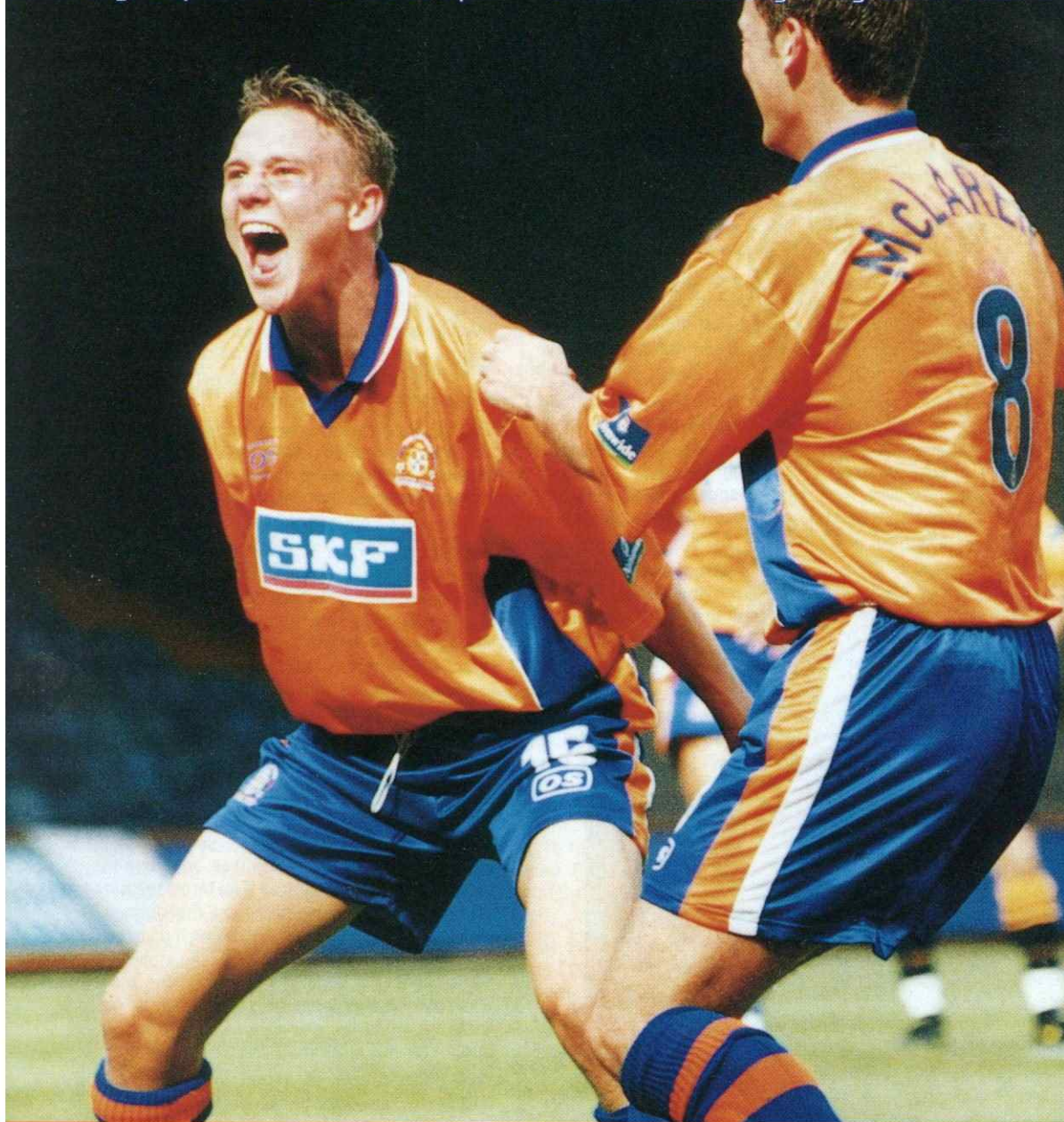


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welcome to kenilworth road



MANAGER Lennie Lawrence was treated to a long and heartfelt standing ovation when he gave an evening of his spare time to be always frank, and often funny, as guest speaker at Luton Town Supporters Club.

He spoke with deep feeling about the difficulties the club came through during the summer of receivership, and of his belief that having got through the dark days much brighter ones may now be in store.

He paid public tribute to the backroom staff at Kenilworth Road for their efforts, at a time when huge difficulties seemed to prove great determination to pull through. He felt the same attitude was clear among spectators as well, as supporters realised how close the club had come to going out of existence.

The manager asked that his comments should not be reported here at length - they were for the benefit of the fans who took the trouble to attend the packed-out meeting, and he was delighted to chat to them, and answer their questions as frankly as he could.

But one telling point he made deserves a wider audience: Luton Town has always had to be a selling club, and doubtless will be again. But the

manager wants to be in control of sales - to do deals at the right time and place, which means that to consolidate the hard work already done in keeping the club going more income has to be generated.

The commercial department has done remarkably well, particularly in wrapping up the SKF shirt sponsorship and a big advertising deal with easyJet.

Now, it is time for the community at large to get involved a little more. The boss has been looking at league attendances, and while the club values every one of its paying customers, a few more might make a big difference.

Said Lennie: "We know we are unlikely to get 9,000, much as we would like to. We have to allocate around 2,000 seats for the away end, and in this division that section will rarely, if ever, be full. Visiting teams are bringing a few hundred or so.

"Realistically, a gate of 7,000 is nearly a full house, but we are getting not much over 5,000. With the team doing well at home, I hope that the public will respond. Just another 1,000 per game, could make a huge difference, and an extra 1,500 would delight me and the team, and bring a very welcome improvement to our finances. And I think that this current team, and the quality of football we are offering, deserves support."

MIDFIELDER Adam Locke was discussing his future with Lennie Lawrence this week, having made his second full appearance for us at Brentford. Released by Bristol City, he was on a one-month deal which has now expired. The terms were a case of club and player weighing up the options, but were mainly dictated by the fact that the lawyers for the two sides had still not settled the small print of the receivership saga. It meant that the manager was restricted in what he could offer to players while he waits for a final decision on his wages budget for this season.

That difficulty played a part in Ray McKinnon's decision to leave, for the second time in his career, after his short-term contract expired. He had left on a free transfer at the end of last season, but came back for the new campaign after failing to get fixed up elsewhere. He accepted a one-month deal, during which he played one Worthington Cup tie, and made three league appearances as a substitute.



Front cover:

Matthew Taylor shows his delight at scoring a stunning first goal of his league career, to put us on the way to a 3-1 victory over Wrexham. Paul McLaren is offering his congratulations.



He was offered another deal, for a second month, but with his wife still in Scotland, he wanted something more positive, and the manager could not offer him the season-long contract he sought.

"I understand Ray's decision," said the boss. "I couldn't afford to offer him a year if he was not a regular member of the team.

"It is unfortunate the way things have turned out for Ray, but he has left with our very best wishes, and thanks for his services to the club."

The timing was tough on McKinnon - Paul McLaren, who was keeping him out of the side, missed Saturday's match at Brentford through injury, which gave 29-year-old Locke the chance to make his first league appearance for us at Brentford.

As we went to press the manager and Locke and his agent were negotiating a possible new deal.

WHILE sorting out contracts for players already at Kenilworth Road, Lennie Lawrence was busy this week trying to find a striker who can be signed on loan to cover the shortfall while Phil Gray and Andrew Fotiadis are injured. Gray is likely to be out of action for up to a month after his hamstring strain, while Fotiadis might need two months treatment for his knee ligament problem before he can resume training.

"I am gutted for him," said the manager. "He has had the odd injury problem before, but this has come at a bad time for him as well as for the club. He was beginning to show what we had long thought he was capable of, and he is probably the most natural goal-scorer in the club."

We can all dream of another Rory Allen loan, but the real world this week was that it was proving very difficult to find a candidate to fill the Town's attack vacancy. "Ideally, I want a good young prospect, probably a player in the reserves at a Premiership squad," said the boss. "I have made some enquiries, but have only drawn blanks so far."

IT'S NEARLY a year since the Town paid their first visit to the Stadium of Light, the magnificent 42,000-seat arena that replaced Roker Park at Sunderland, but there is another match there in a fortnight which might interest supporters.

England play Euro 2000 hosts Belgium in a friendly at Sunderland on Sunday October 10, and tickets, priced at between £8 and £30, are on offer via a telephone credit card service. It is running for 24 hours a day, and subject to availability offering up to four tickets per person. The number is 0990 862015.

On the Friday evening, October 8, Bradford stages an under-21 international between England and Denmark, and the credit card phone service for that is 01274 770022. Prices range from £12 to £7, with concessions. For both matches there is a booking fee for credit card sales.

As the Town are at Oldham on October 9 (no credit card phone, just take your dosh on the day) you could make it a real dream of a soccer weekend, with three games in three days.

Brian Swain

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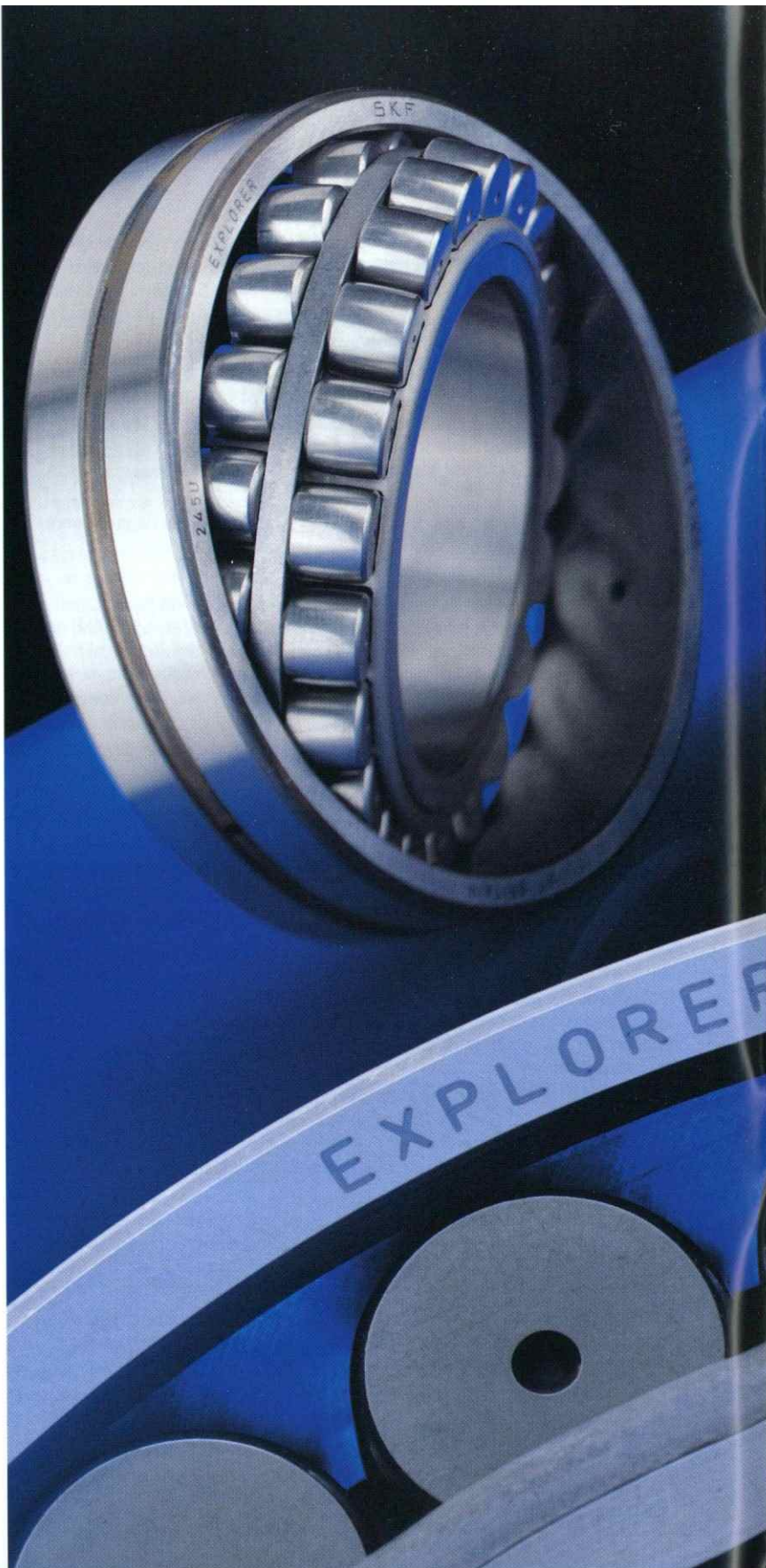
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The Manager

Lennie Lawrence



DELIGHT at home to Wrexham, disappointment away to Brentford. Those were the contrasting reactions to our last two games.

