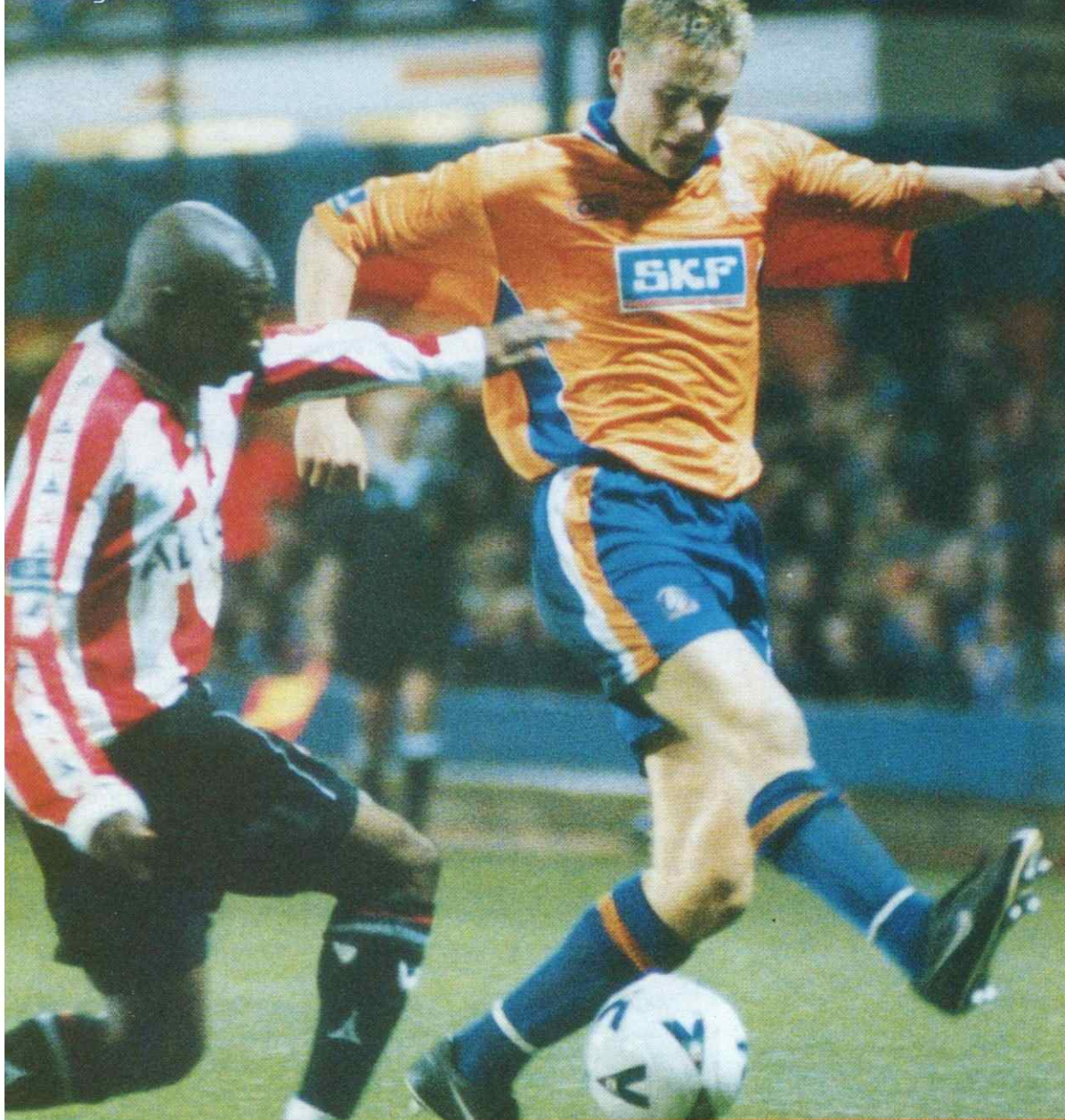


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**Front cover:**  
**DRIVING FORCE:**  
Matthew Taylor putting the Town on the attack, despite the attentions of Lincoln skipper Terry Fleming, during Friday evening's cup-tie.

