after Maurice Harkin's equaliser appeared to have saved a point for the home side, and even then Nicky Mohan hit the post for Wanderers in stoppage time.

At the bottom, Robert Taylor volleyed the goal which gave **Brentford** a lifeline in their battle to avoid the drop, as they beat **Oldham** 2-1.

The striker's 18th of the season a minute before half-time added to Andy Scott's 38th minute effort and put the Bees firmly in control.

Oldham have never won at Griffin Park and Paul Reid's 67th minute goal was merely a consolation.

Plymouth eased their relegation fears with a 2-0 home win over promotion chasing **Wrexham** - thus ending the Welsh side's eight-match unbeaten run. Carlo Corazzin and Mark Saunders scored for Argyle, and Chris Billy hit the post late on.

Walsall were sucked back into the relegation fight with their 3-2 home defeat by **Luton**.

David Oldfield, on-loan Rory Allen, and Dwight Marshall scored for the Hatters, with Adrian Viveash and Didier Tholot replying for the home side.

Southend stay in the bottom four after their 2-0 Friday night defeat at **Bristol Rovers**, and substitute Richard Cresswell scored in the 90th minute to give **York** a 1-1 draw at home to **Blackpool**.

Record signing Ade Akinbiyi took his tally for the season to 19 as **Gillingham** maintained their play-off push beating **Fulham** 2-0.

Akinbiyi, linked with a move to Fulham recently, scored after 32 minutes and then put the result beyond doubt in stoppage time.

Former England star Peter Beardsley had a quiet game on his debut for Fulham - his place in the starting eleven meaning only a substitute's role for ex-Hatter Tony Thorpe.

Millwall keeper Mark Crossley made an unhappy return to **Chesterfield** as the Lions lost 3-1.

The on-loan Welsh international picked the ball out of the net three times, 12 months after being sent off on the same ground during Nottingham Forest's shock FA Cup defeat.

Roger Willis (2) and Jonathan Howard made it 3-0 after 55 minutes, with Millwall pulling one back when Graeme Tomlinson fired home.

Carlisle striker Ian Stevens missed a penalty two minutes into injury-time as the Cumbrians crashed to their fourth successive defeat - 1-0 at home to **Bournemouth**.

The visitors' Steve Fletcher had cleared off the line just minutes before, as the Cherries hung on after taking the lead through Mark Stein. The former Luton striker is currently on loan at Dean Court from Chelsea.

Wigan skipper David Lowe equalled his club's scoring record to earn a valuable point in a 1-1 draw at **Preston**.

Lowe's 57th-minute goal was his 15th of the season and his 62nd league goal for the Latics, levelling the mark set by Peter Houghton in the 1980s.

Lee Ashcroft had put Preston in front on 33 minutes against the club he had refused to join in a £330,000 pre-deadline move.

See page four for details of Tuesday night's matches, and page 46 for the Division Two league table. - *Simon Oxley*.

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RESERVES AND YOUTH ROUND-UP



THE Reserve team were due to return to action on Wednesday afternoon at home to Southampton.

This followed the postponement of last Wednesday's home game against Tottenham due to injuries and international call-ups.

As you can see from the fixture list (left), a number of matches have been re-arranged in the Avon Insurance Combination.

Our home game against Wimbledon will be played at Hitchin's Top Field ground on Monday, April 20, kick-off 7pm.

Our final home reserve match will be played on Thursday, May 7, here at Kenilworth Road, when we entertain West Ham. Kick-off will be 2pm.

At the time of writing, the only outstanding reserve matches are away games at West Ham and Brighton, plus of course the home game against Tottenham.

The Town's youth team have continued their winning form in both league and cup.

They are now six points clear at the top of South East Counties Division Two, and are through to the final of the SEC League Cup after a 2-0 semi-final win at Watford.

They have recorded two league wins since our last update.

They won 2-1 at Colchester on March 21, with goals from Jimmy Cox

and Michael McIndoe (pen).

Team: Yeomans, Lawes, Fraser, Clarke, Howe, Boyce, Scarlett, Cox, Kandol (McKoy), McIndoe, Jerry.

Subs not used: Ayres, Akurang.

