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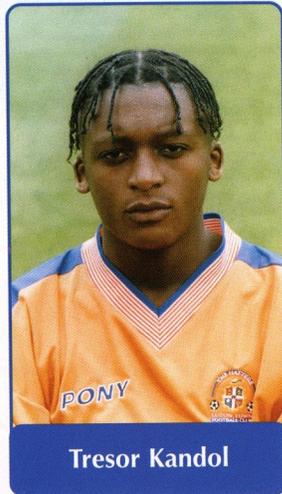
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Tresor Kandol

OUR cracking victory at Fulham was the best team performance in the FA Premiership or the Nationwide League that day - and that's official.

The League Managers' Association runs a Performance of the Week competition, sponsored by Scottish Mutual, and after considering, among others, the claims of Blackburn Rovers, they decided that the Town were the day's best winners.

The decision was made by a panel headed by FA Director of Coaching Howard Wilkinson, and including Alex Ferguson of Manchester United, Graham Taylor of Watford, Dave Bassett of Nottingham Forest and Barry Fry of Peterborough.

Accepting the award, Lennie Lawrence said: "The game was the ultimate test in our division, with Kevin Keegan in charge of a club which had invested quite heavily in new players.

"It was like a cup final for us - we played it like a cup game against First Division opposition because basically that is what Fulham are. To have won the game, and then the Performance of the Week award, is terrific."

YOUTH team striker Tresor Kandol (pictured), has been rewarded for being the club's leading goalscorer with an early professional contract.

Not to long ago boys were taken on as YTS lads when they left school at 16, and waited for their 18th birthday to discover if they were to be shown the door or signed on as junior professionals.

But the game has changed so much that clubs who nurture youngsters, as the Town have to do to safeguard the future, need to make contract decisions early.

Two have just been made, with goalkeeper Scott Ward the other to be rewarded for consistent good form in the youth team.

Kandol, pacey on the ground and imperious in the air, was a second -year YTS boy until it was decided to offer him terms, ten months before his 18th birthday.

He has already made an impressive step up into reserve football while still eligible for the youth team.

Lennie Lawrence explained that the two-year contract was reward not just for the goals the young man keeps scoring, but his all-round ability on and off the pitch.

And if you wonder about the common sense of putting 17-year-olds under contract, Lennie smiles and says: "It's a good job I did the same with Matthew Upson!"

That little bit of foresight enabled the Town to collect £1million down, and eventually perhaps double that amount, for a youth team star who had never made a full league appearance. Arsenal bought him at 18 and by all accounts are still well pleased with their side of the bargain.

WHILE one young striker stands at the threshold of a professional football career, Dwight Marshall's Luton Town days have ended.

He has gone back to Plymouth, who sold him to us for £150,000 four years ago, hoping to persuade Argyle that he can do a job for them in the Third Division.

He was our leading scorer in his first full season with us, and remarkably achieved the same rating in 1995/96 despite breaking a leg at Sunderland in February and being out of action for the rest of that campaign.

He enjoyed another hot streak when he returned after a year on the sidelines, but was under increasing pressure for his place in the league squad as younger players emerged. In the summer Marshall was given a short-term contract, which in effect was an invitation



THREE OF THE BEST: Steve Davis shares the fun with the 2,000 travelling supporters at Craven Cottage, where a 3-1 win gave us the Team Performance of the Week award.

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to turn it on and prove he was good enough to stay ahead of the youngsters in the pecking order.

Lennie Lawrence decided it was not happening, so Marshall was freed just in time to mark his 33rd birthday by making his second debut for Plymouth, as a sub in a 1-1 draw at Torquay.

"I hope he gets fixed up, because he has been a very loyal servant here," said Lawrence. "I had to tell him that it's over so far as Luton Town is concerned, but he went with our best wishes and our thanks. I hope a change of club will give him a boost."

Marshall made 125 appearances for us and scored 38 goals. In his first spell at Plymouth, as a late entrant to league football - he was 24 when he moved from Grays Athletic - Marshall netted 34 times in 128 matches.

And there was one familiar face when he returned to Home Park - our reserve midfielder Terry Sweeney, 19, is having a couple of trial games with the Devon club.



WHILE we wait in frustration for politicians to decide if we can have our longed-for new home near the M1, chairman David Kohler is still beavering away to try to make sure it happens.

We have to wait for John Prescott to decide in stoppage time if the inspector who conducted the public enquiry is right or wrong. He could see no reason why the Dome should not be built, and after Mr Prescott raised doubts about traffic problems, the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire has now demolished those arguments. He too wants the new arena to be built, for the sake of everyone involved, not least Bury Park's residents.

If Mr Prescott still bans the scheme, he can expect a swift counter-attack from Luton Town FC - quite likely in the shape of a High Court action. Watch this space!

AFTER the storming victory over Ipswich in the second round of the Worthington Cup, we were wondering aloud if our name might just be on the trophy this season.

One reason was that we had played Ipswich only once before in the competition, beat them, and finished the campaign by seeing off Arsenal at the Littlewoods Cup final in 1988.

And now, glory be if you like omens, we have Coventry City lined up for the next round, at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday October 27.

And guess what? We played the Sky Blues in that same run to Wembley, beating them 3-1 on an allegedly neutral ground at Leicester. Mick Harford scored twice and Micky Weir got the other goal.

Coventry, no doubt, would prefer to look back to our only other meeting in the League Cup, 35 years ago, when they came to Kenilworth Road and won 4-3 in the second round.

(See page 37 for ticket details).

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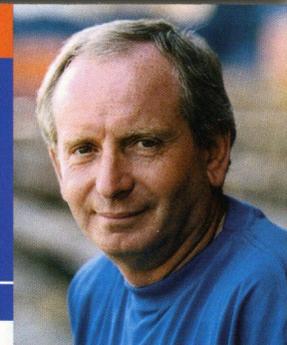


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PONY™

Lennie Lawrence

from the manager's chair



THIS AFTERNOON we welcome a team who have had a difficult start to the season, but we will not be minded to under-estimate Oldham:

they still have players with First Division pedigree. Indeed they were in the First Division for a year after we were, and for most of last season they were at the top end of our league.

It would be foolish to under-estimate any opponents in this year's Second Division because it has already been proved many times that anybody is capable of beating anybody else.

But, after our last two performances, we will be very disappointed if we don't win today, especially after that unwelcome anti-climax against Walsall in our last home game.

A few lessons were learned that day, about the need to change players when you have a series of midweek matches, and the way to react after cup-tie euphoria after that incredible game against Ipswich.

There are no such considerations today. Apart from the suspension of Gavin McGowan the team has remained unchanged, and deservedly so.

We put in a tremendous performance at Fulham, reducing them to no real scoring chances except for a scrambled goal when the game was already won.

At York they were saying the game was the best seen on that ground for many years. It was very exciting and dramatic, and a point each was probably a fair return for the commitment and attacking play both sides showed. We showed great character to come back from two down and then go 3-2 ahead. Then York had us on the ropes for a spell when they equalised and could have taken the lead again. At times we did not defend as well as a team as we should, but it is only fair to add that York, like us, produced attacking play of real quality.

Today we must tighten up in defence and seek our first clean sheet in seven games, without reducing our attacking threat. We have scored more away goals than any other team in the division, and while that is satisfying we need to increase our scoring rate in home games.

In the next two weeks we have five matches, four of them at home, including the cup-tie against Coventry. The aim must be to get a good return from that sequence: goals in the net and points on the board.

We want to maintain a place in the top six of the Second Division, and obviously we will do so if we take six points from our two home games in quick succession, against Oldham today and Northampton on Tuesday. It is strange that we have two in a row against teams who are nearer the bottom of the table than the top, having met so many teams from the upper echelons of the division in recent weeks.

But that is no reason to indulge in complacency: like Oldham Northampton are a very capable side. Last season they took four points off us, and finished a lot higher in the final table than we did. They got into the play-offs and might easily have won promotion, so as with Oldham they must not be under-estimated, particularly as they are likely to have a good following for a local derby.

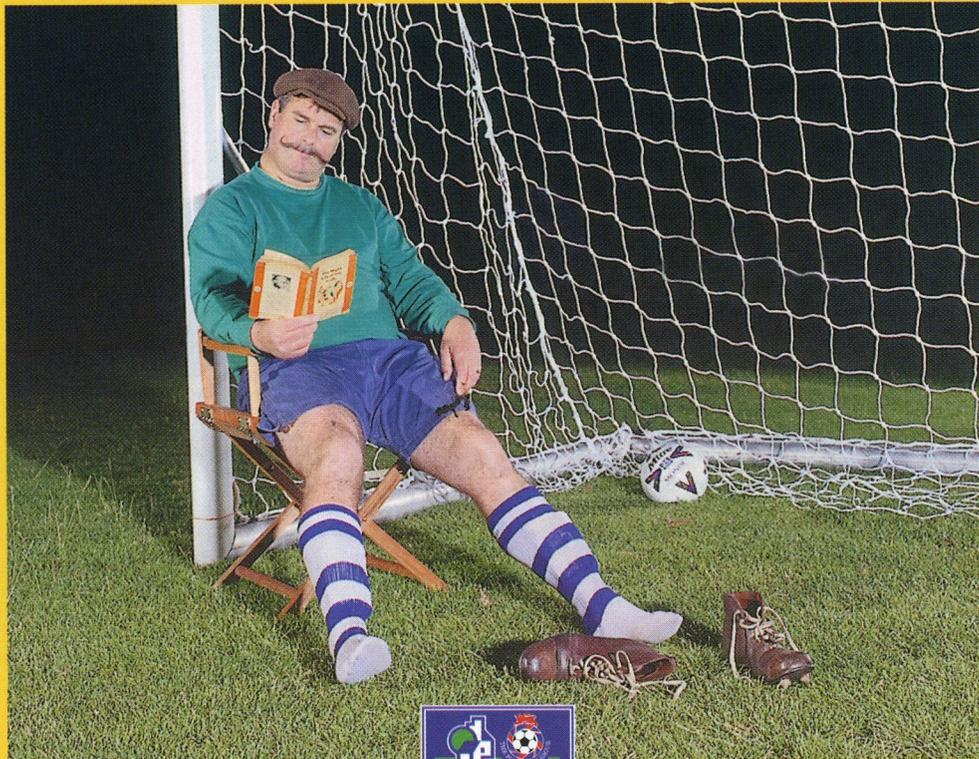
Hopefully, our own supporters can also play a part in the success we are striving for. As always there was good backing for us at Fulham and York, and I hope this afternoon the team and the fans all get it together again. Finally, I must put on record my appreciation of the efforts Dwight Marshall put in for this club. There is often a tinge of sadness when you have to tell players that the day has come when you think they should move on, in their interests and in the club's. With so many good young players emerging, it was clear that Dwight would struggle to hold down a regular place in our team, and reserve football is not a lot of good to a player of his age and experience.

So I was pleased when Plymouth agreed to give him a chance to play for them again, and I am delighted that they have now given him a short-term contract. He has left Luton with our very grateful thanks for his efforts and loyalty, and with our best wishes for the future.



Lennie Lawrence

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Steve Davis

captain's log



IT HAS been a while since my last notes, and plenty has happened in the meantime. It was a great result at Fulham, which I think was probably the best team performance there has been for quite some time.

