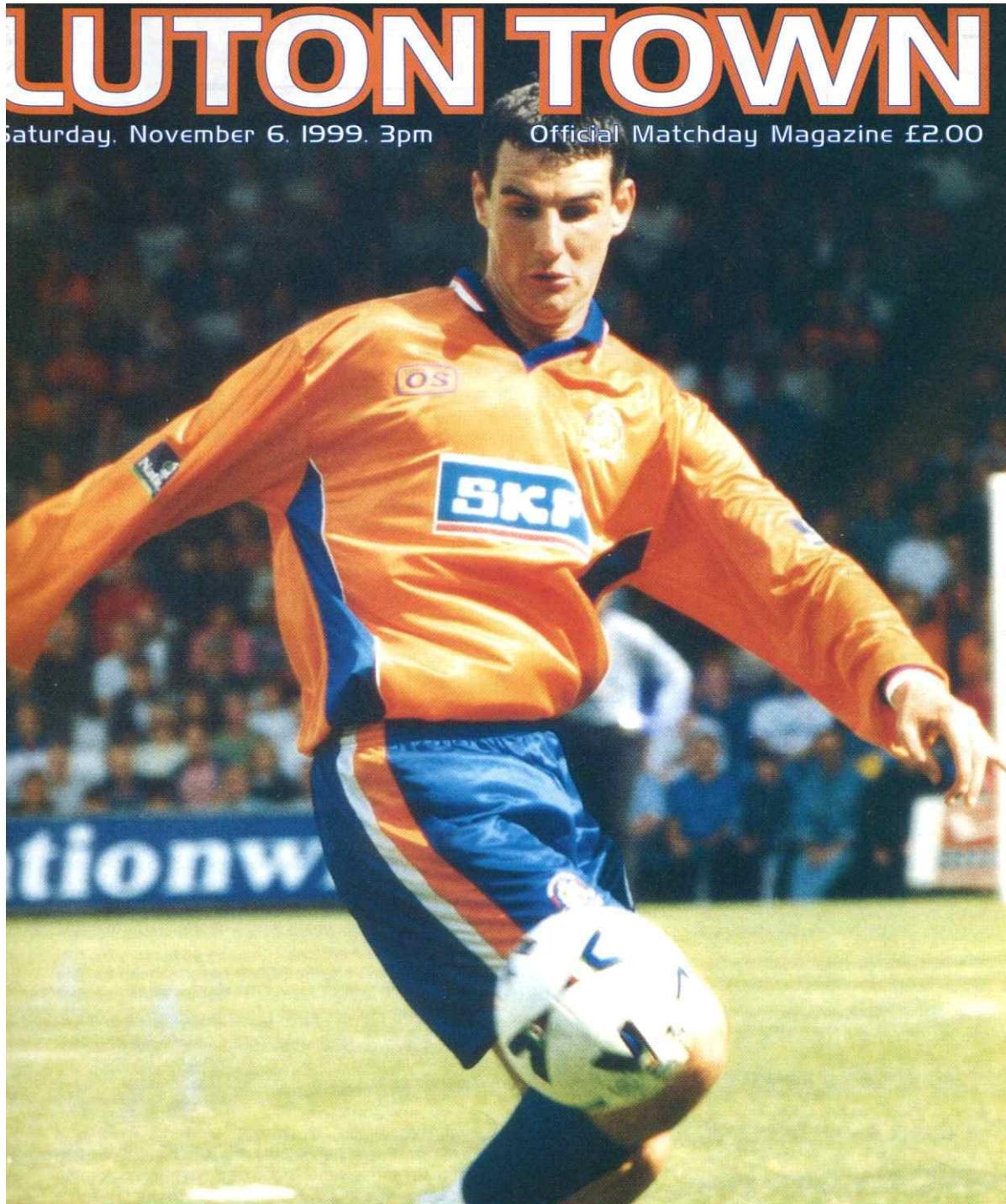


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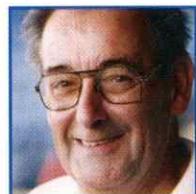
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**Front cover:**  
**SPRING FEVER:**  
 Midfielder  
 Matthew Spring,  
 who hammered a  
 memorable goal  
 in the cup win  
 over Kingstonian,  
 and had BBC Match of the Day  
 suggesting it was the best scored  
 anywhere in the second round.



THE draw for the FA Cup second round gave us the advantage of another home game, in a fortnight's time. We will entertain Lincoln City, who are now going well in the Third Division after being relegated last season.

Perhaps the Sky TV people think an upset is likely - they have chosen the game for a live broadcast, which is why it has been switched to Friday,

November 19, with an 8pm kick-off. Lennie Lawrence thinks they make decisions like that either because they have spotted the Town's home record, and regular supply of goals, or because they smell blood, which could be drawn by an underdog's bite.

The Town should be capable of winning to earn a place with the big boys in the third round for the first time since 1997. That saw our final visit to Burnden Park, when we were hammered 6-2 in a replay after a 1-1 draw at home.

The manager was happy enough to prepare for a visit by a club who went down last season despite their 1-0 victory at Kenilworth Road. "We were diabolical that day," recalled the Town boss. "We need to remedy that. I am looking forward to it because I used to be at Lincoln many years ago. I have to admit I would rather have had a top Second Division club, but we will be pleased to get on Sky and collect a few quid.

"This is a chance to get to the third round, and if we don't it will be nobody's fault but our own. And then we might make some more money." The Town will collect £75,000 from the TV company for the second round game.

It might be tempting fate to mention it, but the draw for the third round will be broadcast live on ITV at 5.45 on Sunday November 21.

AFTER thinking everything over, Adam Locke has decided to accept the latest contract offered to him, but the decision came too late to retain his place in the squad for last week's game against Kingstonian. The club's offer is only until the end of this year, which was a shorter term than the 29-year-old midfielder wanted.

He had been pencilled in to be on the subs' bench again for the Kingstonian match, but when he signed his latest deal on Friday he was technically out of contract, and players have to be registered a week in advance to qualify for FA Cup teams, so he had to sit it out. As it happened, he caught flu so would probably not have played anyway, but he still came to Kenilworth Road, cheering on the team from the Main Stand.

THE group of Town supporters who have been running FLAG - Fans of Luton Action Group - are planning a public meeting to outline ideas and seek suggestions on where the organisation goes from here. It was formed at the tail end of last season when the club's future was in doubt - more than 1,000 turned up at the first public meeting to show their allegiance to the club, and to pledge support in the fight to keep it going.

The hope was that FLAG would lead a move to buy control of the club for the local community, and people were generous with donations to fund the "Save Our Club" campaign. In the event, Cliff Bassett did the saving, at huge personal expense.

There is understood to be over £20,000 in the FLAG kitty, but more precise information will be given at FLAG's open forum at the Kent Social and Sports Club, Luton, on Thursday November 25, starting at 7.30. Admission will be free, but by ticket only to enable proper arrangements to be made to accommodate those who want to attend. Tickets are available at the Luton Town Supporters Club kiosk, through the Bobbers Travel Club, Town on Tour, or by writing to FLAG at 83a, Upper George Street, Luton.

DWIGHT Marshall still managed to give us his beaming smile, despite a disappointing return to Kenilworth Road with Kingstonian. He was impressed by the remarkable progress made by young players since he left us barely a year ago. Liam George created a big impression, with an experienced striker appreciating the potential of a young one. Dwight recalled with a chuckle that Liam has come a long way since Marshall's arrival at Kenilworth Road - Liam was his boot boy, one of the erks who had to do a bit of skivvying for the senior pros.

THE DRAW for the first round of the Auto Windscreens Shield will take place on the morning of Saturday November 20, and will be broadcast live on Sky Sports as part of the day's Soccer AM programme.

All 48 clubs in the Second and Third Divisions will be involved - Man Utd didn't have the chance to pull out! - and as usual the draw will be regionalised. The first round will see eight ties drawn in each of the Northern and Southern sections, with the remaining clubs receiving a bye into the second round.

Matches will be one-off affairs - if extra time is needed the "Golden Goal" rule will apply.

The AWS competition will also see an experiment on behalf of FIFA, which is thinking of introducing a rule to make dissent immediately punishable. Rugby League's experience suggests it can work well - if a player mouths off to the ref about a free kick awarded against his side, the kick is immediately moved 10 yards forward.

Unless we get a bye, our first AWS match will be on December 7 or 8 - see the fixtures list on page 46 - and the final will be one of the last games to be played at Wembley before work to rebuild the stadium begins in the summer.

DECLARING an experiment a year ago a big success, the Nationwide League switches back to using yellow balls this weekend. The Mitre Fluo-Flare, said to be much easier to see on dark winter afternoons, will be used in all league games between now and February 26. "Last year it was very well received by clubs and fans alike," said a league spokesman. "The eye sees a yellow ball more easily and more clearly."

We hope our lads get a good look at it this time - in the spell in which we played with Fluo-Flare last season we won four games, drew five and managed to lose ten!

When the white ball came back until the end of the season the figures were five wins, two draws and eight defeats.

*Brian Swain*

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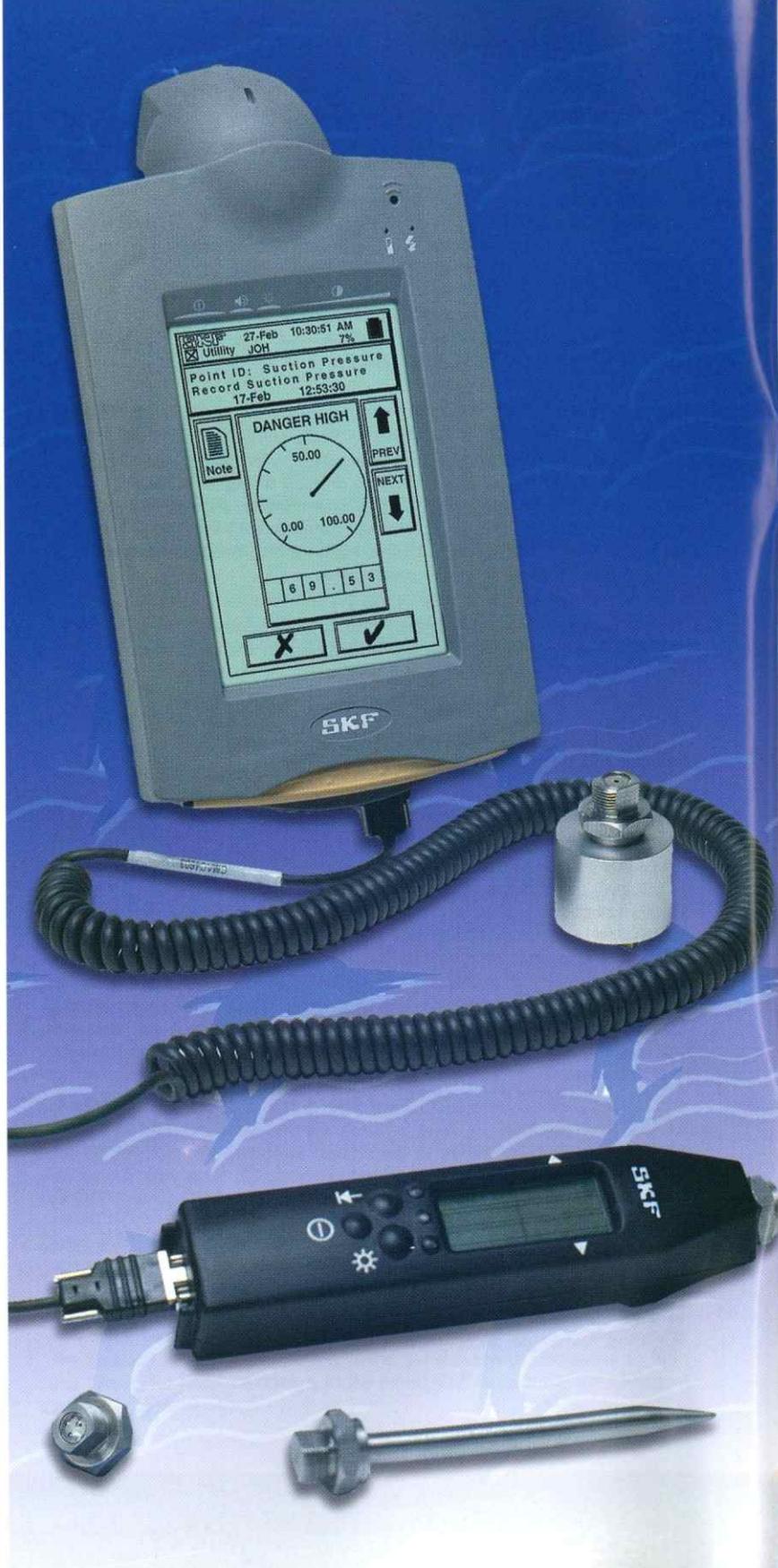
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# The Manager

Lennie Lawrence



WE ALL enjoyed the FA Cup victory last Saturday, even if it did give us a sharp reminder about the nightmare that can face managers of Second and Third Division clubs

meeting non-league opposition. For a brief spell early in the second half I thought we might be making the wrong sort of headlines in the Sunday papers.