Last Saturday they beat Bournemouth 3-0 at Luton Rugby Club, with a brace from Jimmy Cox taking his league tally for the season to 12. Moses Jerry completed the scoring.

Team: Ward, Lawes, Fraser, Howe, Boyce, Clarke, Jerry, McIndoe, McKoy (Harrington), Akurang (Kandol), Cox (Stirling).

The cup semi-final victory came at Vicarage Road on March 24, with

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	28	17	8	3	64	22	59
Charlton	23	17	4	2	57	11	55
Tottenham	24	15	6	3	48	21	51
Norwich	30	11	10	9	36	40	43
Wimbledon	27	11	6	10	34	29	39
Oxford	27	10	8	9	39	50	38
Southampton	25	9	10	6	43	32	37
QPR	27	9	9	9	41	35	36
Portsmouth	27	10	6	11	37	37	36
C Palace	26	11	2	13	35	36	35
Millwall	26	10	5	11	30	35	35
Chelsea	28	7	10	11	37	47	31
Ipswich	25	8	7	10	36	48	31
LUTON	24	7	7	10	31	34	28
Watford	24	6	8	10	26	42	26
Swindon	26	7	3	16	38	51	24
West Ham	25	6	6	13	29	45	24
Brighton	24	1	7	16	20	66	10

League table up to and including 21.3.98

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION 1997/98 APPS & SCORERS (11.3.98)

	APPS	G		APPS	G
Nathan ABBEY	14		Haraldar INGOLFSSON	1	
Ian JONES	12		Marvin JOHNSON	5	
Richard HARVEY	16		Dwight MARSHALL	6	1
Sean EVERE	16 (1)		Ian FEUER	2	
Gary DOHERTY	14 (1)	3	Steve AUGUSTINE	2 (1)	
Emerson BOYCE	6 (2)		Simon DAVIES	13	1
Robert KEAN	19 (1)		Andrew FOTIADIS	11 (2)	2
Matthew SPRING	12 (3)	1	Stuart DOUGLAS	9 (1)	2
Andrew BARR	6	4	Mitchell THOMAS	6	1
Liam GEORGE	15 (2)	11	Darren PATTERSON	4	
Terry SWEENEY	13 (3)	1	Phil GRAY	4 (1)	
Andre SCARLETT	(6)		Delroy MCKOY	2 (2)	
Michael McINDOE	2 (4)		Chris WILLMOTT	12 (2)	
Stuart FRASER	8 (7)		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	3		Nick WEBB	2	
Russell LAWES	4 (2)		Julian JAMES	1 (1)	
Colin OMOGBEHI	11		Ryan SPENCER	1	
S QUINN	2				
Trevor PEAKE	2 (2)				
Richard CLARKE	1 (2)				
M BLOCK					

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.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LUTON TOWN	26	17	6	3	68	24	57
Bristol City	25	15	6	4	51	32	51
Brentford	26	13	9	4	46	31	48
Wycombe	25	10	9	6	37	26	39
Colchester	26	10	8	8	42	37	38
Swindon	24	12	2	10	44	40	38
Southampton	26	10	5	11	52	52	35
Wimbledon	25	10	4	11	41	45	34
Oxford	25	10	4	11	45	55	34
Bristol R	27	8	7	12	48	49	31
Bournemouth	27	7	8	12	38	54	29
Barnet	28	7	7	14	47	61	28
Reading	23	7	5	11	31	38	26
Tottenham	24	6	5	13	28	45	23
Brighton	25	3	7	15	29	58	16

League table as at March 28, 1998

goals from Matthew Spring and Jimmy Cox.

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

Sub not used: Howe.

Luton will play West Ham in the final over two legs.

On Monday, April 6, the youth team are in Eastern Junior Cup action with a trip to Bedford Town. Kick-off at the New Eyrie is 7.30pm.

Holders Leeds United, who beat Luton in last season's FA Youth Cup semi-finals on their way to the trophy, are again in the last four of this season's competition.

They play Everton, whilst the other two-legged semi-final sees Blackburn take on Peterborough.



LEFT:
Matthew Spring was on target in the South East Counties League Cup win at Watford.