Tippy got us off to a great start and Stuart did the same at the beginning of the second half. I'm not sure how much he knew about it, but the ball ended up in the back of the net so we were not complaining!

When I popped up to head our third the game was over. It was disappointing to concede a goal late on, but I'm sure everyone would have been delighted with 3-1 before the game.

Your support that day was excellent so it was nice to make it a good day out for you all.

The following Tuesday 15 of the lads got together for a go-karting day, which was organised by Marv, and it was probably the best day out I've had with the club.

We started with a ten-minute warm up to determine grid positions ready for the 40 minute grand prix. Mitch was in pole position followed by Ray 'Spider' McKinnon, closely followed by yours truly. After the second bend 'Spider' spun off, leaving a battle between me and Mitch. Grezza and Kelv were having their own battle behind us.

After putting him under severe pressure Mitch bumped a tail-ender - I think it was Sean, who was in a leaner car! Mitch was penalised and that was that - I took the chequered flag, with Kelv and Grezza also on the podium. We each got a medal and a bottle of

champagne. Marv, the organiser, came fourth... but you get nowt for coming fourth Marv?!

It was a great day out, and no doubt we will have another soon.

After all that excitement we went to York. We didn't get off to the best of starts, to say the least, but even when we were two down I was confident we could get something out of the game.

Stuart notched another goal, to get level with me in the goal scoring chart, and Sean and then Tippy (again) put us 3-2 up.

It was disappointing to concede another goal after that, but with Kelv making a couple of good saves, one world class from a free kick, I think the 3-3 scoreline was probably fair to both sides.

So there you have it: four points from two tough away games. Now with two home games on the bounce, we can consolidate our position with at least four more points.

Get behind us again today and hopefully we can bag three points this afternoon to set us up for the match against Northampton on Tuesday.

Enjoy the game - and with a bit of luck another victory.



Steve Davis



Cherry Newbery

club secretary

FIRSTLY today many thanks to all those who gave so generously at the last home game to the Herald & Post scanner appeal.

You contributed the grand sum of £573.43, and every penny is appreciated by the appeal organisers.

With our continuing success on the field, it was pleasing to see that so many supporters have heeded our advice and purchased tickets early for our match against Coventry on October 27 in the third round of the Worthington Cup. Please don't leave it until the night, because you may well be disappointed.

We have been notified that Anglia TV will be transmitting highlights of the match later that same evening - let's hope they have a good story to tell for Luton supporters!

Talking of cups, you may be interested to know that the draw for the FA Cup first round proper, which is when we come into the competition, will be made live on Sky TV Sports 1 on Saturday October 31 at 5.15.

Our youth team has been drawn at home in the first round of the Times FA Youth Cup, and will take on Colchester at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday, kick-off 7 pm. Admission will be £3, for adults, £1.50 for concessions, and entry will be via the Kenilworth Road end only. If the game is drawn there will be a replay at Layer Road, on Monday November 2, kick-off 7pm. There will now be two Luton Town matches on

Wednesday, because we are away to Brache Sparta (7.30) in the Bedfordshire Junior Cup. Another cup of interest to us is the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. We will play Northampton at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday November 11, kick-off 7 pm, and entry will again be through Kenilworth Road only. Admission will be £3 for adults and £1.50 for senior and junior citizens.

There will be news today of the other cup competition involving our first team. The draw for the first round of the Auto Windscreens Shield was due to take place this morning, broadcast by Sky Sports on their "Soccer AM" programme. We will give details in this column in the matchday magazine for our home game against Coventry.

Finally, it is with very deep regret that we record the passing of Fred Andrews, a life-long supporter of the club. He worked behind the scenes for us after match days for many years, and he will be missed. Our sympathy is extended to his family at this sad time.

Cherry Newbery

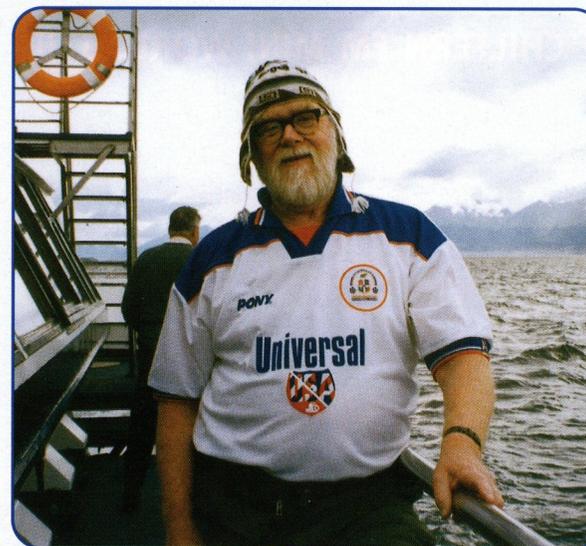
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Hatters Abroad

Town fans in Argentina



TRAVEL to the ends of the earth and the chances are you will find someone wearing a Luton Town kit. This is retired BBC TV journalist Mike Broadbent, who proudly carried the club's colours to Argentina. The picture was taken on a trip on the Beagle Channel in the Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. Mike, of Whitehill Avenue, Luton, has been following the Town since the 1967/68 promotion season. He then watched standing in the enclosure, and now sits on the same spot - 32 seasons so far, and looking forward to many more.

**If you have a Hatters holiday snap you would like to see in this spot, the matchday magazine editor will be pleased to hear from you. He can be contacted at the Football Club.*

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Over 60 teams took part in the competition from all over Beds Herts and Bucks and our congratulations go to the successful teams who made it through to the finals.



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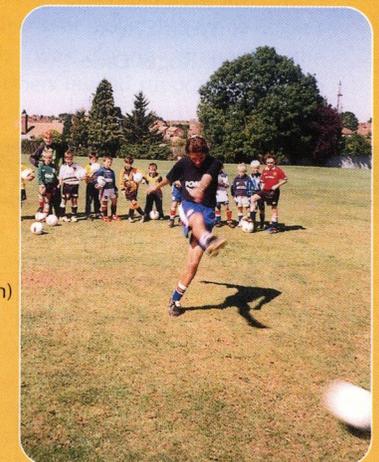
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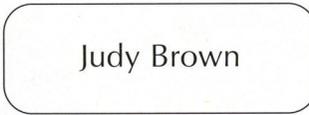
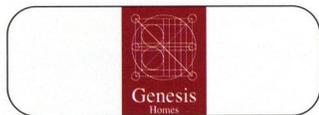
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Luton Town the Modern Era

SUPPORTERS who enjoy the regular matchday magazine contributions of Roger Wash (pictured) will be glad to know that his book, Luton Town: The Modern Era, is now published and on sale. He is in the club shop today signing copies of a publication which is a very full account of the the Town's ups and downs over the last 31 years. If you would like to buy a signed copy and didn't get into the shop before 2 o'clock this afternoon, Roger will be on duty there again after the game, from about 5 pm. He will also be putting his autograph on books before and after Tuesday's match, from 5 until 6.45, and then again after the game ends. By co-incidence, the book appears just as the Football League is asking fans to name their own club's legends - full details of how you can have



your say will be in the programme for Tuesday evening's game against Northampton.

The League is looking for the Town's greatest-ever player, but while Roger's book was being prepared the publishers invited supporters to place advance orders and name their favourites, with the names to be printed in the book.

Joe Payne was not a contender for the book poll because it referred to the men who played for us from 1967 to 1998.

Mick Harford was easily No. 1 choice of the fans, followed by Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, Malcolm Macdonald, David Moss and Graham French. Desert Island Books, specialists in club histories, are the publishers and Luton Town: The Modern Era, is priced at £16.99. We will be reviewing the book in the matchday magazine at a later date.



Golden Gamble

OUR Golden Gamble competition continues to catch the imagination of supporters, and our picture shows one of the latest lucky winners. Gary Hogarth went home with a prize of £375 after Julian James picked out his lucky number.

Action Replay

Fulham 1 Luton 3

LENNIE Lawrence called it "the best league performance I have seen since I have been here."

Fulham boss Kevin Keegan moaned about his team being abysmal on a day when Luton Town looked the promotion favourites, not the £18million Londoners. More than 2,000 Luton supporters took delight in singing to Mohammed Al Fayed: "What a waste of money..."

It was the day when the sophisticates of Harrod's were taken apart by a corner-shop team to remind football that while money talks so does home-grown talent and organisation.

Fulham were never given a chance to show what they could do because the Town were strong in defence, inventive and careful in midfield, and sharp as a new razor in attack.

Lawrence and coach John Moore deserve credit too: they re-united the old familiar back four by recalling Mitchell Thomas for his first start since he was injured in the second game of the season, and then unable to reclaim his place from Gavin McGowan.

With the ex-Arsenal man about to be suspended for two games, the boss needed to know that Thomas, a day over 34, could still do a job. He sure can! He also added height to withstand a Fulham barrage of crosses into the box: Thomas, Steve Davis and Marvin Johnson were head and shoulders above the opposition, literally, while Graham Alexander dug in and backed up the attack with some surging runs down the right flank.

But it was a day when every man did his bit towards the biggest away win since Tony Thorpe's hat-trick saw off soon-to-be-relegated Rotherham in April 1997.

Thomas's recall enabled McGowan to play in the problem position of wide left, and he had a storming match, marred only by yet another booking and a lucky escape when he might have had his second red in consecutive matches - referee John Kirkby settled for a lecture when McGowan got involved in a shirt-tugging incident with Gus Uhlenbeek.

After two defeats in a row, the Town were very much up for it, and responded to the manager's plea to treat the game against promotion favourites as though it were a cup-tie.

They did, and for old hacks who remember their halcyon days it must have been embarrassing for veterans Peter Beardsley and Paul Bracewell to be so completely eclipsed by young men like Sean Evers and Matthew Spring. Nice old boys who are past it hardly deserve to be exposed by the new generation coming through with such huge promise.

Like Ray McKinnon, the Town earned respect from the opposition instead of worrying about reputations.

Phil Gray continues to look more and more of an all-round attacker and while he was giving away height to Kit Symons and Chris Coleman, they were always in danger of being run off their feet.

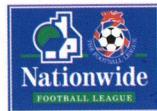
Add Stuart Douglas's pace and enthusiastic willingness to run at defenders, and the full menu of Town options was a very tasty dish.

Fulham were never given the chance to settle, with every Town man wanting to do his bit, on the ball and off it.

Keegan was icily calm as he tried to work out if the result was about Fulham being very bad, or the Town being very good. But he admitted that he had just seen the best performance of his season so far, from any team in the Second Division.

The Town hit Fulham with goals early in each half, through headers by Gray and Douglas, and the skipper obviously decided that he was not going to be knocked off his perch as leading scorer by heading in his sixth of the season with nearly half an hour to go.

A 3-0 result was the least the Town deserved on the day, but for the third game in a row they conceded a late goal, Alan Neilson netting four minutes from time. But, unlike the games against Walsall and Blackpool, that hardly mattered, except to professional pride.



THE MATCH DETAILS

Fulham: Taylor, Collins, Brevett, Neilson, Coleman, Symons, Beardsley, Bracewell (Davis 60 mins), Scott (Uhlenbeek 31 mins), Lehmann (Cornwall 60 mins), Hayward.

