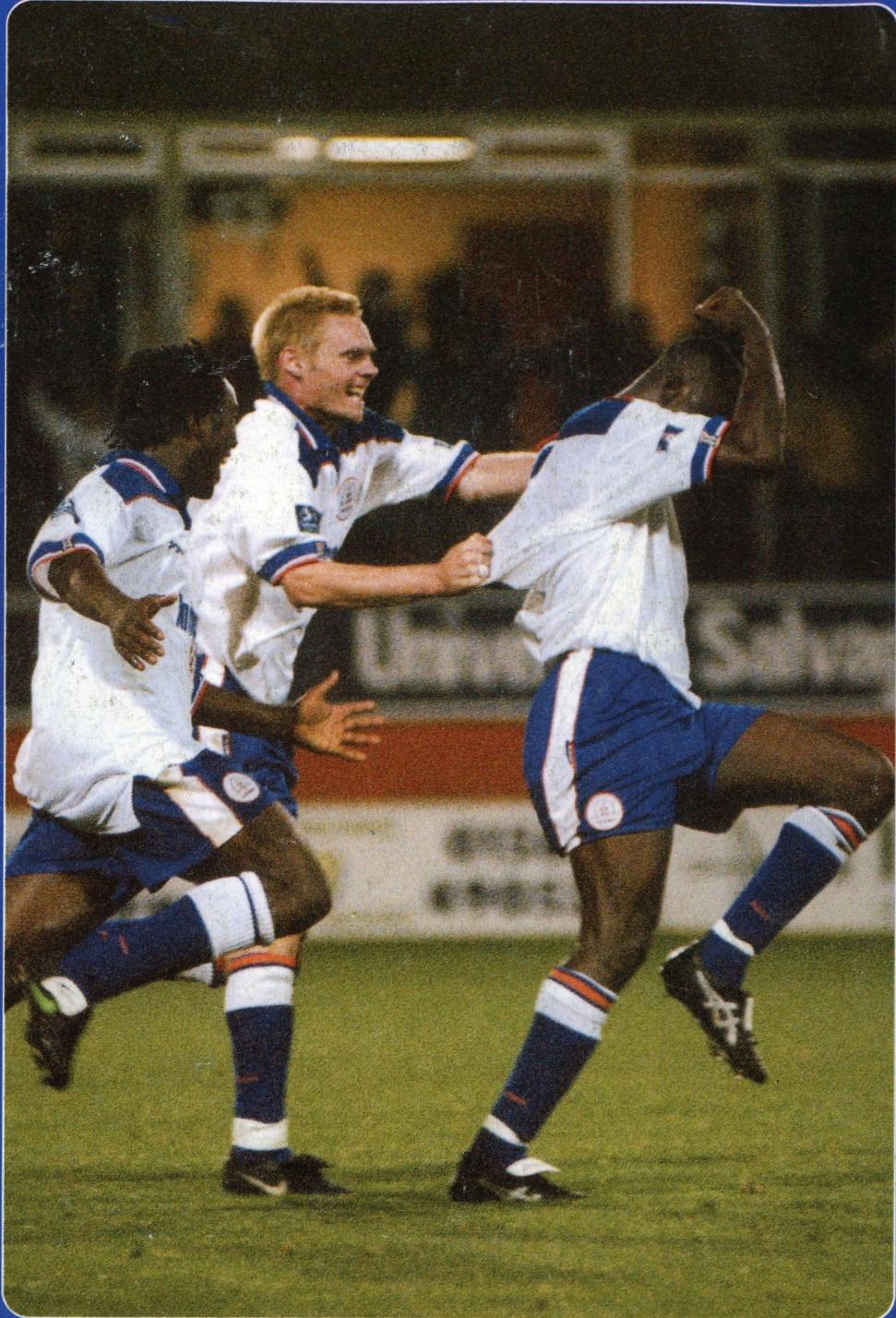


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THOSE WERE THE DAYS:
Vidor Riseth after joining Luton for a brief and unproductive English career. This week, Scottish giants Glasgow Celtic forked out £1.5million for the man known as Video Reset.
Picture: Herald & Post

YOUTH team striker Tresor Kandol, enjoying a spell where he can't help scoring goals - see page 43 - did the club another service last week, to the delight of Herve Bacque.

They played alongside each other for the reserves and both were on the scoresheet in a 3-0 victory over Reading.

They struck up an immediate understanding, as they have done off the pitch.

Tresor's family comes from the Gambia, where French is the native tongue, so he has much more communication with Bacque than any other Town player.

"Communication between players is a vital part of the game," said wise old John Moore, in a Glaswegian accent that must be a real mystery to Bacque!



MARVELOUS MARVIN:
Graham Alexander and Stuart Douglas are first in the queue to celebrate Marvin Johnson's dramatic injury-time Worthington Cup winner against Ipswich - see pages 13, 14 and 15

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It took my mind back more than 20 years, when the late Harry Haslam was getting into foreign player deals. He was later to hit the jackpot with Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa from Argentina, but the first foreigner he brought to Luton, for a short-lived trial, came from an Eastern European country Harry could hardly pronounce, let alone spell.

The player knew no English, but was given a crash course on vital soccer jargon - things like man on, leave it, my ball, and so on.

John Ryan, I think it was, came up with a wheeze: he persuaded the guy that the English for referee was a very crude, four-letter word. The inevitable happened: during a friendly the player thought he had been fouled, and as the arbitro had not seen it, he shouted loudly at him several times. He thought he was yelling "ref, ref, ref..."

He wasn't - in football terms it was foul and abusive language and the poor ref wondered what on earth he had done to be the subject of so much four-letter crudity. Luckily it was a private practice match, and the ref, who was a good friend to the Town, joined in the laughter when the explanation was offered. I don't think we ever saw the trialist again.

IPSWICH manager George Burley wishes Luton Town all the best in the Worthington Cup.

He was less than happy with his own team, especially for conceding two goals from corners in Tuesday's 4-2 thriller at Kenilworth Road, but he had no moans about the result: "All credit to Luton," he said. "They gambled by pushing Steve Davis upfield, and it came off. I wish them all the best in the next round."

Lennie Lawrence can be forgiven if he is dreaming of Old Trafford.

The win at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday gave him his biggest scalp since he took over the Town, he said, explaining that when we beat Derby we were playing a Premiership team that did not have the cup as its priority.

"Make no mistake, Ipswich were up for it," he said. "They wanted it, and for drama, excitement and satisfaction that has to be the best cup match I have ever been involved in."

"My best run as a manager in the competition was with Middlesbrough when we lost in a semi-final replay to Manchester United."

That was five years ago, and the effort of beating a Lennie Lawrence team obviously took its toll of United - they were seen off 3-1 by Aston Villa in the final.

STAND by for another entry into the bargain transfer market by Lennie Lawrence. Not put off by his previous experience of Scandinavians at Luton, he is keeping tabs on two or three players who are within the Town's price bracket - ie free.

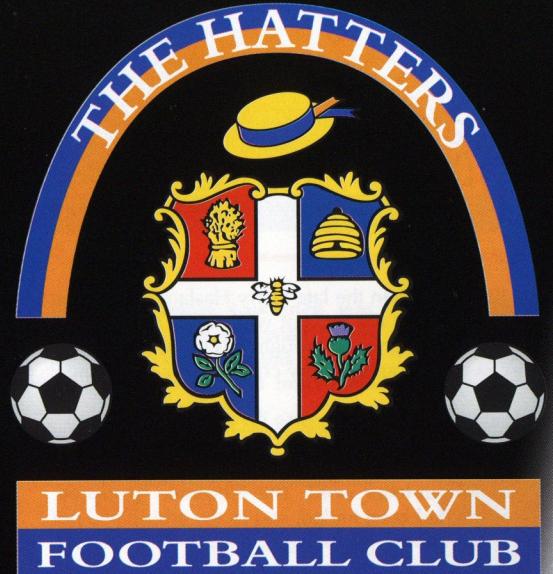
The Scandinavian season takes a break at the end of next month, and over there the Bosman free transfer rules apply to all players, not just the over-24s as in this country.

"We will be looking at likely 21 and 22-year-olds," said the boss, "Perhaps loans, perhaps Bosmans."

WHILE we were enjoying Tuesday's cup cracker, there was an old boys reunion from Luton in another tie that night, when Cambridge United beat Sheffield Wednesday.

The Owls boss, of course, is Danny Wilson, who scored one of our goals in the famous 1988 victory over Arsenal at Wembley, and the Wednesday Secretary is Graham Makrell, who was club secretary here a decade ago.

Cambridge had coach David Preece on the bench, and their team included former Town men John Taylor, Ben Cheshire and Jamie Campbell, who was much relieved to see an equaliser go in for a 2-1 aggregate win after he had headed a spectacular goal... into his own net. Everyone wants to be a Steve Davis these days!



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PONY TM

Lennie Lawrence

from the manager's chair



Tuesday's cup-tie against Ipswich was an occasion which will long be remembered, and so pleasing for us as a club, for the coaching staff and players, and for the supporters.

I doubt if a top fiction writer could have scripted the amazing events of the last five minutes.

Just when it looked as though we had won, we apparently had victory snatched away from us on the away goals rule, and that would have been very harsh.

But the players made one last effort and Marvin Johnson came up with a winner, and he deserves praise for the very cool way he placed his header into the right spot. In some quarters our win over a good First Division side might be seen as a surprise result, but it was richly deserved against a quality team which reached the First Division play-offs last season, and is likely to do it all again this time round. And of the squad of 17 we had on duty, only four cost fees, and two of those were very modest by today's standards.

Certainly the result was a tremendous testimony to our players. By the time you read this the draw for the next round of the Worthington Cup will have been made. Clubs at our level look for two possibilities: an away tie against a "glamour" club so that you can collect a significant amount of money, or a home tie against somebody you can beat. On our day we are capable of giving anyone a good game, so my hope for the draw was a home tie - let's have the money-spinner in the two leg semi-finals!

We are now at the end of the regular twice a week playing programme, and it's a good time to take stock, and remind ourselves that much as we enjoy cup success, promotion is what we need more than anything else.

After the trials and tribulation of a year ago

- it's 12 months since an injury hit team lost at Bristol City and then plunged to the painful depths of defeat at home to Watford - I am pleased that we are now giving supporters something to cheer about, and I hope the win over Ipswich pays them back for some of the last year's suffering at home games.

The key to our ambition of a play-off place at least is a good solid home record, and I hope I am not tempting fate by pointing out that we have not been beaten in the league at

Kenilworth Road since January. Walsall will doubtless put that record to the test this afternoon. They have made an excellent start to the season, with only one away defeat so far in the second division, and that at Manchester City. They showed spirit and goal power last week to come back from behind to beat Notts County.

We too are in good heart, and with justified confidence despite the disappointing result at Blackpool, where we did not deserve to win, but might have snatched a draw.

Despite that reverse, we are well placed with roughly a quarter of the season completed today. If we beat Walsall, I would imagine we will be in the top four, and still in the Worthington Cup, and that is a satisfactory return for our endeavours over the opening phase of the season.

The win we want will also be important in terms of games coming up, because our next two are both away, and Fulham at Craven Cottage next week will be no walk-over.

There is a danger that after the amazing two hours of football against Ipswich today could be something of an anti-climax. We must not allow that, and Walsall's visit will be a test of our professionalism and spirit.

We must stay focussed: Wembley is a nice dream, but the reality is that the big prize for us is promotion, which is why we cannot afford to take anything less than three points today, particularly as once more we are playing a team who are up there with us at the top end of the league table.

