

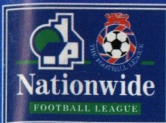


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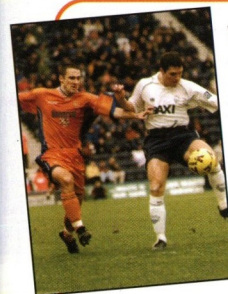
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WELCOME BACK:
Andrew Fotiadis in action at Preston, where he grabbed his chance as deputy for injured Phil Gray by scoring his first league goal of the season.

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TOWN favourites Paul McLaren and Phil Gray will be the guests at Luton Town Supporters Club's next meeting, on Thursday, to chat to fans and answer their questions. It kicks off at 7.30 in the Eric Morecambe Lounge (entrance in Maple Road) and admission will be £2 for LTSC members and £3 for others. Tickets are on sale from the supporters kiosk today. If there are any left over after today, they will be available on the door on Thursday evening.

SAD RETURN: Alan Slough, the Stopsley lad who played a major role in our revival after the slump of the 1960s, is back in Luton this weekend, for the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs Sylvia Adams, of Hallwicks Road, Stopsley. Alan and his wife Anne are settled in Torbay, and Mrs Adams, a widow, died suddenly while on a holiday visit to them.

She had plenty of friends in Luton. Alan recalled: "She came from Wolverhampton, and supported the Wolves until I started courting her daughter Anne. She soon became a committed Luton Town supporter, and always was, even after I left the club. She was a lovely lady, a very young 74.

"Alan West was her favourite player, and he has very kindly agreed to conduct the funeral. I think she would have a chuckle over that."

The service will be at Luton Crematorium at Stopsley on Monday at 9am, and all friends are welcome to attend.

Alan and his wife run football coaching courses for youngsters in Torbay, and there are now two more Sloughs playing in local football in that area, their sons Chris and Andy. Alan reports that he also has an 18-month-old grandson "with a pretty good left foot!"

FULL CIRCLE: He never played for us, but Neil Smillie has good reason to remember Luton Town if he ponders on the ups and downs of football. Some of us remember, with considerable mortification, how well he played for Reading, and scored, when the then Third Division club produced a shock victory over us at Wembley to take the Simod Cup 4-1. We more than made up for it a few weeks later by winning the Littlewoods Cup.

Having enjoyed a Wembley experience against Luton, Smillie was left with bitter memories of his visit to Kenilworth Road a fortnight ago, as manager of Wycombe. He saw his side slaughtered, got involved in a row with the ref after the match, and was sacked two days later.

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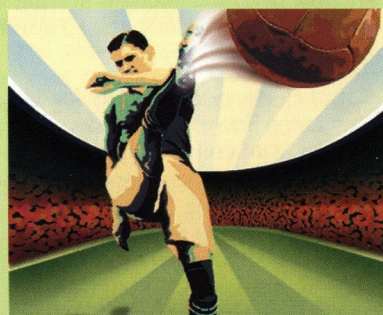
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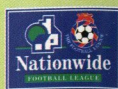
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White	7(9)	0(3)	1	1	9(12)	1	0	0	1
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Also played: S. Davis 21 league appearances, 6 goals; 6 Worthington Cup apps, 2 goals; 2 FA Cup apps, 2 goals. Marshall 3(1) League apps, 1 goal; 3 Worthington Cup apps. Davies 2 League appearances. Nyamah 1 FA Cup appearance, 1 as sub Worthington Cup.



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Lennie Lawrence

from the manager's chair



YOU ARE always disappointed to lose a football match, so there was no pleasure for us in the result at Preston last week. But rarely have I been less disappointed in defeat than I was at Deepdale.

The emphasis in our preparation was that we were facing a team who posed a real attacking threat, the highest home scorers in the division. We knew we would have to compete physically all over the pitch, and make counter-attacks pay. Preston get a lot of men forward, but that offers scope to hit them on the break.

That was how things panned out, and an excellent free kick and a great header enabled us to take the lead. In fact, our set plays throughout were very good - we were first to the ball, for instance, several times from corners.

One up at half-time, we knew that Preston would be getting a rollicking in their dressing room, and would come out with all guns blazing. Our instruction was "Make sure you put your lot in," and the players did.

But Preston showed why they are good bets for a play-off place at the very least, and they put together some excellent attacking moves, including one that ended with a shot hitting our bar, and then their goal.

But then we steadied the ship, and looked good for a draw at least. But what followed was the only real disappointment: we set up counter-attacks only to fail through the inability to hit a telling final pass. Preston were wobbling, and we needed a second goal. I sensed we might get one, and if we had we would probably have won the game.

You know the rest: the ref played seven minutes of "extra time" at the end of the 90, and during that spell, with Gavin McGowan a passenger because of cramp, Preston got the winner from the only ball they were allowed to cross in behind our back four all match. Defeat was very harsh, but we had several key players missing and I would not criticise our players too much for that result.

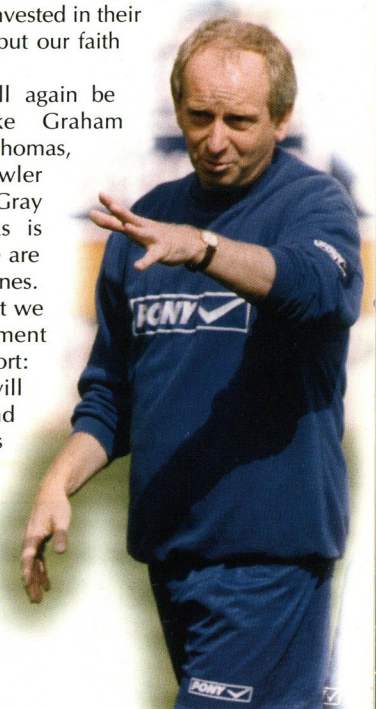
The performance overall, the attitude and the workrate could hardly be bettered, and Preston are one of the most effective teams in the league.

In away games, we are equal top scorers in the division, but the problem is that we let too many in, and we must tilt that balance in our favour. Ironically, because we scored at Preston, and despite the result, we moved up one place in the table. In 16 months, we have only three times lost by more than the odd goal in away games, and at two of those, Sunderland and Stoke, there were goals in the last minute when we were chasing the game.

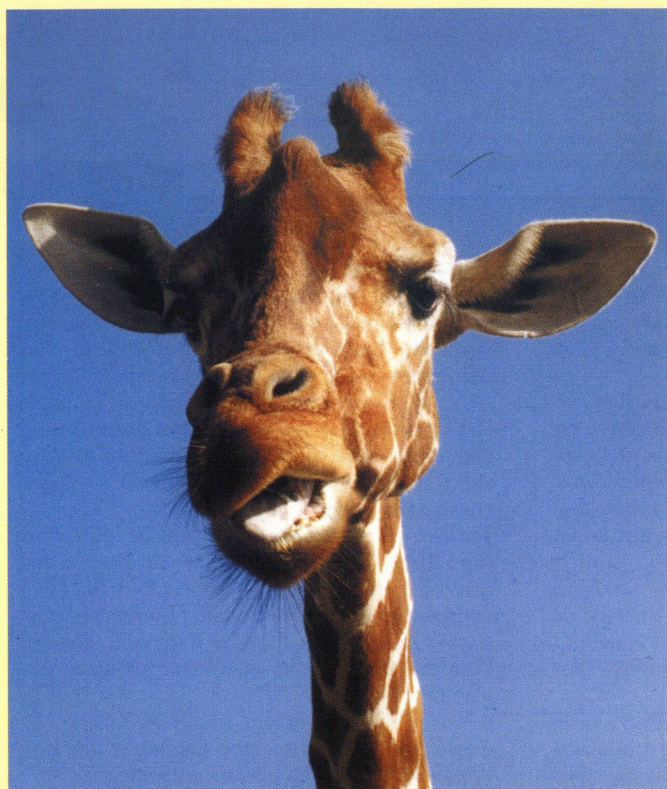
Today, we are back in front of our own supporters, and boast the equal best home defensive record in the league. It's the first of two consecutive home matches, and it's crunch time: a win and a draw is the very minimum required from the two matches if we are to revive our play-off chances.

It was a real test of our squad at Preston last week, and today they face another. I am sure Wigan will be disappointed with their season so far, having invested in their team, while we have put our faith in young players.

Injuries mean we will again be without seniors like Graham Alexander, Mitchell Thomas, Phil Gray, Paul Showler and Ray McKinnon. Gray is also suspended, as is Paul McLaren, and we are down to the bare bones. That's life at Luton, but we can take encouragement from last week's effort: put your lot in again, will be the demand, and with our supporters backing us we can kick in again with another good run.



Lennie Lawrence



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Marvin in charge

captain's log



WHEN WE kicked off this season, I never dreamed that before the end of it I would be captain of Luton Town, with all sorts of responsibilities, including writing this column. We were all sorry to see Steve Davis leave, but we understood the reasons, and when the boss asked me to take over as skipper I was delighted to accept.

Luton Town was always the only club I had ever wanted to play for, and I have had nearly 14 happy years here since I signed on as an apprentice after leaving school.

Naturally I have had a bit of stick from some members of the dressing room, with Gerry Harrison in particular insisting on calling me skip. But I am still the same old Marv, and glad to be pat of a very happy dressing room.

When I thought about the captaincy, I realised that I have some hard acts to follow. Stevo was a very good skipper, expressing himself best by setting an example on the field. He was not much of a shouter, but such a good player, and he had the respect of all of us.

When I first got into the league team regularly Steve Foster was captain, and he too was something special. He was a good talker, had tremendous presence on and off the field, and I learned a lot from him.

Danny Wilson followed - a real midfield general and a grafter, and another who led by example. I confess when he was playing for us I did not realise that we were with a man who would become a very good manager, but when I look back at his time with us I remember a man who thought about the game. Circumstances led to him moving into management, and he has taken to it very well.

John "Tumble" Dreyer held the captaincy for a season or two and did a good job - he was a senior player, and very consistent on the pitch. We knew we could rely on him.

One of the best skippers I have played for was Trevor Peake. Good player, good captain, and good professional - you couldn't ask for a lot more in one man. It was a very shrewd move by David Pleat to bring Peakey to Luton, as it had been when he signed Steve Foster from Aston Villa reserves.

Gary Waddock did the captain's job with distinction, again with the added advantage of having been in the game a long time, and having earned the respect of his fellow professionals.

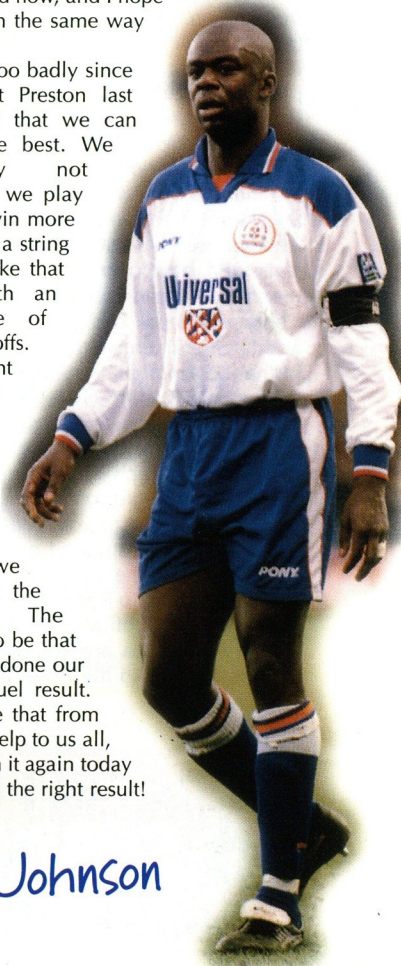
Which brings me back to Steve Davis. Terry Westley made him captain, but it affected his form for a time, but once he had settled down and got the job back he did this club proud.

I don't think captaincy will affect my form. I always have my game plan before I go out onto the pitch, and if I have a dodgy game it won't be because of the cares of captaincy.

The boss has said I yap a bit on the field. He's right - I have always done that, trying to help players around me. When I was much younger, lots of players helped me. We have a lot of good young players in our squad now, and I hope I can help them, in the same way that I was helped.

We haven't done too badly since Steve left, and at Preston last week we showed that we can compete with the best. We were certainly not outclassed, and if we play like that we will win more than we lose. And a string of performances like that will see us with an excellent chance of reaching the play-offs.

Finally, we all want to thank the supporters who were at Preston, not just for the way you shouted us on during the game, but also for the reception we were given when the match ended. The message seemed to be that you knew we had done our best, despite a cruel result. Understanding like that from fans can be a big help to us all, and I hope we earn it again today - but this time with the right result!