In the end we pulled ourselves together, and left it to Chesterfield to suffer the indignity of being knocked out of the cup by a non-league club.

We started brightly enough and got the goal we deserved. But then circumstances conspired to put Kingstonian back into contention: we lost Phil Gray and Stuart Fraser through injuries, conceded a sloppy goal from a corner, and briefly paid the price for trying to coast along. We sorted out a few things at half time but allowed Kingstonian to score again, and at that stage I started to wonder if it might not be our day. But all credit to the players. After that setback we won the midfield battle and the match was transformed and in the end we were easy winners - their goalkeeper made six or seven good saves to stop it being a rout.

I am glad we have been drawn at home again in the next round, and the TV coverage will bring in much-needed finance.

It is not yet time to start worrying about Lincoln and the cup, because we need to get back to winning ways in the league after the disappointment of Tuesday night at Millwall. That was a classic Second Division away match for us. Millwall had been knocked out of the cup two days earlier at Hartlepool, and were very determined to restore a bit of pride at our expense. They showed great character and our problem was that we couldn't get our football going for any length of time against their passion and physical endeavour. They played it direct and hard, and we couldn't football our way through them.

We were a little fortunate still to be level at half time, and although we missed one good chance

early in the second half, Millwall will point to several at the other end. On balance, we could not complain about the result. We were not disgraced, and battled well, and there will be days like that, particularly with a young team still learning. They all tried, and that is the first requirement.

To maintain our ambitions for this season, we need a win today, but this will be our toughest test at home so far. It should be one of the season's most attractive games, against a club who have invested heavily and have excellent support demanding success - Burnley supporters expect a real challenge for an automatic promotion place.

As always we welcome everyone connected with the visitors to Kenilworth Road, and it will be good to meet up again with Steve Davis and Mitchell Thomas, both of whom are doing well after leaving us for Turf Moor earlier this year.

We all admired Steve as a player, and I also remember with gratitude his professionalism off the field as well. He gave everything for Luton Town, and never once let himself down, and he deserves a warm welcome back.

Mitchell Thomas also gave Luton Town exceptional service, in his case in two spells with the club. The confusion and uncertainty in the summer about players' contracts played a major part in his decision to move on, and from all I hear he is playing as well as ever for Burnley. He is playing in a good team. I watched Burnley's cup-tie at Barnet on Sunday and I can confidently forecast that today we face a severe test. We have met most of the top teams away, but this is the first of the leading bunch to come to Kenilworth Road in the league. Burnley are strong, well organised, and with plenty of experience.

We believe in our ability and potential, and the unbeaten home record in the league must be extended to maintain our own ambitions. It will be interesting to see if we can bounce back with the right response after a reverse, just as Millwall did against us in midweek.

We think we can, and as always the backing of the supporters can play its part.

*Lennie Lawrence*

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	APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets)				GOALS			
	League	FAC	WC	Total	League	FAC	WC	Total
Nathan Abbey	15	1	2	18	0	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	1(1)	0(1)	2	3(2)	0	0	0	0
Gary Doherty	13	1	0(2)	14(2)	0	0	1	1
Stuart Douglas	11(3)	1	2	14(3)	2	0	0	2
Andrew Fotiadis	6	0	0(2)	6(2)	2	0	0	2
Stuart Fraser	14	1	1	16	1	0	0	1
Phil Gray	6	1	2	9	1	1	0	2
Liam George	13	1	0(1)	14(1)	9(1p)	1	0	10(1p)
Marvin Johnson	15	1	0	16	0	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	1(2)	0	1	2(2)	0	0	1	1
Adam Locke	4(2)	0	1	5(2)	1	0	0	1
Michael McIndoe	1(11)	0(1)	2	3(12)	0	0	0	0
Ray McKinnon	0(3)	0	1	1(3)	0	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	13	1	1	15	0	0	0	0
Neil Midgley	5(2)	0	0	5(2)	1	0	0	1
Efetobore Sodje	1(2)	0	1	2(2)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Spring	15	1	1	17	2	1	0	3
Matthew Taylor	15	1	1	17	1	1	0	2
Julian Watts	15	1	2	18	0	0	0	0
Alan White	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
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# Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson



I LOOK forward to every game in the season, but today's is a little bit special as we welcome back a couple of old friends, Steve Davis and Mitchell Thomas. We still keep in touch, but for 90 minutes friendships will be forgotten - it is a matter of professional pride for both teams to do everything possible to come out on top.

After doing so well against Kingstonian, we were all disappointed with the result at Millwall. They were very difficult opposition and we found it hard to play against them. We battled quite well, but it was a shame that in the whole 90 minutes we created only one real chance, and we know we have got to do better than that if we are to keep our promotion hopes alive. In away games particularly, we need to score the first goal, to give ourselves something to defend, and I am sure Burnley will come here today thinking along similar lines.

The cup-tie with Kingstonian was as difficult as we thought it would be, but we were pleased with our performance in the second half. The boss had a few sharp words for us at half-time, but in the last 20 minutes we really got cracking. But Kingstonian made us fight every inch of the way before we finally got their measure.

The gap between the top of the Conference and the Second and Third Divisions is not as big as it used to be, and after the injuries to Phil Gray and Stuart Fraser, we took time to re-organise. Needless to say Stuart is well impressed with his fellow Scot Michael McIndoe for getting stuck in where it hurts!

We knew we had to step up a gear when Kingstonian went 2-1 ahead early in the second half, but once Liam George equalised we started to feel confident - and what a goal that was by Matthew Spring! He could have had a hat-trick in the second half, and Matthew Taylor was quite chuffed at scoring with his "wrong" foot.

Dwight Marshall almost enjoyed his day back at Luton Town, but I was somewhat happier than him - if he had scored I would never heard the end of it!

The same is probably true today as Steve Davis makes his first appearance at Kenilworth Road

since his move back to Burnley. He is not the sort to gloat, but he will be sorely tempted if he puts one over us. We managed to avoid the same temptation when we won at Turf Moor last season, but I remember only too well how down Steve was after that result. We are determined it shall not happen to us today.

There will be a spot of micky-taking, for sure, whichever side comes out on top and we will have plenty to talk about to each other after the game.

There won't be a lot of chatting during the match - good friends we may be, but we are good professionals too, and for 90 minutes all that matters is that you do your best to see off the opposition.

It won't be easy because Burnley have a very experienced squad, with a lot of seasoned pros. The contest should be interesting between our youthfulness and Burnley's experience. We will of course take great delight in helping Liam George to run the legs off Steve and his pals!

We have the confidence to bounce back from the Millwall result, and fancy our chances of extending the unbeaten home record in the league. Burnley will be in good heart after cracking five goals against Wrexham on Tuesday. Steve must have had a nightmare - he didn't get one of them!

I think it will be a tight game, but we have shown that at home we can score goals, and if we have to we can come from behind. My worst nightmare is the possibility that the result will be 1-0 to Burnley, scorer Davis. I would bet that Steve is dreading 1-0 to Luton, scorer Johnson!

As we have to play Burnley again later in the season, my advice to our lads after we win today is not to pile on the agony too much. I remember after our excellent victory at Fulham last season Mitch and Tony Thorpe were bubbling over with excitement and taking great pleasure from beating the promotion favourites 3-1. Kevin Keegan overhead them, and said well done lads, but don't forget every dog has his day. I thought about that when Fulham came to Luton and stuffed us 4-0 later in the season.

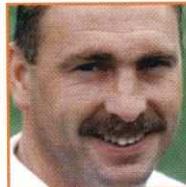
My biggest wish is that today we get the result we and the supporters want, and that the game lives up to expectations.

Marvin Johnson

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# Treatment Room

**Clive Goodyear**



WE HAVE been busy in the treatment room this week, and sadly it did not take long to know that Phil Gray and Stuart Fraser, who were injured in last week's cup-tie, would have to miss the game at Millwall and this afternoon's match.

Gray had a scan early this week for a diagnosis on his hamstring problem. It shows that there is a small area deep inside the muscle which had partially healed, but had scar tissue causing irritation. Only certain movements affect it, and it is frustrating for the player that in training he was going well, putting in maximum effort, and having no difficulties at all.

Our worry was that the injury might be more serious. Gray will undergo treatment, and will still do some training, but certainly not at full pace. After a fortnight he will have another scan to check the healing of the muscle, and then we will decide what comes next. If need be, there will be several scans.

Fraser came off the field with a wound high on the inside of his thigh after a collision with Michael McIndoe's boot. It looked like a gunshot wound, and we had to look at it in the dressing room to decide if he could be patched up and carry on playing. The doctor ruled that out - the wound needed 11 stitches, which will not be taken out before Tuesday. It's a nasty gash in a nasty place, and rules out training because we cannot risk anything that would disturb the stitches. It is also in the wrong place for plastic surgery.

Boots were flying around a bit at Millwall on Tuesday night, and we were not impressed by a couple of "tackles" on Matthew Spring and Matthew Taylor.

Spring came home with severe and very painful bruising of a calf muscle, but should be OK for this afternoon. Taylor's bruising of the



● **TROT FOR TREATMENT:** Stuart Fraser on his way to the dressing room for stitches during the game against Kingstonian.

same area was lighter, and not too much of a problem.

Marvin Johnson got a whack on his shin, but he too will be able to play today.

Our other new patient this week was Alan White, and the first instruction to him was to go home. He had some sort of bug, perhaps tonsillitis or a form of glandular fever, and we did not want it to do the rounds of the rest of the players. The doc was having another look at White yesterday, and hopefully he is not going to be out of action for too long.

*Clive Goodyear*

# Club Secretary

**Cherry Newbery**



WE HAVE a number of charity collections at Kenilworth Road every season, but today we have one that we particularly ask you to support. Volunteers from the Royal British Legion's local branch are in the ground selling poppies for the annual Remembrance Day appeal, and I am sure supporters will give generously.

We were all pleased to get another home draw in the FA Cup, and the decision by BSkyB was also welcome news, because each club receives a payment from the TV company. As you know, every penny counts as we rebuild after the difficult summer.

We were, however, hoping to offer supporters a special deal on admission prices, having cut them for the visit of Kingstonian. Unfortunately, Lincoln City did not agree with our view and that is why normal league prices are being charged. Under the regulations, both clubs have to agree if prices are to be different from normal.

I am pleased to report that tickets are selling well, and supporters should see page 10 today for details about how and when to buy. Thankfully, even though the game is live on TV, there are still plenty of supporters who want to be at the ground, to experience the real atmosphere of the game. Cash turnstiles will be open on the night, but don't forget the only way to be sure of getting the seat you want is to book in advance.

On that subject, apologies are due to supporters who have tried to use our 24-hour credit card hotline to buy tickets. We had some problems with it, but they have now been resolved and the service is now fully operational. It enables you to book tickets at any time of the day or night. Incidentally, if the Lincoln match is drawn, the replay will be at Sincil Bank on the evening of Tuesday November 30. Admission will be pay on the night.

The cup-tie, of course, will be our second Friday night game in eight days, following the switch of next week's league fixture at Cambridge to Friday to avoid a clash with TV coverage of the England v Scotland match.



● **MARATHON EFFORT:** Some of the youngsters who took part in the Mencap sponsored run around the pitch after the game against Gillingham. Most of them kept going for an hour, and we understand that a good sum was raised for the charity.

For us as a club, the choice of our cup match for TV coverage gives us an interesting insight into the huge amount of preparation that goes into the television production.

A small army of engineers and technicians spends at least two days rigging up an amazing amount of equipment.

Before then, there is another cup-tie at Kenilworth Road, just as important to the players involved. We are at home to Maidenhead in the second round of The Times FA Youth Cup on Wednesday evening (7.45). Admission is £3 for adults, £1 for concessions, and only the Main Stand and The Enclosure will be open. You can enter either through the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, or at the bridge at Maple Road.

Finally, news which might help our travelling fans who like to use the secure parking at Maple Road while they follow the team to away matches on coaches operated by Town on Tour or the Bobbers Club. I am pleased to tell you that we are now able to offer that facility without pre-booking, and you can turn up on the day and pay the parking fee of £3 when you arrive.

