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welcome to kenilworth road



OUR HOPES of another good run in the Worthington Cup ended at Bristol on Wednesday night, leaving us reflecting wistfully on what might have been. "If only" are often two of the biggest words in football,

and they certainly came to us with a vengeance at the Memorial Ground. Lennie Lawrence develops the point in his column today.

But there were plenty of good points. We made eight changes from the team that played at Reading, and still came home with a 2-2 draw on the night. It was a good team performance, including a splendid first senior goal for 17-year-old Tresor Kandol, whose marksmanship for the youth and reserve teams last season made him the club's top scorer.

The biggest "If only" on the night was if only we had protected the lead to give us a real chance of doing to Rovers what we did to Oxford and Ipswich last season.

We needed the first goal, and Phil Gray and Emmerson Boyce threatened to get it in the first half, although we also enjoyed a spot of luck when Robbie Pethick smashed a 20-yard drive against a post.

Our hopes rose when Gray sent Boyce, one of

the night's big successes, down the left wing. He skipped past an attempted tackle, laid off a simple pass to Kandol, and the left-foot shot was hit instinctively into the narrow gap between goalkeeper and near post.

That was less than two minutes into the second half, and Rovers nerves were visibly jangling. If only we had kept them out a little longer...

Nathan Abbey made a good save from Jason Roberts, at that time the only Rovers man to score this season, but then missed an attempted catch to give Roberts the chance deliver an excellent lob for the equaliser.

That left us half an hour to score two goals to force extra time, but mass indecision by the defence let in Jamie Cureton with 18 minutes to go, and although Gary Doherty looped in the night's equaliser on 80 minutes, the mountain we had built for ourselves in losing at home in the first leg was an impossible Everest by then.

We had Adam Locke making his debut for us after signing a short-term contract, and the Town have given a similar deal to another midfielder, Richard O'Connor.

Locke, 29, has been released by Bristol City while O'Connor, who will be 21 on Monday, has left Wimbledon after serving his time there as a YTS boy and junior professional. We welcome them both to Luton Town.

Lock comes with plenty of experience. Born at Croydon, he joined his local club, Crystal Palace as a YTS boy, but had to move on to Southend to become a Football League player. He went on to Colchester before his move to Ashton Gate. Released in the summer, he impressed in pre-season games with the Town before the manager was in a position to offer him a contract.

We are awaiting news about another Ashton Gate player the manager would like to sign. As things stand at present, we may be saying good-bye to defender Julian Watts next week. His loan from Bristol City expires after next Saturday's match, but Lennie Lawrence will try to extend the deal, or make it permanent. Watts has impressed everyone, not least his fellow players, with his professionalism, and the manager's view of him was made clear on Wednesday when he was named as skipper against Bristol Rovers.

An agreement with Bristol City may be sorted out to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned, but



Front cover:

ON THE BALL: Andrew Fotiadis in action against Blackpool. His performance ensured he kept his place in the side at Reading, where he scored his first goal of the season in our 2-1 win - Report and more pictures pages 38 & 39.

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Cup-tie details

Bristol Rovers 2 Luton Town 2

(Aggregate 4-2)

Luton Town: Abbey, Locke, Sodje, Boyce, White, Watts, Gray, McKinnon, Douglas (Doherty 67 mins), McIndoe, Kandol (Fotiadis 67 mins). Unused subs: Scarlett, Davis, Ward (GK).

Booked: Effy Sodje, 57 mins, and Alan White, 86 mins, both for fouls on Jason Roberts.

Bristol Rovers: Jones, Pritchard, Challis, Foster, Thomson, Tillson, Mauge (Bryant 77 mins), Hillier, Cureton, Roberts, Pethick. Unused subs: Trought, Ellington, Bennett, Kuipers (GK)

Booked: Ronnie Mauge, 6 mins, foul on Emerson Boyce; Jamie Cureton, 43 mins, taking a dive over Julian Watts.

The goals: 0-1, 47 mins - Tresor Kandol, his first in senior football, with a sharp left foot shot after excellent work by Emmerson Boyce down the left flank; 1-1 59 minutes - Jason Roberts, his third in the tie, capitalising after Nathan Abbey dropped the ball; 2-1 72 mins - Jamie Cureton after the Town failed to deal with a right wing cross and a header down in the box; 2-2, 80 mins - Gary Doherty looping header from the edge of the box, from a diagonal ball in by Ray McKinnon.

Referee: Barry Knight, Orpington.

Attendance: 4,414, including 134 away fans.

the chance of getting Tony Thorpe back seems to have taken a series of knocks in the past week.

Bristol City announced that they had turned down a £300,000 bid from Lawrence for the striker who was surplus to requirements at the start of the season, but who is now back in the fold.

Ironically, it started at Kenilworth Road ten days ago, on the ground where Thorpe has always looked star material. He did again - playing for Bristol City Reserves. He had a blinder, and scored in a 3-1 victory.

That was enough to persuade Tony Pulis, the new manager at Ashton Gate, to recall Thorpe to his Second Division squad.

He sent him on as a sub at Wigan, and saw him win and convert a penalty. On Tuesday, Thorpe was put into the starting line-up for the first time since Pulis took charge, and scored again, to help City go through to the second round of the Worthington Cup at the expense of Cambridge.

So now, having begun the haggling when Thorpe was a reserve, we are asked to prise out a member of the City league squad. I know Thorpe wanted to come back permanently when he was here on loan last season, but today, under very different circumstances, he is talking about staying at Bristol to try to reclaim his place on a regular basis.

Brian Swain

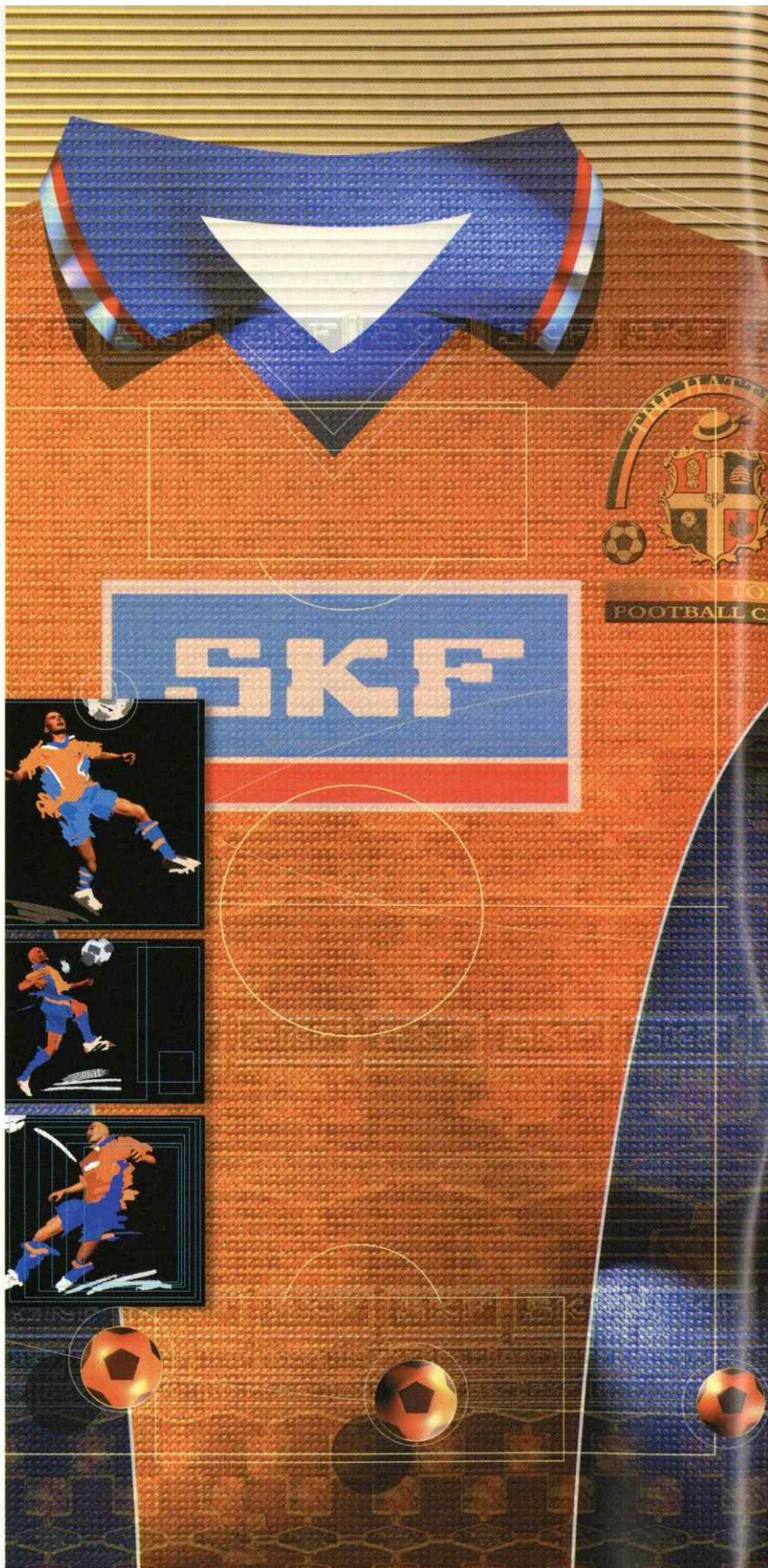
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The Manager

Lennie Lawrence



IT WAS very disappointing to go out of the Worthington Cup at Bristol, on a night when we might well have done so much better, if only...

We got the first goal, as we needed to, and if only we had not conceded an equaliser so soon afterwards, things might have got very interesting. If only our defence had been a bit sharper to prevent their second, which was the killer goal. And if only we had not lost on our own pitch to Bristol Rovers in the first leg.

That was where the real damage was done, but there were some real plus points to come out of Tuesday's game. I had made a lot of changes, for various reasons. They tell me it is the done thing to "rotate" you squad in modern football, and we did, mainly because we had several players desperately in need of games, and seeking match fitness.

The change in our reserve football set-up has not helped on that score, with games only once a fortnight.

Another reason for changes to the team for the trip to Bristol was that I was determined we should have players feeling fresh for today, and most of those left out on Wednesday will be back in the side to meet Cardiff City.

The odd thing about Wednesday was that the side had more league experience than the one that did so well at Reading. Tresor Kandol will be 18 on Monday, so he enjoyed his early "birthday present" and we all enjoyed the goal he scored, and the part Emmerson Boyce played in it.

To get a 2-2 draw away to Bristol Rovers was not a bad result - before Wednesday no other team had as much scored a goal

against the Rovers in their four games played this season.

All in all, it has not been a bad week for Luton Town, despite the cup dismissal. That was another unbeaten away game, to follow the good performance at Reading. The home supporters thought Reading did enough to draw, but we had made as many chances as Reading, and snatched the result in the end.

We could have done the same at Bristol, but now that's history, and we will be keen to do the business this afternoon.

Home results were a problem last season, and we don't want that to happen again, although in general, home advantage nowadays is not, apparently, as significant as it used to be. Last week's Second Division results produced six home wins out of the 12 fixtures. In Division One it was five out of 12, and it was only four in Division Three.

Today we know that Cardiff will be keen to prove that away teams can take points from Luton, as from anywhere else. We welcome them back to Luton after their promotion last season, and it is obvious they will set us a good test after an excellent Worthington Cup result on Wednesday when they beat QPR on penalties at Loftus Road, after losing at home in the first leg.

I don't know how much that effort might have taken out of them, but I do know that victories breed confidence, and Cardiff come here having won both their away games so far this season.

But I believe we have enough about us to collect three more points which will cement a top six place, and that is what we are going for.

