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Brian Swain reports

#### A SAD weekend for Luton ended yesterday with the High Court putting the boot into the club's plans for a new stadium.

And with chairman David Kohler set to leave Kenilworth Road for good as soon as he can sort out his financial involvement, it looks as though we are back to square one, operating in a hopelessly inadequate stadium and with no other known suitable site available in Luton.

The Kohlerdome dream is over, despite the huge support it attracted locally, and from the inspector who conducted the long drawn-out public enquiry.

He ruled that the objections were not valid, and that the 20,000-seat dome, fully enclosed and with a pitch which would be hover-lifted in and out for football between other events, could go ahead.

At the time the Conservatives were controlling Whitehall, and planned to widen the M1 through Bedfordshire. Then Labour came to power, and new Secretary of State John Prescott shelved the M1 widening plan and over-ruled the inspector because of the impact the development would have on motorway traffic.

Mr Kohler sought a judicial review at the High Court. After a day of hearing the arguments Mr Justice Dyson gave his judgement yesterday. He said it was unfortunate that the planning enquiry inspector's verdict had been undermined by the decision not to widen the M1. But he rejected Mr Kohler's argument that Mr Prescott's decision was unreasonable or unlawful.

He also rejected Kohlerdome plc's offer to scale the scheme down to 12,000-seat capacity, but added that the club could, of course, put in a completely new planning application for a smaller stadium on the site near junction 10 of the M1.

If that were to happen, Mr Kohler will not be involved. He has cleared his desk and will give up the chairmanship of the club as soon as he can do a deal to sell his interest in Luton Town.

It was the second bitter blow Mr Kohler had suffered in four days, following a horrendous incident on Friday morning.

A bottle petrol bomb and matches were posted through the letterbox of his home, along with a note which can only be described as criminally warped: Replacing your house - difficult to do. Replacing your family - impossible. Leaving your job - easy. It was signed Redway.

The Police are investigating, but Mr Kohler decided that enough was enough. In the nine years since he came into the club, firstly as partner with Peter Nelkin, he has suffered plenty of abuse, threats of violence, and graffiti attacks on his home.

But to see his wife and three young children under threat was too much, even for a man who had previously been willing to tough it out.

"This time they over-stepped the mark," he said. "Football is still only a game, for goodness sake. I have always been willing to stand up and be counted, but I would not put my family at risk."

He issued a Press statement explaining that he had had enough, and would resign as chairman as soon as his business affairs with the club could be put in order.

He and his father own 80 per cent of Sizematch, with Town director Cliff Bassett owning the other 20 per cent. Sizematch owns 60 per cent of Luton Town. As well as their investment in shares they have, all the directors have put in loans to keep the club afloat.

The Kohlerdome offered the prospect of rejuvenation, with extra income available from activities other than football. But now, despite massive local support, the Kohlerdome has been ruled out by the government.

After hearing the court decision yesterday, Mr Kohler said: "I am gutted. We have done all we can, and I am not prepared to take it any further. My resignation as chairman would not have been affected by the decision either way, and now someone else can take things on."

The Town's three other directors, Nigel Terry, Cliff Bassett and Chris Green, issued a statement saying they were astounded by Mr Kohler's sudden decision to announce that he would resign. "An urgent board meeting was being arranged to clarify the situation," they said.

That meeting had not been held by yesterday afternoon, but Mr Kohler confirmed that there



**DRIVING FORCE:**  
Sean Evers,  
already a mainstay  
in our midfield at  
the age of 21,  
pictured in action  
against Wrexham.  
Gary Doherty  
appreciated his  
incisive pass to  
send Doherty  
through for his  
goal.

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was no chance of him changing his mind. He was, he said, open to any offers for his shares, and would negotiate with any interested parties. All I would like is a quick resolution."

For the first time in years he chose not to be at the Town's game at Bristol, and was not planning to be at Kenilworth Road tonight.

But he is still chairman, and sent a message to all staff yesterday underlining that, and adding that until the financial details were settled nothing had changed regarding the running of the club. But he did not know how long it would take.

He was sure any reasonable person would think the petrol bomb incident was deplorable, and he had no idea who had been responsible for it. But he was concerned that leaflets put out at the last home game by the Loyal Luton Supporters could have incited some hothead, and police are studying those. He would not otherwise comment on the content, he said, because it was libellous and he would not give it further credence by debating the questions it asked.

His final thoughts last night were for Luton Town. "I don't think I shall be watching them again for quite some time," he said. "But I will always have a feeling for Luton Town. Directors always are supporters - they're men who put their money where their mouth is."

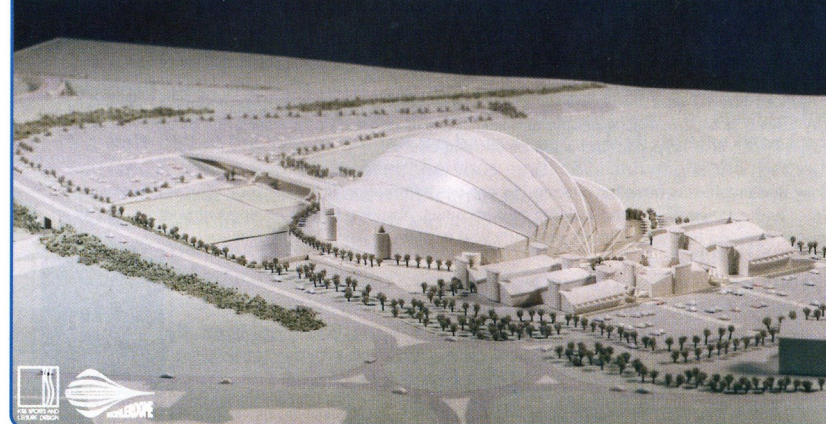
"I know some fans will be glad to see the back of me. I trust they will also know that the reason for my leaving is well out of order, and cannot possibly be justified."

"For the time being I am getting right out of football, and I don't anticipate getting involved with any other club. I had withdrawal symptoms on Saturday when I didn't go to Bristol, but I will learn to watch soccer on TV."

"And I hope all the fans will get behind the team. Lennie Lawrence and the players deserve that, irrespective of what is going on behind the scenes. We have a passionate lot at Kenilworth Road - sometimes a bit too passionate - and I am grateful that the vast majority are good, decent people., I have had my arguments with fans, but have always been willing to meet them and explain things, and I hope they will understand that I always did what I thought was best for the club."

"And finally, I want to say a big thank-you to all the staff at the football club, throughout the offices and dressing rooms. I don't think people realise just how hard people work at any football club. I am sorry, for their sakes, that the new stadium plan has been rejected, but I hope that one day the dream will be realised."

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## Hatters Roll-Call 1998/99

	Appearances				Goals				
	League	WC	FAC	AWS	Total	League	WC	FAC	Total
Abbey	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Alexander	21(1)	7	2	0	30(1)	3(1p)	2p	0	5(3p)
Bacque	2(5)	1(2)	0	1	4(7)	0	0	0	0
Boyce	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cox	2(3)	1(1)	0	0	3(4)	0	0	0	0
Davis	28	7	2	0	38	0	0	0	0
Douglas	25	6	1(1)	0	32(1)	7	2	0	9
Doherty	3(9)	0(1)	1(1)	0(1)	4(12)	5	0	0	5
Dyche	7	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0
Evers	27	7	2	1	37	3	1	0	4
Fotiadis	6(8)	1(1)	0	1	8(9)	2	1	0	3
Fraser	1(1)	0	0	1	2(1)	0	0	0	0
Gray	22(2)	6	2	0	30(2)	6	3	2	11
George	2(3)	0(2)	0	0	2(5)	0	0	0	0
Harrison	8	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0
Johnson	27	7	1	0	35	0	1	0	1
Kandol	0(1)	0	0	0(1)	0(2)	0	0	0	0
McGowan	19(1)	7	2	0	28(1)	0	0	0	0
McIndoe	9(3)	2(1)	(2)	1	12(6)	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	20(1)	4(1)	2	0	26(2)	2	0	0	2
McLaren	10(3)	1(3)	2	1	14(6)	0	1	0	1
Scarlett	2(3)	0	0(1)	0(1)	2(5)	1	0	0	1
Showler	2(1)	0	0	0	2(1)	0	0	0	0
Spring	28	7	1(1)	0	36(1)	1	0	0	1
Thomas	11(5)	3	0	0	14(5)	0	0	0	0
White	9(12)	0(3)	1	1	11(15)	1	0	0	1
Zahana-Oni	2(2)	0	0	0	2(2)	0	0	0	0

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. Bacque 2(5) league apps; 1(2) Worthington Cup apps. Nyamah 1 FA Cup appearance, 1 as sub Worthington Cup.

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# Lennie Lawrence

from the manager's chair



OUR games at Bristol Rovers are usually close and hard-fought, often on a difficult pitch, with them coming out narrowly on top. Saturday's was no exception, but there were mitigating circumstances.

It was a body-blow to lose so many players after our away form had looked so good on our previous trip, to Burnley. Gavin McGowan, Sean Evers, Phil Gray, Andrew Fotiadis, Matthew Spring, Jimmy Cox and Gerry Harrison would all have been in the 14 at Bristol, and five would have started the match.

We went into the game stressing that it was important to be solid as a team, to compete effectively and to work hard. We did, but we lost because we did not defend a questionable free kick.

A week earlier I was very concerned that we fell to pieces completely after taking the lead against Wrexham, but at least that did not happen on Saturday. We held on reasonably well, and at half time we knew we had to push up, and we did that. It sometimes left us with two centre-backs outnumbered by the opposition, but we did not look to be in too much trouble at the back.

We just didn't have the quality to score, but we put in a creditable battling performance, and in view of the team we had to field the result was not a huge surprise.

It continued our habit of rarely losing away games by more than the odd goal, and that is something to build on. It is a record that says you cannot question the honesty and commitment of players.

In each season since I have been here the away results have been top six form.

The trick is to do the same in home matches. We have had spells when we have been invincible at home, including most of the play-off season and the early part of this campaign. But we have also had spells where we have been nervous and apprehensive at home, and find it difficult to play. We have been in one of those for too long now. We have come out of them in the past, and with an excess of home games to come we need to get out of this one too, as quickly as possible.

Notts County have been dragged into a relegation scrap, so they will be redy to do battle. and it will

not be an easy game tonight. Doubtless Blackpool will also provide difficult opposition here on Saturday.

This evening's game begins a spell which will decide if we can finish the season on a high note, with four of our next five fixtures at home. The away game is at Walsall, followed by visits by Fulham and Stoke, so we face a thorough test of our credentials against top teams. We can do ourselves a power of good by collecting good results in those games.

At my weekly Press briefing before we set off for Bristol I had said that the upcoming eight days and three matches made it a huge week in terms of Luton Town's progress.

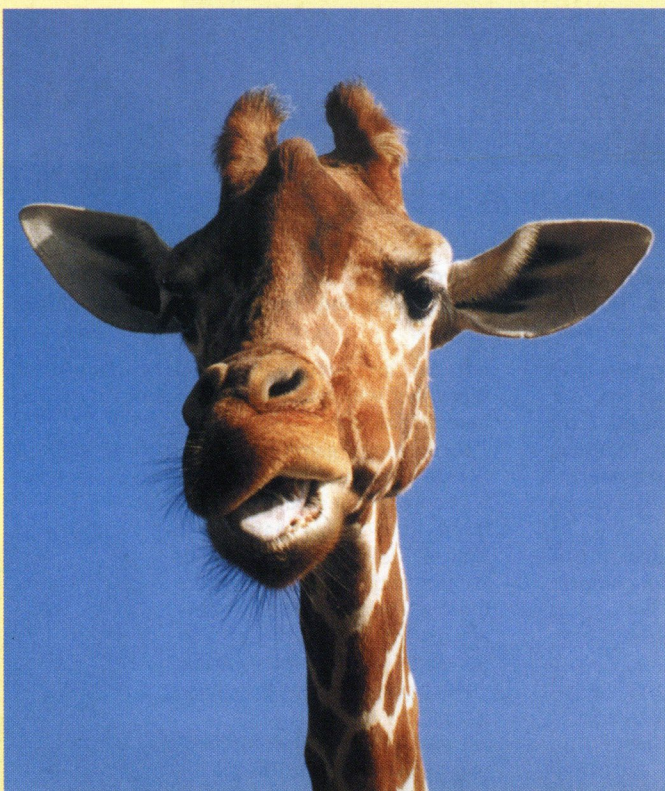
In view of recent events within the club we are tonight facing what is perhaps the most important home game of this year.