TWO GOALS by emergency striker Gary Doherty saved the Town's blushes on Friday night in front of a big TV audience, and gave them a second bite at Third Division opposition who so nearly went home with victory at the first attempt.

Lincoln will surely relish the chance to finish the job at Sincil Bank to earn a third round tie away to First Division Fulham. And the Town know they must do better next Tuesday to have a chance of repeating last season's league victory at Craven Cottage.

Doherty was a potent centre-forward in the youth team, and for the Irish under-18s, but he is now seen by Lennie Lawrence as a centre-half.

But with Neil Midgley ruled out by Ipswich, who did not want him cup-tied, and Phil Gray and Andrew Fotiadis still injured, the Town had to face Lincoln with only two up front, with Adam Locke added to midfield. It didn't pan out too impressively, and at the interval Lawrence made the change that saved the game.

Efe Sodje went on as sub for Locke, and performed well in the back three, while Doherty went upfield and did even better.

For the TV audience it was probably a good game to watch, but for Town fans it was nerve-wracking, particularly when Lincoln regained the lead with less than ten minutes left.

The visitors hustled and bustled better than we did, and our passing game was well below its best for too much of the game.

True, Lincoln had the run of the ball when it fell nicely for Gavin Gordon to give them a 15th-minute lead, but from then on Town nerves were twitching. We started to think it wouldn't be our night when Barry Richardson saved from Liam George with his legs, Matthew Taylor had two power-drives well saved, penalty claims for a handball were rejected and Stuart Douglas put a close-range chance wide after George had presented him with what looked like a goal offer that could not be refused.

Douglas, to his credit, put the disappointment behind him in the second half, creating both openings to make it comparatively easy for Doherty to score his brace.

The equaliser on 63 minutes should have settled us down, but instead Lincoln went ahead again on 81 minutes through Dave Barnett's bundled header at a near post corner, and we cut it fine, with the equaliser arriving on 84 minutes. Lincoln chairman and manager John Reames said he was proud of his team,



**FIRST EQUALISER:** Stuart Douglas is down, but has beaten Terry Fleming to lay on the chance for Gary Doherty's first-ever FA Cup goal.

### Match Details

**Luton Town:** Abbey, Fraser, Watts, Doherty, Johnson, George, McLaren (McIndoe 83 mins), Douglas, Spring, Locke (Sodje HT), Taylor. Unused subs: Boyce, Kandol, Ward.

**Booked:** Matthew Spring, 47 mins, foul on Paul Miller.

**Lincoln:** Richardson, Fleming, Barnett, Henry, Bimson, Smith (Phillips HT), Finnigan, Miller, Gain, Gordon (Stant 67 mins), Thorpe. Unused subs: Wilkins, Stones, Marriott.

**Booked:** Stuart Bimson, 70 mins, dissent.

**The goals:** 0-1 15 mins - Gavin Gordon, expert strike after a lucky bounce after John Finnigan tackled Matthew Spring just outside the box; 1-1 63 mins - Gary Doherty, first FA Cup goal of his career, empty net after Stuart Douglas won a vital tackle on Terry Fleming and laid off an inviting pass; 1-2 81 mins - defender Dave Barnett, near post scrambled header after the Town failed to deal with a corner by Stuart Bimson; 2-2 84 mins - Doherty again, with Douglas once more presenting an inviting easy target with a pass that cut out the goalkeeper.

**Referee:** Steve Lodge, Barnsley.

**Attendance:** 4,291 including 523 visiting fans.

except for the poor defending at the Town goals, and felt frustrated and disappointed - "We should have won, but I am pleased we more than matched a good Second Division side."

Lawrence admitted it would have been a steal if the Town had nicked victory, against a side that caused far too many problems for his liking.

He added: "Gary Doherty is a centre back, but it speaks volumes for his character that he went up front for the second half and did the business. But if we play against Preston like we did against Lincoln, they will bury us. One or two lessons must be learned, because we made Lincoln look good. They're a decent Third Division team, but nothing more."

Doherty collected the man of the match bubbly, and said he had enjoyed the switch into attack. "The gaffer made it easier for me, saying I was not under pressure to score. In the event, Stuart Douglas made it easy for me by making them both."