Enjoy the game.

Lennie Lawrence

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Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson



THE result at Bristol on Wednesday may have been disappointing, but overall our feeling in the dressing room is that we are doing OK so far, and it has not been a bad start to the season.

We have a platform to build on, and a good result today would set us up nicely as we look forward to Tuesday's trip to Bournemouth and then two home games on the trot.

Our home record let us down last season, and we are determined to put that right this time.

I was one of the players rested on Wednesday, so I cannot say too much about the result against Bristol Rovers. We know that really we all but lost that cup-tie when we let them win at Kenilworth Road, and in the circumstances to go to Bristol and come away with a 2-2 draw was quite creditable, especially as Rovers had not previously conceded a goal this season.

We would have enjoyed another cup run, having got the taste last season, but now it is a matter of concentrating on what really matters most, collecting league points.

We were all well pleased to win at Reading, no one more than me, because a late injury kept

me out of the team that played in the first-ever game in that magnificent stadium, when we were beaten.

On Saturday we well deserved to turn the tables, and how nice it was to see two of our younger players getting the goals.

Defensively we are not looking too bad, and the system we are playing is working well. We have learned to cope with only three men committed to defence, and the wingbacks, Stuart Fraser and Matthew Taylor, give us pace on the break. I think we are always capable of scoring goals, and we are beginning to get a good mix of youth and experience.

It is a long time since we played Cardiff City in the league, but we know they will be determined to do well this afternoon. Having won promotion last season, they are going well as they to extend that good run into this season. They had an excellent cup result on Wednesday, which will have done their confidence no harm, but we too fancy our chances of getting a good result.

Whatever happens, I hope we all have a match to enjoy, and preferably with another three points in the bag.

Marvin Johnson

JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED:

When ten-year-old Andrew Bywaters, of Wingate Road, Luton, suffered a broken leg in a road accident, the hardest pain to bear was when the medics had to cut off his Luton Town shorts and socks in the casualty department at Luton and Dunstable Hospital before they could begin treatment.

The doctors thought the young Hatters fan needed a quick tonic, and his family organised a surprise visit, from Town skipper Marvin Johnson. He took a brand new Town kit with him, and Gareth Owen's picture shows the happiness it brought.



Treatment Room

Clive Goodyear



WHILE most of our players are in good shape in terms of health and fitness, despite a busy schedule of matches, we are waiting

anxiously for further information on knee injuries suffered by Gavin McGowan and Landry Zahana-Oni.

Both were having scans this week, and the results will enable us to determine the best course of treatment.

Landry was pencilled in for a place in our squad which went to Reading on Saturday, but was hurt in training. The routine clinical tests showed some discomfort, and the scan was to check the vital structures in the joint, the ligaments and cartilage.

McGowan has been out of action since pre-season, but was on his way back until he too suffered further injury after returning to training.

As with Zahana-Oni, the scan is to enable us to work out what we do next. It has a double purpose, to try to find what is wrong, and to eliminate the other potential problems.

Zahana-Oni and Stuart Douglas were both pencilled in for the squad to play at Reading last week, but were ruled out by incidents in Friday's training session. McGowan and Zahana-Oni were unfortunate to fall awkwardly, but Douglas was put out of action after he and Julian Watts went into a tackle.

It was a collision of knees, and in fact it was touch and go whether Watts would be all right to play at Reading.

You might wonder why we get injuries like that in training, but the answer is simple: the point about training and practice matches is to make them as realistic as possible. League football is a physical game, and the training has to reflect that.

Training has little value if you do not approach it as though you are playing a real match. Our players work hard in training. If they didn't, they couldn't do the job on Saturdays.

It was just as hard when I was a player, but the big difference now is that we are much more aware of the need to monitor training.

For instance, in my day it was nothing unusual to go through a draining one-hour session. Nowadays we have a far greater appreciation of the need to include rest and drinks breaks. Three 20-minute spells of hard training are more beneficial than one session an hour long. If you are working as hard as you should be your muscles use up their energy and need time to recover, which is why we take a little break, and then go again.

Supporters who went to Bristol on Wednesday will doubtless have spotted that youth team goalkeeper Scott Ward was on the subs' bench.

It was a precaution because Daniel Tate, the sub goalkeeper in previous games, was suffering from a stiff neck, but I do not expect it to be a major problem, and Tate should be available today if he is required.

Clive Goodyear

Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery



I WANT first today to say a big thank-you to all who supported the sponsored balloon race at the last home match - not just SKF (U.K.) for backing it, but the 400 supporters who bought balloons to take part.

We are still waiting to discover how far the balloons have travelled - the one that covers the greatest mileage will win a VIP day out at Luton Town. We will let you know the results when we have them.

Having offered a bouquet to those who have been helpful to the club - the proceeds from the balloon race all go to club funds.

I am sure I was not the only supporter who was extremely disappointed to read in a local paper comments attributed to Margaret Moran MP about Luton Town.

Luton Town take our community involvement very seriously. We have a full-time staff working on it, and time and again the manager and players become involved.

There are literally hundreds of children who can testify to Luton Town's involvement with the community, not least in terms of running football coaching schemes, inside and outside the schools.

The local authority has various forums to foster community projects, and we are represented on them, and take our responsibilities very seriously. A lot of our community work is done quietly and behind the scenes, including visits by players to all sorts of organisations. Have a look at Marvin Johnson's page today, for instance, for news of the club's response to a plea from a young supporter who needed a lift after being in a road accident.



● **FLYING HIGH:** the balloon race gets under way. Left to right are Jerry Truman, SKF marketing manager, Cherry Newbery, Happy Harry and Sharon Smith, SKF finance manager. The children are Ryan and Nicholas Smith and Allan Truman

I made contact with Mrs Moran to let her know our feelings about the article. Her reply was to send us a copy of a letter she has sent to the newspaper as a follow-up to the original article. It speaks of the unsung heroes, the staff and the team who stuck with it through the difficult days. She adds: "They have managed to maintain their work in the club and in the community."

At least we agree with her conclusion: "Now is the opportunity for everyone to pull together to support our club and promote its long-term future."

Cherry Newbery

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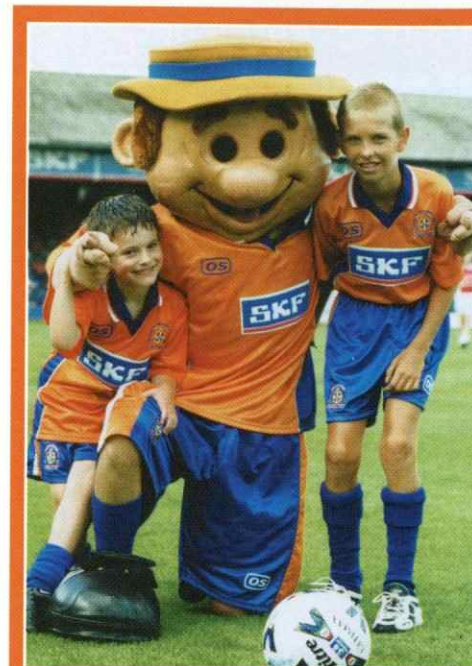
Junior Hatters

welcome

OUR first Junior Hatters awayday of the season was to Reading, and as you might imagine a full coachload of children and parents enjoyed the day immensely. True, we were beaten 7-4 by the Young Royals at football, but everything turned out fine when we watched the Town take three more league points.

We hope to have more space for pictures and a full report in next Saturday's programme when we play Bury. The following week, September 11, our popular Saturday Club will resume. Fully supervised, it takes place at Dallow Road Junior School, from 12 noon. We play football and other games, and often entertain our counterparts from the visiting club. Whenever possible, we are visited by some of the Luton Town players. A lunch of sausage and chips, with a drink, is provided, and we have a quiz in our family room before the big match kicks off. We watch the game from the lower tier of the Kenilworth, and then go back to the family room for parents or guardians to meet up with us. The price is £5 for Junior Hatters who have season tickets, or £9 including a match ticket. For further information please contact the Luton Town ticket office, on Luton 416976.

Our next away trip will be to Brentford on September 18. The coach will leave Kenilworth Road at 12.15, and we should be back at about 6.15. The price, including a match ticket, is £12 for Junior Hatters and £17 for adults and guests. You can book at the club's ticket office, and it is first come, first served.



THREE MASCOTS: Happy Harry joins the two mascots at our last home game, against Blackpool - 11-year-old Thomas Miller was the Junior Hatter whose name came out of the ballot, and Timothy Owen was commercial mascot.



Today's Mascot

BEING mascot today is a sort of early birthday present for one of our youngest Junior Hatters. Mark Ansell-Carter is still only four, but will be five on September 27. He comes from a real Luton Town family - his older brother is also a Junior Hatter, and they come to matches with their mum and dad and their grandparents, and sit in the Lower Kenilworth.

Today, Mark will be much closer to the action, meeting the players before kick-off, and then joining the skippers and match officials for the toss-up.

Mark lives at Palmer Close, Shefford, and goes to Shefford Lower School, and his favourite player is Nathan Abbey.

The Junior Hatter ball boys today are Stuart Mayles, of School Lane, Leagrave, and Kevin Dumbleton, of Pottery Close, Luton.

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John Bailey



HOW would you like to celebrate your birthday in front of several thousand cheering people? That is the happy experience Joe Anderson has today, on his eighth birthday.

He lives at Elmwood Crescent, Luton, and goes to Bushmead Junior School, and is already a committed Luton Town supporter, coming to matches with his mum and dad.

He likes playing football as well as watching it, and also enjoys swimming and playing tennis. His favourite player is Andrew Fotiadis, and today he will meet his hero, because Joe's birthday treat is to be commercial mascot for the day.

He and his parents are VIP guests, and Joe will lead the team out and join them in the pre-match warm-up, and doubtless pose nicely for souvenir photographs. His presents include a complete Town replica kit, and there are lots of other little treats too.

If you want to treat a youngster - and yourself! - to a day to remember, please contact the commercial department, on Luton 411622.

GOLDEN GAMBLE

ONE OF Luton Town's most loyal supporters enjoyed two good results at our last home match. Not only did Phil Barrett have plenty to cheer about as the Town beat Blackpool, but he also had plenty to smile about at half time, when his ticket was picked out of the Golden Gamble drum.

Mr. Barrett, from Wootton, was among those who had a £1 flutter and it paid handsome dividends, in the shape of a £474 prize. He is pictured collecting the cash from Town player James Ayres.