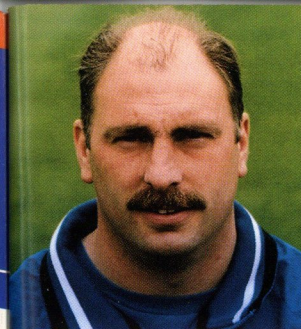


Marvin Johnson



Cherry Newbery

club secretary



Clive Goodyear

from the treatment room

OUR RESERVE team fixtures in the Avon Insurance Combination have now switched to Leighton Town for our two remaining mid-winter home games, and Luton Town extend very grateful thanks to our friends at Leighton for helping us out.

We have been suffering a very wet winter, and it was important for Lennie Lawrence that we protect our pitch at Kenilworth Road as much as possible, and Leighton's offer to give us a temporary home has been much appreciated. They were also very good hosts when we went there for the first time this season, for the match against Wimbledon (report page 42), and arrangements are now confirmed for our next two home fixtures to be played at Leighton, against Bournemouth on February 1 and Barnet on February 22. Admission is £2, half-price for under-16s and senior citizens, and I hope supporters will not be inconvenienced too much by the change.

Speaking of reserve fixtures, our away game with Chelsea has been switched for the second time. After one postponement, we were due to play them at Kingstonsians FC on January 26, but Chelsea have an FA Youth Cup tie to dispose of, and at their request we have put the Avon Insurance Combination fixture back to Monday February 15, again with a 7pm kick-off.

We still have to make arrangements for a new date for our Nationwide League match at home to Chesterfield, which was rained off in October, and as soon as the information on the new date is to hand I will give it to you. Meanwhile don't forget that two other postponed matches have been re-arranged, at home to Notts County on Tuesday February 23 and to Reading on Tuesday March 23. Both games kick off at 7.45. Tickets purchased for the original dates are still valid, and you don't need to come into the ticket office beforehand to change them.

Notification of the draw for the Bedfordshire County Premier Cup semi-finals came in from Beds FA this week. We will be away to Biggleswade Town, and the match is to be played by February 10, but so far we have no date confirmed. In the other half of the draw Stotfold and Arlesey have to play each other in a quarter-final to qualify for a home semi-final against Leighton Town.

I have received a lot of comment about the appearance of the Sandye (yes, that is the right spelling!) Band at our last home game. Supporters obviously enjoyed their music, with several taking the trouble to tell us how much they enjoyed the band's performance. Your comments and letters are always appreciated, and in view of the response we have had on this subject, I hope to have the Sandye Band playing at another home fixture before too long. Usually, they include a spot of marching and counter-marching as part of their programme, and hopefully our pitch will dry out sufficiently for them to demonstrate that part of their repertoire next time they come!

Today we welcome to Kenilworth Road guests from St. George's School, Harpenden, with the hope that they enjoy their day with us, and see an entertaining and winning performance from the team.

Finally, here's a very early item for your diary, looking ahead to Christmas! I don't know how many shopping days there are, but we have already booked the date for our popular annual carol service. It will be on December 16, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Luton.

Cherry Newbery

THE TREATMENT room is still busy, with Phil Gray the latest to join the list of injured players. He missed the match at Preston because of a toe injury sustained against Wycombe. He is suspended today because of a red card in that match, but as it happens I doubt if he would have been fit to face Wigan anyway.

He already had a slight infection in his toe, something like athlete's foot, but the real pain came from a knock which left his toe very bruised and swollen.

It was not a pretty sight, and we had X-rays taken in case there might be a fracture, but happily that is not the case. Gray is improving slowly, and should be all right within a few days.

Graham Alexander has been out of action since the game at Colchester because of an ankle injury, and when the swelling and bruising subsided we were able to investigate further, and we now know he has ligament damage. He has not been able to train this week because the ankle joint cannot take a lot of weight, so at present it's a case of "on your bike"... the ever-popular exercise bicycle, of course. With little or no training possible this week, Alexander can but hope that things will be much better within seven days, and that he will be ready to compete for a team place against Bournemouth next Saturday, or perhaps at Burnley the week after.

Ray McKinnon is making good progress after a hamstring injury picked up six weeks ago. That is a long time to be out of full training, so for him it is now a case of building up the training routine, and seeing how quickly he gets to somewhere near match fitness.

Mitchell Thomas also has to take a little while longer to get over a hip and groin strain. One or two have taken some pleasure in telling him that the older you get, the longer it takes! That might sound slightly cruel, but it is true, as Mitch is discovering for himself. But after three weeks out, he is slowly getting there, although I would not

think he has much chance of a return to the team this afternoon.

Nor will Paul Showler figure in today's match, but we have had some good news for him, after a thorough examination of his latest injury. We feared it might be a hernia, but it is "only" a stomach muscle strain. That's bad enough to keep him out of training this week, but he is working hard on the exercise bike and the rowing machine, and could be in contention for a return before too long.

Reserve goalkeeper Tanny Abbey is back in training after his first team appearance against Walsall cost him a groin strain, and it is a great pleasure to report on another young player getting back into the swing of things.

Liam George, who broke a leg at Wigan way back in August, has made tremendous progress, and done far better than we ever dared hope a few months ago. He is now back in full training, and looking good. He needs at least a couple of weeks to build up fitness and confidence, but if it goes well - and he has the right attitude to help himself - we might then be able to think about a comeback in the reserves next month.

Julian James, our other broken leg patient, will need a little longer than that, but is getting better day by day, and it is good to see him jogging gently. As with Liam George, it has been a long hard road, and I am sure they will both reach journey's end to resume their careers.

Clive Goodyear



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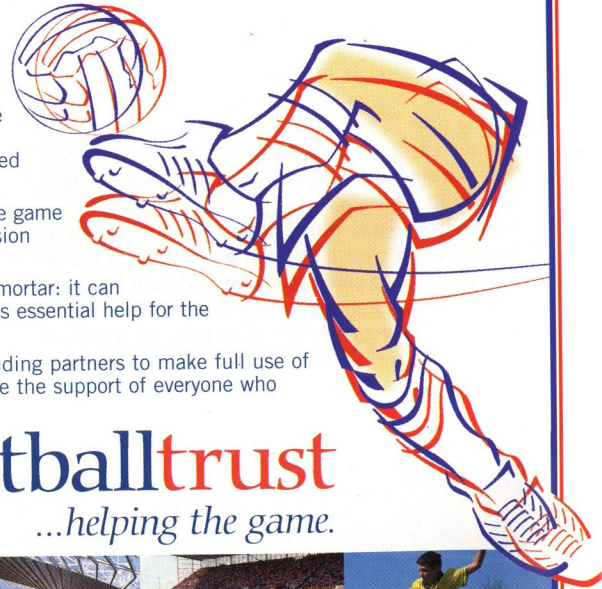
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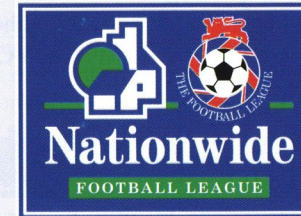
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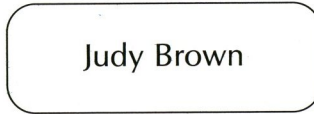
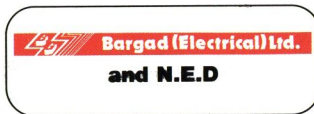
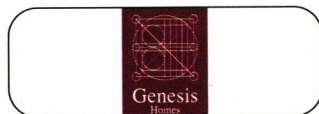
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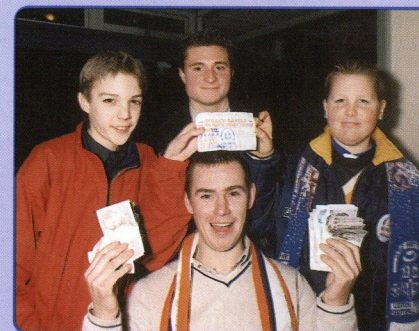
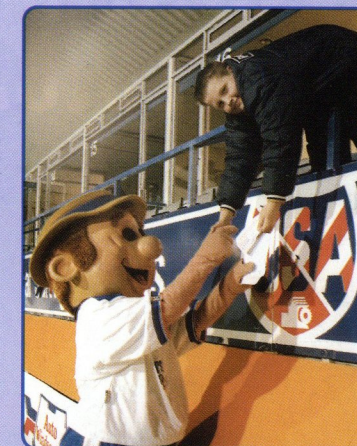
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Today, for instance, we are pleased to welcome Ian Brinklow and his pal Dave Best into the sponsors' lounge - they are here because Mrs Brinklow bought a package for her husband as a Christmas present. We will do our best to ensure they have a day to remember, and if you want to find out how to enjoy something similar, call the commercial department on Luton 411622.

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WATCHING the Town's matches can be very lucrative for one lucky supporter at every game, as our latest Golden Gamble winners will testify.

Happy Harry is shown handing out £160, the prize at the Walsall match. In this case, the lucky recipient is not in the photograph: winner Ken Golder, of Peters Green, gave his young son the pleasure of meeting the club mascot. By law juniors are not allowed to take part in lotteries, but here was one youngster who was well pleased that dad decided to have a flutter.



Our other winning picture is from the Wycombe game, at which Lee Adams, from Stopsley, picked up £594 when his lucky number was drawn - not bad for an outlay of £1 per Golden Gamble chance.

As usual, sellers are in all parts of the ground today, offering every fan the opportunity to go home with a nice cash bonus. And even losers can take a little consolation from knowing that they have helped the club - 50p from every ticket goes to the football club, with the other 50p going into the Golden Gamble jackpot prize.



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Junior Hatters

welcome

WE ENJOYED a very good day out at Preston, despite the result in the league match. The two previous visits to Deepdale were for midweek matches, so it was a rare pleasure to spend time at Deepdale with the Young North Enders. We will report more on the day in next week's programme, when we hope there will be space for a picture or two.

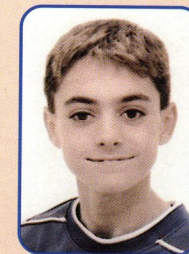
Today, as usual, our Saturday Club was in full swing, and we have room for a few more Junior Hatters to join in the fun. We meet at Dallow Road School at noon for games indoors and out, and a sausage and chips lunch before adjourning to our family room in the ground. Needless to say, football, indoors or out, is the most popular activity, but there are always lots of other things going on as well. It's fully supervised, and costs only £5, or £9 with a match ticket. For more details, or to join the Junior Hatters, enquire at the Kenilworth Road ticket office.



STAR LINE-UP (1): Two mascots pose proudly with captains and match officials before the kick-off against Wycombe. The Junior Hatters mascot, in the home strip, is Liam Atkins and the commercial mascot is Neil Mangan, who was celebrating his tenth birthday.

Today's Mascot

IF MATTHEW Spring can come up with another goal like his cracker against Wycombe, today's mascot will be well please. For the Town's star midfielder is the favourite player of Mark Boland, 13, who is today's Junior Hatters mascot.



Mark lives at Great Linford, Milton Keynes, and although he plays football for Wycombe Wanderers under-13s, he is a Luton Town fan through and through. He comes to matches with his dad, and with pal Jamie Hartnett and his father.

Football, tennis, golf and computers are Mark's hobbies, and we hope he enjoys his day to remember as our mascot.

We have a ball boy and a ball girl on duty: Mark Hartley and Emma Waldoock.



STAR LINE-UP (2): Ben Smith is the Junior Hatter carrying the Town's colours when he was our mascot at Preston last Saturday.

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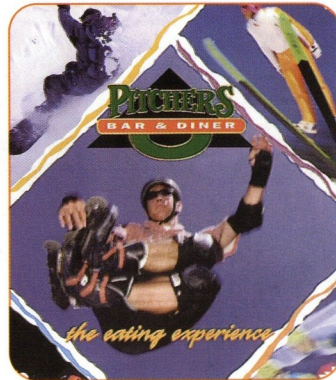
RAY MATHIAS
Manager

Appointed Manager for a second spell in
August 1998. Previously led the club to the
old Division Three play-offs and the F.A.
Cup Sixth Round in 1987. Spent his playing
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Front row: (left to right) David Crompton (Youth Development Officer), Leon Mills, Graeme Jones, David Lee, Carl Bradshaw, Andy Porter, Ray Mathias (Manager), Jorg Smeets, Paul Warne, Stuart Barlow, Neil Lloyd, Scott Green, Martin Hulme (Fitness Coach)

ROY CARROLL (*Goalkeeper*)

A then club record £350,000 was paid to Hull City to secure the services of this outstanding young keeper. Roy is the regular Northern Ireland U21 keeper and has made one appearance at senior level for his country v Thailand.