**LEVEL AGAIN:** Stuart Douglas leaves goalkeeper Barry Richardson stranded to lay on our second equaliser.

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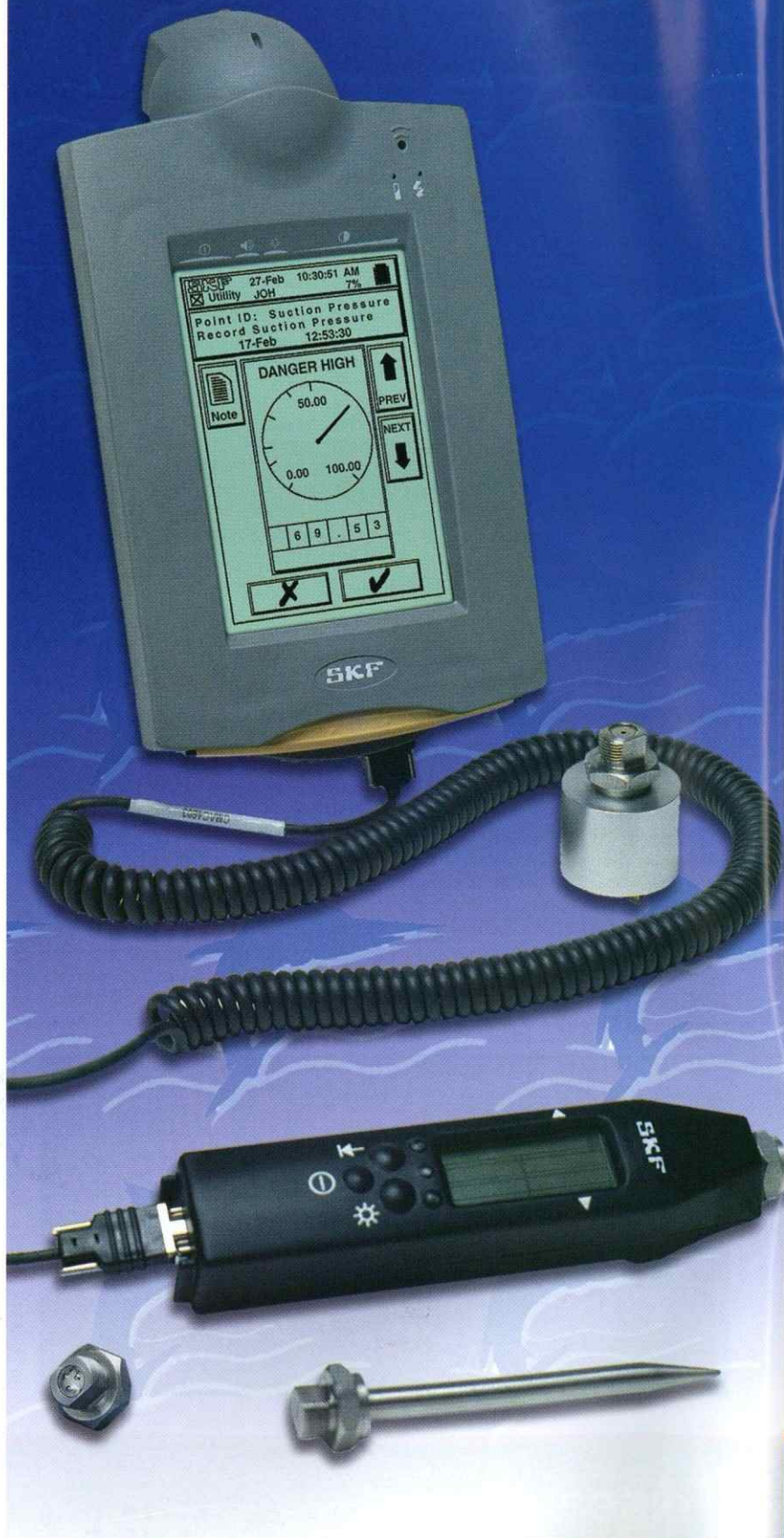
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# The Manager

Lennie Lawrence



AFTER the drama of the cup-tie on Friday, we are back to the more important business tonight, seeking league points in the first of two games in five days which will both be difficult.