Booked: Skipper Coleman for a foul on Gray (34 mins)

Luton Town: Kelvin Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Spring, Steve Davis, Johnson, McKinnon, Evers, Douglas, Gray (Fotiadis 87 mins), McGowan (Cox 86 mins). Unused sub White.

Booked: Mitchell Thomas for a foul on Lehmann (5 mins); Gavin McGowan for a foul on Collins (38 mins).

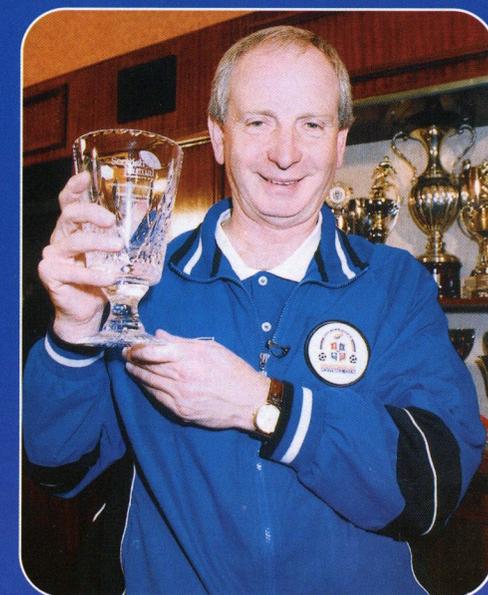
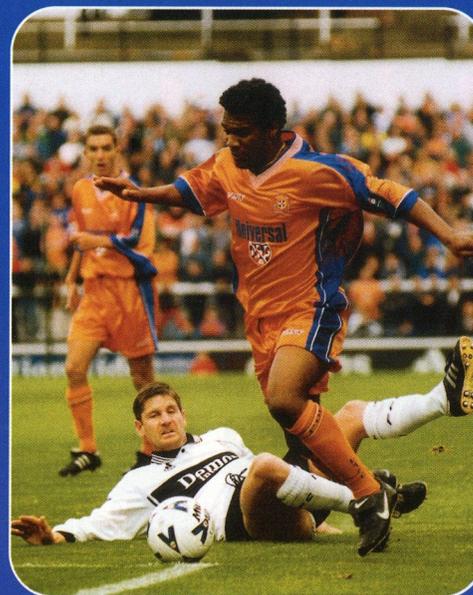
The goals: 0-1 4 mins: Steve Davis breaks forward, feeds Sean Evers on the right wing, and the cross is perfect for Phil Gray to power a diving header into the net for his third goal of the season; 0-2 47 mins: Thomas carries the ball out of defence, and sets Gavin McGowan on a left wing run. McGowan beats one man, surges on and his diagonal cross is met by Stuart Douglas with a glancing header across the goalkeeper for his fifth goal of the season; 0-3 64 minutes: Ray McKinnon places a free kick into the box and Steve Davis makes it look easy as he heads his sixth goal of the season; 1-3 86 minutes: The Town fail to make decisive contact with a corner, and Alan Neilson heads a scant consolation for Fulham.

Referee: John Kirkby, Sheffield.
Attendance: 11,856, with 2,020 in the away end.

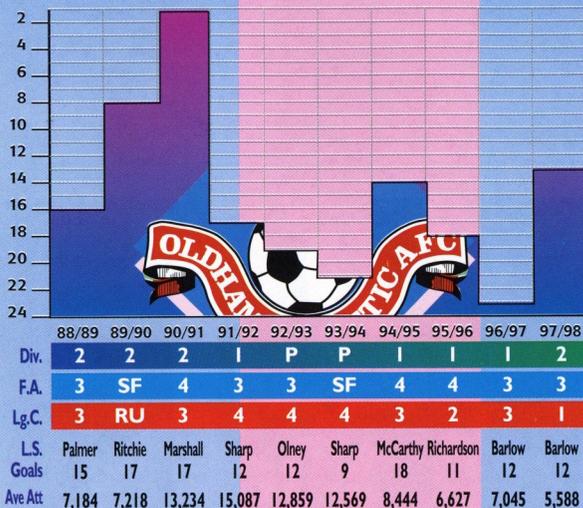


IN THE NET: Stuart Douglas, having just scored our second goal at Fulham, is congratulated by Gavin McGowan, whose cross made it possible, with Phil Gray about to join in the celebrations

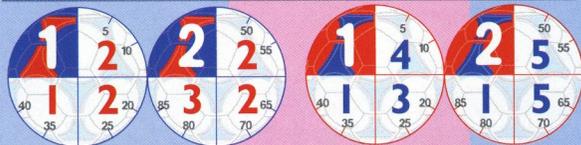
(Bottom Left) FALLING REPUTATION: Paul Bracewell, who has seen better days, is something of a down and out as Gavin McGowan skips past him at Craven Cottage. (Bottom Right) TOP MAN: Lennie Lawrence with the latest addition to the trophy cabinet at Kenilworth Road: the Scottish Mutual Performance of the Week award, chosen by leading members of the Football League Managers' Association



Oldham Athletic's last ten years - the full record



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



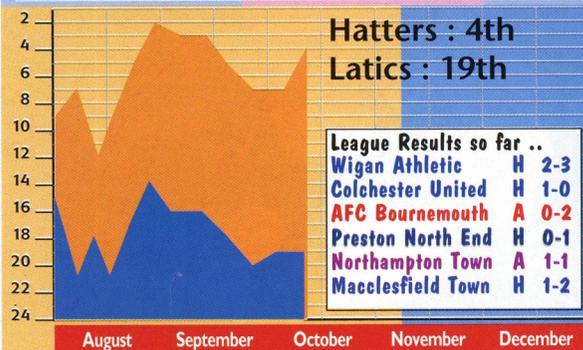
OLDHAM'S OFFENDERS

- Duxbury...2
- Graham...2
- Holt...2
- Reid...2
- Allott...1
- Garnett...1
- Kelly...1
- Littlejohn...1
- Rickers...1
- Sinnott...1

HEINOUS HATTERS

- McGowan...6
- Davis S...2
- George...2
- Johnson...2
- Douglas...1
- Evers...1
- Gray...1
- McIndoe...1
- McKinnon...1
- Spring...1

League Positions throughout the season



Hatters : 4th
Latics : 19th

League Results so far ..

Wigan Athletic	H	2-3
Colchester United	H	1-0
AFC Bournemouth	A	0-2
Preston North End	H	0-1
Northampton Town	A	1-1
Macclesfield Town	H	1-2

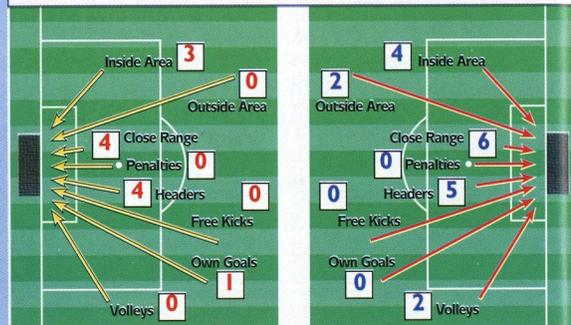
When The Hatters have scored goals... and conceded them



Who's played for The Latics this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.	
		Apps	Gls						
Lee Duxbury	D	12	1	29	5'10"	10'07"	Bradford		
Gary Kelly	G	12		32	5'11"	12'10"	Bury	Eire B	
Scott McNiven	D	12		20	5'10"	10'06"		Scot U21	
Paul Reid	M	12		30	5'10"	10'12"	Huddersfield		
Mark Allott	F	11(1)	3	20	6'0"	10'12"			
Andrew Holt	D	11(1)	1	20	6'1"	11'11"			
Richard Graham	D	11	3	23	6'2"	12'09"			
Paul Rickers	M	11	1	23	5'10"	10'07"			
Adrian Littlejohn	F	9(2)	2	28	5'9"	10'07"	Plymouth		
Toddy Orlygsson	M	9(1)		32	5'11"	10'12"	Stoke	Iceland	
Shaun Garnett	D	6(1)		28	6'2"	13'01"	Swansea		
Steve Whitehall	F	5(3)		31	5'10"	11'00"	Mansfield		
Lee Sinnott	D	5(1)		33	6'1"	13'00"	Huddersfield	Eng U21	
Matthew Tipton	F	2(1)		18	5'10"	10'07"		Wales U21	
David McNiven	F	1(3)		20	5'11"	12'00"			
Philip Salt	D	1(1)		19	5'11"	11'09"			
Lee Clitheroe	F	1		19	5'10"	10'04"			
Mark Innes	D	1		20	5'10"	12'01"			
Doug Hodgson	D	1		29	6'1"	12'07"	Sheff Utd		
Andy Ritchie	F	1		37	5'11"	11'10"	Scarborough	Eng U21	

How The Pirates have scored goals... and conceded them

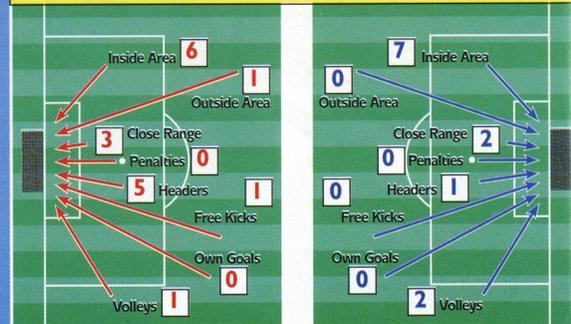


Hatters v Latics

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
Luton Town	2	2	2	9	7	8	DWLLWD
Oldham Athletic	1	1	4	5	9	4	LWLLDL

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How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



Oldham

welcome to today's visitors



THE MANAGER - ANDY RITCHIE

IN his first season as a manager, Ritchie will delight the Oldham faithful if he turns out to be as good off the field as he was on it. He is still registered as a player, and is capable of damaging any defence, but is now concentrating on management and ensuring Oldham continue their tradition of producing home-grown players. He started his career as a young player under the late Matt Busby at Manchester United. He scored 13 goals in 33 appearances, including two hat-tricks, before moving to Brighton, who were then a First Division outfit. There he scored 23 goals in 89 games, before moving to Leeds United in a deal which valued him at £750,000. Forty goals and 136 games later he went to Oldham, with a tribunal setting the fee at £55,000, and it has turned out to be a real bargain. Ritchie became one of the Latics' greatest-ever marksmen, with 105 goals in 250 games before moving to Scarborough on a free transfer in 1955. He was there for 18 months before Oldham Chairman Ian Stott moved to bring Ritchie "back home" to be player-coach alongside Neil Warnock. After 15 months Warnock left, and Ritchie took over from him.