*Cherry Newbery*



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# Tickets



Nationwide League  
Division Two

## Cambridge Utd v Luton Town

**Friday November 12,  
kick-off 7.45pm**

Please note that because of the Euro 2000 play-off match between England and Scotland on Saturday November 13, this match is now being played on Friday evening. Pay on the night only.  
Terrace: £9, concessions £6.  
Seats £10, concessions £6.

Nationwide League Division Two

## Luton Town v Preston North End

**Tuesday November 23,  
kick-off 7.45pm**

Tickets are now on sale at discounted prices. Cash turnstiles will be open on the day. Due to heavy demand supporters are advised to arrive early.

Nationwide League  
Division Two

## Bristol Rovers v Luton Town

**Saturday November 27,  
kick-off 3pm**

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concessions £5.

Nationwide League  
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## Luton Town v Notts County

**Saturday December 4,  
kick-off 3pm**

Tickets are now on sale at discounted prices.  
Cash turnstiles will be open on the day.

Discounts for early purchase of match tickets are available until a fortnight before each match. Cash turnstiles are open at all games, EXCEPT all-ticket matches

### Ticket Office Opening Hours

Please note the announcement on the opposite page about special opening times at the ticket office in the run-up towards our FA Cup second round tie against Lincoln.

Otherwise, normal ticket office opening hours are:

**Monday to Friday** 10am to 4pm,  
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THAT "top of the world" feeling was captured when Shirley Hobbs, of Meyrick Avenue, Luton, posed for a holiday snap.

It was taken on the border between the Czech Republic and Poland. The sign, she tells us, is to mark the summit of a mountain 1,300 metres high in the Karkonoski National Park.

She adds in her letter: "I thought it might be cold up there, so that was one of the reasons why I took my Luton Town scarf. Also, of course, I wanted to show my allegiance to the Town at an unusual venue."

The scarf covered a lot of miles - kilometres even! - during the holiday, and Mrs Hobbs was delighted at some of the sights she saw. "I spent 12 days in central Europe, mostly in Prague, and during that time I only saw two people wearing Manchester United shirts.

"Compared with anywhere in the UK, it made a welcome change. So come on, Luton fans. You can easily compete with the 'big' clubs abroad. As the saying goes, wear your colours with pride."

WE ARE sorry that season ticket holder Frank Marlow, who sent in the other picture on this page, was too shy to put himself in the shot as

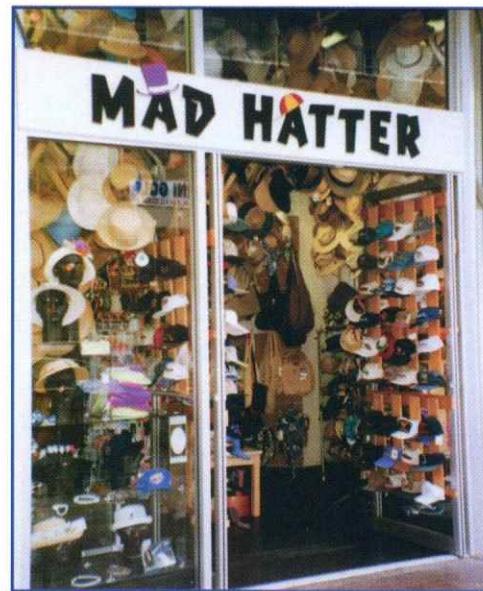


well, but the well-named millinery shop was a sight he had to photograph for the programme.

Mr Marlow, from The Glebe, Weston Turville, Aylesbury, gave us extra pleasure with part of his letter. He explained: "We found this branch of the Luton Town fan club at Waikiki, Hawaii, on a recent visit to Honolulu.

They must have had visits from Luton fans in the past, as they knew of us as the Luton Township, and were interested to know more about our straw hats.

"I am pleased to report they had no knowledge of Watford or Manchester United!"



OUR Hatters Abroad feature is open to all fans - if you have an interesting snap of Town kit in far-flung places, or even close to home if the subject or location is picturesque, we would like to consider it for publication. 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 sporting the Town's colours for our occasional "Mini Hatters" series.

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# Commercial

**John Bailey**



WE OFFER a warm welcome and our thanks to today's match sponsors, Tony and Michelle Ringe, from the Silver Lion, Lillie. They are here today with a lot of friends, including a very loyal supporter the club and of our commercial efforts, Rob Parsons.

Tony and Michelle took over the Silver Lion six months ago, and have transformed the well-known pub which is on the outskirts of Luton, just off the Hitchin Road.

It has been extensively refurbished, with a brand new restaurant, offering quality food at affordable prices.

"People who have not been into the pub since we took over will hardly recognise the place now," said Mr. Ringe. "Everyone is welcome, of course, but most of all we like Luton Town supporters, and a lot of them have become regulars."

THE MATCH BALL sponsors today are also long-time supporters, G. Owen Ceramic Tiling Ltd, from Northamptonshire. The company supplies and fixes ceramic tiles to a wide range of house builders, including Connolly Homes, and expansion of the business led to it moving its headquarters to Northampton. From there they have built up a portfolio of contracts with several major housing construction companies in the South of England.

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*John Bailey*

## Commercial Mascot



TWELVE-year-old Michael Rogers is guaranteed to have a day to remember today, because he is our commercial mascot. He will meet the players, have a tour of the backroom scenes, and join in the pre-match rituals of kick-about and toss-up for choice of ends.

Michael comes to games with his mum and dad, brothers Joe and Tom, and his best friends, Rob and Andrew.

He lives at Church Road, Westoning, and goes to Arnold Middle School, Barton.

Supporting the Hatters is Michael's big sporting love, but he also likes cricket and basketball, and amateur radio.

Today, he will meet his heroes close up, and for him there is one special player - Liam George is his favourite.

We are sure Michael will have a good day, and if you have a child worthy of a special treat, we have some vacancies for commercial mascots at future games - give us a ring to find out more.

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**Clarets' Goals For & Against**

CLOSE RANGE	INSIDE AREA	OUTSIDE AREA
1	6	1
HEADERS	VOLLEYS	FREE KICKS
11	0	0
PENALTIES	Own Goals	None
2	2	0

**Clarets' Cards**

Cook	3
Cowan	3
Little	3
Mellon	2
West	2
Armstrong	1
Cooke	1
Mullin	1
Thomas	1

*n.b. League Details Only*

**Hatters' Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded**

GOALS SCORED	GOALS CONCEDED
0-15	4
15-30	2
30-45	1
45-60	6
60-75	5
75-90	1
1-1	1

**Clarets' Roll Call**

1 Paul Crichton	2 Dean West
3 Mitchell Thomas	4 Steve Davis
5	6 Chris Brass
14	7 Paul Cook
8	8 Glen Little
7	9 Micky Mellon
4	10 Gordon Armstrong
6	11 Paul Smith
17	12 Andy Payton
10	13 Andy Cooke
15	14 John Mullin
30	15 Alan Lee
29	16 Ronnie Jeppson
12	17

**Luton's Goals For & Against**

CLOSE RANGE	INSIDE AREA	OUTSIDE AREA
4	1	6
5	6	5
HEADERS	VOLLEYS	FREE KICKS
3	2	4
PENALTIES	Own Goals	None
1	0	1

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Team	Player	GP	SR	AV
Blackpool	Clarke Carlisle	5	4	7.2
Bournemouth	Scott Mean	5	0	7.3
Brentford	Paul Evans	5	2	7.2
Bristol City	Jim Brennan	4	2	7.0
Bristol Rovers	Andrew Thomson	5	2	7.0
Bury	Paul Cook	5	3	7.2
Cambridge	Chris Swales	4	1	7.2
Cardiff	Scott Eustace	4	1	7.0
Chesterfield	Andy Legg	5	3	8.0
Colchester	Steve Blatherwick	5	3	8.2
Gillingham	Richard Wilkins	5	3	8.2
Luton	Andy Hessenthaler	4	2	7.7
Millwall	Liam George	4	1	7.2
Notts County	Paul Ifill	5	2	7.4
Oldham	Matthew Redmire	5	2	7.2
Oxford	John Sheridan	3	2	7.6
Preston	Andre Arendse	3	2	7.3
Reading	Sean Gegan	5	2	7.6
Scunthorpe	Nick Forster	3	1	7.3
Stoke	Guy Ipoua	5	3	7.8
Wigan	Graham Kavanagh	5	2	7.4
Wrexham	Andy Liddell	5	1	7.4
Wycombe	Gareth Owen	5	4	8.2
	Jason Cousins	5	3	7.4

**Burnley's Last Ten Years - The Complete Record**

Div.	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99
4	4	4	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	4	1	3	1	1
1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
L.S. Goals	7	18	24	20	20	8	20	24	16	20
Ave Att.	6,364	7,878	10,740	10,543	11,327	12,135	9,064	10,053	10,473	10,606

Statistics compiled by FOOTBALL INFORMATION SERVICES Telephone: 0151- 632 5679

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**Burnley's Form Guide - Result, Points, Position**

S	W	W	L	W	D	D	S	L	S	W	W	W		
1	4	7	10	10	13	14	17	18	19	19	20	23	26	29
10	6	5	3	3	1	4	1	2	3	5	6	5	5	2

Form Guide shows results so far.  
W = Win, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw.

**Ground :** Turf Moor  
**Capacity :** 22,546  
**Pitch Measurement :** 114 x 72  
**Record Attendance :** 54,775 v Huddersfield FA Cup 3rd rd 23rd feb 1924  
**Record Receipts :** £150,000 v Liverpool, Cup2nd rd, 10th Feb 1909

**FA Cup 4th rd, 28th Jan 1995**  
9-0 v New Brighton, FA Cup 4th rd, 26th Jan 1957  
9-0 v Penrith, FA Cup 1st rd, 17th Nov 1984  
Record League Win : 1882 v Darwen, Division 1, 9th Jan 1892  
Record Cup Win : 9-0 v Palace, FA Cup2nd rd, 10th Feb 1909

**Most Lge Points : 83, Division 4, 1991-92**  
Top League score in a season : George Bed, 35, Division 1, 1927-28  
**Most Capped Player : Jilly McIlroy, 51, Northern Ireland**  
Most Lge Appearances : Jerry Dawson, 522, 1907-28

# Today's Visitors



welcome to Burnley



## STAN TERNENT (MANAGER)

The Gateshead-born Ternent spent six years as a player at Turf Moor during the 1960's, before returning to the club last summer as manager after a hugely successful spell with Bury. A fully qualified UEFA advanced A licensed coach, Ternent's coaching skills were first spotted by Jack Hixon, the famed North East scout, while still a player. His playing career started at Burnley in 1962, signing as a professional a year later. He joined Carlisle United in May 1968, winning promotion to the top flight in 1974 before a knee injury ended his career. He joined Sunderland as youth coach under Bob Stokoe – one of his biggest influences – and was at Roker Park when they reached what is now the Premiership in 1976. He left for Blackpool in 1978

as manager, before joining the coaching staff at Leeds. Ternent then moved across the Pennines to Bradford as coach under Terry Dolan, and spent four years at Valley Parade, helping them reach the play-off final in 1988. He then became assistant manager to Steve Coppell at Crystal Palace in 1989, with the Eagles winning promotion to the Premiership later that season. Later that year he joined Hull as manager, taking the club from the bottom of the Third Division with three points from 11 games to mid-table. He gleaned further experience in the premiership as assistant manager to Ian Porterfield at Chelsea before joining Bury as assistant to Mike Walsh in 1994. He took over in his own right the following year and led them to third in the Third Division and promotion. The following year saw a Second Division title, before consolidation in the First against the odds.



BURNLEY FOOTBALL CLUB 1999-2000

**Back Row:** John Mullin, Alan Lee, Glen Little, Steve Davis, Paul Crichton, Gordon Armstrong, Craig Mawson, Matthew Heywood, Peter Swan, Mitchell Thomas, John Williamson.

**Middle Row:** Lenny Johnrose, Paul Cook, Chris Brass, Ronnie Jepson, Graham Branch, Andy Cooke, Paul Smith, Chris Scott, Stephen Grant (No longer with Club), Eamonn Kelly, Brad Maylett.

**Front Row:** Andy Payton, Micky Mellon, Tom Cowan, Dean West, Stan Ternent (Manager), Sam Ellis (Assistant Manager), Mark Robertson, Paul Weller, Alex Kevan, Micheal Devenney.

the players

## PAUL CRICHTON (GOALKEEPER)

Born in Pontefract aged 30, he started as an apprentice with Nottingham Forest. He made his League debut whilst on loan to Notts County. His career has taken him to Peterborough, Doncaster, Grimsby and W.B.A. He had a period on loan at Burnley at the start of last season, before making the move a permanent one in November 1998. A fine shot stopper, Crichton has established himself in the number one shirt.