We were delighted with the performance against Wrexham - and how nice it was to score twice in the first 20 minutes! But then we suffered a major blow when we lost Paul McLaren and Andrew Fotiadis through injury, and the enforced changes of personnel for last Saturday's game could hardly have come at a worse time, because Brentford were the strongest team we have played so far this season.

We had the better of the first half, and finished it particularly well, with two or three half chances and a goal-line clearance, and could easily have been a goal up at the interval.

Failing to get a goal proved costly, because Brentford upped a gear in the second half. We conceded a somewhat unfortunate goal from their first corner, and lacked the know-how at the other end to overcome the best central defensive pairing I have yet seen in this division. Chances were few and far between.

However, we have made a good start to the season, although fifth place might be slightly false in that teams below us have games in hand.

My biggest concern is that in three of our four league games away from home we have failed to score, and apart from that flurry at Brentford which I have mentioned we didn't look too likely to change that at Griffin Park.

Thankfully we have not had the same problem at home, where we have yet to draw a blank, and we need to continue that trend.

Oxford will not make it easy for us, but we give them a very warm welcome today, especially

because they, like us, have had a few difficulties to overcome recently, including an injury crisis.

I watched them in the Worthington Cup against Everton, when they played well to hold the Premiership side to a draw at the Manor Ground. They underlined their quality by going to Goodison on Wednesday and beating the Premiership side to go into the third round, so their confidence should be high.

But we know only too well what effect high-profile cup games in midweek can have on so-called bread and butter league matches the following Saturday, and I hope we can play our part in ensuring it happens to Oxford today! We must be determined to take maximum advantage of any reaction Oxford may be feeling at the end of a week in which their squad has been fully stretched. But Wednesday's result at Everton shows that the spirit in the club is excellent.

Our much-prized unbeaten home record will be under great pressure if we are not focused as well as we were against Wrexham.

Our players are putting in everything, and after all the difficulties the club has had to overcome over the past six months, I get the feeling that everyone is pulling together - within the club and, perhaps just as importantly, in the stadium generally on match days.

The support for us at Brentford did us proud, even when we were losing. To have 1,700 backing us was remarkable. Solid support is a big help to the players, and we need it to continue this afternoon. Those of you at Griffin Park were marvellous - thank you. It makes life easier, especially for the younger players, and with more of the same today we can again show that this club is capable of having a very bright future.

Lennie Lawrence

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Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson



WE WERE not quite the happiest bunch of footballers on earth on the way home from Brentford last Saturday. No-one likes losing, not even to good teams, but we thought we had enough of the play,

particularly in the first half, to get something out of the game.

And as a defender I took it particularly hard that we conceded two goals from set pieces. We had worked in training on the dangers of the near-post corners and crosses, because we knew Brentford liked to use them. We try to be disciplined at the back, and it was galling to go one down as a result of the first corner Brentford won in the game.

On the other hand, near-post balls are always dangerous - if they are delivered properly you have big problems defending against them. The ball is whipped in, and it needs only a touch to do decisive damage. But Matthew Taylor was unlucky, marking at the back post, because he very nearly cleared off the line.

The second goal upset us two ways - professional pride hurt again because it was another set piece, and also because Effy Sodje was penalised out wide near the corner flag, and is still saying today that it was never a foul. The ref thought it was, and that was the only opinion that mattered, but once more our defending was not as tight as it should be. Scott Partridge hit a tremendous volley, but we were too slow to close him down.

Enforced team changes didn't help, and it has been particularly sad for Andrew Fotiadis to be put out of action just as he was showing us what he can do. Tresor Kandol took his place, and gave 100 per cent, but against one of the best opposing defences I have yet seen his inexperience made it a difficult day for him. He is still only 18, and willing to learn, and I have no doubt his day will come, as it always does for good young players at Luton Town.

We need now to show that the Brentford result was just a blip, and while we respect Oxford we need to get back to winning ways today. We have some happy memories of games against Oxford

in recent times, including the Worthington Cup matches against them last season.

They gave us a scare or two before we beat them over two legs, and we haven't forgotten that in the first meeting they were 3-2 winners at Kenilworth Road. Professional pride will be very flat if we were to suffer something similar today!

The key to achieving our ambition has been drummed into us all by the boss: we must be near-unbeatable on our own pitch, and if we are, who knows what might happen?

At the start of the season, looking at so many young faces in the squad, I was privately thinking that we might be in for a difficult campaign. I think we have surprised a few people by what we have done so far, and another home win today will keep us up with the Second Division front runners. If we can match last season's away form and results, and do much better at home, anything is possible.

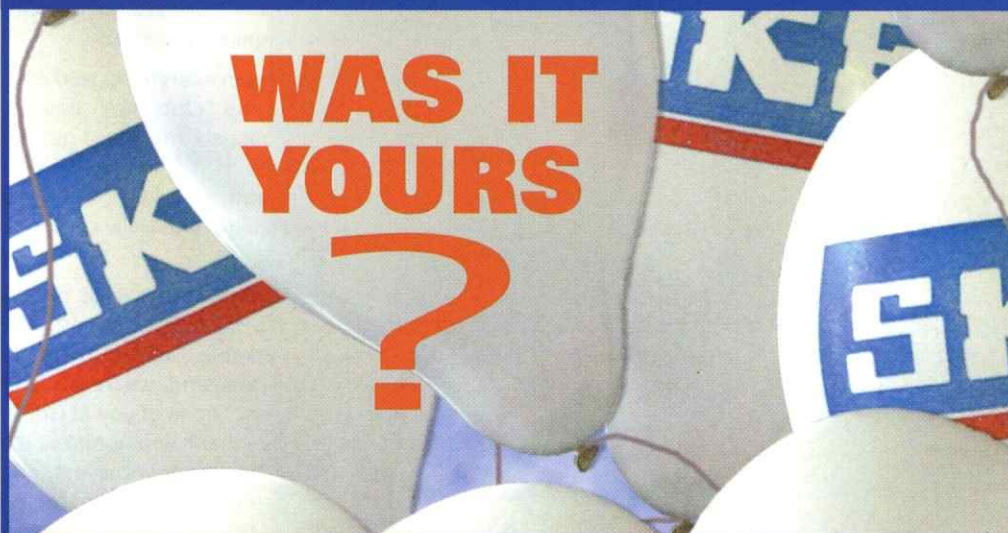
It tempts providence if you shout the odds about promotion or play-offs, but I can tell you that there is a very good spirit in the dressing room, and we are quietly confident that we are going to have a good season. And a top six finish is well possible.

There is a long way to go, and after today's game we will not need a lot of motivating for next Saturday's match, at Wigan. They are championship favourites, and we would be well pleased if we could take a point or three from them.

And I must add our grateful thanks for the tremendous support we have enjoyed so far, especially in away games. The noise from the Luton end at Brentford was something special, and as one of the older members of the team I can confirm that it means a lot to all players, but especially the younger ones. We value your encouragement, and I suspect we have the Second Division's champion fans. It's near-unbelievable to discover that while home gates are around the 5,000 mark, we had 1,700 at Griffin Park. I'm sorry we did not give you a better result, but perhaps today, together, we can put that right. I hope we have a game we can all enjoy.

Marvin Johnson

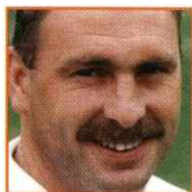
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Treatment Room

Clive Goodyear



FORTUNATELY we came through the game at Brentford with no injuries worse than hurt pride, and hopefully there could be good news today about the return of Paul McLaren.

The treatment room is still busy, with the midfielder the closest to a return. He twisted an ankle against Wrexham, and that kept him out of the match at Brentford. He was back in light training early this week, but we were waiting to see how he reacted to twisting and turning. The midweek forecast was that he had a chance of being available for selection today.

Phil Gray, out for a fortnight because of a hamstring strain, was showing signs of improvement early this week, and by now should be jogging again. I hope to build up the pace gradually next week, but he is still some way short of being able to join in the full training routine. So far as playing again is concerned, it looks like he will have to wait another couple of weeks at least.

For Andrew Fotiadis, it will be a much longer lay-off. He is in a knee brace for perhaps a month, to stop his joint twisting after suffering a ligament tear against Wrexham. He is able to do a little jogging, and work on the exercise bike, and treatment will aid maintenance of his muscle strength. We will have a clearer idea of his progress when the knee brace comes off, hopefully in about three weeks, but he will then need another week or two to build up to something near full fitness.

Our other injured players are Gavin McGowan and Landry Zahana-Oni. A specialist was checking McGowan's progress this week as he copes with a cruciate ligament tear, and he will probably go to Lilleshall for more rehab work next week. The facilities there very good, and a change of surroundings can be



● **FIRST AID:** Stuart Douglas's legs took a bruising at Brentford, but after going off briefly for treatment he was all right, and will be available for today's game.

beneficial. It is easy for players to be bored by routines that go on and on in the same place for weeks. I hope McGowan will be ready to resume training in about a month, but he will then have a lot of work to do, including a mini-pre season schedule after such a long lay-off.

Zahana-Oni had a cartilage operation on Tuesday, to clean up a knee joint, and all the indications are that it has been successful, and with luck he should be completely recovered within a month.

Finally, today, a note about youth team goalkeeper Scott Ward, who played for the first time in nearly a year last week. First he had a wrist fracture, then two hernia problems, one after the other. It was a long road back, and I am delighted to see him make it.

Clive Goodyear

Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery



I HAVE received several complaints from supporters that cash turnstiles were available at Brentford last Saturday even though we had advised everyone that it was to be an ALL TICKET match for the Luton contingent.

Brentford had told us that the game was all-ticket, and it was on this advice that we sold tickets.

We do realise that it is difficult and inconvenient for supporters who live and work away from Luton to purchase tickets in advance, and we did all we could to assist by actually taking tickets to Brentford for them to collect there.

The support from Luton at Griffin Park was magnificent, as Lennie Lawrence said. There were 1,704 Luton supporters, with 200 paying on the day.

Brentford were able to take off the all ticket arrangement because it was for Luton supporters only, not as with our Cardiff match. That was all ticket for all supporters, home and away, and therefore we were not allowed to sell on the day of the match, and it became clear later why that decision had to be made.

We can only apologise to supporters for the inconvenience. We have made our protest to Brentford, who say they expected around 2,000 from Luton, and made it all-ticket so they could organise the requisite safety measures.

On a happier note, thanks to all supporters who gave generously to the charity appeal at the last home game - £524 was raised for the Herald & Post Life Support Appeal.



● **STRIP 4 SHELTER:** The club backed yesterday's charity event, to raise cash for Shelter, with participants wearing soccer kit to work, and making a donation for the privilege. Back row, left to right: Sharon Burns, Janet Kay and Amelia Iannaccone; front: Marvin Johnson, Julian Watts and Stuart Douglas.

And finally, if you are in the ground early this afternoon, please give encouragement to the teams of young footballers who are providing the pre-match entertainment. They are the under-10 sides of Dunstable Tigers and Bushmead Wanderers, two of the many teams we help through our Football in the Community project.

Another aspect of the work will be highlighted at half-time, when coaching awards will be given to the Marsh Farm Sports and Social Group, with whom we have been working in recent weeks.

We all enjoy our league football on Saturday afternoons, but behind the scenes there is a lot more going on than many people realise. And I don't just mean selling tickets for other clubs!

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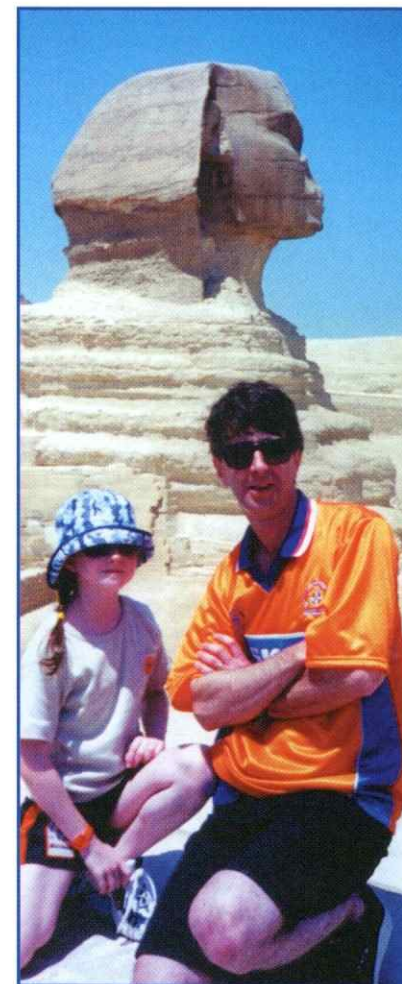
Hatters Abroad

carrying the colours

OUR congratulations and thanks go today to Mick Murphy and his "lucky mascot" daughter for being the first to show us photographs of the new season's Town kit making a debut at one of the world's oldest tourist attractions.