STUART BALMER (*Defender*)

A £200,000 capture from Charlton Athletic in September '98, Falkirk-born Stuart made over 200 appearances at The Valley and helped the London Club gain promotion to the Premier League. A consistent performer.

NEIL FITZHENRY (*Defender*)

Local lad Neil is a strong centre back who has come through the youth ranks and is now in his second season as a professional. Injury restricted his appearances last term to just four and so he is keen to establish himself this year.

SCOTT GREEN (*Defender*)

Scott signed for Wigan in June 1997 from nearby Bolton Wanderers for a £300,000 fee. Scored on his league debut for Latics on the opening day of last season but failed to add to his tally in 43 more games. A versatile performer, he has played at right back, right wing back, central defence and midfield.

COLIN GREENALL (*Defender*)

After over 700 professional games the veteran defender became the club's reserve team coach at the start of the season with most observers believing that his appointment signalled the end of his playing career. Six games into the season however Colin was back in the first team playing as a sweeper, and has turned in some impressive displays.

GARETH GRIFFITHS (*Defender*)

Like Andy Porter, left Vale Park in the summer of 98 on a free transfer under the Bosman ruling. Tall central defender who has been unfortunate with injuries over the past few years. Scored his

first goal for Wigan in the Worthington Cup at home to Norwich City.

PAT MCGIBBON (*Defender*)

Strong centre half who is good in the air, Pat is a Northern Ireland international signed from Manchester United in July 1997 for an initial £250,000. Famously scored the goal against Colchester in 1997 that secured Wigan's promotion to Division Two.

CARL BRADSHAW (*Defender/Midfielder*)

A very versatile player who has twice signed for John Deehan, first when he moved from Sheffield United to Norwich City, and most recently in October 97 when he followed John Deehan to Wigan. Ironically Deehan is now coach at Sheffield United, Bradshaw's home town club. The club captain proved an able deputy in goal for Roy Carroll when the keeper was stretchered off at Wycombe last season, letting in only one goal in a match Wigan won.

KEVIN SHARP (*Defender/Midfielder*)

Signed from Leeds United in November 95 for a then record £100,000. Canadian born Kevin usually plays at left back, though has occasionally moved into midfield. Is currently out of contract, and has yet to agree new terms with the club.

IAN KILFORD (*Midfielder*)

Bristol born Ian came to Wigan from Nottingham Forest in 1993 and is the club's longest serving player. A pacey midfielder he averages a goal every four games. Signed a new two year contract in the summer he is a firm favourite with the fans who appreciate his tremendous work rate.

LEIGH JENKINSON (*Midfielder*)

Left sided player, who signed on a free transfer from St Johnstone in July 98. Previously with Hull City and Coventry City.



Carl Bradshaw



Stuart Barlow

ROBERTO MARTINEZ (*Midfielder*)

Signed from Spanish Second Division side CF Balaguer in 1995, Roberto was Latics top scorer in his first season in England with thirteen goals. Twice named in the PFA Division Three team he is the only one of Wigan's three amigos still at Springfield Park.

MICHAEL O'NEILL (*Midfielder*)

Ray Mathias' first signing, Michael arrived on a free transfer from Coventry City in September 1998. Has won 31 Northern Ireland Caps and previously played for Newcastle, Dundee United and Hibernian.

ANDY PORTER (*Midfielder*)

Signed in the summer of 1998 after he was out of contract at Port Vale. Had spent his entire career at Vale Park after coming through the youth ranks, Andy is a no nonsense tough tackling midfielder.

PAUL ROGERS (*Midfielder*)

The Former Sutton United, Sheffield United and Notts County midfielder signed for Wigan for £50,000 in their 1997 Championship season. Strong tackler in the middle of the park and when called upon can also play at centre back.

STUART BARLOW (*Forward*)

Signed on transfer deadline day in March 1998 for £45,000 from Oldham Athletic. A quick striker with an eye for a goal. He started his career with Everton.

SIMON HAWORTH (*Forward*)

At £600,000 Simon is the club's record signing arriving from Highfield Road, Coventry in October 98. Capped 5 times for Wales, and a regular in the U21 squad. He started his career with Cardiff City.

DAVID LEE (*Forward*)

Another player who made the short trip from Bolton Wanderers in the summer of 1997.

£250,000 was paid for the former Bury and Southampton winger who is proving as tricky as ever down the right flank.

ANDY LIDDELL (*Forward*)

Hard-working striker signed from Barnsley for £375,000 in October 1998. Spent his whole career at Oakwell and was part of the side that took Barnsley to the Premier League. Won 11 Scottish U21 caps.

GRAEME JONES (*Forward*)

Arrived from Doncaster Rovers in the summer of 96 for £150,000. Proved to be a bargain buy as his 33 goals including four hatricks, helped Wigan to the Championship. His first season in Division Two was dogged by injury and suspension but he still managed 14 goals. A further injury at home to Blackpool in the third league game of this season has sidelined him until after Christmas.

DAVID LOWE (*Forward*)

Returned to Springfield in March 1996, via Leicester City, nine years after leaving for Ipswich Town. His goal at home to Watford last season beat Peter Houghton's longstanding record of 62 league goals for Wigan Athletic. Captained the side towards the end of last season, and was last year's supporters and players Player of the Season.

JORG SMEETS (*Forward*)

Signed in October 97 from Dutch side Heracles. Has not yet managed to established himself as a first team regular, however he scored one of the goals of last season a thirty yarder at home to Brentford.

PAUL WARNE (*Forward*)

Signed pro in July 1997, after regular goal scoring for Norfolk non League side, Wroxham brought him to the attention of John Deehan. Scored five minutes into his first league start in the 2-0 win at Blackpool last term.



David Kohler



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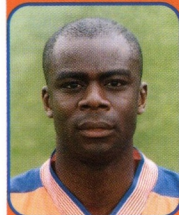
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Wigan Athletic's last ten years - the full record



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Div.	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	2
F.A. Cup	1	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	1	3
Lg.C.	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1
L.S. Goals	8	7	12	15	13	11	15	10	31	16
Ave Att	3,151	2,758	2,883	2,848	2,592	1,897	1,748	2,856	3,899	3,968

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



ILLEGAL LATICS

- Barlow ...7
- Green ...6
- Kilford ...5
- Rogers ...5
- Bradshaw ...4
- Greenall ...4
- Griffiths ...4
- Sharp ...4
- Balmer ...3
- McGibbon ...3
- O'Neill ...3

HATTERS' HARD MEN

- Haworth ...2
- Liddell ...2
- Carroll ...1
- Jenkinson ...1
- Jones ...1
- Low ...1
- Porter ...1

Rogers ...1

- Alexander .6
- Alexander 4
- Davis S ...4
- McLaren ...4
- Johnson ...3
- Douglas ...2
- George ...2
- Gray ...2
- McKinnon ...2
- Thomas ...2
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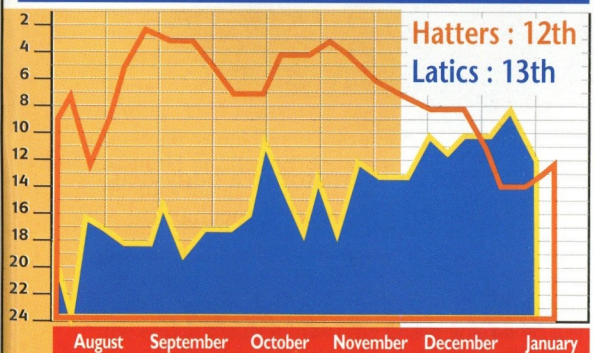
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- McIndoe ...1
- Spring ...1
- White ...1

Alexander .1

- Gray ...1
- Johnson ...1
- McGowan ...1

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League Positions throughout the season



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.
Ray Carroll	G	24	21	62	11	09	Hull	N Ire
Scott Green	M	24	29	510	12	05	Bolton	
Carl Bradshaw	D	23	2	30	510	11	11	Norwich Eng Yth
Paul Rogers	M	22	33	60	11	13	Notts County	
Stuart Barlow	F	21(2)	10	30	510	10	12	Oldham
Colin Greenall	D	20	3	35	511	12	12	Lincoln
Stuart Balmer	D	17	29	60	12	11	Charlton	
Gareth Griffiths	D	17	28	64	14	04	Port Vale	
Michael O'Neill	F	17	29	511	10	10	Coventry	N Ire
Ian Kilford	M	16(3)	25	510	11	00	Forest	
Pat McGibbon	D	16(1)	3	25	61	13	11	Man Utd N Ire
David Lee	M	14(5)	4	31	57	11	00	Bolton
Paul Warne	F	8(3)	1	25	59	11	02	Wroxham
Andrew Liddell	F	8	2	25	56	11	06	Barnsley Scot U21
Simon Haworth	F	7	2	21	61	13	01	Coventry Wales
David Lowe	F	5(8)	1	33	510	11	04	Leicester Eng U21
Kevin Sharp	M	4(6)	24	59	10	07	Leeds Eng Yth	
Roberto Martinez	M	3(7)	25	511	11	12	CF Balaguer	
Leigh Jenkinson	F	3(4)	29	60	12	02	St Johnstone Wales B	
Graeme Jones	F	3(4)	1	28	60	12	12	Doncaster
Andy Porter	M	2(2)	1	30	59	12	00	Port Vale
Eric Nixon	G	1	36	64	14	00	on loan from Stockport	
Jorg Smeets	F	(1)	28	58	10	07	Heracles	

How Wigan have scored goals... and conceded them



Hatters v Latics

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
Luton Town	1	2	3	9	10	5	LWDLLD
Wigan Athletic	2	3	1	8	6	9	LWDDDD

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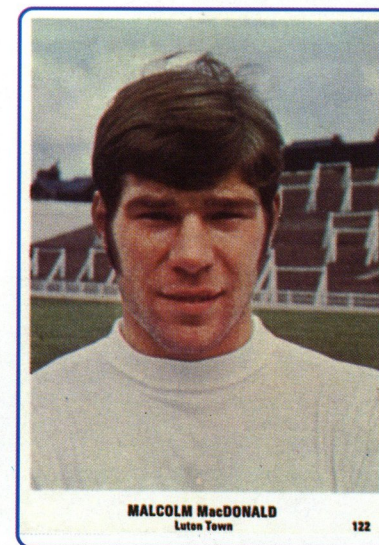
The Sun - Sun Soccer Swap Cards, 1970

SO FAR in this series we have featured cards given away with various products like cigarettes, confectionery, bubble-gum and children's comics.

Another valuable source has been the popular press. From time to time our leading newspapers have issued cards to their loyal readers and as one would expect the "Soaraway Sun" was not left behind in this respect.

For the 1970/71 season they produced a set of 134 swap cards. They were not actually given away with the daily paper. The cards could be obtained by collecting tokens from the Sun, and sending them to Fleet Street in exchange for a packet of a dozen or so of these picture cards. The idea was to swap them with your friends, and then stick them into a special album which could be purchased from newsagents for two shillings (10p).

There was a curious hierarchy in the make-up of this set. The then First Division clubs were each represented by a team picture, the captain, and a star player. Second Division teams, including Luton at that time, had the same apart from captains, while Division Three sides had just a team photo. The Fourth Division (now Division Three) was not featured at all, and nor were Scottish teams.



Luton's team picture card showed a group of 19 players, which meant they were so small it was difficult to identify most of them. But you could just make out Graham French's Afro hairstyle at the end of the front row. The photo was taken just days before his sensational arrest in July 1970.

Not surprisingly Malcolm Macdonald was chosen as the Town's Star Player, on card No.122.

"SuperMac" had burst on the scene the previous

season, and his 25 League goals had been instrumental in taking us back to the Second Division.

The step up in status proved no problem whatsoever to young Malcolm. Strong, fast, fearless, and above all supremely confident, his goals took Luton to the top of the division, and it looked very likely that he would be banging them in for the Town in Division One the following season. Crowds of 20,000 plus hushed in expectancy whenever the bow-legged striker tore down the middle with the ball at that explosive left foot.

Of course, Malcolm did play in the top flight in the next campaign, but not in the way Town fans had dreamed of. After the collapse of our chairman's insurance business and the team's capitulation in the Easter matches that spring, Luton ended in only sixth place. Sadly, it was inevitable that SuperMac would have to go. Newcastle sent down a cheque for £180,000 and a Rolls Royce to take him away, leaving me and countless other Hatters

broken-hearted.