Against Lincoln, because of a shortage of fit and available strikers, we attempted to play with two forwards and three midfielders, and that was patently unsuccessful. Lincoln were fired up for the game, and for the first 30 minutes we were totally ineffective as an attacking force, and certainly it was not good enough for a home team.

Yet it could easily have been 1-1 at half time instead of 1-0 to them. Their first goal had an element of luck about it, with the ball breaking their way, while we missed an excellent chance of an equaliser just before the interval.

Perhaps, on reflection, the fact that we were behind at half-time was not a disaster - I might have had second thoughts about the changes I had in mind if it had been 1-1. When the switch was made we looked a far better team and we had a very good attacking spell in which we got the equaliser.

Then we conceded a very poor goal from a corner - very frustrating for a manager and coaches, because we knew what to expect, having seen Lincoln rely on set pieces for at least half their goals.

With ten minutes to go Lincoln must have thought they had done the job, but Stuart Douglas showed his character in laying on the second equaliser.

He is a real manager's player: he is always fit on match days, and if he misses chances he doesn't let it get to him. Without his perseverance we would be out of the cup today. He is the only man in the team who could have kept chasing an apparent lost cause and win the ball to make a goal for Gary Doherty.

My hope now is that Lincoln have spurned their best chance of further cup progress. We can expect a bombardment at Sincil Bank next Tuesday, but I hope this time we will cope better and get enough space to play our football and get a result.

If we can, we then have a chance of causing an upset at Fulham. That is a game for our supporters to relish and it should be a good football occasion. It was not quite the draw I wanted - I would rather be at home to any team we can beat - Second or

Third Division, or some of the First - or a really big game away, where the club could make some money. If we earn the right to go to Fulham, we will not be too daunted, having won there in the league last season and in the Auto Windscreens Shield the year before.

The Auto Windscreens Shield draw this weekend was not the news I wanted - I would have preferred a bye to the second round. Having to go to Oxford in a fortnight means that we suddenly have a period of two games a week for three weeks, and with our current injury list we are facing a testing time.

None will be more testing than tonight, and it will be interesting to see how we and Preston react to Saturday's cup-ties. This evening's game pits us against one of the sides I expect to be involved in the promotion reckoning at the end of the season. Of the teams we have played, Wigan, Brentford and Burnley are, like Preston, as likely as anyone to be in the top four, Wigan probably in the top two.

That leaves a couple of places, perhaps three if I am wrong, for the likes of us. We passed a tough test against Burnley, and gave a good account of ourselves at Wigan. Now we have to prove we can do it against another good side. There are a lot of clubs still with play-off hopes, like us within five points of the top six. I would not want that gap to expand to eight or nine points after the games tonight and at Bristol Rovers on Saturday. If it were to happen, the task would not be impossible, but certainly it would be very difficult.

Preston will not be happy at having to replay away to non-league Enfield in the cup, but they have all-round strength, and we will have to reproduce our best home form to have a chance of victory. We are conceding too many goals from basic errors, but at least we are also making chances and scoring goals at home, and that is the most important thing of all.

I will welcome Graham Alexander back to Kenilworth Road - he was a real bargain when Luton bought him, and gave very good service to the club. If he had not joined Preston when he did, he could have left as a Bosman free last summer.

Obviously, tonight I hope to see him on the losing side, and with the backing of supporters, we can do it, and prove that our play-off hopes are realistic. To beat Preston would be a real feather in our caps.

