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I must admit that I wrote the final paragraph of my previous programme notes somewhat tongue in cheek, suggesting that we could beat Watford by two clear goals and force extra time. What a fantastic night that was, and just a pity that despite our continued dominance in extra time we could not quite force the winner.

You may have read in the local press that our scheduled game with AFC Bournemouth next week has been postponed because of International call-ups. Roy Carroll will travel to Finland with the Northern Ireland U21's whilst both he and Pat McGibbon are on standby for the full squad. Simon Haworth and Mark Bowen will make the short trip to Wrexham for Wales matches against Switzerland. This will be both Roy and Simon's last matches for their countries at U21 level. Therefore unless are now called up for full squads this should mean our last International postponement for a while.

Looking further ahead on the fixtures front we have been informed by Blackpool Football Club that our game with them at Bloomfield Road on Saturday 6th November will now kick off at 12pm. the match will also be an all-ticket affair, I will keep you informed of when the tickets will go on sale. Also for our game at Reading on 16th October tickets are now on sale from the ticket office. Prices are £12 for adults and £7 for children. These prices rise to £14 and £8 if bought on the day.

I have received a letter from Mr David Sear regarding a book he is compiling called 'Every Pitch tells a story'. He is looking for those who can contribute amusing anecdotes regarding their experiences of football. If you feel you can help please write to Headers and Tales, PO Box 375, York YO26 5YY

Those of you who attended this weeks reserve team

game at the Robin Park Arena may have noticed that admission for the game was actually free. This was because playing a trial match for us was a player called Djoni Novak who is from Slovenia, and is fact the captain of his country. Djoni needs a work permit before he can play full time in England, a way round this rule is to play in matches which do not have paying spectators. John Benson was able to watch the player in action and you the spectators got a free reserve match.

Enjoy today's game and let's hope we can keep the run going.



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Third Division Champions: 1996-97
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 Promoted To Third Division: 1981-82
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 1947-48, 1950-51, 1952-53, 1953-54
 Cheshire League Champions:
 1933-34, 1934-35, 1935-36, 1964-65
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john benson

It is a welcome return to league action
at home following two difficult matches
on our league travels.

Down in Wales last Saturday, we
started brightly against a determined
Cardiff, but then started to play the
game at a pace which was far too
slow. That didn't suit us, we like to play
quick, sharp and lively football.

When you think about the way our
strikers have found the back of the net
so far this season, it was disappointing
that their keeper didn't have to make a
save.

I would have settled for a point before
the game started so when we were
reduced to ten men after an hour's
play, I was well pleased with the
outcome.

At the end of the day, these one points

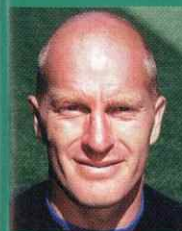
add up and bearing in mind the fact
that we did not play well, a draw was a
good result. Our last home match saw
us produce an excellent display in the
3-1 victory over Watford. On the night
the players were magnificent to
overcome a Premier League side.

our visitors Luton Town have enjoyed
an excellent start to the season and in
Lennie Lawrence have one of the most
experienced managers in the business
with an excellent track record of
running clubs on a shoestring.

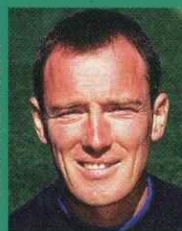
His sides always play entertaining
football, let's hope that both sides can
produce ninety minutes of
entertainment.

Enjoy the game.

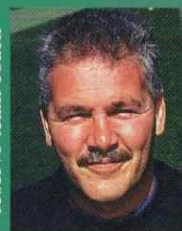
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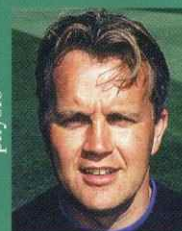
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youth team coach



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youth development officer

Forced to sell promising youngsters Kelvin Davis and Chris Wilmot to Wimbledon for a combined fee in excess of 1 million pounds, new owner Cliff Bassett knows that the whole future of the club depends on the Hatters finally coming out of receivership.

Having paid £1.3 million to snap up Kohler's 62 per cent majority shareholding, the club is still keen to move to a new home near junction 10 of the M1.

Despite these problems, manager Lennie Lawrence has guided the side into a top three position. Victory last weekend at home to Oxford United saw them leap frog over us against the side that dumped Everton out of the Worthington Cup.

Unbeaten at Kenilworth Road, they are the top scorers at home which has seen them hit the back of the nets twelve times in their opening five games. Bury are the only team to take a point from them in a 1-1 draw at the start of last month.

On their travels, goals have been harder to come by, two in the match at Reading sealing their only away win so far. Since then defeats have followed at both Bournemouth and Brentford.

With no monies to spend on incoming transfers, manager Lennie Lawrence squad is dependent on players progressing through the youth ranks. Seven of the starting eleven against Oxford United last Saturday have all developed through the trainee system which has been a production line in recent seasons, which has the likes of Matthew Upson

and John Hartson move into the Premiership.

A scorer of two goals last weekend, local born youngster Liam George who broke his leg in the corresponding last season took his League tally to four.

Making his debut in the victory was striker Neil Midgley, recruited on a loan deal from Ipswich Town, while Adam Lock was on the scoresheet with his first goal for his new side following his free transfer move from Bristol City.

THE PLAYERS



Nathan "Tanny" Abbey.

The goalkeeper and his manager agreed at the end of last season that Tanny needed a move to further his career. For two years he had been waiting in the wings, as understudy to England Under 21 keeper Kelvin Davis, and for all his potential Abbey had few first-team chances. So he left Luton to join a club in Antwerp, but the deal went wrong. By the time he came back to England Luton had sold Davis to Wimbledon - the receivers thought £600,000 plus £200,000 more on appearances was too good to turn down - so Abbey returned to Kenilworth Road in the hope of becoming No. 1 five years after joining The Hatters as a YTS boy.

Emmerson Boyce.

One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as

a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and graduated to the first team squad after a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. By the end of the season he was a regular in the squad, but made only one start in the league, and came into this campaign looking for better than a regular place on the subs' bench.

Gary Doherty

Big and brave, Doherty is a centre-half who can also operate as a centre-forward. He played in central defence for the Luton team which won the South East Counties League championship last season. He became a temporary striker to help an injury crisis, and did well enough to make the switch permanent. And he is making an impact on a bigger stage to: after being capped at youth level he has already been on the subs' bench for the Republic of Ireland.

Stuart Douglas

A real hotshot in youth and reserve team football, Douglas was a 17 year old trainee when he made his league debut for Luton against Oldham in 1995, he had to battle to overcome injuries before winning a regular place in Luton's league side last season in which he played 50 games.

Stuart Fraser

Stylish defender and skipper of the Luton Youth team which ran away with the South East Counties League championship last season. Reckoned by the Luton coaching staff to be an outstanding prospect, he was given his league debut against Carlisle, in a 3-2 win, on the final day of the 1997-98 season and within a year he was competing hard with the redoubtable Mitchell Thomas for the left back spot

Liam George

Full of pace and nimble footwork, striker George was well set a year ago to clinch a league place after impressing as a constant scorer in Luton's youth and reserve teams. A regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European youth championships final in the summer of 1998, George had made his league debut against Bristol City in September 1997, and started last season as an established first choice. But he broke a leg at Wigan a year ago and the season was nearly over by the time he had recovered.