Back Row - left to right:
Mark Hotte, Paul Reid, Lee Sinnott, Andy Holt, Mark Earnshaw, Sean Garnett, Lee Clitheroe, Richard Graham, Oliver Selfe, Doug Hodgson, Danny Walsh.
Middle Row - left to right
Alex Moreno (Physiotherapist), Tony Philliskirk (Youth Coach), David Cross (Youth Coach), Ged Murphy, Lee Duxbury, Phil Salt, Gary Kelly, David Miskelly, Mark Innes, Richard Battersby, Scott Fairhurst, Ron Millward (Youth Scout), Peter Lowe (Director of Youth Development), Phil Stock
Front Row - left to right
Toddy Orlygsson, Mark Allott, David McNiven, Paul Rickers, Andy Ritchie, Bill Urmsom, Scott McNiven, Adrian Littlejohn, Steve Whitehall, Sean McCarthy

GARY KELLY

The 31-year-old goalkeeper was recently recalled to play for the Irish Republic after a stirring run of form. A good shot-stopper and a great enthusiast, he cost Latics £10,000 when signed from Bury. He was previously at Newcastle.

SCOTT McNIVEN

Still only 20, he and his twin brother have both come up through the Boundary Park ranks to win places in the league squad. Scott has already made more than 50 first team appearances.

ANDREW HOLT

Another 20-year-old defender and product of the youth system at Oldham. Very quick and good in the air, he has a devastating left foot, and is one to watch.

SHAUN GARNETT

A brief spell at Swansea was ended which Shaun moved back to the North West of England in exchange for a £50,000 fee. He was at The Vetch for only three months, having previously made more than 100 first team appearances for Tranmere Rovers.

RICHARD GRAHAM

Another product of the Oldham youth scheme, Richard is three inches over six foot, and is a formidable header of the ball and rated at worth £1million at least. At 23, he has made more than a century of appearances for Oldham, and has also represented the Football League.

DOUG HODGSON

The 29-year-old Australian cost Oldham £50,000 when he moved from Sheffield United. His other clubs included Plymouth and Burnley, both on loan deals.

LEE SINNOTT

A very experienced 33-year-old defender, Lee played in an FA Cup final when he was with Watford. Tall, and good in the air, he is approaching his 500th league game, having turned out for Walsall, Bradford City, Crystal Palace and Huddersfield as well as the Hertfordshire team and Oldham.

MARK INNES

The 20-year-old who has been at Oldham since leaving school is known for his solid tackling, and made his debut last season against Burnley.

LEE DUXBURY

The 29-year-old has become Oldham's midfield general, using experience gained with two other clubs. Born in Yorkshire, he made more than 250 appearances for Bradford City before moving down the road to Huddersfield. He later returned to Bradford before joining Oldham for £350,000.

PAUL RICKERS

Another of the many young players brought up within the club, Paul is known for his quick feet and has scored ten goals in completing 100 appearances for the Latics.

PAUL REID

The midfielder signed from Huddersfield for £160,000 with a steady record as a scorer from the left flank. He started at Leicester where his record was 21 goals in 160 games. At Bradford it was 15 goals from 82 and at Huddersfield six from 77.

TODDY ORLYGSSON

An Icelandic international who joined Oldham from Stoke for a fee of £165,000. He had made 37 appearances, and scored



STEVE WHITEHALL



LEE DUXBURY



DOUG HUDGSON

twice, for Nottingham Forest before joining Stoke, for whom his 90 games brought 16 goals. He is known for his strong tackling and determination, and 90-minute stamina.

MATTHEW RUSH

Began his career at West Ham, and then joined Norwich, but suffered a bad injury after only three games. Now fully recovered, he signed for Oldham in a deal worth £160,000.

MARK ALLOTT

A 20-year-old product of the Boundary Park youth system, Mark scored on his debut against Bolton in 1996 and is now a regular in the side. With pace and a stunning right foot shot, he was man of the tournament in the St Kitts/Nevis international football festival last summer.

STEVE WHITEHALL

His playing record sums up the abilities of one of football's most consistent marksmen. Whitehall was signed for £40,000 last summer from Mansfield, where he had been top scorer with 23 goals. He was at Rochdale before that, and was Dale's leading marksman for three consecutive seasons. He reached a career total of 100 goals in 275 matches.

ADRIAN LITTLEJOHN

Fifty goals from 200 games was the record that helped persuade Oldham to sign Littlejohn from Plymouth, in an exchange deal involving Phil Starbuck. Walsall and Sheffield United were Littlejohn's previous clubs.

SEAN McCARTHY

Oldham invested £400,000 to recruit a proven goal scorer who had done the business at Bradford City with 60 goals in 131 appearances. Before that he had netted 25 times in 91 games for Swansea, and 19 in 70 matches for Plymouth. With Oldham he is past the 100-appearance mark, with 40 goals to his credit.

DAVID McNIVEN

Twin brother of Scott, a pocket battleship of a player who broke into the first team last season.



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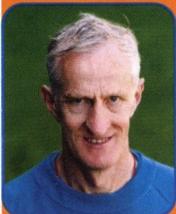
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Jacqueline Parker

BEHIND every successful team is... another good team. In the drive for success Luton Town are well aware that the lads on the pitch need the best possible teams behind the scenes to maximise their efforts, and that is especially true of the constant battle to raise revenue.

Jacqueline Parker and John Bailey Jr are our latest signings. As sales and marketing managers they will sanction the commercial department, which is dedicated to raising as much money as possible from sponsorship, advertising, matchday hospitality and with particular focus on developing non matchday business here at Kenilworth Road.

Both bring to their new jobs the right mix of business experience and a love of football.

Jacqueline was commercial manager for Southend Utd for 18 months, and before that had four years at Colchester United, where she was lotteries and promotions manager.

She was brought up to appreciate football - her father is a former chairman of Colchester, and is still a director at Layer Road.

"Football was always part of family life," she said. "I saw my first match when I was six... Charlton beat us 2-0 and I still haven't forgiven them!"

It did not take her long to decide to go for the job the Town were advertising. "It is a club with an excellent reputation in football for being a family club with ambition," she said. "I had met some of the people here before - I got to know Cherry Newbery over the years through football, and through attending meetings.

"I came to Kenilworth Road the last time Southend played here, and was impressed at the way Luton looked after us and our guests, and when the chance came to work here it felt right."

John Bailey Jr - the Jr is part of his name, included on his birth certificate - came to England with the USAF, and thanks two love affairs for his appointment to the Kenilworth Road commercial team. Born in North Carolina, and raised in Clearwater, Florida, he got into soccer by supporting the Tampa Bay Rowdies in the days when they had Rodney Marsh and Steve Wegerle, brother of Roy, in the team. The USAF posted him to Alconbury, which led him to coming to watch the Town. And while he fell in love with The Hatters, he was also smitten by Karen, an English girl he met on a blind date.

By the time his USAF service ended in 1994 the couple had been married a year, and decided to stay in this country.

Karen was training manager with Beefeater, and is now in charge of personnel and recruitment for Whitbread Inns, part of a company which has a long tradition of backing Luton Town.

John became a business adviser with the Chamber of Commerce and Bedfordshire TEC, a job which enabled him to enjoy supporting the Town as a season ticket-holder.

To be working for the club as well, he said, was a dream come true.



John Bailey



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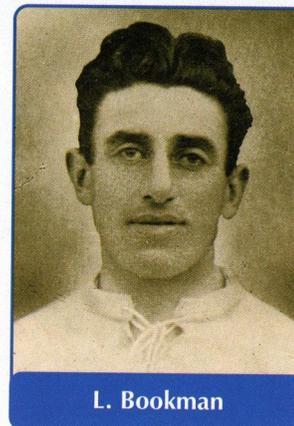
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Hatters On Card



L. Bookman

No. 3: Godfrey Phillip's "Pinnacle" footballers 1920-1923

IN THE early 1920s the London firm of Godfrey Phillips produced the biggest-ever set of cigarette cards, with nearly 2,000 different footballer pictures given away with the Pinnacle brand. This meant that most of the players appearing in the English and Scottish Leagues at that time were featured, together with the leading amateurs of the day.



E. Simms

The cards came in three sizes, miniature, large and postcard (cabinet) size. The larger cards could be obtained by sending a quantity of the standard miniature cards to the firm in exchange - hence they are much harder to come by nowadays. Most of Luton's squad of the period are featured, including the three forwards who appeared in the Ireland v England match in 1921. This was the first time that three players from a Third Division club had played in the same international. The famous trio, together with their Pinnacle numbers, were England centre-forward Ernie Simms (121), and Ireland's left-wing pair Louis Bookman (768) and Allan Mathieson (1110). Simms, who was gassed in the trenches during the first world war, was the darling of the Luton crowd at the time, and the previous season he had been top scorer in the Third Division with 29 goals. Left-winger Bookman's real name was Buckhalter, and he had previously played in the top flight with Bradford City and West Bromwich Albion. In those days clubs did not have the luxury of being able to postpone matches if players were involved in internationals, so while their celebrated colleagues were away in Belfast the rest of the lads had to face Portsmouth at Kenilworth Road with a makeshift attack. However, they didn't do badly - reserve centre-forward Walsh scored the only game of the match. The Ireland-England game ended 1-1, but this was to be the last time any of the three was to represent his country. Unfortunately, for Luton fans, by the time the internationals came round again all three players had moved on - obviously it is not only a modern-day feature of life at Luton Town! The miniature cards are still quite easy to obtain from fairs and dealers at around £1 to £1.50 each, but expect to pay a lot more for the cabinet-sized examples.

by Alan Robinson



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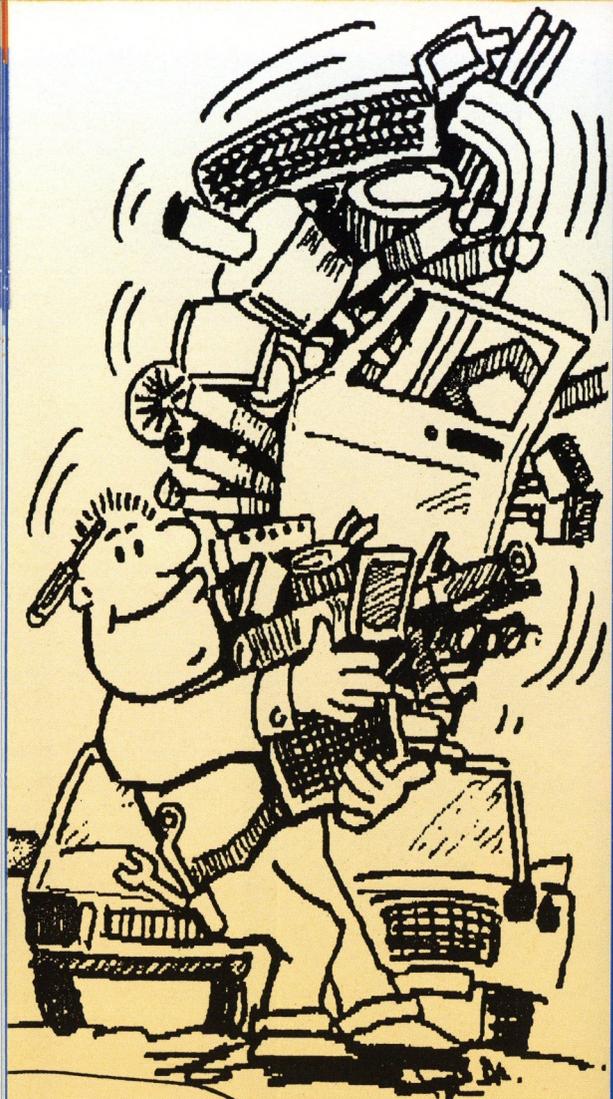
Mitchell Thomas
Born: Luton, 2.10.64
Previous clubs: Luton, Tottenham, West Ham
Debut: Charlton (A) 26.10.82, Milk Cup
Luton record since re-joining in November 1993: 180 appearances, 5 goals.