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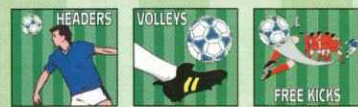
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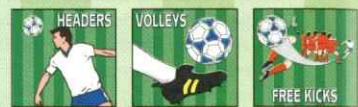
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Prev Club: Reading Int.:- Wales
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Prev Club: Stockport Int.:-
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Defender 3 Apps 1 Goal
Age 28 Ht 0' Wt -
Prev Club: Den Haag Int.:-
- 6 **Mike Ford**
Defender 2 Apps 0 Goals
Age 33 Ht 6'0" Wt 12:12
Prev Club: Oxford Int.:-
- 5 **Russell Perrett**
Defender 1 App 0 Goals
Age 26 Ht 6'2" Wt 13:00
Prev Club: Portsmouth Int.:-
- 21 **Lee Jarman**
Defender (1) App 0 Goals
Age 21 Ht 6'3" Wt 14:01
Prev Club: - Int.:- Wales U21
- 7 **Willie Boland**
Midfield 3 Apps 1 Goal
Age 24 Ht 5'9" Wt 11:02
Prev Club: Coventry Int.:- Eire U21
- 8 **Mark Bonner**
Midfield 3 Apps 0 Goals
Age 25 Ht 5'8" Wt 11:00
Prev Club: Blackpool Int.:-
- 9 **Jason Bowen**
Midfield 3 Apps 1 Goal
Age 26 Ht 5'8" Wt 11:02
Prev Club: Reading Int.:- Wales
- 12 **Jason Fowler**
Midfield 3 Apps 0 Goals
Age 25 Ht 6'3" Wt 12:04
Prev Club: Bristol City Int.:-
- 14 **Danny Hill**
Midfield 3 Apps 0 Goals
Age 24 Ht 5'8" Wt 11:08
Prev Club: Oxford Int.:- Eng U21
- 11 **Matthew Brazier**
Midfield (2) Apps 0 Goals
Age 23 Ht 5'8" Wt 11:08
Prev Club: Fulham Int.:-
- 25 **John Cornforth**
Midfield (2) Apps 0 Goals
Age 31 Ht 5'11" Wt 14:06
Prev Club: - Int.:- Wales
- 10 **Kevin Nugent**
Forward 2(1) Apps 2 Goals
Age 23 Ht 6'2" Wt 13:00
Prev Club: Bristol City Int.:- Eire Yth
- 19 **David Thomas**
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Prev Club: Watford Int.:- Wales U21

Luton Town's Goals For & Against



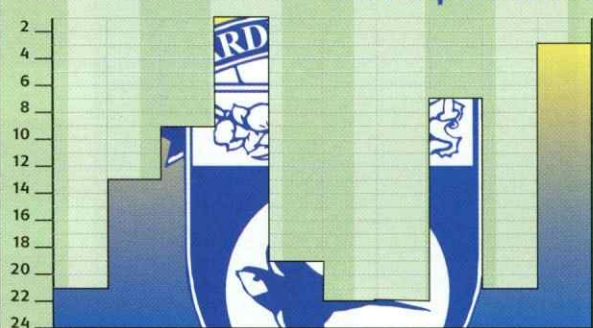
MATCH

Matchmen of the Month
As the season reached its climax, which players came to the fore? Here's the run-down of each club's top man in May.

Player	Team	GP	SR	Ave
Blackpool	Marvin Bryan	6	2	7.16
Bournemouth	Ian Cox	7	6	8.00
Bristol Rovers	Jason Roberts	4	1	7.50
Burnley	Andy Payton	4	2	7.75
Chesterfield	Mark Williams	7	3	7.14
Colchester	Warren Aspinall	6	2	7.00
Fulham	Chris Coleman	6	2	7.83
Gillingham	Paul Smith	7	2	7.42
Lincoln	John Finnigan	5	1	7.00
Luton	Matthew Spring	7	3	7.14
Macclesfield	Steve Payne	4	1	7.25
Man. City	Paul Dickov	5	2	7.20
Millwall	Neil Harris	5	0	7.40
Northampton	Carlo Corazzin	5	2	7.60
Notts County	Darren Ward	7	2	7.28
Oldham	Lee Duxbury	5	2	7.40
Preston	David Eyres	6	1	7.00
Reading	Darren Caskey	5	2	7.40
Stoke	David Oldfield	7	2	7.00
Walsall	Robert Steiner	7	3	7.28
Wigan	Colin Greenall	6	2	7.50
Wrexham	Brian Carey	7	4	8.00
Wycombe	Martin Taylor	6	1	7.16
York	Chris Fairclough	7	1	7.85

Form Guide shows last 15 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Key: GP = league games played during month; SR = no. of star ratings achieved during month; AVE = average, sum of dividing total ratings points by number of games played during month.

Cardiff's Last Ten Years - The Complete Record



Div.	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99
F.A.	3	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	3
W.C.	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
L.S.	Pike	Pike	Dale	Pike	Stant	Blake	Stant	Dale	White	Saville
Goals	18	14	22	12	14	13	21	13	11	15
Ave Att	3,630	2,959	6,204	8,536	6,588	4,543	3,295	3,563	3,574	7,131

Bluebirds' Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded



Cardiff's Form Guide - Result, Points, Position

S	W	D	L	Pts	Pos
1	4	5			
12	5	2			

Ground: Ninian Park	1953 (Club record attendance)	Record Cup Win: 8-0 v Enfield, FA Cup 1st round, 28 Nov 1931	Top League scorer in a season: Stan Richards, 30, division 3 (S), 1946-47
Capacity: 14,660	Record Receipts: £141,756 v Man City, FA Cup 4th round, 29 Jan 1994	Record Defeat: 2-11 v Sheffield United, Division 1, 1 Jan 1926	Most Capped Player: Alf Sherwood, 39 (41), Wales
Pitch Measurement: 100 x 70	Year Formed: 1899	Most Lge Goals: 93, Division 3 (S), 1947-47	Most Lge Appearances: Phil Dwyer, 471, 1972-85
Record Attendance: 61,566, Wales v England, 14 Oct 1961	Record League Win: 9-2 v Thames, Division 3 (S), 6 Feb 1932	Most Lge Points: 86, Division 3, 1982-82	
57,893 v Arsenal, Division 1, 22 Apr			

Today's Visitors

welcome to Cardiff City



FRANK BURROWS
MANAGER

Frank Burrows was born in Larkhall, Scotland and originally joined Raith Rovers as a part-time player. He joined Scunthorpe United in June 1965 for whom he made over 100 appearances and in July 1968, he signed for Swindon Town where he notched up 298 league appearances. He has an impressive record as both Coach and Manager with Swindon, Portsmouth, Sunderland, Swansea City and West Ham United. Now in his second term in charge as Manager, he successfully led the Bluebirds to promotion in season 1998/99.

BILLY AYRE
ASSISTANT MANAGER

Born at Crook Hill, near Newcastle, Billy has twice played at Wembley when Scarborough won the F.A. Trophy as a non-league side and was manager of Blackpool when they earned promotion. His full-time playing career began when he signed for Hartlepool, moving on to Halifax, Mansfield and then back to Halifax where he became manager in 1986. He has since managed Blackpool, Scarborough, and was assistant manager at Swansea before moving to Ninian Park to join up with Frank Burrows.



Back row (left to right): Richard Carpenter, Scott Young, Russell Perrett, Jason Fowler, Jon Hallworth, Lee Jarman, Seamus Kelly, Kevin Nugent, Lee Phillips, Jeff Eckhardt, Dai Thomas.
Front row (left to right): Matthew Brazier, Mark Bonner, Winston Faerber, Jason Bowen, Mike Ford (Capt), Andy Legg, Craig Middleton, Danny Hill, Willie Boland.

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Today's Visitors

the players

JONATHAN HALLWORTH

Jon started his career at Ipswich Town as an apprentice and went on to make over 50 first team appearances. Signed for Oldham Athletic in 1989 for £75,000, making over 200 appearances for the Boundary Park club. Now in his third season at Ninian park, Jon has won every Player of the Year award available during that time and is undoubtedly one of the best goalkeepers in the lower divisions.

SEAMUS KELLY

25 year old Seamus signed at the start of last season from University College Dublin F.C. Did not start playing football until he was 17, having played Gaelic Football when he was in school. An injury to first choice keeper Jon Hallworth gave Seamus his first taste of league football at the end of last season. He made the most of his opportunity, making a string of outstanding saves to ensure the Bluebirds achieved promotion.

LEE JARMAN

Lee emerged from the wilderness at Cardiff City following the arrival of Frank Burrows as the new manager in February 1998. Initially, he seemed to lack confidence but Burrows picked him up, and urged him to start all over again. This tall and talented right back showed far more aggression and consistency over the last three months of last season and was even appointed captain. Having improved his basic defensive work under Burrows, both in the air and on the ground, Lee has been able to bring his ability on the ball and passing skills into focus and, for 1998/99, he was urged to take responsibility for his own career and live up to the potential so many people know he has. Has continued to play for the Welsh U21 side, appearing against Turkey and Belgium during the season.

JEFFREY ECKHARDT

A consistent and gutsy performer, who can play in virtually any position. Jeff is an ideal candidate for a stand-in striker role. That aside, he is a good tackler who gives everything in every match, adding steel in defence, midfield or attack. Joined Cardiff City in 1996.

SCOTT YOUNG

Dependable and solid, good on the ground, and in the air, Scott is strong and consistent and a player who will surely play a big part in Frank Burrows' plans. Has played at centre half, right back, in a

more forward role just behind midfield and in midfield during last season, but his favoured position is at centre half. Has played for the Welsh "B" side against the Scottish equivalent and was a non-playing substitute in the full Welsh team against Belarus at Ninian Park.

MICHAEL FORD

After a season wrecked by injuries, Oxford's club captain was finally released in the summer of 1998. Mike plays the part of an attacking full back, being ideally suited to the wing-back role. A very popular player, Mike has scored just a couple of goals, including one in the passionate derby game at Swindon. This is his second spell at Ninian Park, having previously signed for the Club in 1984.

CRAIG MIDDLETON

The energy and athleticism of Craig persuaded Frank Burrows to offer him a new contract for 1998/99 on condition he moved to South Wales. Craig was among only three players offered new contracts at Cardiff City, his enthusiasm for the task, wherever he played being infectious, although his aggression occasionally got him into trouble with referees. Playing in a number of positions, shining as a central defender and in a role just behind the front two strikers, he also performed in midfield and at right back and was named Most Improved Player of 1998 by Cardiff City Supporters Club.

MARK DONNER

Signed for Cardiff in the summer of 1998, this right-sided midfielder is well known for his fantastic work rate and good forward runs. Is a very skilful and thoughtful player. Spent a month on loan to Hull City last season and has come back, worked hard and regained his spot in the first team.

RICHARD CARPENTER

Signed from Fulham, this strong tackler with the Jurgen Klinsmann looks has a dangerous free kick, especially from long range. He always has an eye for goal and has established himself as the lynchpin of Cardiff's midfield. Turned down an offer from Brighton during the close season, preferring to remain at Ninian Park.

KEVIN NUGENT

Cardiff City Kevin from Bristol City in 1997. Was badly injured in a cup match against Southend and missed most of that season. Kevin is capable of leading the line superbly well with good ability in

the air. Finished last season as top scorer and walked off with every Player of the Year award at the end of the season.

WILLIAM BOLAND

Signed from Coventry City in June 1999 on a free transfer, 23 year old Willie comes to Ninian Park on a three year contract. He signed for Coventry in 1992 on his 17th birthday and went on to make 60 appearances for the Premiership club. He is a skilful midfielder player who rarely wastes the ball and has produced some outstanding displays without being able to claim a regular first team place.

JAMES HUGHES

22 year old Jamie was signed during the summer from non-league Connah's Quay Nomads. He is a left-footed striker who has signed a two year contract with the Bluebirds. Spent eight years with Tranmere Rovers but was released at the age of 19. Has scored 45 goals in 82 matches for Connah's Quay and is keen to prove himself in league football.

MATTHEW BRAZIER

Matthew was signed from newly promoted Fulham only last week for a sum in region of £100,000. He is no stranger to Ninian Park, having spent two months on loan at the beginning of last season. The 23 year old left wing back made his league debut for Queens Park Rangers in 1995. Was transferred to Fulham in March 1998 where he played a handful of first team games. An extremely popular player with the fans, Matthew is delighted to be back at Ninian Park on a permanent basis.

RUSSELL PERRETT

Russell was signed from Portsmouth F.C. on the 21st July 1999. Russell has been with Portsmouth since leaving school and has come through the youth system. He has been a regular in the first eleven over the last few seasons in central defence.