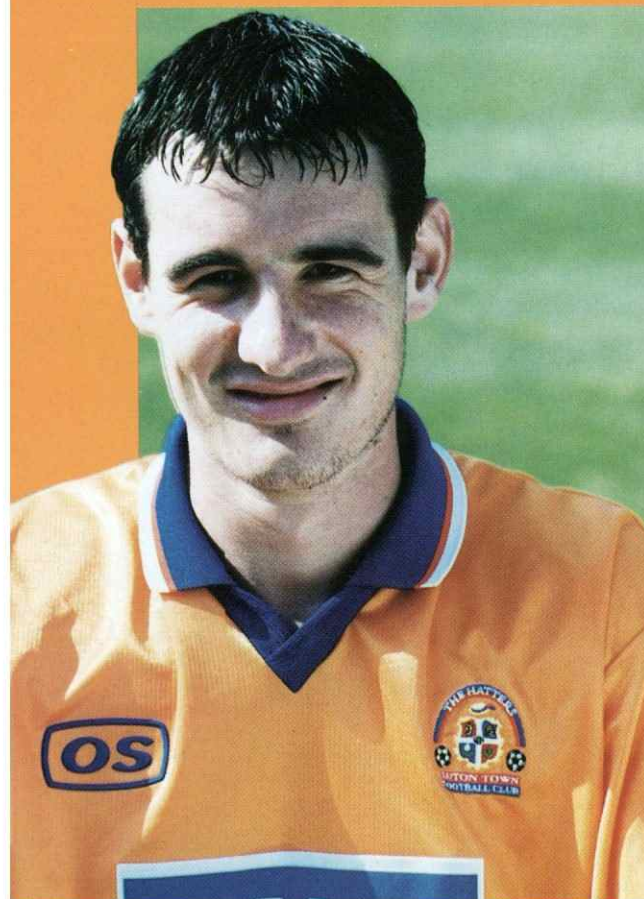
Phil Gray

Signed by Luton for the second time in September 1997, the Northern Ireland striker hopes to get in a full season after being hit by a succession of injuries. He was in Spurs reserves when David Pleat, ex-boss at White Hart Lane, and then in his second spell as Luton manager, splashed out £275,000 for him in August 1991. Two years later he moved on to Premiership football with Sunderland, for £800,000 and after three years at Roker went to Nancy in France, and then Fortuna Sittard in Holland. He needed little encouragement to return to Kenilworth Road in exchange for £400,000, and having rediscovered his goal touch was recalled to the Northern Ireland squad in November.

Marvin Johnson

Longest-serving player at Kenilworth Road, Johnson is a versatile defender, normally a centre-half but capable of filling in on the flanks or in midfield. Johnson is starting his 12th season as a first-team regular at Luton, his only club.

in town today



one to watch

MATTHEW SPRING

A tenacious midfielder with a biting tackle, good vision and an ability to read the game, Matthew is now in his third season as a professional. made his first team debut in the 1997/98 season which saw him handed the 'young player of the year' award. the subject of much interest from bigger clubs, the former trainee netted three times last season, holding down a regular midfield berth. On the scoresheet already twice this season in the home wins over Blackpool and Wrexham.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYING RECORD

CLUB	SEASON	APPEARANCES	GOALS
Luton Town	1997/98	6 & 6	0
Luton Town	1998/99	45 & 6	3
Luton Town	1999/00	8 & 0	2

details correct as at 24 Sep 1999



the manager

Name: Lennie Lawrence
Place of Birth: Brighton
Date of Birth: 14th December 1947
Date of Appointment: December 1995

Previous Clubs:

As Manager: Plymouth Argyle (caretaker), Charlton Athletic, Middlesbrough, Bradford City.

As a Player: Croydon, Charlton Athletic, Sutton United

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As a Manager: Charlton Athletic, Division Two Runners Up 1985/86

Now approaching four years in charge, Lennie arrived at Kenilworth Road following

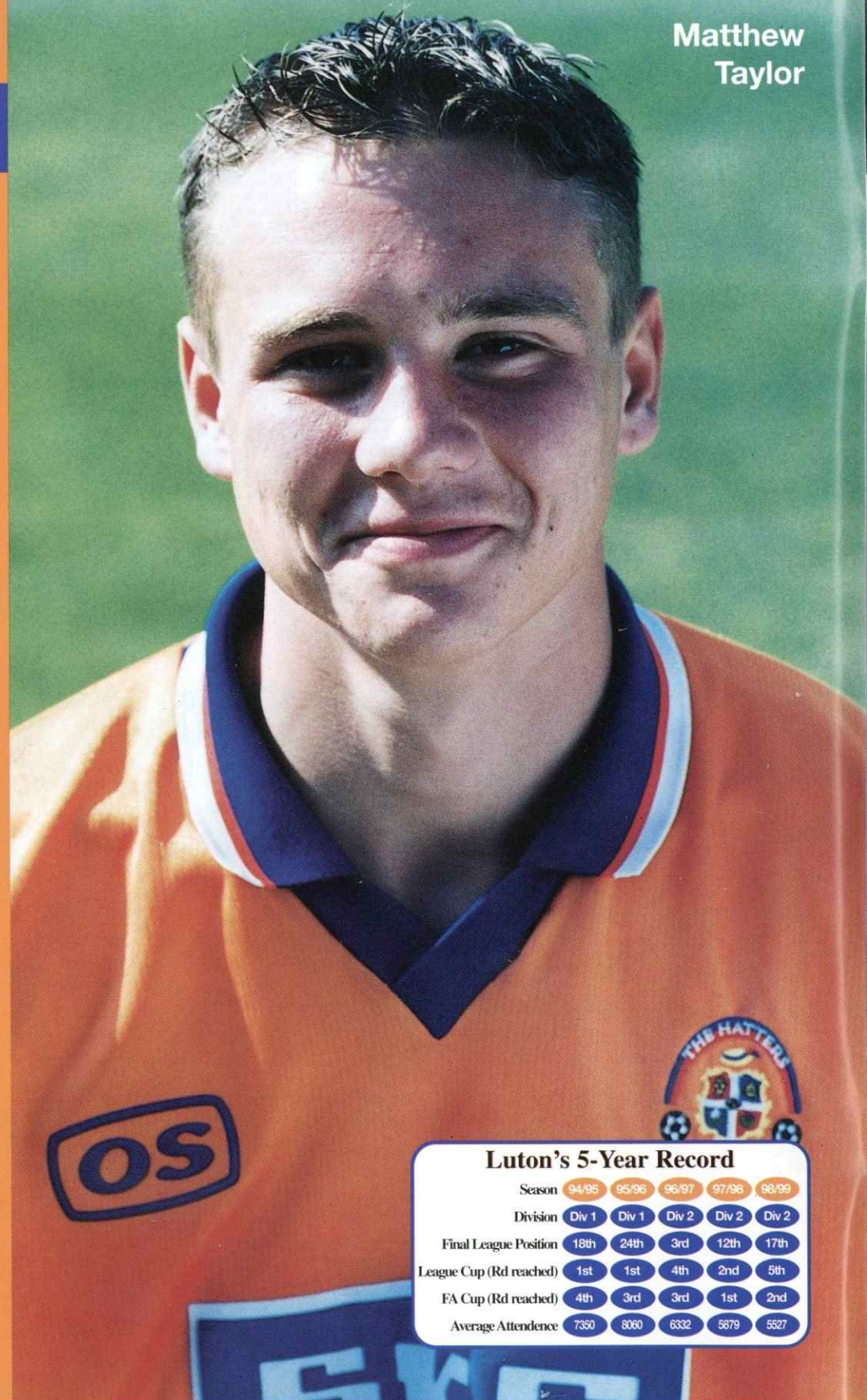
the departure of Terry Westley.

As a player, Lennie saw service with non-league Carshalton Athletic and Sutton Town. His managerial career started as assistant at Plymouth and then Lincoln City, before becoming manager of Charlton Athletic in 1982, having initially joined as a reserve team coach.

It was with Charlton where he made his name. Against all the odds, he took the club into the top flight in 1986, keeping the South London side there for four seasons. Heading North to Middlesbrough, he guided the Teeside club into the FA Premier League in 1992 in his first season with them. A short spell at Bradford City followed before his appointment in December 1995.

In his first full season in charge the Hatters made the play-offs, the last two seeing the club finish mid table.

Matthew Taylor



Luton's 5-Year Record

Season	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99
Division	Div 1	Div 1	Div 2	Div 2	Div 2
Final League Position	18th	24th	3rd	12th	17th
League Cup (Rd reached)	1st	1st	4th	2nd	5th
FA Cup (Rd reached)	4th	3rd	3rd	1st	2nd
Average Attendance	7350	8060	6332	5879	5527

Injuries have been a problem, but he has always bounced back and is now a fixture and skipper of the team he joined as a schoolboy.

Scott McGowan

A right back fighting for the Premiership place against very stiff competition at Arsenal, McGowan signed for Luton for the third time in June 1998. The first two were loan deals, one in March 1997 ending prematurely through injury. He re-joined Luton on loan again for three months, at the start of the 1997/98 season. Lennie Lawrence rated him, but could not afford to make an offer, and was delighted to conclude a quick deal a year later when Arsenal offered the defender a free transfer.



Michael McBride

Made his debut for Luton's senior side last season when injuries hit three players above him in the pecking order for the wide left-midfield slot. He joined Luton as a YTS boy after leaving school, and was part of their youth team which won the South East Counties League championship and the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup in the 1997/98 season. He

made his first team debut in the Worthington Cup first round victory over Oxford United a year ago.