Needless to say, he was a success on Tyneside, for England, and later at Arsenal. It also goes without saying that all of us who saw him play for Luton in those two wonderful years will not forget him.

Those Sun cards are not that common these days, but still go for under a pound each.

Next time we will have a look at another offering from the nation's favourite tabloid.

Top Hatters Gallery



Landry Zahana-Oni

Born: Ivory Coast, 8.8.76

Previous clubs: Le Havre (France), Stirling Albion, Bromley

Joined Luton Town: December 1998

Luton debut: v Wycombe Wdrs (H) 9.1.99

Luton Town record: One appearance.



Autograph

Landry Zahana-Oni

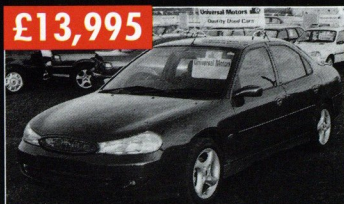
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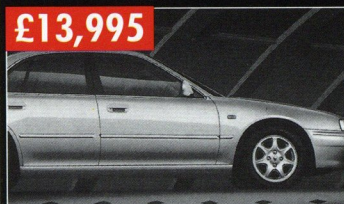
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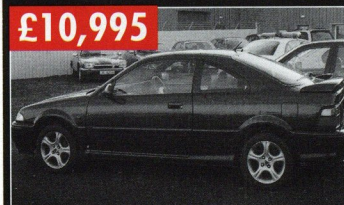
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by Roger Wash

23rd January 1937

Luton Town 2 Exeter 2

The Town were having a good season. Fresh from an 8-1 thrashing of Cardiff at Kenilworth Road and a 4-0 victory at Crystal Palace and with 'ten goal' Joe Payne in scintillating form the visit of Exeter was seen as a formality.

An early goal from George Stephenson seemed to signal another rout as the Town players toyed with the opposition before the interval, but uncharacteristically Payne decided to have one of those days when nothing would go in.

'Never mind' thought the supporters 'Everything will come right in the second half.'

Unfortunately it did not as Exeter, realising the game was there for the taking, attacked with a will and scored twice against a bewildered Luton defence. With the minutes ticking away, however, Payne took one last throw of the dice and sent a rocket shot into the top corner for a point the Town hardly deserved.

Taking something from a game without playing well is how championships are won as the Hatters were to prove as they looked back on this mid-season slip-up.

23rd January 1960

Luton Town 4 Fulham 1

Amidst a season of gloom that was to end in the Town suffering relegation from the old Division One there was the occasional beacon of hope.

Fulham had been worthy 2-4 winners at Craven Cottage earlier in the campaign and looked likely to repeat this emphatic victory when clever play between Graham Leggat and Johnny Haynes set up Jimmy Hill for an early goal. Hill then suffered the misfortune of retiring injured with torn knee ligaments and the Town started to push forward against the ten men.

Allan Brown eventually opened the floodgates when he slid through the mud to finish off a shot from Billy Bingham and from then on there was only one likely winner.

Further efforts from Bingham, Gordon Turner and Bob Morton enabled the Town to seal a valuable victory as they attempted to force themselves off the bottom of the table.

23rd January 1982

Luton Town 0 Ipswich 3 (F.A.Cup)

Top of the old Division Two and coasting towards the championship the Town were about to face their toughest test of the season with Cup visitors Ipswich sitting proudly at the top of Division One. A crowd of 20,188 gathered to see Ipswich keep the Hatters at bay in the first period with only a Ricky Hill shot that hit the bar troubling goalkeeper Paul Cooper. The Blues stepped up a gear in the second half, however, and an Alan Brazil goal on the hour opened up the game.

Luton manager David Pleat gambled by bringing off defender Mark Aizlewood and replacing him with Raddy Antic in an attempt to chase the game but two further goals from Eric Gates emphasised the gap between the sides.

'If Luton go up they will not meet teams like us every week' commented Ipswich striker Paul Mariner afterwards!



David Moss misses the ball during the F.A.Cup tie against Ipswich in January 1982.

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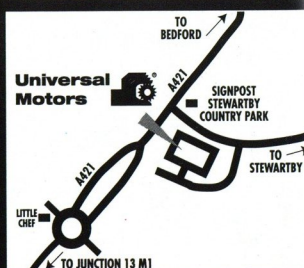
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Into the Archives

a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

It is forty years ago this month that the Hatters embarked on a famous F.A.Cup run that would see them fight their way through to Wembley for the first time in their history. Thoughts of the 'twin towers' were, however, a long way from supporters minds when the run started in January 1959.

The Town were then an established Division One side, following promotion in dramatic fashion four years before, but were going through a rough patch after topping the table in late September 1958. Since soundly beating Preston at Kenilworth Road on September 27th, to go into pole position, only three wins had been recorded out of the fourteen games leading up to the start of the F.A.Cup campaign.

The loss of manager Dally Duncan, who had decided to depart to Blackburn in October, did not help matters and, apart from a 6-3 hammering of Arsenal at Kenilworth Road over Christmas, the players were showing relegation form.

On the Saturday before the F.A.Cup Third Round the Hatters had plumbed the depths with a 0-1 home defeat at the hands of Birmingham and the committee running the playing side, consisting of three directors together with player/coach Syd Owen and trainer Frank King, decided on drastic action.

For the attractive F.A.Cup tie against Leeds at Kenilworth Road out went winger Jimmy Adam and, much to the disgust of the supporters, crowd favourite Gordon Turner to be replaced by young Tony Gregory and veteran Allan Brown. The upshot was that only 18,534 turned up on a cold day to reflect both the Town's lack of form and the disapproval of the team changes.

Ninety minutes later the fans had changed their tune somewhat after the new look side put in a powerful display to completely sweep aside their fellow Division One opponents. Winger Billy Bingham skated over the icy surface to fire the Town into the lead after 16 minutes and after

Leeds full back Jim Ashall injured a wrist, which left him a passenger in the days before substitutes, it was one way traffic.

Tony Gregory increased the lead soon after the interval and although Leeds caused momentary panic when pulling a goal back, Bob Morton soon regained the two goal advantage and further efforts from Bingham and Gregory confirmed an emphatic victory.

The prize for the Town was an away trip to Leicester who were looked on as a bogey side at the time. The two teams had met twice since the War in the F.A.Cup and on both occasions the Foxes had emerged victorious, 3-5 in 1949 after a 5-5 draw and 0-4 in 1956.

Despite this over 3,000 Luton supporters made their way to Filbert Street to swell the crowd to 36,984 on another bitterly cold day. The pitch was a lottery, being partly frozen, and with the players unable to turn the game was liable to hinge on a mistake.

After a grim battle in the first half with the Town having most of the play, Leicester went ahead five minutes after the break when, after the ball crossed the Luton area a couple of times with defenders slipping and sliding, Ian McNeill headed well wide of Ron Baynham in the Hatters goal.

The Town attempted to battle back from this set back but with the game drawing to a close only half chances came their way. There were just thirteen minutes left when Bingham repaid a large slice of his transfer fee by chasing a seemingly lost cause and forcing the ball home for a deserved equaliser. Although Leicester put the Luton goal under tremendous pressure in the closing minutes the defence held firm to earn a replay.

For the first time an F.A.Cup replay was played at Kenilworth Road under floodlights and a crowd of 27,277, which was the best of the season at that stage, turned up to see if the Town could finally lay the Leicester bogey to rest.



Gordon Turner, who was controversially dropped as the Town embarked on their epic F.A.Cup run in 1959.

They did not have to wait long as, after only nine minutes, Bingham beat full back Joe Baillie with ease and sent over a perfect centre for Brown to head powerfully past Dave Maclaren in the Leicester goal. Ten minutes later Bingham's corner was headed down by Bob Morton to Gregory who lashed in an unstoppable shot.

It was ironic that the two players introduced to the side to the disgust of the supporters should be the ones putting the Town on the way to a resounding victory with the night remaining a personal triumph for Brown. Aided and abetted by Bingham, who was showing mercurial form on the wing, the man who was the butt of the crowds displeasure only a couple of months before slammed in goals in the 56th and 57th minute to claim his hat-trick.

Firstly he chased a long ball down the middle before firing home and then from the restart Bingham sent Gregory away and his pinpoint cross was gobbled up by the ex-Scotland international.

Although Leicester pulled back a consolation

with two minutes to go through Ken Leek new Foxes manager Matt Gillies was faced with a baptism he would rather forget.

The Town already knew that their Round Five opponents would be Ipswich of Division Two at Portman Road and watching manager Alf Ramsey could see that his side would have to be at their best to stand any chance of stopping the in form Bingham and Brown.

LUTON: (all three games) Baynham, McNally, Hawkes, Groves, Owen, Pacey, Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

LEEDS: Wood, Ashall, Hair, Cush, Charlton, Gibson, Humphries, Crowe, Shackleton, Revie, Overfield.

LEICESTER: (first game) Maclaren, Cunningham, Baillie, Newman, King, Keyworth, Riley, Kelly, Hines, McNeill, Leek.

(second game) Walsh for Kelly.
(To be continued in a future programme).



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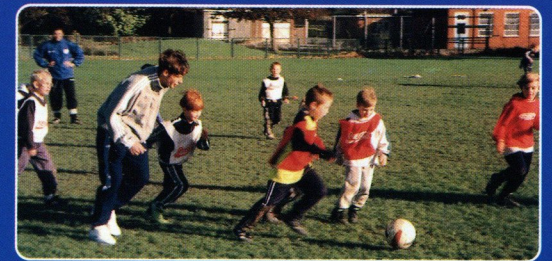
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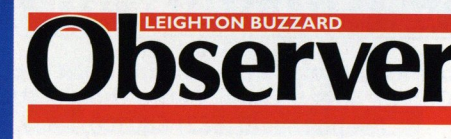
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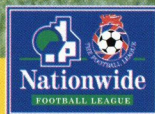
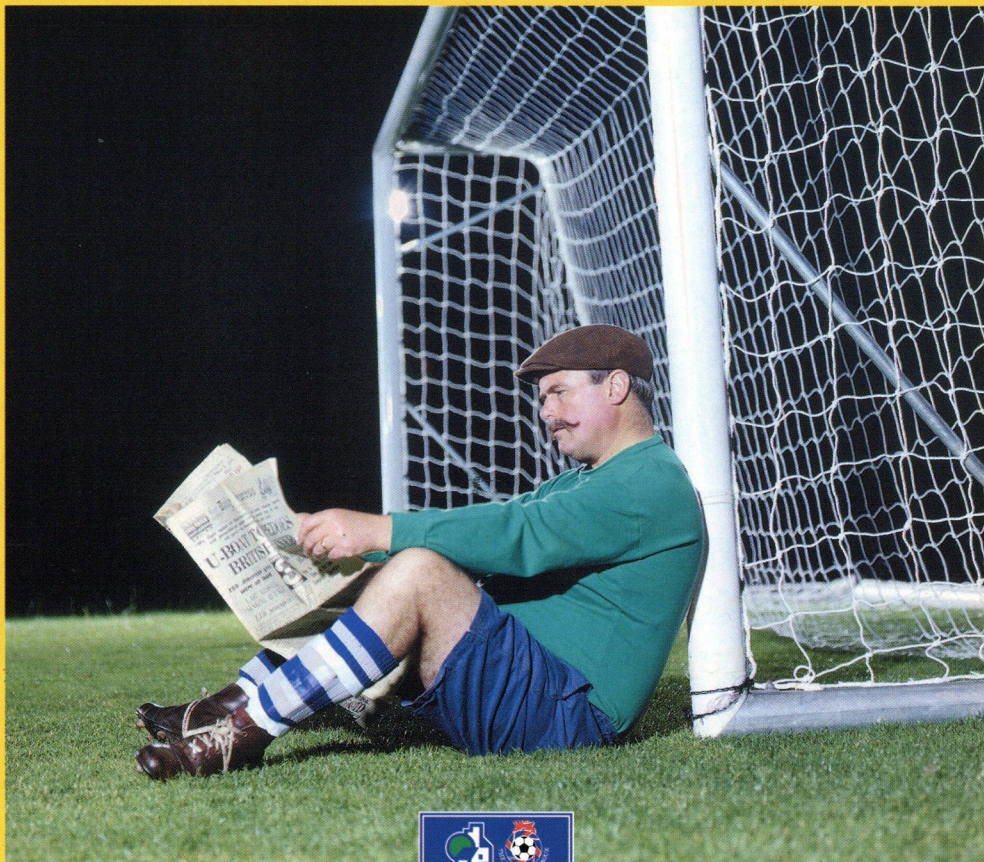


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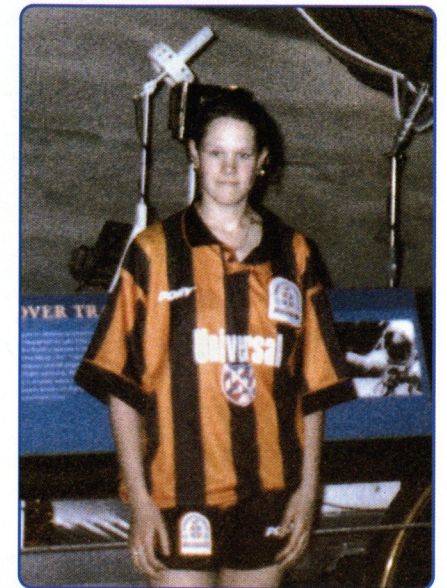
WE KNOW Luton Town fans turn up in all four corners of the world, but this week we feature one family who have spread themselves more than most on holidays.