These are difficult times for the club, and our job is to put the smile back on supporters' faces. The best tonic for everyone would be three points tonight, and three more on Saturday, with, hopefully, good performances as well. But the need for three points outweighs the method.

Lennie Lawrence







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captain's log



WE HAVE lost twice in a row since my last notes were written, and we have done a lot of talking among ourselves to try to pin down the reasons. Against Wrexham we got exactly what we deserved. Our passing and movement wasn't there, and we can't explain why we were so poor. We can only apologise to the supporters because that performance let them and us down.

It was all the more frustrating because we had played so well at Burnley a week earlier, and we should have settled down against Wrexham after Gary Doherty put us in front with a cracking goal. At Bristol on Saturday I thought we battled well. We were missing five of the side that faced Wrexham, but we were a lot more competitive than we had been at Kenilworth Road against the Welshmen, and we thought that on the overall run of play we deserved a draw, particularly for our efforts in the second half.

And I have to put up my hand to acknowledge my part in the decisive goal. As professionals we always feel insulted to concede goals to set pieces, and this was one occasion when we suffered for not doing the job right.

We missed Sean Evers and Matthew Spring in midfield, but well done Michael McIndoe and Andre Scarlett. It was a nice booking, Andre! I have to admit we laughed a little when it happened. Andre is 5ft 4ins tall, and the official weight charts show he is the lightest pro on the books. He was yellow-carded for unloading a player who looked twice his size - I think he jumped out of the way when he saw our pocket-battleship approaching, and when he went down like a sack of potatoes the ref reached for the book.

We have had to put our faith in young players, and they have come in and done their best, which is all anyone can ask. And while we were disappointed that Sean Evers and Matthew Spring, among others, were ruled out of the Bristol match, it's worth remembering that they too are still young in football terms, and have both done ever so well for us this season.

It's a shame that Sean's injury dates back to his trip to Italy to play for the Nationwide League in November. That was a real feather in his cap, and it's no good complaining about the muscle strain he suffered then. You could just as easily pick up an injury like that in any game, or even on the training pitch.

Hopefully some of our injured men will be fit again for tonight, and you can be certain that we all be very keen to put memories of the last two games behind us.

We want to entertain you, but if we are able to play pretty football against Notts County that will be a bonus: first and foremost we need to win.

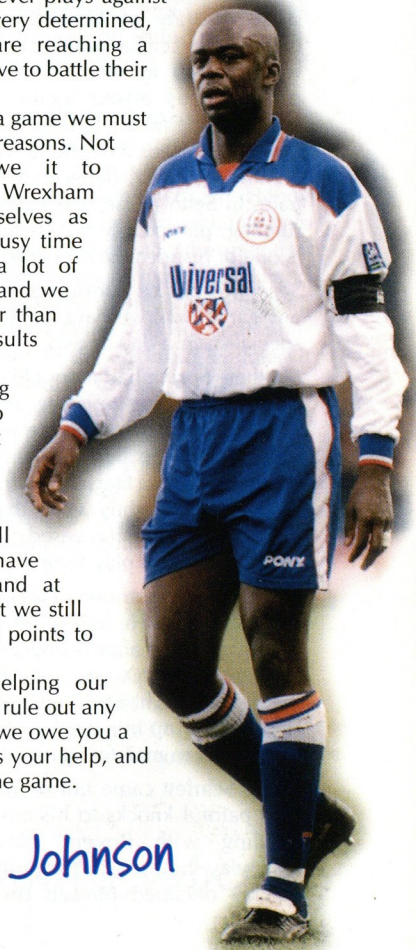
It's a shame that Sean Farrell will not be lining up against us. He and I are good friends, having started out together in the same Luton Town youth side a few years ago. He always looked a natural goal-scorer... but not against me!

We know that whoever plays against us tonight will be very determined, because County are reaching a stage where they have to battle their way out of trouble.

For our part, this is a game we must win, for all sorts of reasons. Not only do we owe it to supporters after the Wrexham game, but to ourselves as well. We have a busy time coming up, with a lot of points to play for, and we know we are better than the last two results suggest.

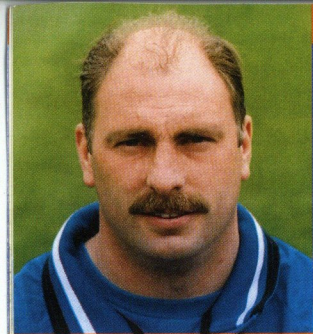
Obviously it is going to be difficult to achieve our target of a play-off place. But no-one should give up on that while it is still possible. We have games in hand, and at kick-off time tonight we still have more than 50 points to play for.

Injuries are not helping our cause, but we don't rule out any possibility. Tonight we owe you a good result. Give us your help, and we'll get it. Enjoy the game.



*Marvin Johnson*





from the treatment room

**THE TREATMENT room had to be opened up on Sunday as half a dozen players worked on regaining fitness, and hopefully one or two should be all right to be considered for a return to action in this evening's match.**

Mitchell Thomas is just about ready to combine playing with his coaching duties after his thigh strain, and yesterday morning we were thinking about giving him a run-out with the reserves last night.

But there is no such luck for Sean Evers, whose injury is the subject of further medical investigation. He picked up a stomach muscle strain in Italy in November while with the Nationwide League under-21 side. He got over it well enough to return to our team, but the problem has arisen again. He is seeing a specialist to find out if it is a hernia problem, and if so how serious it might be. With some you can continue playing, depending on the amount of pain. In Sean's case, the injury has affected his running, particularly his change of pace, which is one of his greatest strengths.

Sean will not be considered for tonight, nor for any game until we have the full report from the specialist, in a day or two.

Matthew Spring had a couple of hours treatment on Sunday after missing the trip to Bristol because of a hamstring strain suffered during training, and he had a chance of being fit for tonight. Gerry Harrison, another hamstring casualty, was slightly worse than Spring, but Phil Gray's thigh strain has eased considerably and he might be able to play tonight.

The outlook for Andrew Fotiadis is brighter than we first feared. He had to be subbed during the Wrexham game after taking a kick on the ankle. We sent him for X-rays, and they have revealed that he has slight ankle ligament damage which should clear up in a week or two. He is working in the gym to maintain general fitness.

Andre Scarlett came out of the match at Bristol with painful knocks to his ankle and knee after tangling with Rovers' player-manager Ian Holloway, but he is a tough little character and quickly declared himself fit for selection for tonight.



**ENFORCED BREAK:** Andrew Fotiadis receives first aid on the pitch after being hurt against Wrexham. He missed the game at Bristol as a result, but his ankle injury is not as bad as it might have been.

Finally, it is a pleasure to give more good news about Liam George. He played 45 minutes for the reserves last week, came through without any adverse reaction, and yesterday was set for his first full game since August, for the reserves again.

If he gets through that, he will not need many more outings in the reserves before being considered for league football. It's never pleasant for a player to suffer a broken leg, but Liam has shown the right attitude to help get over it, and we are all pleased for him that he has fully recovered.

Clive Goodyear



club secretary

TONIGHT we play the first of three Nationwide League games that have had to be re-arranged, and I am pleased, at last, to be able to confirm the date for the third one. Tonight's match had to be put off because of our Worthington Cup success - it was originally scheduled for November, but we were busy that night beating Barnsley in the fourth round. We then lost two games because of heavy rain. We are at home to Reading four weeks from tonight, and after a lot of discussion involving the two teams and the Football League we now have a date agreed for the home game against Chesterfield.

Originally scheduled for late October, it will now be played at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday, April 27, kick-off 7.45. Tickets bought for the original date are, of course, still valid.

On the subject of dates, we have now sorted out the four youth team games that have had to be re-arranged, and they will extend the South East Counties League campaign into April. The new

dates are Saturday March 20 away to Bristol Rovers, Saturday March 27 away to Reading, Saturday April 10 at home to Oxford United and Saturday April 17 away to Gillingham.

Incidentally, spectators are welcome at our home games in the South East Counties League - they are played at Luton Rugby Club on Saturday mornings, kick-off 11 am, and usually provide good football entertainment. Admission, to see our stars of the future, is free.

I have received enquiries from supporters about other dates for football events, and I hope I will have space in this column on Saturday to give a full run-down on cup finals and play-off arrangements.

Different kinds of dates were perhaps in mind at our last home match, the day before St. Valentine's Day, and my thanks to everyone who has been in touch to say how much Happy Harry's gifts of flowers were appreciated. We thought it was a nice gesture, and the intention was that Happy Harry, being all man, would hand out the carnations to some of the ladies attending the match. And Happy Harry was not at all non-plussed when a man in the enclosure claimed it was sexual discrimination to only choose ladies for the gifts. So he got a bunch of three carnations as well!

A lot of supporters, especially younger ones, liked seeing Happy Harry at close quarters, and we have taken on board their reaction. You can expect him to put himself around a little more in the future.

And I have to say a very big thank-you again to Val, of Fleurette, in Hitchin Road, Luton, for helping us out with the carnations.

Another thank-you goes to supporters for their usual generosity for the bucket collection which was held in aid of the Save the Children Fund. I have now been notified that the total raised was £343.40.



**HAPPY HARRY'S VALENTINE:** Phillipa Titmuss, 22, from Eaton Bray, was one of the supporters picked out at random at the Wrexham game to receive a spray of carnations.

Cherry Newbery



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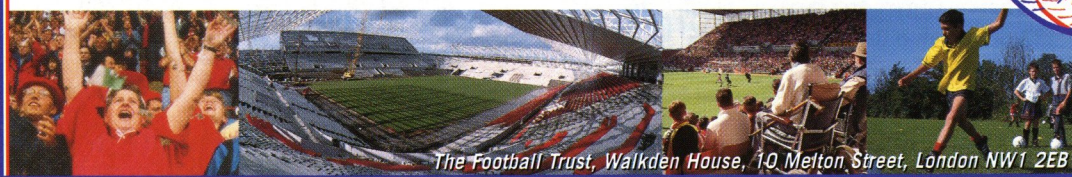
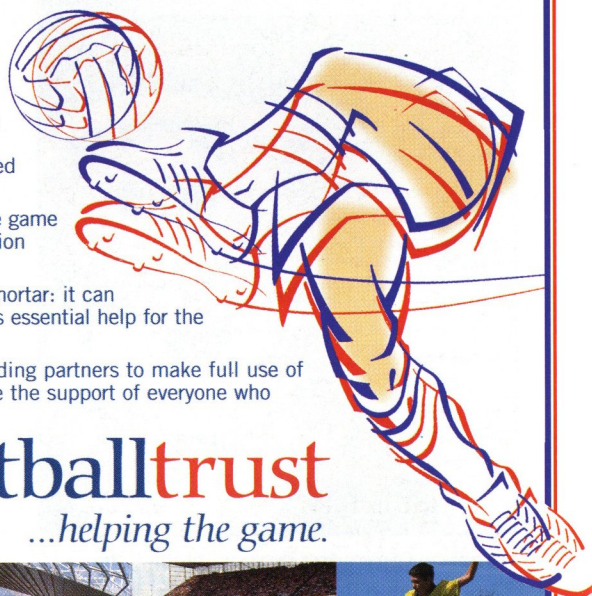
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Saturday March 13,  
kick-off 3pm

Tickets for this match are on sale at discounted prices. Normal guesting facilities apply.

### WALSALL v LUTON TOWN

Saturday March 6,  
kick-off 3pm

This match is pay on the day only, and only seating is available.

Prices £12 adults,  
£8 concessions  
(under 16s & over 65s).

### CHESTERFIELD v LUTON TOWN

Saturday March 20,  
kick-off 3pm

This match is pay on the day only.

Terracing: £8.50 adults,  
£4 concessions (under 16s & over 65s). Limited seating: £9.50 adults, £5 concessions.

### LUTON TOWN v FULHAM

Tuesday March 9,  
kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets for this match are on sale at discounted prices. Normal guesting facilities apply.