Paul McLaren

The midfielder was still a schoolboy when Luton realised that he had enough talent and strength to play regularly in their youth team. A YTS offer was a formality, and he was offered pro terms while still only 17. Forceful and always ready to

back up attacks, he soon became a regular after a 1994 debut.



Matthew Taylor

It was second time lucky for the defender and Luton Town when he signed at the start of this season, after declining to accept a new contract at Macclesfield, who had just been relegated back to Division Three. British, but qualifying for Nigeria, where he spent much of his boyhood, "Effy" came back to England in 1994 to try his luck in the Football League.

Luton were interested but then manager David Pleat advised the young hopeful to join neighbouring Stevenage Borough, and then come back 12 months later. But Sodje did so well in the Conference that Stevenage declined to let him go. He helped Stevenage to the Conference championship, and then moved to Macclesfield for £30,000, playing a major role as they came up from the Conference and won Third Division promotion in their first season.

Matthew Taylor

When Luton were in receivership throughout the summer, players had to be sold or given away to save money, whole sever restrictions were imposed on new recruits. So once more Luton had to look at the young talent coming up through the ranks, and midfielder Taylor, though still only 17, was given his chance. Impressive performance in pre-season friendlies saw him leap from youth team to league squad, and after helping Luton win the South East Counties championship last season he started this with a league debut on opening day, at Notts County.

Julian Watts

Signed on a month's loan from Bristol City at the start of the season, and keen to get his career moving again after falling out of favour at Ashton Gate. Rotherham gave the defender his first taste of league football, and it was ambition achieved when he signed for the home town club he supported, Sheffield Wednesday. Changes in managers have not helped his progress: Trevor Francis bought him for Wednesday, but new manager David Pleat sold him off to Leicester for £200,000 in 1996.

Two years later he left Filbert Street as a Bosman, and John Ward signed him for Bristol City. Three months later, Ward was out, and soon afterwards so was Watts, with neither of the two City managers since Ward wanting to keep him, and Watts jumped at the chance of first-team football with Luton.

Landry Zahana-Oni

Signed by Lennie Lawrence in January 1999, from Bromley, of the Ryman Premier League, Zahana-Oni had attracted the interest of several other league clubs with his abilities as an old fashioned left winger. A French national, he had six years with Le Havre before crossing the Channel to try to make the grade in British football. He spent eight months at Stirling Albion before joining Bromley, and Luton paid £25,000, with more to follow depending on the player's progress. Luton record to the start of this season: 8 appearances, no goals.

Neil Midgley

Currently on loan from Ipswich Town the striker made his Luton debut last Saturday in the 4-2 victory over Oxford United. Top scorer in the reserves at Portman Road last season.



For The Record

FACTFILE

- Luton's first game at Kenilworth Road in 1905 was known as the "Green Game", because they played Plymouth who wore green, the referee was a Mr Green and the game was started by a local brewer called Green.
- Luton's most capped player is Mal Donaghy with 58 caps for Northern Ireland while at the club.
- The club was formed by an amalgamation of two leading local clubs - Wanderers and Excelsior.
- TV presenter Nick Owen has a bar named after him in the main stand at Kenilworth Road.
- Allan Brown left Wigan Athletic to take charge at Luton Town in 1966.

HONOURS

Division Two Champions	1982-83
Division Two Runners Up	1954-55, 1973-74
Division Four Champions	1967-68
Division Three South Champions	1936-37

BEST PERFORMANCES

- Football League 7th Division One 1986-87
- League Cup Winners 1987-88
- Fa Cup Finalists 1958-59

RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID £650,000 to Odense for Lars Elstrup - August 1989

RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED £2,500,000 from Arsenal for John Hartson - January 1985

CLUB NICKNAME The Hatters

CLUB COLOURS Orange shirts with blue side panels and blue and white collar, blue shorts with orange and white strip, blue stockings with orange stripes.

CHANGE STRI White shirts with black side panels and black and orange collar, black shorts with orange and white strip, black socks with white strip.

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7th Aug	Notts County	H	0-0	
14 Aug	Blackpool	H	3-2	o.g. 21, George 73, Spring 81
21 Aug	Reading	A	2-1	Fotiadis 54, George 85
24 Aug	Cardiff City	H	1-0	Gray 81
31 Aug	Bournemouth	A	0-1	
04 Sep	Bury	H	1-1	Fotiadis 53
11 Set	Wrexham	H	3-1	Taylor 5, Spring 14, George 36
18 Set	Brentford	A	0-2	
25 Set	Oxford United	H	4-2	George 13/45, Fraser 21, Locke 88

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football historian Leigh Edwards focuses on connections with our visitors



Leigh Edwards

LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST LUTON TOWN

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	2	0	1	1	2	4
Away	2	1	1	0	5	1
Total	4	1	2	1	7	5

Goals by Steve Davis, Sean Evers and Phil Grey gave Luton Town a 3-1 Second Division win on their last visit to Wigan Athletic on 31st August 1998. Pat McGibbon, Andy Liddell, Graeme Jones and Simon Haworth scored as Wigan triumphed 4-0 in the return fixture five months later. The Latics have yet to win a League game at home to Luton.



TITLE TRIUMPH

Former Luton Town left-back Gavin Johnson was an influential figure in Wigan Athletic's 1996-97 Third Division title triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road on a free transfer from Ipswich Town in July 1995, he made five First Division appearances for Luton prior to joining Wigan for

£15,000 in December 1995. He scored eight times in 84 League outings for Latics before moving to Dunfermline Athletic on a free transfer in July 1998. Luton's former loanee striker Wayne Biggins also featured prominently in Wigan's 1996-97 title success.



WEMBLEY WINNER

One-time Luton Town striker Mike Newell scored in Wigan Athletic's 1984-85 Freight Rover Trophy final triumph at Wembley. Moving to Wigan on a free transfer from Crewe Alexandra in October 1983, he was leading marksman in 1985-86 and scored 25 times in 72 Third Division games

before being sold to Luton for £100,000 in January 1986. He was joint top scorer in 1986-87 and netted 18 goals in 63 First Division outings for today's opponents prior to joining Leicester City for £350,000 in September 1987.



IRISH INTERNATIONAL

Former Wigan Athletic central defender Darren Patterson was capped four times by Northern Ireland while at Luton Town. Moving to Wigan on a free transfer from Wet Brom in April 1989 and scored the goal that took Coventry City to an FA Cup third round replay in 1990-

91, netting six times in 97 League outings before being sold to Crystal Palace for £225,000 in July 1992. He joined Luton for £100,000 in August 1995 and made 56 League appearances for today's opponents prior to joining Dundee United on a free transfer in July 1998.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Allan Brown achieved managerial success at Wigan Athletic and Luton Town. The Scottish international inside-forward moved to Kenilworth Road from Blackpool for £8,000 in February 1957 and played in the 1959 FA Cup final, scoring 51 goals in 151 League outings prior to joining Portsmouth in March 1961. He became Wigan's player-boss in May 1964 and plotted the 1964-65 Cheshire League title success, then rejoined Luton as manager for two years in November 1966 and guided them to the Fourth Division title in 1967-68.

CUP HERO

Former Luton Town outside-left Jim Fleming scored Wigan Athletic's late penalty winner against Peterborough United in the 1970-71 FA Cup second round. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Partick Thistle in November 1960, he scored nine times in 66 League outings for Luton prior to rejoining Partick in July 1963. He joined Wigan from Hearts in April 1969 and starred alongside Geoff Davies in the 1970-71 Northern Premier League title triumph, netting 32 goals in 107 League games before following Ian McNeill to Ross County in July 1972.

MUCH-TRAVELLED

Much-travelled Eire international midfielder Mick Kennedy played for both Luton Town and Wigan Athletic. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Leicester City for £150,000 in August 1989, he made 32 First Division appearances for Luton prior to joining Stoke City for £180,000 in August 1990. He joined Wigan from Chesterfield in July 1993 and his solitary goal in 17 Third Division games came in Latics' 3-1 defeat at home to Torquay United five months later. Striker Ian Benjamin also played for both clubs during his nomadic playing career.

EVER-PRESENT

Former Wigan Athletic left-back John Bramwell was twice ever-present for Luton Town. He graduated from Wigan's reserves and became a favourite at Springfield Park, scoring twice in 83 Lancashire Combination games before being sold to Everton for £3,500 in April 1958. Moving to Luton in October 1960, he made 187 League appearances for today's opponents prior to joining Rugby Town in July 1965. The likes of Paul Gray, Johnny Ryan and Steve Taylor have also played for both clubs since the war.