Mr Murphy, of High Town Road, Luton, apologises for Laura's forgetfulness on the trip to see the pyramids and the sphinx.

While he, as a fanatical Town supporter, made sure he had his new shirt with him daughter Laura unaccountably forgot hers, but as you can see she still had her Hatters shorts to make sure the rest of the tourists knew which club she thinks are a top attraction.



Her proud dad told us: "Laura has been quite a good mascot for the Town so far - in 18 attendances she has only seen two defeats."

With a record like that, we hope she comes to a lot more matches, with or without her Town kit!

WE ARE always happy to publish interesting snaps of Town fans on their travels, no matter which kit supporters are showing off. If you would like to see your picture in the matchday magazine please send it, with a few details, to the matchday magazine editor at Luton Town FC. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want the photographs back.

We are also interested in hearing about our very young fans - the season's best example so far was a phone call from a proud father asking for details about enrolling his youngster in the Junior Hatters Club. "How old is the child?" we asked. "A couple of hours," came the reply. We look forward to seeing a picture with a mini-kit doing duty as a romper suit. If you have something similar, we would be interested to see your picture too.



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John Bailey



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They will be given a tour of the dressing rooms, and Jeremy will lead the team out for the pre-match warm-up. And he will look very smart, because a complete Hatters replica kit is part of the package, along with souvenir photographs of the occasion.



He comes from Bishops Stortford, and attends Bishops Stortford College, but the family used to live at Bedford, which explains why they still have a love of Luton Town. Jeremy comes to matches with his mum and dad, and when he is not watching the Hatters - Andrew Fotiadis is his favourite player - he likes ten pin bowling, baseball, Lego, and watching TV, especially the Simpsons.

We hope he and his family enjoy themselves today, hopefully with the right result against Oxford to make it all absolutely perfect!

And if you have a youngster worth a special treat, please contact the commercial department on Luton 411622 for more information about the commercial mascot package.

We think it is excellent value.

John Bailey

GOLDEN GAMBLE

OUR Golden Gamble, the pound-a-go flutter for Town fans, nearly went through the £500 barrier at the game against Wrexham. Mick Price, from Common Road, Kensworth, is pictured with every reason to smile broadly - player James Ayres has just presented him with £485 in cash, to add to the delight of the Town's thrilling performance.



Some-one will be a jackpot winner again today, in a lottery which offers very fair odds: tickets are on sale at every home game, at £1 each, and the income is split 50-50 between Luton Town FC and the cash prize.

The draw is made at half-time, and the winner can sit down in extra comfort for the second half of the game, hundreds of pounds richer than when he or she came into the ground. So far this season the Golden Gamble has paid out £2,142 to seven winners. To have a chance of being winner No. 8, have a flutter with us, and at the same time help the club.



STAR LINE-UP: Some of the biggest names in pop music are likely to be at Town matches this season after long-time Town supporters Rob Stringer, of Epic Records, and Mick Garbutt, of Inside Media, became the latest to hire one of our executive boxes. Their jobs bring them into contact with a lot of personalities in the music business, and Rob is in the centre of the picture. You might recognise a couple of the guests he entertained at the Wrexham game, James Dean Bradfield, the lead singer of the Manic Street Preachers, and Mike Pickering, of M People. We thank Rob and Mick for their support - they are also kit sponsors - and hope they and their guests enjoy many happy afternoons at Kenilworth Road. Our boxes are also available on a match by match basis, and we can offer various packages to suit all budgets. For further information, please contact the commercial department on Luton 411622.

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McGowan	3	1
Robinson	2	1
Anthobus	1	1
Banger	1	0
Beauchamp	1	0
Cook	1	0
Davis	1	0
Folland	1	0
Lilley	1	0
Powell	1	0
Tait	1	0

Hatters' Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded

Time	Goals Scored	Goals Conceded
0-15	0	0
15-30	0	0
30-45	0	0
45-60	0	0
60-75	0	0
75-90	0	0

The U's Contenders

Player	Position	Goals	Assists
Andre Arendse	Goalkeeper	3	0
Paul Lundin	Goalkeeper	5	0
Les Robinson	Defender	8	0
Mark Watson	Defender	7	0
Steve Davis	Defender	11	0
Mickey Lewis	Midfielder	11	0
Paul Powell	Midfielder	8	0
Paul Tait	Midfielder	8	0
Matt Murphy	Midfielder	8	0
Joey Beauchamp	Midfielder	8	0
Peter Fear	Midfielder	2	0
Steve Anthobus	Forward	6	0
Derek Lilley	Forward	7	0
Jamie Lambert	Midfielder	2	0
Simon Weatherstone	Forward	5	0
Jamie Cook	Forward	5	0

Luton's Goals For & Against

Goal Type	Goals
CLOSE RANGE	0
INSIDE AREA	4
OUTSIDE AREA	2
HEADERS	1
VOLLEYS	2
FREE KICKS	0
PENALTIES	0
OWN GOALS	1

Oxford's Last Ten Years - The Complete Record

Season	Div.	W	D	L	Points
89/90	2	2	2	1	1
90/91	4	4	4	3	5
91/92	1	4	2	2	2
92/93	1	4	2	2	2
93/94	1	4	2	2	2
94/95	1	4	2	2	2
95/96	1	4	2	2	2
96/97	1	4	2	2	2
97/98	1	4	2	2	2
98/99	1	4	2	2	2

Oxford's Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded

Time	Goals Scored	Goals Conceded
0-15	0	0
15-30	0	0
30-45	0	0
45-60	0	0
60-75	0	0
75-90	0	0

The U's Form Guide - Result, Points, Position

Team	Result	Points	Position
3	3	3	3
12	17	11	9
11	9	10	15
16	16	16	16

Matchmen of the Month

A double winner of the award this month... Gary Kelly has been kept busy in the Oldham Goal, while Andy Thompson has been a rock in Bristol Rovers' defence

Player	Team	GP	SR	AVG
Blackpool	Junior Bent	4	1	6.51
Bournemouth	Scott Mean	5	2	6.81
Brentford	Martin Rowlands	3	2	7.61
Bristol City	Gregory Goodridge	4	2	7.71
Bristol Rovers	Andy Thompson	4	3	8.01
Burnley	Mitchell Thomas	5	2	7.61
Bury	Ian Lawson	5	2	7.41
Cambridge	Benjamin / Butler	5	1	7.01
Cardiff	Danny Hill	3	1	8.01
Chesterfield	Curtis / Holland	4	1	7.21
Colchester	Wilkins / Launders / Keith	5	1	6.81
Gillingham	Andy Hessenthaler	5	2	7.21
Luton	Liam George	4	2	7.51
Millwall	Paul Shaw	4	2	7.71
Notts County	Clayton Blackmore	4	1	7.71
Oldham	Gary Kelly	4	3	8.01
Oxford	Matt Murphy	5	1	7.01
Preston	Jonathan Macken	4	2	7.51
Reading	Darren Caskey	3	1	7.61
Scunthorpe	Logan / Harsley	4	1	7.01
Stoke	Kavanagh / Thorne	4	1	7.01
Wigan	Stuart Barlow	5	1	7.81
Wrexham	Kevin Dearden	5	2	7.41
Wycombe	Jamie Bates	5	2	7.21

Ground Information

Ground	Capacity	Pitch Measurement	Record Attendance	Record Receipts
Manor Ground	9,572	110 x 75	22,750 v Preston, FA Cup 6th round, 29 Feb. 1964	£103,411 v Leeds

United, FA Cup 4th round, 29 Jan 1994

Year Formed	Record League Win	Record Cup Win	Record Defeat
1893	7-0 v Barrow, Division 4, 19 Dec 1964	9-1 v Dorchester	0-6 v Liverpool, Division 1, 22 Mar 1986

Record Goals

Player	Goals
Graham Atkinson	77
John Shuker	73

Record Points

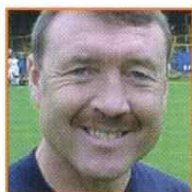
Player	Points
John Shuker	95
John Shuker	95

Top League scorer in a season

Player	Goals
John Shuker	478

Today's Visitors

welcome to Oxford United



MALCOLM SHOTTON MANAGER

Malcolm re-joined Oxford United in January 1998 as first team manager. Malcolm was born in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne in 1957, leaving his native

Tyneside for an apprenticeship with Leicester City. He made one non-playing appearance on the bench for the Foxes. He was released at the end of the 1977-78 season and drifted into non-league football with Atherstone Town and Nuneaton Borough. Malcolm joined Oxford in May 1980 and soon became a popular figure at the Club. He made the No. 6 shirt his own, forming a fearsome partnership with Gary Briggs at the heart of the United defence.

Malcolm captained the side to consecutive title successes in the old Third and Second Divisions and in April 1986, against all the odds, lifted the Milk (League) Cup aloft at Wembley after beating QPR 3-0. He was sold to Portsmouth in 1987 after making 336 full appearances for the Club. Later that season he joined Huddersfield Town before moving on to Barnsley. He left The Tykes for Hull City and eventually joined Ayr United as Assistant Manager. He returned to Barnsley once again in 1994 as Reserve Team Coach, although his playing days were still not finished.

Malcolm was a popular choice for the manager's job at The Manor, replacing Denis Smith who moved to West Bromwich Albion.



OXFORD UNITED SQUAD
SEASON 1999/2000

the players



STEVE ANTHROBUS (FORWARD)

Steve was born in Lewisham and began his career with the local Club, Millwall. Having completed his apprenticeship with the Lions, he moved into their first team and it was not long

before he caught the attention of South London neighbours Wimbledon. The Don's paid £150,000 for his services in February 1990. His stay with the Preeniiership Club lasted five years and also including loan spells at Peterborough and Chester. He signed for Shrewsbury at the start of the 1995-6 season for £25,000. His time at Shrewsbury proved to be the most prolific of his career so far and yielding 18 goals in just a year and a half. Crewe were monitoring his progress and stepped in to sign him before the transfer deadline in March 1997. He joined Oxford United in June 1999 and Oxford fans will be looking forward to seeing him lead the line this season

ANDRE ARENDSE (GOALKEEPER)

Thirty-two year old, South African born Andre joined Fullam in 1997 from his hometown Club Cape Town Spurs and played 10 games for the Cottagers. However, the form of Maik Taylor last season meant that his chances were limited to just one match in the Auto Windscreens Shield. Andre has played 27 games for the South African national side including the game against England at Old Trafford in May 1997. Andre was a key player in South Africa's African Nations Cup victory in 1996. He has also played for the African All Stars XI and his form in helping South Africa qualify for the 1998 World Cup in France earned him selection for a World XI side that included the likes of Ronaldo and Zidane. Unfortunately for Andre, he picked up a knee injury prior to the final tournament and had to watch the matches from home.

He joined Oxford in the summer of 1999 on a free transfer and he will be looking to re-establish himself as first choice for both Oxford United and South Africa.

NICKY BANGER (STRIKER/MIDFIELD)

Nicky came through the ranks with his hometown club Southampton. In total, he played 94 games for the Saints gaining a reputation as a fast and clever striker. He joined Oldham, originally on loan in October 1994, with the move soon being made permanent in a deal worth £250,000. Injury

limited Nicky to just a handful of appearances and he moved to Oxford in July 1997 on a free transfer. He made 49 appearances for Oxford in his first two seasons at the Manor and has re-joined the Club on non-contract forms in August.

JOEY BEAUCHAMP (MIDFIELD)

Joey re-joined Oxford at the start of October 1995, 15 months after leaving The Manor for West Ham United. Local born winger, Joey came through the ranks making his debut on the last day of the 1988/89 season against Watford. His appearances in the first few seasons were scarce and it was only after returning from a loan spell with Swansea City in 1991/92 that he started to get a regular place in the line-up. He went on to make 117 League appearances with the Club before joining West Ham at the end of the 1993/94 season for a fee approaching £1million. His stay in the East London was brief and he did not make a first team appearance for the Hammers and he joined Swindon soon afterwards. Following a change of manager at the County Ground, he fell out of favour and took the opportunity to return to Oxford for a cut price fee of £75,000.



JAMIE COOK (MIDFIELD)

Jamie was signed as a professional following a successful two year apprenticeship. He has a good turn of pace and the skill to worry defences. He scored his first League goal at Maine Road two seasons ago and he will be looking to continue the progress he made last season.

STEVE DAVIS (DEFENCE)

Steve is an experienced centre-half, comfortable on the ball, and is also always likely to pop up with a goal or two. Binningham born, Steve began his career at Stoke City before finding his way to Dario Gradi's Crewe side where he made 140 league starts. After four years, he made the move to Burnley for a £15,000 fee. He moved again, four years later, to Barnsley for £180,000. He suffered a set-back breaking his leg in January



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1997 at QPR. After a loan to York later that year, he returned to Barnsley before joining Oxford United, initially on loan, before his services were secured on a permanent basis in March 1998 for £75,000. Steve missed most of last season due to injury, but he will be pushing hard for a place in the starting eleven this season.