### LUTON TOWN v READING

Tuesday March 23,  
kick-off 7.45pm

This game has now been re-arranged for the above date. Tickets already purchased can still be used for this re-arranged fixture.



# Executive Members

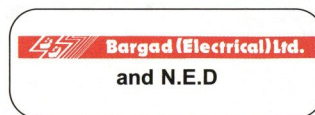
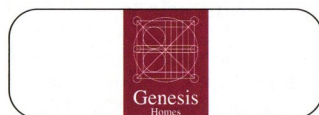
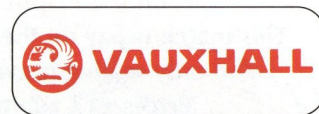
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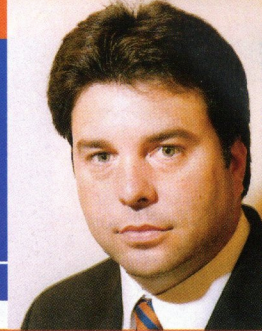
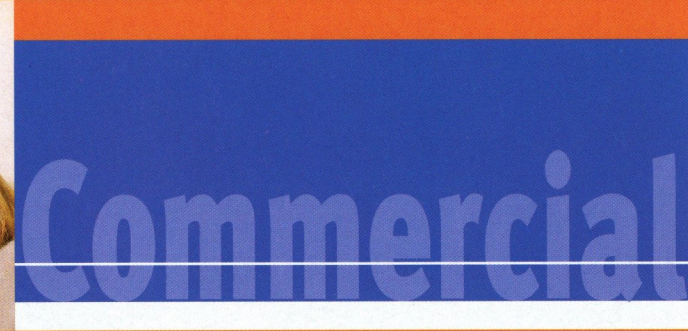


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**SOME of our best friends are in the sponsors' lounge tonight, and we are very grateful that once more the Whitbread Beer Company has decided to sponsor one of our matches.**

Whitbread has been part of the local community even longer than we have, and are long-time supporters of Luton Town FC. Long may it continue!

We welcome all their guests, and hope they have an enjoyable evening. The same wish is extended to our other guests in the sponsors' lounges, Mick Garbutt, of Virgin Records, and David Parrish and friends.

Tonight's matchball sponsor is Critical Research

of Luton, another company which gives solid backing to the club. Based in Alma Street, the company has an ever-growing reputation for its survey and opinion poll operations which are vital tools for all kinds of businesses and organisations in such things as marketing. Critical Research are real supporters of the club every week - the company sponsors our youth team, explaining that it is one winning outfit supporting another.

All sponsors' support is appreciated and much needed, and if you want to see football from a different angle we have all kinds packages on offer - just ring Luton 411622 and ask for the commercial department.

## Golden Gamble

AS A loyal Luton Town supporter, Lesley Horn, of Caddington, had little to cheer about at the last home game, against Wrexham - except for her half-time "strike." She was the latest winner of our Golden Gamble competition, and is pictured with Gavin McGowan and Stuart Douglas after collecting £534 in cash after her £1 ticket was drawn out of the drum. A jackpot like Leslie's is on offer at every Town match, and even if your ticket fails to win this time, you have at least done a little something to help the club.



**Golden Gamble tickets are sold in all parts of the ground, offering supporters the chance to collect a wad of readies for an outlay of just £1. The prize fund is a straight 50/50 split, half going into club funds and half to the winner's jackpot.**



# Community & Schools Programme

Coaching Courses • Stadium Tours • School Visits  
Tournaments • After Schools Coaching



## AFTER SCHOOLS INDOOR WINTER COACHING PROGRAMME

To register a place or for further information, simply ring the Community & Schools Department at the club on **01582 411622**

### MONDAY

AMPTHILL  
Alameda Middle School  
6 to 8 year olds from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
9 to 13 year olds from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

### TUESDAY

LUTON  
Luton Regional Sports Centre  
6 to 8 year olds and 9 to 13 year olds  
4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

LEIGHTON BUZZARD  
Van Dyke Upper School  
6 to 8 year olds 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm  
(indoor sports hall)  
9 to 13 year olds 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm  
(floodlit astro turf pitch)

### THURSDAY

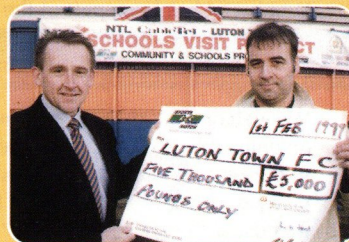
LUTON  
Barnfield College, Rotherham Ave. (Farley Hill)  
6 to 8 year olds from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
9 to 13 year olds from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

CADDINGTON/DUNSTABLE  
Manshead Upper School  
6 to 8 year olds from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm  
9 to 11 year olds from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm  
12 to 14 year olds from 8.30 pm to 9.30 pm

### FRIDAY

DUNSTABLE  
Dunstable Leisure Centre  
6 to 8 year olds from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
9 to 13 year olds from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

## NTL CableTel SCHOOLS VISIT PROJECT



As you may have read in our recent matchday programmes, our Community & Schools Programme have received a great boost for 1999 with a £5,000 sponsorship agreement with NTL CableTel to fund our schools visit project. The project will seek to cover all schools throughout Beds & Herts and will encourage youngsters to participate in sport through free football coaching from our coaching staff.

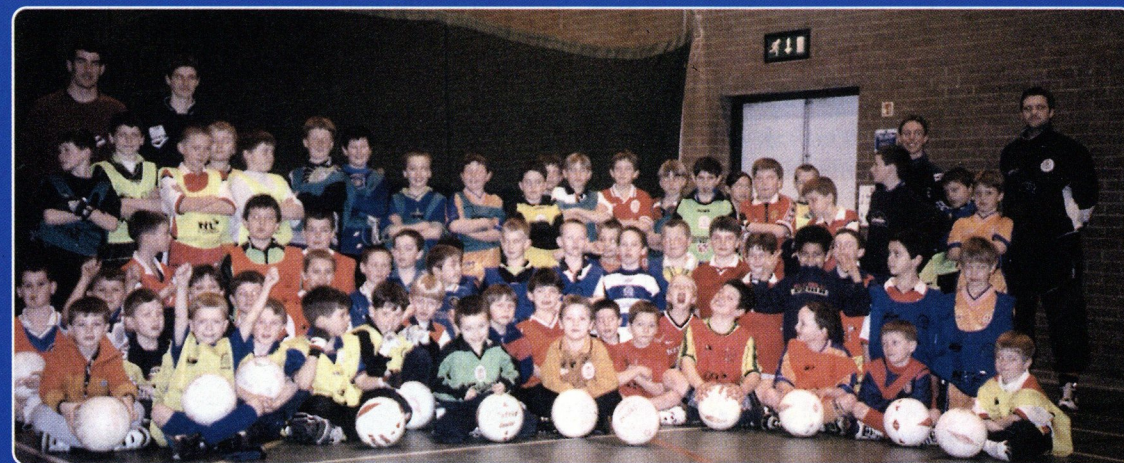
At the Wrexham game we were pleased to welcome from NTL CableTel, Mr Alan Baker, Sales & Marketing Manager for Herts & Beds, Mr Richard Pettifer, Community Relations Manager and Ms Maz Wood to present us with their cheque for £5,000. We would all like to thank them for their terrific support for this community based initiative.

We were also pleased to announce that with the help of NTL CableTel, our Schools Visit Project has qualified for a £5,000 grant from the Institute of Sports Sponsorships' Sportsmatch scheme, which seeks to encourage sponsorship of grass roots sports. We were also pleased to welcome Mr John McLoughlin, Promotions Manager at Bedfordshire Newspapers, our lead Community & Schools sponsor, to accept the cheque from Sportsmatch on our behalf.

Our Community & Schools Programme have set a target of 300 school visits this year and look forward to hearing from local schools who would like us to pay a visit - simply telephone us at the Club on 01582 411462.



## February Half Term Coaching Courses



Pictured above are some of the enthusiastic youngsters who joined us during last week's half term holiday on our coaching course up at the Luton Regional Sports Centre.

Over 200 youngsters crammed into our sports halls throughout the region in Luton, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Ampthill and Hitchin to join our coaching staff for some coaching and lots and lots of fun and games!

Once again, we also had a great turn out of players (Please note Mr Mellor!) with almost the entire first team making appearances at our courses to present certificates and prizes - look out on Saturday for lots more half term photos with the players.

With everyone now back at school, our after school programme for the rest of term up to Easter is running again, details of which are listed on the opposite page.

To register a place simply ring 01582 411622

## LUCOZADE SPORT CHALLENGE

Pictured are victorious Dunstable Rovers FC - winners of our Lucozade Sports Challenge. Many thanks to Lucozade Sport, our official drinks supplier to the Community & Schools Programme. Well done boys - keep it up! (Kev & Ben).



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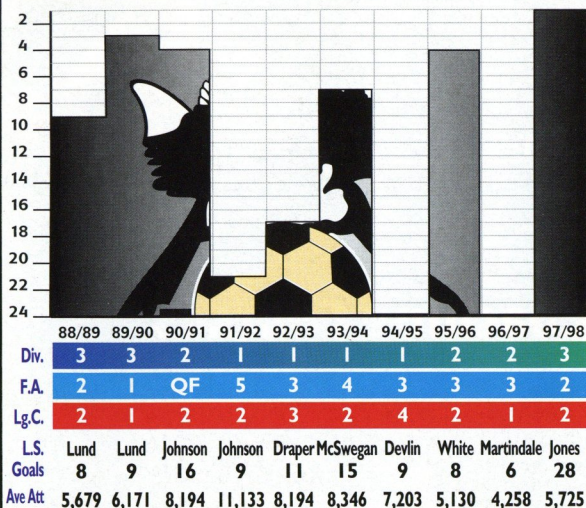
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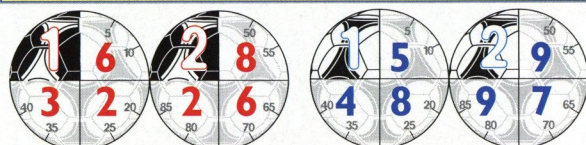
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## Notts County's last ten years - the full record

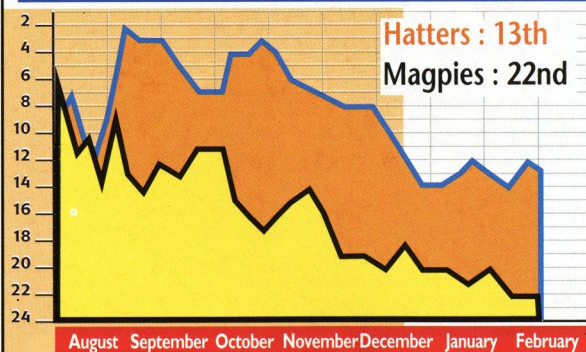


## When Notts County have scored goals... and conceded them



MAGPIES' CARDS		HATTERS' HARD MEN	
Farrell ...3	Billy ...1	McGowan ...7	Davis K ...1
Hendon ...3	Fairelough 1	Alexander 4	Doherty ...1
Jones ...3	Garcia ...1	Davis S ...4	Dyche ...1
Owers ...3	Liburd ...1	McKinnon 4	Evers ...1
Redmile ...3		McLaren ...4	Harrison ...1
Richardson 3		Douglas ...3	Spring ...1
Strodder ...3		Johnson ...3	White ...1
Dyer ...2		George ...2	
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## League Positions throughout the season



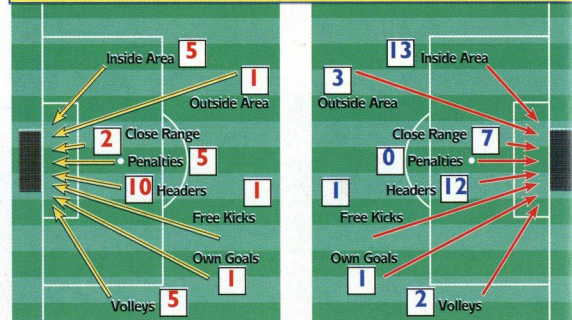
## When The Hatters have scored goals... and conceded them