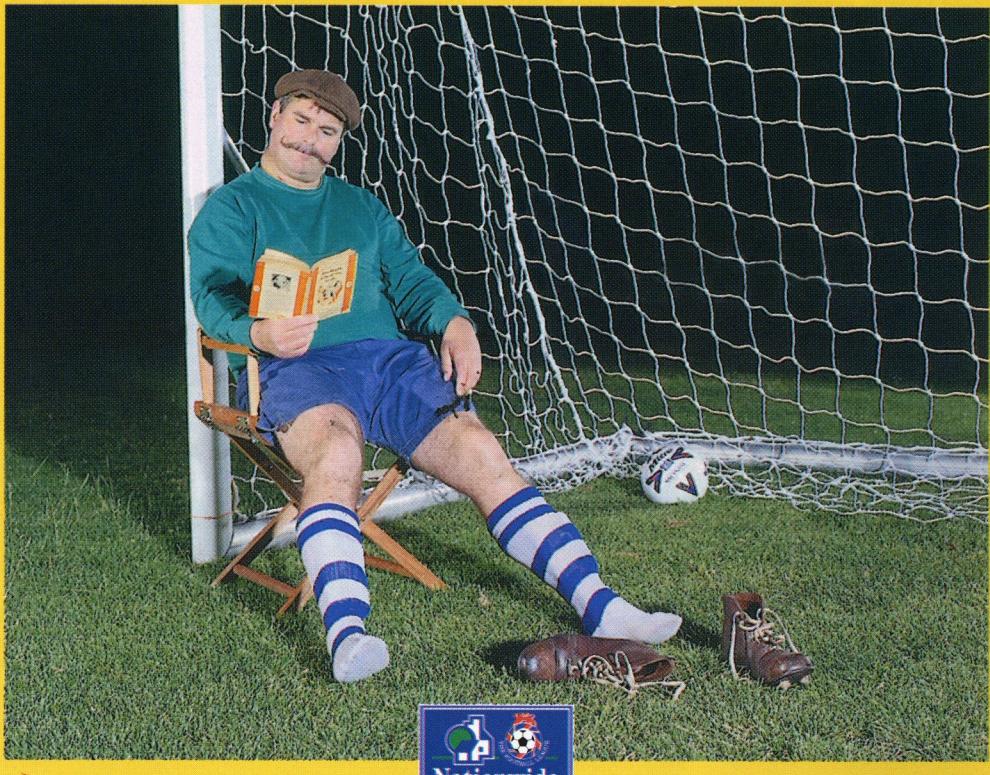
On a broader front, it has been a good week through-out the club. Our reserves went to Swindon on Wednesday night, and a young team won 1-0 to stay in the top three of the Avon Insurance Combination. Our youth team won again last week, and are top of the South East Counties League. So things are being done correctly at every level - we have the right players in the right teams and you only have to recall how well Michael McIndoe and Jimmy Cox have done when they were promoted to the first team to realise that our progress at all levels is very heartening. That too, is part of pay-back time for the supporters who suffered painful experiences with us a year ago. They were dark days, indeed, especially that game against Watford.

Today, it looks a lot sunnier, whatever the weather, and I hope you all have more reasons to cheer this afternoon as we try to cement our place in the top six. Your backing on Tuesday was tremendous, and thanks for that. But please keep it up - league games are even more important than cup-ties. Enjoy the game.

Lennie Lawrence



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Steve Davis captain's log

Well we certainly experienced the highs and lows of Cup football on Tuesday. Thankfully from my point of view the evening ended on a high, thanks to my 'best mate' Marv!! He doesn't score many, but he's got scoring in the last minute of cup games off to a fine art! As the manager said in an interview after the game, it would have been harsh to say the least if we had gone out

on away goals as I think overall we deserved to progress and could have done so with a more emphatic scoreline, had we taken our chances in extra-time. Having said all that it must have been a great game to watch from all your point of views and it's nice to have been involved in what was a great night for the club.

Today we are back to reality and our 'bread and butter'. Three points are vital today especially after our defeat at Blackpool. We came back from the North West with nothing which was disappointing as I think we deserved to have got a draw. That however can all be put right if we get a result against a Walsall team who like ourselves have got off to a great start to the season. They've got a new manager in Ray Graydon, who used to be my reserve manager at Southampton. I'd be interested to know if any of the Walsall lads have beaten him at 'football squash' in the gym as we couldn't do it at Southampton! He's made a couple of good signings in Rammel and Brissett, which means we'll have our hands full

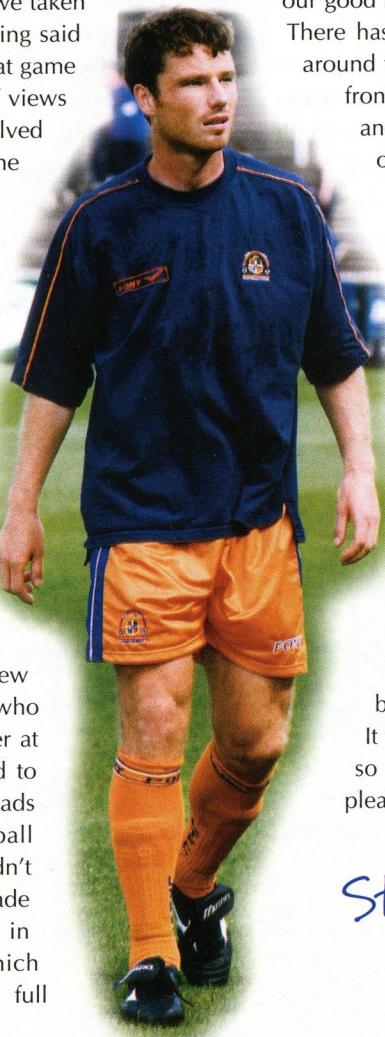
again at the back, but the way the team are playing we feel confident we can continue our good home form.

There hasn't been a lot of news from around the club lately. On the injury front Macca's making progress and it's nice to see Showls come out of his hibernation!! It'll be like having a new player when he's back in the squad and I'm sure as the season progresses he'll have a part to play.

It's been a funny week, doom and gloom after Blackpool, and a sense of maybe we can achieve something after Ipswich.

Confidence is high we've halted our mini slump of two defeats on the bounce and hopefully today we can try and get back into the top two.

It was great support on Tuesday, so more of the same today please! Enjoy the game.



Steve Davis

Cherry Newberry

club secretary



AFTER our superb win over Ipswich on Tuesday I wish to issue a reminder to all supporters about going onto the pitch: it is an offence to enter the playing area, even if it is in a spirit of celebration.

We have a good record for spectator behaviour, and we want to keep it. You probably know that the draw for the third round of the Worthington Cup was being made at 12.30 today. If you have missed it, we will be giving out the news on the PA system.

We were all hoping to draw a big one, at the stage of the competition when teams in the draw included Premiership clubs who had byes for the first two rounds because they were in Europe. From now on, until the two-leg semi-finals, the Worthington Cup is a one-off match each round. If games are level after 90 minutes in rounds three, four and five, extra time is to be played, followed by a penalty shoot-out if necessary. There are no replays.

I know that one of the first things supporters want to know is when will tickets will go on sale. Please, be patient - we need a few days to make all the arrangements, but an announcement will be made as soon as humanly possible. So please, give us the chance to get things sorted out - it's no good going into the ticket office today to ask for details. When we have made all the arrangements we will inform the local radio and newspapers, and put out the news on our Clubcall service.

And talking of patience, our thanks go to all supporters who took advice given in this

column earlier this season, and booked tickets well in advance of Tuesday's cup-tie. If we are to have a good cup run it will be a case of the more successful we are the more helpful to everyone it will be if supporters book early. The same is true of Nationwide League matches, and there we offer an extra incentive, in the shape of price reductions for early purchase.

Speaking of cup runs, we are talking to Northampton about their visit for the second round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. We have offered them potential dates, and are awaiting Northampton's reply, and I will pass on the information as soon as it is available.

Finally today, we have a bucket appeal. It is in aid of the Herald and Post £40,000 Heart Scanner Appeal, which has been launched to buy a new cardiac ultra-sound machine for the Luton and Dunstable Hospital.

I would like to welcome the appeal organiser, Mary Biswell and her helpers who do so much for charity in this area. I hope they enjoy their day with us, and trust that supporters, as they always do, will again give generously for a good cause.

Cherry Newberry



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Hatters Abroad

Town fans in Turkey

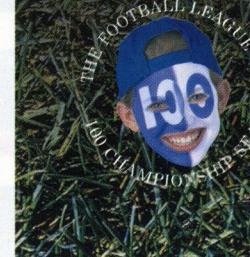


THE library at Ephesus, in Turkey, was one of the ancient wonders of the world... so it figures a few Luton Town fans must have been on its doorstep, even if not through its portals.

The picture shows David and James Garley, who are season ticket holders in the new stand, on a holiday where a Luton Town kit was of course an essential part of the luggage.

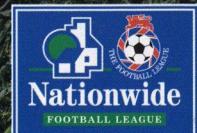
If you have a sunny picture to brighten up the darker days that are ahead, the matchday magazine editor is always interested in using them. He can be contacted at the Football Club.

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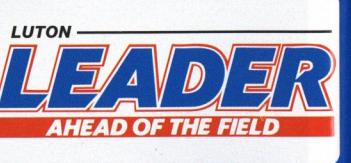
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Action Replay

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IS OUR name on it this season? Can a team from the Second Division win the Worthington Cup at Wembley? Maybe not... but, if the Town can play regularly like they did on Tuesday, all things are possible.

It was one of the great cup-tie nights, to rank alongside memories of Liverpool, Newcastle, Arsenal and other big guns being unloaded under the Kenilworth Road lights. Not since Wembley 1988 had we gone through every possible emotion before glorious triumph in the closing seconds.

We looked likely losers at half-time, when Ipswich imposed their First Division skill and composure, and doubled their first-leg advantage.

As at Oxford in the first round, the Town responded magnificently, and more so. By 90 minutes we were all square on aggregate, 2-1 up on the night. Every Town man gave everything, individually and as a team, and then they gave us severe risk of heart attack in an amazing period of extra time.

Steve Davis headed us into the lead and Ipswich were as good as beaten. Except that the skipper, trying to clear a cross, headed into his own net with just two minutes left - 3-2 to us, but 4-4 on aggregate, meaning Ipswich were through on the away goals rule.

As Lennie Lawrence said later, it would have been a travesty if the game had finished like that.

But 19 seconds into stoppage time, Ipswich, well rattled by the way the Town had swarmed all over them, gave away a needless corner. Matthew Spring swung it in from the Town's left, England under-21 goalkeeper Richard Wright flapped and did not hold, and up popped Marvin Johnson to head a winner to spark a roar of delight that must have been heard half way to Portman Road.

Johnson is not quite a regular on the scoresheet, with a ten-year record now showing nine goals in 317 matches. Some of his most memorable have been own goals but every one, even the famous 40-yarder for Aston Villa, was a price worth paying for Tuesday night's stunner at the right end.

We made changes after the defeat at Blackpool. Phil Gray was out with an ankle injury and replaced by Andrew Fotiadis, making his first start of the season. Ray McKinnon returned to midfield after Jimmy Cox had deputised so well in the two previous matches. On the left Dwight Marshall came back from the injury sustained at Reading, with Michael McIndoe joining Cox on the subs' bench.

The signs were not awfully encouraging in the first half as the Town tried to retrieve the one-goal deficit from Portman Road. Ipswich pulled eight men back to protect Wright every time the Town threatened, and always looked dangerous on the counter-attack. In David Johnson and Jamie Scowcroft they have a pair

of strikers far better than any we meet in the Second Division. In defence giant Frenchman Manuel Thetis towered over Stuart Douglas, but never relished the cheerful willingness of Douglas and Fotiadis to dig in and have a go. For the first half an hour Ipswich enjoyed more quality possession, but the Town produced the only real scoring threats. Matthew Spring, Douglas and Sean Evers all went close, but not close enough.