Mark Carroll is pictured in his Town kit, with the Great Wall of China providing the dramatic background. The photo was taken at a place called Badaling.

A little more hazy is the shot of daughter Michelle, who posed proudly wearing the Town colours in front of a moon buggy at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

She reports: "Because of forest fires most of the roads leading to the NASA headquarters were closed, so we were lucky to be able to get our visit in."

Michelle and her father have both been season ticket holders since the mid 80s, and currently watch matches from the Kenilworth upper tier. They travel in for each match from their home at Sandy



DO YOU have a good picture - a holiday snap or anything slightly unusual - that you would like to see in the matchday magazine? We are always pleased to hear from fans and see their photographs, and if you would care to let other supporters see them as well, please send them to the matchday magazine editor at Luton Town FC.

Letters

in off the post



WHEN we ran a short series of articles to chose a Luton Legend for the Football League, we mentioned in one the nomination of Gordon Turner by Reg Clark, from North Devon. It turns out he knew a lot more about Gordon, and one or two other legends, than our whipper-snapper of an editor realised.

Mr Clark has written again to say:

I was highly delighted to see my name in the match programme. The last time was in a Luton team, written on the back of an envelope by George Martin, v St. Albans, 25.9.1943.

Of course I remember Joe Payne. His ten goals against Bristol Rovers on Easter Monday 1936 was my kick-start to me following the Town, and then my wearing the No. 10 Luton shirt in 1943. There could be no other team for me. Joe didn't come into my reckoning for the Luton legend because he chose to go to Chelsea after a couple of years.

The 18 nominees were all worthy of merit, but with Gordon Turner the Luton Legend there is no contest. I knew him as a player and then when he ran a sports shop with Wally Shanks.

The 1959 Wembley cup final was a sickener - of course we would have won had Turner been in the team. I could have cried watching him walk onto the Wembley turf in his best suit - pity there were no subs then.

I have enclosed a photo of Gordon and myself, taken behind the main stand in the mid to late 50s.

Reg Clark

on the ball?.....



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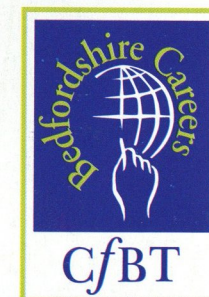
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Luton Town 3 Wycombe Wanderers 1

THE FIRST double of the season was achieved with something to spare as the headlines were made by three red cards and a row between Wycombe manager Neil Smillie and referee Matt Messias after the game.

We were well below full strength, with injuries ruling out Graham Alexander, Mitchell Thomas, Gavin McGowan and Paul Showler, but the makeshift formation had a lot too much for a Wycombe side looking more and more like relegation fodder.

Matthew Spring chose the perfect day to score his long-overdue first goal in the league, a 30-yard cracker which must have impressed watching England under-21 manager Peter Taylor.

Flashpoint came 25 minutes later when Phil Gray and Wycombe defender Paul McCarthy were sent off for violent conduct against each other.

Wycombe did not have a lot to offer when they kicked off with five at the back, but they were left without a prayer five minutes into the second half when Neil Ryan was sent off for rugby-tackling Stuart Douglas on a run for goal.

That left a 3-3-2 formation facing a Town side in which Landry Zahana-Oni had been given a debut on the left wing. He was subbed at the interval after struggling on the sticky side of a heavy pitch, under the lee of the main

stand. It was not that he had played poorly, said Lennie Lawrence, but because he needed to send on Gary Doherty to replace Gray in attack.

Smillie was incensed not just by his side's two red cards, but by the fact that when Kelvin Davis charged out of his area to body-check Jermaine McSporryn, the keeper was yellow-carded, and not, as Smillie expected, sent off.

And his frustration grew as the Town cashed in, with Sean Evers doubling the lead after good work by emergency right back Gerry Harrison, and Douglas, having had two ruled out for offside, scored another excellent goal to round off a brilliant counter-attack.

The only disappointment for Lawrence was that the Town lost their way a little after going three up, and let Wycombe back into it. McSporryn shot against a post ten minutes from time, and with three minutes to go Dave Carroll converted the penalty after Sean Dyché was adjudged to have pushed Keith Scott to earn the day's sixth yellow card.

Mr Smillie failed to show up for the after-match Press conference - it turned out he was too busy giving the ref a piece of his mind in the officials' changing room and probably collecting a red card of sorts himself. And he got another 48 hours later - after Wycombe's third defeat in eight days he was sacked.

MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: Davis, Harrison, White, Spring, Dyché, Johnson, Evers, McLaren, Douglas (Scarlett 81 mins), Gray, Zahana-Oni (Doherty HT). Unused sub Fraser.

Sent off: Phil Gray, 40 mins, violent conduct. **Booked:** Gerry Harrison, 32 mins, dissent; Kelvin Davis, 59 mins, foul on Jermaine McSporryn; Paul McLaren, 86 mins, dissent; Sean Dyché, 88 mins, foul on Keith Scott.

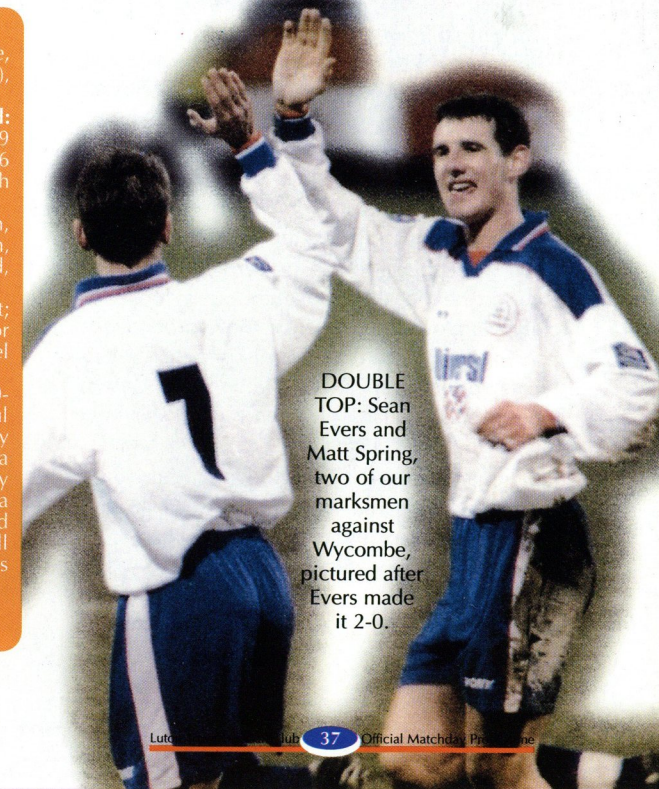
Wycombe: Westhead, Lawrence, Kavanagh, Ryan, Cousins, McCarthy, Simpson, Emblen, McSporryn, Scott, Carroll. Subs, all mysteriously unused: Baird, Cornforth, Wraight.

Sent off: Paul McCarthy, 40 mins, violent conduct; Keith Ryan, 49 mins, halting Stuart Douglas's run for goal. **Booked:** Jason Cousins, 49 mins, dissent; Michael Simpson, 50 mins, encroaching at a free kick.

The goals: 1-0 15 mins: Matthew Spring cracking 30-yarder from short free kick touched off by Paul McLaren; 2-0 69 mins: Sean Evers, expertly despatching the rebound after Dave Carroll fluffed a clearance attempt following a low cross by Gerry Harrison; 3-0 75 mins: Stuart Douglas to round off a superb counter-attack starting with Alan White and continued by Douglas and Evers; 3-1 88 mins: Carroll penalty after Sean Dyché shoved Keith Scott as a cross went in.

Referee: Matt Messias, York

Attendance: 5,063



DOUBLE TOP: Sean Evers and Matt Spring, two of our marksmen against Wycombe, pictured after Evers made it 2-0.

Action Replay

Preston North End 2 Luton Town 1

DEFEAT IN stoppage time was a cruel blow to an injury-hit Town team at Deepdale, against one of the best sides in the Second Division. Referee Frazer Stretton, a prison officer, must hate to see prisoners released on parole - he played more than five extra minutes at the end of the first half, and another seven minutes beyond the 90.

And the last energy-sapping addition condemned us to lose a game on a day when sheer hard work and physical effort had deserved some reward.

Phil Gray joined those absent through injuries, but if it was a makeshift team Preston boss David Moyes was full of admiration for the way the Town set about their task. Inevitably, in front of a big passionate home crowd, it was a case of close down the opposition first, and then hit them on the break.

Part one of the game plan was executed admirably. Part two eventually failed because promising counter-attacks faltered for want of a telling final pass.

Preston created more chances, with Jon Macken missing a couple in the early minutes before Preston were stunned by a 15th-minute goal. Andrew Fotiadis, deputising for Gray, muscled in at the far post to head home from a tantalising free kick played in by Matthew Spring.

Deepdale expects to see its heroes in the First Division next season, but they rarely looked a class above the Town as they probed for openings on a wide front. Only once did a gap open up between Sean Dyche and Marvin Johnson, and luckless Macken miskicked when he should have equalised.

Kelvin Davis tipped over a thundering drive by David Eyres, and in the first minute of the second half was rescued by the crossbar when Paul McKenna beat him with a snorter from 25 yards. But Preston then enjoyed a period of domination, and a raking cross-field ball let in

McKenna for an angled shot which Davis parried, only for Kurt Nogan to pounce for the equaliser. It was his 100th league goal, nine years and three days after his first, for the Town on his debut at Liverpool.

For a brief period after that the Town had to be strong to withstand pressure which was not allowed to amount to too much of a problem in the penalty area, and as Preston's big effort faded the Town got back to be well in contention.

A solo run and shot over the bar by Fotiadis, and a powerful header by Dyche from a corner which went just wide, reminded Preston that defeat was as likely as victory, but 75 seconds into stoppage time Jason Harris, a lively sub who made fresh legs count, headed the winner, on the far post from a cross by McKenna.

For industry and commitment, we deserved a point, was Lennie Lawrence's verdict. But he added: "Our quality on the break was not good enough - too often the last pass was diabolical. But in terms of the effort they put in, I am proud of them."

MATCH DETAILS

Luton Town: Davis, Harrison, White, Spring, Dyche, Johnson, Evers, McLaren, Douglas (Doherty 83 mins), Fotiadis, McGowan (Fraser 91 mins). Unused sub: Zahana-Oni.

Booked: Paul McLaren, 43 mins, dissent; Stuart Douglas, 75 mins, foul on Sean Gregan.

Preston: Lucas, Parkinson, Harrison, Murdock, Jackson, Gregan, McKenna, Rankine, Nogan (Darby 95 mins), Macken (Harris 78 mins), Eyres (Appleton 91 mins).

The goals: 0-1 14 mins: Andrew Fotiadis, far post header from a free kick by Matthew Spring; 1-1 55 mins: Kurt Nogan from the rebound after Kelvin Davis parried a drive by Paul McKenna; 2-1 92 mins: Jason Harris, far post header from right wing cross by McKenna.

Referee: Frazer Stretton, Nottingham.

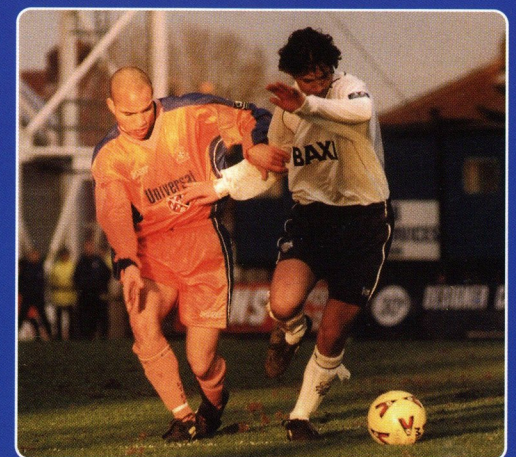
Attendance: 11,034, including 462 supporting the Town.