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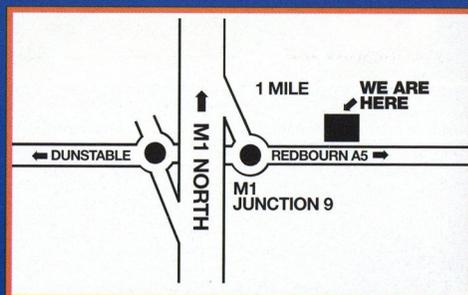
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**It happened
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by Roger Wash

**17th October 1936
Luton Town 4 Watford 1**

The Town had started off the 1936/37 season in brilliant style and by the time of the visit of local rivals Watford to Kenilworth Road had banged in 24 goals in the first ten games. Instrumental in this upturn in goalscoring form was Joe Payne who was now finding out what it was like to be a marked man.

Payne came in for some rough treatment from the Watford defence with goalkeeper McLaren particularly lucky to stay on the pitch for a vicious foul on the Luton forward. Although the foul brought about a ticking off from the referee no penalty was awarded and to rub salt into the wound Devan opened the scoring for the visitors on the break for the first goal conceded by the Town at home for over a month.

Laying siege on the Watford goal, Jack Ball eventually crashed in an equaliser leaving the game on a knife edge at the interval. Despite being down to ten men for a period, when skipper Jack Nelson went off with a cut mouth, Payne cut loose from the shackles of the Watford defence in the second half and blasted in a hat trick to bring his tally up to 15 for the season. The emphatic victory could have been even greater but for a lenient referee who disallowed three further fouls on Payne in the area.

**17th October
1970
Luton Town 2
Bolton 0**

After a run of three straight wins, culminating in a 5-1 victory at Sheffield Wednesday the previous Saturday, the biggest crowd of the season so far, 19055, turned

out at Kenilworth Road to see if a top two place could be achieved.

As so often happens when expectancy is in the air the team turned in a below par performance. It had all started so well, though, with Chris Nicholl heading in a David Court corner after nine minutes and Don Givens launching himself at a John Ryan centre to head home spectacularly soon afterwards.

The rest of the game was an anti-climax, however, with Bolton given far too much room at the back and only wayward finishing and the woodwork preventing the Town from being highly embarrassed. Manager Alec Stock was philosophical after the game pointing out that two points had been won with the team not playing well and the Town were up to second spot in the table.

**17th October 1981
Luton Town 6 Grimsby 0**

After two years at Kenilworth Road during which time he had come in for a fair amount of stick from the crowd, forward Steve White suddenly came good and became the darling of the terraces. Seeking to maintain their position at the top of the table the Town got off to a solid start with Lil Fuccillo netting after 13 minutes and David Moss crashing home a penalty

after Brian Stein was tripped in the area.

After this White took over, bagging four goals in a career best tally, with three of his efforts coming in a fifteen minute spell in the second period.

"We always knew he would come good" said the fans afterwards!



Steve White scores his third, against Grimsby at Kenilworth Road in 1981

Into the Archives

a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

Clashes with today's visitors commenced in 1953 following the Latics promotion to the old Division Two. On the opening day of the 1953/54 season we entertained Oldham in front of a crowd of 22,822 and a John Downie hat-trick, on his debut, helped earn a point in an end-to-end 4-4 draw.

By the time of the return the Latics had found goals rather less easy to come across and were propping up the table. Two goals from the Town's record scorer, Gordon Turner, in a 2-1 victory did not help their cause as Oldham drifted towards inevitable relegation.

Ten years were to pass before paths crossed again, this time in the old Division Three, but Turner was still displaying his predatory instincts and was on target in a 2-1 home defeat in November 1963. In the following campaign the Town secured an unlikely double over the Latics but it was not enough to save us as we plummeted down to Division Four.

After three years in the football basement the Hatters emerged a reborn side and their first opponents back in Division Three were Oldham. A great deal of money had been spent over the summer of 1968 and it was reputed that £90,000, a previously unheard of amount for a club like the Town, had been forked out on players and improvements to the ground.

The new players, Brian Lewis, Mike Harrison and Laurie Sheffield all made their debuts in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 14,747 which included brand new supporter Eric Morecambe. The supporters did not have to wait long before finding out whether the new boys could maintain their pre-season form as, after only 17 minutes, Lewis was upended in the area with the resultant spot kick expertly converted by Harrison.

Oldham goalkeeper David Best was forced to make

half a dozen excellent saves before a Sheffield shot beat him and cannoned off the bar for Keith Allen to drill in the rebound. After the interval the Town attacked, seemingly at will, and it came as no surprise when full back Fred Jardine cracked in a 25 yard shot that beat Best all ends up. Harrison and Bruce Rioch both hit the woodwork before Lewis notched the goal his clever play deserved in the closing seconds.

The return was an altogether different game with the Town gifted an own goal in the first minute with a wind assisted Alan Lawson effort. The remainder of the match was one way traffic as Oldham lay siege on the Luton goal but, despite their efforts, an equaliser would not come.

With the Latics relegation at the end of that campaign it was to be six years before paths crossed again with Oldham winning 3-2 at Kenilworth Road in November 1975 for their first away victory in over 18 months. In the following season a late goal from loanee forward David Geddis earned a valuable 1-0 win at Luton as the Town secured their ninth consecutive victory as they made an end of season run for promotion.

The next significant meeting took place on the opening day of the 1978/79 season at the start of David Pleat's first full campaign in the Luton hot seat. By selling Paul Futcher to Manchester City, Pleat had raised the money to wheel and deal on the transfer market in an effort to ring the changes at Kenilworth Road. In a mad summer of frantic transfer negotiations the upshot was that a bemused Kenilworth Road crowd of 8,043 turned out to see the Town line up with no fewer than seven new faces against the Latics.

By half time the supporters were wondering whether Pleat knew what he was doing as the Latics had cruised into a comfortable 1-0 lead. What was said during the interval team talk has never been reported but the Town steamrollered Oldham in the



David Moss in action against Oldham at Kenilworth Road in February 1982

second period, running in six goals without reply, with both Bob Hatton and David Moss netting twice on their debuts.

The next parting of the ways came at the end of the 1981/82 season as the Town walked away with the championship of the old Division Two. During this campaign Oldham became the first side to prevent the Town from winning on their travels following a 1-1 stalemate at Boundary Park. Revenge was sweet, however, as the Hatters won 2-0 in the return with future Luton star Darron McDonough being dismissed for a nasty tackle on Lil Fuccillo and David Moss scoring direct from a corner.

Oldham eventually won promotion to the top flight just as the Town were about to enjoy their final season at this level. The Latics were early season visitors to Kenilworth Road and were obviously hoping to build on their promising start to the campaign by beating a Hatters side that had only one victory to show after seven starts.

Luton manager David Pleat, back in charge for the second time, realised that a big "Mick Harford type" centre forward was required and decided to invest in the best by signing Mick himself. The second coming

of Harford was greeted by a rapturous home crowd but the game started in a less than sparkling fashion with the Hatters forced to defend in depth against a Latics strikeforce of Ian Marshall and Graeme Sharp. It came as no real surprise when Marshall headed Oldham into the lead just after the interval, but the game started to turn with the introduction of young, fresh substitutes, Paul Telfer and Kurt Nogan who were prepared to run at the Latics defence.

With five minutes to go Nogan put over a low cross for Harford, who had got in front of his marker, to tap the ball in. The crowd went wild but the best was yet to come, for in injury time hesitancy in the Oldham defence was punished when Harford hit a sweet overhead kick into the roof of the net for an unlikely winner.

Since that dramatic finale games between the two sides have been relatively low key affairs with Stuart Douglas netting on his debut in November 1995 the only high spot.

In last season's clashes Tony Thorpe was on target in the 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road while Graham Alexander scored a late consolation in the 1-2 defeat at Boundary Park.

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A WARM welcome to all Junior Hatters attending today's match and we hope you all, including the young supporters from Oldham, enjoy the day.

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Our next trip will be on Saturday, to Gillingham. The price will be £12 for adults and £10 for juniors. For information, or to

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The Saturday Club is in full swing at home games, 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, and all young supporters are cordially invited to become members of the Junior Hatters and join in the fun.

Meanwhile, enjoy the match this afternoon.



Two mascots line up with the skippers and officials before kick-off when we played Walsall. Barry Harris is the young fan representing the Junior Hatters. The pretty one is six-year-old Regan Murphy, who goes to Roundwood School, Harpenden, and is one of three generations who come to matches regularly - her dad, nan, grandad and brother are all regulars at Kenilworth Road. Her favourite players are Mitchell Thomas and Liam George.

TOWN TEASER

WHICH player had a brief career at Kenilworth Road in 1992, when he was bought from Cambridge United, and then sold back to them a few months later?
 Listen for the PA announcer to repeat this question this afternoon - you can win a prize if you know the answer.

Dear Editor,
While enjoying the tremendous unbeaten home run, it came to my attention that Luton Town had not lost in the league at Kenilworth Road before the Walsall game since our top goalscorer left the club. The friend who pointed it out is a fully qualified statistician.

**Andy Gray,
Waterdell,
Leighton Buzzard**

**Mr Gray is quite right: Tony Thorpe's last match before he left for Fulham was in a 1-0 defeat at Bournemouth in the Auto Windscreens Shield Southern Area semi-final. Between then and the defeat by Walsall our home record in the league was 11 games without defeat, three wins and four draws last season and three wins and a draw this season.*

Dear Editor,
My name is Yana Hoursoutoglou, and I am a 22-year-old girl from Greece. I would like to correspond with fans who would like to exchange footy stuff and have footy fun.

**Yana Hoursoutoglou
Solonos 16
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Greece**

Dear Editor,
Just a line to say what a good new programme you are doing. It's good to hear your views again, from a real Luton Town man. We really miss you in the Luton News - it's not been the same since you left. Keep up the good work!

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LENNIE Lawrence summed up the display of both teams after a six-goal thriller at Bootham Crescent: "Vintage attacking, indifferent defending." It hardly pleases coaches or managers to see three goals conceded, or, for that matter, three scored and not being winners.

But for the fans it was a top class value for money match, with the Town at one stage threatening to do a Watford and get smashed out of sight in the first 20 minutes, then recovering impressively to lead 3-2, before conceding the last of the six to give York the draw they deserved as well.

The young men took the eye again, with Sean Evers celebrating his 21st birthday with a goal, but Phil Gray had the most effect on the outcome, scoring once and providing the ideal service for another goal.

We needed him: someone had to do to the York defence what their attackers did to ours all too easily in the first ten minutes. Straight from the kick-off York attacked, and scored in 24 seconds. Neat passing down the inside left route ended with Richard Cresswell shooting for the top corner. Kelvin Davis had no right to reach the shot, but he did, only to be unable to hold on, and left without close support as Gordon Connelly snapped up the rebound.