## Who's played for The Magpies this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge Apps	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
Ian Hendon	D	27	5	27	5'11"	11'05"	Orient	Eng U21
Darren Ward	G	26		24	5'11"	12'09"	Mansfield	Wal U21
Gary Owers	M	24(2)	1	30	5'11"	11'01"	Bristol City	
Shaun Murray	M	24(1)	3	29	5'7"	10'10"	Bradford	Eng Yth
Gary Jones	F	23(4)	2	29	6'1"	12'09"	Southend	
Matthew Redmile	D	23(1)		22	6'4"	12'11"		
Richard Liburd	D	17(7)		25	5'9"	11'01"	Carlisle	
Andy Hughes	M	17(4)	2	21	6'0"	11'00"	Oldham	
Chris Fairclough	D	16	1	34	5'11"	11'00"	Bolton	Eng B
Dennis Pearce	D	13(2)	1	24	5'10"	11'02"	Wolves	
Ian Richardson	M	12	3	28	5'10"	11'01"	Birmingham	
Anthony Garcia	M	10(5)	1	26	6'0"	11'05"		
Alex Dyer	D	8(5)		33	6'1"	12'00"	Huddersfield	
Gary Strodder	D	8(3)	1	33	6'1"	13'03"	West Brom	
Sean Farrell	F	7(3)	3	29	6'1"	13'03"	Peterborough	
Kim Grant	F	6	1	26	5'10"	10'12"	on loan from Millwall	
Paul Bolland	M	4		19	5'10"	10'05"	on loan from Bradford	
Justin Jackson	F	3(7)		24	5'11"	11'02"	Woking	
Fran Tierney	F	3(4)	1	23	5'10"	11'00"	Crewe	
Mark Warren	D	3		25	6'0"	12'02"	Orient	
Mark Quayle	F	2(3)		20	5'9"	10'02"	Everton	
Craig Dudley	F	(4)		19	5'10"	11'04"		Eng Yth
Mark Robson	M	(2)		29	5'7"	10'02"	Charlton	
Terrence Henshaw	D			18	5'10"	10'10"		

## How The Magpies have scored goals... and conceded them

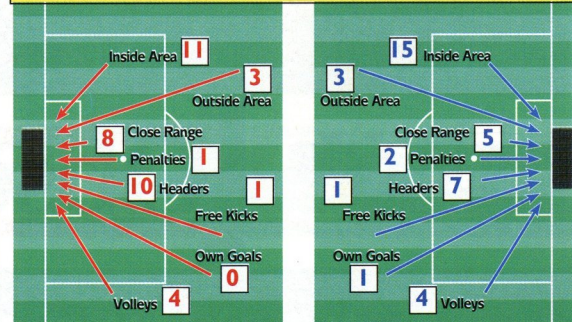


## Hatters v Magpies

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
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Notts County	0	1	5	1	9	1	LLDELL

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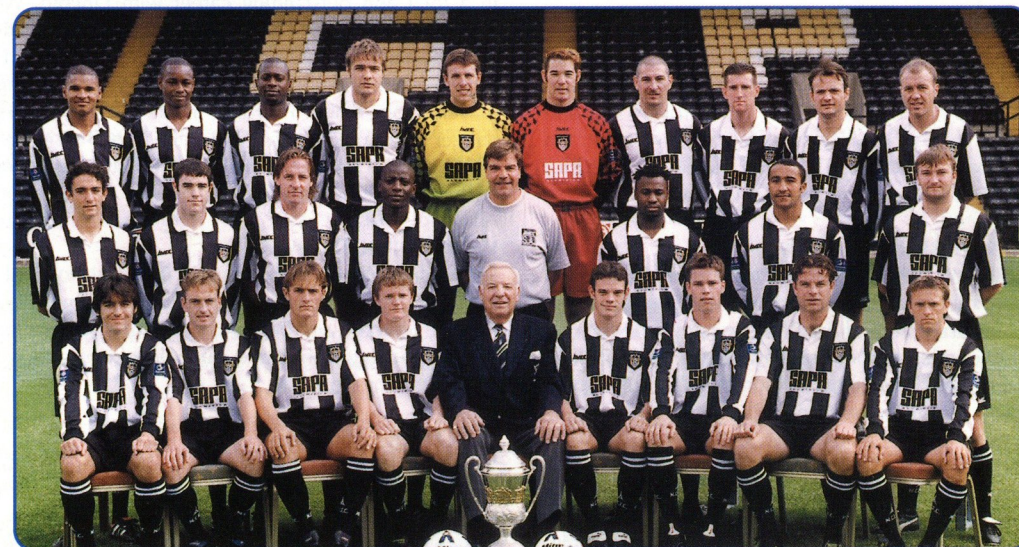
## How Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



## welcome to today's visitors

### SAM ALLARDYCE - MANAGER

Sam Allardyce joined Notts County early in 1997 charged with the responsibility of restoring the Club's fortunes. His previous managerial experience includes coach/assistant manager at Preston North End and Sunderland and as a manager of leading an Irish club, Limerick. He subsequently became a highly successful manager at Blackpool, where he quickly established himself taking the Tangerines to the 1996 play off finals where they were surprisingly eliminated. Sam's enthusiasm and professionalism for the game were carried from his playing career at Bolton and several League clubs where he was an outstanding centre half who was always respected by opponents. He won a Division 2 (now Division 1) Champions medal in 1978 with Bolton. After leading Notts County to the third Division Championship and automatic promotion to Division 2 in his first full season at Meadow Lane, Sam strengthened his back room staff and playing squad for 1998/99 campaign.



Notts County Squad 1998-1999



# Notts County

## pen pics

### DARREN WARD - Goalkeeper

The 1997/98 season saw not only a return to form for this quite exceptional young Welsh keeper but further development and improvement. Called into the Welsh B squad, and must surely go on to gain full international honours. His performances contributed points galore to his team. Selected for the PFA Division 3 XI.

### DAMIEN BEATTIE - Goalkeeper

Promising young goalkeeper from Australia, so determined to make the grade in the UK that he paid for his own air ticket from Australia for a trial with Notts last season. Sam Allardyce arranged a permanent deal in the close season.

### CHRIS FAIRCLOUGH - Defender

Chris began his career at Nottingham Forest while his younger brother, Wayne became an apprentice at Meadow Lane. A highly talented and experienced central defender, who has earned great respect and appreciation from fellow players and supporters at Forest, Spurs, Leeds and Bolton.

### IAN HENDON - Defender

Appointed Club Captain and had the distinction of leading the Club into a season of outstanding success in which Club and League records were broken. Fast and powerful full back, wing back and centre back. An inspirational leader in an inspired season. Selected for PFA squad for the second successive season.

### RICHARD LIBURD - Defender

A local boy who joined Middlesbrough and then Bradford City. A tenacious full back who played on both flanks for Bradford and then latterly converted to wing back. After release from Bradford he spent a short time at Carlisle, before earning a contract in his home town after a successful pre-season trial.

### DENNIS PEARCE - Defender

Having left Wolves on a free transfer in 1997 without having established himself in first team football, Dennis at last made the big break through in 1997-98, with over 40 appearances. A delightfully skilful left full back and wing back, whose attacking talents developed as the season progressed. Another PFA Division 3 Select XI.

### MATTHEW REDMILE - Defender

A product of the Meadow Lane youth system, Matt began the season as an instant hero with his goal scoring exploits from set pieces. A huge and powerful central defender gifted with quite exceptional ball playing ability. Matthew admits to having been less than consistent in the latter part of the season, but has promised himself and the supporters to add greater fitness and speed in 1998-99. The result could be formidable.

### IAN RICHARDSON - Defender

Brought to Notts County by the previous Manager as a ball winning midfielder but recognised by his new manager to have potential as a left sided central defender in a three man back line. Having been reluctantly converted to his new role, he made the position his own for the second half of the season and won the admiration of team mates and fans with superb displays.

### GARY STRODDER - Defender

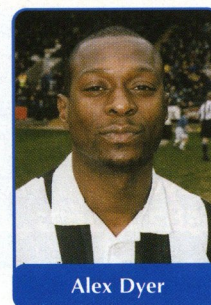
In a long and outstanding career with Lincoln, West Ham and West Brom, Gary is the rock and foundation around which a highly successful team was built. His tough uncompromising style often inspires the younger players around him. Powerful in the air and always a danger at set pieces. Chosen for the PFA Division 3 XI in 1997-98. A great enthusiast with an amusing literary style in the Club Programme.

### WAYNE DIUK - Midfield

Still young enough to be eligible for youth football in 1997/98, Wayne continued to develop his skills in Reserve football, and began to press for a senior place. A fast attacking right sided midfielder player and wing back. One for the future.

### ALEX DYER - Midfield

Joined the rampant and successful Notts County squad early in March 1998 having been released by Huddersfield and quickly became Mr. Versatile. Alex played full back, wing back and centre back on either side of the field although more comfortable on the left side. Cool and calm under pressure he proved to be a valuable asset in the run in.



Alex Dyer



Ian Hendon



### TONY GARCIA - Midfield

26 years of age from Pierre Patte, France. Previously played for Mont Pellier, Lille and Sheffield United on a 2 week trial. Joined initially on a month's contract then signed an 18 month contract at the end of October 1998. A regular first team choice.

### ANDREW HUGHES - Midfield

Joined County originally on loan and impressed the Manager enough to earn a permanent transfer from Oldham in 1998. Earned his place in central midfield and quickly endeared himself to fans with his surging runs into the opponents penalty area.

### SHAUN MURRAY - Midfield

A skilful midfielder who joined Notts from Bradford in August 1998. Murray is a crowd pleaser who is good on the ball. He has considerable ability in possession and is looked upon as a playmaker who can provide the forwards with a variety of attacking options.

### GARY OWERS - Midfield

Began his professional career with Sunderland where he became a first team regular with 300 appearances. A dynamic midfield player with a vast range of skills, which enable him to adopt a number of different roles in the midfield line. Popular captain of Bristol City before being rather surprisingly released to join County just before the start of the 1998/99 season for a small fee.

### MARK ROBSON - Midfield

Snapped up from Charlton on a free transfer to fill the position of winger. Mark had a wonderful 1997/98 season playing as a winger, midfielder or in the slot just behind the two strikers. One of the best passers of the ball in Division 3, and when County were at their best he was almost always the outstanding catalyst.

### FRANCIS TIERNEY - Midfield

Signed from Crewe in the summer 1998. A young player with great potential, and was formerly pursued by various Premiership clubs. He is a central midfield

player who can also play on the right flank. Tierney has excellent ball control and flair, which could mean he has an important part in Sam Allardyce's plans for 1998/99.

### DUANE DARBY - Striker

Signed from Hull in the summer on a free transfer. He is a hard working centre forward, who favours his right foot, and often scores goals from nothing. A former Hull City 'Player of the season'.

### SEAN FARRELL - Striker

Formerly with Luton and Peterborough, Sean overcame an annoying early season injury to establish himself as the regular first choice target man. Formed an uncanny understanding with his partner, Gary Jones, to create a formidable strike-force in which he registered his fair share of goals. A hard working and selfless player with total commitment to the team cause.

### JUSTIN JACKSON - Striker

Signed early last season from Woking having earned an impressive reputation as a goal scorer. Justin eagerly took the chance to return to full time football. His fitness and strength improved during the season and with a full pre-season programme he will undoubtedly develop his left side attacking skills further.

### GARY JONES - Striker

One of the most dominant and outstanding turn-arounds in form ever seen at Meadow Lane. Unable to rediscover his scoring touch before Christmas he subsequently found an amazing rich vein, in which he scored 23 goals in 23 games. The fans player of the year, and winner of the Division 3 Golden boot Award with a total of 28 goals.

### MARK QUAYLE - Striker

Young centre forward, signed from Everton in the summer. He is very quick and has an excellent first touch. Will have to work hard to dislodge the established Farrell-Jones partnership but has enormous future potential.