JASON FOWLER

Jason is a fine attacking midfielder player who is capable of producing top-quality displays. He won Cardiff City Supporters Club Goal of the Season award for 1997/98. Has the ability and talent to play at a much higher level, including the First Division or even the Premiership, but needs to add a little more strength, power and stamina to his game.

JASON BOWEN

Jason was signed from Reading in January 1999. A former trainee with Swansea City, he signed for Birmingham City in July 1995, before going to Southampton on loan. His pace and strong running is more than a match for all but the very best.

CHRISTIAN ROBERTS

Made his league debut during the Rochdale match in 1997/98 season. Produced an outstanding display but unfortunately twisted his knee in the next training session and eventually needed an operation before coming back strongly in the second half of the season. Fast and strong, with a willingness to learn, and a great attitude, has already signed a new contract under Frank Burrows.

DANIEL HILL

24 year old Danny has just begun his second spell at Ninian Park, having been signed on a free transfer from Oxford United. He joined Tottenham Hotspur as a YTS player in the late-1980's where he made ten Premiership appearances. He shows ability, composure and calculating play in the middle of the field.

ANDREW LEGG

Andy joined Swansea City from Briton Ferry F.C. in the summer of 1988. He moved onto Notts County where he made 59 league appearances, before joining Birmingham City and later Reading. Signed for Cardiff in December 1998 and is best known for his huge throw to the near post.

DAVID THOMAS

Dai joined Swansea City as a YTS player in 1991, before moving to Watford in the summer of 1997. Signed for Cardiff in August 1998 for a reported £50,000 fee and has proved himself to be a useful squad player.

WINSTON FAERBER

Aged 28, this hugely talented right wing-back has been signed from Den Haag in the Dutch league, where he spent eight seasons. Winston is a newcomer to British football; but made a big impression during his pre-season build up, and is already a firm favourite with the fans.



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GARY DOHERTY	David Johnson
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Hatters On Card

by Alan Robinson

IF YOU followed this series last season, you will know that football cards have been issued with a variety of products over the years, anything from cigarette cards to breakfast cereals and sweets.

In 1954 the manufacturers of the popular table soccer game Subbuteo - yes, it has been around that long! - got in on the act. They produced two sets under the label Famous Footballers, each consisting of 24 cards, to be given away with their products.

The first issue contained the picture of a player many older Town supporters considered one of the finest centre-forwards ever to play for the club - Jesse Pye.

He was said by some to be past his best when he joined Luton in the summer of 1952, but in his first season here he was the Second Division's leading scorer, and very nearly took the Town into the top flight for the first time in their history.

Pye was born in Sheffield in December 1919, and joined Sheffield United before linking up with Notts County.

Like many of his contemporaries, the war robbed him of six prime years, but a move to Wolves in May 1945 went some way towards making up for this.

The climax of his career at Molyneux came with two goals in the 1949 FA Cup final at Wembley as Wolves beat Leicester City 3-1. A few months later he gained a full England cap.

When he came to Luton, he not only scored 28 goals in his first season, but he also played a major role in the development of Gordon Turner, a young player who had just established himself in the side as the regular inside-right.

Pye's 28 goals in 39 matches included a hat-trick in a 6-0 thrashing of Blackburn at Kenilworth Road in November, 1952. Luton finished third in

the division, in the days long before play-offs, with Sheffield United and Huddersfield winning promotion.

There seemed every reason to expect that the Town could go one better in 1954, but a serious injury restricted Pye to only 14 appearances, in which he scored four goals.

Once again, we missed the promotion boat, but although the Town finally made it in the summer of 1955, Pye had already left.

In October 1954, the promotion bid was taking shape with Pye operating as a deep-lying centre-forward but the club was rocked by the news that Pye wanted a transfer. It must have been one of the strangest reasons ever put forward by a Town player for wanting to leave. Apparently, Mrs Pye had decided that her sinuses could not cope with another winter of Luton smogs, and she and her husband left for the cleaner air around Derby County FC.

In all, Pye had netted 36 goals in only 65 first team appearances for the Town.

After three seasons at Derby, Pye moved out of league football for a spell with Wisbech Town, and for a time he was joined by his former pupil, Gordon Turner.

Sadly, both are now dead, having left many with very happy memories - Pye, like Turner, finished his days in a wheelchair, and passed away in 1984.

Both sets of these Subbuteo cards featured black and white action shots. There was no text on the reverse other than the name of the player, and his club.

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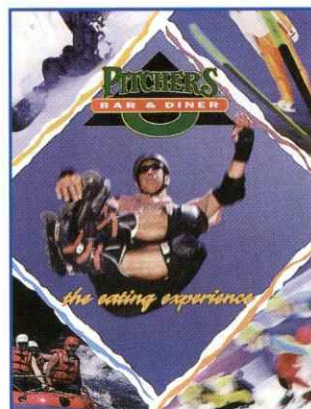
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Hatters Abroad

carrying the colours

USUALLY this column is concerned only with Hatters supporters abroad, but today, we double up, so to speak, with a couple of popular ex-Hatters players who added to the pleasure of holidays for two of our readers.

Long-time Luton supporter John Newman was on holiday in Portugal in the summer, and took the opportunity to visit Benfica and its magnificent Stadium of Light.

"The players were training, watched by several thousand fanatical Benfica supporters," said Mr Newman. "The English players were training on a separate pitch. The new German coach had decided they were surplus to requirements. I spoke to Mark Pembridge, and asked him if we could have a photo for the LTFC programme, and he was happy to oblige.

"What a genuinely nice guy he was. We had a long chat, and he was aware of the plight Luton were in at the time. His in-laws are season ticket holders, and keep him up to date with all the Hatters news, and he wished us well for the new season.

"He thought that when all the internal politics were sorted out at Benfica he would be returning to the Premiership in this country, although he was enjoying his stay in Portugal."

The Welsh international midfielder, who made his name in our team before a move to Derby County



in May 1992, and later played for David Pleat's Sheffield Wednesday, is now with Everton, after an £800,000 move a few weeks ago.

OUR other Hatters Abroad today are Gary Waddock and Alison Watson, and Alison will be a little surprised to see herself in the public eye.

We hope she is still courting David Crocker, because he sent in the photograph. He told us: "It is of my girl friend and Gary Waddock. We bumped into him in Busch Gardens, Florida, on our holiday. He was there with his family, and was very friendly and approachable.

"I have sent the picture in without Alison knowing, hoping it will be a surprise for her. She has been a Luton Town fan for over 15 years, and I am sure she will be over the moon to see it published in the programme."

We can confirm that Gary Waddock, like Mark Pembridge, is an ace bloke. The programme editor remembered seeing Waddock lead a young QPR side which hammered the Town in the FA Youth Cup in the early seventies, and was delighted when the midfielder joined us and became club captain five years ago. He soon collected the players' player of the year award, but retired a year ago after a long battle against a knee injury, and is now working at QPR again, with their youth academy.



DO YOU fancy being in the matchday magazine? Whether it's "Hatters Abroad" pictures or any sort of fans' photographs that will be of interest to other supporters we would be delighted to consider them for publication. Send them, with a few details, to the matchday magazine editor at Luton Town FC. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want them back.

Top Hatters Gallery



Marvin Johnson

Born: Wembley, 29.10.68

Previous clubs: None

Joined Luton Town: 1985 as an apprentice; signed as a professional December 1986

Luton debut: v Everton (A) 16.2.88

Luton Town record to 24.8.99: 309 appearances, 8 goals

Autograph

Fans can have their say on football NOW! - the new-look Nationwide soccer web site with up-to-the-minute news and features on England's European Championship campaign, the Premiership and all the big European competitions as well as the Nationwide Football League and The Nationwide Conference.

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Hatters Away

travel information

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OUR bank holiday fixture is at Bournemouth, and will be played on Tuesday evening (7.45) instead of Monday afternoon as at first announced. The change was made to ease traffic problems at a resort which struggles to cope with the cars that flood in during the holiday season. As usual, there will be two coach services from Luton



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to Dean Court to take the hassle out of the journey, thanks to the efforts of Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club.

Town on Tour is an offshoot of Luton Town Supporters Club and offers its best deals to LTSC members, who have a kiosk in Kenilworth Road on match days where they offer membership and travel tickets.

Town on Tour provide secure car parking at Maple Road, from where their coaches depart.

That costs £3, but has to be pre-booked, either at the kiosk on match days, or during the week at the Luton Town shop.

The trip to Bournemouth leaves Luton at 3.30pm, and the fare is £11 for LTSC members, or £9 for concessions. Non-members have to pay £12.50.

The Bobbers Travel Club is a members-only service, but the price is modest: life membership costs just £1, or 50p for under-16s and pensioners. The Bobbers pick up at Cranfield, Ampthill, Flitwick, and Westoning. Coaches depart from the top of Kenilworth Road, and also pick up near the hotel next to the M1 junction with Dunstable Road.

Their coaches to Bournemouth leave Cranfield at 2.30 and Luton at 3.30. The fare is £10.50 for adults, £8.50 for concessions.

DIY travellers

YOU can drive to Bournemouth from Luton in not much over two hours if the motorways are running smoothly, but Town fans going by car might do well to avoid the late afternoon rush on the M.25. Fortunately, Dean Court is reached without having to touch the centre of Bournemouth.

Leave Luton on the M1 south, then make a right turn onto the M25 west. Just beyond Heathrow leave M25 to join the M3. Follow that to near Southampton where you join the M27 west. That road becomes the A31 and at Ashley Heath, 23.2 miles from the M3 turn-off, turn left onto the A338 towards Christchurch. After 7.7 miles, turn left on the A3049 towards Boscombe, and then immediately turn left at a roundabout and the ground is ahead of you.

Mileage from Luton: 132.

Come and join us!

LUTON Town Supporters Club kicks off another season with a general invitation to all Town fans to join its ranks. This year's subs are £6 for adults, £5 for under-16s and pensioners, or £12 for family membership, for two adults and two children.

The benefits of membership include discounted travel to away games with Town on Tour, in luxury coaches offering video entertainment, competitions and a refreshment service.

Members of LTSC also have the chance to meet players and management of the club at regular guest evenings - Lennie Lawrence is lined up for the first of this season - and also at the end of season presentation night. Members also meet each other in the Nick Owen lounge bar under the main stand after home matches to enjoy a drink and a chat about the game.

Newsletters are published regularly throughout the season, and the Supporters Club liaises with the football club on all matters affecting supporters - a chance for their voices to be heard.

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Blast FROM THE Past

Roger Wash

Luton Town v Cardiff City

It has been 18 years since Cardiff last visited Kenilworth Road for a league fixture but before that clashes between the sides were a fairly regular occurrence and date back to our Southern League days prior to World War One. Football League fixtures between the Bluebirds and ourselves began in 1931/32 in Division Three (South) only four short years after Cardiff became the first side to take the F.A.Cup out of England when they beat the mighty Arsenal in the 1927 final at Wembley.

For some peculiar reason Cardiff was seen as 'local' according to the fixture compilers with our home game scheduled for Christmas Day 1931 and the return at Ninian Park on the following day. Two goals from Tom Tait sealed a satisfying 2-1 victory in the first game but whether celebrating got out of hand during the train journey for the return but the Town slumped 1-4 a day later.

In the following campaign, 6,002 witnessed an 8-1 home win with Tait netting three but if Cardiff thought that it was just one of those days and that lightning would not strike twice, four years later Joe Payne bagged four with George Stephenson hitting three in another 8-1 mauling at Kenilworth Road.

We won promotion at the end of that season but were followed by the Bluebirds ten years later. Results still favoured the home side but an exception was a fighting 3-3 draw at Ninian Park in 1948/49 followed up a week later with a 3-0 home victory when Billy Arnison scored all three. After setting the football world alight in his first season Arnison was troubled by a succession of knee injuries which, unfortunately, brought about an early end to his career.