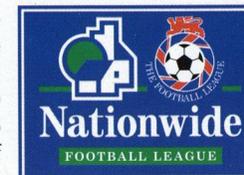
After ten minutes we were squirming and looking at the possibility of another embarrassment, potentially as bad as the home defeat by Walsall which followed the tremendous display against Ipswich.

We had treated the Fulham trip like a cup-tie, and York seemed to be the next Walsall to punish a hang-over with a second goal. Evers had a shot saved, the clearance was bombed downfield, and Mitchell Thomas was done for by stopping briefly to ask for offside. He might have had a point, but no decision was made in our favour and Cresswell's finishing was of the highest order.

Only then did the Town start to play - and it was lovely to see York's confidence ebbing away in face of superior passing.

Steve Davis put Gray away down the right wing to cross for Stuart Douglas to reduce the arrears after 21 minutes, and three minutes before the break, with the Town well in command, Gray sent Evers down the middle for the equaliser.

Nine minutes into the second half Gray made it 3-2, converting the rebound after Evers set up



Douglas for a shot that was parried. But then it was York's turn to realise they had to open up a bit to avoid defeat, and it was our turn to defend again.

The down-the-middle route caught us square for Cresswell to net his second goal on 63 minutes, and the danger was

that the see-saw was tipping York's way again.

Alan White was sent on as an extra defender, in place of Ray McKinnon, and both goalkeepers made good saves to secure the draw both teams deserved.

It left Lawrence to muse that, with the benefit of hindsight, perhaps he should have made a similar tactical change to stiffen the defence against Walsall, when we conceded a late goal that ended our unbeaten home record.

It did the job at Bootham Crescent, and four points from away games at Fulham and York was more than any of us could have expected. Stir in fourth place in the table, and another good team performance made it very tasty fare for the Town's travelling army.

THE MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: Kelvin Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Spring, Steve Davis, Johnson, McKinnon (White 75 mins), Evers, Douglas (Cox 84 mins), Gray, McIndoe. Unused sub: Fotiadis

Booked: Michael McIndoe for an 83rd-minute mistimed tackle on Mark Tinkler.

York: Mimms, McMillan, Thompson, Jordan (Jones 40 mins), Tinkler, Barras, Connelly, Garratt (Hall 57 mins), Cresswell, Tolson (Rowe 57 mins), Agnew.

Goals: 1-0 24 seconds: Richard Cresswell shot towards top corner miraculously reached by Kelvin Davis, but not held, and Gordon Connelly reacts quicker than the Town defence to score; 2-0 10 mins: long clearance by-passes Mitchell Thomas, who stops briefly to ask for offside, and Cresswell runs through to score; 2-1 21 mins: Sean Evers releases Phil Gray down the right, the cross is perfect, and so is Stuart Douglas's header; 2-2 42 mins: Gray threads a pass down the middle and Evers celebrates his 21st birthday with the equaliser; 2-3 54 mins: Evers sets up Douglas for a shot which is parried and Gray beats the home defence to smash in the rebound; 3-3 63 mins: Rodney Rowe releases Cresswell down the middle and he converts a one-on-one with Kelvin Davis, who is injured trying to tackle the striker.

Referee: Trevor Jones, Barrow.

Attendance: 3,780 including 768 from Luton.

Action Replay

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Sean Evers, 21 on Saturday, celebrates by nutmegging York goalkeeper Bobby Mimms for our equaliser at Bootham Crescent.



PICK THAT ONE OUT: Ray McKinnon retrieves the ball as Stuart Douglas turns to celebrate the goal that sparked our revival.



LUCKY ESCAPE: This flying header by Mitchell Thomas, from a cross by Graham Alexander, flashed inches wide of the post.



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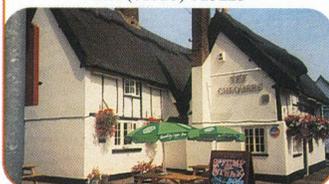
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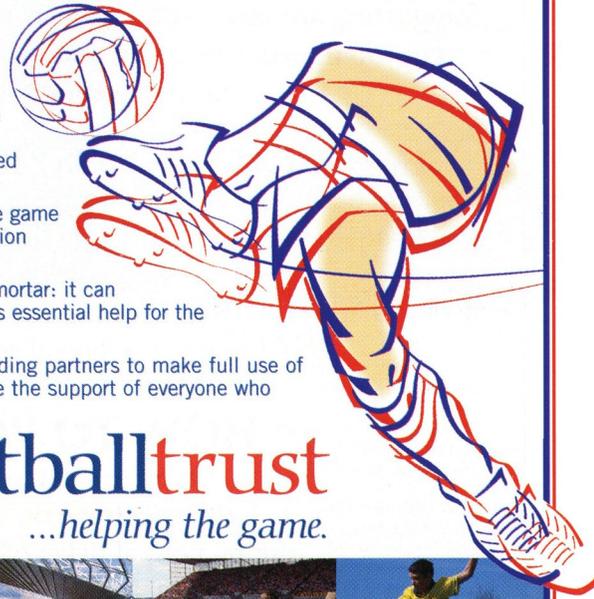
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Clive Goodyear
from the treatment room



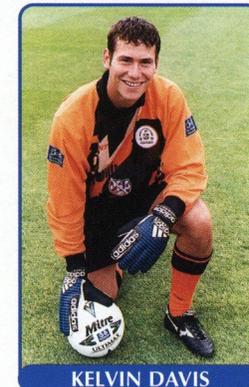
IN VERY welcome contrast to the situation of a year ago, the treatment room is thankfully not too busy at present.

And for two of my 'customers' the outlook is promising, with Kevin Davis not as badly hurt as we at one time feared, and Paul McLaren within sight of a return to competitive football. I have to confess that I was a little worried at York on Saturday when I saw Kelvin go down as we tried to prevent the final goal of the game. Marvin Johnson was chasing back as he tried to get at the York striker who was on the verge of scoring, and Kelvin came out to meet the challenge. In the event, the ball went into the net, which was painful enough, and to add injury to insult Marvin accidentally kicked Kelvin on the right ankle.

Fortunately, the regulation that says injured players must be taken off the field, treated, and then waved back on by the referee does not apply to goalkeepers.

When I went on to attend to Kelvin he was in considerable pain, and obviously it would need a few minutes for that first discomfort to wear off a little. The ref was very good about it, and as those who were there will have seen he eventually added five minutes of stoppage time while Kelvin was treated.

Some York supporters got a bit uptight when the game resumed and they saw that I was giving Kelvin more treatment at the side of the goal. I had already explained to the ref that the injury needed more strapping. I heard it said that Kelvin should have been booked for leaving the field of play without permission for that second phase of treatment. No way - he sat on the pitch, with just his ankle over the line! It turned out to be a little bit of a sprain, and much more of a kick. Kelvin couldn't feel anything in the



KELVIN DAVIS

first few moments, which was a little worrying, but thankfully the damage is mainly heavy bruising, and that has responded to ultra sound and hot and cold treatment, and Kelvin has every chance of being fit for today's game. That was the only fitness problem to come out of the York trip, and there is more good news about Paul McLaren.

He is now back in full training, but obviously after seven weeks without a game, he is not match fit.

If he keeps up current progress he should be able to play at least some

part of the reserves match at Brentford on Tuesday week. My guess is that he might need two games to regain match sharpness and fitness before making his challenge for a return to the first team squad.

He has certainly worked very hard in the gym and on general fitness, and that will stand him in good stead.

The same should be true of Liam George, who broke a leg in Wigan late August.

The plaster will come off in a week or two, and then the pin in his leg will also be removed so that he can get back to work to put himself back in contention.

The only new arrival in the treatment room this week has been defender Stuart Fraser, who has a knee problem after falling awkwardly in a reserve game. The first priority was to get it thoroughly checked out in case it is a cartilage or ligament injury, and we are awaiting the results of a scan before deciding what is the best treatment for him.



PAUL McLAREN

Clive Goodyear

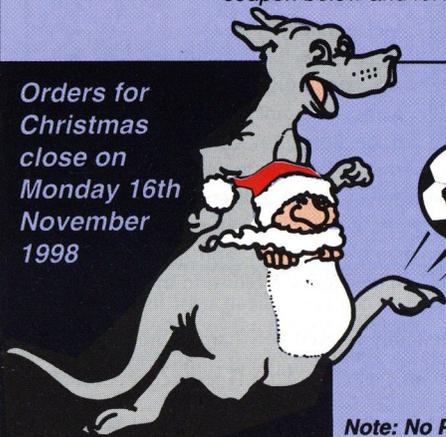
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AFTER the defence was caught napping at a corner, from which the visitors took the lead, centre-back Alan White saved the strikers' blushes with his second goal in consecutive games, another thundering free kick from outside the box.

We played much better in the second half than we had done in the first, but it was one of those days when the strikers had unhappy afternoons. We had the better of the game, but failed to win because we created chances and then wasted them.

Thankfully, they did not let their heads drop and you have to expect that in some matches things just won't go right in front of goal.

Some days the body language tells you players can't fail to do well. But this was a case of seeing them get that feeling of "It's not going to be our day" and it wasn't.

On the run of play, we ought to have won handsomely, and there were some plus points: Paul Showler got through another 90 minutes, but still needs more games under his belt, and Jimmy Cox looked very threatening when we tried him up front - central defenders can get frightened of making vital mistakes when he runs at them.

LUTON TOWN: Abbey, Boyce, Clarke, Davies, Willmott, White, Scarlett, Cox, Bacque, Fotiadis, Showler.

Appearances (goals in brackets): Abbey 7, Akurang 1, Bacque 5 (1 pen), Boyce 5, Clarke 3, Cox 3, Davies 6, Doherty 5, Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 4 (4), Fraser 4 (1), Kandol 3 (2), Lawes 3, Lough 5, Lopez 1, McIndoe 1, McKoy 1, Nyamah 5 (1), Scarlett 6 (2), Showler 3, Sweeney 4, Thomas 2, White 3 (3), Willmott 6.

FOR THE RECORD

Swindon 0 Luton Town 1

IT ALL happened to Kofi Nyamah at the County Ground: he scored the only goal to maintain the unbeaten start to the season, but also collected two yellow cards, the second of which saw him sent off. Luton Town: Abbey, Boyce, Fraser, Lough (Sweeney 75 mins), Willmott, Doherty, Scarlett, Nyamah, Kandol, Davies, Showler (Clarke 60 mins). Unused sub Lawes..

Luton Town 1 Charlton Ath 3

DEFENDER Alan White netted his second goal of the season with a tremendous free kick to give us the lead against last season's Avon Insurance Combination champions at Kenilworth Road. But an experienced visiting side proved too strong for us, and ran out 3-1 winners, our first defeat of the season..

LUTON TOWN: Abbey, Thomas, Fraser, White, Willmott, Doherty, Scarlett, Kandol, Bacque, Davies, Nyamah. Sub: Boyce for Fraser, 70 mins. Unused: Lough, Lawes.

*Our next reserves game is at Brache Sparta on Wednesday (7.30) in the Bedfordshire Senior Cup.

Paul Lowe youth

SE Counties League Luton Town 3 Portsmouth 0

REDUCED to ten men for the last 55 minutes, the team buckled down to make up for the shortage and did it so well that two more goals were scored to maintain our place at the top of the league.