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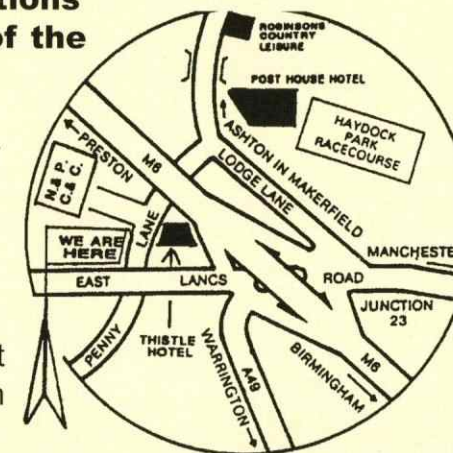
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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by Geoff Lea



Bristol Rovers start this weekend fixtures top of the Division courtesy

of an excellent 2-0 away victory at Notts County last Saturday. Previously unbeaten at Meadow Lane, County record came to an end as second half goals by Jamie Cureton and Andy Tillson sealed victory for the visitors in a match that saw County's Ian Richardson sent off.

Previous leaders Burnley were the visitors to the other Bristol side, earning a share of the points in a goal less draw at Bristol City. The biggest attendance of the day 11510 saw the Ashton Gate side give a debut to £100,000 signing Paul

Holland from Chesterfield. Robins boss Tony Pulis is ready to spend again, £300,000 rated West Brom keeper Phil Westhead top of his



Ian Richardson

wanted list. This afternoon's opponents Luton Town made it just one defeat in four with a convincing 4-2 home defeat over Oxford United. A brace of goals by Ricky George moving the Hatters into third place.

Brentford extended their unbeaten run to 23 League games in their 2-2 home draw against Preston North End. Leading twice through goals by Scott Partridge and Paul Evans, North End pulled off a share of the points with strikes from Jon Macken and Paul McKenna.

Having suffered a mystery blackout in the week, Blackpool boss Nigel Worthington returned to work to see his side throw away a one-goal advantage. Brett Ormerod gave the home side the perfect start only for Jamie McSparron and Sean Devine to seal three points for Wycombe. The results mean the Seasideers have now gone six League games without a victory.

Bournemouth manager Mel Machin took a swipe at his own supporters



Paul Holland



Andy Tillson

for criticising the players following their 1-1 home draw against Bury. Fielding four players under the age of nineteen due to injuries, it took a piece of class finishing from

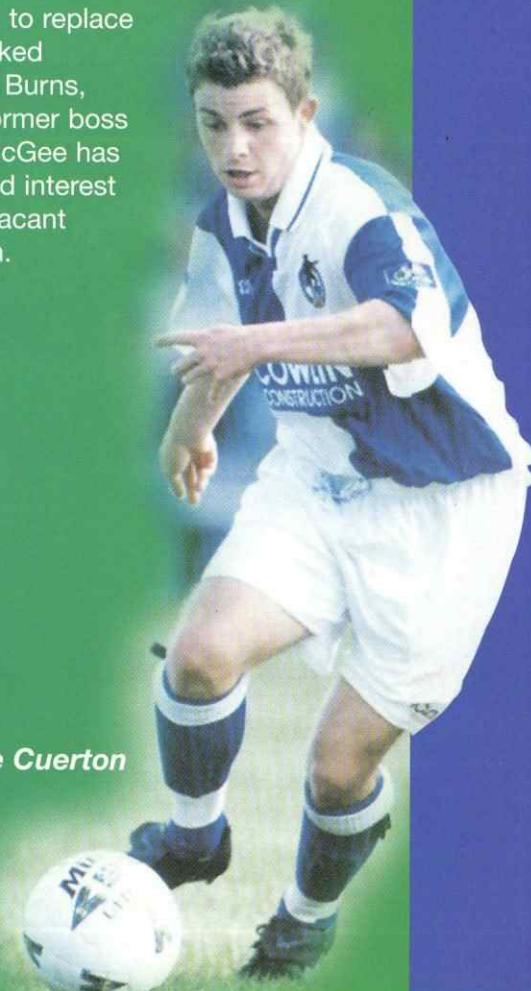
Mark Stein to earn a point after Shakers leading scorer Ian Lawson had been gifted the opening goal. Former Latics old boy David Lowe celebrated his first goal for his new side Wrexham, but still could not stop them going down to a 2-3 home defeat at the hands of Stoke City. The winner for Gary Megson's side coming from Nicky Mohan, who managed to find the right net to score in.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Bristol Rovers v Blackpool
 Burnley v Brentford
 Bury v Cardiff City
 Chesterfield v Bournemouth
 Gillingham v Millwall
 Oldham Athletic v Notts County
 Oxford United v Bristol City
 Preston North End v Cambridge Utd
 Stoke City v Scunthorpe United
 Wycombe Wanderers v Reading

Oldham Athletic were only a minute away from celebrating only their second win of the season. Leading through a goal by Mark Allot, it took a ninety-minute strike by Reading substitute John Polston to earn the managerless Royals a home draw. Caretaker boss Alan Pardew has thrown his hat into the ring to replace the sacked Tommy Burns, while former boss Mark McGee has admitted interest in the vacant position.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

A happy birthday to captain Carl Bradshaw who celebrates his 31st birthday this afternoon. Also enjoying a birthday this month is Ian Kilford who will be 26 on Wednesday.



FORMER HERO RETURNS

A Warm welcome to Jackie Lyon who will make the half time "draw on the pitch. Making his first ever visit to the

JJB Stadium, Jackie played one hundred and fifty one League games for the club scoring an incredible 83 goals.

A former England schoolboy international, Jackie played for Everton's first team at the age of sixteen before the war broke out. After serving 3 years as a prisoner of war, Jackie returned after hostilities to play non-league football for both Macclesfield Town and Bangor City, before making the switch to Springfield Park at the start of the 1950-51 season. In his five seasons with the Latics, his goals helped us life the Lancashire Combination three times, his average of a goal less than two games lifting the championship in the 1950-51, 1952-53 and 1954-55 seasons.

A retired coal board office worker, his proudest moments in a Latics shirt was playing against Newcastle United in the two FA Cup ties in the 1953-54 season. Scoring in the 3rd round tie at St James' Park in front of 52,222, the club produced the result of the day to earn a replay against a side that contained the

likes of Jackie Milburn in a 2-2 draw. The replay four days later produced controversy, a 'goal' by Jackie not given when the keeper Simpson

appeared to stop his shot over the line. Sadly an ankle injury was to end his football career a couple of years later. Welcome to JJB Stadium and we hope you enjoy your day.



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There have been many kind words said of our new Stadium, Watford manager Graham Taylor used his post match interview to lavish praise on the JJB Stadium. "I wish I could take this Stadium and the whole area back with me. This is the future - it does not matter that people talk about tradition. You've got a 25,000-seater Stadium, the soccer dome,



which is something else. You've got to compliment Dave Whelan for what he has done here. I don't know the ins and outs of it all, but I am told he put in £28 million of his own money. It might be small change to him, but he doesn't have to do it, does he? My envy is not just the Stadium, but the whole site and the position it is in".

ON THE SCORESHEET

David Lowe celebrated his first goal for his new club Wrexham last weekend, while another old boy Matty Carragher celebrated his first ever Football League

goal. His strike the first in over 150 League games helped Port Vale to victory over Swindon Town.



SHIRTS ON HOLIDAY

Ronnie Hunt sent us a photograph taken with his wife Sheila by the Golden Gate Bridge in California.

100% AWAY RECORD

The other Latics, the Wigan Latic's Ladies FC maintained their 100% away winning record with a 8-2 destruction over Stalybridge Celtic Ladies. Five goals by Bev Ingram, which saw her collect the Girl of the Match, along with strikes from Nick Chatterley, Sarah Whitehead and Hayley Fowler, sealed victory for the Latics.



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY HAROLD SEDDON

Harold will be celebrating his 80th birthday on October 10th, he has been supporting Latics since their formation and attended his first match when he was 7 years old, when Wigan Borough were the towns League team. His only absence during his 73 years as a supporter was during the Second World War when he was away for five years serving as a sergeant in the Grenadier Guards. His wife Marion was a rugby supporter until she married Harold 54 years ago and is as ardent a supporter as Harold. They both have current season tickets and look forward even more to the matches in the JJB Stadium Friends, family and everyone from Wigan Athletic hope Harold has a great 80th Birthday.