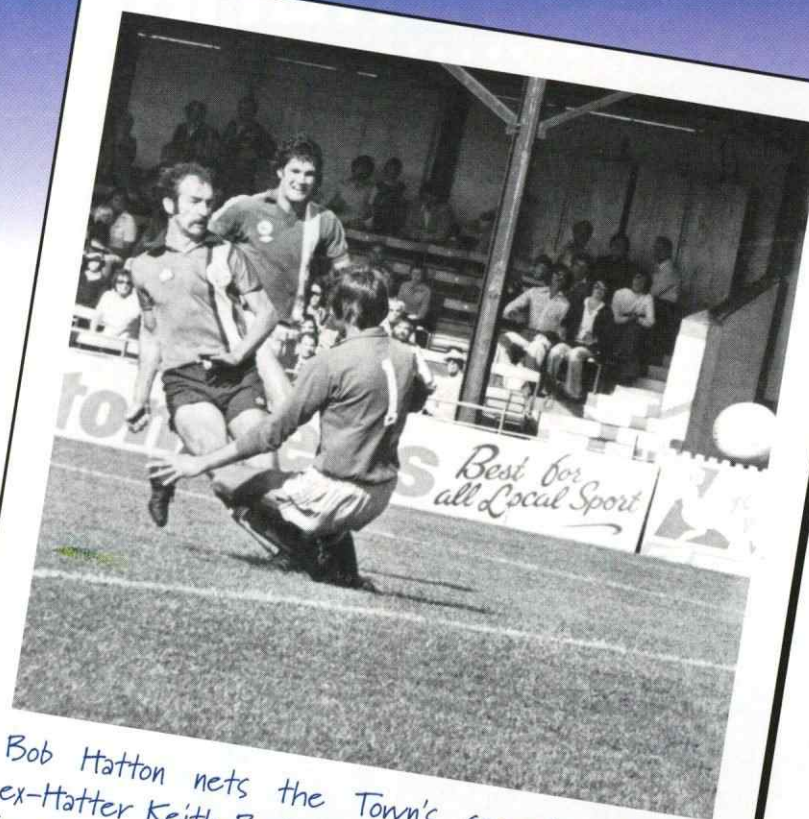
Cardiff were promoted to Division One in 1952 but we joined them three years later. In our first meeting in the top flight a comfortable 3-0 home win came at a time when we could do no wrong and we made it 16 goals in three successive games at Kenilworth Road, Wolves

and Sunderland having been seen off 5-1 and 8-2 respectively in the two previous matches. In the return that campaign, debuts were given to both Alwyn McGuffie and George McLeod but the Bluebirds exacted full revenge for their early season set back by winning 2-0.

After various ups and downs in the Town's history the two sides met up again for a fairly lengthy spell in the old Division Two starting in 1970. The first clash that season took place at Ninian Park, but a good number of the 26,689 crowd were intent in obtaining a ticket for the forthcoming European Cup Winners Cup clash with Real Madrid! The return came in the final game of the season and was Malcolm Macdonald's 'swan song'. Needing three goals to qualify for the long forgotten Watney Cup, Mac obliged with a hat-trick and it is said that the display enabled manager Alec Stock to extract another £30,000 from Newcastle when the striker's transfer went through the following week.

On the opening day of the 1972/73 season the Town gave debuts to John Aston, John Faulkner, Rodney Fern and Bobby Thomson at Ninian Park but the new look Hatters went down 2-1. Undaunted by this the Town went on to record an amazing seven wins and a draw from their next nine away games as if to prove that the opening day defeat was merely part of a settling in period.

In the Town's promotion winning season of 1973/74 the effects of the 'three day week' and numerous power cuts meant that if the match against the Bluebirds was to go ahead a generator had to be hired. Although the Hatters picked up both points courtesy of a Jim Ryan goal the supporters were left in the dark for a long period when the match was interrupted by a faulty temperature gauge causing a floodlight failure. The residents of Oak Road were also less than impressed as the noisy generator parked outside their houses belched out smelly diesel fumes.



Bob Hatton nets the Town's second goal past ex-Hatter Keith Barber during the 7-1 home win in 1978/79.

After the Town's brief stay in the old Division One and the Bluebirds fleeting visit to Division Three it was back to action for the two sides for a run of six consecutive seasons leading up to the Hatters winning promotion back to the top flight.

New Luton manager David Pleat was away on scouting duties when the Town met Cardiff at Kenilworth Road in March 1978 and missed a brace from Phil Boersma earning a 3-1 victory, the first win since he had taken charge five games before.

Pleat had made sweeping changes to the side by the time the fixture came around in the following campaign and the Town were going through a purple patch whereby they were seemingly unstoppable at home. Nine goals had been scored in the previous two home matches and the Town were in irresistible form

against the Bluebirds winning 7-1.

Making his final appearance in the Football League that day was ex-Town goalkeeper Keith Barber who was left shell shocked by the barrage from the Luton forwards. Barber, who is now employed on the starting stalls at Newmarket racecourse, probably wished he had made his decision to quit football a week earlier!

Our final pair of meetings took place in 1981/82 with Cardiff one of only four sides that season to lower our colours when they won 3-2 at Kenilworth Road. We gained ample revenge, however, when we reversed the scoreline at Ninian Park on the final day of the season to cap a remarkable championship winning campaign and consign Cardiff to Division Three at the same time.

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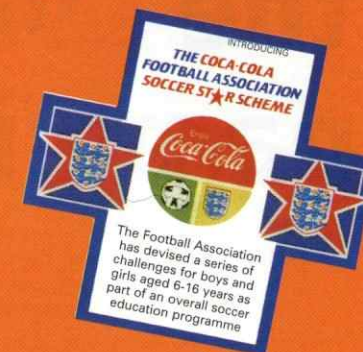
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Hatters Chatter

internet hatters

WE OCCASIONALLY report on the activities of our friends in WHOSH, the internet addicts who run an unofficial, but usually entertaining, Luton Town website.

To prove that they are not just a bunch of anoraks they indulged in the snail-mail to get this squad picture to us, showing that they play football as well as talk about it.

The photo was taken during WorldNET, an annual soccer tournament for 40 teams on the internet mailing lists of the professional football clubs in the UK.

WHOSH were particularly proud of their smart turn-out. They e-mailed the programme editor to ask for their thanks to be made public to Cherry Newbery and Luton Town for donating the strip, which was out of date at Kenilworth Road, but still in very good nick.

Four group matches had to be played to decide who qualified for the second day's last 16 knock-out stage. "Our group was labelled the group of death by the organisers," said WHOSH reporter Martin Stanhope. "It contained Manchester City and Stockport, who had finished second and third, to our 11th, in the Internet League, plus the hosts, Leicester City, and Southampton. The bookies quoted us at 100-1 for the title."

The odds looked right when Stockport beat WHOSH 1-0 in the opener, but the Luton lads drew 1-1 with Manchester City after taking the lead through an own goal.

Andy Reason drilled in the only goal to beat Southampton and WHOSH reached the finals with

another 1-1 draw, against Leicester. The WHOSH goal was a cracking lob into his own net by a Leicester defender.

In the knock-out stage, WHOSH shocked everyone by beating Glasgow Celtic, the 4-1 favourites.

The game plan was a 4-5-1 formation, packing the midfield and hoping for chances on the break. It worked like a charm: much pressure was soaked up, and the only goal came from an indirect free kick - captain Jonathan Miller blasted the ball at the wall, which was on the goal-line, and a deflection off a defender did the rest.

The favourites were out, and the Luton Town odds tumbled to 12-1, but Bradford City ended the dream with a 2-0 win. WHOSH were pleased to get as far as Watford, and a lot of new friends were made. Arsenal won the tournament, beating QPOR 2-0 in the final.

The WHOSH squad was David Alexander, Martin Stanhope, Mark Sandifer, Daniel Soper, Brian Mugridge, Stuart Gell, Dave Cudby, John Mastell, Jonathan Miller, Dan White, Matt Horne, Richard Gunney, Mike Cullum, Andy Reason and Mick Patten.

WHOSH are looking for new players for league matches which are played on Saturday mornings, before first team games, both home and away. The standard of internet football is good, but most of all very friendly, and all ages and abilities are welcome. The only qualification is that you need to be a subscriber to the WHOSH mailing list, which can be contacted at <http://www.whosh.net/>



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Hatters Chatter

marathon invitation

WE REPORTED at the end of last season the success in the Flora London Marathon of Paul Smith, the official Luton Town competitor in the Football Challenge section of the world's biggest athletics event.

The pictures help to tell the story - Paul, from Linslade, crossing the finish line, and then, a few moments later, beginning the long process of recovery from his exertions.

Now, we are looking ahead to Marathon 2000, and we have a guaranteed place in the starting line-up for one runner to represent the club.

Paul, and our old friend Les Miller, have been the most recent runners to tackle the gruelling race in the name of Luton Town FC, wearing the club colours.

Paul says the agony of the race was all worthwhile. He clocked his fastest-ever time, and raised £1,564 for Florence Nightingale House, the hospice where his young wife was cared for as she was dying of brain cancer. We were delighted to use the matchday magazine to help him attract sponsors, and once again our thanks to all who contributed.

Paul was 3,808th out of 30,750 finishers, and was eighth in the Division Two section of the football challenge. He took great pleasure in seeing the First Division results - he beat the Watford runner by a whopping margin of 49 minutes.

He was 24th in the Football Challenge, which included well over 100 runners representing just about every club in the Premiership, Nationwide League and the Scottish leagues.

Now the search is on for our entrant in the next London Marathon, to be run on April 16, 2000. You will need to be fit, to take on a 26.2-mile course, and naturally you will have to wear Luton Town colours. And our place is not restricted to men - women runners are equally welcome, and next year there will be a new award for the first lady finisher in the Football Challenge.



We have only one guaranteed place in the race, so please only apply if you are serious about taking part. If you are, write to the commercial department, at Luton Town, for an application form.

If you are interested in entering as an individual, application forms to go into a ballot for places are now available inside copies of Marathon News, a free magazine published by the Flora London Marathon and distributed through selected sports shops. Or you can ring the marathon hotline on 0171 902 0189.

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Action Replay

Luton Town 3 Blackpool 2 (HT 1-0)

Brian Swain reports

A LONG-awaited first senior goal for Liam George put us on the way to victory in the first home league game of the season, and well-deserved it was too, despite a nerve-jangling finale.

The 20-year-old striker, who missed most of last season with a broken leg, looked hungry for success, and turned in a top class performance.

He operated in the role made famous by Brian Stein, just behind the front two, and fitted into it with the assurance of a veteran. Another Stein in the making? It's just possible.

You need a bit of luck as well as skill, and George had that for his first league goal. The Pressbox view was that it was an own goal by the Blackpool keeper, and he confessed as much to his teammates in the dressing room. But the Town have put it in the record books as George's goal, and certainly he was the last Town player to touch the ball before it finished up in the net after a near-post corner by Matthew Spring.

Said George: "I scored. I went up for the ball and it hit my back, then the keeper's hand. I dived to try to make sure, but missed, but the ball went in anyway."

Blackpool were lucky to escape with only one against in a first half illuminated by swift Town passing and attacking, with Andrew Fotiadis and Stuart Douglas a dangerous front partnership.

Douglas saw a shot deflected onto and over the bar, and two statistics above all others tell the tale of a match that should never have been allowed to look so close in the classified results: the Town put in 14 goal attempts on target, plus one that hit the woodwork, and on corners they won 14-4.