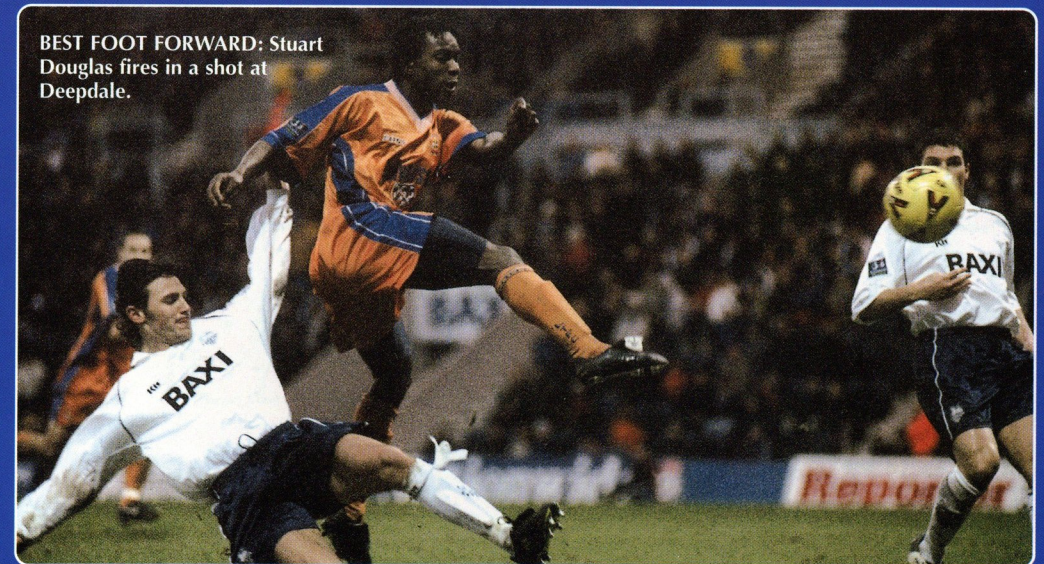
HATTERS AHEAD: Andrew Fotiadis and Alan White are both in the right place to meet a far post corner by Matthew Spring at Deepdale. Fotiadis powered in a header to give us the lead - look carefully and the ball is just visible despite the best efforts of a post to obscure it.



JUMPING TO IT: Alan White head and shoulders above the rest as Preston's goal comes under attack.



GLOWING: The evening sun augments the Town's orange, with Gerry Harrison enjoying another good performance as emergency right back.



BEST FOOT FORWARD: Stuart Douglas fires in a shot at Deepdale.

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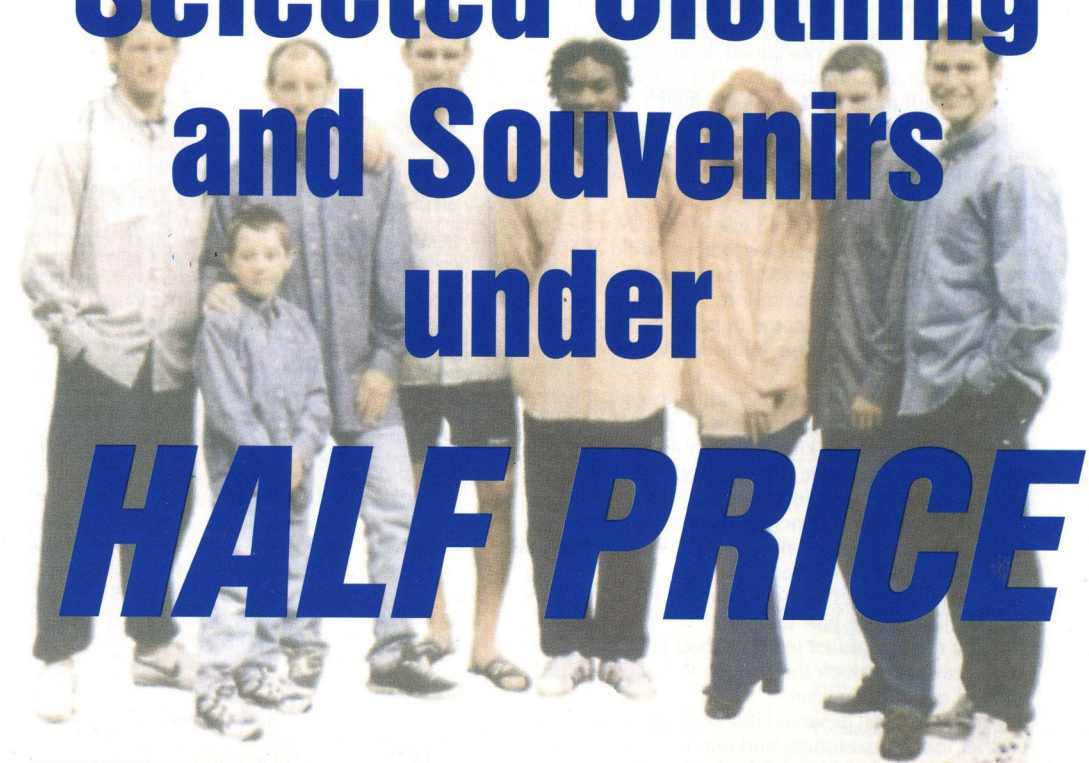
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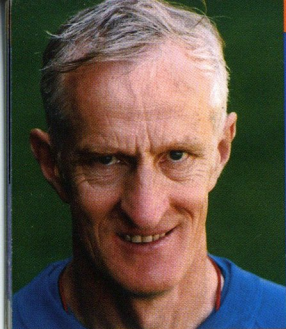
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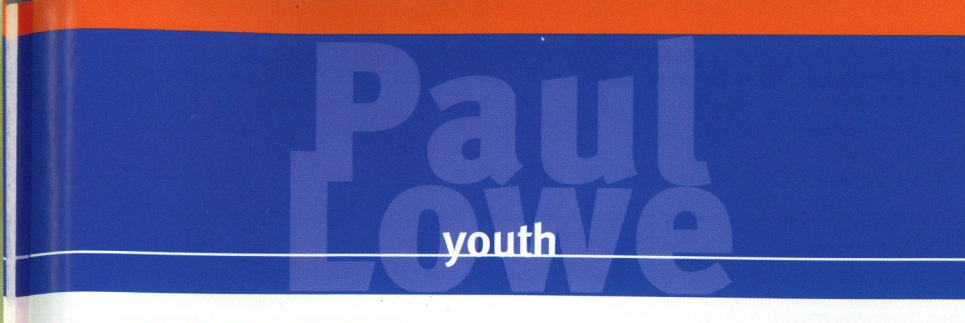
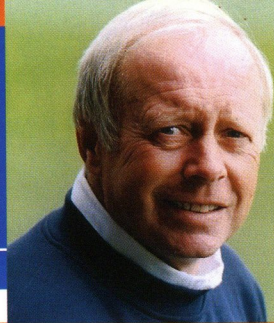
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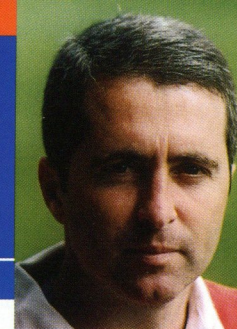


John Moore & Trevor Hartley

reserves



youth



Luton Town 1 Wimbledon 1

USING Leighton Town's ground as our home venue for the first time, we had more than the usual problems when we entertained Wimbledon in the Avon Insurance Combination. The pitch was very frosty, and got more iced up as the match progressed, and it was touch and go if the game would go ahead. But having suffered a series of postponements, we were delighted to play, even if it did mean we had to abandon our usual approach.

On a bobbly surface, we had to play the Wimbledon way, and it was pleasing to see that we could adapt to the conditions, and match a team you might think better suited to such an occasion.

Goalkeeper Daniel Tate came in from the youth team because Tanny Abbey was injured, and handled the occasion very well.

So did the defence as a whole, and although it was a difficult game we might well have won it. In fact, we think the referee was kind to Wimbledon with two penalty shouts that were turned down when Andrew Fotiadis was halted by desperate last-ditch defending. Even the Wimbledon bench thought the first incident should have been a penalty, so it must have been a reasonable shout by our lads.

We picked ourselves up well after Wimbledon took the lead just before half time, and Fotiadis, knowing he had a chance of first team football if he impressed Lennie Lawrence, took the chance to beat the offside trap and net our equaliser.

The draw was well deserved but we hope to see better weather in the near future, and pitches more suited to the Luton way of playing football.

Our next scheduled fixture is on Monday week, February 1, at Leighton Town against AFC Bournemouth, kick-off 7pm

Luton Town: Tate, Boyce, Fraser, Lough (Clarke 55 mins), Willmott, Doherty, Scarlett, Fotiadis, Bacque (Kandol 72 mins), McIndoe, Zahana-Oni. Unused sub: Moses.

Appearances, including as sub, (goals in brackets):

Abbey 16, Akurang 1, Ayres 3, Bacque 14 (2 + 1 pen), Boyce 14, Clarke 12, Cox 10 (1), Davies 11, Doherty 11 (3), Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 13 (9), Fraser 6 (1), Hudson 1, Jerry 2, Kandol 5 (3), Lawes 9, Lough 10 (1), Lawes 1, Lopez 1, McIndoe 7 (1), McKoy 1, McLaren 5 (1), Minton 1, Nyamah 13 (2), Scarlett 15 (2), Showler 5, Sylla 2, Sweeney 4, Tate 2, Thomas 3 (1), White 7 (5), Willmott 15 (1), Zahana-Oni 2 (1)

Avon Insurance Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Charlton	14	10	3	1	24	9	33
Peterborough	16	10	2	4	37	20	32
Tottenham	18	10	1	7	25	18	31
Watford	16	8	6	2	31	14	30
Fulham	16	8	5	3	34	21	29
Southampton	16	9	2	5	31	22	29
QPR	17	7	4	6	25	16	25
Ipswich	15	7	3	5	24	21	24
Luton Town	16	6	5	5	26	27	23
Norwich	16	6	4	6	21	16	22
Chelsea	15	7	1	7	17	16	22
Brighton	14	6	4	4	16	21	22
Northampton	13	6	3	4	16	11	21
Portsmouth	15	6	3	6	24	24	21
Arsenal	14	6	2	6	23	20	20
Bournemouth	16	6	2	8	30	28	20
Colchester	17	6	2	9	23	34	20
West Ham	11	5	4	2	22	13	19
Oxford Utd	14	6	1	7	17	24	19
Wimbledon	17	4	6	7	21	28	18
Barnet	14	5	2	7	19	35	17
C. Palace	14	4	4	6	28	27	16
Milwall	13	4	3	6	17	18	15
Swindon	14	4	3	7	18	26	15
Cambridge	13	3	3	7	12	28	12
Reading	13	3	2	8	19	28	11
Brentford	12	2	4	6	15	22	10
Gillingham	14	2	4	8	10	22	10
Wycombe	11	1	2	8	7	23	5

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	1-0
Wed 30		Charlton Athletic	H	1-3
Wed 7	October	Milwall	H	1-1
Wed 14		Gillingham	A	2-1
Wed 21		Brache Sparta (BSC)	A	8-0
Wed 28		Brentford	A	2-2
Wed 04	November	Crystal Palace	H	1-3
Wed 11		Watford	A	0-0
Mon 16		Kempston Rov (BSC)	A	3-0
Thur 19		Norwich City	A	0-6
Wed 25		Ipswich Town	H	2-3
Mon 14	December	Colchester United	H	0-2
Mon 21		Tottenham Hotspur	H	3-0
Mon 11	January	Wimbledon	H	1-1
Wed 20		Southampton	A	
Mon 01	February	A.F.C. Bournemouth	H	7.00pm
Mon 8		Fulham	A	
Mon 15		Chelsea	A	7.00pm
Mon 22		Barnet	H	7.00pm
Wed 10	March	Queens Park Rangers	A	
Wed 17		Wycombe Wanderers	H	2.00pm
Wed 07	April	Oxford	H	2.00pm
Thur 15		Northampton Town	A	
Wed 21		Peterborough United	H	2.00pm
To be arranged		West Ham	A	
To be arranged		Arsenal	A	
To be arranged		Bournemouth	A	

OUR youth squad has had to put up with unusual problems in recent weeks, kicking their heels instead of footballs. It has been frustrating for everyone as games have been called off because of unfit pitches, making it a much longer break than usual over Christmas and the new year.