It took Ipswich 30 minutes to find their first shot, a left-footer by the impressive Kieron Dyer which was comfortably saved by Kelvin Davis. But five minutes later, Dyer worked the ball down the right, fed Scowcroft on the edge of the box, and he cleverly held up the ball before laying it off for David Johnson to fire in his fifth goal of the season.

Perhaps like Oxford before them Ipswich thought they had it in the bag with a two-goal aggregate advantage. If so, the bag was shot full of holes as the Town lifted themselves and the pace. First Division quality was outclassed by pace, determination and team spirit, and the Town were showing the winning quality.

Ipswich moaned that Thetis was fouled when Fotiadis robbed him near the Town's right corner flag. Perhaps he was - but the young striker didn't worry, and nor did we as he strode purposefully across towards the near post, dragging Adam Tanner and the goalkeeper towards him before finishing his muscular effort with the night's equaliser.

With 12 minutes to go, and Ipswich hanging on to their 3-2 overall lead, Alan White was sent on as our second sub, releasing Steve Davis to go upfield in a last bid for glory. Just over six minutes was left when the Town's hard work was finally rewarded, with Davis helping on Gavin McGowan's pass into the path of Douglas, who turned Thetis and shot his fourth goal of the season.

It set up a never-racking period of extra time, but the initiative had been wrested out of Ipswich's grasp. After 98 minutes Davis rose for a trade-mark header from Graham Alexander's corner to put us ahead for the first time in the tie. Justice had been done, we thought, but ten minutes later we were in the depths of despair as Davis headed his first-ever own goal in the attempt to turn a cross behind for a corner. Suffolk voices were singing in triumph as the 120-minute mark was reached, only for Marvellous Marvin to shut them up 19 seconds later. Marvellous Marvin? Marvellous Luton Town, every single one of them!

Action Replay

Luton Town 4 Ipswich 2



OPENER: Andrew Fotiadis gets us on our way with his first goal of the season



IN THE LEAD: Steve Davis makes it 3-1 on the night, 4-3 on aggregate



THE MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: Kelvin Davis, Alexander, McGowan, Spring, Steve Davis, Johnson, McKinnon (White 78 mins), Evers, Douglas, Fotiadis (Bacque 73 mins), Marshall (Cox 66 mins), Unused subs: Abbey, McIndoe.

Booked: Stuart Douglas for alleged diving (48 mins), Alan White (96) and Jimmy Cox (97) for fouls.

Ipswich: Wright, Stockwell (Mathie 103 mins), Taricco (Sonner 105), Tanner, Thetis, Venus, Dyer, Holland, Johnson, Scowcroft, Petta (Clapham 77), Unused subs Bracey, Holster.

Booked: Manuel Thetis (81 mins) for a foul on Stuart Douglas

The goals: 0-1 35 mins David Johnson low drive after James Scowcroft held and laid off the ball; 1-1 52 mins: Andrew Fotiadis solo effort after holding off Manuel Thetis; 2-1 84 mins: Stuart Douglas from opening made by Steve Davis; 3-1 98 mins: Steve Davis header from Graham Alexander corner; 3-2 118 mins: Steve Davis headed own goal from a cross by Danny Sonner; 4-2, and 5-4 on aggregate; Marvin Johnson's first goal since his point-saver at Watford seven months ago.

Referee: Paul Taylor, Waltham Cross

Attendance: 5,655



LEVELLER: Stuart Douglas shoots, and the deflection off Manuel Thetis did the rest

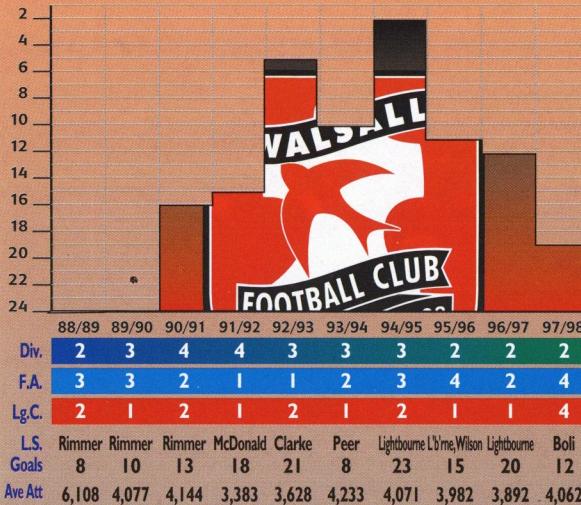


THE WINNER: Marvin Johnson, almost obscured by Herve Bacque, carefully dinks his header over the Ipswich defence and goalkeeper to complete a memorable cup-tie night.



SHEER DELIGHT: Players are as happy as the supporters as Marvellous Marv collects the accolades of his first goal since February

Walsall's last ten years - the full record



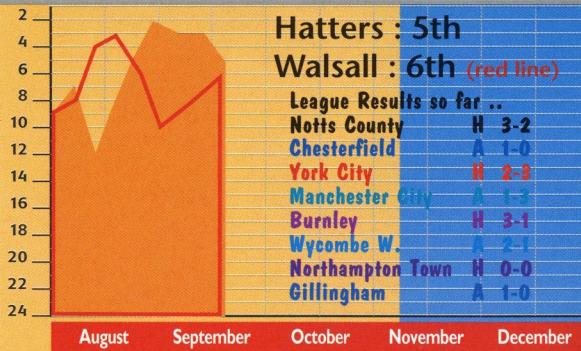
When Walsall have scored goals... and conceded them



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George	2
Johnson	2
Douglas	1
Evers	1
Gray	1
McKinnion	1
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Spring	1

League Positions throughout the season



When The Hatters have scored goals... and conceded them



Who's played for Walsall this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
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Jason Brissett	M	8	2	24	5'9	1200	Bournemouth	
Neil Pointon	D	8		33	5'10	1210	Hearts	
Gary Porter	M	8		32	5'7	1100	Watford	Eng U21
Andy Rammell	F	8	5	31	6'2	1310	Southend	
Adrian Viveash	D	8		28	6'2	1212	Swindon	
James Walker	G	8		25	5'11	1302	Notts County	
Darren Wrack	F	8	3	22	5'9	1207	Grimsby	
Dean Keates	M	7(1)		20	5'6	1008		
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How The Saddlers have scored goals... and conceded them

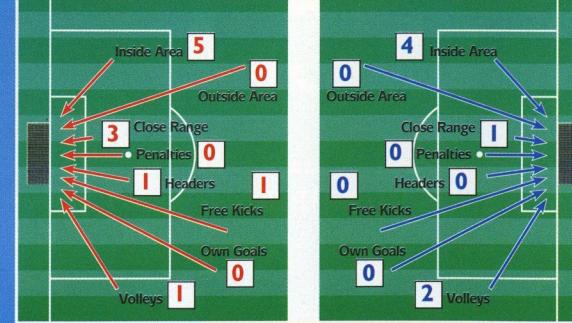


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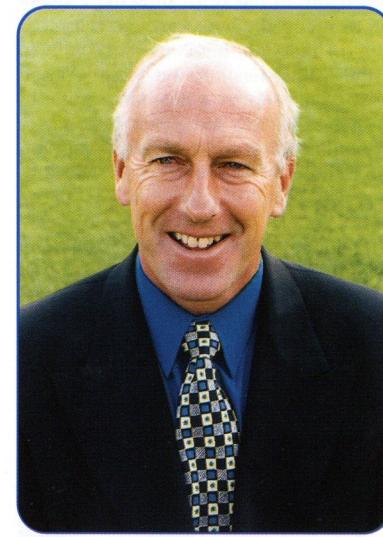
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How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



welcome to today's visitors



TEAM MANAGER - RAY GRAYDON

Emerged as the surprise choice to replace Jan Sorensen in the Saddlers hot seat during the course of the last pre-season break. The vastly experienced coach has never previously sampled life in the manager's chair, but commands a tremendous amount of respect throughout the football world.

A disciplined and intelligent man, he ended the 1997/98 campaign working as a coach at Port Vale, where he was an instrumental figure helping the Valiants avoid relegation. Best known in the midlands for his time as a player at Aston Villa for whom he scored the winner in the 1975 League Cup Final against Norwich City.



Left to Right - Back Row

Tom Bradley (Physiotherapist), Neil Pointon, Andy Rammell, Adrian Viveash, Clive Platt, Daniel Naisbitt, James Walker (Goalkeeper), Ian Roper, Michael Ricketts, Matthew Gadsby, Neil Davies, Bill Jones (Youth Liason Officer)

Left to Right - Front Row

Jason Brissett, Wayne Evans, Jean Francios Peron, John Keister, Chris Marsh, Ray Graydon (Manager), Dennis Booth (Youth Team Manager), Dean Keates, Darren Wrack, Gary Porter, Andrew Watson.

JAMES WALKER

An inspiring and vociferous figure who provides an extremely sound base to the side. Ever present last term, the agile and all action 'keeper also skippered the side to good effect on a number of occasions, playing with a high level of confidence and reliability which transferred itself to the players around him. Moving to Bescot Stadium from Notts County in August 1993, he is another free transfer capture who has gone on to prove his worth in no uncertain terms.

DANIEL NAISBTT

A promising young keeper who many believe has potential to go far in the game. currently being forced to bide his time in the reserve team, he is working hard so that when his opportunity eventually arises he will be able to grab it with both hands.

WAYNE EVANS

Since joined The Saddlers back in August 1993, the Welshman has blossomed into an extremely accomplished defender, playing with an extraordinary level of consistency, which has made him a firm favourite amongst The Saddlers faithful. On the fringe of the Welsh national squad, he was delighted to finally break his Football League scoring duck towards the end of the last season by bagging the winner against Gillingham.

MATTHEW GADSBY

After impressing greatly with some solid performances whilst coming through the ranks, the young defender was given a brief opportunity to taste first-team action in the final game of last season against Wycombe Wanderers when coming on as a second half substitute. With his appetite well and truly whetted this could well be the season in which he emerges from the shadows.

IAN ROPER

Another youngster who has made the transition through the ranks to become very much a part of the first-team set-up. His overall game is gradually improving as he learns from the more experienced people around him. A good competitor, he is expected to become a key figure in the heart of defence.

ADRIAN VIVEASH

The rock on which the back-line is built, he enjoyed yet another solid season last term whereby he reaffirmed his position as an extremely vital and

well respected figure in the side. Showing a steely determination to succeed which transferred itself to other members of the side, his experience proved essential to the youngsters around him. Walsall stepped in to snap him up on a Bosman transfer in October 1995 when he was somewhat surprisingly released by Swindon Town and what an acquisition he has proven to be!

CHRIS MARSH

Comfortably the longest serving player in the current squad, Chris arrived at Walsall as a fresh-faced youngster back in July 1998 and has gone on to serve the club tremendously well over the intervening year, playing in a whole host of different positions - including goalkeeper. An extremely popular figure both on and off the field, he is sure to prove his worth in no uncertain terms during the course of the season.

NEIL POINTON

The vastly experienced 33 year-old defender became Ray Graydon's second pre-season signing when making a return to the English league after spending the last couple of seasons in Scotland's top flight with current Scottish FA Cup holders, Hearts. Not one to shy out of a challenge, he has a tremendous strength of character which should serve the club well.

WAYNE THOMAS

An extremely busy player in the middle of the park, made a big impact when introduced to the side in 1996-97 Season. He was used only occasionally over the course of the last season, spending a spell out on loan to Kidderminster Harriers. Nevertheless, when called upon he showed considerable skill, approaching each game with refreshing 100% commitment to the task in hand.

JEAN FRANCOIS PERON

Another Bosman transfer capture from French Club FC Lens in August 1997, his performances settled into the English game with much aplomb, leading many to rank him as one of the finest players ever to grace a Walsall shirt. Deservedly scooping the player of the Season award at the end of last season, his presence was sorely missed on the occasions that he was out of the side.