Blackpool improved slightly after the break - their manager Nigel Worthington let rip at them during the interval - but a brilliant move by Matthew Taylor and Fotiadis put George in for an expertly-taken second goal.

At 2-0 it should have been all over - and with goal difference re-instated into the league table that would have done us nicely, but Blackpool replied with ten minutes to go and although Spring cancelled that one out within a minute, a second Blackpool goal in the 86th minute left us looking very nervy.

"We made hard work of it in the end," said Lennie Lawrence. "But it was a very young team, with nine out of the starting 11 being 22 or under, and ten of them coming through the ranks."

Match Deatails

Luton Town: Abbey, Fraser, Taylor, Watts, Doherty, Johnson, George, McLaren (McIndoe 89 mins), Douglas (Zahana-Oni 83 mins), Spring, Fotiadis (McKinnon 75 mins). Unused subs: Boyce, Tate (GK).

Booked: No-one.

Blackpool: Barnes, Couzens, Hills, Bardsley, Carlisle, Hughes, Clarkson, Ormerod, Thompson, Bryan (Nowland 62 mins), Murphy. Unused subs: Garvey, Lambert, Shuttleworth, Caig (GK)

Booked: Phil Clarkson, 2 mins, foul on Stuart Fraser; Ian Hughes, 61 mins, foul on Liam George.

The goals: 1-0 21 minutes - Liam George, bundling the ball in off his back as Matthew Spring's near-post corner left goalkeeper Phil Barnes groping in vain; 2-0 73 minutes - George again, careful low angled shot after Matthew Taylor and Andrew Fotiadis passes sliced through the Blackpool defence; 2-1 80 minutes - Brett Ormerod, charging down an attempted clearance by Nathan Abbey to give himself an empty net to aim for; 3-1 81 minutes - Matthew Spring, high-stepping clear of Barnes's mistaken attempt to tackle him just outside the box; 3-2 86 minutes - Adam Nowland, angled drive from beyond the far post after Ormerod flicked on a corner by Andy Couzens.

Referee: Ray Olivier, Sutton Coldfield

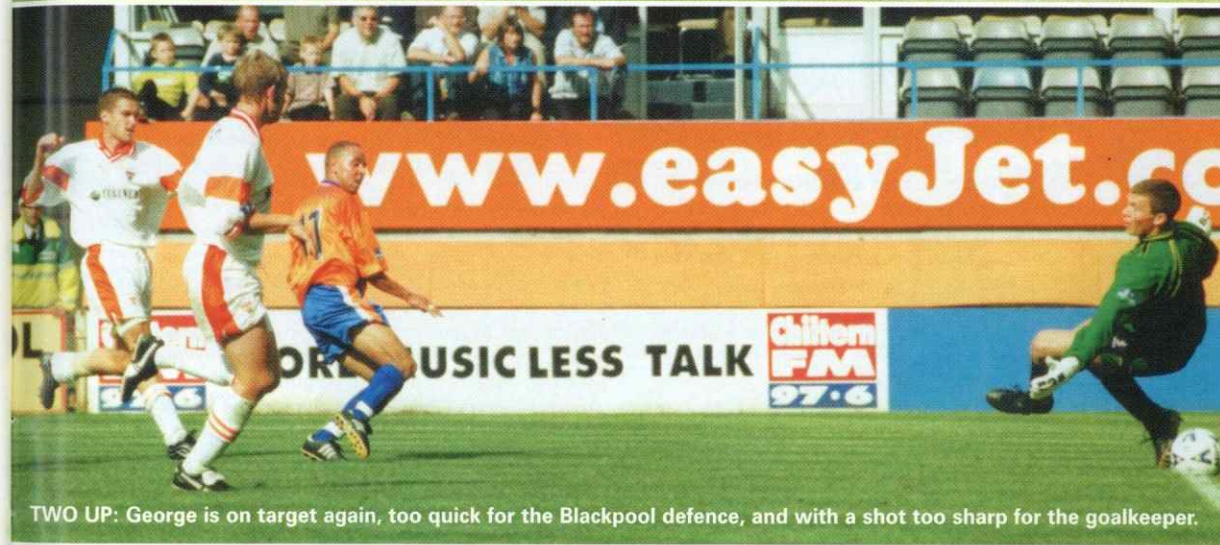
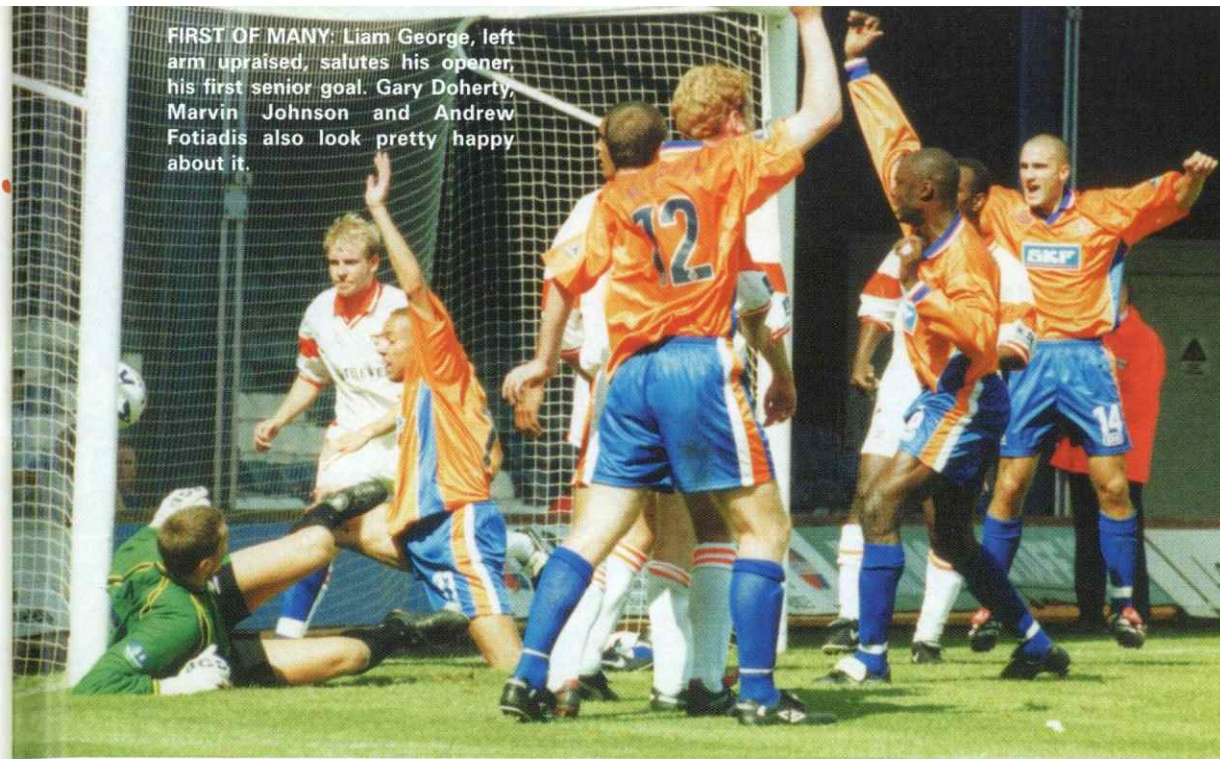
Attendance: 5,176, with 464 supporting the visitors.

Odd spot: Brett Ormerod's goal was the first Blackpool had scored at Kenilworth Road for 27 years.

"But it was pleasing that we turned in a good attacking performance, and even if we didn't take all our chances we scored three and we haven't done that for a while."

It could easily have been four, because when it was still 2-0 Ray McKinnon, newly arrived as a sub, was brought down by John Hills. Unbelievably to Town eyes, the ref gave Blackpool a free kick, ruling that McKinnon had dived. "I couldn't believe that," said the Town manager. "That was the clearest penalty of all time."

FIRST OF MANY: Liam George, left arm upraised, salutes his opener, his first senior goal. Gary Doherty, Marvin Johnson and Andrew Fotiadis also look pretty happy about it.



TWO UP: George is on target again, too quick for the Blackpool defence, and with a shot too sharp for the goalkeeper.



SPRING-HEELLED: David Bardsley tries in vain to stop Matthew Spring making it 3-1 after jumping clear of an attempted tackle by the goalkeeper.

Action Replay

Reading 1 Luton Town 2 (HT 0-0)

Brian Swain reports

A COUPLE of sharp finishes helped to end two jinxes at Reading on Saturday, with the Town turning in an excellent performance which was just the right mixture of application, careful defence, and quick counter-attacking.

We were overdue a victory over Reading on two counts: we hadn't achieved one in 29 years (5-0 in Division Two, March 1970) and 12 months ago we were the fall-guys at Reading's big party day, the first-ever match at their magnificent Madejski Stadium.

The 3-0 home win that day was, Lennie Lawrence recalled, a travesty, on an afternoon when we were decimated by injuries. This time, it was under-pressure Tommy Burns, of Reading, complaining that Luton had stolen the points, aided by sloppy defending.

He thought a draw would have been a fair result, and Lawrence admitted: "Perhaps a neutral in the ground might have thought that. Reading had more pressure, but fewer chances, and we were more dangerous on the break."

A mixture of experience and youth undid Reading, with Phil Gray making an unexpected return to the side after Stuart Douglas picked up a knee injury in training.

Gray played with the hunger and determination of a man who does not want the indignity of being shoved aside by a younger player, and no-one argued with Lawrence's assessment that it was "his best performance for a long time."

The pace and physical effort of Andrew Fotiadis, and the jaunty running and movement of Liam George did the rest, once the defence had settled down to keep Reading quiet at the other end.

The first half was short of excitement as two midfields just about cancelled each other out, but Reading were rocked eight minutes after the break by a classic counter attack goal. Matthew Taylor hit a peach of a long ball, diagonally from left to right to send Gray clear. He sized up the situation instinctively, and Reading men were still pelting back towards their own poorly-protected goal as Gray delivered an inch-perfect cross for Fotiadis to power a thumping header into the net.

The shock invigorated Reading for a few minutes, and messy defending led to a quick equalise, poached at close range by Martin Williams, once of Challney High School, Luton, but given a free transfer from Kenilworth Road to Reading four years ago.

He was not allowed to savour the moment for too long. Nathan Abbey made a good save to prevent the dangerous Nicky Forster putting Reading ahead, before the Town boss decided to stiffen up midfield

Madejski Details

Luton Town: Abbey, Fraser, Watts, Doherty, Johnson, Taylor, Spring, McLaren, George, Gray, Fotiadis (McIndoe 79 mins). Unused subs: Sodje, White, McKinnon, Tate.

Booked: Matthew Spring, 4 mins, handbagging Darren Caskey; Paul McLaren, 28 mins, foul on Peter Grant.

Reading: Howie, Gray, Hunter, Casper, Caskey, McIntyre (Forster 54 mins), Grant, Scott, Williams, Gurney, Smith. Unused subs van der Kwaak, Bernal, Haddow, Crawford.

Booked: Barry Hunter, 10 mins, foul on Phil Gray; Andy Gurney, 23 mins, foul on Liam George.

The goals: 0-1, 53 mins - Andrew Fotiadis, emphatic header from right wing crosses by Phil Gray; 1-1, 56 mins - Martin Williams, close range after a long ball was flicked on; 1-2 85 mins: Liam George, cool, expert shot from an opening made by Matthew Taylor's quick throw-in and Michael McIndoe's pass.

Referee: Steve Bennett, Orpington.

Attendance: 8,741, including 1,536 away fans.

by sending on Michael McIndoe in place of Fotiadis. "I wanted to make sure that we came away with at least one point, but thought that we always had a chance of three if we could continue to play well on the break," explained the boss.