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Dave Seddon - Wigan Evening Post



*"If I had a pound for
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from the press box

I'll whisper this quietly, but managers in the Second Division appear to be starting to speak the truth in their after-match interviews! Over the last few years while covering football at this level, I've lost count of the number of times when managers and coaches have stood before the gathered Press Corp and blamed everything but their team's display for the latest defeat. If I had a pound for each time I had heard the excuse "the referee robbed us" or "I felt we deserved a point", I'd be sitting on a foreign beach by now and not sitting in press boxes up and down the country's soccer stadiums. The worst excuses I've heard from managers is the typical "I didn't see the incident", even though a mass 22 man brawl had broken out just yards from the dug-out. But covering Latics this season, things seem to be changing for the better. Our very own John Benson has always been a man to call a shovel a shovel whether Latics have won, drawn or lost. Rather than slate the referee for certain decisions, such as Kevin Sharp's sending off at Cardiff last week, he gave a diplomatic "no comment", rightly explaining that criticising officials never gets you anywhere. Such honesty has also appeared in other games involving Latics this season. Scunthorpe's Brian Laws didn't hid after the first match of the campaign, holding his hands up and admitting that his side had been outplayed. It would have been easy for him to blame first day nerves for Scunthorpe's defeat following

their promotion, but to his credit, he didn't. Ian Holloway was quick to admit his sides failings when Bristol Rovers were beaten 3-1 last month, while Cardiff's Frank Burrows was forthright in his views at Ninian Park last Saturday. But the best assessment of a game came from Graham Taylor after Watford's defeat at the JJB Stadium the other week in the Worthington Cup. There were no sour grapes after the 3-1 defeat in which his Premiership were outplayed, no blasting the ref for giving the late penalty which took the tie into extra-time, just his good honest view of things. He admitted that his Watford side had been second best to Latics over the two legs and were fortunate to be taking their place in the next round. How refreshing - perhaps some of his Premiership counterparts could take note. John Gregory blamed the referee for their 3-1 defeat at Leicester last week, when if truth be known, it was some dreadful defending that let them down. And Middlesbrough's Bryan Robson did everything but lay the blame at the feet of his players after their defeat by Chelsea. Anyway, back to Latics and their trip to Cardiff last week. I can't say that the "foreign trip" to South Wales was that memorable, and were Latics ever to qualify for Europe in the coming years, I hope the matches and the journey are a lot better!

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Good afternoon, welcome to our visitors Luton Town and their fans - "The JJB Experience" awaits them! Good to see Kevin Sharp back, and we wish Mark Bowen a speedy recovery. The Superblue Lottery also welcome back into the fold our agent from the "Angel" in Golborne - Alan Makinson, no doubt he will

continue as he left off.

This afternoon I have the pleasure of introducing to you at half time, a very special person indeed. An ex-Latics player, noted goalscorer and a real gentleman - **JACKIE LYON**. At the age of 75 Jackie can still vividly recall his great goal at St James' Park against the mighty Newcastle United, in the FA Cup - and quite a few of us attended the replay. I am sure that Jackie will receive a tremendous Latics reception, a great guy, he deserves it. Have a chat with him, it will be appreciated. Enjoy your day Jackie. Belated birthday greetings to Gillian McDonnell - Our Latics Lottery Queen, and best wishes to Kath and



Gillian McDonnell

Simon for the Christening of baby Caitlin (3rd October) "Could I ask all Superblue agents from which Pat collects, to obtain 2 weeks payment on week commencing Monday 4th October - we will be away for one week. I am still desperate for more people to become agents, in all areas. A couple of hours a week is all it

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Best wishes to JB and the lads today, in what looks to be a cracking game. Get behind the lads, lets get the three points.

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it's a fact

by Jeff Rourke

This Bank Holiday performance by Latics was very poor indeed the visitors got in the first shot on 3 minutes when Phil Gray fired wide. On 14 minutes, Roberto Martinez sent Paul Warne racing goalward only for 'keeper Kelvin Davies to race from his area to clear. Luton then began to take control and broke the deadlock four minutes before the interval although sloppy defending was the cause. A corner by Graham Alexander was allowed to run through to unmarked skipper Steve Davis who struck the ball home.

Just on half-time, Scot Green brought down Liam George and was very fortunate not to be sent off. The Luton player was stretchered off with a broken bone in his foot.

The solitary bright spot of the afternoon for Latics came after 63 minutes. Carl Bradshaw's free kick caught the defence napping and Stuart Barlow was left unmarked to help the ball past the stranded keeper. However, it was the visitors who continued to create the better openings and they regained the lead on 77 minutes when substitute Herve Bacque passed to Sean Evers who ran unchallenged into the box before finishing with an excellent shot into the roof of the net.

Two minutes later, Gray found himself with time and room in the area to fire low past Roy Carroll to seal the points. Following this third goal by the Hatters, the home fans began to stream away and a chorus of boos greeted the final whistle.

After 5 League games, Luton moved up to fifth spot with 10 points while Latics were in 18th position with just 3 points. Wolves striker Mixu Paatelainen was expected to sign for Latics later that week but after what appeared an age, he finally went to Hibernian.

TEAMS

Latics: Carroll, Green, Bradshaw, Griffiths, McGibbon, Rogers, Lee, Martinez, Warne, Kilford, Barlow.

Subs: Lowe for Warne (80), Fitzhenry, Sharp for Martinez (56)

Bookings: Green (44) - foul on George, Barlow (78) - foul on McKindoe, Kilford (82) - foul on Alexander.

Hatters: Davis, Alexander, McGowan, Spring, Davis, Johnson, McKinnon, Evers, Douglas, Gray, George.

Subs: McKindoe for George (HT), Bacque for Douglas (72), Thomas

Bookings: McGowan (38) foul on Martinez.

Referee: Bill Burns (Scarborough)

GARY CREAK

I would just like to mention a Latics' fan who travels from Ely in Cambridgeshire to watch his adopted team. For home matches, 29 year old Gary Creak catches the 8am train on Saturday's and only arrives back home after 10pm. It's a good job he works for the Railway. Gary usually pops into the Soccerdome for a pre-match pint and tells me he would like Stuart Barlow's autograph.

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A few places are still available for the Junior Latics trip to Reading on October 16th preference will be given to any member who missed out on the last trip to Stoke.

We will be leaving for Reading at (7am) prompt, from the Soccerdome. We will be invited to play football (boys and girls included) at 12 noon, so it is advisable to bring Latics shirts, tracksuit bottoms and trainers. A packed lunch is also required, this can be eaten after the football at 1pm and before we leave the Leisure Centre for the game. At half time, six members are invited to enter a relay race around the pitch.

The cost for members on the Executive coach is £10, and for adults

it's £15, this price is fully inclusive of travel and match ticket. We will also be selecting a mascot to lead out the Latics at the Madejski Stadium. Please ensure all money for the Reading trip is paid in full by next Saturday's home game with Bournemouth.

On Monday 4th October, we will be hosting a 'Race Night' in the West End Club, at the Stadium. Anyone requiring "ear-plugs" for the evening, see Martyn!

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Enjoy today's game
Laurence Fairhurst

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1. Who beat Everton to progress to the next round of the Worthington Cup?
2. Darren Sheridan's older brother John plays for which Nationwide League side?
3. Peterborough United play their home games on which ground?
4. Who scored Manchester United's first goal in the victory over Sturm Graz?
5. Who won the FA Cup in 1995?