GARY PORTER

After ending his long and fruitful association with Watford during the summer of 1997, the Sunderland born midfielder arrived at Walsall on a free transfer, bringing with him some much needed experience and know-how to an otherwise youthful and raw midfield unit. His passing ability proved to be vital and there was a noticeable void on the occasions when he was missing from the side.

DARREN WRACK

The talented 22 year old midfielder joined the club in the week leading up to the start of the 1998/99 season after impressing during a trial spell. A lively and energetic player, he is a very good crosser of the ball. Arrived on a free transfer from Grimsby Town where his opportunities were limited following his move from Derby County in July 1996.



DEAN KEATES

One of the greatest success stories of the 1997/1998 campaign, the pocket-size midfield workhorse has grabbed a first-team berth with both hands and is now an integral part of the side, playing with steady assurance beyond his 20 years. Born and lived in the area all his life, there will be

nobody more keen to see The Saddlers rise up the league ladder in the years to come. Attracted the scouts along to Bescot Stadium last term and is likely to do the same this season.

JOHN KEISTER

The tenacious midfield battler found his path to a regular first-team berth blocked for much of last season. Beginning the campaign in the team, he fell out of favour for long periods before being thrust into action towards the end of the season to add some much needed bite to the heart of the side. Another player plucked from non-League obscurity, the Sierra Leone international will no doubt be aiming to impress Ray Graydon sufficiently to earn a regular starting place in the months ahead.

CLIVE PLATT

Last Season saw the tall, young front man make occasional first team appearances. Another player who has come through the ranks at the club, he will be looking to win Walsall Football Club regular First-team place under the new management team.



MICHAEL RICKETTS

The imposing young striker failed to cement a regular place in the side last term, drifting in and out of the forward line and not scoring the goals that many expected him to. Yet another player whom the club have nurtured, he has a striking physical presence, and is reckoned to have a bright future in the game. At just 19 years of age he certainly has time on his side.

ANDY RAMMELL

Became Ray Graydon's first capture when arriving on a Bosman transfer from Southend United during the pre-season break. A big and strong front man, his commitment to the cause is total and as a result he is a well-respected figure on the terraces. Manchester United plucked him from non-League football in 1989 before moves to Barnsley and latterly Southend.

JASON BRISSETT

An exciting winger who possesses a high level of skill and pace. he was snapped up from AFC Bournemouth in the week leading up to the start of the 1998/99 season after impressing in a couple of friendly fixtures. Sure to become a favourite amongst the faithful at Bescot Stadium.

NEIL DAVIS

Arrived at the club on a short term deal from neighbours Aston Villa over the summer as he looks to get his career back on track after suffering at the hands of illness and injury in recent seasons.

ANDY WATSON

The hard-working front man weighed in with some very important goals over the course of last term. However, he found his season blighted by a niggling injury towards the end of the campaign which kept him on the sidelines for much longer than expected, and his presence was certainly missed out on the field. Walsall paid £60,000.00 for his signature from Blackpool in September 1996.

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Director Ron Hedley is celebrating the 46th anniversary of his first visit to Kenilworth Road on September 27th 1959, as a nine year old, when he saw the Town beat Preston 4-1 in front of 23,000 spectators.

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News

Hatters On Card

IT IS almost 40 years since the Town beat Preston 4-1 at Kenilworth Road to go top of the First Division, which is now the Carling Premiership. Jimmy Adams scored twice, and George Cummins and Billy Bingham netted the other goals on September 27, 1958.

In those days boys could buy little packets containing half a dozen picture cards of footballers and a slab of bubble gum. These cards, along with those found in packets of tea, sweets and breakfast cereals, were collected as avidly by the youngsters of the day as the pre-war cigarette cards had been by their fathers.

With Luton Town being one of the leading teams in the 1950s - promoted in 1955 and reaching the FA Cup final in 1959 - it was not surprising that they were featured regularly in these trade sets of the day.

Of the team that thrashed Preston, two players were to be found in the 50-card set of footballers produced by the A & B C Gum company. This was the first in a long line of football sets issued by the firm. On card 12 was Ron Bayham, and further on at 36 captain Syd Owen was pictured.

Bayham's card is reproduced here. He had joined Luton from Worcester in 1952 and soon established himself as a brilliant goalkeeper, who won three England caps in 1956.

By 1958, when this card was produced, he was turning in some of the best displays of his career, but he had stiff competition at Kenilworth Road. We had Bernard Stretton, also an England goalkeeper, and lowerth Hughes, who was capped by Wales.

On the back of the card, in a brief description of Bayham and his career, it states: "At present out of the England side, his burning ambition is to regain his place once more."

Alan Hodgkinson of Sheffield United, Eddie Hopkinson of Bolton and Ron Springett of Sheffield Wednesday prevented that ambition being achieved, and, like Owen, Bayham had to settle for three caps. But he stayed at Luton until 1965, playing 388 league games before injury ended his career.

Incidentally, it is said that he loved to fill in crossword puzzles, without ever looking at the clues!

The 6ft 1in tall goalkeeper appeared on several cards during his Luton career, including later issues from the A & B C bubble gum makers.

Examples from this set are still relatively easy to come by, at around 60p per card.

- Alan Robinson



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Top Hatters Gallery



Autograph

Stuart Douglas
Born: London 9/4/78
Previous clubs: None - joined Luton as a YTS boy
Debut: Oldham (H) 11/11/95 - scored in 1-1 draw
Luton record: 35 appearances, 7 goals



Stuart Douglas

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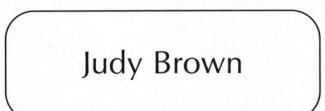
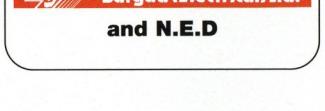
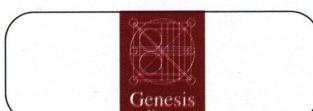
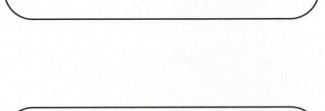
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It happened on this day

by Roger Wash

26th September 1964

Luton Town 1 Peterborough United 1

After the early season flurry of three wins from the first five games the team was starting to show its true colours with three straight defeats leading up to the visit of Peterborough to Kenilworth Road.

Despite this lapse in form a reasonable crowd of 9339 gathered, although some had turned up to see Northern Ireland international, Derek Dougan, who had surprisingly stepped down a couple of divisions to play for Posh. Peterborough had the worst defensive record in the division but had recruited ex-Aston Villa goalkeeper, Nigel Sims, in a bid to stem the tide. He certainly had a steady influence allowing Posh to break away and take the lead through Tony Moulden after ten minutes.

Moulden missed another couple of sitters to sew the game up but the Town, taking advantage of these lapses, assumed control in the second half and a long pass from Dave Pacey allowed John O'Rourke to glide through a hesitant defence to slip the ball past Sims.

O'Rourke was denied a late winner when he was judged to have fouled Peterborough centre-half Jimmy Walker when heading home a free kick.

26th September 1972

Swindon Town 0 Luton Town 2

After a run of three straight wins the Town had come a cropper at Sheffield Wednesday the previous Saturday, going down 0-4 to the rampant Owls. The chance to shake this defeat out of their system came three days later at the County Ground, Swindon where the game

got off to a sensational start with Peter Anderson being booked after only ten seconds!

Swindon started brightly but they huffed and puffed in front of the Hatters goal and gradually the Town took over using an accurate long ball game.

Vic Halom opened the scoring just before the hour when his header slipped through Swindon goalkeeper, Peter Downsborough's hands and five minutes later Robins' defender Rod Thomas mis-headed a Bobby Thomson free-kick to Halom who expertly lobbed home number two.

26th September 1981

Luton Town 4 Watford 1

Although the Town boasted a 100% away record they were licking their wounds after suffering two consecutive home defeats to Sheffield Wednesday and Cardiff. What better time to take on local rivals Watford! The Town dispensed with their sweeper system and tore into the Hornets from the start. It came as no surprise when David Moss opened the scoring from the spot after Watford striker Gerry Armstrong, back helping his beleaguered defence, brought him down. Soon after, Brian Stein was bundled over in the area by Ian Bolton leaving Moss to do the honours again.

Stein took advantage of an expert through pass from Ricky Hill to sew the game up by half-time but was not finished as he headed home number four soon after the break.

Watford netted a consolation through Bolton's free kick but the Town's season had well and truly taken off. It was also the biggest derby win for 45 years to boot!



Brian Stein heads the Town's fourth goal against Watford in September 1981

Intg.the archives a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

We welcome another team to Kenilworth Road who have featured constantly in our history since our earliest times. Meetings commenced in 1897/98, following our election to the old Division Two of the Football League.

We were well beaten in our first clash, in January 1898 at Walsall, going down 0-5 even though the Saddlers were reduced to ten men when 'Sailor' Aston was dismissed for fighting with James Coupar. It must have been some scrap as sendings-off were rare in those far off days when football was a lot rougher than it is now.

In the return, a month later, the boot was on the other foot as we won through 6-0 at Dunstable Road, and in the period leading up to our resignation from the Football League in 1900 there was rarely a dull moment during our clashes.

A 3-2 win at Luton in 1898/99, with two of our goals being scored in the final five minutes, was followed by a 0-6 reversal at Walsall. In 1899/1900 we overwhelmed the Saddlers at Dunstable Road with a 4-0 victory after using 'dubious, rough tactics' but were hammered 3-7 in the return fixture.

After all this excitement we then settled down to get our breath back and waited until 1927/28 before renewing acquaintances with the Saddlers this time in Division Three. The inconsistency, however, remained with a 4-1 home win on Easter Saturday followed by a 1-4 defeat at Walsall two days later. The only consistent feature was Andy Rennie who scored in both games.

In 1929/30 Walsall achieved the double over the Hatters, winning 3-2 at Luton and 1-0 at Hillary Street (the ground was not re-named Fellows Park until the summer of 1930). In the game at Kenilworth Road, Luton goalkeeper George Harford was a spectator

for the first 25 minutes but the first time he touched the ball was to fish it out of the net with Vincent Murphy scoring after a quick break by the Saddlers. Three minutes later Harford was picking the ball out of the net again when John Eyres doubled Walsall's lead and although Rennie reduced the deficit from the spot, after Sid Helliwell handled, Wallace Harris restored the two goal advantage for the Saddlers.

The Luton supporters could not believe that a team that had seen so much of the ball should be behind, and when Jimmy Yardley pulled another back for the Hatters in the second half everyone was expecting a grandstand finish. Walsall had other ideas, however, and packed their defence, with goalkeeper Fred Biddlestone showing breathtaking form. Biddlestone was also the Walsall saviour in the return keeping the Luton forwards at bay after ex-Hatter, Bert Walters had stolen the lead early on following a poor back pass from Luton defender John Fulton.

Due to Walsall's geographical position they were switched to Division Three (North) at the end of the following campaign but not before the Town had gained some revenge. Although the game at Kenilworth Road was a dull score draw, the return at Fellows Park saw the Town on the rack for most of the match, but sneak out and snatch both points when Bob Bryce set up Bill Brown who beat Saddlers goalkeeper Roy John with ease.

We met up again briefly in 1936/37, when Walsall were switched back again, just as we were about to win promotion to the old Division Two. Our clashes with the Saddlers were both early season affairs with winger George Stephenson netting the all-important goal in a 1-0 win at Fellows Park at the end of August, with Joe Payne and Jack Ball on the scoresheet in the return the following week, in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 11043. Another long gap appeared before we met again, this time in 1961/62 following the

Saddlers promotion to the old Division Two. On Boxing Day 1961 we went down 2-0 at Fellows Park, in a game marking the debut of Fred Jardine, but the press seemed more interested in former England international goalkeeper, Ron Baynham, because he turned out in tracksuit bottoms. Remember these were the days when goalkeepers who even wore gloves were regarded as sissies!