## CHRIS BRASS (DEFENDER)

Brass is one of the Nationwide League's most promising young defenders and looks set for a future at a higher level. Has previously been called up into the stand by pool of players for the League's Under 21 Inter-League clash. An excellent man marker, Brass skippered the side last season.

## CHRIS SCOTT (DEFENDER)

Young Chris follows in the footsteps of father Derek, Uncle David Miller and Grandfather Brian Miller by becoming a professional at Burnley. A strong centre half, he is in his second season as a full time Claret and will be looking to break into the first team this season. Former manager Chris Waddle described him as being a very mature player for his age, and he has proved that recently with some competent performances in the senior side.

## MATTHEW HEYWOOD (DEFENDER)

A tall centre half, Matthew has shown a lot of promise as a trainee, and earned a professional contract at the end of the 1997/1998 season. Very strong in the air, Matthew is also comfortable with the ball at his feet. He caught the eye last season with some hard-working displays when pitched into an inexperienced team and certainly let no-one down.

## MICHEAL DEVENNEY (DEFENDER)

Micheal can play down the left as a full back or winger. The youngster covers a lot of ground and impressed for the youth team and reserves before earning a professional contract last summer. Made his first team debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield defeat against Preston.

## PETER SWAN (DEFENDER)

Made a return to Turf Moor last summer, after leaving Burnley to join Bury in the summer of 1997. A commanding centre half. The former Leeds, Hull, Port Vale and Plymouth Argyle man skippered the Clares on his previous spell at Turf Moor and featured in Bury's successful fight to remain in Division 1 in the 1997/1998 season. Injured his cruciate ligament at Wycombe in February '99 and could be out until October.



## STEVE DAVIS (DEFENDER)

Crowd favourite Davis returned to the Club for a record £750,000 just before new year '99 – three and a half years after leaving to join Luton for the same figure. The 30 year old defensive colossus was part of the Burnley side that won the Fourth Division title in 1992, and promotion to the First Division in 1994. A classy centre half and one of the best in the division. Davis is dominant in both boxes, as his superb goalscoring record last season reflects. Davis was selected in the PFA Divisional side last season.

## TOM COWAN (DEFENDER)

Tom joined Burnley at the end of last season, with 12 games left to earn a new contract. It was no surprise when he earned a new deal after a series of effervescent displays at left wing back. Also netted one of the goals of the season with an overhead kick in the 4-3 thriller against Macclesfield. He started his career at Clyde, before playing for Glasgow Rangers, Sheffield United and Huddersfield.



## MITCHELL THOMAS (DEFENDER)

The hugely experienced defender signed on a free transfer from Luton in the summer. The 33 year old has played for England at B and Under 21 Level. A tower of strength at the back, Mitchell has recently reached the landmark of 600 league appearances, including over 300 for Luton, where he enjoyed two spells. Also played for Tottenham and West Ham in a distinguished career.

# Today's Visitors

## the players



### DEAN WEST (DEFENDER)

Dean landed at Turf Moor on a free transfer from Bury in the summer. The whole-hearted, overlapping full back was signed before by Stan Ternent for Bury from Lincoln. Won two promotions with Ternent's hugely successful squad before being sorely missed for the last part of two seasons with a complicated groin injury.

### JOHN WILLIAMSON (DEFENDER)

Another talented young defender to come through the ranks, John originally started out with Derby. Made his first team debut against Macclesfield last season.

### PAUL WELLER (MIDFIELDER)

Paul will be hoping for some fortune this season after sitting out the last campaign with serious stomach problems. A hugely talented wide midfielder, capable of playing on either side, or as a full back.



**GLEN LITTLE (MIDFIELDER)**  
Right-sided midfielder signed from Glentoran for £100,000. A crowd favourite at Turf Moor. Reports indicate that talent scouts have the name of Glen Little in a prominent place in their notebooks.

Stan Ternent turned down a £1m bid from Port Vale last season after his dazzling displays caught John Rudge's eye.

### GORDON ARMSTRONG (MIDFIELDER / CLUB CAPTAIN)

Most famous for his exploits with Sunderland, Armstrong is a combative midfielder who signed on the same day as Peter Swan – also on a free transfer from Bury. Armstrong played over 350 games for Sunderland, including an FA Cup Final before moving on and becoming part of the Stan Ternent revolution at both Bury and Burnley. Armstrong impressed as a sweeper last season, and is a real team player.

### MARK ROBERTSON (MIDFIELDER)

A 22 year-old Australian youth International, Robertson is a versatile player capable of playing along the backline or in midfield. The youngster,

who played for Marconi Fairfield in his home country, starred for Australia in the World Youth Cup in Malaysia in June 1997, and comes highly rated. He had a trial at Glasgow Rangers before arriving at Turf Moor and earning a two-year contract. Recently signed a new contract and is hoping to be selected for the Australian Olympic Team for the games in his home city of Sydney next summer.

### BRAD MAYLETT (MIDFIELDER)

The lightning quick 18-year-old winger has forced his way into Stan Ternent's plans with his good form for the junior sides. Yet to start a game for the first team, he impressed after coming off the bench last season, and looks to be another young Claret with a bright future.

### MICKY MELLON (MIDFIELDER)

The attacking midfielder joined the Clarets in January for £350,000 from Tranmere, and further strengthened the side as manager Stan Ternent continues to build for the First Division. Mellon, born in Paisley, started his career with Bristol City, before moving to West Bromwich Albion and Blackpool. The 27-year-old has built a great reputation as an attacking midfielder, and his breaks from the centre of the pitch have already become a feature of Burnley's play.

### LENNY JOHNROSE (MIDFIELDER)

Midfield battler Lenny Johnrose began his career with Burnley's archrivals Blackburn Rovers, but had made just 20 full league appearances before Hartlepool United snapped him up for £50,000 in February 1992. Fifty-nine league appearances later Johnrose was on the move again, this time to team up with manager Mike Walsh, then assisted by Stan Ternent, at Bury in 1993. He played a big part in the Bury side's rise to the First Division, and his partnership with Nicky Daws in the middle of the park helped the Gigg Lane side retain their First Division status in the 1997/1998 season. By then Ternent was in charge at Bury, and it came as no surprise when, after leaving for Burnley, he prised Johnrose away from Gigg Lane to join him at Turf Moor. Restricted by injury towards the end of last season, Johnrose will look to establish himself in a Claret and Blue shirt this season.

### EAMONN KELLY (MIDFIELDER)

Another young hopeful who signed professional terms this summer. Talented midfielder with the ability to get forward.

### PAUL COOK (MIDFIELDER)

The cultured midfielder ended the season on loan with Burnley before securing a permanent move from Stockport. Stockport broke their club record to sign him from Tranmere after he enjoyed spells at Coventry, Wolves, Norwich and Wigan. A wily campaigner capable of spectacular goals.

### JOHN MULLIN (MIDFIELDER/FORWARD)

John made a summer return to Turf Moor, four years after joining Sunderland. Brought up in Burnley, John was linked with a move back to Turf Moor throughout his time in the northeast. Picked up a First Division Championship medal last season, while other highlights of his time at Sunderland include netting the winner against Manchester United in March 1997 at Roker Park. Capable of playing anywhere in front of the defence, John now prefers to play in midfield after starting out as a striker.



### ANDY COOKE (FORWARD)

A good centre forward who is making a big name for himself in the Second Division. Cooke has an enviable strike rate after signing from Welsh League Club Newtown in the summer of 1995. Would attract over 10 times the £40,000 that Jimmy Mullen originally paid for him.

### ALEX KEVAN (FORWARD)

Left-sided player who signed professional terms this summer. Has made a big impression in the reserves and youth team with his jinking skills and crossing.

### ALAN LEE (FORWARD)

The 6ft 2ins striker was snapped up for a six-figure fee from Aston Villa in the summer. An Irish under-21 International, the 20-year-old featured for Torquay and Port Vale on loan last season. Has started off well with goals in pre-season against Sheffield Wednesday and Everton.

### PAUL SMITH (FORWARD)

Will be looking forward to this season after his injury problems allowed him only 31 games over the last two seasons, and will hopefully fulfil his tremendous potential. Capable of playing on the left wing, left back or up front.



### ANDY PAYTON (FORWARD)

Boyhood Burnley fan who finally came home after a distinguished and goal-laden career at Hull, Middlesbrough, Glasgow Celtic, Barnsley and Huddersfield. Payton has

scored goals consistently at First Division level, and in the Scottish Premier Division, where he scored the winner in an old firm derby at Parkhead in March 1993. Released by Burnley as a schoolboy in 1984, Payton finally realised his dream of scoring for the Clarets on his home debut against Southend, and has found the net consistently since. 15 more goals will see him reach 50 for the Clarets, and another 5 will take him to 200 career goals.

### RONNIE JEPSON (FORWARD)

Ronnie is a face Burnley fans are glad to see on their side rather than against them. He scored goals for Preston – a hat trick on his debut – Exeter, Bury and Oldham against Burnley, and was a constant thorn in our side. After he was released by Oldham last summer, he was picked up by Stan Ternent who was his boss at Bury, and added experience and a will to win to a very young side. Netted his only goal of last season in the 1-0 win over Champions Fulham at the end of April.

### GRAHAM BRANCH (FORWARD)

The fleet-footed 27-year-old arrived at Turf Moor on a free transfer from Stockport County on New Year's Eve, and has looked to be a quality acquisition. He has pace to burn, and his touch and finishing will prove to be a real asset. Gives great balance to the side on the left, and the former Tranmere man can also play through the middle.

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# Hatter's Chatter

## in off the post

WE KNOW that plenty of football fans have to follow their favourites from a distance, but if you are an exiled Burnley supporter the following letter might be of interest:

*Calling all Southern-based Burnley supporters. The London Clarets Supporters Club exists to provide discounted travel to most games, and produces a bi-monthly magazine and a lively internet site to keep supporters in touch with the Clarets.*

*Also we offer members a variety of sports and social activities to enable fellow exiles to meet and share those magic Clarets memories.*

*For further details, please contact the membership secretary:*

Joanne Pilkington, 129 Innes Gardens,  
Putney Heath, London SW15 3AE.

A PLEA from a Leeds United programme buff:

*I wonder if you could help me in my quest to find missing programmes from my collection by putting a message in your matchday magazine?*

*I am looking for programmes from four Luton games, all in the league. I am willing to pay £30 for a Leeds v Luton programme from the 1953/54 season, and £45 for the Luton v Leeds game in 1967/68. I will pay £90 for programmes from Luton v Leeds in 1948/49 and 1949/50.*

*I hope you can help. Best wishes to Luton Town for the future.*

Damon Hitchen, 15 Lilac Street,  
Lee Mount, Halifax HX3 5BT

TRAVELLING fans will be most interested in this letter, about supporters who have been everywhere that matters:

*I AM writing as publicity officer for The 92 Club. It is open to any football fan who has attended a first team game at all the current Premier and Football League grounds.*

*The club was founded in June 1978 with 39 members, and the number of qualifiers has steadily increased. We now have over 1,000 members, 11 of whom are Luton Town supporters. The aim of the club is to provide formal recognition of this special achievement. We hold informal meetings at selected games from time to time, and this is a good opportunity to meet fellow fans from other clubs with a similar interest.*

*To assist in keeping records of various matches attended, the club also produces a very popular "Complete Statistical Record Book" with space to record line-ups, subs, scorers, attendances and even weather conditions. The book costs £2, including postage and packing, from the address below.*

*With the way football is now structured, it is every more vital to support Luton Town through the turnstiles at home, but on any new grounds you visit, either with Luton Town or as a neutral fan, it will take you a step closer to the 92 Club goal.*

*There are 11 Luton Town supporters in this exclusive club. If any other supporter has completed the current 92, or is going to mount a serious challenge in the coming months, full details of the club can be obtained by sending us a stamped self-addressed envelope.*

The 92 Club, 104 Gilda Crescent,  
Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 9LD



# TOP HATTERS GALLERY

## Neil Midgley

Born: Cambridge, 21.10.78  
Previous club: Ipswich Town  
Joined Luton Town: September 1999 on loan  
Luton debut: v Oxford Utd (H) 25.9.99  
Luton Town record: 7 appearances, 1 goal



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# Hatters Away

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# Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

## Luton Town v Burnley



Although the Town suffered relegation at the end of 1995/96, back to a division they last left in 1970, everyone at Kenilworth Road was confident of a quick return, with our cultured football surely being able to see off the supposed 'agricultural' teams of Division Two.

Unfortunately, we received a rude awakening to life at the lower level with the first three games being lost, starting off with a 1-2 home reversal at the hands of Burnley, with ex-Hatters Steve Thompson and Kurt Nogan on the scoresheet for the Clarets.