Taylor and Stuart Fraser tucked in to strengthen the rearguard and for all their huffing and puffing Reading were kept at arm's length.

And it was the Town who delivered the knock-out, five minutes from time. Taylor fed McIndoe, who placed a perfect through pass down the inside left channel. George did his Brian Stein impression again, for the third time in two matches, and had the ball in the net before Reading realised what was going on.

A very sweet moment for him, for the whole team and management, and for the fans who had suffered so painfully on a similarly sunny afternoon 12 months ago.

On that occasion, it was bound to be Reading's day. This time it was ours, with home manager Burns winning even more in the last minute when Keith Scott should have scored with a close-range header. His effort went wide, and the Town survived a couple of minutes of injury time much more comfortably than they had in the previous game against Blackpool.



HEADING FOR VICTORY:
Andrew Fotiadis gets goal-side of his would-be marker to power in the header that put us a goal up.



TWO UP: Liam George strikes the winner, with another would-be marker unable to do anything about it.

EVERYBODY HAPPY:
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Luton Town 1 Bristol City 3

TONY Thorpe was back at Kenilworth Road, and on the scoresheet again, in our opening match of the season in the Avon Insurance Combination. "He destroyed us," was the summing up of manager Lennie Lawrence. The striker also earned a recall to City's Second Division squad, going on as a sub and netting a penalty in their feat at Wigan three days later.

Thorpe was not the only difference between the sides at Kenilworth Road, sharp though he looked. We were much more concerned with a generally poor performance by our team.

There are mitigating circumstances, but they have to be overcome. Our side included only two players who had turned out for us in the final game of last season, Emmerson Boyce and Tresor Kandol, while Bristol City fielded a very experienced team. They have 40 professionals on their staff, and while that situation remains they will turn out very good reserve sides. Every one in their team at Kenilworth Road had played league football, most of them in the First Division of the Nationwide League.

We were using trialists again, but on the whole we

played as though we had never seen each other before.

We led at half-time, and although we didn't deserve to be ahead on the run of play, it was a good goal. TK, just getting over a ligament injury, met a cross with an accurate volley.

Thorpe scored City's second goal, chesting the ball down and hitting a rapid shot before he was closed down, and their third was almost a formality.

It was very disappointing, and any of our players who want to make headway as professionals will have to perform a lot better than that.

Luton Town: Tate, Davis, O'Brien (Ayres 70 mins), Locke, Sodje, Boyce, Bowes (Scarlett 55 mins), Pearson, Kandol, O'Connor (Jerry 70 mins), Zahana-Oni. Unused sub: Stirling.

WE ARE away to Portsmouth on Wednesday evening, and our next home game is a week later September 8, against Swindon. Kick-off at Kenilworth Road will be at 2pm, and admission is £2, half-price for junior and senior citizens, and free to season ticket holders.



Avon Insurance Combination Final Table 1998/99

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Charlton	28	19	3	6	60	24	60
Tottenham	28	18	3	7	56	24	57
Chelsea	28	18	3	7	39	22	57
Ipswich	28	17	4	7	62	32	55
Watford	28	14	9	5	56	29	51
Southampton	28	15	4	9	53	37	49
Peterborough	28	14	6	8	50	35	48
Fulham	28	14	5	9	63	44	47
Arsenal	28	13	6	9	47	32	45
Colchester	28	13	4	11	46	43	43
West Ham	28	11	8	9	56	40	41
Norwich	28	12	5	11	38	34	41
Northampton	28	12	5	11	35	41	41
Luton Town	28	11	7	10	45	43	40
QPR	28	11	5	12	44	34	38
Portsmouth	28	11	5	12	40	37	38
Wimbledon	28	9	11	8	36	36	38
Brighton	28	9	10	9	27	31	37
Bournemouth	28	10	6	12	43	39	36
C. Palace	28	9	6	13	43	50	33
Oxford Utd	28	10	3	15	33	52	33
Reading	28	9	4	15	31	41	31
Swindon	28	8	6	14	26	47	30
Cambridge	28	8	6	14	41	65	30
Barnet	28	8	5	15	33	65	29
Millwall	28	7	6	15	33	58	27
Brentford	28	5	7	16	25	36	22
Wycombe	28	5	7	16	24	58	22
Gillingham	28	4	5	19	21	57	17

Youth Soccer

Paul Lowe

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
YOUTH ALLIANCE



Luton Town 2 West Brom 1

A LAST-minute goal gave us our first victory in the Football League Youth Alliance, completing a performance that improved as the game went on. It will need one or two more games to get a true indication

of how we are to fare in a competition that is for under-19 players - ours will always tend to be younger, because at Luton lads of 19 are normally in the reserves. Tresor Kandol, for instance, already has solid reserve team experience under his belt, but is only just approaching his 18th birthday. We were glad of his contribution on Saturday, because he got both the goals.

Our thanks are due to Luton Rugby Club for providing a superb playing surface. The ground staff have worked miracles, because at the end of last season the pitches were badly cut up through heavy use and poor weather. Our youth team may now be in a higher level of football, but I doubt if they will play on many better pitches.

We have taken on eight new YTS boys, and our squad on Saturday included a schoolboy and a couple of trialists - finding good young talent is still the main objective of youth football at Luton Town.

West Brom have a similar philosophy, and although we started well, the visitors were on top after we opened the scoring in the 25th minute. Moses Jerry played in a good through ball, and although a defender was trying to close him down TK cut inside and drove a low shot into the net.

We were asleep for the equaliser ten minutes later, caught napping by a quick free kick which led to a diagonal ball over our defence and a simple scoring chance.

We went for it in the second half, with three up front, and as the pressure increased Jude Stirling and Jerry both went close to netting a winner.

It finally came in the last minute, with West Brom complaining that offside should have been given as trialist Sean Flaherty from Oxford played the ball into the path of TK. He, sensibly, did not wait to see if the assistant ref agreed with the West Brom bench, but carried on and scored after going round the goalkeeper.

We had some sympathy with the visitors, but felt that we deserved to shade the game. We settled for a back three in the second half, and Ryan Moran, James Ayres and Jude Stirling were hardly ever in difficulty.

Luton Town: Wright, Moran, Minton, Stirling, Jerry, Ayres, Clarke (de Freitas 80 mins), Dogbe, Mansell, Kandol, Mortara (Flaherty 70 mins). Unused sub: Deeney

Luton Town 0 Walsall 0

A LESS than impressive performance in our opening league fixture left us grateful for a point. We might have had a couple of goals in the first half, after soaking up Walsall pressure, but Duane Clarke's finishing let him down.

We switched the formation to play three up front in the second half, and had the better of the game, but without creating clear chances. Overall, we were too inconsistent, but the clean sheet was welcome, and the back four was solid.

Luton Town: Wright, Mortara (Ayres 35 mins), Carroll, Stirling, Moran, Barribeau (Flaherty 55 mins), Minton, Mansell, Clarke (Jeffrey 60 mins), Dogbe, Jerry.

We were away to Cambridge this morning, and next Saturday we entertain Notts County. Our home matches are played on Luton Rugby Club's ground at Newlands Road, kick-off 11 am, and spectators are welcome. Admission is free.

Youth team appearances, including as sub: Wright 2, Mortara 2, Stirling 2, Moran 2, Flaherty 2, Minton 2, Mansell 2, Clarke 2, Dogbe 2, Jerry 2, Ayres 2, Kandol 1, de Freitas 1, Carroll 1, Barribeau 1, Jeffrey 1.

Goals: Kandol 2

Football League Youth Alliance South Central Conference Results and Fixtures

AUG	Sat 14	Walsall	H	0-0
	Sat 21	West Brom	H	2-1 (Kandol 2)
	Sat 28	Cambridge Utd	A	
SEPT	Sat 4	Notts Co	H	
	Sat 18	Oxford Utd	H	
	Sat 25	Wolves	A	
OCT	Sat 2	Northampton	H	
	Sat 16	Shrewsbury	A	
	Sat 23	Cup prelim 1		
	Sat 30	Cup prelim 2		
NOV	Sat 6	Cup prelim 3		
	Sat 13	Cup prelim 4		
	Sat 20	Cup prelim 5		
	Sat 27	Notts Co	A	
DEC	Sat 11	Oxford Utd	A	
	Sat 18	Wolves	H	
JAN	Sat 8	Shrewsbury	H	
	Sat 15	Northampton	A	
	Sat 22	Walsall	A	
	Sat 29	Cup rd 2		
FEB	Sat 5	West Brom	A	
	Sat 12	Cambridge Utd	H	
MAR	Wed 1	Cup quarter-final		
	Wed 22	Cup semi-final		
APRIL	Sun 16	Cup final		

Biggest Wins & Defeats; Top Scorers

Goals	Player	League Details Only
4-0	Colchester	
1-3	Bristol City	
2	Fletcher	
2-1	Wrexham	
2-3	Luton	
3	Ormerod	
2-0	Oldham	
1	No Defeats As Yet	Hreidarsson/Partridge/Bryan/Rowlands
3-1	Bournemouth	
1-2	Reading / Wigan	
2	Akinbiyi	
1-0	Gillingham / Oxford	
2	No Defeats As Yet	Roberts
2-1	Chesterfield / 1-0 Oldham	
2	No Defeats As Yet	Payton
2-1	Gillingham	
0-1	Wrexham	
2	Lawson	
3-1	Reading	
2-4	Chesterfield	
2	Seaman	
3-2	Oxford	
2	No Defeats As Yet	Nugent
4-2	Cambridge	
0-1	Colchester / 1-2 Burnley	
5	Reeves	
1-0	Chesterfield	
0-4	Bournemouth	
1	Dozzell	
1-2	No Wins As Yet	Bury/0-1 Bristol Rovers
1	Ashby/Thomson	
3-2	Blackpool / 2-1 Reading	
2	No Defeats As Yet	George
1-3	No Wins As Yet	Stoke
2	Harris	
3-0	Colchester / Scunthorpe	
3	No Defeats As Yet	Stallard
0-2	No Wins As Yet	Brentford
No Goals Scored As Yet		
2-1	Stoke	
2-3	Cardiff / 0-1 Bristol Rovers	
3	Murphy	
1-0	Oldham / 2-1 Stoke	
2	No Defeats As Yet	Nogan
2-1	Bristol City	
1-3	Cambridge	
1	Breiner / Williams / McIntyre / Crawford	
0-3	No Wins As Yet	Wigan / Notts County
No Goals Scored As Yet		
3-1	Millwall	
1-2	Oxford / Preston	
2	Thorne	
3-0	Scunthorpe	
3	No Defeats As Yet	Haworth/Barlow
1-0	Bury	
1-2	Blackpool	
2	Stevens	
1-0	Scunthorpe	
2	No Defeats As Yet	Devine

1999-00 Season Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate	13,348 Reading v Bristol City 7-Aug
Lowest Gate	2,816 Chesterfield v Cambridge 21-Aug
Highest Aggregate Score	.....Millwall 3-3 Wigan 14-Aug
	.....Chesterfield 4-2 Cambridge 21-Aug
Biggest Home Win	.....Bournemouth 4-0 Colchester 21-Aug
Biggest Away Win	.....Colchester 0-3 Notts County 14-Aug
Consecutive Wins	.....Bristol Rovers, Burnley, Luton, Notts County, Preston 2
Games Unbeaten	.....Brentford, Bristol Rovers, Burnley, Cardiff, Luton, Notts County, Preston, Wigan, Wycombe 3
Consecutive Defeats	.....Oldham, Scunthorpe 3
Games without a Win	.....Gillingham, Millwall, Oldham, Scunthorpe 3