At the end of the following campaign both clubs were relegated, but not before we won an entertaining game 4-3 at Kenilworth Road with young striker Ron Davies scoring his first goals for the Hatters.

On now to the old Division Three in 1963/64, when we met up again with the Saddlers on the opening day at Kenilworth Road.

With Gordon Fincham and Gareth Salisbury making solid debuts for the Town it was left to veteran striker Gordon Turner to net the all-important goal as we won a tight game 1-0. We crashed 0-4 in the return in front of 3863 spectators, which was then the second lowest league attendance at Fellows Park since the War.

In 1964/65 we slipped down to football's basement and our meetings with the Saddlers took place over Easter 1965. In the Good Friday game at Kenilworth Road a youthful Allan Clarke, later to play for Leeds and England, scored twice as the Saddlers won at a canter, 3-1. The return, three days later, showed up all the old Luton/Walsall inconsistencies when Ted Phillips scored the only goal of the game to earn two valuable points in our vain fight to avoid the drop. It was to be only three years before we met up

again, following our eventual promotion from Division Four, and although we went down 0-2 at Fellows Park, we won the return 1-0 with Bruce Rioch on target in front of a crowd of 15205. After scoring, Rioch was carried off on a stretcher with a knee injury that was to keep him out of the game for some time.

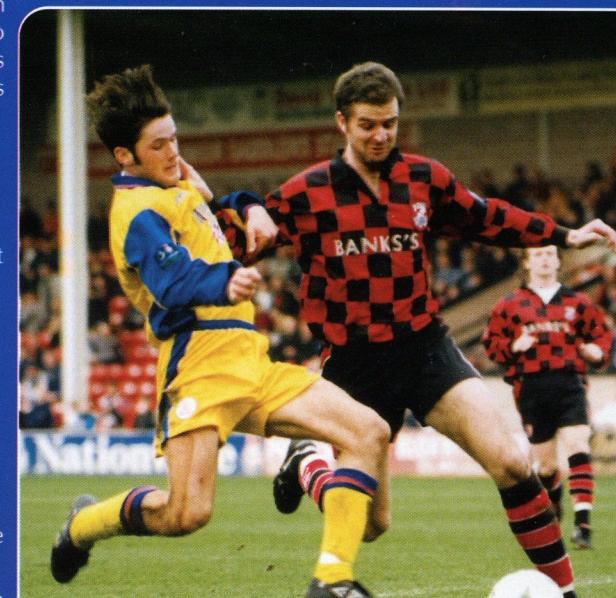
The next season brought about another parting of the ways with the Town winning promotion back to the old Division Two. We won 3-1 at Fellows Park, in an early season clash, for our fifth away victory of the campaign, with Matt Tees scoring twice and then swept the Saddlers aside 3-0 in the return-played on Cup Final evening.

In more recent times our clashes resumed in 1995

after our relegation to Division Two. Goals from Tony Thorpe, Paul Showler and Andrew Fotiadis were all eclipsed by a brilliant volley from Saddler's Kyle Lightbourne in our 3-1 victory at Kenilworth Road and, in the return, Lightbourne showed blistering pace to destroy the Hatters in a 2-3 defeat which virtually confirmed the end of our hopes of an automatic promotion spot.

Last season another Saddlers wonder strike, this time from John Hodge, earned the visitors all three points at Kenilworth Road. In the return at the Bescot Stadium (where Walsall moved in 1990) we gained ample revenge winning 3-2 in a cracking match.

This time we needed points for different reasons, compared to the previous campaign, and with Rory Allen making a sparkling debut on loan from Tottenham, we earned a vital victory in our fight to avoid the drop.



Rory Allen is first to the ball during last season's clash at the Bescot Stadium

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Junior Hatters

welcome

A WARM welcome to all Junior Hatters attending today's match, including the juniors from Walsall who joined our Saturday Club for football this morning. Well done to everyone who took part in the half-time penalty shoot-out at Blackpool last Saturday! The next Junior Hatters away trip will be on Saturday October 24, when we are away to Gillingham. The price will be

£12 for adults and £10 for juniors. For information, or to place a booking, contact the ticket office on Luton 416976.

The Saturday Club is in full swing again, and the price is £5 for season ticket holders, and £9 for non season ticket holders. It includes a sausage and chips lunch, with a drink. Enjoy the match!



James McCarthy is the proud Junior Hatter holding the Luton pennant, and pictured when he was mascot against Bristol Rovers.



Daniel Cloke poses proudly with the skippers and match officials before kick-off when he was mascot for our game against Burnley.



Today's Mascot

TWELVE-year-old Barry Harris is today's Junior Hatters mascot. He attends the Robert Bloomfield Secondary School, and plays football for Shefford Saints under-13 reds. He comes to matches with his dad, and Kelvin Davis is his favourite player.

Today's ballboys are Gregg Cooper and James Beeson

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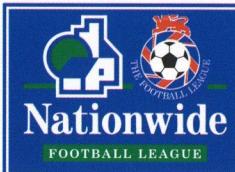
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DISAPPOINTMENT, not disaster, was the sound - bite summing up of Lennie Lawrence after the Town went down to their second league defeat of the season.

"I felt we deserved a draw, but no more," said the Town manager after seeing Blackpool nick a very late winner to maintain their unbeaten home start to the season.

A hint of tiredness crept into the Town's performance in the second half, and the Town boss was concerned about lack of movement and ideas in the last 20 minutes.

All three subs were put on, and the boss was unhappy that the changes made no difference. Blackpool's did - they sent on a 17-year-old YTS boy for his debut, six minutes from time, and four minutes later he scored the winner, capitalising on poor defending - "Dwight Marshall gave away a free kick, the ball goes 80 yards, and bang, it's in our net," was the manager's succinct description. It was poor defending, but from the Pressbox the main problems looked to be at the other end of the field, with an attack that enjoyed some early promising moments before running out of ideas. The threat to Blackpool's rugged defence was virtually nil in the second half.

It might have been different if the Town had a touch more luck when they opened up at a brisk pace. Matthew Spring and Sean Evers carved out a chance for Phil Gray, whose shot was saved at the expense of a corner, and Steve Davis surged upfield to fire in a low drive which was also saved.

Spring, backing up well, was inches wide of his first goal for the club, and Gray hooked another chance just wide of the target, with goalkeeper Steve Banks well beaten.

All that happened in the first 25 minutes, but slowly Blackpool settled down to tighten up in defence and midfield, and a match that started with fourth place entertaining third became something of a stalemate.

After escaping with a fumble from a powerful drive by Barry Shuttleworth, Kelvin Davis saved

bravely at the feet of Martin Aldridge, but the balance of play was tipping all the time towards the home team.

But the Town looked as determined as Blackpool to give nothing away - the free kick count was 11 to each side - and even Blackpool manager Nigel Worthington admitted that if it had stayed 0-0 Blackpool could not really have complained.

"Luton started brighter than we did, and caused us problems in the first 25 minutes," he said. "They are a good side, although I thought we were the only team in it in the second half. The result was earned by our honesty and hard work. But we had a little bit of luck early on."

The Town's luck finally ran out in the 88th minute, when no-one dealt with a long free kick. Subs Junior Bent and Adam Nowland swapped passes and Nowland drifted past Graham Alexander and despatched his one and only shot so far in league football into the net. Trust us to be on the receiving end.

Luton Town:
 Kelvin Davis, Alexander, McGowan, Spring,
 Steve Davis, Johnson, Cox, Evers, Douglas
 (Marshall 68 mins), Gray (Bacque 82 mins),
 McIndoe (Thomas 78 mins)
Booked: Michael McIndoe for a 62nd-minute foul on Marvin Bryan.

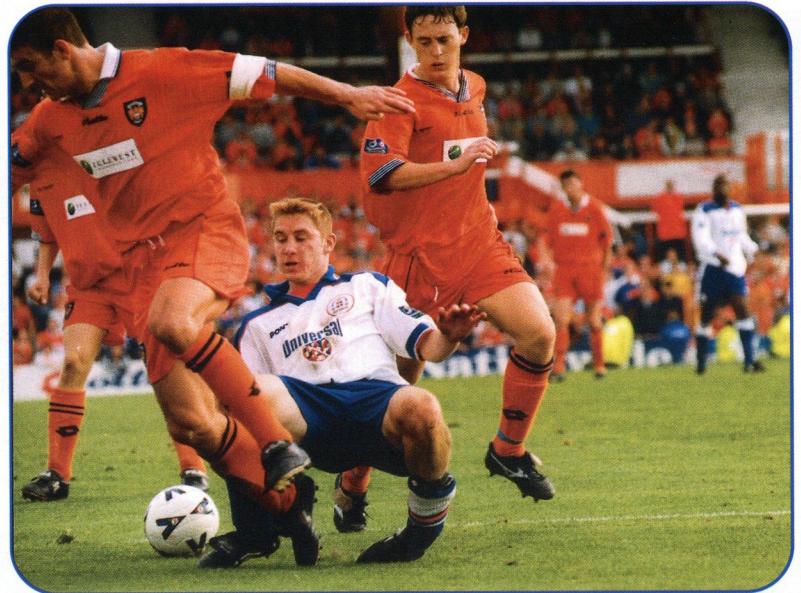
Blackpool:
 Banks, Bryan, Shuttleworth, Bardsley, Carlisle,
 Ormerod (Nowland 84 mins), Thompson,
 Clarkson, Aldridge (Bent 74 mins), Bushell,
 Malkin (Hughes 89 mins).
Booked: Clark Carlisle, 37th minute, for a late tackle on Phil Gray.

The goal: Adam Nowland, 88 minutes, from an easy chance following a long free kick.

Referee: George Cain, Bootle.
Attendance: 5,695, Bloomfield Road's highest of the season so far, including 1,088 from Luton, our best away following yet.
Report by Brian Swain. Pictures: Gareth Owen

Action Replay

Blackpool 1 Luton Town 0



BATTLING: Jimmy Cox was the latest teenager to make his debut for us, and shone as deputy for Ray McKinnon when asked to do a man's job in a very young midfield, at Ipswich and at Blackpool. He is pictured in action at Bloomfield Road, not in the least worried about taking on the opposition two at a time.



BEST FOOT FORWARD: Phil Gray lets fly against Blackpool, with a first-half shot which brought a good save from Steve Banks.



DOUBLING UP: Stuart Douglas and Sean Evers putting on the pressure at Blackpool



DEFENDER ATTACKS: Steve Davis ends a surging run upfield with a shot which brought a good save from the goalkeeper at Blackpool



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Travel

THE Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour are both running trips as we take to the road for our next two league matches, at Fulham on Saturday and York the week after. Full details are available at their kiosks at the Kenilworth Road end of the ground today.

If you want to drive, Fulham poses problems with heavy London traffic and street parking only, including pay-and-display zones.

You might like to try M1, M25 and then M4 to come in from the west of London. The M4 becomes the A4 and you leave it at the A3 roundabout, signposted to Portsmouth and Guildford. Take the A306 to Hammersmith until you reach the infamous massive Hammersmith roundabout. Go almost all the way round to take the road signposted as the alternative route to Putney Bridge, into Fulham Palace Road. Ignore the sign to A3218 Fulham, and go straight on at those traffic lights, and the ground is on your right within half a mile. If you get lost, find Putney Bridge and park if you can - you can walk to the ground from there.

The shortest route, on the map in miles but not time, is down the M1 and onto the North Circular

to Hammersmith - nice if the roads are clear but can be horrendous on a Saturday. It's only about 30 miles, but the 40 on the other route is likely to be more pleasant.