ANSWERS

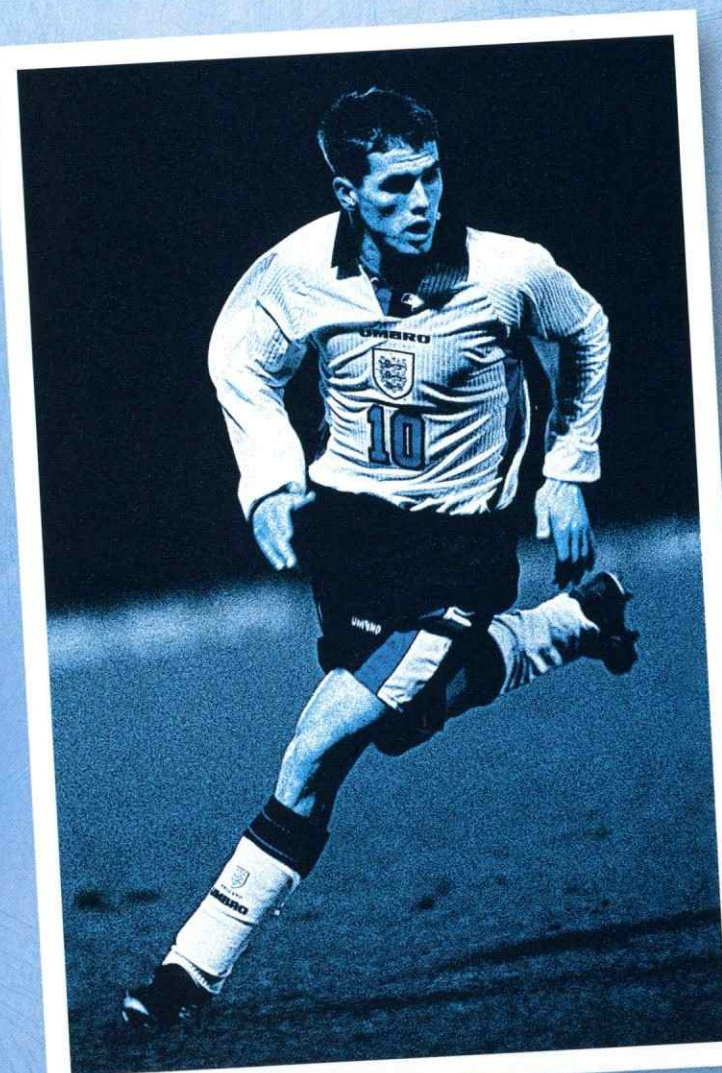
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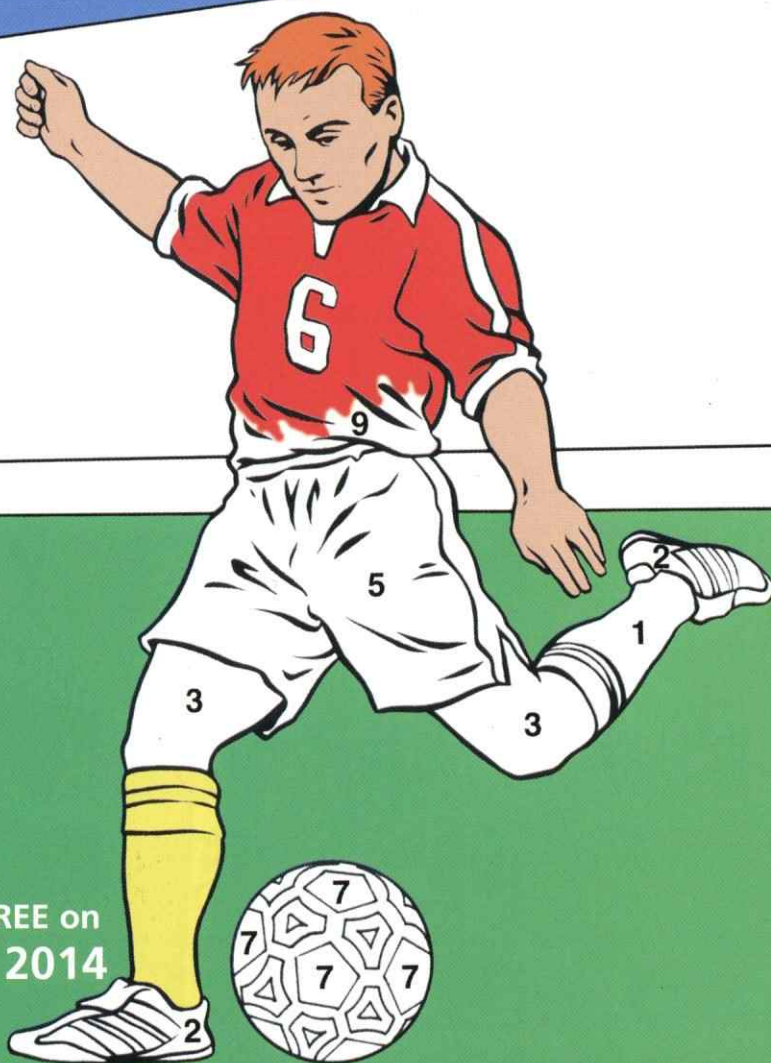
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There are also plans for a winter shut down of the domestic game in the radical paper commissioned by Football Association. One result stood out as Europe's major League season got underway - Belgium champions Racing Genk's bizarre 6-6 draw with Westerlo. Both teams finished the game with only nine men apiece on the pitch, Genk striker Bruno Strupar celebrated a hat trick of penalties. While the game proved an amazing spectacle for fans, UEFA were not pleased banning match referee Amand Accion from officiating at any more Champion League games this season.

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these finals was the 7-3 demolition of Eintracht Frankfurt at Hampden Park in 1960.

Of course, the standards could never be maintained and the club was to wait 30 years before winning the European Cup again in 1998.

This season under John Toshak, they are boosted by two signings from the Premiership in the shape of Steve McManaman and Nicholas Anelka. However, an indifferent start to the season sees them three points behind arch rivals Barcelona following last weekends draw at Malaga.



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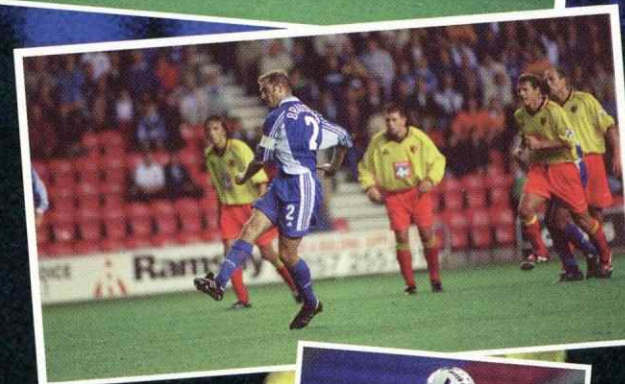
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Our Worthington Cup dreams may be over for another season, but the 120 minutes clash against Watford will live long in the memory. We gave the Premiership new boys the fright of their lives, in the end only the away goal rule separated us.

Simon Haworth opened the scoring after a Stuart Barlow shot was half blocked by the Hornets' keeper. A stunning equaliser from Peter Kennedy swung it back in Watford's favour and ultimately proved enough.

A superb penalty save from Roy Carroll from Peter Kennedy was the start of an amazing last eighteen minutes play, Simon Haworth netting his second of the night, heading home a Darren Sheridan corner.

As the clock ticked over the ninety minutes, a penalty resulted following a push on Simon and captain Carl Bradshaw drove the penalty home. Extra time was to provide more tension, but a fourth goal was to elude us.

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what's on

supporters & travel club

The Supporters and Travel Club have had quite a busy last couple of weeks, running the trips to Watford, Stoke and Cardiff. These trips ran quite smoothly, but we would like to reiterate that alcohol is banned from Travel Club coaches. A couple of supporters were found with alcohol, and had it taken off them, on one of these trips, and we hope we do not have to do this in future. If anyone is found with alcohol on a coach, the Supporters and Travel Club may ban them from future trips. Also, the so-called "supporter" who ran on the pitch at Stoke is banned from all Supporters and Travel Club coaches and functions.

We would like to thank everyone for their support so far this season, membership is growing and we want more! Please keep a look out for special events in future, which will be strictly for Supporters and Travel Club members only. These events will include a night with John Benson and players, sportspersons dinner, weekend trips and player of the year. Keep an eye on the local press and matchday programme for details of these. The Supporters and Travel Club would like to wish belated birthday greetings to Gillian McDonnell, a member of ours who works in the Ticket Office. 21 again !?

Bookings are now being taken for the next 3 trips, to Reading, Wrexham and Colchester :-

Reading - Saturday 16th October

Soccer Dome: 9.00am	Hursts: 9.15am
Members: Adult: £16.00	Concession: £14.00
Non-Members: Adult: £18.00	Concession: £16.00

Wrexham - Tuesday 19th October

Soccer Dome: 5.30pm	Hursts: 5.45pm
Members: Adult: £6.00	Concession: £4.00
Non-Members: Adult: £8.00	Concession: £6.00

Colchester - Saturday 26th October

Soccer Dome: 12.30pm	Hursts: 12.45pm
Members: Adult: £16.00	Concession: £14.00
Non-Members: Adult: £18.00	Concession: £16.00

Membership cards must be shown for supporters to be charged members prices, otherwise non-members price will be charge. At all times payment must be made upon booking. Bookings during the week must be made at Hursts Coaches in office hours.