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins	.....Bristol Rovers, Burnley, Luton, Notts County 2
Games Unbeaten	.....Brentford, Bristol Rovers, Burnley, Cardiff, Luton, Notts County, Preston, Wigan, Wycombe 3
Consecutive Defeats	.....Oldham, Scunthorpe 3
Games without a Win	.....Gillingham, Millwall, Oldham, Scunthorpe 3

How Clubs have scored goals... and conceded them

H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG	H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG
2	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	Bournemouth	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	Blackpool	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	Brentford	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	Bristol City	1	0	1	2	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Bristol Rovers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	Burnley	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	Bury	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	Cambridge United	2	1	1	0	0	2	1
1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	Cardiff City	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	Chesterfield	2	1	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Chester United	1	3	0	1	1	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	Gillingham	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	Luton Town	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	Millwall	1	0	2	0	0	2	2
1	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	Notts County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oldham Athletic	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	Oxford United	0	1	0	3	0	0	1
1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	Preston North End	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	Reading	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Scunthorpe United	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	Stoke City	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	3	1	0	1	3	0	Wigan Athletic	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	Wrexham	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	Wycombe Wanderers	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

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

Referee	G	R	Y	Ave	Club	Y	R	Points
Hill	1	0	7	7.00	Wrexham	9	2	15
Jordan	1	0	7	7.00	Colchester	8	1	11
Warren	1	0	7	7.00	Preston	6	1	9
Lynch	3	2	16	5.33	Oxford	5	1	8
Stretton	1	0	5	5.00	Chesterfield	4	1	7
Knight	1	0	5	5.00	Millwall	7	0	7
Robinson	1	1	5	5.00	Bristol City	3	1	6
Wilkes	3	1	14	4.67	Bristol Rovers	3	1	6
Bates	3	3	14	4.67	Cambridge	6	0	6
Dean	3	0	12	4.00	Notts County	6	0	6
Olivier	2	1	8	4.00	Blackpool	5	0	5
Parkes	2	1	8	4.00	Brentford	2	1	5
Ryan	1	2	4	4.00	Reading	5	0	5
Beeby	1	0	4	4.00	Stoke	5	0	5
Bennett	1	0	4	4.00	Burnley	4	0	4
					Cardiff	1	1	4
					Gillingham	4	0	4
					Wycombe	4	0	4
					Luton	3	0	3
					Scunthorpe	3	0	3
					Wigan	3	0	3
					Bournemouth	2	0	2
					Bury	2	0	2
					Oldham	2	0	2

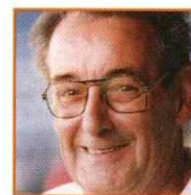
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NATIONWIDE DIVISION 2 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

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2nd Division Scene

Brian Swain



EARLY days it may be, but today's Second Division table after the first three games of the season is one to savour for Town fans. We are one of six teams sharing the leadership on points, but in third place on goal difference, followed by goals scored.

We are three points better off than we were at the same stage last season, but a look back at the league table a year ago shows that early prominence is no guarantee of being there when it matters.

Stoke, Bournemouth and Fulham were then the only three 100 per cent teams. Third and fourth were Fulham and Walsall, who eventually won promotion. Manchester City, who finally got there via the play-offs, were 11th, level on us with four points.

Teams in the bottom four today might have cause to worry: a year ago Macclesfield and Northampton were down there, and finished up relegated. York and Lincoln, the other two to go down, were level with us at the time.

Today, not one team has a perfect record: Preston were the only side to win their first two league games, and their 100 per cent start ended at Wycombe, where Kurt Nogan's second goal of the season earned them a point.

Today's visitors, Cardiff City are one of the eight other teams yet to be beaten in the league this season, and they will overtake us today if they win. A home success, however, and who knows...

The division's top scorers are Wigan, who have rattled in eight goals in their opening three games, and must still be wondering why they are not clear at the top after leading 3-0 at Millwall a fortnight ago and then being held to a 3-3 draw.

Tony Thorpe nearly cost them two more points on Saturday: back in the Bristol City team after an impressive performance for their reserves at Kenilworth Road, he went on as a sub and won and converted a 72nd-minute penalty. But City's first away point of the season when Simon Haworth knocked in an injury-time winner.

The Second Division's leading scorer is David Reeves, who got all four, including two penalties, in their 4-2 home win over promoted Cambridge. That left him the only Chesterfield man on their score sheet - their only other goal was an OG by a Rochdale man in the Worthington Cup.

Two teams would be glad of a similar helping hand: bottom clubs Oldham and Scunthorpe share the humiliating statistic of no points and no goals scored after the first three games of the season.

Stoke City, long-time front runners last season, had the mortification of seeing themselves in the bottom

The Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts County	3	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	7
Wigan	3	2	0	0	5	1	0	1	0	3	3	7
Luton Town	3	1	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	2	1	7
Burnley	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	7	7
Preston	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	7
Bristol Rov	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	7
Bournemouth	3	2	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	1	3	6
Brentford	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	2	5
Cardiff	3	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	3	2	5
Wycombe	3	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	5
Blackpool	3	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	2	3	4
Bury	3	1	1	0	4	3	0	0	1	0	1	4
Wrexham	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	4
Bristol City	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	2	4	3
Chesterfield	3	1	0	1	4	3	0	0	1	1	2	3
Stoke	3	1	0	1	4	3	0	0	1	1	2	3
Cambridge	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	3	6	3
Oxford	3	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	1	2	2	3
Reading	3	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	1	1	3	3
Colchester	3	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	4	3
Millwall	3	0	1	0	3	3	0	1	1	2	4	2
Gillingham	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	1
Oldham	3	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0
Scunthorpe	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	6	0

four after Saturday's games, also with no points, but on Sunday broke their duck with a 3-1 home win over Millwall. It was Millwall's first defeat of the season, but still dumped them into the bottom four. Bournemouth, who entertain us on Tuesday, will be defending a 100 per cent home record. Mark Stein notched his first goal of the season in Saturday's 4-0 drubbing of Colchester, and no team has more current marksmen than the Cherries, with their first nine league and cup goals being shared by eight players.

If you rate defensive strength as vital, Notts County and Bristol Rovers are the only teams yet to concede a league goal, although Rovers seem in need of better support for Jason Roberts. His winner in Saturday's home game with Oxford was his and his team's fourth goal of the season, including the brace he notched at Kenilworth Road.

Today's other Second Division fixtures

- Brentford v Blackpool
- Bristol City v Bury
- Burnley v Stoke
- Cambridge v Notts Co
- Colchester v Reading
- Gillingham v Wycombe
- Millwall v Chesterfield
- Oxford v Oldham
- Preston v Wigan
- Scunthorpe v Bournemouth
- Wrexham v Bristol Rovers

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THE club was delighted to welcome a party of very special young guests to the match against Blackpool. A group of children affected by the 1986 Chernobyl disaster came on a visit organised by Jack Sapsworth through the Rotary Club of Luton. The children are in this country for a month's holiday, with host families in Harpenden and St. Albans. They are brought over by the Chernobyl Children Lifeline project, a nationwide charity which in the past nine years

has brought thousands of youngsters to England. The fare is £250 per child, so it is a major fund-raising operation. Health resources in their own country are very scarce, and the uncontaminated food, water and air they can enjoy in England builds them up, and can increase their life expectancy by as much as three years.

The local link of the Lifeline project is Mrs Ceris Ashcroft, and anyone interested in helping can contact her on 01582 764120.

Town Teaser

OUR popular "Hatters Trivia" competition continues this afternoon. If you know your Luton Town, you will find it easy, but it is matter of luck if you get the chance to win a prize. Listen to the PA announcer before the game, and if you know the answer to today's Town Teaser watch and listen for your chance to have a go.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Who played in goal for us in the famous Littlewoods Cup final victory at Wembley in 1988?

				substitutes
McLaren	Douglas	Spring	McIndoe	Boyce for Taylor, 70 mins. Unused: George, Scarlett, Zahana-Oni, Tate
Douglas	Spring	McIndoe	Taylor	Doherty for White HT; Fotiadis for Douglas 60 mins; George for McIndoe 60 mins. Unused: Zahana-Oni, Tate
Douglas	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	McKinnon for Fotiadis 75 mins; Zahana-Oni for Douglas 83 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 89 mins. Unused: Boyce, Tate
Gray	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	McIndoe for Fotiadis 79 mins. Unused: Sodje, White, McKinnon, Tate
McKinnon	Douglas	McIndoe	Kandol	Doherty for Douglas 67 mins; Fotiadis for Kandol 67 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Davis, Ward

Today's Referee

ONE OF the Football League's most experienced and respected referees is in charge of today's match. Roger Furnandiz, a technical sales manager from Doncaster, has more than 500 Premiership and Football League matches under his belt already, having reached the top flight in 1985.

That was ten years after he started in much more modest surroundings, on the local parks in the Doncaster area.

He moved up via the Yorkshire and Central

Leagues, first as a linesman and then as a referee. He reached the Football League, as a linesman in 1985 and was a panel referee four years later. He took charge of two games at Kenilworth Road last season, against Colchester and Blackpool.

He likes golf and cricket as well as football, and is vice-chairman of Doncaster referees society, which enables him to put something back into a job which can give immense pleasure as well as occasional problems.

Hatters Roll-Call Season 1999/2000

	APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets)			GOALS		
	League	WC	Total	League	WC	Total
Nathan Abbey	3	2	5	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	0(1)	2	2(1)	0	0	0
Gary Doherty	2	0(2)	2(2)	0	1	1
Stuart Douglas	2	2	4	0	0	0
Andrew Fotiadis	2	0(2)	2(2)	1	0	1
Stuart Fraser	3	1	4	0	0	0
Phil Gray	2	2	4	0	0	0
Liam George	2	0(1)	2(1)	3	0	3
Marvin Johnson	3	0	3	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	0	1	1	0	1	1
Adam Locke	0	1	1	0	0	0
Michael McIndoe	1(2)	2	3(2)	0	0	0
Ray McKinnon	0(1)	1	1(1)	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	3	1	4	0	0	0
Efetobore Sodje	0	1	1	0	0	0
Matthew Spring	3	1	4	1	0	1
Matthew Taylor	3	1	4	0	0	0
Julian Watts	3	2	5	0	0	0
Alan White	1	2	3	0	0	0
Landry Zahana-Oni	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0

Today's Visitors



Luton Town

NATHAN ABBEY	1
STUART FRASER	13
JULIAN WATTS	40
GARY DOHERTY	12
MARVIN JOHNSON	6
LIAM GEORGE	12
PAUL McLAREN	8
ANDREW FOTIADIS	14
MATTHEW SPRING	4
PHIL GRAY	7
MATTHEW TAYLOR	15

Substitutes

RAY McKINNON	27
EMMERSON BOYCE	17
EFETOBORE SODJE	3
MICHAEL McINDOE	10
DANIEL TATE (GK)	20

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Cardiff City

1	JON HALLWORTH
2	WINSTON FAERBER
3	ANDY LEGG
4	SCOTT YOUNG
6	MIKE FORD
9	JASON BOWEN
10	KEVIN NUGENT
11	MATTHEW BRAZIER
15	JEFF ECKHARDT
16	CRAIG MIDDLETON
12	JASON FOWLER

Substitutes

20	JAMIE HUGHES
21	LEE JARMAN
22	LEE PHILLIPS
25	JOHN CORNFORTH
13	SEAMUS KELLY (GK)

Today's Officials

Referee: Roger Furnandiz, Doncaster
Assistants: I. F. Bentley, Mitcham (yellow flag)
 C. J. Hills, Ely (yellow and red flag)
Reserve official: G. P. Parish, Harlow

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