We went ahead on 29 minutes, when the visiting keeper diverted the ball into his own net, under challenge from Darren Howe for a corner by Moses Jerry.

Six minutes later Clifford Akurang was rightly sent off for throwing a punch in retaliation after he had been fouled.

We had to weather a bit of a storm after that, but at half-time we spoke about the need to play with the right attitude and work hard for each other, and the players did exactly that.

Three minutes into the second half Delroy McKoy took a pass from Tresor Kandol and hit a cracking left-footer into the net from outside the box.

We defended well and Portsmouth hardly had a shot worthy of the name as they were kept at long range, and they were killed off by a remarkable third goal 15 minutes from time.

We had had strong claims for a penalty turned down when Jerome Thomas was upended, but shortly afterwards it happened again, this time outside the penalty area. Left back Matthew Taylor floated in the free kick, a cross towards the far post, but it deceived everyone and sailed into the net. Even Taylor didn't pretend he was going for goal, but it was still a very satisfying moment for him, and no more than the team deserved.

Akurang may not be so happy after his red card: he is likely to be banned for two matches, and one of those might be our first FA Youth Cup tie, at home to Colchester, on a date to be arranged.

He will also face club discipline and we hope it will be a case of learning the hard way that it doesn't pay to get sent off.

Luton Town: Tate, Stirling, Taylor, Jerry, Ayres, Howe, McKoy (Carroll 75 mins), Minton, Kandol, Akurang, Thomas (Moran 70 mins).

*WE are at home to Colchester next Saturday, kick-off 11 am at Luton RFC.

FOR THE RECORD

MAKING his full debut in the SE Counties League, Gavin Crane scored both our goals in a home draw with Gillingham.

Luton Town: Tate, Stirling, Taylor, Crane (Harrington 80 mins), Moran, Howe, McKoy, Minton, Kandol, Jerry, Akurang (Tyson 70 mins).

CLIFFORD Akurang netted twice and strike partner Tresor Kandol was also on target in a 3-0 victory at Leyton Orient. **Luton Town:** Tate, Taylor, Stirling (Minton 65 mins), Moran, Ayres, Howe, McKoy (Tyson 70 mins), Akurang, Kandol, Jerry, Crane (Dollin 75 mins).

Youth team appearances (goals in brackets): Akurang 11 (3), Ayres 9 (1), Carroll 1, Crane 3 (2), Dolby 2, Dollin 5, Harrington 3 (1), Hammond 2, Howe 11, Jerry 10, Kandol 11 (9), McKoy 11 (2), Minton 11, Moran 5, Mortara 1, Stirling 11 (1), Tate 11, Taylor 9 (2), Thomas 8 (1), Tyson 7 (1).

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Colchester	7	0	1	6	2	9	1

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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	2-2
Sat 03 October	Leyton Orient	A	3-0
Sat 10	Portsmouth	H	3-0
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	



Critical Research – Main Sponsors of Luton Town Youth Team

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
5	1	2	2	0	2	4	0	Bournemouth	2	4	0	0	0	1	2	0
6	3	0	4	1	0	4	0	Blackpool	4	2	5	0	0	3	2	1
0	6	1	0	0	1	8	0	Bristol Rovers	3	3	1	2	0	1	4	0
0	3	1	5	0	0	6	0	Burnley	2	6	1	1	0	2	3	0
1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	Chesterfield	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
6	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	Colchester United	2	3	2	4	0	2	3	0
6	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	Fulham	6	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
4	3	3	3	1	1	3	0	Gillingham	4	1	3	0	1	0	3	1
3	3	1	0	0	1	3	0	Lincoln City	2	7	1	3	0	1	8	0
5	3	0	1	1	0	7	0	Luton Town	1	2	0	2	0	0	7	0
2	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	Macclesfield Town	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	0
4	4	2	2	0	0	4	0	Manchester City	2	1	1	2	0	2	5	0
3	1	3	0	0	0	5	1	Millwall	2	1	0	3	0	2	6	0
1	3	2	2	1	2	2	0	Northampton Town	5	0	2	1	0	2	3	1
5	0	1	3	1	4	2	0	Notts County	3	2	2	1	1	0	6	0
4	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	Oldham Athletic	5	6	2	2	0	0	4	0
6	5	2	2	0	1	7	0	Preston North End	1	2	1	1	0	2	5	0
3	4	0	1	0	1	2	0	Reading	4	4	3	0	0	1	4	1
6	3	2	0	0	3	4	0	Stoke City	3	2	2	0	0	0	3	0
4	2	2	0	2	2	2	0	Walsall	5	3	1	2	0	0	3	0
1	4	3	1	0	1	4	1	Wigan Athletic	1	1	2	2	0	0	7	0
2	0	3	3	0	1	5	1	Wrexham	4	4	0	4	0	1	3	0
2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	Wycombe Wanderers	6	1	2	1	3	2	5	1
1	0	3	1	2	3	9	0	York City	8	2	0	1	0	1	4	0

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

Yellow & Red Cards

Club	Yellow	Red	Pts
Bristol Rovers	25	6	.43
Lincoln City	29	2	.35
Wycombe Wanderers	26	2	.32
Gillingham	19	4	.31
Burnley	23	1	.26
Chesterfield	20	2	.26
Luton Town	20	2	.26
Northampton Town	23	1	.26
Wigan Athletic	26	0	.26
Manchester City	19	2	.25
Preston North End	16	3	.25
Blackpool	23	0	.23
Millwall	20	1	.23
Notts County	19	1	.22
Wrexham	18	1	.21
AFC Bournemouth	15	1	.18
Walsall	15	1	.18
Colchester United	17	0	.17
Oldham Athletic	14	1	.17
Macclesfield Town	15	0	.15
Stoke City	15	0	.15
York City	12	1	.15
Reading	11	1	.14
Fulham	10	0	.10

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	Consecutive Wins Stoke 6	Consecutive Wins Reading, Wigan, Wrexham 2
Highest Aggregate Scores Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug	Games Unbeaten Man City 9	Games Unbeaten York 6
Biggest Home Win Gillingham 4-0 Wrexham 1-Sep Preston 4-0 Reading 12-Sep	Consecutive Defeats Lincoln 6	Consecutive Defeats Blackpool, Colchester 2
Biggest Away Win Colchester 0-4 Burnley 9-Oct	Games without a Win Wycombe 12	Games without a Win Wycombe 12

Key: PU = Players Used; GF = Goals For; GA = Goals Against; CS = Clean Sheets; LP = Lowest position; HP = Highest Position

Division Two Statistics, Club by Club

see key above	PU	GF	GA	CS	LP	HP	Leading Scorer	Lge	WC	Tot
Bournemouth	16	16	9	6	6	2	Stein	4	4	8
Blackpool	21	18	17	3	23	3	Aldridge	5	2	7
Bristol Rovers	20	16	14	4	13	6	Hayles	7	1	8
Burnley	30	15	15	1	20	7	Payton	8	1	9
Chesterfield	21	6	8	6	20	10	Howard	3	1	4
Colchester United	21	12	16	1	14	2	Gregory D	2	2	4
Fulham	20	15	9	6	8	1	Lehmann/Beardsley	2/3	2/1	4
Gillingham	20	18	13	3	22	12	Smith/Taylor/Asaba	3/3/3	0/0/0	3
Lincoln City	20	11	22	3	23	14	Battersby	2	1	3
Luton Town	20	17	12	4	12	2	Davis S/Douglas	5/4	1/2	6
Macclesfield Town	21	9	15	2	24	20	McDonald/Wood	2/2	1/1	3
Manchester City	22	16	13	3	14	1	Goater	7	2	9
Millwall	22	13	14	4	14	5	Shaw	5	1	6
Northampton Town	24	13	16	2	22	14	Corazzin	5	0	5
Notts County	26	16	15	2	15	5	Hendon	5	0	5
Oldham Athletic	20	12	19	2	21	14	Allott	3	1	4
Preston North End	17	23	12	6	7	2	Nogan	5	0	5
Reading	28	11	17	2	23	15	Williams	5	0	5
Stoke City	18	18	10	7	4	1	Crowe	6	0	6
Walsall	22	16	14	5	11	2	Rammell	7	1	8
Wigan Athletic	22	15	13	4	23	10	Barlow	7	1	8
Wrexham	19	15	16	3	15	2	Connolly	3	1	4
Wycombe Wanderers	23	6	21	0	24	19	Read	2	1	3
York City	20	19	16	3	24	8	Cresswell	7	0	7

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins Reading, Wigan, Wrexham 2	Consecutive Wins Stoke 6
Games Unbeaten York 6	Games Unbeaten Man City 9
Consecutive Defeats Blackpool, Colchester 2	Consecutive Defeats Lincoln 6
Games without a Win Wycombe 12	Games without a Win Wycombe 12

Div. 2 Stat Attack

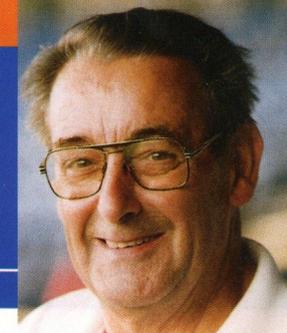
Div. 2 Attendance Details

Club	Highest	Lowest	Average
Manchester City	32,134	24,291	28,257
Stoke City	15,002	10,557	12,933
Reading	18,108	9,058	12,584
Fulham	14,284	7,447	11,137
Preston North E.	11,587	8,656	9,967
Burnley	11,781	8,526	9,865
Millwall	12,726	4,424	6,969
Bristol Rovers	7,529	5,416	6,522
Northampton T.	7,557	5,210	6,259
Notts County	10,316	4,445	6,216
Bournemouth	6,956	5,151	6,068
Oldham Athletic	8,205	4,231	5,477
Luton Town	5,558	5,005	5,408
Gillingham	6,093	4,575	5,318
Colchester United	6,377	4,042	4,916
Blackpool	5,695	3,849	4,820
Wrexham	7,290	2,951	4,360
Wycombe Wndrs	5,252	3,800	4,317
Walsall	5,802	3,098	4,263
Chesterfield	5,426	3,681	4,237
Wigan Athletic	4,853	2,784	3,989
Macclesfield T.	6,381	2,794	3,692
Lincoln City	4,731	2,949	3,678
York City	3,780	2,634	3,008

Statistics compiled by Football Information Services Telephone: 0151-632 5679

Brian Swain

second division scene



THE CURSE of the manager of the month award has struck again. The prize for August went to Brian Little, for leading Stoke to a month without defeat. They then promptly lost for the first time this season, at Fulham, then suffered a first home defeat, against Blackpool.

A brief revival was followed by another beating, at Reading and on Monday they were held to a scoreless draw at home by Chesterfield.

Nigel Worthington of Blackpool was last week named manager of the month for September, in which Blackpool played seven league games without defeat, including victory over us.

So how did October start for Mr Worthington? Two home defeats on the trot, against York and Millwall. From third in the table Blackpool dropped out of the play-off frame.

We had dropped to fifth by losing at Blackpool, and we lost three more places through the first home defeat of the season, at the hands of Walsall. But points taken from Fulham and York pushed us back up to fourth place - and it would have been second for a couple of days if we had hung on after Phil Gray made it 3-2 at Bootham Crescent.