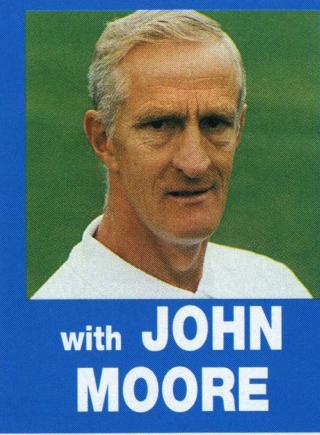
South East Counties League, and League Cup; FA Youth Cup; Southern Jnr Floodlit Cup; and Eastern Jnr Cup

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	won 2-0
Sat Oct 25	TOTTENHAM	won 1-0	Sat Mar 21	Colchester	won 2-1
Sat Nov 1	READING	won 4-2	Tue Mar 24	Watford (SECLCsf)	won 2-0
Sat Nov 15	COLCHESTER	won 3-2	Sat Mar 28	BOURNEMOUTH	won 3-0
Sat Nov 22	SWINDON (SECLC3)	won 4-2	Sat Apr 4	WIMBLEDON	11am
Sat Nov 29	Bournemouth	drew 1-1	Sat Apr 11	Wycombe	
Wed Dec 3	Coventry (FAYC2)	won 4-0	Games in caps denote HOME matches.		
Sat Dec 6	BRISTOL ROVERS	drew 2-2	Home lge matches at Luton Rugby Club.		

	LGE APPS	G	CUP APPS	G	YOUTH TEAM 1997/98 LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES & SCORERS
Daniel TATE	15		6		
Russell LAWES	18 (2)		8		
Stuart FRASER	20	2	9		
Matthew SPRING	8	4	7	5	
Emerson BOYCE	20 (3)	3	7	1	
James AYRES	16		2		
Andre SCARLETT	25	6	7		
Clifford AKURANG	11 (5)	7	2 (3)	1	
Gary DOHERTY	9 (1)	4	4	2	
Richard CLARKE	24 (2)	1	9		
Delroy MCKOY	12 (8)	4	2 (2)	2	
Darren HOWE	10 (3)		2 (1)		
C DREW	(1)				
Michael McINDOE	23 (1)	8	9	1	
Jimmy COX	17	12	8	1	
Tresor KANDOL	15 (7)	12	5 (1)		
Moses JERRY	18 (4)	5	6		
J STIRLING	7 (2)		1 (1)		
J HARRINGTON	1 (5)		(1)		
S ROBERT	2 (2)		1		
A MINTON	2				
C GREGORY	1				
R MORAN	2 (2)				
Stuart KIMBER	3		2		
S WARD	7		1		

Up to and including March 28, 1998

Plus: P. Yeomans 1 league app



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Kenilworth Road stadium to continue and the
Mariners had equalised with just 10 minutes
left when a header from Graham Alexander
beat Grimsby keeper Aidan Davison. The
Hatters had a golden opportunity to win the
game when Paul McLaren headed in a corner
from the left but hit the crossbar.

Grimsby goalkeeper Aidan Davison
denies the Hatters with this first-half
save, with Dwight Marshall (10) in
close attendance.

← David Oldfield challenges Mariners'
centre-half Mark Lever.

Graham Alexander's second-half
header beat Aidan Davison but hit the
crossbar.

Paul McLaren gets above the
Grimsby defence during the 2-2
draw at Kenilworth Road. →



ACTION STATIONS



Luton Town 2 Grimsby Town 2

(Evers, Davis)

Saturday, March 21, 1998 - Nationwide League Division Two

Attendance: 5,722

(Gallimore, Donovan)