Our address is: **W.A. Supporters & Travel Club, PO Box 160, Wigan D.O. WN6 7FN**

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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER 1999
KICK OFF 3.00PM

GROUND Madejski Stadium, Bennet Road,

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GROUND CAPACITY 24,200

SUGGESTED ROUTE: Exit M4 at junction 11 (signposted Reading Central and South, Basingstoke A33). At first roundabout go straight on. At lights after 0.4 miles turn left into Bennet Road for Stadium.

TRAVELLING TIME: 3 hours 15 minutes

TOTAL MILEAGE: 195 miles

CAR PARKING: 1,800 spaces available at Stadium

GROUND INFORMATION

AWAY SUPPORTERS' ENTRANCES & SECTIONS:

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Concessions Seating £8.00

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PROGRAMME PRICE: £2.00

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JJB Stadium Ticket Office

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Monday - Friday 9am-5pm

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Ticket sales hotline 01942 774000

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FOOTIE FACTS

SIMON HAWORTH V LIAM GEORGE

Lennie Lawrence's inexperienced Luton team have been the surprise package of Division Two, and one of the reasons behind this success has been the form of Luton-born Liam George. Simon Haworth has also started the season in fine fettle, scoring five times in eight outings for the Latics.

George has also hit the back of the net on five occasions, though his position in the Luton side - with him sometimes deployed in a wide role - has led to him taking fewer passes than Haworth, although his accuracy is slightly higher than that of the Wigan hitman.

George's versatility is indicated by his excellent 45 per cent cross completion ratio from his 15

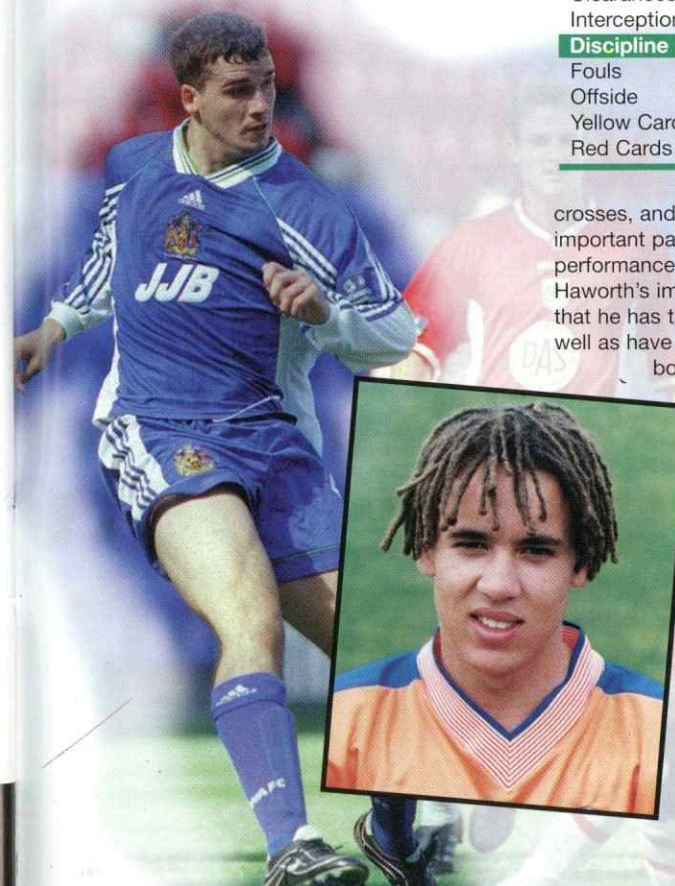
	HAWORTH	GEORGE
Minutes on Pitch	720	697
Goal Attempts		
Goals	5	5
Shots On Target (inc goals)	17	14
Shots Off Target	13	5
Blocked Shots	3	5
Passing		
Total Passes	249	169
Pass Completion %	61%	63%
Crossing		
Total Crosses	9	15
Cross Completion %	11%	45%
Dribbling		
Dribbles & Runs	18	32
Dribble Completion %	78%	72%
Defending		
Tackles Made	8	7
Tackles Won %	50%	14%
Blocks	0	4
Clearances	7	1
Interceptions	2	9
Discipline		
Fouls	21	7
Offside	14	7
Yellow Cards	1	0
Red Cards	0	0

crosses, and his dribbles too show what an important part he plays in the overall performance of the forward line.

Haworth's impressive number of passes shows that he has the ability to set up team-mates as well as have a go at goal himself. He also

boasts impressive dribbling stats, but an area of his game that could do with improvement is his crossing, as only 11 per cent of his crosses have found a fellow Latic.

When it comes to discipline, Haworth's statistics show that he has made 21 fouls, but this is not as bad as it may first appear. All forwards in Haworth's bustling mould concede fouls when jumping for the ball, although Haworth could perhaps try to remain onside with a bit more frequency as he has double George's number of fouls.



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May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their great support during our series of Summer Soccer Schools. Hundreds of children throughout the area have been to our Soccer Training Schools and everyone has had a great time - as you can see from the photos!

Thanks for all their support. If you want to book on the Soccer Schools, getting involved with the Scheme or just want a bit of advice give us a ring on: 01942 824559.

Just to let you know our next 'October Soccer Schools' are at Half Time - 25th - 28th October.

We will soon be sending out application forms, but if you want to book, just give us a ring.

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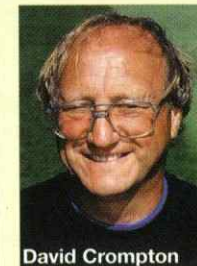
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Pontin's League Division 2 Fixtures 99/00

Wed Aug 18	Hartlepool	A	2-1
Wed Sep 1	Hull City	H	0-0
Wed Sep 15	Chesterfield	A	1-1
Wed Sep 29	Darlington	H	3-2
Wed Oct 6	Chester City	A	2pm
Wed Oct 13	Stoke City	A	7pm
Wed Oct 20	West Bromwich Albion	A	7pm
Wed Oct 27	Rochdale	H	2pm
Wed Nov 3	Mansfield Town	A	2pm
Wed Nov 10	West Bromwich Albion	H	2pm
Wed Nov 17	Bury	H	2pm
Wed Nov 24	Stoke City	H	2pm
Wed Dec 1	Macclesfield Town	H	2pm
Wed Dec 15	Halifax Town	A	2pm
Wed Jan 5	Chester City	H	2pm
Wed Jan 19	Darlington	A	2pm
Wed Jan 26	Hull City	H	2pm
Wed Feb 2	Hartlepool	H	2pm
Wed Feb 23	Chesterfield	H	2pm
Wed Mar 15	Halifax Town	H	2pm
Wed Mar 30	Macclesfield Town	A	7.30pm
Wed Apr 12	Rochdale	A	2pm
Wed Apr 19	Mansfield Town	H	2pm
Wed Apr 26	Bury	A	2pm
Wed Apr 26	Bury	A	2pm

Yellow - Pontins Cup



David Crompton

"We played our best football of the season for the first 25 minutes," was Andrew May's comment after a 1-1 draw at Blackpool. Unfortunately, our 'A' team couldn't keep to that standard and a draw was a fair result on a bumpy surface and with the usual Blackpool breeze. Wigan's goal was

belted in by hard-working mid-fielder Scott Willis. The bad news from this game was the ankle injuries sustained by Mark Court and Paul Mitchell. Paul's knock seemed to be the most serious one and it will keep the promising young defender out of the game for a few weeks.

Meanwhile, all our Centre of Excellence teams gained victories over Bury but we had mixed fortunes in the games against Carlisle United. There were wins at U12 and U15 level, narrow defeats for the U13 and U16 sides and easier one for our inconsistent U14 squad.

In the week which saw the fourth anniversary of the death of Michael Millett, it was sad to hear the announcement of Joe Parkinson's retirement from the game because of injury. This shows how cruel this game can be as well as how short it can be, too. Joe was one of our finest Youth Team products and we wish him well in the years to come.

Finally, congratulations to Joe Newton our Kit Man and ace spotter of schoolboy talent who has recently become a grandad for the first time - his daughter and grand-daughter Lauren are both doing well and Lauren has already got more hair than Joe!!