*Lennie Lawrence*

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	APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets)				GOALS			
	League	FAC	WC	Total	League	FAC	WC	Total
Nathan Abbey	17	2	2	21	0	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	3(1)	0(1)	2	5(2)	0	0	0	0
Gary Doherty	15	2	0(2)	17(2)	0	2	1	3
Stuart Douglas	13(3)	2	2	17(3)	2	0	0	2
Andrew Fotiadis	6	0	0(2)	6(2)	2	0	0	2
Stuart Fraser	14	2	1	17	1	0	0	1
Phil Gray	6	1	2	9	1	1	0	2
Liam George	15	2	0(1)	17(1)	10(1p)	1	0	11(1p)
Marvin Johnson	17	2	0	19	0	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	1(3)	0	1	2(3)	0	0	1	1
Adam Locke	4(4)	1	1	6(4)	1	0	0	1
Michael McIndoe	1(13)	0(2)	2	3(15)	0	0	0	0
Ray McKinnon	0(3)	0	1	1(3)	0	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	15	2	1	18	0	0	0	0
Neil Midgley	7(2)	0	0	7(2)	3	0	0	3
Efetobore Sodje	1(3)	0(1)	1	2(4)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Spring	17	2	1	20	2	1	0	3
Matthew Taylor	17	2	1	20	1	1	0	2
Julian Watts	17	2	2	21	0	0	0	0
Alan White	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Landry Zahana-Oni	0(1)	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0



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# Captain's Log

## Marvin Johnson



AS WE had not played anywhere near as well as we can, we were eventually pleased to save the game on Friday. It was probably one of our poorest home displays of the season, and we know it almost cost us dear. Lincoln

were up for it, and at the final whistle they were more disappointed than we were with the 2-2 draw. We had talked about problems underdogs can cause, and we were certainly not complacent. If we had been, we were soon given a painful shock when they took the lead.

I hear both managers blamed their defences, and for our part we know we have to be more professional at the back.

But I was delighted for Gary Doherty, and for Stuart Douglas, who made both his goals. We had a problem in that we could not use our normal game plan, because we did not have three fit and available attackers, and one thing the game showed was that a three-man strike force is vital for us.

When we changed back to our normal shape for the second half we were OK, although it was still a nasty shock when Lincoln went ahead for the second time. But "Dozza" did the business again, and we felt we were worth the draw.

We also had admiration for Stuart Douglas - he did not need telling he had missed an excellent chance in the last minute of the first half, but he refused to let it get him down. He picked himself up and got on with the job, as he always does. He has our respect in the dressing room for giving 100 per cent in every game, and his determination and good play led to both our goals.

The chance of playing at Craven Cottage in the third round adds another incentive, if one were needed, to do well in the replay next week, and once again we will not be taking anything for granted at Sincil Bank.

We know we are overdue to turn it on in away games, but at Lincoln it might just be a case of a home side feeling it has done the hard part of the job in earning a replay. They and their supporters will fancy their chances, but of course they don't know that we are normally a much better team than the one they matched at Kenilworth Road.

If we can get through, we will fancy our chances at Fulham, particularly remembering the excellent

performance and result we achieved last season, when we were the only visiting team to bring home three points during Fulham's run to the Second Division championship.

The cup draw gives us a chance, although my personal preference would have been a home game against Arsenal, Chelsea or Spurs.

That is now wishful thinking, and cup-ties have been put on the back burner as we prepare for two difficult league games which are vital to our chances of getting back among the top teams in the Second Division.

I am still good friends with Graham Alexander, and it will be good to meet up with him again. He seems to have become a firm favourite with Preston supporters, and I am sure he will enjoy playing at Kenilworth Road again. So will Kurt Nogan. I remember him very well in our youth team, and when he first broke through to the league side with Jimmy Ryan's squad.

He was always quick, and with a good touch, and I always knew that he would become a regular goal scorer. Tonight, of course, must be a different matter, and I hope I will be there to make sure he and Jon Macken are bottled up.

Preston's record speaks for itself, and I have had them marked down from the early days of the season as likely promotion material. I think tonight's game will be our toughest home test of the season so far, which was how I viewed Burnley when they came here a couple of weeks ago.

We then have our third meeting of the season with Bristol Rovers, at the Memorial Ground, and we owe them one - they caught us at a bad time when they beat us in our first home match of the season, in the Worthington Cup. We haven't lost at home since then, and need to exact revenge on Saturday to peg them back.

We earned a creditable draw in the second leg of the Worthington, at Bristol, and we need to match that, at the very least, on Saturday.

Before then, Preston have to be taken care of, and I hope to be playing my part in their downfall. But first I have to shake off an ankle injury I picked up on Friday night. I am not quite sure how it happened but Clive Goodyear has been working his magic since, and I have every hope that it will be OK again for tonight.