Pictures by Gareth Owen

REMAINING MATCHES IN
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Friday, April 3	Tuesday, April 21
Southend v Chesterfield	Wigan v Walsall
Saturday, April 4	Friday, April 24
Bournemouth v Wycombe	Wigan v Millwall
Blackpool v Walsall	
Bristol City v Carlisle	Saturday, April 25
Fulham v Preston	Bournemouth v Burnley
Grimsby v Gillingham	Blackpool v Bristol R
LUTON v York	Brentford v LUTON
Millwall v Bristol Rovers	Bristol City v Walsall
Northampton v Burnley	Carlisle v York
Oldham v Plymouth	Northampton v Fulham
Wigan v Watford	Oldham v Southend
Wrexham v Brentford	Plymouth v Gillingham
Tuesday, April 7	Watford v Grimsby
Burnley v Blackpool	Watford v Preston
Fulham v Walsall	Wycombe v Chesterfield
Grimsby v LUTON	
Wigan v Bournemouth	Tuesday, April 28
Good Friday, April 10	Oldham v Burnley
Bristol R v Wigan	Watford v Bournemouth
Wycombe v Grimsby	Saturday, May 2
Saturday, April 11	Bristol R v Brentford
Brentford v Fulham	Burnley v Plymouth
Burnley v Bristol City	Chesterfield v Blackpool
Carlisle v Oldham	Fulham v Watford
Chesterfield v Northampton	Gillingham v Wigan
Gillingham v LUTON	Grimsby v Oldham
Plymouth v Blackpool	LUTON v Carlisle
Preston v Bristol City	Millwall v Bournemouth
Southend v Wrexham	Preston v Bristol City
Walsall v Millwall	Southend v Wrexham
Watford v Wrexham	Walsall v Wycombe
York v Bournemouth	York v Northampton
Easter Monday, April 13	
Blackpool v Brentford	The final of the Auto Windscreens Shield, between Bournemouth and Grimsby, will be at Wembley on Sunday, April 19.
Bristol City v Watford	
Fulham v Carlisle	The Division Two play-off Final is at Wembley on Sunday, May 24.
Grimsby v Bristol R	
Millwall v Plymouth	The 1998/99 season will kick-off on Saturday, August 8 - a month after the World Cup finishes! - with first round, first leg matches in the Coca-Cola Cup being played in the first midweek. There will be a full league programme on Saturday, December 19 (the final Saturday before Christmas), on Boxing Day - Saturday December 26 - and also on Bank Holiday Monday, December 28.
Northampton v Preston	
Oldham v Wycombe	
Southend v Gillingham	
Wigan v Burnley	
Wrexham v York	
Tuesday, April 14	
Bournemouth v Walsall	
LUTON v Chesterfield	
Saturday, April 18	
Brentford v Wigan	
Bristol R v LUTON	
Burnley v Fulham	
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Wycombe v Millwall	
York v Southend	

Hoddle thumbs-up for Shield format

WHILE Bournemouth and Grimsby were securing their first ever appearances at Wembley last week for the Auto Windscreens Shield Final on Sunday, April 19, England boss Glenn Hoddle was giving the competition a ringing endorsement.

Hoddle, who was the Football League's Guest of Honour at last season's AWS Final, has paid tribute to the competition which gives Second and Third Division clubs their only realistic chance of playing beneath the famous twin towers in a knockout cup competition.

"Attending last season's Auto Windscreens Shield between Carlisle and Colchester gave me great pleasure," said the England national side supremo.

"The game was played in front of a big crowd which created a terrific atmosphere as both teams produced a high quality match.

"It is vitally important to the infrastructure of the game in this country that clubs from the second and third divisions of the Nationwide League can compete in a competition which provides them with a definite opportunity of reaching Wembley.

"Since the competition began 15 years ago, the profile of the competition has grown rapidly with all the participating clubs striving for success. In many ways winning the Auto Windscreens Shield and a respective title is a second or third division club's way of achieving their very own 'double'."

He added: "Auto Windscreens' decision to introduce a 'Performance of the Round' award to reward the successful team with £1,000 for their youth development programme should be applauded throughout the game.

"This provides every club with the incentive to produce their own talent from the grass roots level of the game.

"Hopefully, at some point, the England teams will benefit from this as players progress through the ranks - with a number ultimately making the step up into the full international team."

Div One finale kick-off confirmed

THE Football League have confirmed that the entire programme of matches for Nationwide League Division One on Sunday, May 3 - the final weekend of the regular season - will kick-off at 1.30pm.

Any fixture which has no bearing on promotion or relegation issues can be moved to Saturday, May 2, and of course Division Two matches will kick-off as normal at 3pm on that date.

The 1.30 start time for the Division One matches has been determined by Sky TV, and Lee Walker, the League's Controller of Broadcasting, commented: "This decision gives us a wonderful platform to demonstrate to a massive Sky Television audience the passion, intensity and emotions which the deciding day of the championship generates."