Even so, six goals from two away games are valuable, inching us ahead of Bournemouth and Fulham in the table. When teams are level on points, goals scored is the decider - we have netted six fewer than Preston, but one more than Bournemouth and two more than Fulham.

While Stoke were being pegged back on Monday

night, Preston were extending their advantage over us, and moving up to second place, by becoming the first visiting team to win at Maine Road. A penalty by Gary Parkinson, his first goal of the season, was enough to do us a favour. Manchester City could have moved above us if they had won.

Walsall are the surprise packets of the division - they were tenth a month ago when they lost at home to York, but they then won four of their next five, and despite losing at Wrexham on Saturday they still clung on to second place, dropping to third on Monday when Preston overhauled them.

By contrast, today's visitors have been languishing near the wrong end of the table all season. Oldham rose to 14th place in mid-September by winning at Lincoln, but their only win in six outings since then was a single-goal success over Colchester at Boundary Park a fortnight ago.

They even managed to lose at home to Macclesfield, who had not won a single game until then, and last week suffered a painful local derby reverse on their own ground, beaten 3-2 by Wigan. Oldham's away record shows one win, at Lincoln, one draw, 1-1 at Northampton, and three defeats, at Blackpool, Stoke and Bournemouth.

The Second Division

Club	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Stoke City	12	4	1	1	8	3	4	0	2	10	7	25
Preston	12	3	1	3	13	5	4	2	1	10	7	24
Walsall	12	3	1	2	9	8	4	0	2	7	6	22
LUTON TOWN	12	3	1	1	6	2	2	3	2	11	10	21
Bournemouth	12	4	1	0	9	1	2	2	3	7	8	21
Fulham	11	3	2	1	10	6	3	1	1	5	3	21
Blackpool	12	4	1	2	12	8	2	1	2	6	9	20
York City	11	2	3	1	10	7	3	1	1	9	9	19
Man City	12	3	3	1	11	6	1	3	1	5	7	18
Wrexham	12	5	1	2	13	9	0	2	2	2	7	18
Millwall	12	3	3	0	7	3	2	0	4	6	11	18
Wigan Ath	12	3	1	2	8	5	2	1	3	7	8	17
Bristol Rov	12	4	2	0	13	5	0	2	4	3	9	16
Chesterfield	12	4	0	1	5	2	0	4	3	1	6	16
Gillingham	12	3	2	2	13	7	0	4	1	5	6	15
Notts Co	12	2	1	3	8	8	2	2	2	8	7	15
Colchester	12	2	1	4	4	8	2	2	2	8	8	15
Burnley	12	2	2	1	6	5	1	2	4	9	10	13
Northampton	12	1	4	1	8	8	1	1	4	5	8	11
Oldham	12	2	1	4	8	10	1	1	3	4	9	11
Reading	10	2	2	0	7	3	1	0	5	4	14	11
Macclesfield	12	1	2	3	4	6	1	2	3	5	9	10
Lincoln	12	1	0	4	7	11	1	2	4	4	11	8
Wycombe	12	0	2	4	3	8	0	1	5	3	13	3

Today's other Second Division games

- Bournemouth v Northampton
- Bristol Rov v Wrexham
- Burnley v Notts Co
- Chesterfield v York
- Lincoln v Stoke
- Millwall v Fulham
- Preston v Colchester
- Reading v Gillingham
- Walsall v Blackpool
- Wigan v Man City
- Wycombe v Macclesfield

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		PRESTON NORTH END	H	3.00pm	1-1 (Marshall)	5,392	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
TUES	18	WC1(2)	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	K. 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		WALSALL	H	3.00pm	0-1	5,530	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	03	OCTOBER	FULHAM	A	3.00pm	3-1 (Gray, Douglas, Davis)	11,856	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
SAT	10		YORK CITY	A	3.00pm	3-3 (Douglas, Evers, Gray)	3,780	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
SAT	17		OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	3.00pm						
TUES	20		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	7.45pm						
SAT	24		GILLINGHAM	A	3.00pm						
TUES	27	WC3									
SAT	31		CHESTERFIELD	H	3.00pm						
SAT	07	NOVEMBER	STOKE CITY	A	3.00pm						
TUES	10		NOTTS COUNTY	H	7.45pm						
TUES	10	WC4									
SAT	14	FACUP(R1)									
SAT	21		LINCOLN CITY	A	3.00pm						
SAT	28		MANCHESTER CITY	H	3.00pm						
TUES	01	DECEMBER	WC5								
SAT	05	FA CUP (R2)									
TUES	08	AWS(1)									
SAT	12		MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A	3.00pm						
SAT	19		MILLWALL	H	3.00pm						
SAT	26		READING	H	12 noon						
SAT	28		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	A	3.00pm						
SAT	02	JANUARY	COLCHESTER UNITED	A	3.00pm						
TUES	05	or FA CUP (R3)									
SAT	09	AWS(2)									
SAT	16	1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	3.00pm						
SAT	23		PRESTON NORTH END	A	3.00pm						
SAT	23		WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	3.00pm						
WED	27	or FA CUP (R4)									
SAT	30	WC SF(1)									
SAT	06	FEBRUARY	A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	H	3.00pm						
SAT	13		BURNLEY	A	3.00pm						
SAT	13		WREXHAM	H	3.00pm						
WED	17	or FA CUP (R5)									
SAT	20	WC SF(2) or AWS SF									
SAT	27		BRISTOL ROVERS	A	3.00pm						
SAT	27		BLACKPOOL	H	3.00pm						
SAT	27	MARCH	WALSALL	A	3.00pm						
TUES	09	or FA CUP (R6)									
SAT	13	or AWS (AF1)	FULHAM	H	7.45pm						
WED	17	AWS (AF2)									
SAT	20		STOKE CITY	H	3.00pm						
SUN	21	WC FINAL									
SAT	27		CHESTERFIELD	A	3.00pm						
SAT	03	APRIL	GILLINGHAM	H	3.00pm						
TUES	06		OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm						
SAT	10		YORK CITY	H	7.45pm						
SUN	11	FA CUP SF	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A	3.00pm						
WED	14										
SAT	17		MANCHESTER CITY	A	7.45pm						
SUN	18	AWS FINAL	LINCOLN CITY	H	3.00pm						
SAT	24										
SAT	01	MAY	NOTTS COUNTY	A	3.00pm						
SAT	08		MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H	3.00pm						
SAT	22	FA CUP FINAL	MILLWALL	A	3.00pm						

TODAY'S REFEREE

RAYMOND Olivier, who is the man in the middle this afternoon not only knows his job as referee - he knows how to explain it to others as well. A training manager from Sutton Coldfield, he is a licensed FA referee instructor. Mr Olivier started refereeing in the amateur leagues in Birmingham in 1980 and moved up the ladder steadily. He joined the Football League's linesmen's list five years ago, and became a league referee this year. Towards the end of last season he was assistant referee for England B v Chile B. Outside of football he enjoys fitness training and going to the theatre.



Substitutes

S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	George for Bacque 71; McGowan for Marshall 81. Unused: White
S. Davis	Johnson	McGowan	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	McLaren for Thomas 30; George for Marshall 71; McIndoe for Gray 78. Unused: Abbey, White
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Bacqué	Gray	Marshall	McLaren for McKinnon 69; George for Bacque 69; White for McGowan 85.
S. Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Marshall	Douglas for George 84; George for Marshall 69; McKinnon for Marshall 90. Unused: White, Abbey, Bacque.
S. Davis	White	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Marshall	McKinnon for Marshall 10; George for McLaren 15; Thomas for Douglas 62.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	George	Thomas for Gray 56; Fotiadis for Douglas 72; Bacque for George 79.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	George	McIndoe for George 45; Bacque for Douglas 72; Unused: Thomas
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fotiadis for Douglas 73 Thomas for McIndoe 81. Unused: Bacque.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Bacque for Douglas 72. Unused: Thomas Cox
S. Davis	White	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fotiadis for Douglas 62 Thomas for McKinnon 89. Unused: Marshall.
S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Fotiadis for Douglas 77 Bacque for Cox 82. Unused: Abbey Thomas White
S. Davis	Johnson	Cox	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Marshall for Douglas 68 Bacque for Gray 84. Thomas for McIndoe 88.
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Marshall	Cox for Marshall 66; Bacque for Fotiadis 73; White for McKinnon 78. Unused: Abbey, McIndoe
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Cox	Gray for Douglas 60 McIndoe for Cox 67 White for Spring 87
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Cox for McGowan 86, Fotiadis for Douglas 87. Unused: White
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	White for McKinnon 75, Cox for Douglas 84. Unused: Fotiadis

TICKET NEWS

WORTHINGTON CUP



Luton Town v Coventry City

See page 37 for full details.

Book early - tickets are selling very quickly!

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Gillingham v Luton Town

October 24, kick-off 3 pm

It is pay on the day for away supporters at Priestfield Stadium, terracing only.

Prices: £9.50 adults, £7.50 senior citizens, £4.50 juniors



Luton Town v Chesterfield

October 31 kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal league prices, with discounted prices for early booking still available.



Hatters Roll-Call 1998/99

Appearances

Goals

	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total
Alexander	12	4	0	0	16	1	2p	0	0	3(2p)
Bacque	2(4)	1(2)	0	0	3(6)	0	0	0	0	0
Cox	2(2)	1(1)	0	0	3(3)	0	0	0	0	0
K. Davis	12	4	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
S. Davis	12	4	0	0	16	5	1	0	0	6
Douglas	10	3	0	0	13	4	2	0	0	6
Evers	12	4	0	0	16	2	1	0	0	3
Fotiadis	1(4)	1(1)	0	0	2(5)	0	1	0	0	1
Gray	11(1)	3	0	0	14(1)	3	1	0	0	4
George	2(3)	0(2)	0	0	2(5)	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	10	4	0	0	14	0	1	0	0	1
Marshall	3(1)	3	0	0	6(1)	1	0	0	0	1
McGowan	10(1)	4	0	0	14(1)	0	0	0	0	0
McIndoe	5(2)	1(1)	0	0	6(3)	0	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	10(1)	1(1)	0	0	11(2)	1	0	0	0	1
McLaren	11(1)	0	0	2(1)	0	1	0	0	0	1
Spring	12	4	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	3(5)	1	0	0	4(5)	0	0	0	0	0
White	2(3)	0(1)	0	0	2(4)	0	0	0	0	0



Luton Town v Oldham Athletic

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|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Kelvin Davis | 1. | 1. Gary Kelly |
| Graham Alexander | 2. | 2. Scott McNiven |
| Mitchell Thomas | 3. | 3. Ian McLean |
| Matthew Spring | 4. | 4. Shaun Garnett |
| Steve Davis | 5. | 5. Richard Graham |
| Marvin Johnson | 6. | 6. Paul Rickers |
| Ray McKinnon | 7. | 7. Paul Read |
| Sean Evers | 8. | 8. Adrian Littlejohn |
| Stuart Douglas | 9. | 9. Mark Allott |
| Phil Gray | 10. | 10. Phillip Sale |
| Michael McIndoe | 11. | 11. Andrew Holt |
| Jimmy Cox | 12. | 12. Matthew Tipton |
| Andrew Fotiadis | 13. | 13. Lee Sinnott |
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