Other teams have suffered as well, and we are still well clear at the top of the South East Counties League, despite having had no league match since December 12. A home fixture with Oxford Utd and last week's scheduled trip to Reading both fell foul of the weather, and we were hoping for better luck this morning, when we were due to entertain Wycombe Wanderers.

Some of the youth squad have had a little action with the reserves, but we now have a lot of young players mad keen to play a real game.

Even training can be difficult when the ground is as wet as it has been recently. You can't go on to grass areas because if you use them one day they are out of action the next. So you have to chop and change. The artificial pitch at Vauxhall, the main hall at Luton Rugby Club and the gym at Dunstable have all played their part as we try to keep players occupied and fit.

But it's not all bad news: the boys have been involved in exams this week, studying for the GNVQ, mostly in leisure and tourism. A college tutor comes to Kenilworth Road every Thursday, and education is compulsory for all our YTS boys. They all want to be professional footballers, naturally, and we hope they all achieve that ambition. But life is not quite so simple: some will not make the grade, and it is important that they have good qualifications for the future if they have to leave us at 18.

The course our lads take is the equivalent to two A-levels, and they are under continuous assessment to make sure they keep up to date with their studies.

The scheme is backed by the Professional Footballers Association, and that is a tremendous help, with the PFA giving 75 per cent grants towards course fees.

Many young boys who see dreams shattered when they are released by football clubs after doing their YTS time discover that however disappointing it may be, it's not the end of the world. Andrew Barr, for instance, one of the unlucky ones at Kenilworth Road last year, took his GNVQ while he was with us, and he is now at Salford University, taking a degree course which will see him emerge as a qualified physiotherapist.

He might well return to football in that field, while other youngsters will find good jobs in the expanding leisure industry, often at sports and recreation centres.

But of course, all this is of minor consolation to our YTS lads today - all they want to do is get back on the football field, and resume our chase for another South East Counties League championship. Hopefully, in next week's programme, we will have another victory to report.

Youth team appearances, including as subs (goals in brackets):

Akurang 17 (6), Ayres 19 (1), Barriteau 2, Carroll 8, Clarke 3 (2), Crane 3 (2), Dolby 2, Dollin 6, Harrington 5 (1), Hammond 2, Howe 22, Hudson 6, Jerry 19 (1), Kandol 21 (16), Mansell 4 (1), McKoy 16 (4), Mentore 4, Minton 21, Moran 15, Mortara 3, Orchard 1, Plant 1, Stirling 20 (1), Tate 18, Taylor 20 (3), Thomas 12 (1), Tyson 11 (2), Ward 2, Wraight 2.

South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	19	14	3	2	41	16	45
Brentford	19	11	4	4	40	22	37
L. Orient	20	10	6	4	40	24	36
Portsmouth	20	7	7	6	26	30	28
Wycombe	19	6	9	4	24	22	27
Bristol Rov	19	7	5	7	35	31	26
Reading	20	5	11	4	24	23	26
Bournemouth	19	8	2	9	30	35	26
Barnet	18	7	4	7	17	18	25
Brighton	17	6	5	6	24	26	23
Swindon	19	6	3	10	25	29	21
Colchester	20	6	2	12	26	32	20
Southend	22	6	2	14	29	47	20
Gillingham	18	5	4	9	20	27	19
Oxford	17	5	4	8	17	26	19
Cambridge	18	4	7	7	28	38	19

Youth Team Fixtures

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 (SJFCP)	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	4-0
Tue 21	October	Colchester (FAYC)	H	0-1
Sat 24		Colchester United	H	2-0
Sat 31		Southend United	H	3-1
Sat 07	November	Swindon	A	1-0
Wed 11		Northampton (SJFC1)	H	3-1
Sat 14		Barnet	H	2-0
Sat 21		AFC Bournemouth	A	2-1
Sat 28		Brighton & Hove Albion	H	2-0
Sat 05	December	Barnet	A	0-2
Sat 12		Brentford	H	2-1
Sat 23	January	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	
Sat 20		Bristol Rovers	A	
TBA		Oxford	H	
TBA		Reading	A	

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
8	5	4	4	0	4	12	1	Bournemouth	5	7	3	2	0	1	6	0
7	4	4	6	2	0	5	1	Blackpool	5	3	9	3	0	5	6	1
1	8	4	0	0	2	21	0	Bristol Rovers	5	6	3	3	0	1	10	1
5	5	3	6	0	1	11	0	Burnley	6	11	8	1	0	3	15	1
10	6	3	2	0	3	5	1	Chesterfield	9	2	2	1	0	1	5	2
11	2	2	1	0	3	6	0	Colchester United	6	5	4	9	0	5	8	1
11	3	3	1	1	3	15	0	Fulham	9	2	2	1	3	0	3	0
8	6	7	7	1	1	8	1	Gillingham	6	5	3	0	1	0	6	1
4	6	3	1	0	2	8	1	Lincoln City	9	10	4	4	0	2	13	2
10	7	3	3	1	1	8	0	Luton Town	5	4	1	3	0	2	13	1
5	4	5	1	0	0	4	0	Macclesfield Town	4	3	5	5	3	3	6	2
9	5	4	3	2	1	6	1	Manchester City	6	2	1	2	0	3	8	0
6	5	5	2	0	0	9	1	Millwall	6	1	4	3	0	3	10	0
6	5	3	2	1	4	3	0	Northampton Town	11	0	3	5	0	2	5	2
10	2	1	4	1	4	3	1	Notts County	12	7	3	2	1	0	11	1
9	5	3	4	0	0	5	1	Oldham Athletic	10	10	6	4	1	0	7	0
14	9	4	2	0	1	12	2	Preston North End	8	3	2	1	0	2	6	2
9	9	2	3	0	3	4	1	Reading	9	6	5	1	0	5	8	1
13	4	2	3	0	3	8	1	Stoke City	8	5	2	0	0	0	5	0
11	7	4	4	0	2	6	3	Walsall	8	8	3	2	0	0	8	0
7	5	4	1	0	2	11	2	Wigan Athletic	4	2	4	5	0	0	9	2
4	2	3	4	0	1	8	3	Wrexham	11	7	1	6	0	3	10	0
7	1	4	2	1	2	8	0	Wycombe Wanderers	10	4	4	1	3	3	9	1
5	1	4	3	2	4	16	1	York City	18	4	2	4	0	3	13	1

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
Wycombe Wanderers	54	6	.....72
Millwall	51	6	.....69
Bristol Rovers	42	8	.....66
Burnley	52	4	.....64
Wigan Athletic	58	1	.....61
Gillingham	44	4	.....56
Blackpool	53	0	.....53
Manchester City	43	3	.....52
Lincoln City	42	3	.....51
Luton Town	38	4	.....50
Reading	43	2	.....49
Northampton Town	45	1	.....48
Oldham Athletic	35	4	.....47
Wrexham	39	2	.....45
Chesterfield	32	4	.....44
Walsall	35	3	.....44
Stoke City	43	0	.....43
Colchester United	38	1	.....41
Preston North End	29	4	.....41
York City	28	4	.....40
Macclesfield Town	28	3	.....37
AFC Bournemouth	31	1	.....34
Notts County	30	1	.....33
Fulham	30	0	.....30

1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates 32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug 2,075 York v Lincoln 8-Dec	Biggest Away Win Reading 0-6 Bristol Rovers 16-Jan
Highest Aggregate Scores Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug	Consecutive Wins Fulham, Stoke 6
Biggest Home Win Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct Bournemouth 5-0 Burnley 21-Nov	Games Unbeaten Gillingham 17
Consecutive Defeats Bristol Rovers 3-4 Walsall 31-Oct Bristol Rovers 3-4 Burnley 9-Jan	Consecutive Defeats Lincoln 6
Games without a Win Wycombe 12	Games without a Win Colchester 8

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	FA
Bournemouth	20	38	24	10	11	2	Stein	12	5	1
Blackpool	26	29	32	8	23	3	Aldridge	6	2	1
Bristol Rovers	25	36	29	10	17	6	Cureton	12	1	2
Burnley	36	31	45	4	20	7	Payton	14	1	2
Chesterfield	23	30	22	9	20	6	Howard	7	1	0
Colchester United	25	25	38	4	20	2	Gregory D	5	2	0
Fulham	27	37	20	13	8	1	Peschisolido	5	1	2
Gillingham	25	39	22	11	22	5	Asaba	14	0	0
Lincoln City	26	25	44	5	24	14	Battersby	6	1	1
Luton Town	28	33	29	6	14	2	Gray	6	3	2
Macclesfield Town	27	19	31	4	24	20	Tomlinson	2	0	4
Manchester City	29	31	22	10	14	1	Goater	9	2	1
Millwall	26	28	27	8	14	5	Shaw	8	1	0
Northampton Town	30	24	30	5	22	14	Corazzin	9	0	0
Notts County	32	26	37	3	21	5	Jones	2	0	4
Oldham Athletic	28	27	38	5	23	14	Allott	7	1	0
Preston North End	21	44	24	10	7	1	Nogan	10	0	3
Reading	33	31	35	8	23	8	Williams	11	0	0
Stoke City	21	34	20	11	4	1	Kavanagh	6	1	0
Walsall	25	37	29	11	11	2	Rammell	14	1	0
Wigan Athletic	23	32	26	9	23	8	Barlow	10	1	1
Wrexham	23	25	38	6	19	2	Connolly	5	1	4
Wycombe Wanderers	25	25	35	7	24	19	Scott/Brown	4/3	0/2	1/0
York City	23	36	45	4	24	8	Cresswell	13	0	3

Current Sequences

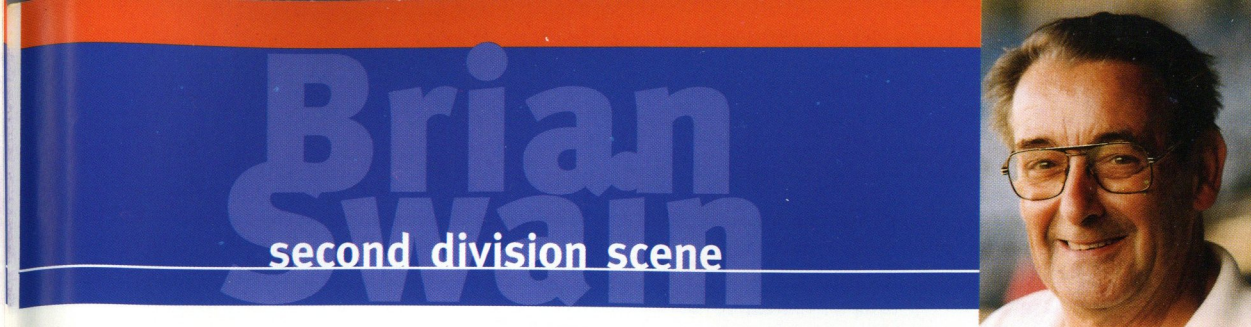
Consecutive Wins Preston 4
Games Unbeaten Man City, Preston 4
Consecutive Defeats Macclesfield, Notts County, Wycombe 3
Games without a Win Colchester 8

Div. 2 Stat Attack

Div. 2 Attendance Details

Club	Highest	Lowest	Average
Manchester City	32,134	24,291	27,632
Stoke City	23,272	10,557	13,793
Preston North E.	15,888	8,656	11,059
Reading	18,108	7,914	10,890
Fulham	14,284	7,447	10,744
Burnley	11,925	8,526	10,166
Millwall	12,726	4,249	6,830
Northampton T.	7,557	5,210	6,223
Bristol Rovers	7,529	5,039	6,220
Bournemouth	8,863	4,863	6,135
Gillingham	9,221	4,575	6,004
Notts County	10,316	4,445	5,930
Luton Town	9,070	5,005	5,865
Oldham Athletic	12,976	4,195	5,768
Blackpool	10,868	2,990	5,514
Wycombe Wndrs	8,129	3,361	4,936
Walsall	9,056	3,098	4,733
Colchester United	6,377	3,228	4,424
Lincoln City	7,338	2,949	4,378
Chesterfield	5,448	3,681	4,322
Wrexham	9,048	2,716	4,230
Wigan Athletic	6,700	2,784	4,128
York City	7,527	2,075	3,676
Macclesfield T.	6,381	2,794	3,578

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second division scene

THE TOWN had the rare experience of losing a match but still rising one place in the league after last week's defeat at Deepdale. Today's visitors, Wigan, were the victims of a mathematical oddity.