David Kohler



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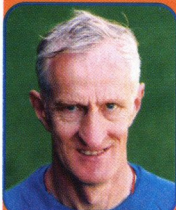
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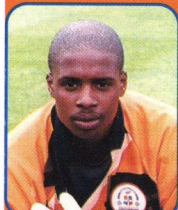
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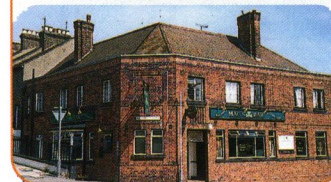
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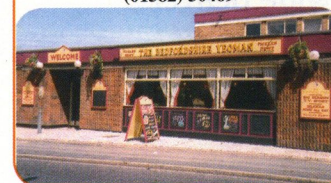
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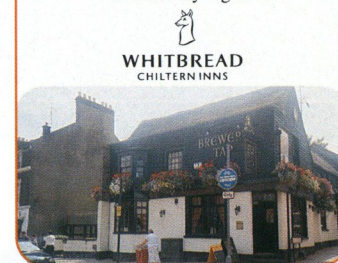
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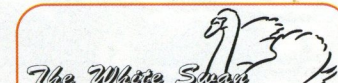
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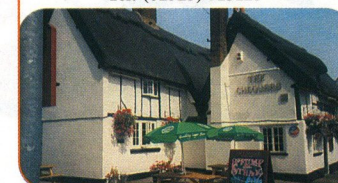


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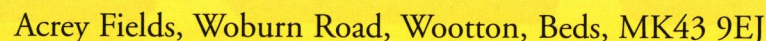
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Nathanael "Tanny" Abbey

Born: Islington, 11.7.78

Previous clubs: None

Joined Luton Town: June 1994, as a YTS boy

Luton debut: v Colchester (H) Coca Cola Cup, 12.8.97

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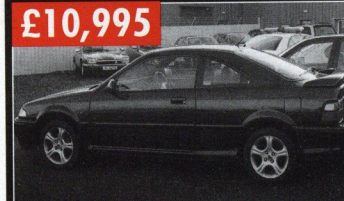
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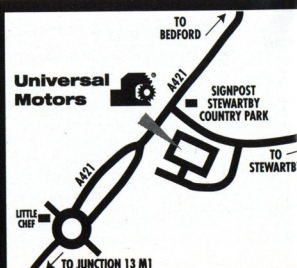
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# It happened on this day

by Roger Wash

## 23rd February 1961

### Luton Town 4 Stoke 1

With both sides going out of the F.A.Cup on the previous Saturday it was back to the 'bread and butter' of the league where both were sitting just below mid-table.

The Town recalled George Cummins to the team for the first time in the campaign and he was instrumental in setting up Gordon Turner for an interval lead.

Stoke had resorted to peppering Luton goalkeeper Ron Baynham from long range but they eventually discovered that the Town defence was fallible at close quarters and levelled soon after the break.

The game then turned on a controversial penalty decision in the 53rd minute when Alec Ashworth was sent sprawling in the box leaving the deadly Turner to net with ease. With the Stoke defenders feeling sorry for themselves Turner took advantage and bagged another couple of goals over the next twenty minutes to seal a flattering victory.

## 23rd February 1974

### Luton Town 2 Crystal Palace 1

The Town desperately needed to bounce back from their 0-4 thrashing by Leicester in the F.A.Cup the previous Saturday but Crystal Palace had other ideas.

Palace had been propping up the table for most of the season but had put together a run of results that had seen them unbeaten for five games with four of them won. They started by attacking the Luton defence in waves and only brilliant goalkeeping by Graham Horn, being watched by his father who was the Palace trainer, kept them out.

In a rare Luton attack in the 32nd minute a centre from Jim Ryan was handled by Palace defender Ben Anderson leaving Ryan to score from the spot. Palace continued to attack but the Town stole away to score again, completely against the run of play, after 71 minutes when Barry Butlin nodded in Ryan's corner.

Palace at last managed to net with nine minutes to go through Derek Possee leaving the Town to hang on desperately until the final whistle.

## 23rd February 1991

### Luton Town 3 Liverpool 1

The Town had lost four games on the trot leading up to the visit of champions Liverpool and even the most optimistic Luton supporter in the crowd of 12,032 would have difficulty in predicting anything other than an away win.

The media circus was in town following the surprise resignation of Liverpool boss Kenny Dalglish the day before but, despite all the pre-match hype, it was the Hatters who had much the better of the play.

Liverpool took a controversial interval lead when Steve Nicol's hard cross hit Julian James on the arm with Jan Molby netting from the resultant spot kick but Luton manager Jim Ryan told his players to keep playing their football as the goals would surely come.

He was proved right with Kingsley Black levelling with a far post header, followed up by a brace from Iain Dowie to give the Town a convincing and merited victory. It was a pity that the gloss was taken off the win by Fleet Street's finest looking for reasons why Liverpool lost instead of why the Town won!



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## Into the archives a blast from the past courtesy of Roger Wash

When the Town suffered relegation to the old Division Four for the first time in their history in 1965, only six years after appearing in the F.A.Cup final, it was generally reckoned that crowds would continue to drop as the team reached rock bottom.

Surprisingly attendances stood up well, helped in no small part to the all out attacking play of the team, especially at home. Ace goalscorer John O'Rourke had been badly injured at Brentford at the start of the previous campaign but was now back to his best after a summer of complete rest. The inspired signing of ex-Blackburn centre half Matt Woods helped shore up a defence that had let in an alarming number of goals in 1964/65, leaving the team with a firm base to attack at will.

O'Rourke was not the only success in the forward line as he was developing a firm understanding with probably the most unlikely looking attacker in the club's history. Tony Read had been signed as a goalkeeper from Peterborough at the tail end of the 1964/65 season and typical of the malaise enveloping the club at the time was discovered to be suffering from a broken foot! This meant that he took no part in the Town's eventual vain attempt to escape relegation.

Manager George Martin obviously saw something in Read during pre-season training and with the campaign only a few games old slung him into the forward line with the aim of developing a partnership with O'Rourke.

By the time of the visit of Notts County to Kenilworth Road on 20th November 1965 the partnership had begun to bear fruit and the Town were looking formidable opposition at home. In the eight previous home games seven had been won with 24 goals being scored and the Read-O'Rourke partnership was beginning to make Fleet Street sit up and take notice.

The Town had played a gruelling FA Cup replay against Romford on the previous Thursday evening, winning 1-0 in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 11,061, so it was a disappointment that only 6,486 turned out to see a Magpies side that was perched in fourth position in the table against the Town who were one place below. The torrential rain that had been falling all day did not help though!

Before the eventful game started we were treated to some excitement on the terraces with Notts forward Tony Moulden blasting the ball into the Oak Road crowd during the pre-match kick-in. The missile hit my father, who was gossiping, full on the head and I still have visions of him being lifted to his feet with his glasses positioned a la Eric Morecambe.

The game got off to a positive start when, in the third minute, winger Ray Whittaker ran on to a quickly taken free-kick, sprinted thirty yards and shot hard and low into the net.

Derek Shiels then levelled for the Magpies, against the run of play, five minutes later when he was first to a loose ball in the Luton penalty area.

County, who had made five changes to their side following their previous week's F.A.Cup defeat at Southend, were on the back foot on the sodden surface and their spoiling tactics against the fast and clever Town forwards were not going down well with the Kenilworth Road faithful.

Justice was done when, after 16 minutes, Graham French was obstructed and then hacked down on the edge of the area leaving Read to hammer in the resultant free-kick with all the power of an ex-goalkeeper.

County then decided to play football and stretched the Town's defence on several occasions leading up to the interval but strong defending by the Town and wasteful play by the Magpies forwards kept them out. The



Ray Whittaker opens the scoring for the Town against Notts County in 1965.

Town appeared to be losing their grip on the game but two minutes from the break O'Rourke netted a typical opportunist effort. Beating full-back Ivan Hampton on the goal-line he then shot home from the narrowest of angles to give the Hatters a slightly flattering 3-1 interval lead.

Conditions were steadily becoming worse with water now standing on the surface in places and the pitch was fast turning into a muddy morass. Despite this the Town still attempted to play football but as they approached the Oak Road end, which in those days was always the worst part of the pitch when it rained, the ball stuck in the mud making it easy for the Notts defenders.

The Town, however, no longer looked likely to surrender their lead and a fourth goal followed on 69 minutes when a movement involving Graham French and O'Rourke left Read with time and space to pick his spot.

Three minutes later Read completed an

amazing hat-trick when he met a Whittaker corner with his head and sent the ball rocketing into the net as he dived spectacularly full length. The game drew to a close with Whittaker hitting a post and Read seeing a goal bound shot stop on the line.

Read finished the season with twelve goals to his credit but was looking increasingly cumbersome as the campaign wore on. Over the next two seasons he combined goalkeeping duties with occasional outfield appearances before finally becoming the acknowledged number one. 'Beryl' as he was affectionately called, eventually finished his Luton career in 1972 after amassing 229 first team appearances and, of course, 12 goals.

**Luton:** Tinsley, Thomson, Edwards, Reid, Woods, Moore, Harber, Read, O'Rourke, French, Whittaker.

**Notts County:** Butler, Hampton, Bircumshaw, Coates, Gibson, Sheridan, Bates, Moulden, Shiels, Still, Flower.



**THE JUNIOR Hatters took to the road again on Saturday, not only to support the team at Bristol Rovers, but to enjoy sport and friendship with the young Rovers fans. We hope to tell you more about our day out at Bristol in Saturday's matchday magazine.**

The visit to Turf Moor was certainly a rousing success, and our pictures give a flavour of the day's sporting contests between us and the Junior Claret and Blues.

They entertained us royally, and the only disappointment was that a six-a-side soccer match planned for the half-time interval could not be played for fear of doing harm to a very wet pitch.

But we were able to play indoor football in the smart leisure centre next to the Turf Moor stadium. Our picture shows some of the lads from the two organisations.

We helped to provide half-time entertainment by taking part in a relay race against our young friends from Burnley, and although we were pipped at the post, the picture taken at the half-

way stage - a baton change near a corner flag - shows just how close it was for most of the race. And to show we were all friends together, both teams came together for a group shot.

More and more clubs these days are putting in more effort to encourage young supporters, not only to follow their favourite team, but to enjoy friendships with "rival" clubs.

Luton Town is committed to efforts to build up good relationships with other clubs, and we hope that on Saturday we will have our friends from Blackpool with us for the day. We have also invited the youngsters from Stoke City to come and see us when David Oldfield and company are at Kenilworth Road on March 13.

For our part, we hope to organise Junior Hatters trips to all Saturday away games, and we will keep you informed of them through this column. We expect the next one to be to Walsall on March 6. If it goes ahead, demand will be high, and bookings will have to be made in advance. See next Saturday's programme for further details.



OUR Saturday Club for Junior Hatters will be in business as usual before the Blackpool game. We start at mid-day with games and football, before a sausage and chips lunch, more games, and then the match. The cost is only £5, or £9 with a match ticket. For more details, or to join the Junior Hatters, please contact the ticket office in Kenilworth Road.



**PROUD MOMENT:** Kyle Brightman, of Hillcroft Close, Luton, poses with the skippers and match officials before the toss-up when he was Junior Hatters mascot for the Wrexham game.

## Today's Mascot

OUR mascot tonight is 13-year-old Michael Gaunt, who admits to liking two sorts of football - as well as being a Junior Hatter and Luton Town supporter, he plays rugby football with one of the junior teams at Amphil RFC.



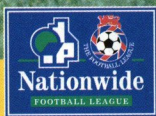
Michael, of Whitworth Way, Wilstead, also likes slalom canoeing, and is a member of the Viking Club at Bedford.

He goes to Hastingsbury Upper School at Kempston, and comes to Town matches with his dad and grand-dad, and they sit in the Kenilworth Road end, close to the goalposts.

Tonight he will be even closer, when he runs out with the teams for the pre-match kick-about after meeting his heroes in the dressing room.



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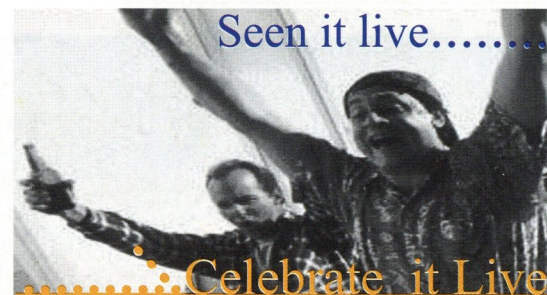
**THE APPEARANCE** on this page ten days ago of John L. Gardner, a former boxing champion, prompted the following letter, and photographic evidence, from Judy Brown, of Hatch End, Pinner:

You asked for Luton Town fans abroad with famous people. Well, this photo was taken in Ayia Napa, Cyprus, last summer - and who more famous than Liam George?