York is about 140 miles away from Luton, but motorway nearly all the way, although the city centre is diabolical for traffic. Leave Luton on the M1 north, all the way up to south Yorkshire, then the M18 and the A1. (If you don't like motorways, join the A1 in Bedfordshire and use that to Yorkshire). On the A1 watch for the A64, signposted to York. Some of us then have the misfortune to have to drive into the city centre to drop off wives near the shops, and in the scrum of tourists. The Minster, incidentally, is worth seeing, and a 20-minute walk from the football ground.

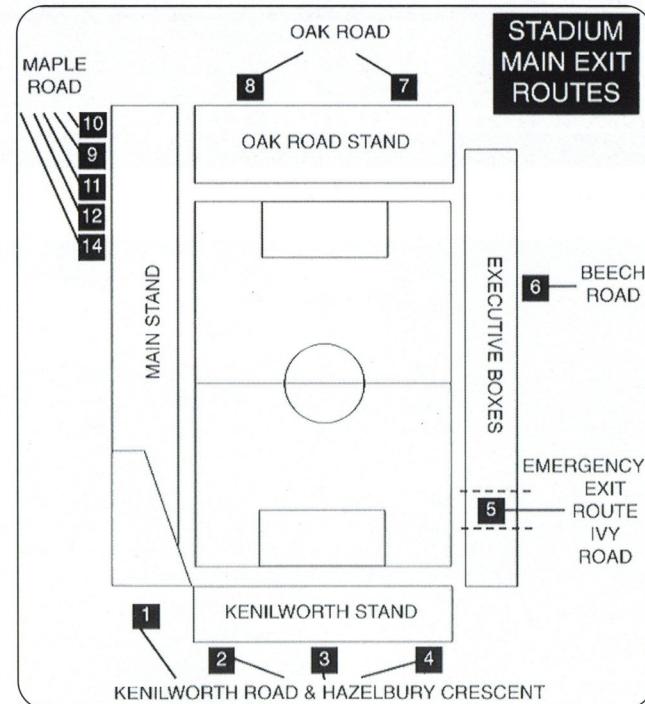
To avoid city centre traffic problems leave the A64 at the A1237, signposted to York North. Go straight ahead at the first roundabout, still heading for York North. Stay on that road for five miles, over three roundabouts and across the River Ouse. At the next roundabout turn right, signposted to York Centre A19. Go straight on for just over two miles, and at the Burton Stone pub turn left into Burton Stone Lane. Take the first right for the ground. Street parking is adequate, but beware restrictions, including residents-only zones.

Evacuation Procedure

In the event of any emergencies at Luton Town Football Club, the emergency services and the club have agreed on an evacuation policy which is designed to: a) Ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the crowd. b) ensure the dispersal of the crowd from the area to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks.

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Clive Goodyear



HARD matches like Tuesday's cup-tie can take a lot out of players, but after you win, especially in such dramatic circumstances, the aches and pains never seem to be too much bother. And the treatment room has been remarkably free of customers this week following the great exertions made against Ipswich.

We collected only a couple of knocks - Jimmy Cox and Andrew Fotiadis both got kicked, but they are not serious problems, just a bit of bruising, and I would expect both to be available for today, if the manager wants them in the squad.

With a little luck, Phil Gray might also be in contention again. He took a nasty blow on the ankle at Blackpool, but was close to being all right for Tuesday's match. The treatment is working, and the plan was to have him training again on Thursday with a view to being available for today.

Ray McKinnon has also had an ankle injury, as you probably know. It kept him out of the team at Ipswich and Blackpool, but he was able to return on Tuesday. He was not quite 100 per cent, but was comfortable, and wanted to play, and you always take a player's opinion before making a final decision. Some footballers can be laid low mentally by slight physical problems, but that is not something that affects us here at Kenilworth Road.

I know Paul McLaren, Liam George and Julian James are all itching to play again, and for McLaren there is light at the end of the tunnel: with luck, he should be able to train in a fortnight or so. His knee ligament injury is healing nicely, and he is getting his head down in terms of work. After being restricted to the exercise bike and the gym, he is now running, and about to start ball work again. But it is a case of taking it one step at a time - and so far we have not tried turning the knee joint. That must wait until the time is right.

Liam George and Julian James, getting over broken legs, have to be patient, but James might have good news next week. He is due for another scan to check on how well the bone is healing, and when we have that report we can think about the next stage of the road to recovery. Meanwhile, he is still working hard in the gym on general fitness.

On that subject, I think players are fitter now than they were when I was playing. That is one of the reasons why Tuesday's two hours of football will take it out of everyone to some degree, but you will have seen how well they all

lasted through extra time. We pay much more attention to diet nowadays, with pasta, rice, bread and potatoes on the menu to build up carbo-hydrates.

High fluid intake is also important - plenty of water, and Isotonic drinks. They're in the plastic bottles you see being handed to players during games - they replenish minerals and energy levels, and act quickly.

They give an "instant hit" which is why they are used during matches. The game has changed since my day: they have to be athletes as well as footballers now, and thankfully our players are, and are willing to do what is necessary to enable them to stay that way.

Clive Goodyear

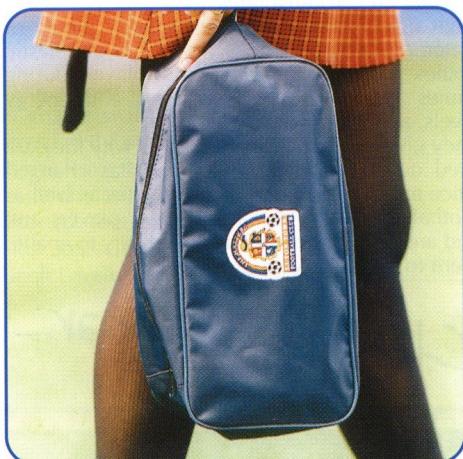


LIQUID INTAKE: Not quite what the dietician had in mind when plenty of Isotonic drinks were recommended for footballers. But John Moore's celebration squirt over Alan White was appreciated by everyone after we sweated it out and beat Ipswich

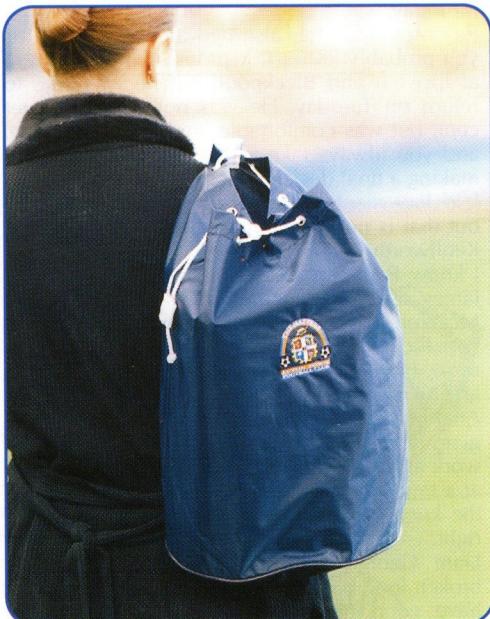
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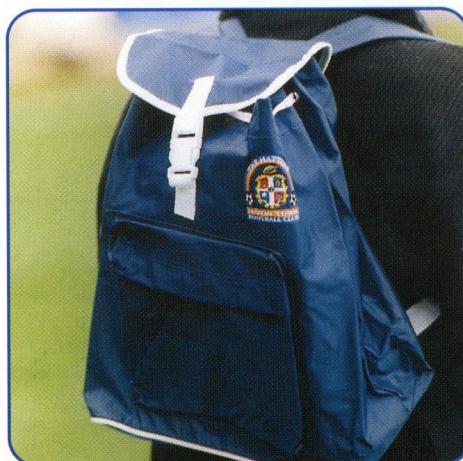
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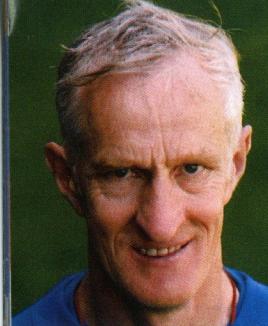
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John Moore & Trevor Hartley reserves

Luton Town 3 Reading 0



HERVE Bacque scored his first competitive goal in this country during a comfortable victory in the Avon Insurance Combination. The other major plus was the return of Paul Showler, who came through another 90 minutes, having done the same a week previously in a friendly, to show that he is at last getting back to fitness after being hit by a cruel run of injuries over the past 12 months.

Reading, understrength because of injuries, never looked like causing us many problems, and it was disappointing that we did not beat them by a wider margin.

But it was a day Tresor Kandol will not forget: still only 17, he was promoted from the youth team, and celebrated with two goals.

Mitchell Thomas played at right back, to gain some match practice, and on the other flank Kofi Nyamah was completing a short-term contract. He has done well enough to be offered another, while he and we consider the future. Out of more than a dozen trialists we looked at in pre-season, he is one of three who have been kept on, Bacque and Ray McKinnon being the others.

We played reasonably well, but were not really flying and led at the interval through a header by Kandol, after Andrew Scarlett knocked a cross back to the far post.

Bacque was tripped for a penalty which he converted, and Kandol's second goal was from a corner by Showler.

Our half-time talk was about not imposing ourselves as well as we might, and we put that right in the second half, although we drifted again after going three up. To be fair, the job is done at that stage, but our philosophy is if you get three, keep going for it and try for five or six.

***Our next fixture is on Wednesday, against Charlton at Kenilworth Road, kick-off 2pm.**

Luton Town: Abbey, Thomas, Nyamah, Lough, Willmott, Doherty, Scarlett, Bacque, Kandol (Akurang 83 mins), Sweeney, Showler. Unused subs Clarke, Lawes.

Appearances (goals in brackets): Abbey 4, Akurang 1, Bacque 3 (1 pen), Boyce 2, Clarke 1, Cox 2, Davies 3, Doherty 3, Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 3 (4), Fraser 2 (1), Kandol 1(2), Lawes 3, Lough 4, Lopez 1, McIndoe 1, McKoy 1, Nyamah 3, Scarlett 3(2), Showler 1, Sweeney 3, Thomas 1, White 1 (1), Willmott 3

Avon Insurance Combination (Up to Sept 17)

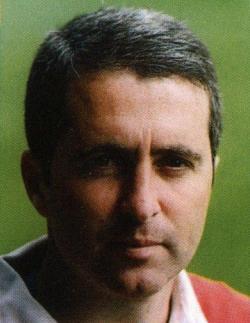
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	5	4	1	0	18	3	13
Bournemouth	4	4	0	0	10	4	12
Luton Town	4	3	1	0	12	5	10
Charlton	4	3	1	0	8	2	10
Watford	4	3	0	1	11	2	9
QPR	4	2	2	0	9	2	8
Arsenal	4	2	1	1	8	2	7
Fulham	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
C. Palace	5	2	1	2	13	12	7
Chelsea	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Cambridge	4	2	1	1	4	6	7
Peterborough	4	2	0	2	7	9	6
Brighton	4	2	0	2	6	11	6
West Ham	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
Millwall	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Brentford	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Portsmouth	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
Northampton	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Wimbledon	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Norwich	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
Reading	4	1	1	2	5	8	4
Oxford Utd	4	1	0	3	5	6	3
Northampton	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Tottenham	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Swindon	3	1	0	2	6	10	3
Colchester	5	1	0	4	3	13	3
Ipswich	4	0	2	2	2	5	2
Barnet	5	0	2	3	7	18	2
Gillingham	4	0	1	3	2	9	1
Wycombe	3	0	0	3	2	8	0

Avon Insurance Combination League Fixtures - Season 1998/99

Wed 12 August	Brighton & Hove	H 4-1
Wed 26	Cambridge United	A 2-2
Wed 2 September	Portsmouth	A 3-2
Wed 16	Reading	H 3-0
Wed 23	Swindon Town	A
Wed 30	Charlton Athletic	H 2.00pm
Wed 7 October	Millwall	H 2.00pm
Wed 14	Gillingham	A
Wed 28	Brentford	A
Wed 04 November	Crystal Palace	H 2.00pm
Thur 19	Norwich City	A
Wed 25	Ipswich Town	H 2.00pm
Tues 01 December	West Ham United	A
Mon 07	Arsenal	A
Mon 14	Colchester United	H 7.00pm
Mon 21	Tottenham Hotspur	H 7.00pm
Mon 04 January	Chelsea	A
Mon 11	Wimbledon	H 7.00pm
Wed 20	Southampton	A
Mon 01 February	A.F.C. Bournemouth	H 7.00pm
Wed 10	Fulham	A
Mon 22	Barnet	H 7.00pm
Wed 10 March	Queens Park Rangers	A
Wed 17	Wycombe Wanderers	H 2.00pm
Wed 31	Watford	A
Wed 07 April	Oxford	H 2.00pm
Thur 15	Northampton Town	A
Wed 21	Peterborough United	H 2.00pm



Paul Lowe youth



South East Counties League: Wycombe Wanderers 0 Luton Town 1

TRESOR Kandol became the first player in the club to take his goals tally into double figures with the winner at Wycombe as we extended a run that has seen us unbeaten since the opening day of the season.