PETER FEAR (MIDFIELD)

Sutton born Peter joined Wimbledon as a trainee and was awarded a professional contract in 1992. The former England Under-21 International remained at Wimbledon until his free transfer to Oxford United in

July 1999. He is a fierce competitor and strong tackler with a big desire to do well here at The Manor.

ROBERT FOLLAND (FORWARD)

Rob is another product of the Club's youth team. He made two substitute appearances in the 1997-98 season and was also called up to the Welsh Under-21 squad. He has been used as a central striker and at times a winger.

KEVIN FRANCIS (FORWARD)

Kevin began his professional career at Derby County after they snapped him up from Mile Oak Rovers in his native Birmingham. However, it was not until a £45,000 move to Stockport County in 1991 that he really established himself in League football. In his four years at Edgeley Park, Kevin scored 88 League goals from only 146 starts. It was little surprise when Barry Fry captured his signature for Birmingham City in a deal worth £800,000 in January 1995. At 6' 7" his physical presence has always caused opposition defences big problems, both as a goalscorer and creator of chances for others. Kevin came to The Manor in February 1998 as part of the deal that took Darren Purse to Birmingham City. He marked his debut for the Club by scoring the winner against West Bromwich Albion.

JAMES LAMBERT (MIDFIELD)

James began his career with his local side Reading after successfully completing his apprenticeship with the Berkshire club. He made his debut for the Royals as an 18 year old and quickly established himself in the side. His performances on the wing soon caught the eye of the scouts and a spell on loan at Monaco duly followed, Lambert failed to settle in the South of

France and returned to Reading and a loan spell at Blackburn followed. He failed to make any impact at Ewood Park and again returned to Reading. He fell out of favour at Reading after a change of manager and was released from his contract in March 1999. James joined Oxford originally on non-contract terms in August 1999 and he was an instant hit with the fans.

MICKEY LEWIS (MIDFIELD)

At 34, Mickey would have been forgiven for thinking that his playing career was over. However, an injury crisis at the Club has led to the postponement of his retirement. Mickey joined United from Derby County in the summer of 1988 in a part-exchange deal after previously being with West Bromwich Albion. Popular with the supporters because of his committed, ultra reliable performances, Mickey had been a regular in the United side until the start of the 1996-97 season. He has played over 300 games for the Club and was appointed youth team coach in the summer of 1996. His appearances since then have been limited to just two substitute appearances this season

DEREK LILLEY (STRIKER)

Derek Lilley first caught the eye as a 17 year old at Greenock Morton. He started his career as a part-time player before Morton offered him a full-time professional contract at 19. In his next three seasons with the Scottish club, he was top scorer - scoring 64 goals in 176 league appearances. His goalscoring ability caught the eye of several Clubs and Leeds United won the race for his signature in March 1997. Leeds paid £500,000 to gain his services, but in his two seasons at Elland Road he made just 19 appearances scoring once. Following loan spells at Hearts and Bury, Derek joined United on the eve of the 1999-2000 campaign for a small fee. He is a powerful striker who is strong on the ball and not afraid to shoot at goal.

PAUL LUNDIN (GOALKEEPER)

Paul made his debut for Oxford United against Bolton Wanderers last season. The giant Swedish goalkeeper joined the Club in March 1999 after a brief trial. He has been selected for the Swedish National squad although he has yet to make an appearance. He played for Malino and Oesters before making the move to The Manor Ground. Playing in England has fulfilled a lifelong ambition for the former wrestler and he will be keen to do well.

NEIL MCGOWAN (DEFENCE)

Neil joined Oxford United in August 1999 for a small fee from Albion Rovers. He joined the Scottish Third Division side in August 1996 from Stranraer and his performances for them earned him the player of the year accolade for last season. He is tenacious in the tackle and comfortable on the ball and he has the desire to succeed in the English game.

MATTHEW MURPHY (MIDFIELD/FORWARD)

Matthew can play prefers to play in midfield but was used as a central striker for much of last season. He signed from Corby Town for a fee of £20,000 in February 1993 and made his first team debut in front of a near full house at Newcastle in April 1993. His goal scoring prowess has made him an important member of the squad and he will be looking to continue the run in the side he enjoyed last season.

PAUL POWELL (DEFENCE/MIDFIELD)

Paul came through the youth ranks at Oxford United and was signed as a professional following a successful time as a trainee. It was no surprise when he was awarded the 1996 'Young Player of the Year' Award. He has appeared in a variety of positions on the left side of defence and midfield. He made his League debut against Chesterfield in 1996 whilst still a trainee and was called up into the England Under 21 squad for the Toulon Tournament in 1998 although he failed to make an appearance due to illness.

LES ROBINSON (DEFENCE)

Born in Shirebrook, Les Robinson was signed from Doncaster Rovers for £150,000 just prior to the 1990 transfer deadline. Les had been a midfield player but came to Oxford's attention after switching to full-back. He started his career at Mansfield Town making his debut in March 1985. After a move to Stockport County in November 1986 he played every game until his £10,000 move to Doncaster near the end of the 1987/88 season. 'Robbo' remains a popular and consistent performer in the right-back position and was made Club captain last season.

JON SHEPHEARD (DEFENCE)

Jon is a young defender who came through the youth team last season. His performances in the Reserves were sufficient to impress manager Malcolm Shotton into giving the 18 year old his first professional contract. Jon can play at either centre-back or left-back and with the limited squad this season, will be eager to show his worth.

PAUL TAIT (MIDFIELD)

Paul Tait joined Oxford from Birmingham City in January 1999 on a free transfer. He had been the Blues' longest serving player, making his debut for the St. Andrews club as a 16 year old. Paul has the honour of scoring the first competitive 'Golden Goal' by netting the Birmingham winner against Carlisle United at Wembley in the Auto Windscreens Shield Final in 1995. A competitive player, who can also be creative, Paul adds a new option to the Oxford midfield.

MARK WATSON (DEFENCE)

A Canadian International, Mark arrived at Oxford in December 1998 and was offered a contract after a short trial period. He made his debut for the Club at Stockport County. Mark is no stranger to the Football League having spent two seasons at Watford.

Mark came back to England following the end of the season in Sweden where he performed for Oesters. He is a pacy centre-back who is also strong in the air.

SIMON WEATHERSTONE (FORWARD)

Simon is an exciting young forward who started to grab the headlines following his goal scoring exploits for Oxford's reserve side. Despite still having a year to complete as a trainee, he was offered a professional contract towards the end of the 1996/97 season. Simon scored his first League goal in the 3-1 success at Nottingham Forest in the 1997/98 season. illness meant he missed most of last season, but he is expected to be pushing hard for a first team spot this season.

PHIL WHELAN (DEFENCE)

Phil signed for Oxford in the summer of 1997 in a £170,000 deal from Middlesbrough. He first came to prominence in his days at Ipswich Town. Whilst with the Suffolk club, Phil broke into the England Under-21 side making four appearances before making the move to 'Boro for £300,000. Phil's time at Middlesbrough was short-lived and following his arrival at The Manor he was involved in a tragic accident with former teammate David Smith at the Hawthorns which left Phil with a broken leg. He has fought back to regain fitness and enjoyed a successful loan period at Rotherham United last season. He has returned to The Manor and will be looking to regain a first team spot this season.



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A TOUGH new law to stamp out hooliganism kicks off on Monday, and Lord Bassam, the new Home Office minister charged with special responsibility for it, explains why it is vital that thugs are given the red card. And if he sounds a little grand as a Lord, he cheerfully confesses that he has for long been better known as Steve Bassam, one of the many fans who suffered agonies as a famous South Coast club battled for its very survival.

Today, he writes an open letter to every other football fan in the country.

kick out the hooligans

CAST your mind back to the beginning of the season, and like me you will remember I forward to the promise of some quality football, and the drama that goes with it, both off the pitch.

If your team also put away six goals in their first game, then of course you had something to smile about. You may have guessed that I'm a Brighton supporter. Football headlines of the season's first weekend should have reflected this optimism about a new season. However, this was not to be.

Thanks to a minority of cowardly and sometimes racist thugs, who obviously see football as no more than an excuse to cause trouble, hooliganism at Cardiff and Reading hi-jacked the headlines, giving football a bad name from day one. This saddened me - not only professionally as the new minister responsible for combating hooliganism, but personally, as a self-confessed football nut. Football is our national game, and we should protect it from a destructive minority who give decent football supporters a bad name both at home and abroad. They could also risk us losing the chance to host the World Cup, and other prestigious competitions.

On Monday a new law comes into force which will make life difficult for the hooligan, and help keep football a safe game for everyone to enjoy. The Football (Offences and Disorder) Act will introduce some tough new measures. It will stop convicted soccer thugs from travelling to matches abroad, and also crack down on racist or obscene chanting, and ticket touting.

Racist or indecent chanting at football grounds previously required two or more people to be involved. The new law makes it an offence for an individual. Anyone who commits a football-related offence within 24 hours of a match - before or after it - runs the risk of a banning order. If it is an international ban, the culprits will have to submit their passports to the police before key matches played overseas, and report at match times to a specific police station. International bans can in future last up to a maximum of ten years, and a minimum of six.

Domestic bans prevent attendance at all league, cup and international matches in England and Wales, and can last for a maximum period of three years, and a minimum of one. The law will deal with offences not actually at matches - anyone at any place principally because of a football match faces a banning order if convicted for causing trouble. Any breach of a banning order can bring further action, up to a six-month prison sentence and/or a £1,000 fine.

But giving the thugs the red card will take more than the law. Supporters, clubs, football authorities, local communities and the police must all work together to promote safety, eliminate racism, and banish hooliganism. The hooligan must get the clear message that he is not wanted, and will not be tolerated. Whether you are reading this article waiting for the game to begin, or at half time, or on the way home, I am sure you will agree that the whole match experience is unique, and that we should be able to enjoy it without the fear of violence.

Football is all about pride and commitment, but also a sense of teamwork and fair play. The game is better and stronger for having tackled problems like hooliganism. These tough new measures will help us enjoy our national game all the more. Play your part, and help create a fan scene and culture we can all be proud of.

Lord Bassam of Brighton

Top Hatters Gallery



Tresor Kandol

Born: Banga, Zaire 30.8.81
Previous clubs: None
Joined Luton Town: July 1997 as a YTS boy.
Luton debut: v Walsall 5.1.99
Luton Town record: 9 appearances, 1 goal.

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.

football NOW!

Central to the re-launch of the football site, will be fanFARE - a fans' forum aimed at giving supporters the chance to air their opinions, tell their silly soccer stories and ask key questions to the top names in the game.

The exciting new format includes prize competitions - the first of which is for a trip for two to see England in training, a signed England shirt, a signed England ball and tickets for the Euro 2000 qualifier against Luxembourg - plus special offers on soccer merchandise and, from the autumn, an interactive Manager game in which fans across the nation will be invited to take part.

For all this plus the latest news on the international fortunes of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, domestic competitions such as the F.A Cup and Northern Ireland's Nationwide Gold Cup - and not forgetting Manchester United's participation in the World Club Championship - log on to footballNow! at

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Hatters Away

travel information



Wigan Athletic v Luton Town

Saturday 2nd October,
kick-off 3.00pm

WE RACK up the miles to Lancashire twice in eight days for the next two fixtures. Next Saturday sees the Town playing for the first time at the new 25,000-seat JJB Stadium, which has replaced Springfield Park as the home of Wigan Athletic. The following week we are back in the same area, at Boundary Park, Oldham.

As usual the two regular coach services will be running to both games, and if you pre-book you can leave your car at Maple Road, with security guards in attendance until the coaches get back home. The cost is £3 per vehicle, but to use the facility you must book in advance, through the club shop.

The Bobbers Travel Club is a members-only service going to all away games, but life membership costs only £1, or 50p for under-16s and pensioners. Both trips to Lancashire will leave Cranfield at 8.30am and Luton an hour later. The Bobbers pick up at Cranfield, Ampthill,

Oldham v Luton Town

Saturday 9th October,
kick-off 3.00pm



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.

The fare to Wigan will be £12, £10 for concessions for juniors and pensioners, and it is 50p more for the Oldham game. Visit the Bobbers Travel Club kiosk in Kenilworth Road after today's game for further information.

Town on Tour, an offshoot of Luton Town Supporters Club, offers its best deals to LTSC members, who also have a kiosk in Kenilworth Road on match days, offering membership and travel tickets. Their coaches will leave Maple Road at 10 am for both games in Lancashire, and will pick up passengers at Milton Keynes Coachway at around 10.20. The fares are the same for both matches: £14 for adult members of LTSC, £11 for concessions and £15.50 for all others.