We need to win, and we need your support, so please get behind the team again.

Marvin Johnson



# Treatment Room

Clive Goodyear



OUR biggest fitness worry preparing for tonight's game surrounded Marvin Johnson, and he had to report to the treatment room on Saturday to begin work that hopefully will see him recover full fitness today.

He picked up an ankle injury during the game against Lincoln, and could feel it giving discomfort before he went down in need of treatment.

I think he is suffering from a stretched tendon, and the early indication were that it was responding to treatment. We have been keeping a close eye on him and much depends on how things have been in the last 24 hours. It could well be one of those cases when a very late decision is made. Knowing the skipper, he will be keen to play tonight, but he is also professional enough to understand the longer-term benefits if he has to be rested.

Otherwise, although Friday's game was quite a tough one, everyone came through unscathed. Stuart Douglas took a knock in a clash of heads, but was able to carry on after treatment. He still had a bit of a headache some time after the game, but it was nothing serious and he was able to take part in Saturday's training programme. Fortunately there was no cut, and he will be 100 per cent tonight.

So will Stuart Fraser, having come back against Lincoln after three weeks on the sidelines with a thigh injury. I was confident that the gash had healed completely, and so it proved.

I mentioned in this column on Friday that we were awaiting results from another scan on Phil Gray's hamstring, and I am afraid they were not quite as good as he and I hoped they would be. Compared to a scan a fortnight previously the area of muscle injury is much less, but there is still a small area which is not quite right. The healing is nearly complete, but as a safety-first measure it is doubtful if he will be able to make his hoped-for comeback with the reserves next Wednesday.

We will see how it goes in the next few days, but certainly we would not risk bringing him back into competitive football too soon.



● **AT THE DOUBLE:** Two physios in action during the Lincoln City cup-tie, with Clive Goodyear treating Stuart Douglas after a clash of heads with Lincoln defender Stuart Bimson. Both were able to carry on, but were left with headaches.

The news on Gavin McGowan, however, is better. I have every hope that he will make his first match appearance of the season, after his knee ligament injury in the summer, in next week's reserve game. He is back in general training, and feeling much more confident as fitness improves. We will probably not allow him to play the whole 90 minutes against Colchester, but he might get half a game or a little more. If that goes well, it is then just a question of building up towards maximum match fitness for league football. I can tell you that he has worked extremely hard to overcome the injury, and deserves his chance to be ready soon to compete for a first team place.

Landry Zahana-Oni and Andrew Fotiadis are still making progress after their knee injuries, and Fotiadis was able to step up his training this week.

Our youth team skipper, James Ayres, is just about over a head injury he received in a match. He cut his forehead, and four stitches were put in. They were due to be taken out yesterday, and the defender is ready to play again when required.

*Clive Goodyear*

# Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery



WELCOME back to Kenilworth Road for our second night game in five days. After the buzz of Friday's cup-tie football, work on preparing for tonight started very soon after the final whistle sounded.

It was a delight to have Sky TV in the ground, and I think they and we watched each other at work and admired the professionalism that went into the operation. I certainly found the TV people a pleasure to work with, and they were complimentary about the way we go about our business.

They had a dozen cameras to cover the action, and that entailed what seemed like miles and miles of cables. Add in scaffolding, a fleet of very big trucks and a satellite dish, and an army of workers, and it all amounted to a reminder of why we need a new modern ground! The TV people coped brilliantly, but of course when Kenilworth Road was built no-one had a clue about the facilities that would one day be needed.

We were surprised at the amount of preparation that went into it: the first TV employees were in the stadium four days before the game, sorting out where equipment should go and working out the best camera angles.

Obviously, with the game tonight and TV here on Friday a lot of hard work had to be done over the weekend to make the stadium ready for use again, and another small army was busy throughout the weekend.

We try our hardest to make the best of what we have at Kenilworth Road, but sometimes a minority of supporters defy every endeavour.

For instance, before the gates open at 1.30 on Saturdays, we go round every toilet in the stadium and check that they have soap, paper towels, and toilet rolls. Unfortunately it is not uncommon for towels and toilet rolls to disappear by 2pm, and we get criticism as a result. Some people even seem to get pleasure from stuffing complete toilet rolls down the pan.