For good measure, it came a few days after he had netted twice for the reserves. His statistics now are 10 goals from nine matches, eight in eight for the youth team.

We had a good first half at Wycombe, and Kandol took his 25th-minute chance well, shooting calmly in a one on one with the keeper, and with a defender chasing hard at his back.

Clifford Akurang, the other striker, had a good game, holding the ball well, and laying it off cleverly, and if there is any criticism of the overall team performance, it is that we should have won by a larger margin.

Wycombe put us under some pressure in the second half, without ever really threatening to breach our defence.

Ryan Moran, normally a centre-half, came in for the injured Jerome Thomas, playing out of position on the right of midfield, and did a good job for the team.

Luton Town: Tate, Stirling, Howe, Ayres, Taylor, Moran (Crane 65 mins), Minton, Jerry, McKoy, Kandol, (Tyson 70 mins), Akurang.

South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	7	4	2	1	15	9	14
Brighton	6	4	1	1	9	3	13
Bournemouth	7	4	1	2	8	7	13
Portsmouth	7	3	3	1	11	8	12
Wycombe	7	3	2	2	10	8	11
Oxford	7	3	2	2	8	8	11
L. Orient	7	2	4	1	12	9	10
Reading	7	2	4	1	13	12	10
Cambridge	7	2	4	1	12	12	10
Brentford	6	3	0	3	11	8	9
Swindon	7	2	3	2	6	6	9
Barnet	7	2	1	4	4	7	7
Gillingham	7	2	1	4	6	10	7
Southend	7	2	0	5	7	12	6
Bristol Rov	7	1	3	3	8	14	6
Colchester	7	0	1	6	2	9	1

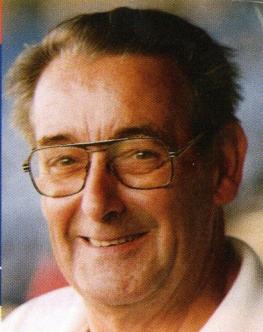
South East Counties League

Sat 08 August	Brentford	A 2-4
Sat 15	AFC Bournemouth	H 4-2
Sat 22	Brighton & Hove Albion	A 0-0
Sat 29	Bristol Rovers	H 3-1
Sat 05 September	Oxford United	A 3-0
Sat 07	Swindon (FJC)	H 2-0
Sat 12	Reading	H 2-2
Sat 19	Wycombe Wanderers	A 1-0
Sat 26	Gillingham	H
Sat 03 October	Leyton Orient	A
Sat 10	Portsmouth	H
Sat 17	Cambridge United	A
Sat 24	Colchester United	H
Sat 31	Southend United	H
Sat 07 November	Swindon	A
Sat 14	Barnet	H
Sat 21	AFC Bournemouth	A
Sat 28	Brighton & Hove Albion	H
Sat 05 December	Barnet	A
Sat 12	Brentford	H
Sat 02 January	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat 09	Oxford United	H
Sat 16	Reading	A
Sat 23	Wycombe Wanderers	H
Sat 30	Gillingham	A
Sat 06 February	Leyton Orient	H
Sat 13	Portsmouth	A
Sat 20	Cambridge United	H
Sat 27	Colchester United	A
Sat 06 March	Southend United	A
Sat 13	Swindon Town	H

Youth team appearances (goals in brackets): Akurang 8(1), Ayres 7(1), Crane 1, Dolby 2, Dollin 4, Harrington 2(1), Hammond 2, Howe 8, Jerry 7, Kandol 8(8), McKoy 8(1), Minton 8, Moran 2, Mortara 1, Stirling 8(1), Tate 8, Taylor 6(1), Thomas 7(1), Tyson 5(1).



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Brian Swain

second division scene

How Clubs have scored goals... and conceded them

H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG	see key below	H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG
4	1	2	2	0	1	2	0	Bournemouth	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
4	2	0	3	1	0	2	0	Blackpool	4	2	2	0	0	1	2	0
0	6	1	0	0	1	6	0	Bristol Rovers	3	3	1	1	0	0	2	0
0	2	1	1	0	0	4	0	Burnley	1	5	0	1	0	2	3	0
1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	Chesterfield	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
5	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	Colchester United	1	1	2	2	0	2	2	0
4	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	Fulham	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
3	2	2	2	0	1	2	0	Gillingham	4	1	1	0	1	0	2	1
1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	Lincoln City	2	7	0	2	0	0	5	0
1	3	0	1	1	0	5	0	Luton Town	0	1	0	2	0	0	4	0
0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	Macclesfield Town	1	0	2	1	2	1	3	0
4	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	Manchester City	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	0
3	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	Millwall	2	1	0	0	0	1	4	0
1	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	Northampton Town	5	0	2	1	0	2	2	0
4	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	Notts County	2	1	2	1	1	0	3	0
3	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	Oldham Athletic	4	5	2	2	0	0	1	0
6	5	2	2	0	0	6	0	Preston North End	1	2	1	0	0	2	4	0
1	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	Reading	2	4	3	0	0	1	3	1
5	3	2	0	0	2	4	0	Stoke City	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0
4	1	2	0	0	2	2	2	Walsall	3	3	1	1	0	0	2	0
0	3	3	1	0	1	2	0	Wigan Athletic	0	1	2	1	0	0	6	0
1	0	2	2	0	1	3	1	Wrexham	4	2	0	2	0	1	3	0
1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	Wycombe Wanderers	2	2	1	1	2	1	3	1
1	0	1	1	2	2	6	0	York City	7	2	0	1	0	1	1	0

Key H = Header ; CR = Close Range ; OB = Outside Box ; V = Volley ; FK = Free Kick ; P = Penalty ; IB = Inside Box ; OG = Own Goal

1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates

32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug
2,634 York v Gillingham 15-Aug

Highest Aggregate Scores

Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug

Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug

Biggest Home Win

Gillingham 4-0 Wrexham 1-Sep

Preston 4-0 Reading 12-Sep

Biggest Away Win

Wrexham 2-4 Colchester 15-Aug

Northampton 1-3 Stoke 8-Aug

Oldham 1-3 Notts County 8-Aug

Wigan 1-3 Luton 31-Aug
Lincoln 1-3 Oldham 5-Sep

Wycombe 0-2 Bournemouth 19-Sep

Consecutive Wins

Stoke 6

Games Unbeaten

Blackpool, Bristol Rovers, Fulham, Man City, Preston, Stoke 6

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins

Blackpool 4

Games Unbeaten

Blackpool, Man City, Preston 6

Consecutive Defeats

Lincoln 4

Games without a Win

Wycombe 8

Div.2 Stat Attack

Division Two Statistics, Club by Club

see key above	PU	GF	GA	CS	LP	HP	Leading Scorer	Lge	WC	Tot
Bournemouth	17	12	6	5	6	2	Stein	2	2	4
Blackpool	21	12	11	3	23	4	Clarkson	4	0	4
Bristol Rovers	20	14	10	3	13	6	Hayles	7	1	8
Burnley	27	8	12	0	20	7	Payton	5	1	6
Chesterfield	18	4	7	4	20	10	Holland/Reeves	1/2	2/1	3
Colchester United	19	10	10	1	12	2	Gregory D/Gregory N	1/3	2/0	3
Fulham	18	10	5	5	8	1	Lehmann	2	1	3
Gillingham	20	12	10	2	22	12	Smith	3	0	3
Lincoln City	18	6	16	3	22	14	Battersby	2	1	3
Luton Town	20	11	7	4	12	2	Davis S	4	0	4
Macclesfield Town	18	3	10	2	24	20	Wood	2	1	3
Manchester City	21	11	7	3	14	1	Goater	5	2	7
Millwall	22	8	8	3	14	5	Shaw	3	1	4
Northampton Town	22	8	12	2	22	14	Frestone	1	3	4
Notts County	23	10	10	2	14	5	Hendon	3	0	3
Oldham Athletic	16	9	14	1	21	14	Allott/Littlejohn	2/2	1/1	3
Preston North End	17	21	10	5	7	2	Nogan	5	0	5
Reading	27	6	14	1	23	15	Williams	3	0	3
Stoke City	18	16	5	6	4	1	Kavanagh/Crowe	4/5	1/0	5
Walsall	21	13	10	3	11	3	Rammell	5	1	6
Wigan Athletic	19	10	10	3	23	15	Barlow	6	0	6
Wrexham	19	10	12	3	13	2	Connolly	2	1	3
Wycombe Wanderers	22	4	13	0	24	19	Read	2	1	3
York City	20	13	12	2	24	8	Cresswell	5	0	5

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Yellow & Red Cards

	Yellow	Red	Pts
Bristol Rovers	17	2	.23
Chesterfield	16	2	.22
Lincoln City	22	0	.22
Wigan Athletic	22	0	.22
Burnley	18	1	.21
Gillingham	14	2	.20
Luton Town	16	1	.19
Northampton Town	16	1	.19
Blackpool	16	0	.16
Manchester City	13	1	.16
Preston North End	10	2	.16
Wrexham	13	1	.16
Wycombe Wanderers	16	0	.16
Colchester United	13	0	.13
Millwall	12	0	.12
Notts County	12	0	.12
Reading	9	1	.12
York City	9	1	.12
AFC Bournemouth	8	1	.11
Oldham Athletic	8	1	.11
Macclesfield Town	10	0	.10
Walsall	10	0	.10
Stoke City	9	0	.09
Fulham	8	0	.08

WALSALL come to Kenilworth Road today with plenty of incentive to end our unbeaten home league record. If they beat us, they will overtake us in the Second Division table, because they are in sixth place, one notch and one point below us.

And they have a formidable away record, showing three wins and one draw from their first four outings on the road. Their only away defeat was an extra-time failure in the Worthington Cup first round to First Division Queens Park Rangers.

The bookies made them 50-1 shots for the title at the start of the season, when it was seen that they had sold French striker Roger Boli to Dundee Utd for £150,000, and spent nothing on new recruits.

But new boss Ray Graydon chose free transfers wisely, and their only away defeat in the league so far was a 3-1 reverse at Manchester City at the beginning of this month. They have won at Gillingham, Wycombe and Chesterfield, and Andy Rammell, signed on a free from Southend in the summer, has been an instant hit, leading the Saddlers' score charts with six goals.