Liam and Gary Doherty were in Ayia Napa with the Northern Ireland side in the under-18 tournament. I went to the training ground and was very fortunate to be invited into the compound to watch the team train, and take photographs. After the training session Liam and Gary came over to say hello and to take photos. Would you believe, I ran out of film.

The day I was leaving to come home I went down to the harbour for a last look, and bumped into Liam and he kindly posed for this picture. It was too hot to wear my Luton top, but I have got my Luton shorts on!

I have been a Town supporter for nearly 30 years now. Most of that time I have been a Century Club member, but for the last two seasons my son Antony and myself have occupied one of the executive boxes. He has followed Luton for the same amount of time, and we both attend all the home and away games.



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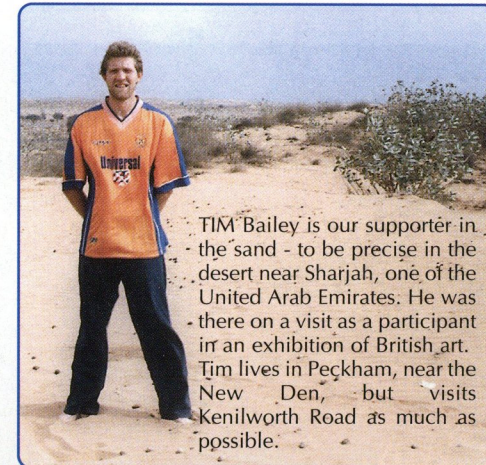


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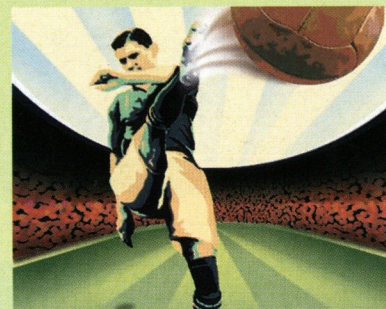
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TIM Bailey is our supporter in the sand - to be precise in the desert near Sharjah, one of the United Arab Emirates. He was there on a visit as a participant in an exhibition of British art. Tim lives in Peckham, near the New Den, but visits Kenilworth Road as much as possible.

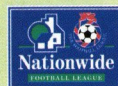
DO YOU fancy being in the matchday magazine? The supply of "Hatters Abroad" pictures seems to have just about dried up, but we're willing to consider any sort of fans' photographs that will be of interest to other supporters - holidays, with famous people, or even more nominations for the youngest supporter of all. Write to the matchday magazine editor at Luton Town FC.





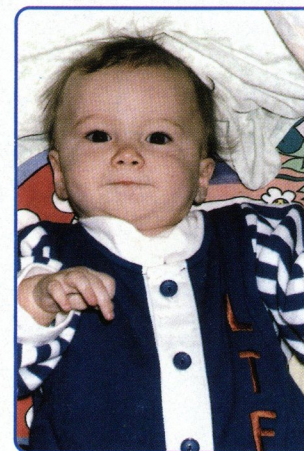
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# Tiny Hatters

## The Youngest Hatter?



SO FAR as we know, Chloe Wells, at eight weeks old, is the youngest fan to attend any Town match this season, as we reported in our last matchday magazine. But at the ripe old age of six months, Adam Holmes, pictured in an unofficial Luton "kit" was hoping to be at tonight's game... but couldn't get away from his home in Nottingham. He really wanted the game to be played on a Saturday afternoon.

His dad, regular supporter Pete Holmes, of Wollaton, Nottingham, explained: "Unfortunately, my wife Mandy works on Tuesday evenings, and I'll be baby-sitting rather than travelling down to cheer on the lads. Perhaps Adam can act as 'virtual mascot'!"

"Incidentally, one of my wife's colleagues at work is a certain Jo Farrell. Town fans will remember her husband - he is Sean, once of Luton Town and who is now with Notts County."

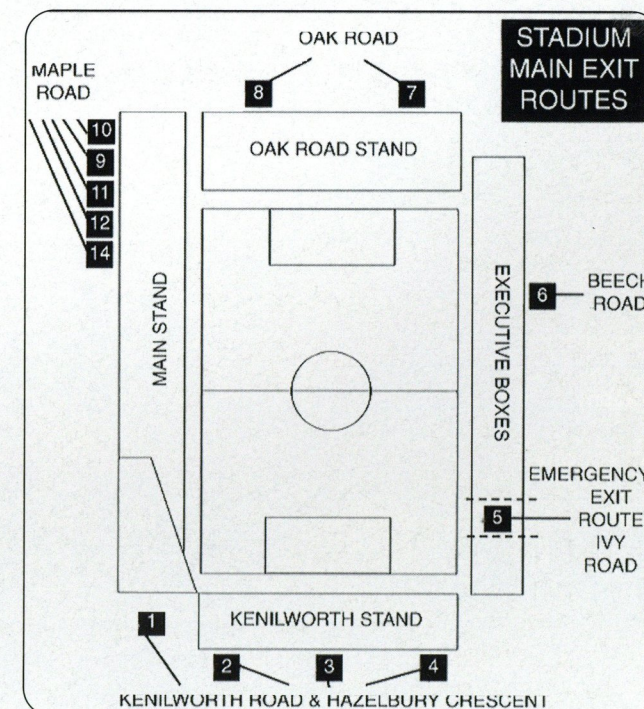
OUR other young fan pictured tonight is Rhian Clare, from Shephall Green, Stevenage. She is in the Junior Hatters, and as you can see one of her proudest possessions is her very own Town jumper, in all the right colours.

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# Action Replay

## Luton Town 1 Wrexham 2

**LENNIE** Lawrence confessed he could find no excuses for the scarcely-believable change in form which led to us losing at home for the fourth time this season.

We looked set for victory against one of our bogey teams when Gary Doherty smashed in a tremendous opening goal, but that only served to rouse Wrexham, who hit back with two of their own.

How could a team that had looked so good in winning at Burnley be so bad a week later? How could a team that deserved to score the first goal then so completely fall to pieces? Those were the two big questions, and the Town boss admitted he could find no real answers.

Perhaps some lay in Wrexham's tactics and confidence. In the first half two good saves by their goalkeeper kept them in the game, and it started to look as though they were prepared to play for a draw.

They were without leading scorer Karl Connolly, who hit a hat-trick in their 5-2 win at Kenilworth Road last season. He was given time off to be with his wife, who had gone into labour prematurely, and Jake Edwards, a 22-year-old striker, was given a surprise league debut.

It turned out to be a dream for him, and a nightmare for us, as he netted the equaliser and then laid on the winner for Carl Griffiths.

Wrexham boss Brian Flynn was unhappy with his team's efforts in the first half, when they failed to get a worthwhile shot on target. By contrast, Mark Cartwright had to save his team twice. After 13 minutes Ray McKinnon's cross was knocked down by Gary Doherty and Cartwright managed to spread himself to block a shot by Andrew Fotiadis. A foul by Dean Spink ten minutes later put Fotiadis out of the game, and into hospital for treatment for an ankle ligament injury, paving the way for Phil Gray to come off the bench for his first action after a three-game suspension and toe injury.

He nearly made a dramatic early impact, taking a flicked pass by Sean Evers and unleashing a tremendous volley towards the top corner, with Cartwright launching himself to pull off a top quality save.

Two minutes into the second half Doherty muscled his way past Spink and hammered a rising drive into the top corner from a difficult angle to give us

### MATCH DETAILS

**Luton Town:** Davis, Harrison (White 73 mins), Alexander, Spring, Dyche, Johnson, Evers, McLaren, Doherty, Fotiadis (Gray 25 mins), McKinnon (Cox 67 mins).

**Booked:** Gary Doherty, 23 minutes, foul on Dean Spink.

**Wrexham:** Cartwright, McGregor, Hardy, Brammer, Spink, Carey, Chalk, Russell, Edwards, Griffiths (Roberts 75 mins), Whitley. Unused subs: Ridler, Gibson.

**Booked:** Jeff Whitley, 47 mins, kicking ball away; David Brammer, 86 mins, foul on Matthew Spring; Dean Spink, 89 mins, foul on Phil Gray.

**The goals:** 1-0 47 mins: Gary Doherty, drive into the top corner from an acute angle; 1-1 57 mins: Jake Edwards shot from edge of the box; 1-2 67 mins: Carl Griffiths, completing his loan from Leyton Orient, close-range tap-in from Edwards header across the face of the goal.

**Referee:** Alan Wiley, Staffordshire.

**Attendance:** 4,759, lowest league gate of the season so far, but with very few Wrexham fans to swell the total.

the lead. Within five minutes Wrexham escaped when Cartwright blocked a shot by Graham Alexander, and Doherty's follow-up shot came back off the bar.

But instead of caving in, Wrexham realised they had to stir themselves, and sadly, we let them. Edwards lashed in a shot off a post for a 57th-minute equaliser, and ten minutes later he headed Martyn Chalk's right wing centre back across the face of goal for Griffiths to poach the winner.

Flynn said it had been a case of the Town's goal kick-starting his team into action. Lawrence said he as manager had to take the blame for his team's remarkable falling-away after the goal, and added: "For once I am at a loss for words to explain it."

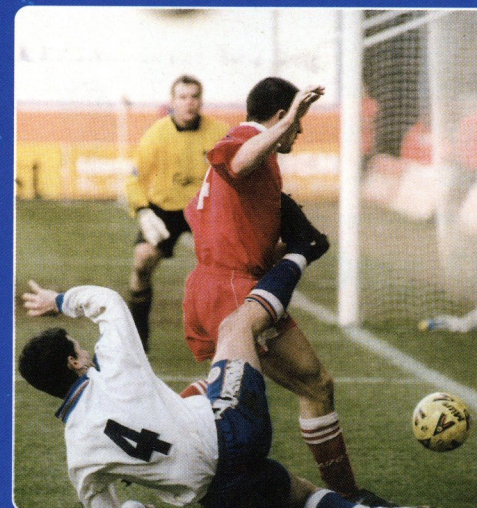
We put on two more subs in an effort to shake things up, but Wrexham were rarely made to look uncomfortable, with our only other hint of a threat a 25-yarder by Paul McLaren which was saved.



HERE IT COMES: Gary Doherty lines up his shot against Wrexham...



THERE IT GOES: Doherty's third goal in three games, with Mark Cartwright helpless.



### BEST FOOT FORWARD:

Matthew Spring strains everything to try to get the ball across the face of the Wrexham goal.



### WELCOME BACK:

Phil Gray, expecting to sit on the bench for an hour or so after injury and suspension, was in action earlier than expected after Andrew Fotiadis was hurt.



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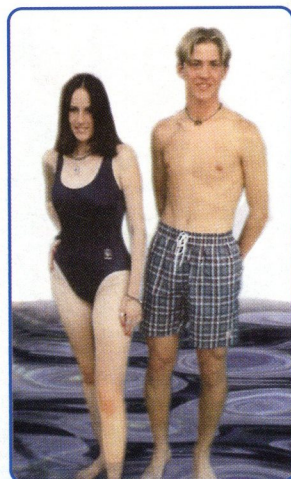
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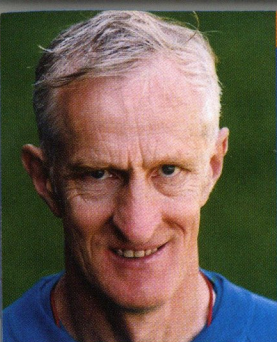
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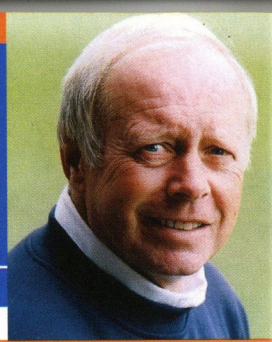
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# John Moore & Trevor Hartley

## reserves



## Chelsea 1 Luton Town 0

A VERY dubious penalty settled a match we hardly deserved to lose against a strong team which included several players with Premiership experience.