I know our decent supporters expect better facilities, and we are trying. We have now

appointed an extra matchday employee to try to solve the problem, and hopefully you saw a difference on Friday. His duties are to respond to all complaints about toilet facilities as quickly as possible, and ensure they are kept as clean as possible. I would ask that if you see anything untoward going on, please bring it to the attention of a steward. Likewise, if the gremlins have struck, do the same, and we will try our best to put matters right. And if you are one of those who removes toilet rolls, my plea is simple - please don't.

Colder weather last week reminded me to include a plea for help in tonight's column. We are looking for volunteers to join our "snow watch" team - fit and able men and women prepared to come to the ground if we have to shift snow to get a game played. Sometimes it is hard work, but always it is a lot of fun, and you would be surprised how good a sizzling-hot Luton Town bacon roll tastes when you stand on a terrace you have helped to clear.

We don't expect you to work for nothing, and if you can help the club please get in touch with me. It is, of course, a case of the more the merrier, and I hope to have a big team of helpers on winter stand-by, willing to turn out as and when required.

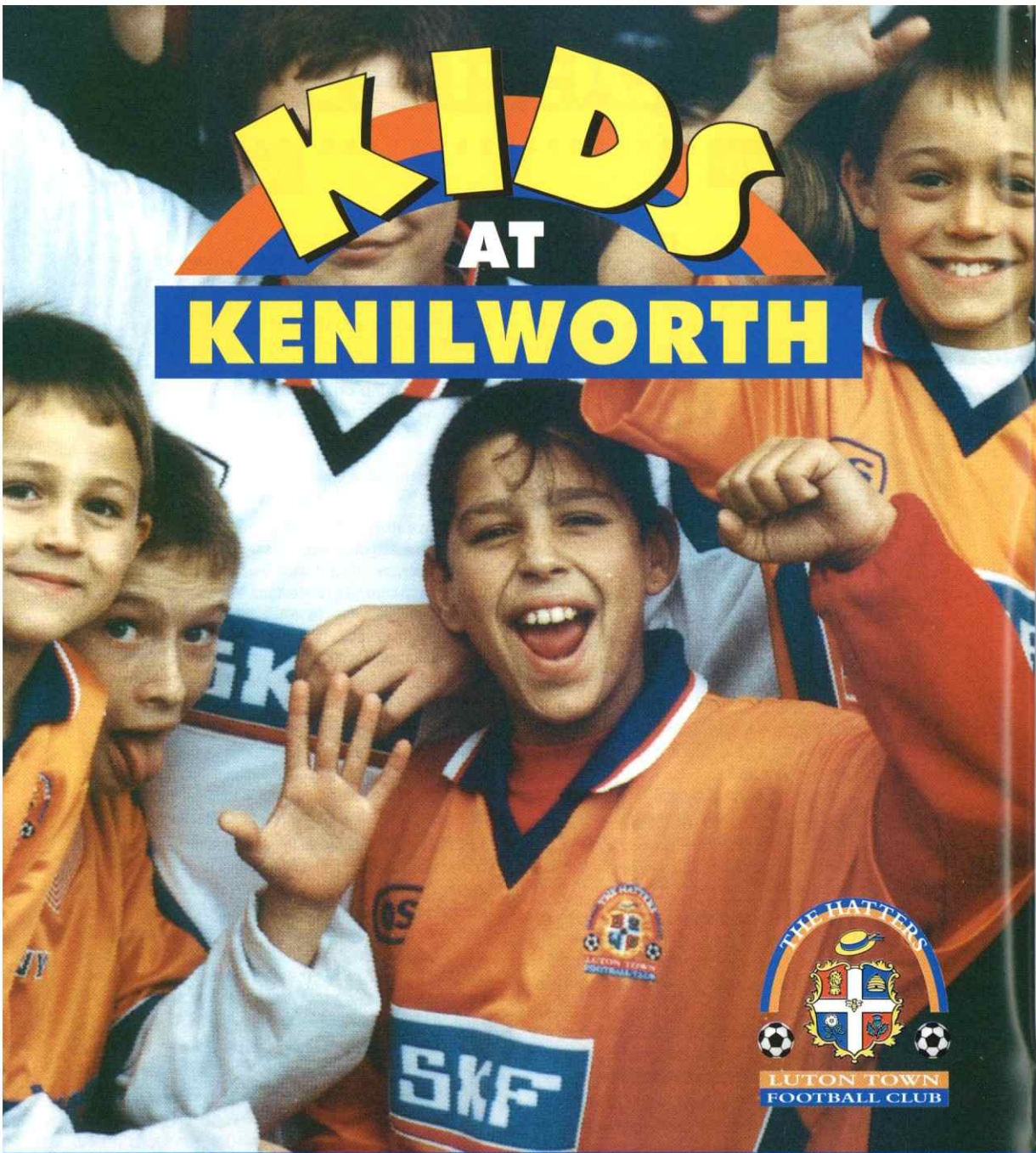
Can I give you a reminder about the club's annual Christmas Carol, at St. Mary's Parish Church on December 15, kick-off 7.30. Everybody is welcome, and after the service coffee and mince pies will be served. All the players and club staff will be attending, and our thanks to our club chaplain, the Rev Catherine Bell, who has been instrumental in organising the event.