One was in last week's 3-2 victory over Notts County at the Bescot Stadium. Paul Simpson, on loan from Wolves rifled in a 20-yard opener, but Notts County hit back with two in two minutes before Rammell headed an equaliser. Jason Brissett got the winner, and was then brought down for a

penalty which Gary Strodder drove wide.

The problem for the chasing pack around the top places is that Stoke are still steaming away merrily on top. They made it eight wins out of nine games at Wrexham, although they left it late - sub Ray Wallace headed the 77th-minute winner two minutes after being sent into the fray.

Preston, the division's top scorers, retained second place with a 1-0 win at Oldham, with the scorer Michael Appleton, the man who was sent off in Preston's game at Kenilworth Road.

Bournemouth continue to defy the pundits, holding on to third place with their second away win of the season. But it was at the expense of bottom club Wycombe, who are still looking for their first win of the season.

Reading, Lincoln and Macclesfield are all three points above the Adams Park outfit.

Reading were the only one of the three to take a point, with Martin Williams, ex-Luton Town, giving them a lead which was cancelled out two minutes from time by Carl Duiguid of Colchester.

We're still the only visiting team to leave the Majedski Stadium empty-handed.

Macclesfield's 2-0 defeat at Wigan underlined their major problem - they have failed to score in seven of their nine league games so far.

For seeing goals scored, the week's best game was at Fulham, who were held at home by York, who equalised three times to share six goals. And York did it with 10 men, after Barry Jones was sent off for two yellow card offences when the score was 2-2

TODAY'S OTHER SECOND DIVISION FIXTURES

Bournemouth v Oldham

Burnley v Wigan

Chesterfield v Wrexham

Colchester v Wycombe

Lincoln v Fulham

Macclesfield v Reading

Northampton v Man City

Notts County v Millwall

Preston v Gillingham

Stoke v Blackpool

York v Bristol Rovers

Statistics

fixtures, results, appearances, goalscorers

SAT	08	AUGUST	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A	3.00pm	1-0 (S. Davis)	5,252	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
TUES	11	WC1(1)	OXFORD UNITED	H	7.45pm	2-3 (Alexander 2p)	3,165	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
SAT	15	WC1(2)	PRESTON NORTH END	H	3.00pm	1-1 (Marshall)	5,392	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
TUES	18		OXFORD UNITED	A	7.45pm	3-1 (Gray, Evers, McLaren)	5,099	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	22		READING	A	3.00pm	0-3	18,108	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	29		COLCHESTER UNITED	H	3.00pm	2-0 (Cavis, Douglas)	5,005	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
MON	31		WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm	3-1 (S. Davis, Evers, Gray)	3,778	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	05	SEPTEMBER	BURNLEY	H	3.00pm	1-0 (Douglas)	5,554	Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
TUES	08		WREXHAM	A	7.45pm	1-1 (McKinnon)	2,951	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	12		BRISTOL ROVERS	H	3.00pm	2-0 (S. Davis, Alexander)	5,558	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
TUES	15		IPSWICH TOWN WC2(1)	A	7.45pm	1-2 (Douglas)	9,032	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	19		BLACKPOOL	A	3.00pm	0-1	5,695	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
TUES	22		IPSWICH TOWN WC2(2)	H	7.45pm	4-2 (Fotiadis, Douglas S. Davis, Johnson)	5,665	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	26	OCTOBER	WALSALL	H	3.00pm						
SAT	03		FULHAM	A	3.00pm						
SAT	10		YORK CITY	A	3.00pm						
SAT	17		OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	3.00pm						
TUES	27	WC3	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	7.45pm						
TUES	20		GILLINGHAM	A	3.00pm						
SAT	24		CHESTERFIELD	H	3.00pm						
SAT	31		STOKE CITY	A	3.00pm						
SAT	07	NOVEMBER	NOTTS COUNTY	H	7.45pm						
TUES	10	WC4	LINCOLN CITY	A	3.00pm						
SAT	14	FACUP(R1)	MANCHESTER CITY	H	3.00pm						
SAT	21		WALSALL	A	3.00pm						
TUES	01	DECEMBER	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A	3.00pm						
SAT	05	FA CUP (R2)	MILLWALL	H	3.00pm						
SAT	08	AWS(1)	READING	H	12 noon						
SAT	12		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	A	3.00pm						
SAT	19		COLCHESTER UNITED	A	3.00pm						
SAT	26		WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	3.00pm						
MON	28	JANUARY	PRESTON NORTH END	A	3.00pm						
SAT	02	or FA CUP (R3)	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	3.00pm						
TUES	05	AWS(2)	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A	3.00pm						
SAT	09	1999	MILLWALL	H	3.00pm						
SAT	16		READING	H	12 noon						
SAT	23		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	A	3.00pm						
WED	27	or FA CUP (R4)	COLCHESTER UNITED	A	3.00pm						
SAT	30	WC SF(1)	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	3.00pm						
SAT	06	FEBRUARY	PRESTON NORTH END	A	3.00pm						
SAT	13		WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	3.00pm						
WED	27		WALSALL	H	3.00pm						
SAT	30		BLACKPOOL	A	3.00pm						
SAT	06	MARCH	BRISTOL ROVERS	A	3.00pm						
SAT	13	or FA CUP (R6)	WALSALL	H	3.00pm						
TUES	09	or AWS (AF1)	FULHAM	H	7.45pm						
SAT	13		STOKE CITY	H	3.00pm						
WED	17	AWS (AF2)	CHESTERFIELD	A	3.00pm						
SAT	20		GILLINGHAM	H	3.00pm						
SUN	21	WC FINAL	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm						
SAT	27		YORK CITY	H	7.45pm						
TUES	03	APRIL	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A	3.00pm						
SAT	10		MANCHESTER CITY	A	7.45pm						
WED	14	FA CUP SF	LINCOLN CITY	H	3.00pm						
SAT	17		NOTTS COUNTY	A	3.00pm						
SUN	18	AWS FINAL	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H	3.00pm						
SAT	24		MILLWALL	A	3.00pm						
SAT	01	MAY	WALSALL	H	3.00pm						
SAT	08		BLACKPOOL	A	3.00pm						
SAT	22	FA CUP FINAL	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	7.45pm						

TOWN TEASER

IN THE 1986/87 season we achieved our highest-ever league finish, seventh in the old Division One, which is now the Premiership. Who were our two joint leading goalscorers that season?

Listen to the PA announcer to repeat this question this afternoon - you can win a prize if you know the answer.

TONIGHT'S MAN IN THE MIDDLE

REFEREES have to be fit to keep up with professional football today, and Phil Richards, who is in charge this afternoon, is not only quick on his feet, but has stamina too. He will be taking part in the Great North Run half-marathon next month, and in November he will take on the New York marathon. He is raising sponsorship cash to aid the fight against breast cancer. His wife died from the disease two years ago. We always give a warm welcome to our match officials, but we extend extra good wishes to Mr Richards, with the hope that he runs well in both events, and raises lots of money. He comes from Preston, and works as Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services for Blackburn with Darwen Council. He started refereeing on the parks in Liverpool in 1973 and has been on the Football League referees' list for four years. Long distance running is part of his hobby of "keeping fit and in good training to cope with the modern game."

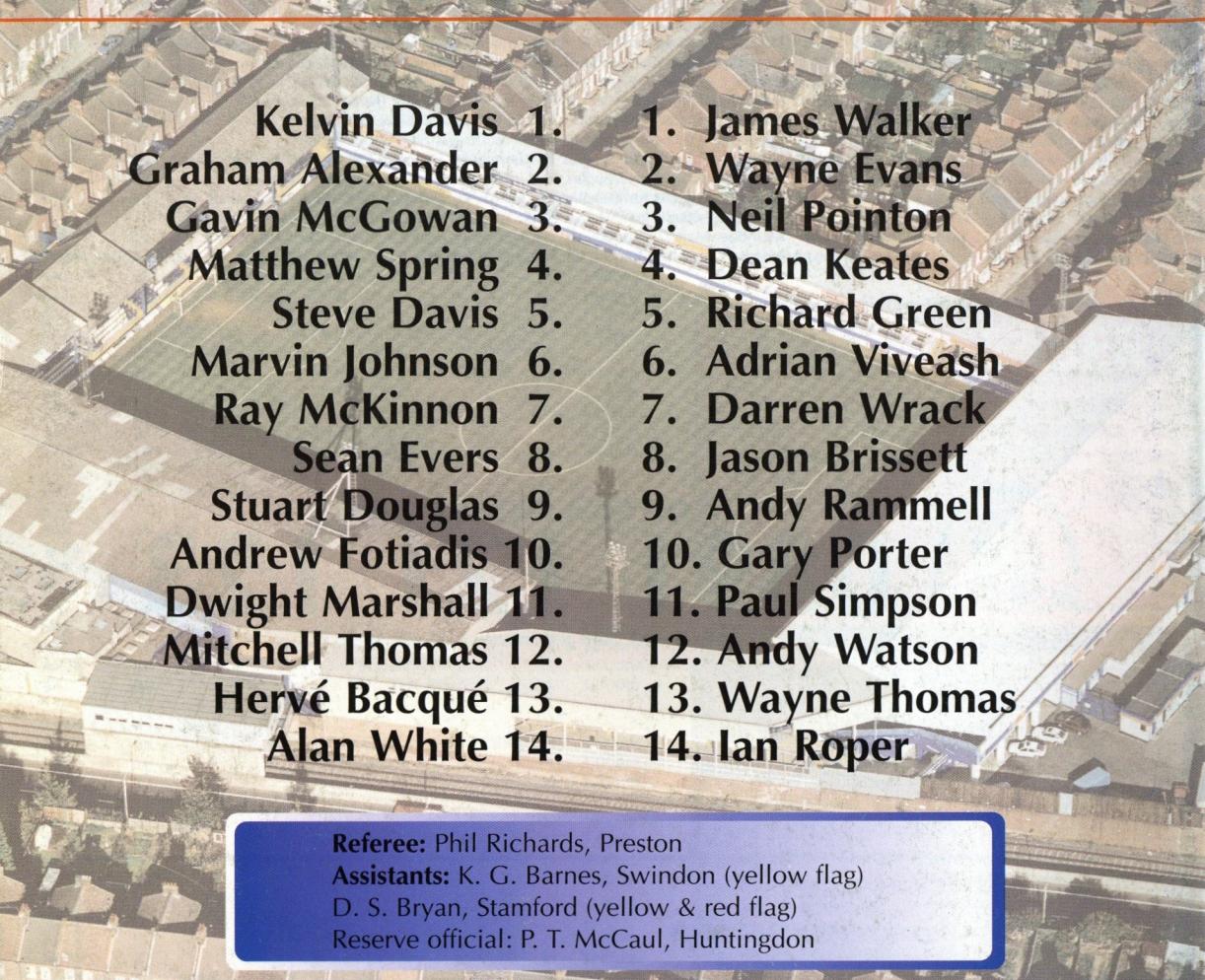


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The Teams

Luton Town v Walsall



Kelvin Davis	1.	James Walker
Graham Alexander	2.	Wayne Evans
Gavin McGowan	3.	Neil Pointon
Matthew Spring	4.	Dean Keates
Steve Davis	5.	Richard Green
Marvin Johnson	6.	Adrian Viveash
Ray McKinnon	7.	Darren Wrack
Sean Evers	8.	Jason Brissett
Stuart Douglas	9.	Andy Rammell
Andrew Fotiadis	10.	Gary Porter
Dwight Marshall	11.	Paul Simpson
Mitchell Thomas	12.	Andy Watson
Hervé Bacqué	13.	Wayne Thomas
Alan White	14.	Ian Roper

Referee: Phil Richards, Preston

Assistants: K. G. Barnes, Swindon (yellow flag)

D. S. Bryan, Stamford (yellow & red flag)

Reserve official: P. T. McCaul, Huntingdon



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