Gradually, though, the players managed to pull themselves up by the bootstraps and by Boxing Day we had hauled ourselves up to second spot. Injuries and the weather then took their toll and a run of home draws and narrow away defeats gave the other teams chance to catch up.

Despite this, the Town went to the top of the table on 21st March when previous leaders, Brentford, were narrowly beaten 1-0 at Kenilworth Road in front of the Sky cameras. The supporters knew, though, that Bury, Stockport and Crewe were all breathing down the Hatter's necks with Bristol City coming up fast on the rails.

Another team making a late bid for the play-offs was Burnley, who had put together a seven game unbeaten run during which time they had won 3-0 at Brentford and had thrashed Peterborough 5-0 at Turf Moor.

The Hatters travelled to Turf Moor on 29th March fully aware that they were about to sit a major test. With Paul Showler added to the sick list following a cartilage injury picked up during the home win over Brentford, Ceri Hughes on World Cup duty and Julian James suspended, the Town squad had a severely depleted look about it.

Manager Lennie Lawrence, fully realising this, acted decisively and stepped into the loan market

bringing in Andy Kiwomya and Gavin McGowan. Lawrence knew all about Kiwomya as they were together at Bradford City while he had been trailing McGowan, who had managed a handful of first team games at Arsenal, for some time.

Both players made their debuts at Turf Moor where a crowd of 15,490, the second best of the season, had gathered hoping that the Town would roll over and die as the Clarets winning run continued to gather up a head of steam.

It was, however, the Town who came out of the starting blocks the quicker of the two sides with Tony Thorpe showing excellent close control before sending in a couple of shots that did not over trouble Marlon Beresford in the Burnley goal.

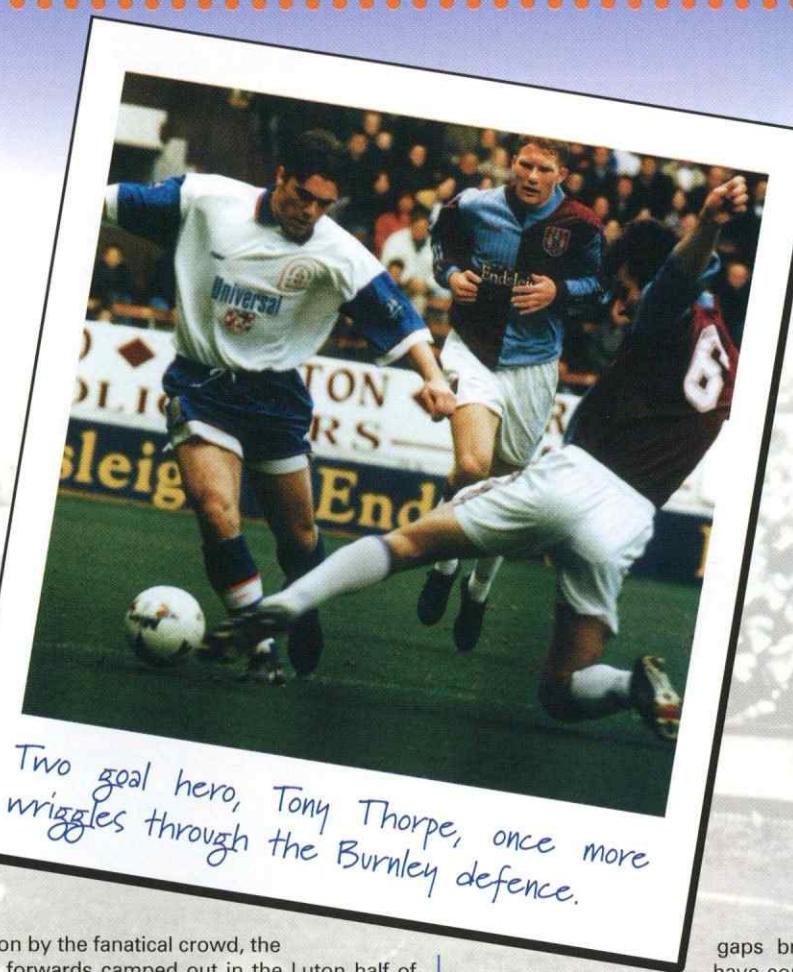
It was then, only natural that Thorpe should open the scoring after 13 minutes. A speculative long range shot from Graham Alexander struck Clarets' Damian Matthew, who had spent a largely unproductive spell at Luton on loan a couple of seasons before, on the shoulder. The ball fell invitingly to Thorpe who stuck it into the corner of the net with the minimum of fuss.

Burnley stormed forward after this set-back but they found Steve Davis, back at Turf Moor for the first time, marshalling his defence, aided and abetted by giant goalkeeper Ian Feuer.

After the Town had weathered this storm they broke away to double their lead on 38 minutes. Thorpe fired in a tremendous shot which was superbly turned away by Beresford for a corner. From the flag kick a well worked routine led to Mitchell Thomas flicking the ball on to Thorpe who headed it just over the line before a desperate Burnley clearance sent it into the stand.

Burnley complained that the ball had not crossed the line but television evidence afterwards showed that it was at least a foot over.

Luton manager, Lennie Lawrence, was fully aware that the Town defence was about to suffer a bombardment in the second half but even he was surprised at the ferocity of the wave after wave of attacks on the Luton goal.



*Two goal hero, Tony Thorpe, once more wriggles through the Burnley defence.*

Urged on by the fanatical crowd, the Clarets forwards camped out in the Luton half of the field but Davis and his fellow defenders held firm. When the ball did get into the Luton area Feuer had one of those games when everything stuck although the Burnley forwards did make a habit of shooting straight at him.

The 844 Luton supporters all felt that if Burnley had scored then, whipped up by the home crowd, they would probably have gone on to win. It was therefore a very relieved bunch of supporters who applauded the players off at the end having finally made the game safe.

"It was like The Alamo out there in the second half" said two goal hero Thorpe afterwards, "Burnley got on top after the break and made it hard for us but it felt like we did not have anything missing today. The lads that came in filled the

gaps brilliantly and we have come out on top in a real six-pointer."

Manager Lawrence was a proud man. "It was a day to stand up and be counted. The first half was a football match which we won while after the interval it was a battle and on another day Burnley would have got a goal or two. The clean sheet was therefore very important but you could see the players were up for it showing me that they really want promotion."

**Luton:** Feuer, McGowan (Guentchev), Thomas, Waddock, Davis, Johnson, McLaren, Alexander, Oldfield, Thorpe, Kiwomya (Marshall).

**Burnley:** Beresford, Parkinson, Smith, Brass, Hoyland (Little), Winstanley, Matthew, Weller, Cooke, Barnes, Thompson (Guinan).

# Community & Schools Programme

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School Years 4 to 8  
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As always our first team players turned out in strength during the week for presentations which time and time again proves to be the highlight of the week for so many of the youngsters and pictured amongst the groups are Gary Doherty, Andrew Fotiadis, Stuart Fraser, Matthew Taylor, Liam George, Andre Scarlett, Tresor Kandol and Jude Stirling.

It was great to see so many of our regulars but also encouraging to see so many new faces - lets hope we see everyone again on our indoor winter coaching centres listed opposite. Also with everyone back at school next week don't forget our NTL Schools Visit Project has set a target of 10,000 youngsters for 1999 and your school can receive free coaching by contacting our Community & Schools Department here at the Club on 01582 411622 - we'll do our best to fit your school in!

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# Junior Hatters

## Welcome

THE change of date for the match at Cambridge means that we will not be able to run a Junior Hatters trip to the Abbey Stadium, but we are organising one to Bristol Rovers on November 27. We always have a good day out there with the Young Pirates. The price will be £10 for Junior Hatters, £13 for adults and guests. Contact the ticket office to book.

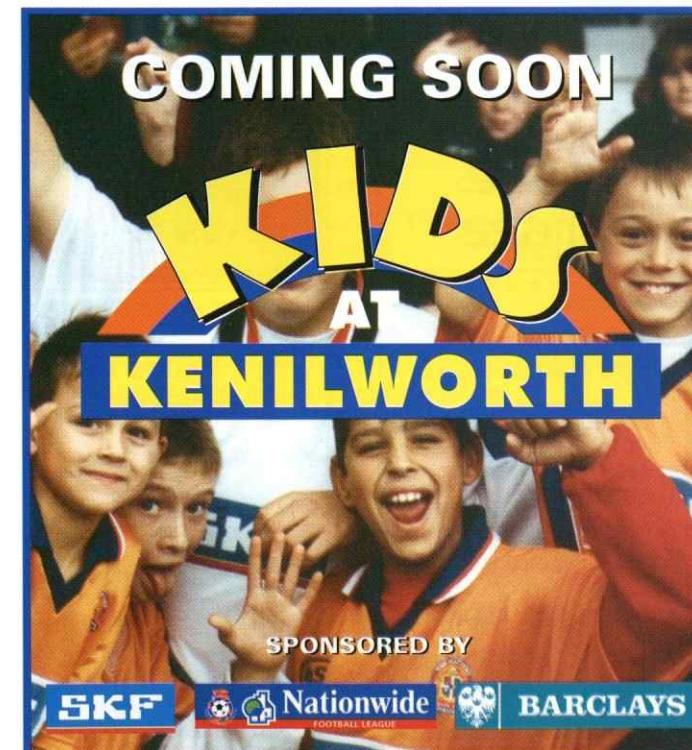


## Today's Mascot

WE are always pleased to meet young supporters of the clubs visiting Kenilworth Road, and this afternoon we are able to give a treat to a Burnley fan who lives a long way away from Turf Moor. Welcome to Jamie Ratcliffe, aged 13, from Eagle Close, Fareham, in Hampshire, who is today's mascot for Burnley. He is here with his father Dave, mother Christine and brother Ashley, who will be ten on Tuesday. Mr Ratcliffe has been a Burnley supporter all his life, but left Lancashire more than 20 years ago to join the



Royal Navy at Portsmouth. He has completed his service career, but met and married his wife in Portsmouth, and has been in the area ever since. The family watch Burnley as often as possible, which means they see more away games than home matches. If the drive is within about two and a half hours of Portsmouth, they go. We were not too surprised to hear that young Jamie's favourite player is Steve Davis. We hope Stevo and the Ratcliffes enjoy everything about their visit today, except the result!



Kids at Kenilworth is a new sponsorship package soon to be introduced at the Club. It is designed for organisations to provide disadvantaged children and young supporters with an opportunity to watch Luton Town play at Kenilworth Road for Nationwide League matches for the 1999/2000 season.

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# Hatters On Card

Alan Robinson

SUCH was the prolific output of football card sets between the wars that it was not just the top stars who got to be featured.

When Carreras, manufacturers of the famous Black Cat and Craven A cigarettes chose the subjects for their 1936 offering of "Popular Footballers" many of them were journeymen players rather than top internationals.

Therefore, it is possible that the name of Edward Hancock, who appeared on card No. 17 of this set, will not mean much to you these days, even though he did play for both Luton Town and today's visitors, Burnley.

Hancock was born at Denaby Main, Yorkshire, in March 1907, and in common with so many others from that area, he worked in the coal-mines after leaving school.

After playing football for his local side, he had brief spells with Gainsborough and Liverpool before going to Turf Moor in 1933.

Originally Hancock was an inside-forward, but Burnley converted him into a winger, apparently with some success. According to the text on the back of the card he was able "to get among the goals with fine shooting from the wing."

Incidentally, although he is shown here in the Town's colours, some cards still listed him as a Burnley player, although later printings corrected this.

As 1936 drew to a close Luton were challenging at the top of the Third Division (Southern Region) and were looking for a speedy winger to ensure the legendary Joy Payne had a constant supply of ammunition to keep firing in the goals.

Jack Hodge and Lionel Rich had performed adequately in this respect on the right wing, but

when Hancock became available the Hatters snapped him up just before the turn of the year. He made his Town debut against Cardiff City on January 2 - and what a game that was! The Hatters ran out winners by an emphatic 8-1, a scoreline that has still never been bettered at Kenilworth Road.

Payne scored four and outside-left George Stephenson three. This is the only time two Luton players have scored hat-tricks in the same League match.

The new man kept his place for the remainder of the season, which culminated in the championship and promotion to the Second Division.

Hancock started the new campaign as a regular in the side, and scored the deciding goal in the Town's first home match, a 3-2 thriller against Aston Villa. According to reports at the time, it was from a terrific power-drive from more than 25 yards range.

However, soon after this Hancock lost his place, and he figured only a couple more times

in the first team, and left for Lincoln City at the end of the season. Like so many of his contemporaries, the Second World War ended his football career - he was already 31 when war broke out and normal league football did not resume until eight years later.