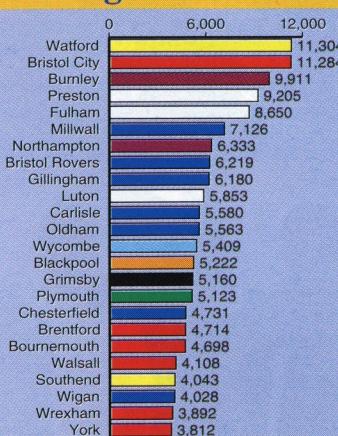


Division 2 Stats

the 97/98 season

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

average attendances



yellow & red cards



how teams have scored

.. and how conceded

see key below	Hd	CR	Ob	V	FK	P	Ib	OG	Hd	CR	Ob	V	FK	P	Ib	OG	
Bournemouth	8	10	7	9	1	3	12	0	Bournemouth	7	10	4	5	1	3	15	0
Blackpool	12	8	7	12	0	1	9	0	Blackpool	16	8	6	6	0	3	17	1
Brentford	9	7	6	6	1	2	12	0	Brentford	7	14	9	5	0	0	22	3
Bristol City	13	7	5	9	3	8	15	2	Bristol City	4	7	2	7	0	1	10	1
Bristol Rovers	10	5	7	6	1	5	24	0	Bristol Rovers	13	6	4	6	1	6	23	0
Burnley	14	11	2	5	0	1	9	1	Burnley	16	6	7	2	2	2	16	0
Carlisle	14	8	6	5	0	4	14	0	Carlisle	17	10	9	8	2	2	12	0
Chesterfield	10	8	3	5	0	2	11	0	Chesterfield	7	5	4	9	0	4	8	1
Fulham	11	7	3	4	0	1	19	3	Fulham	10	4	8	2	0	2	10	0
Gillingham	5	3	3	3	0	5	27	2	Gillingham	6	5	6	5	1	4	18	0
Grimsby	9	6	5	7	3	4	17	1	Grimsby	4	5	2	7	1	1	11	0
Luton	11	3	5	5	1	0	21	0	Luton	8	6	5	9	1	5	21	1
Millwall	8	6	7	2	1	0	14	2	Millwall	12	1	8	6	2	2	17	0
Northampton	8	5	1	8	0	7	15	1	Northampton	6	7	3	4	0	1	10	0
Oldham	15	10	4	9	0	2	11	1	Oldham	8	6	7	4	0	3	16	3
Plymouth	14	10	8	2	0	3	12	0	Plymouth	12	9	7	7	2	4	16	3
Preston	9	6	10	4	4	2	11	1	Preston	8	8	8	7	0	4	13	0
Southend	6	7	7	9	0	2	13	1	Southend	10	8	8	14	3	3	23	1
Walsall	9	6	5	7	0	2	9	1	Walsall	5	10	6	2	0	2	18	1
Watford	9	3	11	6	2	2	26	0	Watford	8	6	2	3	1	2	13	0
Wigan	14	8	5	1	3	11	1	Wigan	13	4	6	8	2	5	19	1	
Wrexham	8	6	6	2	2	21	1	Wrexham	11	4	8	6	2	2	11	0	
Wycombe	6	6	4	9	0	3	18	1	Wycombe	18	6	7	3	0	5	11	1
York	8	3	12	2	2	4	15	1	York	14	5	6	6	1	2	16	1

Hd=Header CR=Shot inside 6 yards Ob=Shot outside area V=Volley FK=Direct Free Kick P=Penalty Ib=Shot inside area OG=Own Goal

Current Form Table

Index in the table below reflects the league position of the opposition in the 6 games, i.e. the higher the position, the higher the index.