DIY travellers

DRIVING time to Wigan and to Oldham is usually about three hours, with a choice of two routes out of Luton: either go up M1 and then M6, which is now reasonably smooth after M5 holiday traffic has eased off, or stay on M1 all the way to Yorkshire. The M6 route is slightly shorter in terms of miles, but the M1 run is usually less crowded.

For both destinations, the M1 route goes to near Barnsley, and then left on the M62. If you choose the M6 route, for Wigan leave at junction 25 to follow the A49 signposted towards Wigan. After 1.8 miles you come to a complex junction, with McDonalds on your right and Homestyle ahead, and keep in the left hand lane to turn left at the traffic light filter into Robin Park Road. At the second set of traffic lights, turn right and you are at the stadium in a matter of minutes. There is plenty of parking, and it is free.

To reach Wigan via the trans-Pennine route, stay on the M1 north to South Yorkshire, then take the M62 into the northern outskirts of Manchester, and then the M61. Don't be kidded on M61 when you see Wigan signposted at junction 5 - carry on and leave at junction 6, taking the first exit from the roundabout, signposted towards Chorley and Horwich. At the next roundabout take the first left,

and after about a third of a mile turn right, following the signpost to Wigan on the B5238. Turn left at the next roundabout, still on the B5238, and after 2.2 miles, just after the Earl of Balcarres pub, turn right at the traffic lights. The stadium in front of you is Central Park, until recently home of Wigan Rugby League FC. Turn left at the lights, and stay in the left hand lane to turn left again at the next lights, where the Oak Hotel is on the corner. You are now on the ring road. Stay on that, watching for where it bears right (signposted to Orrell), past B & Q on your left and then Wigan Pier on your right. Go under a railway bridge, and turn right at the next lights, then at the second set of lights right again, and you're there.

For Oldham, either go up M1 and M6, then join M62, heading west from the M1 or east from the M6. Either way, leave M62 at junction 20, and after half a mile, where the road divides, keep to the right, signposted towards Manchester east. After another 1.4 miles join the A627, signposted to Oldham and Ashton. At the first roundabout take the second exit, and you will see the ground on your left, and it has good parking facilities.

Mileage to both grounds: around 200 via M6, about 220 via M1 and M62.

For the latest ticket and travel information call the Luton Ticket Office on
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Blast FROM THE Past

Roger Wash

Luton Town v Oxford United



The Town did not start the 1987/88 season very brightly and by the time of the visit to Oxford on 5th September the alarm bells had started to ring.

Defeat at Derby on the opening day had been

followed by a 0-1 home reversal at the hands of Coventry and, although home draws with West Ham and Arsenal at least put some points on the table, they were separated by a 0-3 hammering at Chelsea.

With only two points from five games played and a position in the bottom three manager Ray Harford decided to scrap the 4-4-2 formation he had used since the beginning of the campaign and revert to the all out attacking play favoured by David Pleat, one of his predecessors.

The system obviously suited the Town players far better as, from first kick to last, they ran rings around their Oxford counterparts who were left chasing shadows long before the end. Brian Stein headed the Hatters into the lead in the 33rd minute and although Neil Slatter equalised for United against the run of play, full back Tim Breacker slammed in a low drive from distance just before the interval.

When Emeka Nwajiobi scored with a diving header seconds into the second period the Oxford players seemed to throw in the towel and it was carnival football from then on. Ricky Hill, who took complete control of the midfield netted number four leaving Mick Harford, back in the side after suspension, to lob the Town's fifth from 25 yards.

Oxford scored a late consolation through Martin Foyle but that was not enough to satisfy manager Maurice Evans who called it, "The worst performance since I have been here. Some of our players looked as though they

were ready to walk off after Luton went 3-1 up. Luton won because they were better than us in every department."

By the time of the return, in early February 1988, Oxford were struggling in the relegation positions while we had not looked back since our late summer trip to the Manor Ground and stood in eighth spot.

On top of all this we were through to the quarter-finals of the F.A.Cup as well as the semi-final of the Littlewoods Cup where our opponents were to be Oxford. The first leg of the semi-final was to be played four days after the league clash and both managers probably looked on the league meeting as a bit of a nuisance. Certainly the air was filled with talk of, "This is not a dress rehearsal, as the two games will be completely different." We did not believe a word of it!

The game at Kenilworth Road started as the other had ended with the Town on all out attack and it came as no surprise when Mick Harford hammered the Hatters into a sixth minute lead. The goals then followed thick and fast, hardly giving the crowd of 8,063 time to breath.

Breacker set up Brian Stein for number two before Dean Saunders pulled one back for Oxford from the spot after a handball. Darron McDonough then smashed in a volley to restore the Town's advantage before Foyle reduced the deficit once more just before the interval.

The second half was even more breathless with Mark Stein netting a hat-trick in only eleven minutes, Richard Hill and Les Phillips blasting home for Oxford and Mick Harford completing the scoring to make the final tally an amazing 7-4 to the Town. The story is not complete without mentioning that the woodwork was hit three times, several efforts were cleared off the line and both goalkeepers had blinders.



Mark Stein attempts to add to his tally of three goals during the 7-4 home defeat of Oxford in 1987/88.

Ray Harford called it, "A freak occasion which was probably great for the fans but I would sooner win 3-0 than 7-4." Maurice Evans was simply shell shocked!

The aggregate score that day was the highest in a Town game in the top flight and had only been bettered three times before in the Hatters long history. With both league games that season being broadcast live to over 200 million viewers overseas the T.V companies were obviously rubbing their hands with glee as 18 goals hit the back of the net in 180 minutes. Certainly no time for the armchair supporter to get bored!

When the dust had settled on all this fun the teams got down to the small issue of the Littlewoods Cup semi-final. The clashes were no less exciting but the goal count was kept down to 3-1 in the Town's favour with the Hatters going on to Wembley glory.

Luton (first game): Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Hill, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B.Stein (M.Stein), Harford, Nwajiobi, Preece (Johnson).

Oxford (first game): Hucker, Langan, Slatter, Caton, Dreyer (Rhoades-Brown), Houghton, Reck (Mustoe), Hebberd, Foyle, Whitehurst, Saunders.

Luton (second game): Sealey, Breacker, Johnson (Grimes), McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B.Stein, Harford, M.Stein, Allinson.

Oxford (second game): Hardwick, Hebberd, Bardsley, Briggs, Caton (Whitehurst), Rhoades-Brown, Shelton (Mustoe), Hill, Phillips, Saunders, Foyle.

Community & Schools Programme



ntl: Schools Visit Project



Under 9's Six-a-Side Football Tournament

Pictured are Ardley Hill Lower School from Dunstable and Hockliffe Juniors who won through to play the final of our Under 9's football tournament on the pitch prior to our home game with Wrexham.

Teams from all over Luton and Dunstable entered the tournament held at Barnfield College and on the day it produced a closely fought final which Hockliffe Juniors won 1-0.

Today we welcome the Under 10's from Bushmead Wanderers and Dunstable Tigers who both won through from our under 10 tournament to play their final on the pitch before today's game.



With everyone now back at school our NTL Schools Visit Project is back in full swing with our coaches visiting schools throughout Herts and Beds. In fact, visits are already planned for schools in Toddington, Hitchin, Ampthill, Luton, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard.

The project is jointly funded by NTL and Sportsmatch and aims to provide curriculum time PE and football coaching in schools to youngsters of all abilities. If you would like further information about the project or to book a visit from

us, it couldn't be easier - just give us a ring at the Club on **01582 411622** and we will do our best to arrange a visit or answer any questions you may have.



Marsh Farm Football Tournament

Over the last twelve weeks our Community and Schools coaches have spent their Friday evenings coaching over 100 youngsters from the Marsh Farm Estate on Lea Manor Sports Centre's astro turf pitch.

The coaching course finished last night with a finals tournament and winners and runners up together with individual awards will be presented on the pitch at half time today. There should be

quite a cheer as all of the youngsters who successfully completed the course will be at today's game courtesy of Luton Town FC.

Also present will be members of the Marsh Farm Sports and Social Group who organised the SRB funding for the project together with Luton Borough Council and Bedfordshire Police. Thanks also to St. John's Ambulance who, over last three months, provided first aid cover.



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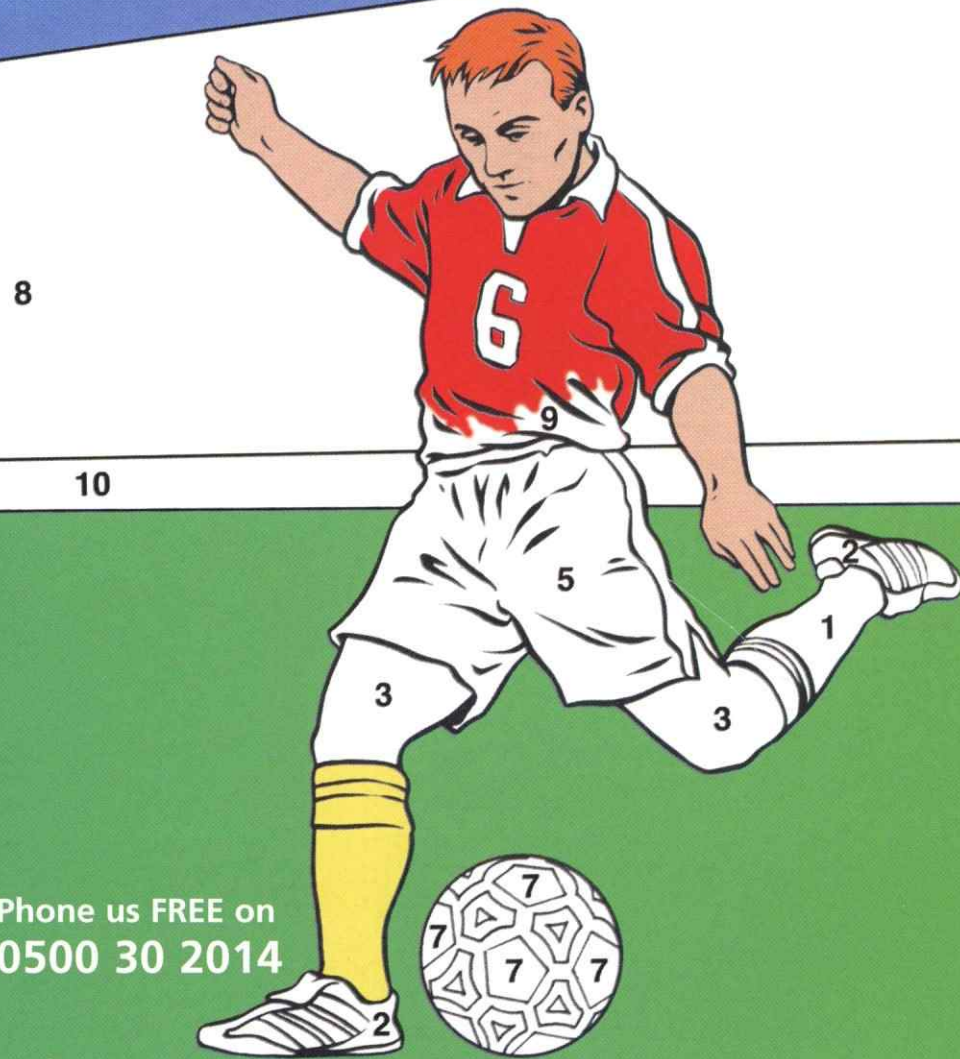
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Junior Hatters

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WE are going to Lancashire twice for our next Junior Hatters awayday trips, to Wigan and to Oldham, and for members going to Wigan there is a nice little bonus on offer. At both games we will be allowed to send our own mascots onto the pitch before kick-off, and as usual they will be selected through the luck of the draw from Junior Hatters travelling on the coaches. And Wigan have offered to take the Luton mascot on a tour of the new stadium before the game, which should be a real treat. So, to have a chance of being chosen, get your seats booked, and turn up with your Luton Town kit.

Both trips will leave Kenilworth Road at 9.30am, and the fare, including match tickets, is £10 for each Junior Hatter. Adults will have to pay £13 for the Wigan trip, and £17 for Oldham - the difference is down to Oldham, not to us!

You can book at the club's ticket office, after today's game, or during the week so long as seats are still available. The ticket office can also tell you more about joining the Junior Hatters. It's good value at £10 for the season.

Today's Mascot

JUNIOR Hatter Samuel Meader enjoys a slightly late birthday treat today - he has been chosen to be our mascot, having celebrated his 11th birthday on Thursday.



He will have a day to remember, meeting the teams before the kick-off, and joining the skippers and match officials for the toss-up after taking part in the pre-match warm-up.

Samuel comes to games with his dad and brother, and they sit in the enclosure. They live at Highfield Road, Kempston, and Samuel likes playing football as well as watching - he turns out for Kempston Colts. His other hobbies are cricket and formula one motor racing, and at Kenilworth Road his favourite player is Liam George.

We also have a ball girl and a ball boy on duty today, Vanessa Pullen and Adam Currington.