Other players featured in this attractive set include Jack Vinall of Norwich, who was later to join Luton, and a Doncaster player called Turner. He did Luton Town a great service - he was the father of the late Gordon Turner, who is still our record goalscorer.

Examples from this 48-card issue are now catalogued at £1 each, and are relatively easy to obtain.



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# Action Replay

Luton Town 4 Kingstonian 2 (HT 1-1)

Brian Swain reports

SOME OF us who remember FA Cup humiliations at the hands of the likes of Hull, Torquay, and even Corby and Hillingdon, were thinking "On no, here we go again" early in the second half on Saturday. Kingstonian, two leagues below us, but going well in the Nationwide Conference, went 2-1 up to turn the knife after we had seen the Town fall away after a good start.

Thank goodness this team has a bit more about it: the response to adversity was to get cracking again, turn on the style, and eventually leave even visiting manager Geoff Chapple admiring the quality of passing football that over-ran his side.

Two cracking goals in the last 14 minutes completed it, but the pleasure was tinged with worry about injuries to Phil Gray and Stuart Fraser. Both had to be subbed, and with no other attackers available for the bench, the Town had to modify their tactics.

Emmerson Boyce, in his first FA Cup-tie, did well as Fraser's replacement, and the loss of Gray was overcome by getting Matthew Spring to play further upfield after Michael McIndoe went on.

Eventually it was a very good cup-tie, although the middle third of the 90 minutes was not too bright. The Town made a good start with Gray, back after injury, heading an 11th-minute opener. He had a volley tipped over the bar, and Liam George failed when Stuart Douglas put him through for a one on one.

Problems started on 30 minutes, when Gray's hamstring problem returned, forcing him out. Sub McIndoe's first serious intervention was an accidental clash with Fraser, which left the wing-back needing stitches in the dressing room for a gash high on the inside of his thigh.

While he was there, and before Boyce joined the fray, Kingstonian skipper Matt Crossley went up for a corner, and we generously offered him a close-range equaliser.

George had a goal disallowed for offside just before the break, and just after it we were caught by a sucker punch - a punted 80-yard clearance, defence slow to turn, and 37-year-old David Leworthy quicker than Marvin Johnson to nip in and lob Nathan Abbey. It seemed to be the shock we needed. The Town got their act together, and after Douglas and Paul McLaren had gone close, a long ball by Gary Doherty led to George knocking in his tenth goal of the season.

Kingstonian knew it was all over then, and hard though their goalkeeper worked, cracking drives by Spring and Matthew Taylor finished them off.

"It was a classic cup-tie," said Lennie Lawrence. "For

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Abbey, Fraser (Boyce 39 mins), Watts, Doherty, Johnson, George, McLaren, Douglas, Spring, Gray (McIndoe 30 mins), Taylor. Unused subs: Sodje, White, Ward.

**Booked:** Matthew Spring, 72 mins, foul on Derek Allan; Stuart Douglas, 75 mins, foul on Mark Harris.

**Kingstonian:** Farrelly, Mustafa, Luckett, Crossley, Harris, Allan, Smith (Kadi 79 mins), Pitcher, Marshall, Leworthy, Wingfield.

**Booked:** Geoff Pitcher, 39 mins, dissent; Danny Smith, 44 mins, foul on Michael McIndoe.

**The goals:** 1-0 11 mins - Phil Gray, header from Matthew Spring's cross and a deflection off Matt Crossley wrong-footing a good goalkeeper; 1-1 35 mins - Crossley close-range shot after Nathan Abbey failed to catch a corner and Paul McLaren sliced a clearance attempt to set up the Kingstonian skipper; 1-2 47 mins - David Leworthy, expert lob, after chasing and catching a huge punted clearance from his keeper; 2-2 66 mins - Liam George, shot under the goalkeeper, after Gary Doherty's long ball down the middle had been helped on by a neat dummy by Stuart Douglas; 3-2 76 mins - goal of the season? It might be, Matthew Spring striking a thundering 25-yard drive into the top corner after taking a pass from McLaren and running with the ball from just inside his own half; 4-2 79 mins - Matthew Taylor, right-footed low drive from the edge of the penalty area after Emmerson Boyce did well to hold the ball, then give it at the right time.

**Referee:** Phil Joslin, Newark.

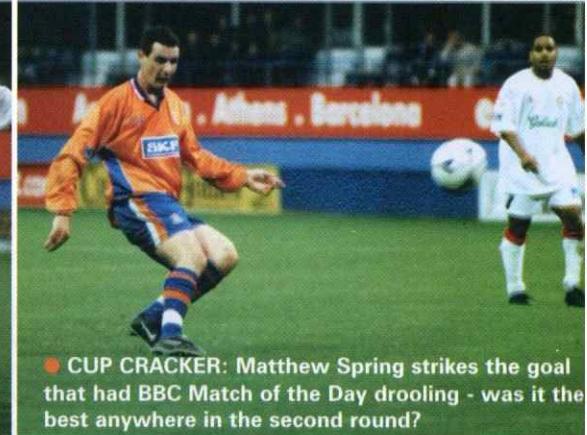
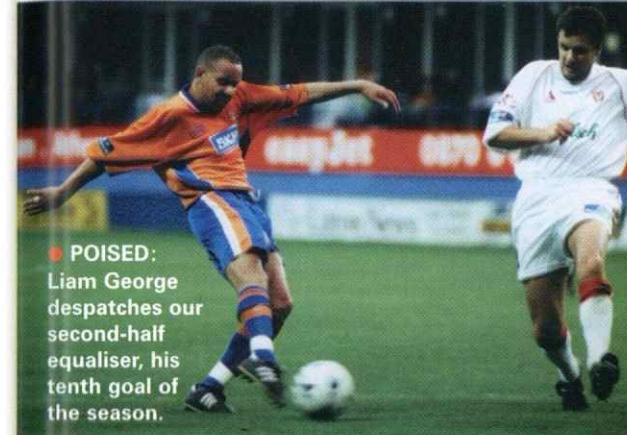
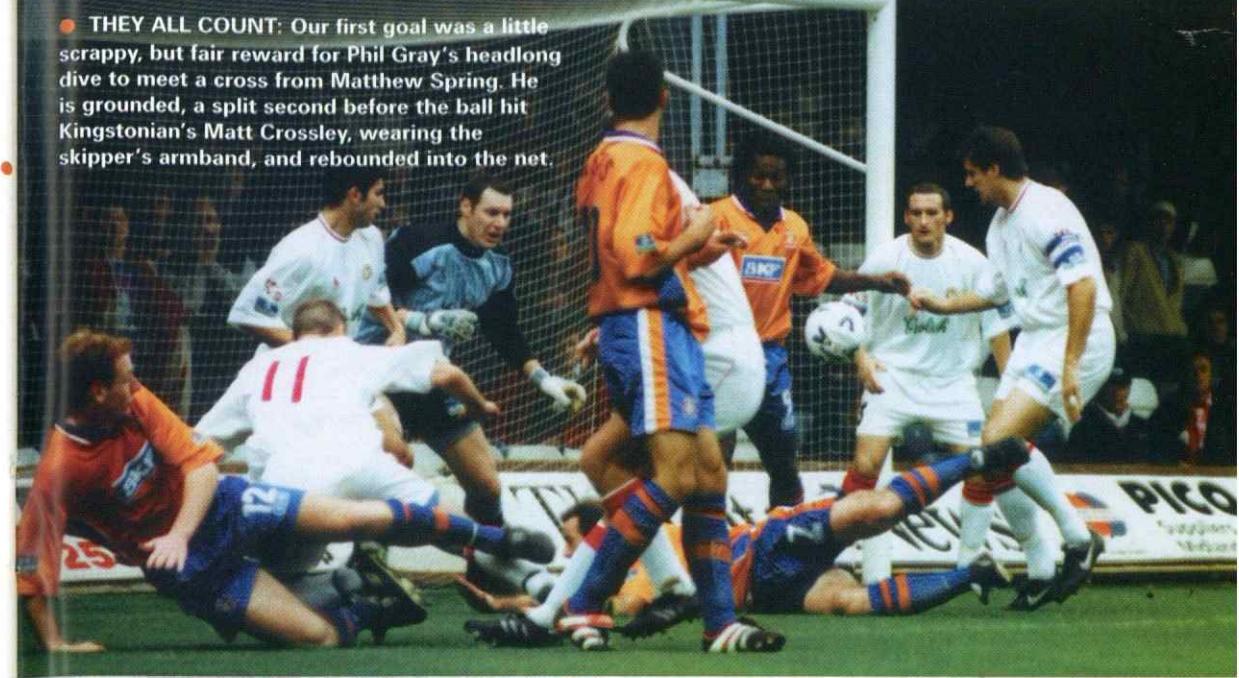
**Attendance:** 4,682 including 57 visiting fans.

20 minutes we were in control, but then we were disrupted by the two substitutions and bad defending at a corner. They had taken their foot off the accelerator.

"Then we lost another bad goal. But the players showed great character and pulled themselves together. In the end we could have scored five or six."

Kingstonian boss Chapple agreed - "We gave everything, but in the second half Luton started playing, and they were the better team."

● **THEY ALL COUNT:** Our first goal was a little scrappy, but fair reward for Phil Gray's headlong dive to meet a cross from Matthew Spring. He is grounded, a split second before the ball hit Kingstonian's Matt Crossley, wearing the skipper's armband, and rebounded into the net.



● **CLINCHER:**  
Matthew Taylor  
hammers in the  
fourth.

# Action Replay

Millwall 1 Luton Town 0 (HT 0-0)

Brian Swain reports

THE TOWN got within 17 minutes of a battling draw at The Den, before a slightly lucky Millwall goal inflicted a fifth away defeat of the season which even Lennie Lawrence had to accept was probably deserved.

He felt it was not so much down to a lacklustre Town performance as to the way Millwall tackled the game, having been wound up by the shock of losing at Hartlepool in the FA Cup on Sunday.

We were a little fortunate to get to the interval still on level terms, and one of the stark match statistics was the goal attempts figure for the Town - just one decent chance, for Stuart Douglas in the 49th minute.

Millwall made only four openings, with a lot of others threatened but not materialising because of poor final passes.

Neil Midgley and Emmerson Boyce came in as replacements for injured Phil Gray and Stuart Fraser, and Boyce in particular had an excellent match. Midgley was subbed at the break, to allow Michael McIndoe to be added to a midfield which was too busy in defence to be much of an attacking threat.

Matthew Taylor had his work cut out to hold the tricky Paul Ifill, whose work might have brought goals on several occasions.

Paul Shaw wasted an early opening by shooting wide from close range, and when Marc Bircham skipped past Paul McLaren and shot from the edge of the box Nathan Abbey made a good diving save.

Liam George got in one jinking run, but put the angled drive wide, but mostly it was a case of Millwall on a high, straining every nerve to please a demanding crowd, and the Town having to battle for survival.

Douglas's chance came four minutes into the second half, when his pace enabled him to spring the offside trap, but with only the keeper in front of him, failed to capitalise, with Tony Warner deflecting the shot around a post.

That was the last real threat from a Town side which had to expend more energy on

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Abbey, Boyce, Watts, Doherty, Johnson, George, McLaren, Douglas, Spring, Midgley (McIndoe HT), Taylor. Unused subs: Locke, Sodje, White, Ward.

**Booked:** No-one.

**Millwall:** Warner, Fitzgerald, Neil, Ryan, Nethercott, Ifill, Reid, Cahill, Bircham, Sadlier, Shaw (Harris 46 mins). Unused subs: Dolan, Gilkes, Bowry, Spink.

**Booked:** Tim Cahill, 42 mins, foul on Matthew Spring; Lucas Neil, 78 mins, foul on Matthew Taylor.

**The goal:** Tim Cahill, close-range shot from the rebound, 73 mins, after Marvin Johnson blocked one by Marc Bircham on the line.