W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Idx	Sequence
Bristol City	4	1	1	9	6	13	28% WWLWDW
Brentford	3	2	1	10	8	11	62% WDWDL
Grimsby	3	2	1	8	4	11	27% LDWDWV
Preston	3	2	1	8	7	11	43% DWDWLW
Northampton	3	2	1	7	3	11	67% DDWLLW
Wrexham	3	2	1	6	4	11	51% DLWWWD
Plymouth	3	1	2	10	9	10	70% DLWLWD
Wycombe	3	1	2	8	5	10	56% LLWLDW
Walsall	3	1	2	6	7	10	51% WLWLDW
Luton	2	3	1	8	6	9	38% WDDDLW
Fulham	3	0	3	6	6	9	60% LWLWWL
Gillingham	3	0	3	6	5	9	50% LWLWLW
Millwall	3	0	3	5	6	9	56% LLWLW
Wigan	2	2	2	7	8	8	37% DLLWDW
Blackpool	2	2	2	6	7	8	78% DWLWLW
Southend	2	1	3	9	9	7	75% LWLWLL
Watford	1	4	1	8	8	7	39% DDWDDL
Chesterfield	2	1	3	7	7	7	61% WWLLLD
York	1	2	3	7	9	5	51% DLLWL
Burnley	1	2	3	5	7	5	43% WLDDLL
Bournemouth	1	1	4	9	14	4	23% WLLLDL
Carlisle	1	1	4	6	9	4	51% LLLLDW
Bristol Rovers	1	1	4	5	9	4	59% WDLLLL
Oldham	0	2	4	6	10	2	59% LLLLDL

players used includes those who have left the club

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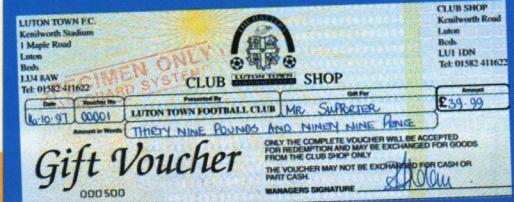
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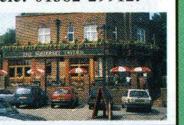
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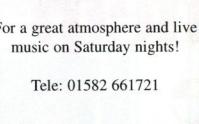
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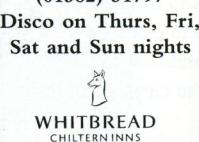

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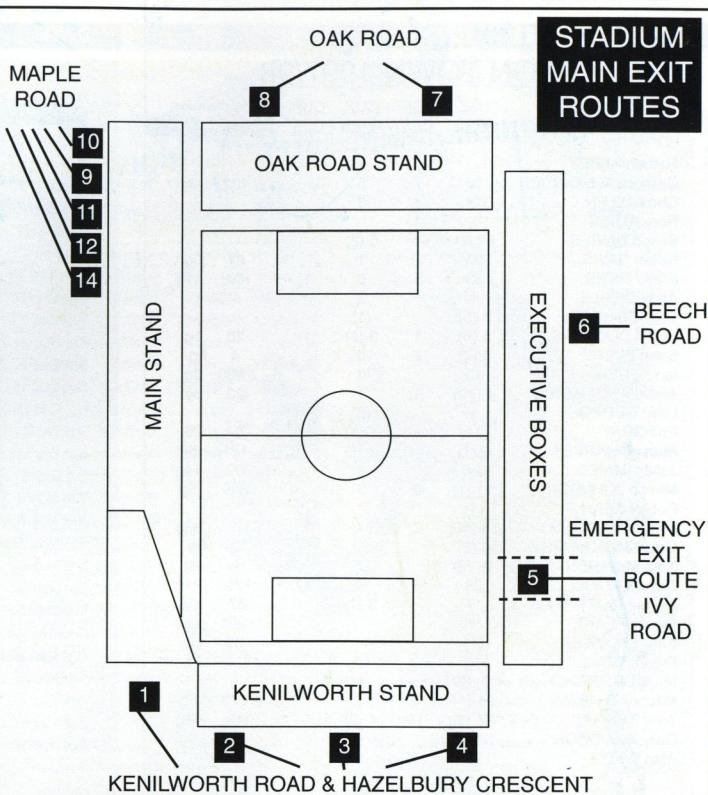
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TEAM Statistics