The brightest feature for us was that Liam George returned to competitive football six months after breaking a leg at Wigan. He was given 45 minutes, thoroughly enjoyed it, and came through well.

The deciding goal came early in the second half, and neither bench could understand why the penalty was given. The ref later said it was for a push by our goalkeeper on a Chelsea forward, and, as always, we have to accept the decision.

The goalkeeper in question was Maxime Agueh, a 20-year-old who has come over from France. He has looked useful in trials, and we were able to give him an Avon Combination debut when his international clearance came through.

On the left wing we had another trialist, Andy Turner, formerly with Tottenham and Portsmouth, and currently with Crystal Palace.

We subbed George after the first half, as we had always intended to, and Clifford Akurang, who replaced him, was twice close to scoring an equaliser. Dmitri Kharine made a good save on the first occasion, and on the second the shot was narrowly wide.

Despite the result, it was one of our better performances of the season, and our fitness and attitude was spot on. It was a very fast game, and hard-fought, and Chelsea knew it had been a close-run thing. We put three up front in the closing stages, and Mick McGiven, their coach, was on his feet demanding that his defenders got tight to prevent an equaliser.

There was nothing wrong with our teamwork, but we are losing too many away games by the odd goal and need more firepower. Our lads fancied putting one over a Premiership club, and it was unfortunate to lose to a harsh penalty.

**Luton Town:** Agueh, Lawes, Fraser, Scarlett, Willmott, Boyce, Zahana-Oni (Hudson 85 mins), George (Akurang HT), Kandol (Taylor 60 mins), McIndoe, Turner.

WE WERE due to be at home to Barnet last night, and a report of that game will be in Saturday's matchday magazine.

**Reserve appearances, including as sub, (goals in brackets):** Abbey 16, Agueh 1, Akurang 2, Alexander 1, Ayres 4, Bacque 14 (2 + 1 pen), Boyce 18 (1), Clarke 14, Cox 13 (1), Davies 11, Doherty 12 (3), Douglas 1 (1), Fotiadis 13 (9), Fraser 9 (1), George 1, Hudson 4, Jerry 4, Kandol 9 (3), Lawes 13, Lough 10 (1), Lopez 1, McIndoe 11 (1), McKoy 2, McLaren 5 (1), Minton 1, Nyamah 13 (2), Scarlett 19 (2), Showler 5, Sylla 2, Sweeney 4, Tate 5, Taylor 3, Thomas 3 (1), Turner 1, White 8 (5), Willmott 19 (1), Zahana-Oni 5 (2)

## Avon Insurance Combination

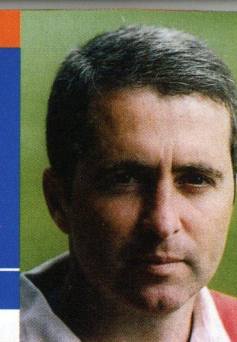
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peterborough	18	11	3	4	39	21	36
Southampton	19	11	2	6	34	25	35
Watford	17	9	6	2	33	14	33
Charlton	15	10	3	2	26	12	33
Tottenham	19	11	1	7	27	19	33
Ipswich	18	10	3	5	32	24	33
Fulham	17	9	5	3	43	21	32
Norwich	19	8	4	7	25	19	28
Northampton	16	8	3	5	22	15	27
Chelsea	17	9	1	7	21	18	26
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>
QPR	18	7	4	7	26	18	25
Portsmouth	17	7	3	7	28	29	24
West Ham	14	6	5	3	27	17	23
Colchester	19	7	2	10	26	36	23
Barnet	16	7	2	7	23	37	22
Brighton	16	6	4	6	17	25	22
Arsenal	16	6	3	7	26	24	21
Bournemouth	19	6	3	10	31	31	21
Wimbledon	18	5	6	7	22	28	21
C. Palace	15	5	4	6	30	27	19
Oxford Utd	16	6	1	9	19	28	19
Cambridge	15	4	4	7	18	31	16
Milwall	14	4	3	7	18	22	15
Swindon	16	4	3	9	19	30	15
Reading	16	4	2	10	21	31	14
Brentford	13	3	4	6	18	24	13
Gillingham	17	2	4	11	12	30	10
Wycombe	14	1	3	10	8	34	5

## Avon Insurance Combination League Fixtures - Season 1998/99

Wed 12 August	Brighton & Hove	H	4-1
Wed 26 August	Cambridge United	A	2-2
Wed 2 September	Portsmouth	A	3-2
Wed 16 September	Reading	H	3-0
Wed 23 September	Swindon Town	A	1-0
Wed 30 September	Charlton Athletic	H	1-3
Wed 7 October	Milwall	H	1-1
Wed 14 October	Gillingham	A	2-1
Wed 21 October	Brache Sparta (BPC)	A	8-0
Wed 28 October	Brentford	A	2-2
Wed 04 November	Crystal Palace	H	1-3
Wed 11 November	Watford	A	0-0
Mon 16 November	Kempston Rov (BPC)	A	3-0
Thur 19 November	Norwich City	A	0-6
Wed 25 November	Ipswich Town	H	2-3
Mon 14 December	Colchester United	H	0-2
Mon 21 December	Tottenham Hotspur	H	3-0
Mon 11 January	Wimbledon	H	1-1
Wed 20 January	Southampton	A	0-1
Mon 01 February	AFC Bournemouth	H	1-0
Mon 8 February	Fulham	A	2-3
Mon 15 February	Chelsea	A	0-1
Mon 22 February	Barnet	H	7pm
Wed 3 March	Biggleswade (BPC)	A	7.30pm
Wed 10 March	Queens Park Rangers	A	
Wed 17 March	Wycombe Wdrs	H	2pm
Wed 07 April	Oxford	H	2pm
Thur 15 April	Northampton Town	A	
Wed 21 April	Peterborough United	H	2pm
To be arranged	West Ham	A	
To be arranged	Arsenal	A	
To be arranged	Bournemouth	A	

# Paul Lowe

## youth



## Portsmouth 1 Luton Town 1

THE RESULT was not as good as we had hoped for, nor as good as we deserved on the run of play, but you could not fault our boys for effort and commitment. They really gave it a go, and it was another game where the opposition pulled out that little bit extra to try to make an impression on a top team.

Brentford won 1-0 at Wycombe on the same day, so we lost a little ground in the fight for the South East Counties League championship.

We made a bright start against Pompey, and looked like gaining control, especially when we scored after 13 minutes. Matthew Taylor broke down the left and fired over a hard cross which Clifford Akurang converted with a punched header.

Portsmouth put their faith in power, and we looked for more from the referee as the game was spoiled by a lot of late challenges and off the ball incidents, but it was pleasing to see the way our players refused to get involved.

The equaliser came after 25 minutes, when Daniel Tate was unable to hold on to a cross, and a Portsmouth striker accepted a bit of a gift. It was tough on Tate - he has been playing very well, and this was a rare mistake. In the second half we were well on top, and he only had a couple of saves to make. Our passing was quicker and good to see, but the disappointing aspect was that we could not convert our chances. Some days they go in, some days they don't, and at the end Portsmouth were delighted to get away with the draw.

**Luton Town:** Tate, Moran, Howe, Ayres, Taylor, McKoy (Mansell 75 mins), Minton, Hudson, Jerry, Akurang, Kandol. Unused subs: Stirling, Harrington.

WE WERE at home to Cambridge United on Saturday, and a report of that game will be in the next matchday magazine. Next Saturday we are away to Colchester.

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

Akurang 20 (8), Ayres 22 (1), Barriteau 2, Carroll 8, Clarke 3 (2), Crane 3 (2), Dolby 2, Dollin 6, Harrington 7 (1), Hammond 2, Howe 25, Hudson 9, Jerry 22 (1), Kandol 24 (16), Mansell 5 (1), McKoy 19 (4), Mentore 4, Minton 24, Moran 17, Mortara 3, Orchard 1, Plant 1, Stirling 22 (1), Tate 21, Taylor 23 (3), Thomas 12 (1), Tyson 11 (2), Ward 2, Wraight 2.

## South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	23	15	4	4	55	24	49
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>47</b>
L. Orient	24	13	7	4	52	28	46
Bristol Rov	23	9	5	9	42	44	32
Barnet	21	9	4	8	24	22	31
Brighton	20	8	6	6	30	27	30
Reading	24	6	12	6	30	32	30
Portsmouth	25	7	9	9	32	42	30
Wycombe	23	6	11	6	27	27	29
Cambridge	22	6	9	7	35	43	27
Colchester	24	8	2	14	37	40	26
Swindon	23	7	5	11	29	33	26
Bournemouth	22	8	2	12	32	45	26
Gillingham	22	7	4	11	25	35	24
Southend	26	6	5	15	32	52	23
Oxford	20	6	4	10	21	32	22

Up to and including 19 February 1999

## Youth Team Fixtures

Sat 08 August	Brentford	A	2-4
Sat 15 August	AFC Bournemouth	H	4-2
Sat 22 August	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	0-0
Sat 29 August	Bristol Rovers	H	3-1
Sat 05 September	Oxford United	A	3-0
Sat 07 September	Swindon (SJFCP)	H	2-0
Sat 12 September	Reading	H	2-2
Sat 19 September	Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-0
Sat 26 September	Gillingham	H	2-2
Sat 03 October	Leyton Orient	A	3-0
Sat 10 October	Portsmouth	H	3-0
Sat 17 October	Cambridge United	A	4-0
Tue 21 October	Colchester (FAYC)	H	0-1
Sat 24 October	Colchester United	H	2-0
Sat 31 October	Southend United	H	3-1
Sat 07 November	Swindon	A	1-0
Wed 11 November	Northampton (SJFC1)	H	3-1
Sat 14 November	Barnet	H	2-0
Sat 21 November	AFC Bournemouth	A	2-1
Sat 28 November	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	2-0
Sat 05 December	Barnet	A	0-2
Sat 12 December	Brentford	H	2-1
Sat 23 January	Wycombe Wanderers	H	0-0
Sat 06 February	Leyton Orient	H	1-3
Sat 13 February	Portsmouth	A	1-1
Sat 20 February	Cambridge United	H	
Sat 27 February	Colchester United	A	
Sat 06 March	Southend United	A	
Sat 13 March	Swindon Town	H	
Sat 20 March	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat 27 March	Reading	A	
Sat 10 April	Oxford United	H	
Sat 17 April	Gillingham	A	



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## 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
11	7	5	5	1	4	13	1	Bournemouth	5	9	3	3	0	1	6	0
8	5	4	6	2	0	6	1	Blackpool	5	4	9	3	0	5	6	1
1	8	5	0	0	2	23	0	Bristol Rovers	5	7	3	3	0	2	11	1
6	5	5	6	0	1	13	0	Burnley	7	12	8	1	0	3	18	1
10	8	3	3	0	3	5	1	Chesterfield	10	3	3	1	0	1	6	2
14	2	4	1	0	4	8	0	Colchester United	8	5	4	9	0	6	10	2
13	4	3	2	1	3	15	0	Fulham	9	2	2	2	3	0	3	0
8	7	10	8	2	1	9	1	Gillingham	7	6	3	0	1	1	7	1
6	8	3	1	0	2	8	1	Lincoln City	11	11	4	4	0	2	13	2
10	8	3	4	1	1	11	0	Luton Town	7	5	4	4	1	2	14	1
6	5	5	1	0	0	4	0	Macclesfield Town	5	6	5	5	3	3	8	2
11	5	6	4	2	1	6	1	Manchester City	6	3	1	2	0	3	8	0
8	5	5	3	0	1	11	1	Millwall	10	1	7	4	1	3	11	0
6	5	3	2	1	4	3	0	Northampton Town	12	2	4	5	0	2	5	2
10	2	1	4	1	4	4	1	Notts County	12	7	3	3	1	1	14	1
11	6	3	4	0	0	5	1	Oldham Athletic	11	10	6	5	1	0	7	0
18	12	4	4	0	1	14	2	Preston North End	9	4	3	2	0	3	7	2
9	9	2	3	0	3	7	1	Reading	9	7	6	1	0	5	10	1
15	4	2	3	0	3	8	2	Stoke City	11	6	3	1	0	0	7	0
11	8	6	4	1	2	7	3	Walsall	10	9	3	3	0	0	8	0
9	6	4	4	0	3	14	2	Wigan Athletic	5	2	5	5	0	0	10	2
4	5	4	4	0	1	8	3	Wrexham	14	7	1	8	0	3	11	0
7	1	4	3	1	3	8	0	Wycombe Wanderers	11	6	4	2	3	3	10	1
6	2	4	3	2	5	16	1	York City	20	4	3	4	1	3	15	1