On Saturday morning they were 12th, one place above us. Both teams had 34 points, and goals scored decides the pecking order. Both teams had netted 32 goals, so Wigan were above us because they had conceded 26 goals to our 27. While we were scoring through Andrew Fotiadis at Preston, Wigan had a day off, their home game with bottom club Lincoln postponed because the pitch was waterlogged, leaving us one ahead in the goals scored column.

But Wigan did at least get in some match practice this week, with a 3-0 home win over Scarborough on Tuesday in the Auto Windscreens Shield.

But both sides know that today's Kenilworth Road meeting is crucial for play-off dreams as Fulham, Walsall, Preston and Stoke look ever more secure in the top four positions of the Second Division. We and Wigan kick off today eight points adrift of the play-off zone.

Fulham are still favourites for the championship, but FA Cup diversions could prove costly. After beating Southampton in a replay at Craven Cottage, they went to Maine Road and were stuffed 3-0, their first league defeat in five outings, since Wigan beat them 2-0 at Springfield Park in early December.

With second-placed Walsall idle because Northampton's ground was waterlogged, Preston's victory over us closed the gap, and took them clear of

Stoke, whose match at Macclesfield was another victim of the weather.

Gillingham retained fifth place with a 3-1 home win over York, but the team that is really flying is Bournemouth, who come to Kenilworth Road next Saturday. They boast the only unbeaten home record in the whole of the Nationwide League, and their current run in all competitions is 16 without defeat. The latest success, a 2-0 home win over Notts County, included Mark Stein's 21st goal of the season.

Chesterfield are level on points with Bournemouth, and have perhaps got the away form right at long last. After eight months without a single away victory, they have knocked off two on the trot, at Reading and last week at Burnley.

Reading's surge took an even more dramatic downturn. Bristol Rovers, only one away win to their name until then, celebrated their first visit to the Madejski Stadium by creating history. After a goalless first half Rovers ran in six without reply after the interval, with Jamie Cureton netting four in 21 minutes.

Down at the dead men's end of the table, Lincoln and Macclesfield both had games postponed, and Wycombe probably wish the same had happened to them.

They sacked manager Neil Smillie 48 hours after the defeat at Kenilworth Road, and appointed youth team physio Terry Evans as caretaker boss while they try to find someone experienced to take over.

The new man faces a challenge: Wycombe were beaten 1-0 at Adams Park by Millwall, and no-one else in the division matches Wycombe's unhappy record of eight home defeats.

They could be deeper in trouble by tonight: their fixture at Bristol Rovers has been postponed because Rovers are in the FA Cup, while Lincoln, at home to Northampton must fancy their chances of picking up a point or three.

Today's other Second Division fixtures

- Chesterfield v Preston
- Lincoln v Northampton
- Millwall v Burnley
- Stoke v Colchester
- Walsall v Manchester City
- York v Reading

Club	HOME							AWAY				Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Fulham	25	9	2	1	24	8	7	2	4	13	12	52
Walsall	26	9	3	2	22	13	6	2	4	15	16	50
Preston	25	7	3	3	28	14	7	4	1	16	10	49
Stoke	25	8	2	2	18	7	7	0	6	16	13	47
Gillingham	26	10	3	2	28	10	1	8	2	11	12	44
Bournemouth	24	8	3	0	23	6	4	3	6	15	18	42
Chesterfield	26	10	1	2	23	9	2	5	6	7	13	42
Man City	26	6	5	2	18	9	4	5	4	13	13	40
Millwall	26	5	6	2	17	11	5	3	5	11	16	39
Reading	25	6	6	3	21	18	4	1	5	10	17	37
York City	27	4	6	3	19	17	5	1	8	17	28	34
Luton Town	24	6	2	2	14	6	3	5	6	19	23	34
Wigan	25	6	3	3	18	7	3	4	6	14	19	34
Blackpool	27	4	6	3	16	13	4	4	6	13	19	34
Bristol Rov	25	5	5	3	22	17	2	5	5	14	12	31
Burnley	27	5	5	4	13	14	2	3	8	18	31	29
Wrexham	26	6	3	5	15	14	1	4	7	10	24	28
Oldham	26	4	2	7	14	19	3	4	6	13	19	27
Colchester	26	3	5	5	11	19	3	4	6	14	19	27
Northampton	25	2	7	2	12	12	3	3	8	12	18	25
Notts Co	25	4	2	6	16	17	2	4	7	10	20	24
Wycombe	27	5	2	8	18	16	0	6	6	7	19	23
Macclesfield	25	2	4	5	9	12	2	5	7	10	19	21
Lincoln	25	4	2	6	16	19	1	3	9	9	25	20

Statistics

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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 (S. Davis, 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	WC2(1)	IPSWICH TOWN	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	WC2(2)	IPSWICH TOWN	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	2-0 (Gray, Scarlett)	5,447	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
TUES	20		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	7.45pm	1-0 (Alexander)	6,087	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
SAT	24		GILLINGHAM	A	3.00pm	0-1	5,602	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
TUES	27	WC3	COVENTRY	H	7.45pm	2-0 (Gray, S. Davis)	9,051	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
SAT	31		CHESTERFIELD	H	3.00pm (postponed)						
SAT	07	NOVEMBER	STOKE CITY	A	3.00pm	1-3 (Douglas)	12,964	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
TUES	10	WC4	BARNSELY	H	7.45pm	1-0 (Gray)	8,453	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SUN	15	FACUP(R1)	BOREHAM WOOD	A	1.00pm	3-2 (Gray 2, S. Davis)	1,772	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	McLaren
SAT	21		LINCOLN CITY	A	3.00pm	2-2 (Gray, Doherty)	4,893	K. Davis	McGowan	Thomas	Spring
SAT	28		MANCHESTER CITY	H	3.00pm	1-1 (Doherty)	9,070	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
TUES	01	DECEMBER WC5	SUNDERLAND	A	7.45pm	0-3	35,742	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
SAT	05	FA CUP (R2)	HULL CITY	H	3.00pm	1-2 (S. Davis)	5,021	K. Davis	Alexander	McGowan	Spring
SAT	12		MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A	3.00pm	2-2 (Douglas, Gray)	2,902	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
SAT	19		MILLWALL	H	3.00pm	1-2 (S. Davis)	5,939	K. Davis	McGowan	Fraser	Spring
MON	28		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	A	3.00pm	0-1	8,863	K. Davis	White	Thomas	Spring
SAT	02	JANUARY	COLCHESTER UNITED	A	3.00pm	2-2 (Alexander pen, White)	4,694	K. Davis	Alexander	Thomas	Spring
TUES	05	AWS(2)	WALSALL	H	7.45pm	0-3	1,870	Abbey	Boyce	Fraser	Evers
SAT	09	1999	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	3.00pm	3-1 (Spring, Evers, Douglas)	5,063	Davis	Harrison	White	Spring
SAT	16		PRESTON NORTH END	A	3.00pm	1-2 (Fotiadis)	11,034	Davis	Harrison	White	Spring
SAT	23		WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	3.00pm						
SAT	30		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	H	3.00pm						
SAT	06	FEBRUARY	BURNLEY	A	3.00pm						
SAT	13		WREXHAM	H	3.00pm						
SAT	20		BRISTOL ROVERS	A	3.00pm						
TUES	23		NOTTS COUNTY	H	7.45pm						
SAT	27		BLACKPOOL	H	3.00pm						
SAT	06	MARCH	WALSALL	A	3.00pm						
TUES	09		FULHAM	H	7.45pm						
SAT	13		STOKE CITY	H	3.00pm						
SAT	20		CHESTERFIELD	A	3.00pm						
TUE	23		READING	H	7.45pm						
SAT	27		GILLINGHAM	H	11.30am						
SAT	03	APRIL	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A	3.00pm						
TUES	06		YORK CITY	H	7.45pm						
SAT	10		NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A	3.00pm						
WED	14		MANCHESTER CITY	A	7.45pm						
SAT	17		LINCOLN CITY	H	3.00pm						
SAT	24		NOTTS COUNTY	A	3.00pm						
SAT	01	MAY	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H	3.00pm						
SAT	08		MILLWALL	A	3.00pm						

TOWN TEASER

WHICH outfield player made more than 200 appearances for us, most of them as captain, between 1991 and 1997, without ever scoring a goal?

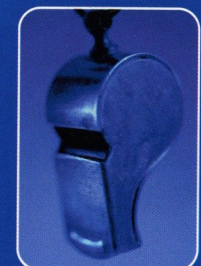
Listen for the PA announcer to ask this question this afternoon - if you know the answer you could win a prize.

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 Bacqué 69; White for McGowan 85.		
S. Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Marshall	George for Douglas 84; McKinnon for Marshall 90. Unused: White, Abbey, Bacqué.		
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		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Scarlett for McIndoe 67, White for McKinnon 69, Fotiadis for Douglas 74		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	White for Spring 81 Fotiadis for Douglas 81 Unused: Scarlett		
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Fotiadis for McGowan 71, White for McKinnon 75. Unused: McLaren		
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Fotiadis for Douglas 89. Unused: White Abbey McIndoe McLaren		
S. Davis	Johnson	KcKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	McLaren for Thomas 43, Doherty for Spring 70. Unused: White		
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	McLaren for McKinnon 56, Nyamah for McIndoe 57, White for Douglas 82. Unused: Abbey Scarlett		
S. Davis	Johnson	KcKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Nyamah	McIndoe for Nyamah 62, Doherty for Douglas 66, Spring for McKinnon 89. Unused: White, Abbey		
White	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	Davies	Doherty for Davies 64, McLaren for Spring 70. Unused McIndoe		
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	McKinnon	Douglas	Gray	Davies	McLaren for Davies 54, Doherty for Douglas 64, White for McGowan 84.		
S. Davis	Johnson	McKinnon	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McGowan	Doherty for Douglas 63, McLaren for McKinnon 70, White for McGowan 75. Unused Abbey, McIndoe		
S. Davis	White	McKinnon	Evers	Doherty	Gray	McLaren	McIndoe for McKinnon 61, Douglas for Doherty 64, Scarlett for McLaren 80. Unused Abbey, Thomas.		
S. Davis	Johnson	McLaren	Evers	Douglas	Gray	McIndoe	Showler for McIndoe 63, Doherty for Douglas 67, White for Spring 82.		
S. Davis	Johnson	Scarlett	McLaren	Douglas	Gray	Showler	Fotiadis for Showler 63, White for Gray 77. Unused: McIndoe		
S. Davis	Johnson	Evers	Harrison	Fotiadis	Gray	Showler	Scarlett for Showler 60; Bacque for Harrison 74. Unused: McIndoe.		
White	Johnson	McLaren	Harrison	Douglas	Gray	Evers	Doherty for Douglas 65. Unused McIndoe, Fraser		
White	Dyche	McLaren	Harrison	Bacque	McIndoe	Fotiadis	Kandol for Bacque 58, Doherty for Fotiadis 58, Scarlett for McLaren 72		
Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Douglas	Gray	Zahana-Oni	Doherty for Zahana-Oni HT, Scarlett for Douglas 81. Unused: Fraser		
Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Douglas	Fotiadis	McGowan	Doherty for Douglas 83, Fraser for McGowan 89. Unused Zahana-Oni		

TODAY'S REFEREE

WE welcome for the first time this season one of the most experienced referees in the Nationwide League, Gurnam Singh from Wolverhampton. A finance director, he qualified for local parks football just over 20 years

ago, and became a Football League linesman in 1986 and a referee at the start of the 1989/90 season. Married, with two young children, he is interested in all sports, with football and cricket top of the list.





Luton Town v Wigan Athletic

Kelvin Davis	1	1 Roy Carroll
Gerry Harrison	2	2 Scott Green
Alan White	3	3 Carl Bradshaw
Matthew Spring	4	4 Pat McGibbon
Sean Dyche	5	5 Stuart Balmer
Marvin Johnson	6	6 Paul Rogers
Gavin McGowan	7	7 David Lee
Sean Evers	8	8 Colin Greenall
Stuart Douglas	9	9 Graeme Jones
Andrew Fotiadis	10	10 Michael O'Neill
Landry Zahana-Oni	11	11 Andy Liddell
Michael McIndoe	12	12 Ian Kilford
Gary Doherty	13	13 Stuart Barlow
Stuart Fraser	14	14 David Lowe

Referee: Gurnam Singh, Wolverhampton

Assistants: A. C. Harvey, Croxley Green (yellow flag)

C. J. Hills, Ely (yellow & red flag)

Reserve official: F. J. Nemeth, Flitwick



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