● SIX-year-old Matthew Fleckney stands proudly on the centre spot at Kenilworth Road before the game against Wrexham kicked off. He was the Junior Hatters mascot, so Matthew, from Atterbury Way, Great Houghton, saw the pre-match formalities at first hand as the skippers and officials gathered for the toss-up.

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Hatters On Card

Alan Robinson

EXACTLY 17 years ago today, Luton Town were involved in an amazing and highly exciting game at Stoke.

Two minutes from time, with the scores level at 4-4, we were awarded a penalty. Most Town supporters at the Victoria Ground would have put their shirts on today's "Hatter on Card" to secure the victory as he stepped up for the kick. David Moss wasn't even facing a proper goalkeeper, because City's Peter Fox had already been sent off.

However, Moss shot against a post, so Luton were thankful for the goals by Brian Stein (2), Paul Walsh and Mal Donaghy which earned a point.

Despite that miss, Moss was one of the most popular, and most productive, forwards who ever played for the Town. So when the Sheffield-based confectionery firm, Bassetts, came to choose subjects for their annual set of football cards which were inserted in packets of "Candy Sticks" - the politically-correct name for what used to be sweet cigarettes - it was very pleasing that they picked Moss for the following season.

Interestingly, he could well have been a star for today's opponents, because he was born in Witney, not far from Oxford, in March 1952, but opted to join Swindon Town.

He became their regular left-winger during the latter part of the 1972-73 season, and went on to make 230 league appearances for them.

It was in the summer of 1978 that Town boss David Pleat paid £100,000 for his services, and Moss soon won over the Kenilworth Road faithful - a couple of cracking strikes marked his debut in a 6-1 home mauling of Oldham.

However, a groin injury hampered his progress that season, and it was not until the following campaign that we saw Mossy at his best. His classic direct wing play not only got him 24

goals, but also provided many others for his team-mates.

Luton just missed promotion that season, and the one after that, but in 1981-82 there was no

holding them, and Moss was one of the stars who secured the old Second Division title. He soon showed he could perform at the highest level, by now 30 years old, and having spent all his career until then in the Second and Third Divisions. He scored some important goals in that memorable season, none more than the dramatic last-minute winner against Aston Villa in April, which gave us our first win since Boxing Day.

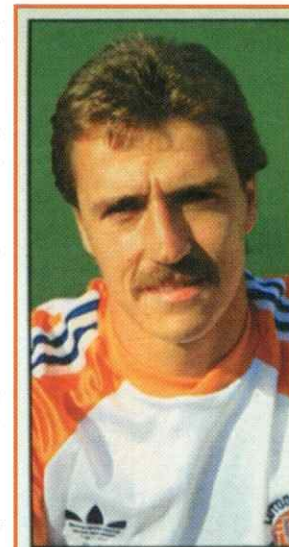
A persistent pelvic condition restricted his appearances in the following campaign - it also kept him out of the side in the famous showdown at Maine Road in May 1983 - and the signing of David Preece in December 1984 signalled the end of Moss's days at Luton.

There was just time to make a substitute appearance in the 1985

FA Cup semi-final against Everton before he rejoined Swindon that summer.

He had made 245 league and cup appearances for Luton, scoring 94 goals, which puts him fourth in the list of Hatters top marksman. He managed only four more appearances after returning to Swindon, before embarking on a coaching career which saw him join up to be the assistant of his old Luton pal Brian Horton at Oxford, Manchester City and Huddersfield.

Also included in this Bassett's set in Town colours is Ricky Hill on card No. 38, together with Steve Foster in his England kit. Mick Harford and Imre Varadi are also in the set, but in the days before they joined Luton. As this set is still readily available at around £5, the inclusion of this quintet makes it well worth looking out for.



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Football, 1983-84

Action Replay

Luton Town 3 Wrexham 1 (HT 3-1)

Brian Swain reports

HE HAD waited long enough to savour the moment, but Lennie Lawrence's pleasure at his first victory over Wrexham as Luton Town manager was counter-balanced by bad news coming out of the treatment room, with Andrew Fotiadis, Paul McLaren and Marvin Johnson all unable to complete the 90 minutes.

Mind you, they were probably not as sick as Wrexham boss Brian Flynn, who could not bear to speak to the Press after the game, after having a bit of a go at his players over their defending which saw the game all but settled in the first 36 minutes.

But to blame it on the visitors' failings did less than justice to a top-class Town performance punctuated by three cracking goals. And you will not see many better than the belter Matthew Taylor hammered home in the sixth minute for his first-ever in the league. It was hit from 25 yards, and Wrexham goalkeeper Kevin Dearden was still looking for it as the net bulged behind him, almost fit to burst.

Taylor's 20-yarder shelled in above the keeper's left shoulder, and eight minutes later he was beaten down by his left ankle as Matthew Spring added a second.

Suspect defending at a free kick, with Ian Stevens getting a clean strike from a headed-on pass, might have let Wrexham back into it, except that the Town still had one more golden goal in their locker. This time it was from Liam George, collecting a clever ball played into space on the left wing by Taylor, and then skipping past two lumbering defenders before burying the shot between Dearden and the near post.

The Town had put Wrexham on the rack through attacking pace, with Stuart Douglas grabbing his chance to return after Phil Gray pulled a hamstring in training.

Douglas and Fotiadis struck up a potent partnership, but Fotiadis limped out of the action at the interval, to be followed later by McLaren and Johnson.

And while we love to see dramatic goals, it was rather satisfying as well to see how the Town approached the second half after the team reshuffle, with a solid defensive performance, backed by one finger-tip save by Nathan Abbey from Paul Barrett.

Phil Hardy completed Wrexham's disastrous

Match Details

Luton Town: Abbey, Fraser, Watts, Doherty, Johnson (Sodje 75 mins), George, McLaren (McKinnon 62 mins), Douglas, Spring, Fotiadis (Kandol HT), Taylor. Unused subs: Scarlett, Tate.
Booked: Paul McLaren, 34 mins, foul on Mark McGregor.

Wrexham: Dearden, McGregor, Hardy, Owen, Carey, Spink (Brace 82 mins), Lowe (Connolly 62 mins), Barrett (Russell 75 mins), Williams, Stevens, Faulconbridge. Unused subs: Edwards, Cartwright.

Booked: Phil Hardy, 33 mins, encroaching at free kick; Dean Spink, 67 mins, foul on Tresor Kandol.

Sent off: Hardy, 79 mins, foul on Liam George, second yellow card.

The goals: 1-0 6 mins - Matthew Taylor, stunning left-foot drive from 20 yards, after being set up by Matthew Spring; 2-0 14 mins - Matthew Spring, low drive from 25 yards, after running at a retreating defence after getting the ball from Gary Doherty; 2-1 19 mins - Ian Stevens, finding space in the box for a shot after Phil Hardy's long ball was flicked on by Paul Barrett; 3-1 36 mins - Liam George, delightful solo run past two opponents and careful low drive to take full advantage of a ball played over the top and into space by Matthew Taylor.

Referee: Mick Fletcher, Warley

Attendance: 5,121, including 307 supporting Wrexham.

day by collecting their fourth red card of the season, for his second yellow card offence. He had been booked for encroaching at a free kick in the first half, and 11 minutes from time all Wrexham's frustrations seemed to be channelled into his late and despairing lunge to try to stop George, and his match was over.

For us, third place in the table, one of four teams with 14 points, put the icing on the cake after so many years of having to accept failure against Wrexham. Four wins and two draws was Lennie Lawrence's record against them since he became manager.

Our last win over Wrexham was at The Racecourse in the 1982 Second Division championship campaign, when Mal Donaghy and Steve White scored in a 2-0 success. Lennie might be interested to know that it was David Pleat's first win in Wales in nine attempts.



● ON ITS WAY: Liam George evades a would-be tackler on the run that ended with him scoring our third goal.



● TOP HATTERS: Liam George and Matthew Taylor, both on target against Wrexham.



● HEADING FOR DEFEAT: Stuart Douglas, restored to the team after Phil Gray was injured in training, shows the style that terrorised Wrexham.

Action Replay

Brentford 2 Luton Town 0 (HT 0-0)

Brian Swain reports

WITH injured Phil Gray and Paul McLaren watching from the stands, and Andrew Fotiadis laid up with a leg encased in a supporting brace, the Town went down to their second league defeat of the season after matching a confident Brentford side in most aspects of the game, except that one that mattered most - finishing power.

The Bees had little sting in the first half, when the Town shaded the game without getting to close quarters - the best goal attempts were a couple of long-range efforts by debutant Adam Locke and one by Matthew Taylor which flew wide.

Our only real scare in the first 45 minutes came when the right flank was left exposed by a counter-attack, and Andy Scott chased a ball over the top, and faced with only Nathan Abbey, lobbed well wide.

But after the break Brentford found a slightly higher gear and eventually eased through to maintain their 100 per cent home league record, and extend their run to 22 league games without defeat, including last season's surge to the Third Division championship.

Abbey made a very good save in the 47th minute to keep out a sharp low drive by Lloyd Owusu, but could do nothing about the goal that followed Brentford's first corner of the game, after 54 minutes. Gavin Mahon played it to the near post, and lanky defender Darren Powell got in the crucial header as a scrum of bodies competed for the ball. Matthew Taylor's despairing attempt to clear helped the ball into the net, but no-one was calling it an OG.

But the Town were calling referee Peter Taylor uncomplimentary names when the second goal came, from a similar set piece within a minute of Lennie Lawrence's decision to change the formation to find more firepower. Effy Sodje had been sent on as a 70th-minute sub for 18-year-old striker Tresor Kandol, to enable Gary Doherty to go up into attack. Long after the game ended Sodje was protesting that the referee got it wrong when he awarded a free kick against him, for a foul on Mahon. It was very near the corner flag where Mahon's first effort had delivered the goods, and he did it again, although this time the Town half-cleared their lines. But the ball dropped to Scott Partridge, and his instant volley was a strike to admire. He has yet to be on a losing Brentford side since a £100,000 move from Torquay last spring.

Match Details

Luton Town: Abbey, Fraser, Watts, Doherty, Johnson, George, Locke, Douglas, Spring, Kandol (Sodje 70 mins), Taylor.

Unused subs: White, Boyce, Scarlett, Tate.

Booked: Adam Locke, 86 mins, foul on Gavin Mahon.

Brentford: Woodman, Anderson, Quinn, Powell, Hreidarsson, Evans, Mahon (Folan 88 mins), Owusu (Bryan 84 mins), Partridge, Scott, Rowlands. **Unused subs:** Theobald, Jenkins, Pearcey.

Booked: Robert Quinn, 38 mins, foul on Matthew Taylor.

The goals: 1-0 54 mins - Darren Powell near-post header from left wing corner by Gavin Mahon; 2-0 71 mins - cracking volley by Scott Partridge from just outside the box after a free kick by Mahon was only partly cleared.

Referee: Paul Taylor, Cheshunt.

Attendance: 7,039, Griffin Park's highest of the season so far, boosted by 1,704 Town supporters, our biggest away following of the season so far.

On the day, Brentford deserved their win, even if the margin was flattering. Ron Noades, their chairman and manager, was more than delighted, saying that to beat a team of the Town's quality, the best opposition he had seen this season, was a real bonus.

Said Lawrence: "I don't think Brentford were better than us over the 90 minutes, but Brentford looked more likely to score than we did. We probably had more of the play. We tried hard, played well in the first half, and competed throughout, without looking likely to score.

"We don't think we had a fair crack of the whip from the referee, although we are not blaming him for the result."

As well as the free kick given to the home side leading to the second goal, Mr Taylor was one of the few in the ground who did not think the Town should have had a penalty four minutes after Brentford's opener. Stuart Douglas made a strong run into the box, and was sandwiched by Powell and Hermann Hreidarsson, but the ref did not see it as a foul.



● **UP FOR IT:** Tresor Kandol rises high to try to keep the Town on the attack.



● **MIDFIELD BATTLE:** Adam Locke in the thick of the action on his league debut for the Town.



● **SHOOTING STAR:** Matthew Spring driving forward.