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

## 1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

### Highest/Lowest Gates

32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug  
1,998 Macclesfield v Millwall 26-Jan

### Highest Aggregate Scores

Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug  
Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug  
Bristol Rovers 3-4 Walsall 31-Oct

Bristol Rovers 3-4 Burnley 9-Jan

### Biggest Home Win

Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct  
Bournemouth 5-0 Burnley 21-Nov

### Biggest Away Win

Reading 0-6 Bristol Rovers 16-Jan

### Consecutive Wins

Fulham, Stoke 6

### Games Unbeaten

M.C. Gillingham 17

### Consecutive Defeats

Lincoln, Macclesfield 6

### 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	FA
Bournemouth	22	47	27	12	11	2	Stein	13	5	1
Blackpool	26	32	33	10	23	3	Aldridge	6	2	1
Bristol Rovers	25	39	32	10	17	6	Roberts/Cureton	9/13	0/1	7/2
Burnley	37	36	50	4	20	7	Payton	14	1	2
Chesterfield	23	33	26	10	20	6	Howard	9	1	0
Colchester United	25	33	44	4	20	2	Gregory D	8	2	0
Fulham	28	41	21	15	8	1	Peschisolidi	5	1	2
Gillingham	25	46	26	12	22	4	Asaba	15	0	0
Lincoln City	29	29	47	7	24	14	Battersby	7	1	1
Luton Town	29	38	38	6	14	2	Gray	6	3	2
Macclesfield Town	28	21	37	5	24	20	Tomlinson	2	0	4
Manchester City	29	36	23	13	14	1	Goater	9	2	1
Millwall	27	34	37	9	14	5	Harris	10	0	0
Northampton Town	31	24	34	6	22	14	Corazzin	9	0	0
Notts County	33	27	42	3	22	5	Jones	2	0	6
Oldham Athletic	28	30	40	7	23	14	Allott	7	1	0
Preston North End	22	55	30	12	7	1	Nogan	13	0	3
Reading	36	34	39	8	23	8	Williams	11	0	0
Stoke City	21	37	28	11	6	1	Kavanagh/Lightbourne	6/6	1/0	0/1
Walsall	26	42	33	12	11	2	Rammell	14	1	0
Wigan Athletic	23	42	29	11	23	8	Barlow	12	1	1
Wrexham	25	29	44	7	19	2	Connolly	6	1	5
Wycombe Wanderers	26	27	40	7	24	19	Scott/Brown	4/3	0/2	1/0
York City	24	39	51	4	24	8	Cresswell	15	0	3

## Yellow & Red Cards

	Yellow	Red	.....Pts
Millwall	58	7	.....79
Wycombe Wanderers	61	6	.....79
Burnley	61	5	.....76
Bristol Rovers	44	8	.....68
Wigan Athletic	65	1	.....68
Manchester City	51	5	.....66
Gillingham	50	4	.....62
Blackpool	61	0	.....61
Luton Town	44	5	.....59
Reading	47	4	.....59
Lincoln City	49	3	.....58
Stoke City	49	2	.....55
Northampton Town	49	1	.....52
Oldham Athletic	40	4	.....52
Wrexham	44	2	.....50
Walsall	39	3	.....48
Preston North End	35	4	.....47
Chesterfield	34	4	.....46
Colchester United	43	1	.....46
York City	29	4	.....41
Macclesfield Town	31	3	.....40
AFC Bournemouth	33	2	.....39
Notts County	33	1	.....36
Fulham	33	0	.....33

## Current Sequences

### Consecutive Wins

Colchester, Gillingham, Walsall,  
Wrexham 2

### Games Unbeaten

Man City 8

### Consecutive Defeats

York 3

### Games without a Win

Northampton 7

## Div.2 Stat Attack

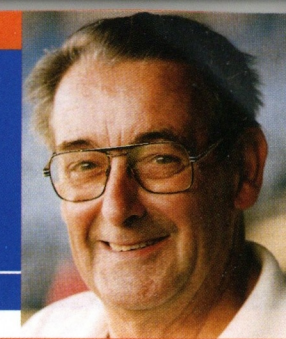
## Div. 2 Attendance Details

	Highest	Lowest	Average
Manchester City	32,134	24,291	27,791
Stoke City	23,272	10,557	13,693
Preston North E.	15,888	8,656	11,109
Reading	18,108	7,914	10,802
Fulham	14,284	7,447	10,623
Burnley	11,925	8,526	10,124
Millwall	12,726	4,249	7,109
Bournemouth	10,946	4,863	6,589
Bristol Rovers	7,529	5,039	6,222
Northampton T.	7,557	5,210	6,156
Gillingham	9,221	4,575	6,040
Notts County	10,316	4,445	5,795
Oldham Athletic	12,976	4,195	5,729
Luton Town	9,070	4,759	5,674
Blackpool	10,868	2,990	5,446
Wycombe Wndrs	8,129	3,361	5,099
Walsall	9,517	3,098	5,078
Lincoln City	7,338	2,949	4,541
Chesterfield	6,138	3,681	4,438
Wrexham	9,048	2,716	4,374
Colchester United	6,377	3,228	4,362
Wigan Athletic	6,700	2,784	4,039
York City	7,527	2,075	3,612
Macclesfield T.	6,381	1,998	3,426

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# Brian Swain

## second division scene



TWO defeats on the trot have pushed us back into the lower half of the Second Division table, but with a good chance tonight of regaining 12th place. Victory would edge us ahead of Blackpool on goals scored, and we would still have a game in hand on them.

Two former Town players were at the heart of events which played a part in the league leadership changing hands again on Saturday.

Our visitors tonight had the bad luck to be sent to Fulham to meet a club bubbling after the news that its boss, Kevin Keegan, had taken the mantle as "people's choice" to be caretaker manager of England.

Fulham had dropped to second in the table 10 days ago, Preston taking advantage as Keegan's men were earning considerable praise by losing only 1-0 at Manchester United in the FA Cup.

Fulham duly saw off Notts County on their return to league action, pushing County to bottom but one, their lowest league placing of the season. It was their third consecutive defeat, and they have taken only one point out of the last 21. Gary Owers got their goal, with Jeff Horsfield netting both for Fulham in a 2-1 win, taking his season's tally to 16. The Town are still the only visiting team to win at Craven Cottage.

The second most important result for Fulham on Saturday was from Reading, where Preston were the visitors needing to win to be sure of staying top of the table.

They had a chance to take the lead, but Kurt Nogan's penalty was saved. Darren Caskey put Reading ahead, but Preston thought they had rescued a point with an 80th-minute strike by Steve Basham, his third goal in two games since joining on loan from Southampton. But Reading were awarded an

injury-time penalty, and Tony Thorpe, on loan from Bristol City converted it for his first goal for his temporary employers.

The top two teams are both in action again tonight, Fulham at home to Reading, which should be a nice occasion for Cottage reject Thorpe, while Preston entertain Lincoln City. Third-placed Walsall, after a 1-1 home draw with Chesterfield on Saturday, are away to Northampton.

Gillingham are still fourth after drawing 1-1 at home to Colchester, while Manchester City have moved into the top five for the first time this season. Their 2-0 home win over Macclesfield on Saturday was their ninth game without defeat, and it enabled them to overtake Bournemouth. The Cherries are the only team in the whole of the Nationwide League without a home defeat, but the play-off push is wobbling on their travels. Like us, they have lost seven away games, including Saturday's 2-1 reverse at Wigan.

The troubles that have hit Stoke refuse to go away. Leaders of Division Two until just before Christmas, they saw Brian Little take the manager of the month award for the second time in December, and then the curse really struck.

Tonight they are out of the play-off frame for the first time, after being beaten 2-0 at Millwall. In nine league games since Little collected his prize, Stoke have managed just one win, at home to Northampton, two draws and six defeats. They are now two points adrift of the play-off places.

Still, plenty of teams would swap places with them, not least Burnley. Steve Davis, the match-winner when we went to Wycombe on the opening day of the season, was there again on Saturday But his new team had a wretched afternoon as Wycombe fight a survival battle under Lawrie Sanchez. Their first win under his management was a tempestuous affair, with Sanchez storming onto the pitch after a foul which led to Burnley's Lenny Johnrose being sent off. Michael Simpson and Keith Scott scored in Wycombe's 2-0 win, and in the closing minutes Burnley were down to nine men when Ally Pickering collected his second yellow card.

After being in the bottom two nearly all season, Wycombe are beginning to believe they can escape the drop, although it was bad news for them to hear that Northampton had won 1-0 at Oldham.

## Tonight's other Second Division fixtures

Bristol Rovers v Gillingham  
Fulham v Reading  
Northampton v Walsall  
Preston North End v Lincoln City



# 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 (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	BARNLEY	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	0-4	4,934	Davis	Harrison	White	Spring
SAT	30		A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	H	3.00pm	2-2 (McKinnon, Doherty)	5,426	Davis	Harrison	McGowan	Spring
SAT	06	FEBRUARY	BURNLEY	A	3.00pm	2-1 (Fotiadis, Doherty)	10,285	Abbey	Harrison	McGowan	Spring
SAT	13		WREXHAM	H	3.00pm	1-2 (Doherty)	4,759	Davis	Harrison	Alexander	Spring
SAT	20		BRISTOL ROVERS	A	3.00pm	0-1	6,361	Davis	Alexander	White	McIndoe
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 goalkeeper, then on the books of Nottingham Forest, made 14 loan appearances for the Town in the 1991/92 season?

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

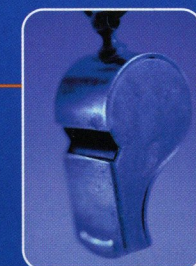
## Substitutes

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	McIndoe	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
Dyche	Johnson	McGowan	Evers	Douglas	Fotiadis	Zahana-Oni	Doherty for Fotiadis HT, McIndoe for Zahana-Oni 64. Unused: Scarlett
Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Douglas	Doherty	McKinnon	Zahana-Oni for Douglas 74; White for Harrison 79. Unused: Scarlett
Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Douglas	Fotiadis	McKinnon	Doherty for Douglas 72; Alexander for McKinnon 77; White for McGowan 88.
Dyche	Johnson	Evers	McLaren	Doherty	Fotiadis	McKinnon	Gray for Fotiadis 25; Cox for McKinnon 67; White for Harrison 73
Dyche	Johnson	Scarlett	McLaren	Douglas	Doherty	McKinnon	Zahana-Oni for Scarlett 73; Kandol for McIndoe 77. Unused: Fraser.

## The Man in Charge

PAYING his first visit of the season to Kenilworth Road is tonight's referee, Rob Styles, from Waterlooville, Hampshire. He made rapid progress after qualifying as a ref in Portsmouth nearly 12 years ago - it took him only two years to go up from Class Three to Class One.

Mr Styles, a married company director, reached the national list of referees for the Nationwide League three years ago, having progressed via the Hants County, Isthmian and Wessex leagues. As well as football, he is interested in all other sports, in particular cricket.







## Luton Town v Notts County



Kelvin Davis	1	Darren Ward	1
Graham Alexander	2	Ian Hendon	2
Gavin McGowan	3	Dennis Pearce	3
Matthew Spring	4	Matt Redmile	4
Sean Dyche	5	Richard Liburd	5
Marvin Johnson	6	Ian Richardson	6
Andre Scarlett	7	Gary Owers	7
Paul McLaren	8	Mark Warren	8
Stuart Douglas	9	Gerry Creaney	9
Phil Gray	10	Peter Beadle	10
Ray McKinnon	11	Alex Dyer	11
Alan White	12	Andy Hughes	12
Michael McIndoe	13	Francis Tierney	13
Gary Doherty	14	Gary Jones	14

**Referee:** Rob Styles, Waterlooville

**Assistants:** R. Brayne, Harlow (yellow flag)

R. B. Ward, Milton Keynes (yellow & red flag)

**Reserve official:** D. White, Royston



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