LUTON TOWN 1997/98

PLAYER (figure in bracket = sub app.) LGE APPS GLS CUP APPS CUP GLS

	LTFC career apps (league & cup, incl subs) & goals, as at start 97/98			
Nathan ABBEY		1		
Graham ALEXANDER	32	7	5	101 3g
Chris ALLEN	14	1	3	
Rory ALLEN	1	1		
Simon DAVIES	8 (11)	1	6 (2)	
Kelvin DAVIS	25		1	21 0g
Steve DAVIS	33	5	6	100 11g
Andy DIBBLE	1		2	
Gary DOHERTY	1 (5)		(1)	
Stuart DOUGLAS	5 (8)	1	3 (1)	1 20 1g
Sean EVERE	9 (7)	2	5	4 0g
Ian FEUER	13		4	98 0g
Andrew FOTIADIS	4 (10)	1	1	23 3g
Liam GEORGE	1		(3)	
Phil GRAY	14	1	1 (1)	67 26
Richard HARVEY	5 (1)		4 (1)	181 5g
Julian JAMES	18 (1)		2	309 14g
Marvin JOHNSON	13 (1)	2	3	289 6g
Robert KEAN	(1)			
Dwight MARSHALL	13 (10)	2	4	1 115 33g
Gavin McGOWAN	6 (2)			2 0g
Paul MCALRE	36 (2)		7	44 1g
David OLDFIELD	38	6	8	125 21g
Darren PATTERSON	17		3 (1)	42 0g
Trevor PEAKE	(1)			201 0g
Paul SHOWLER	(1)			33 6g
Bryan SMALL	15			
Matthew SPRING	5 (3)		1	
Mitchell THOMAS	21 (1)	1	4	273 5g
Tony THORPE	27 (1)	14	4 (2)	5 110 41g
Gary WADDOCK	32 (1)		5 (2)	133 3g
Alan WHITE	22	1	5	

Nationwide League Division Two 97/98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bristol City	40	23	9	8	64	33	78
Watford	40	21	14	5	59	35	77
Grimsby	39	18	12	9	52	31	66
Wrexham	40	17	13	10	48	44	64
Northampton	40	16	15	9	45	31	63
Fulham	39	17	9	13	48	36	60
Gillingham	40	17	9	14	48	45	60
Bristol R	40	16	9	15	58	59	57
Chesterfield	40	13	15	12	39	38	54
Bournemouth	39	14	11	14	50	47	53
Blackpool	39	14	9	16	49	57	51
York	40	12	15	13	47	51	51
Millwall	40	14	9	17	40	48	51
Oldham	39	12	14	13	52	47	50
Preston	40	13	11	16	47	48	50
Wycombe	40	12	14	14	47	51	50
Walsall	38	13	10	15	39	44	49
Wigan	38	12	9	17	51	58	45
Plymouth	40	11	12	17	49	60	45
Brentford	40	10	15	15	43	60	45
LUTON	39	10	14	15	46	56	44
Carlisle	40	11	8	21	51	60	41
Southend	40	11	8	21	45	70	41
Burnley	38	9	12	17	43	51	39

Up to and including Tuesday, March 31. (Does not include last night's match - Southend v Chesterfield)