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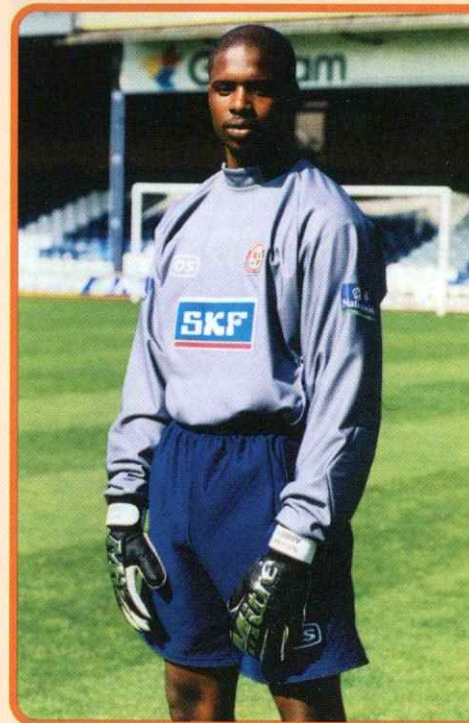
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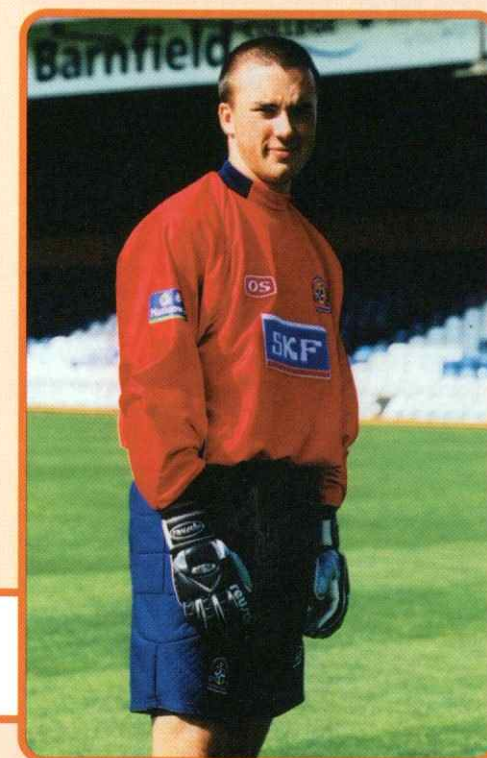
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The Reserves

Trevor Hartley and John Moore



CHANGES in the way reserve team football is organised this season have had their first effect on us by giving our reserve squad an enforced three-week break from fixtures.

In one sense it might be something of a blessing,

because with the first team hit by injuries we need every available back-up player to stay fit. On the other hand, as coaches we also want to see potential first-team talent tested in competitive football with the reserves.

If we had been forced to field two teams this week, we would probably struggle to do so, particularly after the departures of David Pearson and Ryan Davis at the end of their month-long contracts. They have been allowed to leave for a number of reasons. One was that as new recruits, we could only keep them on if they were very close to first-team football, and the considered judgement was that they were a touch short. Another fact of life at Luton Town is that the wages bill has to be watched very carefully, and by taking two players off it, we had scope to bring in one other, Julian Watts.

But we are not exactly over-staffed with professionals, and we still search for players who might be capable of doing well for us.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to use our latest trialists in Avon Combination matches simply because our next fixture is not until Tuesday. It is

ironic that last season the Combination was probably too big, with 29 teams involved. That was all changed at the end of the season, when Premiership clubs decided to pull out of their reserve leagues to form one of their own, leaving us with only 21 fixtures this season.

We were due to play Oxford at the Manor Ground three days ago, but that match was postponed for six days because of Oxford's involvement in the Worthington Cup. The game will now be played next Tuesday.

Our side will probably include two new names, David Lee and Mark Graham. Lee is a midfielder with Spurs, while Graham has been released by Queens Park Rangers, and has come to us after trying his luck at Cambridge. He likes to play wide on the right of midfield, or just behind the front two.

The great attraction for Luton Town with all young players is that they know that in this club they stand a better chance than usual of making the grade if they apply themselves to their profession. But the coaches have to take care when their are no matches in which they can try to impress the manager that they do not get too despondent about lack of real games.

The fact is that the injuries to Phil Gray, Andrew Fotiadis and Paul McLaren, following those suffered by Gavin McGowan and Landry Zahana-Oni, have left our resources somewhat stretched. Players had to be taken from the reserves as replacements, and it can lead to considerable frustration when it means we have a reserve team which, in terms of results, does not seem to be doing too well.

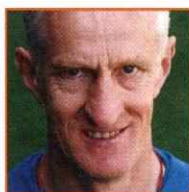
We are all delighted at the good start the first team has made to the season, especially when we see how many of that team has been produced from our own resources, through a lot of hard work at youth and reserve levels.

There is surely a lot more hard work to be done yet!

AFTER Tuesday's away game at Oxford, we are at home on the following Wednesday, October 6, to Wycombe Wanderers. 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.

Reserve team appearances, including as sub: Tate 3, Locke 3, Kandol 3, O'Connor 3, Ayres 3, Boyce 3, Sodje 3, Scarlett 3, Stirling 2, Pearson 2, Davis 2, White 1, Hunt 1, McKinnon 1, McIndoe 1, Zahana-Oni 1, Jerry 1, Bowes 1, O'Brien 1, Ryan 1

Goals: Kandol 1



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Luton Town I Oxford Utd I



ON A very windy day, we expected a classic game of two halves, facing the gale in the first half, and trying to harness it in the second. But as so often happens, by playing a passing game against the wind we created the better chances for the first 30 minutes or so, before Oxford had a period of domination.

We were pleased to get to the interval with the score-sheet blank against a good, strong side. In our good spell, schoolboy trialist Marcus Jeffrey put a shot wide, and James Ayres saw a header produce a very good save.

We changed things for the second half, playing with a back three and three up front, hoping we could pen Oxford in as they faced the wind. It paid dividends within five minutes of the restart, with Moses Jerry nipping in to make an interception from the goalkeeper's throw-out, and then cleverly lobbing him from just outside the box.

But once more Oxford came back strongly, and from then on they had the better chances. Our back three was drawn out of position too often for

comfort, and the shape was lost as they pushed forward, and it was no real surprise when Oxford equalised following a good cross.

Scott Ward, playing his first game after nearly a year on the injured list, had to make two very good saves to enable us to hang on to a point, and for most of the second half our front three were no real threat to a good defence.

Oxford probably went home believing they should have won to stay level on points with leaders West Brom, who had a 5-0 home win over Northampton on Saturday.

Our team included another trialist, Mehmet Coktas, who now lives in London after playing youth football for Besiktas in Turkey.

Luton Town: Ward, Moran, Carroll, Stirling, Ayres, Mortara (Clarke HT), Mansell, Minton, Jerry, Jeffrey (Barriteau 70 mins), Coktas (Thresher 55 mins). Unused subs: Mentore, Wraight.

THERE was good news this week for Steve Dogbe, who had to go to hospital after suffering a nasty head injury in the game against Notts County. Happily, he does not need surgery, and should be able to play again within a month.

WE WERE away to Wolves this morning, and next Saturday we entertain Northampton Town at Luton RFC, at Newlands Road, kick-off 11 am. Spectators are welcome and admission is free.

Youth team appearances, including as sub: Ayres 5, Mortara 5, Stirling 5, Moran 5, Clarke 5, Wraight 4, Dogbe 4, Mansell 4, Jerry 4, Carroll 4, Barriteau 4, Minton 3, Jeffrey 3, Deeney 2, Flaherty 2, Thresher 2, de Freitas 2, Kandol 1, Miller 1, Wilson 1, Ward 1, Coktas 1.

Goals: Kandol 2, Ayres 2, Stirling 1 pen, Jerry 1

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	1-4 (Ayres)
SEPT	Sat 4	Notts Co	H	2-1 (Ayres, Stirling pen)
	Sat 18	Oxford Utd	H	1-1 (Jerry)
	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		

South Central Conference League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Brom	5	4	0	1	15	3	12
Oxford Utd	5	3	1	1	8	9	10
Luton Town	5	2	2	1	6	6	8
Wolves	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Cambridge Utd	4	1	2	1	6	4	5
Northampton Tn	4	1	1	2	4	9	4
Shrewsbury	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Walsall	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Notts County	4	0	1	3	0	5	1

Current form guide - the last six Division 2 games.

Team	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Sequence	Team	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Sequence
Notts County	4	1	1	13	6	13	LWWDDW	Cardiff	2	2	2	8	9	8	WLDLDW
Burnley	4	1	1	7	2	13	WDWLWW	Chesterfield	2	1	3	8	8	7	LLWDLW
Wigan	3	3	0	14	8	12	DWDWWD	Millwall	1	4	1	8	9	7	WDDLDD
Brentford	3	3	0	10	4	12	WDWDWD	Scunthorpe	2	1	3	6	9	7	LWLDWL
Bristol Rovers	4	0	2	9	7	12	WLWWLW	Wycombe	1	3	2	6	7	6	LWDLDD
Bristol City	3	2	1	12	7	11	WDWDLW	Preston	1	3	2	6	9	6	WDLDLD
Stoke	3	2	1	10	5	11	DWWDWL	Oxford	1	2	3	3	5	5	LLDDWL
Bournemouth	3	1	2	10	6	10	DWLWLW	Reading	1	1	4	8	13	4	WLDLLL
Luton	3	1	2	7	6	10	LWDLWW	Oldham	1	0	5	5	9	3	LWLLLL
Wrexham	3	1	2	8	8	10	WLLWWD	Cambridge	0	3	3	8	13	3	LDLDDL
Bury	2	3	1	11	8	9	WLDWDD	Blackpool	0	3	3	5	11	3	DLLDLD
Gillingham	2	3	1	8	8	9	LWWDDD	Colchester	1	0	5	5	18	3	LLLWLL

When Clubs have scored goals... and conceded them

0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
0	3	3	3	1	3	Bournemouth	1	2	2	2	1
1	1	2	0	0	5	Blackpool	1	1	2	2	3
2	1	2	1	2	2	Brentford	1	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	2	2	7	Bristol City	1	2	0	1	1
0	3	2	2	3	0	Bristol Rovers	2	1	0	1	2
1	0	5	1	2	1	Burnley	0	1	2	0	1
2	1	0	4	4	2	Bury	0	0	3	1	1
1	1	1	5	2	2	Cambridge United	1	3	0	6	1
1	1	2	1	1	3	Cardiff City	0	2	1	2	2
0	1	0	3	3	1	Chesterfield	1	0	2	3	2
0	0	1	1	1	3	Colchester United	3	3	2	4	3
2	0	2	1	0	4	Gillingham	0	0	1	2	3
2	1	1	2	1	3	Luton Town	0	1	0	2	3
0	0	1	2	1	4	Millwall	0	1	1	4	2
1	1	5	2	1	3	Notts County	0	0	0	1	2
1	0	0	0	2	2	Oldham Athletic	2	2	2	0	3
0	2	0	1	2	2	Oxford United	1	1	2	2	1
0	2	2	1	4	0	Preston North End	1	1	0	3	2
1	2	0	2	2	3	Reading	0	1	5	3	1
0	1	0	3	1	1	Scunthorpe United	1	2	3	3	1
1	2	0	4	0	5	Stoke City	0	2	0	2	0
3	2	1	5	3	3	Wigan Athletic	0	2	0	1	1
1	1	1	2	2	3	Wrexham	3	1	5	1	0
0	3	2	0	0	3	Wycombe Wanderers	1	1	1	1	2

Nationwide Division Two Leading Goalscorers 1999-00

Club	Player	Lge Gls
Chesterfield	Reeves	7
Notts County	Stallard	7
Wigan	Barlow	7
Burnley	Payton	6
Bristol Rovers	Roberts	5
Bury	Lawson	5
Wigan	Haworth	5
Wrexham	Faulconbridge	5
Blackpool	Ormerod	4
Bristol Rovers	Cureton	4
Cambridge	Butler	4
Oxford	Murphy	4
Wrexham	Stevens	4
Bournemouth	Stein	3
Bournemouth	Fletcher	3
Bristol City	Thorpe	3
Bury	Littlejohn	3
Cambridge	Benjamin	3
Cardiff	Bowen	3
Gillingham	Taylor	3
Luton	George	3
Millwall	Cahill	3
Millwall	Harris	3
Stoke	Lightbourne	3
Stoke	Thorne	3

1999-00 Attendances

(Bands behind represent average attendance as percentage of ground capacity)

100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%
Highest: 8,514							
Lowest: 6,574							
Average: 7,582							
Capacity: 9,173							
Highest: 13,348							
Lowest: 6,932							
Average: 9,162							
Capacity: 15,000							
Highest: 11,168							
Lowest: 6,568							
Average: 8,984							
Capacity: 14,660							
Highest: 9,432							
Lowest: 6,541							
Average: 8,172							
Capacity: 13,559							
Highest: 6,423							
Lowest: 5,098							
Average: 5,811							
Capacity: 9,572							
Highest: 6,610							
Lowest: 5,884							
Average: 6,227							
Capacity: 10,600							
Highest: 13,885							
Lowest: 8,506							
Average: 11,891							
Capacity: 21,412							
Highest: 6,119							
Lowest: 4,982							
Average: 5,396							
Capacity: 10,000							
Highest: 5,374							
Lowest: 4,633							
Average: 5,076							
Capacity: 9,975							
Highest: 3,986							
Lowest: 3,280							
Average: 3,570							
Capacity: 7,556							
Highest: 11,328							
Lowest: 10,090							
Average: 10,564							
Capacity: 22,546							
Highest: 11,315							
Lowest: 8,439							
Average: 9,796							
Capacity: 21,479							
Highest: 5,030							
Lowest: 3,365							
Average: 4,202							
Capacity: 9,200							
Highest: 7,039							
Lowest: 5,074							
Average: 5,822							
Capacity: 12,763							
Highest: 4,630							
Lowest: 4,007							
Average: 4,300							
Capacity: 9,617							
Highest: 4,542							
Lowest: 3,376							
Average: 4,127							
Capacity: 9,183							
Highest: 7,481							
Lowest: 5,976							
Average: 6,872							
Capacity: 16,500							
Highest: 11,300							
Lowest: 7,054							
Average: 9,480							
Capacity: 24,054							
Highest: 6,007							
Lowest: 4,508							
Average: 5,216							
Capacity: 10,770							
Highest: 5,008							
Lowest: 3,670							
Average: 4,338							
Capacity: 11,295							
Highest: 4,285							
Lowest: 2,816							
Average: 3,344							
Capacity: 8,880							
Highest: 8,165							
Lowest: 6,256							
Average: 7,233							
Capacity: 20,146							
Highest: 4,014							
Lowest: 3,293							
Average: 3,540							
Capacity: 11,841							
Highest: 6,141							
Lowest: 5,506							
Average: 5,720							
Capacity: 20,300							

2nd Division Scene

Brian Swain



HAVING climbed to joint third place in the table with the victory over Wrexham, we slid a couple of notches after Saturday's disappointment at Griffin Park, on a day when Wigan and Notts County, the teams ahead of us, also faltered.