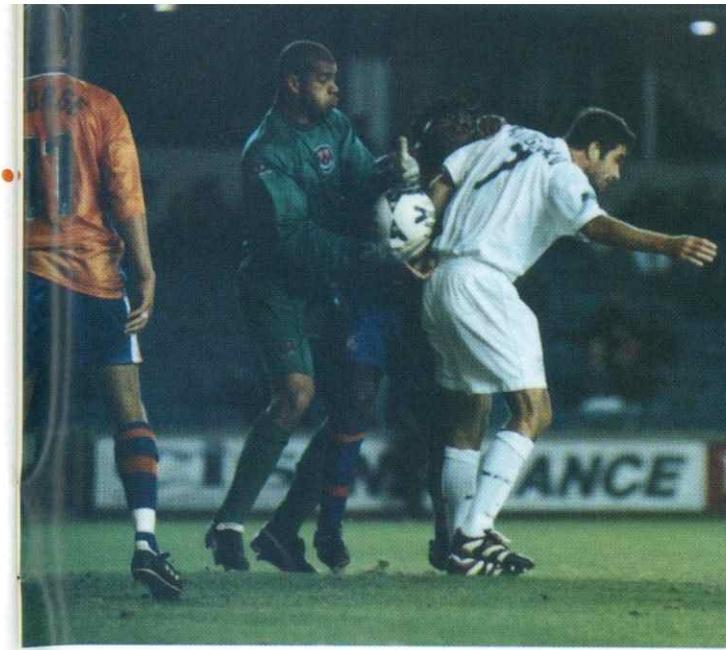
**Referee:** Ken Leach, Codshall, Staffs.

**Attendance:** 6,181, including 688 backing Luton.

defensive duties than on attacking intent, although there was plenty of effort and commitment after the scrappy deciding goal was conceded. A hard cross from the left pinged off a couple of players, including Abbey, and although Marvin Johnson blocked a drive by Bircham on the line, the rebound fell kindly for Tim Cahill to shoot in from close range.

Gary Doherty went upfield to resume a three-man attacking formation after that, but it was Millwall's night, when determination and physical effort never allowed the Town to play their normal football.

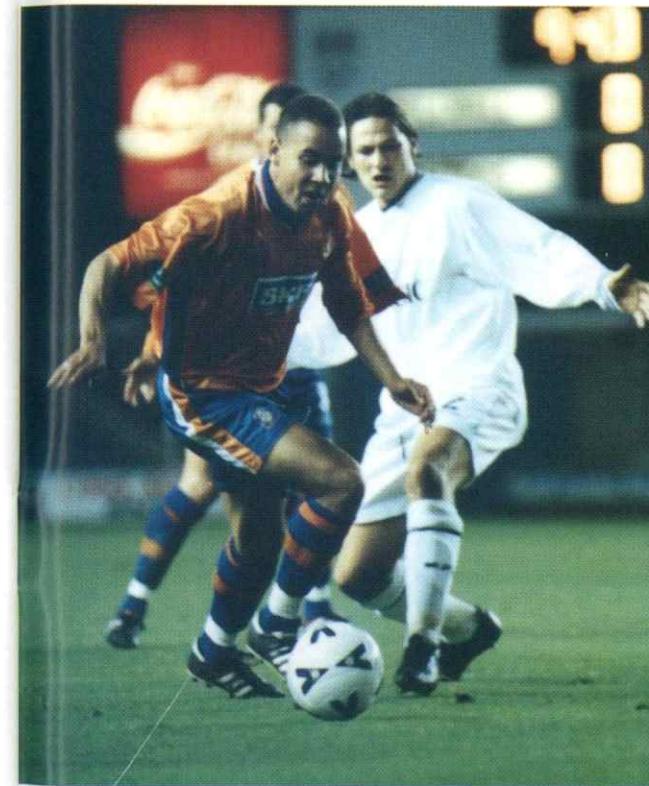
"Give Millwall credit for that," said Lennie Lawrence. "We were a bit unlucky with the goal, and we defended reasonably well but the most we could have hoped for was a draw. We might have got a 0-0, but we can't really complain about the result. Millwall were really up for it - it was a crucial game for them after losing on Sunday. That was as competitive a performance as I have seen from any team against us this season."



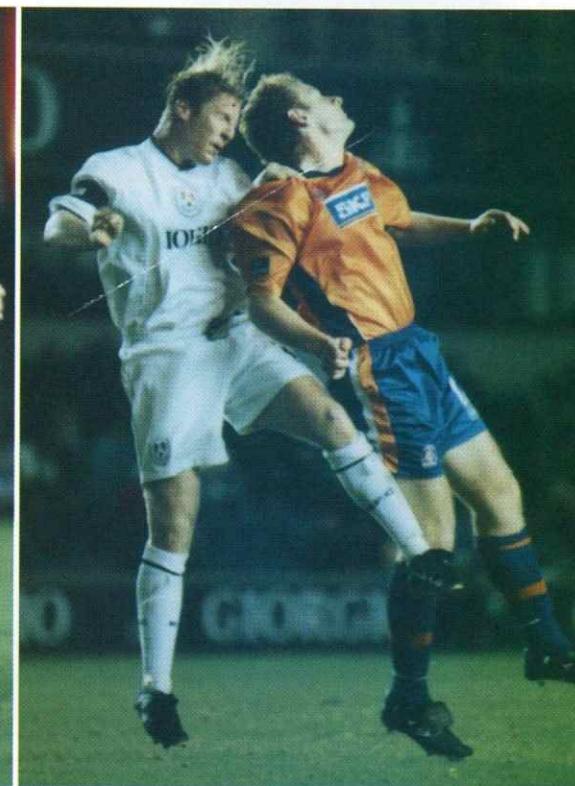
● **HATTER SANDWICH:** Stuart Douglas crowded out by goalkeeper Tony Warner and centre-back Scott Fitzgerald.



● **RISING STAR:** Neil Midgley is up for it to beat Fitzgerald in the air.



● **TAKE 'EM ON:** Liam George runs at the Millwall defence. He turned this effort into a half-chance, but he shot wide from an angle.



● **DEFENDERS BOTH:** Gary Doherty, who moved up to augment the attack in the closing stages, in close competition with Stuart Nethercott

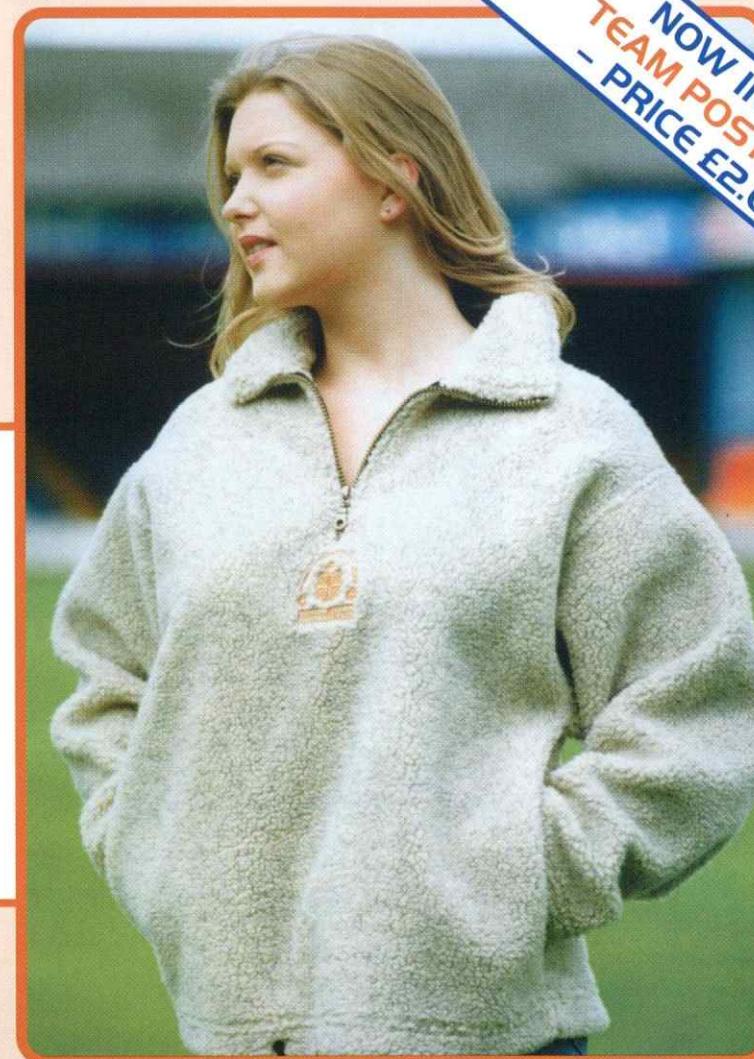
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# The RESERVES

Trevor Hartley and John Moore



## Luton Town I Norwich City I

ANOTHER quality finish by Tresor Kandol, giving him his eighth goal in eight reserve team appearances, was the highlight of Wednesday's Avon Insurance Combination game.

It was not a free-flowing affair, perhaps because there was a lot of inexperience in both sides. We are thin on the ground in terms of depth, and Efe Sodje and Adam Locke were the only members of our 16-man squad who do not qualify to play in the under-19 youth league.

Emmerson Boyce and Michael McIndoe had to be left out to cover for first-team injuries to Stuart Fraser and Phil Gray, and our team included three first-year YTS boys, three second-years and three first-year professionals. Alan White was a late withdrawal, suffering from sickness.

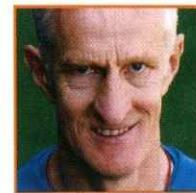
Four youth team players were making debuts at this level, so the draw was not a bad result, and overall fair to both sides.

The nine youth players are used to a 4-4-2 formation, but had to adapt to the three at the back line-up which we use in the Second Division, and the learning experience will do them no harm. They

worked hard, and we were quite pleased with the performance.

Kandol gave us an interval lead, taking a through pass from Lee Mansell in his stride, controlling the ball with his first touch, and then with his second despatching a left foot cross-shot into the net.

We were reasonably solid in defence, and Norwich created few chances, but goalkeeper Scott Ward knows he should have done better with the shot that brought them their equaliser.



**Luton Town:** Ward, Dogbe, Moran, Ayres, Sodje, Stirling, Jerry, Locke, Mansell (Mortara 85 mins), Kandol, Clarke (Barriteau 82 mins). Unused subs: Carroll, Mentore, Tate.

**Reserve team appearances, including as sub:** Kandol 8, Boyce 7, Scarlett 7, Ayres 7, Stirling 7, Sodje 6, Jerry 6, White 5, McIndoe 5, Locke 5, Ward 5, Tate 4, O'Connor 3, Graham 3, Pearson 2, Davis 2, Brkovic 2, Mansell 2, Moran 2, Dogbe 1, Mortara 1, Clarke 1, Barriteau 1, Hunt 1, Zahana-Oni 1, Bowes 1, O'Brien 1, Ryan 1, Jack 1, Gray 1, Antunes 1, McKinnon 1.

**Goals:** Kandol 8, Jerry 2, OG 1.

Avon Insurance Combination Results and Fixtures							
				H	A-3 (Kandol)		
AUG	Wed 18	Bristol City		H	A-3 (Kandol)		
SEPT	Wed 1	Portsmouth	A	0-1			
	Wed 8	Swindon	H	0-1			
	Tue 28	Oxford	A	2-4 (Jerry, Kandol)			
OCT	Wed 6	Wycombe	H	5-2 (Kandol 4, OG)			
	Wed 13	Brighton	A	2-1 (Jerry, Kandol)			
	Wed 27	Bristol Rov	A	0-0			
NOV	Wed 3	Norwich	H	1-1 (Kandol)			
	Wed 17	Ipswich	A	2pm			
DEC	Wed 1	Colchester	H	2pm			
	Wed 8	Southend	A	7.45pm			
	Wed 22	Peterborough	H	2pm			
JAN	Wed 12	Cambridge Utd	A	2pm			
	Wed 19	Northampton	H	2pm			
FEB	Wed 2	QPR	H	2pm			
	Wed 9	Barnet	A	2pm			
	Wed 23	Millwall	H	2pm			
MAR	Wed 1	L. Orient	A	2pm			
	Wed 15	Fulham	A	2pm			
	Wed 29	Gillingham	H	2pm			
APRIL	Wed 5	Bournemouth	H	2pm			

Avon Insurance Combination, Division One							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	8	6	2	0	20	10	22
QPR	7	5	2	0	19	6	17
Ipswich	7	5	2	0	22	11	17
Oxford	8	4	2	2	17	12	14
Fulham	8	4	2	2	13	9	14
Peterborough	7	4	1	2	12	7	13
Bournemouth	6	4	1	1	11	11	13
Portsmouth	5	4	0	1	8	6	12
Norwich	8	2	5	1	11	7	11
Bristol Rovers	7	2	2	3	13	10	8
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>
Millwall	6	1	4	1	5	5	7
Brighton	7	2	1	4	12	14	7
Cambridge	7	2	1	4	8	14	7
Northampton	6	1	3	2	10	8	6
Bristol City	5	1	3	1	9	8	6
Colchester	7	1	3	3	7	12	6
Leyton Orient	7	2	0	5	7	18	6
Barnet	7	1	1	5	10	13	4
Wycombe	6	1	1	4	4	11	4
Gillingham	6	1	1	4	3	10	4
Southend	7	0	1	6	7	23	1

THE YOUTH team had no game on Saturday, but was at home to Cambridge Utd in the Football League Youth Alliance Cup this morning. On Wednesday (7.45) Maidenhead are the visitors to Kenilworth Road in the Times FA Youth Cup. Reports will appear in the next matchday magazine.