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)	(Douglas)	(Doherty)	(Evers)
Tue Sep 9	Northampton Town	0-1	7,246	18	K. Davis	McGowan	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	McLaren	(Evers)	Oldfield	Douglas	(Marshall)	Peake	(Doherty)	(Doherty)
Sat Sep 13	AFC Bournemouth	1-1	4,561	21	K.Davis	McGowan	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	(Davies)	McLaren	Oldfield	DOUGLAS	MARSHALL	(Evers)	Peake	(Doherty)
Tue Sep 16	WEST BROM CCC2 (1)	1-1	3,437	-	Dibble	Alexander	Harvey	Waddock	S.Davis	(Johnson)	(Evers)	McLaren	Oldfield	DOUGLAS	Marshall	Doherty	(Davies)	(George)
Sat Sep 20	WREXHAM	2-5	5,241	23	Dibble	McGowan	(Harvey)	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	White	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	(Marshall)	(Doherty)	(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	DOUGLAS	Marshall	(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	(Doherty)	(Davies)	Doherty	(Marshall)
Tue Oct 21	Carlisle United	1-0	4,341	21	K.Davis	James	Small	(Spring)	S.Davis	WHITE	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	(Davies)	Doherty	(Marshall)
Sat Oct 25	BRENTFORD	2-0	5,972	18	K.Davis	(James)	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	White	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER	(Johnson)	Davies	(Marshall)
Sat Nov 1	Wycombe Wanderers	2-2	6,219	18	K.Davis	James	Small	Waddock	S.Davis	Johnson	Gray	McLaren	OLDFIELD	THORPE	ALEXANDER	Davies	Fotiadis	White
Tue Nov 4	BURNLEY	2-3	5,315	19	K.Davis	James	Small	(Waddock)	S.Davis	Johnson	Gray	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER	(Thomas)	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	(Patterson)
Sat Nov 15	TORQUAY UNITED FAC1	0-1	3,446	-	Feuer	James	(Harvey)	(Waddock)	White	(Spring)	FOTIADIS	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	ALEXANDER	(Davies)	Doherty	(Doherty)
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	C. Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER	Davies	Fotiadis	Thomas
Tue Dec 2	GILLINGHAM	2-2	4,408	21	Feuer	James	Small	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	(White)	C. Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER	Davies	Fotiadis	(Thomas)
Sat Dec 13	Chesterfield	0-0	4,358	22	Feuer	James	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	C. Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	Davies	Fotiadis	(Davies)
Sat Dec 20	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-4	5,266	22	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	(Douglas)	S.Davis	White	C. ALLEN	McLaren	OLDFIELD	THORPE	(Alexander)	Davies	Fotiadis	(Davies)
Fri Dec 26	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	2-2	8,035	21	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	C. Allen	McLaren	OLDFIELD	THORPE	(Alexander)	Davies	Fotiadis	Spring
Sun Dec 28	Millwall	2-0	7,461	20	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.DAVIS	White	C. 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	C. Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER	Davies	Fotiadis	Spring
Sat Jan 10	BLACKPOOL	3-0	5,574	18	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	White	C. 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	C. Allen	Davies	OLDFIELD	THORPE	(Alexander)	(Davies)	Marshall	(Davies)
Sat Jan 17	Oldham Athletic	1-2	6,057	18	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	(Waddock)	S.Davis	White	C. Allen	(Spring)	Oldfield	Thorpe	ALEXANDER	(Davies)	Marshall	Evers
Sat Jan 24	FULHAM	1-4	8,366	19	Feuer	Patterson	Thomas	Waddock	S.Davis	(White)	C. Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER	(Davies)	Marshall	George
Tue Jan 27	Fulham AWS3	2-1	5,103	-	Feuer	Patterson	Harvey	Evers	S.Davis	White	C. Allen	(McLaren)	Davies	THORPE	ALEXANDER	(Davies)	Marshall	(Davies)
Sat Jan 31	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	1-2	5,466	19	K.Davis	Patterson	Harvey	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	JOHNSON	(C. Allen)	McLaren	Oldfield	THORPE	ALEXANDER	(Davies)	Marshall	(Davies)
Sat Feb 7	Wrexham	1-2	3,527	20	K.Davis	Patterson	Harvey	(Waddock)	S.DAVIS	Johnson	C. Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	Davies	Evers	(Marshall)
Sat Feb 14	Watford	1-1	15,182	20	K.Davis	Patterson	Thomas	(Waddock)	White	JOHNSON	(C. Allen)	McLaren	Oldfield	Thorpe	Alexander	Davies	Evers	(Marshall)
Tue Feb 17	AFC Bournemouth AWS ASF	0-1	5,367	-	Feuer	Alexander	Thomas	Evers	White	Patterson	C. Allen	McLaren	Oldfield	Marshall	(Davies)	(Gray)	Harvey	Waddock
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Team Check



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Alan WHITE	6	Martin REED
Dwight MARSHALL	7	Alan POUTON
Paul McLAREN	8	Mark TINKLER
David OLDFIELD	9	Rodney ROWE
Rory ALLEN	10	Gary BULL
Graham ALEXANDER	11	Marco GABBIADINI
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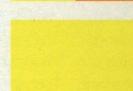
Today's referee is
DAVID CRICK
from Surrey.

Mr Crick, 41, is a Bank Officer, and is married with three children. He is a FIFA linesman, and ran the line for last season's FA Cup Final. He refereed our home match against Plymouth in October.

S.C. Head



C.J.
Rogers



4th official: R.K. Franklin

Next match at Kenilworth Road

The next visitors to Kenilworth Road are **CHESTERFIELD**, in Nationwide League Division Two, on Tuesday, April 14, kick-off 7.45pm.

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