That let in Burnley to head the table for the first time this season, the fifth team to take top spot. They might find it difficult to stay there - so far Notts County are the only club to hold top place for two consecutive weeks.

Brentford, Bournemouth and Burnley are the only teams with 100 per cent home records, and Turf Moor attracted over 10,000 customers to see struggling Colchester beaten 3-0, with Andy Payton netting his first hat-trick for Burnley.

Bristol Rovers went up to second place with a 3-2 home win over bottom club Oldham, but it could have been different - John Sheridan gave Oldham an early lead and it could have been doubled, but Neil Adams saw his penalty saved by Lee Jones and Rovers took charge after that.

Wigan and Brentford are the only teams in the division yet to taste defeat, and Wigan's visit to Stoke attracted the day's biggest gate, 11,195, to see Wigan knocked off the top by a 1-1 draw in which they scored both goals - Nicky Bourn giving Stoke a first half lead, and Kyle Lightbourne putting one in at the right end early in the second half.

Notts County, top of the table a month ago, lost their unbeaten record at Cardiff and had manager Sam Allardyce "sent off" from the dug-out. Mark Stallard headed County into the lead, and they were furious when referee Steve Dunn saw no foul as Kevin Nugent challenged County goalkeeper Darren Ward for the ball. It ran free for Jason Bowen to head into the net, with Ward still flat out. He was carried off, Allardyce was banished to the stand for protesting too much, and doubtless was even more peeved when Jeff Ekhardt struck a late goal to give Cardiff their first home win of the season.

Bournemouth collected their first away point of the season, at the fourth attempt, in a goal-less draw at Blackpool, who dropped to third bottom as a result. Reading shot up from 23rd place to 19th by scraping their first win since the opening day of the season. The bad run had seen gates slump at the 24,000-seat Madejski Stadium, and manager Tommy Burns and assistant Pat Bonner were sacked. Alan Pardew is the caretaker whose first game in charge was a

The Second Division

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burnley	8	4	0	0	8	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	17
Bristol Rov	8	3	1	0	5	2	2	0	2	5	5	16	
Wigan	7	3	1	0	9	3	1	2	0	8	5	15	
Notts Co	7	2	1	0	5	1	2	1	1	8	5	14	
Luton Town	8	3	1	0	8	4	1	1	2	2	4	14	
Bournemouth	8	4	0	0	10	2	0	1	3	3	8	13	
Wrexham	8	3	0	1	6	4	1	1	2	4	6	13	
Brentford	6	3	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	4	4	12	
Bury	8	3	1	0	11	5	0	2	2	2	5	12	
Preston	8	1	1	2	3	7	2	2	0	6	3	12	
Bristol City	7	2	2	0	9	4	1	0	2	4	5	11	
Stoke	8	1	2	1	6	5	2	0	2	6	4	11	
Wycombe	8	1	2	1	5	4	1	2	1	3	4	10	
Cardiff	7	1	3	0	5	4	1	0	2	4	6	9	
Gillingham	8	1	1	2	4	6	1	2	1	5	5	9	
Oxford	8	1	1	2	4	5	1	1	2	3	4	8	
Chesterfield	7	1	0	2	4	5	1	1	2	4	4	7	
Millwall	6	1	2	0	6	5	0	2	1	2	4	7	
Reading	7	2	1	1	6	5	0	0	3	4	9	7	
Scunthorpe	8	1	0	3	4	6	1	1	2	2	7	7	
Cambridge	8	1	2	1	7	7	0	1	2	5	9	6	
Blackpool	8	1	3	0	4	3	0	0	4	5	12	6	
Colchester	7	1	0	2	3	6	1	0	3	3	12	6	
Oldham	7	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	4	3	8	3	

	date	opposition	result	scorers	league place	attd.	team
AUGUST	Sat 7	Notts Co	A	0-0	-	6,141	Abbey Fraser Watts White Johnson Douglas McLaren
	Tue 10	WC1 (1) Bristol Rov	H	0-2	-	2,984	Abbey Fraser Watts White Boyce Douglas McLaren
	Sat 14	Blackpool	H	3-2 (George 2, Spring)	7	5,176	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 21	Reading	A	2-1 (Fotiadis, George)	3	8,741	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Wed 25	WC1 (2) Bristol Rov	A	2-2 (Kandol, Doherty)	3	4,414	Abbey Locke Sodje Boyce White Watts Gray
	Sat 28	Cardiff	H	1-0 (Gray)	2	5,374	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Tues 31	Bournemouth	A	0-1	2	4,797	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren

SEPT	Sat 4	Bury	H	1-1 (Fotiadis)	5	4,633	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 11	Wrexham	H	3-1 (Taylor, Spring, George)	3	5,121	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 18	Brentford	A	0-2	5	7,039	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke
	Sat 25	Oxford Utd	H	3pm			

OCTOBER	Sat 2	Wigan	A	3pm			
	Sat 9	Oldham	A	3pm			
	Sat 16	Gillingham	H	3pm			
	Tue 19	Wycombe	H	7.45pm			
	Sat 23	Oxford Utd	A	3pm			
	Sat 30	FA Cup 1		3pm			

NOVEMBER	Tue 2	Millwall	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 6	Burnley	H	3pm			
	Sat 13	Cambridge Utd	A	3pm			
	Sat 20	FA Cup 2		3pm			
	Tue 23	Preston	H	7.45pm			
	Sat 27	Bristol Rov	A	3pm			

DECEMBER	Sat 4	Notts County	H	3pm			
	Tue 7	AWS 1		7.45pm			
	Sat 11	Stoke City OR FA Cup 3	H	3pm			
	Fri 17	Colchester	A	7.45pm			
	Sun 26	Chesterfield	H	3pm			
	Tue 28	Bristol City	A	7.45pm			

JANUARY 2000	Mon 3	Scunthorpe	H	3pm			
	Sat 8	Stoke OR FA Cup 4	A	3pm			
	Tue 11	AWS 2		7.45pm			
	Sat 15	Blackpool	A	3pm			
	Sat 22	Reading	H	3pm			
	Tue 25	AWS 3		7.45pm			
	Sat 29	Cardiff OR FA Cup 5	A	3pm			

FEBRUARY	Sat 5	Bournemouth	H	3pm			
	Sat 12	Bury	A	3pm			
	Tue 15	AWS Semi		7.45pm			
	Sat 19	Bristol Rov OR FA Cup 6	H	3pm			
	Sat 26	Brentford	H	3pm			
	Tue 29	AWS area final (1)		7.45pm			

MARCH	Sat 4	Wrexham	A	3pm			
	Tue 7	Burnley	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 11	Millwall	H	3pm			
	Tue 14	AWS area final (2)		7.45pm			
	Sat 18	Preston	A	3pm			
	Tue 21	Cambridge Utd	H	7.45pm			
	Sat 25	Chesterfield	A	3pm			

APRIL	Sat 1	Colchester OR AWS Final	H	3pm			
	Sat 8	Scunthorpe	A	3pm			
	Sun 9	FA Cup semi-final		3pm			
	Sat 15	Bristol City	H	3pm			
	Sat 22	Gillingham	A	3pm			
	Mon 24	Wigan	H	3pm			
	Sat 29	Wycombe	A	pm			

MAY	Sat 6	Oldham	H	3pm			
	The FA Cup final will be on May 20						

Today's Referee

ENJOYING his fifth season as a Football League referee, Steve Baines, an insurance broker from Chesterfield is in charge of this afternoon's game, for his second visit this year. He refereed our home match with Gillingham in March.

Married, with two daughters, Mr Baines began refereeing in the local leagues in 1988, and moved steadily up the pyramid via the Whitbread County Senior and Northern Premier Leagues.

His hobby helps his enjoyment of football - keeping fit is his main interest outside of soccer and his family.

Town Teaser

WE HAVE another item of "Town Trivia" this afternoon, giving one supporter the chance to go home with a little 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 was the Luton Town player who moved to Nottingham Forest in 1991 for a transfer fee of over £1million?

substitutes

Gray	Spring	McIndoe	Taylor	Boyce for Taylor, 70 mins. Unused: George, Scarlett, Zahana-Oni, Tate
Gray	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
Gray	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	Douglas for Fotiadis 66 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 81mins; McKinnon for George 84 mins. Unused: Sodje, Tate
Gray	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	Douglas for Fotiadis 60 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 81mins. Unused: McKinnon, Sodje, Tate
Gray	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	Douglas for Fotiadis 73 mins; McIndoe for George 73 mins. Unused: McKinnon, Sodje, Tate
Douglas	Spring	Fotiadis	Taylor	Kandol for Fotiadis HT; MrKinnon for McLaren 62 mins; Sodje for Johnson 75 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Tate
Douglas	Spring	Kandol	Taylor	Sodje for Kandol 70 mins. Unused: White, Boyce, Scarlett, Tate

Hatters Roll-Call Season 1999/2000

	APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets)			GOALS		
	League	WC	Total	League	WC	Total
Nathan Abbey	8	2	10	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	0(1)	2	2(1)	0	0	0
Gary Doherty	7	0(2)	7(2)	0	1	1
Stuart Douglas	4(3)	2	6(3)	0	0	0
Andrew Fotiadis	6	0(2)	6(2)	2	0	2
Stuart Fraser	8	1	9	0	0	0
Phil Gray	5	2	7	1	0	1
Liam George	7	0(1)	7(1)	4	0	4
Marvin Johnson	8	0	8	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	1(1)	1	2(1)	0	1	1
Adam Locke	1	1	2	0	0	0
Michael McIndoe	1(5)	2	3(5)	0	0	0
Ray McKinnon	0(3)	1	1(3)	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	7	1	8	0	0	0
Efetobore Sodje	0(2)	1	1(2)	0	0	0
Matthew Spring	8	1	9	2	0	2
Matthew Taylor	8	1	9	1	0	1
Julian Watts	8	2	10	0	0	0
Alan White	1	2	3	0	0	0
Landry Zahana-Oni	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0

Today's Teams



Luton Town

NATHAN ABBEY	1
STUART FRASER	13
JULIAN WATTS	40
GARY DOHERTY	12
MARVIN JOHNSON	6
LIAM GEORGE	11
ADAM LOCKE	28
STUART DOUGLAS	9
MATTHEW SPRING	4
TRESOR KANDOL	18
MATTHEW TAYLOR	15

Substitutes

EMMERSON BOYCE	17
EFETOBORE SODJE	3
ANDRE SCARLETT	21
MICHAEL McINDOE	10
DANIEL TATE (GK)	22

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Oxford United

1	ANDRE ARENDSE
2	LES ROBINSON
3	PAUL POWELL
4	PETER FEAR
11	JOEY BEAUCHAMP
14	STEVE DAVIS
22	MICKEY LEWIS
7	MATT MURPHY
8	PAUL TAIT
9	STEVE ANTHROBUS
16	ROB FOLLAND

Substitutes

12	JAMIE COOK
24	JAMIE LAMBERT
10	DEREK LILLEY
21	NEIL McGOWAN
13	PAUL LUNDIN (GK)

Today's Officials

Referee: Steve Baines, Chesterfield
Assistants: T. J. Pollard, Bury St Edmunds (red flag)
 R. A. Smith, Loughborough (yellow and red flag)
Reserve official: R. G. Payne, Flitwick

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