NOTE: All reserve matches will be played at the Robin Park Sports Arena

Pontins League Division Two

Next Away

Chester City v Wigan Athletic
Wed Oct 6th 1999 - Kick off 2pm

Next Home

Wigan Athletic v Rochdale
Wed Oct 27th 1999 - Kick off 2pm

Pontins League Division Two

Next Home

Wigan Athletic v Carlisle United
Sat Oct 2nd 1999

Next Away

Oldham Athletic v Wigan Athletic
Sat Oct 16th 1999

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FL Youth Alliance Fixtures 99/00

Sat Aug 14	Burnley	H
Sat Aug 21	Rochdale	A
Sat Aug 28	Preston North End	H
Sat Sep 4	Bury	H
Sat Sep 11	Tranmere Rovers	A
Sat Sep 25	Blackpool	A
Sat Oct 2	Carlisle United	H
Sat Oct 11	Rochdale Lancs FA Youth Cup 1	A
Sat Oct 16	Oldham Athletic	A
Sat Oct 23	Prerston North End (Alliance Cup)	H
Sat Oct 30	Burnley (Alliance Cup)	A
Sat Nov 6	Blackpool (Alliance Cup)	H
Sat Nov 13	Carlisle United (Alliance Cup)	A
Sat Nov 27	Burnley	A
Sat Dec 4	Rochdale	H
Sat Dec 11	Preston North End	A
Sat Dec 18	Bury	A
Sat Jan 8	Tranmere Rovers	H
Sat Jan 22	Blackpool	H
Sat Feb 5	Carlisle United	A
Sat Feb 12	Oldham Athletic	H

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Date	Opponent	V	Result	Attendance	Points	Position
Sat Aug 7	Scunthorpe United	H	3-0	7481	3	1
Tue Aug 10	York City (WC 1st Rd 1st leg)	A	1-0	1921	-	-
Sat Aug 14	Millwall	A	3-3	8165	4	2
Sat Aug 21	Bristol City	H	2-1	7103	7	2
Tue Aug 24	York City (WC 1st Rd 2nd leg)	H	2-1	3396	-	-
Sat Aug 28	Preston North End	A	4-1	13885	10	1
Mon Aug 30	Cambridge United	H	1-1	5976	11	1
Sat Sep 11	Bristol Rovers	H	3-1	6927	14	1
Tue Sep 14	(WC 2nd Rd 1st leg) Watford	A	0-2	6628	-	-
Sat Sep 18	Stoke City	A	1-1	11195	15	3
Tue Sep 21	(WC 2nd Rd 2nd leg) Watford	H	3-1	5006	-	-
Sat Sep 25	Cardiff City	A	0-0	7679	16	4
Sat Oct 2	Luton Town	H				
Sat Oct 16	Reading	A				
Tue Oct 19	Wrexham	A				
Sat Oct 23	Cardiff City	H				
Tue Oct 26	Colchester United	A				
Tue Nov 2	Chesterfield	H				
Sat Nov 6	Blackpool	A				
Sat Nov 13	Wycombe Wanderers	H				
Tue Nov 23	Bury	A				
Sat Nov 27	Burnley	H				
Sat Dec 4	Scunthorpe United	A				
Sat Dec 11	Oldham Athletic	A				
Sat Dec 18	Brentford	H				
Sat Dec 26	Notts County	A				
Tue Dec 28	Gillingham	H				
Mon Jan 3	Oxford United	A				
Sat Jan 8	Oldham Athletic	H				
Sat Jan 15	Millwall	H				
Sat Jan 22	Bristol City	A				
Sat Jan 29	Preston North End	H				
Sat Feb 5	Cambridge United	A				
Sat Feb 12	Colchester United	H				
Sat Feb 19	Burnley	A				
Sat Feb 26	Stoke City	H				
Sat Mar 4	Bristol Rovers	A				
Tue Mar 7	Blackpool	H				
Sat Mar 11	Chesterfield	A				
Sat Mar 18	Burnley	H				
Tue Mar 21	Wycombe Wanderers	A				
Sat Mar 25	Notts County	H				
Sat Apr 1	Brentford	A				
Sat Apr 8	Oxford United	H				
Sat Apr 15	Gillingham	A				
Sat Apr 22	Reading	H				
Mon Apr 24	Luton Town	A				
Sat Apr 29	Wrexham	H				
Sat May 6	AFC Bournemouth	A				
TBA	AFC Bournemouth	H				

Statistics correct at 20 September 1999
appearances in blue goals in green

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Paul Mitchell																										
Andrew Morris																										
Mark Bowen																										
Colin Greenall																										

DIVISION TWO STAT ATTACK

HIGHEST/LOWEST GATE
13885 Preston North End v Wigan Athletic 28.08.99.
2816 Chesterfield v Cambridge United 21.08.99.

HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORES
Bury 5 Colchester United 2 30.08.99
Bristol City 5 Blackpool 2 04.09.99

BIGGEST HOME WINS
Bournemouth 4 Colchester United 0 21.08.99

BIGGEST AWAY WIN
Preston North End 1 Wigan Athletic 4 30.08.99

HAT-TRICKS
Stuart Barlow - Wigan Athletic v Preston NE 28.08.99
Ian Lawson - Bury v Colchester United 30.08.99

INDIVIDUAL SCORING RECORD
David Reeves 4 for Chesterfield v Cambridge Utd 21.08.99

GOALS SCORED - HIGHEST/LOWEST
Wigan Athletic - 17 / Oldham Athletic - 6

GOALS CONCEDED - HIGHEST/LOWEST
Colchester United - 19 / Burnley - 4

PLAYERS SENT OFF - LEAGUE MATCHES ONLY

Herman Hreidarsson	Brentford
Jason Fowler	Cardiff City
Gerard Lavin	Bristol City
Brian Carey	Wrexham
Ronnie Mauge	Bristol Rovers
Steve Antrobus	Oxford United
Jamie Hewitt	Chesterfield
Sean Grogan	Preston North End
Sagi Burton	Colchester United
David Lucas	Preston North End
David Ridler	Wrexham
Trevor Challis	Bristol Rovers
Careth Owen	Wrexham
Phil Robinson	Blackpool
Ashley Fickling	Scunthorpe United
Barry Hunter	Reading
Phil Hardy	Wrexham
Paul Motimer	Bristol City
Neil Mustoe	Cambridge United
Mark Saunders	Gillingham
Kevin Sharp	Wigan Athletic
Ian Richardson	Notts County

DIVISION TWO LEADING MARKSMEN

NAME	CLUB	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL
Stuart Barlow	Wigan Athletic	7	2	9
David Reeves	Chesterfield	7	2	9
Martin Butler	Cambridge United	5	3	8
Simon Haworth	Wigan Athletic	5	3	8
Jason Roberts	Bristol Rovers	5	3	8
Ian Lawson	Bury	6	1	7
Matt Murphy	Oxford United	4	3	7
Mark Stallard	Notts County	7	0	7

Statistics correct as at Friday 01.10.99.

DIVISION TWO TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Bristol R	9	3	1	0	5	2	3	0	2	7	5	5	19
Burnley	9	4	0	0	8	2	1	3	1	2	2	6	18
Luton	9	4	1	0	12	6	1	1	2	2	4	4	17
Wigan	8	3	1	0	9	3	1	3	0	8	5	9	16
Notts Co	8	2	1	1	5	3	2	1	1	8	5	5	14
Stoke	9	1	2	1	6	5	3	0	2	9	6	4	14
Bournemouth	9	4	1	0	11	3	0	1	3	3	8	3	14
Brentford	7	3	1	0	8	2	0	3	0	4	4	6	13
Bury	9	3	1	0	11	5	0	3	2	3	6	3	13
Wycombe	9	1	2	1	5	4	2	2	1	5	5	1	13
Wrexham	9	3	0	2	8	7	1	1	2	4	6	-1	13
Preston	9	1	1	2	3	7	2	3	0	8	5	-1	13
Bristol C	8	2	3	0	9	4	1	0	2	4	5	4	12
Millwall	7	2	2	0	7	5	0	2	1	2	4	0	10
Cardiff	8	1	4	0	5	4	1	0	2	4	6	-1	10
Gillingham	9	1	1	2	4	6	1	3	1	7	7	-2	10
Chesterfield	8	1	0	2	4	5	1	2	2	4	4	-1	8
Reading	8	2	2	1	7	6	0	0	3	4	9	-4	8
Oxford Utd	9	1	1	2	4	5	1	1	3	5	8	-4	8
Scunthorpe	9	1	1	3	4	6	1	1	2	2	7	-7	8
Cambridge	9	1	3	1	9	9	0	1	3	5	9	-4	7
Blackpool	9	1	3	1	5	5	0	0	4	5	12	-7	6
Colchester	8	1	0	2	3	6	1	0	4	3	13	-13	6
Oldham	8	1	0	2	2	2	0	1	4	4	9	-5	4

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