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## 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
Stoke	5	1	0	11	5	16	WWDDWWW	Bury	2	2	2	12	10	8	DLWLWD
Notts County	5	0	1	9	4	15	LWWWWW	Oldham	2	2	2	8	8	8	LWDWLW
Preston	4	2	0	10	5	14	WDWWWD	Reading	2	1	3	9	11	7	WWLLLD
Gillingham	4	1	1	14	8	13	WWLWWD	Bournemouth	1	4	1	5	5	7	DLDWDD
Wigan	3	3	0	8	3	12	DWDWWD	Cambridge	1	1	4	9	10	4	LLWLWD
Bristol Rovers	3	2	1	7	3	11	LWDDWW	Blackpool	1	1	4	5	12	4	WLWLW
Luton	3	1	2	10	7	10	WDWLW	Chesterfield	0	4	2	2	4	4	DLDLW
Wycombe	3	1	2	10	9	10	LDLWWW	Colchester	0	3	3	8	13	3	DLDLW
Brentford	3	1	2	9	7	10	WLWWDW	Wrexham	0	3	3	7	14	3	LLWLW
Millwall	3	1	2	7	7	10	WLDWLW	Oxford	1	0	5	6	11	3	LLLLW
Burnley	2	3	1	7	5	9	WWDLDD	Bristol City	0	3	3	1	7	3	LDLWLL
Scunthorpe	2	3	1	5	4	9	DWDWLD	Cardiff	0	2	4	6	11	2	LLDLW

## 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	5	4	4	1	4	Bournemouth	1	4	3	2	3	2
2	1	3	1	0	7	Blackpool	1	2	5	4	6	9
3	2	3	3	6	4	Brentford	1	3	1	2	2	4
0	1	2	2	2	7	Bristol City	3	2	2	2	3	4
0	5	3	3	4	2	Bristol Rovers	2	1	0	1	3	3
4	1	6	2	3	1	Burnley	0	2	2	1	2	2
3	2	2	8	5	5	Bury	1	0	5	3	3	8
1	3	3	5	5	4	Cambridge United	3	5	0	9	2	7
1	1	3	3	4	3	Cardiff City	1	5	2	4	3	6
1	1	1	3	3	1	Chesterfield	1	1	2	5	2	2
1	2	2	3	1	5	Colchester United	4	4	5	5	4	9
2	6	2	3	5	5	Gillingham	0	1	1	5	7	5
4	2	1	5	3	5	Luton Town	0	3	0	3	5	4
0	1	2	2	4	6	Millwall	1	3	1	6	4	1
2	1	6	4	3	6	Notts County	0	1	0	4	3	4
1	2	0	1	5	4	Oldham Athletic	3	2	3	1	5	4
1	2	1	2	5	5	Oxford United	3	3	2	3	4	5
0	2	4	4	6	3	Preston North End	2	1	2	4	3	3
2	2	1	5	3	6	Reading	1	2	6	5	4	7
0	2	0	5	1	3	Scunthorpe United	2	2	4	4	1	4
1	4	0	7	2	9	Stoke City	1	3	1	3	0	6
4	2	2	7	3	7	Wigan Athletic	1	2	1	1	2	4
2	1	1	5	3	5	Wrexham	3	3	6	6	3	3
2	5	4	2	1	4	Wycombe Wanderers	2	1	2	6	3	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:	7,656							
Capacity:	9,173							
Highest:	6,638							
Lowest:	5,098							
Average:	5,877							
Capacity:	9,572							
Highest:	6,616							
Lowest:	5,884							
Average:	6,277							
Capacity:	10,600							
Highest:	13,348							
Lowest:	5,393							
Average:	8,146							
Capacity:	15,000							
Highest:	7,042							
Lowest:	4,982							
Average:	5,570							
Capacity:	10,000							
Highest:	11,168							
Lowest:	5,650							
Average:	7,916							
Capacity:	14,660							
Highest:	6,394							
Lowest:	4,633							
Average:	5,517							
Capacity:	9,975							
Highest:	13,885							
Lowest:	8,506							
Average:	11,073							
Capacity:	21,412							
Highest:	16,011							
Lowest:	7,777							
Average:	10,640							
Capacity:	21,479							
Highest:	9,432							
Lowest:	4,532							
Average:	6,526							
Capacity:	13,599							
Highest:	6,007							
Lowest:	4,208							
Average:	5,239							
Capacity:	10,770							
Highest:	11,328							
Lowest:	10,090							
Average:	10,584							
Capacity:	22,546							
Highest:	7,100							
Lowest:	5,074							
Average:	6,045							
Capacity:	12,763							
Highest:	5,336							
Lowest:	3,376							
Average:	4,285							
Capacity:	9,183							
Highest:	3,986							
Lowest:	3,280							
Average:	3,483							
Capacity:	7,556							
Highest:	5,924							
Lowest:	2,603							
Average:	4,104							
Capacity:	9,200							
Highest:	5,039							
Lowest:	4,007							
Average:	4,468							
Capacity:	9,617							
Highest:	13,068							
Lowest:	7,054							
Average:	10,165							
Capacity:	24,054							
Highest:	7,481							
Lowest:	5,728							
Average:	6,680							
Capacity:	16,500							
Highest:	8,601							
Lowest:	6,256							
Average:	7,303							
Capacity:	20,146							
Highest:	5,270							
Lowest:	3,452							
Average:	4,274							
Capacity:	11,295							
Highest:	4,285							
Lowest:	2,775							
Average:	3,179							
Capacity:	8,880							
Highest:	4,014							
Lowest:	3,293							
Average:	3,583							
Capacity:	11,841							
Highest:	6,197							
Lowest:	4,749							
Average:	5,636							
Capacity:	20,300							

## 2nd Division Scene

Brian Swain

WHILE WE were dropping a notch to ninth place in the table on Tuesday, Burnley were roaring up three, to go second with their best win of the season, 5-0 against Wrexham at Turf Moor. They come to Luton full of confidence, with only one defeat in their last ten league outings.

But on Wednesday the Clarets dropped back to third place, following a crunch game at Stoke, where Notts County pulled off their sixth away win of the season to regain top place. Alex Dyer got the only goal to stun the major part of the attendance of 11,619 as County reeled off their sixth consecutive league win. It ended a Stoke run of 10 without defeat.

Wigan had gone back to the top of the table for 24 hours with a comfortable 3-0 home win over faltering Chesterfield on Tuesday to maintain the division's only unbeaten record. Stuart Barlow's brace took his goals tally to 15, including four penalties, and Wigan's defensive strength is also playing its part - they have conceded only one goal in their last seven games and only 11 in their 14 league matches to date.

Chesterfield are going through the mill - beaten by non-league Enfield in the FA Cup, they have gone eight league games without a win. Wednesday's other Second Division game saw Preston return to fourth place, above Stoke, with a 3-0 win over Bournemouth at Deepdale. A penalty by Graham Alexander completed the victory.

date	opposition	result	scorers	league place	attnd.	team	substitutes					
SAT 7 AUGUST	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	Fotiadiis, George	3	8,741	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	McLaren
WED 25	WC1 (2) Bristol Rov	A 2-2	Kadol, 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
SAT 4 SEPT	Bury	H 1-1	Fotiadiis	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 OCTOBER	Oxford Utd	H 4-2	George 2, Fraser, Locke	3	6,102	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Locke
SAT 2 NOVEMBER	Wigan	A 0-1		8	6,866	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Locke
SAT 9	Oldham	A 1-2	Midgley	10	4,532	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Sodje	Johnson	Gray	Locke
SAT 16	Gillingham	H 3-1	George 2 (1pen), Douglas	7	6,394	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Midgley
TUE 19	Wycombe	H 1-1	Douglas	7	5,820	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Midgley
SAT 23	Oxford Utd	A 1-0	George	7	5,866	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Midgley
SAT 30	Kingstonian (FA Cup 1)	H 4-2	Gray, George, Spring, Taylor	7	4,682	Abbey	Fraser	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Gray
TUE 2 DECEMBER	Millwall	A 0-1		9	6,181	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	Doherty	Johnson	George	Midgley
SAT 6	Burnley	H 3pm										
FRI 12	Cambridge Utd	A 7.45pm										
FRI 19	Lincoln	H 8pm										
SAT 20	FA Cup 2	3pm										
TUE 23	Preston	H 7.45pm										
SAT 27	Bristol Rov	A 3pm										
SAT 4 JANUARY 2000	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										
MON 3 FEBRUARY	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										
SAT 5 MARCH	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										
SAT 4 APRIL	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										
SAT 1 MAY	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										
SAT 6 MAY	Oldham	H 3pm										

### Travelling fans

MIDWEEK or not, Town fans are still among the most loyal in the country when it comes to hitting the road to support their team. There were 688 of them at Millwall on Tuesday. The figures so far:

OURS	THEIRS
Notts County .....	1,531
Reading .....	1,536
Bristol Rovers (WC) .....	240
Bristol Rovers (WC) .....	134
Bournemouth .....	665
Brentford .....	1,704
Wigan .....	985
Oldham .....	451
Oxford .....	1,523
Wycombe .....	711
Total so far .....	9,217
Average .....	1,024

### Town Teaser

ONE SUPPORTER will go home with a little prize in our popular "Town Trivia" quiz this afternoon. Listen to the PA announcer before the game, and if you know the answer to today's Town Teaser listen for your chance to have a go.

#### TODAY'S QUESTION

We had to use three goalkeepers in one match, a thrilling 3-3 draw at Liverpool in September 1982. Who were they?

### Today's Referee

NOW in his fifth season as a Football League referee, Frazer Stretton, from Nottingham, is paying his first visit of the year to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. The last time he was in charge of one of our games was at Deepdale, Preston in January.

Mr Stretton took up the whistle in his home town Leicester in the local leagues in 1977, and has made progress up the pyramid ever since. He became a linesman in the Southern League, now the Dr Martens, in 1984 and reached the national list of what we now call referee's assistants four years later.

A sales collection agent, Mr Stretton has been on the national referees list since 1995, and outside of football he likes to relax listening to his collection of heavy rock music. You might also see him at the occasional dog show, hoping to win prizes with his rough collie. Its name, as befits a dog with a football-loving owner from Leicester, is Filbert!

**GOLDEN GAMBLE**  
THERE were two very good results for Town fan Tracey McMunagle when she came to see the FA Cup match against Kingstonian. The 4-2 victory was her second reason to celebrate - the first came at half time when she collected £400 for winning the Golden Gamble.

Tracey, from North Drift Way, Luton, and her son Conner Perry, are pictured with Jude Stirling, the player who pulled her lucky ticket out of the drum. The jackpot ticket cost a mere £1, and one lucky supporter has to win at every home game. Sellers are on duty in all parts of the ground, and the draw is made at half time, with the cash instantly handed over. Tracey was the 11th winner of the season, and so far Town fans have taken home a total of £3,888 in readies.

The prize is 50 per cent of the take - the other half goes into club funds, so even if your ticket is not a winner, you can be sure you are helping Luton Town FC.

We expect the jackpot to be at least £500 this afternoon, so for your chance to win, have a quid-a-go flutter with us. It could be you posing for a happy picture in the next matchday magazine!

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# Today's Teams



## Luton Town

NATHAN ABBEY	1
EMMERSOON BOYCE	17
JULIAN WATTS	40
GARY DOHERTY	12
MARVIN JOHNSON	6
LIAM GEORGE	11
PAUL McLAREN	8
STUART DOUGLAS	9
MATTHEW SPRING	4
NEIL MIDGLEY	30
MATTHEW TAYLOR	15
Substitutes	
ADAM LOCKE	28
EFETOBORÉ SODJE	3
ANDRE SCARLETT	21
MICHAEL McINDOE	10
SCOTT WARD (GK)	24

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## Burnley

1	PAUL CRICTON
2	DEAN WEST
3	MICHAEL THOMAS
4	MICKY MELLON
5	STEVE DAVIS
6	GORDON ARMSTRONG
7	GLEN LITTLE
8	PAUL COOK
9	ANDY COOKE
10	ANDY PAYTON
11	LENNY JOHNROSE
Substitutes	
12	RONNIE JEPSON
30	JOHN MULLIN
29	ADAM LEE
14	CHRIS BRASS
18	PAUL WELLER

### Today's Officials

Referee: Frazer G. Stretton, Nottingham

Assistants: G. S. Everts, Hoddesdon (red flag)

P. W. Barnes, Peterborough (yellow and red flag)

Reserve official: R. P. Griggs, Cambridge

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