Before then, Kenilworth Road is hosting a millennium carol service for Roman Catholic schools in the area on December 9, when around 2,000 children are expected to take part.

Finally, this evening, our thanks to all supporters who gave to the Royal British Legion poppy day appeal at our home game against Burnley. We know the response was good, but unfortunately we cannot find out how much was raised in the ground, because all the money from collections throughout the area goes straight to the bank, and is not counted separately.

*Cherry Newbery*





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December 11, 1999**

Because of printing schedules, it was not known at the time we went to press what fixture Luton Town will have on Saturday December 11. We are hoping to be involved in the third round of the FA Cup sponsored by Axa, and may be able to give more information over the public address system tonight. There will be a full announcement in the matchday magazine on Saturday week, when we are at home to Notts County in the Nationwide League. If we are not in the FA Cup, we will be at home on December 11 to Stoke City, kick-off 3pm, and normal league arrangements would be in place.

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# Hatters Abroad

## carrying the colours

LETTERS and pictures sent for inclusion on this page are usually light-hearted holiday snaps and tales, but tonight's offering from James Cook, of Peakes End, Steppingley, comes from a trip that left him thinking deeply about some of the things that have happened on the other side of the world, and not always fully reported in our newspapers.

There is not space to quote all of his letter, but the two pictures give a flavour of his experiences when his Luton Town shirt and he went on a journey through South East Asia.

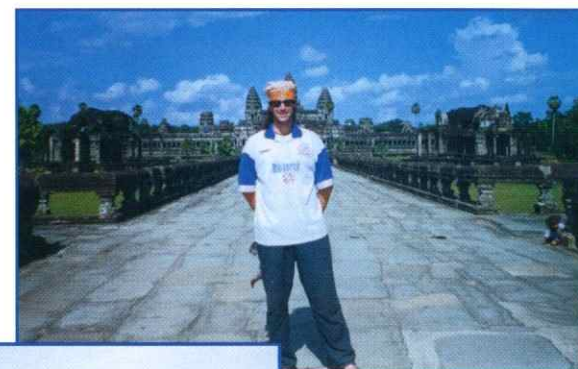
From Bangkok he made his way east into the heart of the jungles of Cambodia and he described the background of one of his pictures as one of the most fantastic examples of architecture anywhere in the world, the temples of Angkor, near Siem Reap.

"There are many temples of Angkor, but this is the main one, known simply as Angkor Wat, and it was a privilege to see it, even though it was a scorching 120 degrees that day."

James also visited a monument containing 8,000 skulls, arranged by age and gender, at the infamous Killing Fields just outside Phnom Penh. It recalled the unbelievably barbaric atrocities of the Khmer Rouge in the 1970s. James found it a disturbing place and "an experience I will remember to my dying day." He added: "People in the western world know little about Cambodia, but from my experiences I can safely say that although the people are very poor and deprived, they are among the happiest and contented I have ever met - amazing considering the unrest and belligerent turmoil they have had to endure."

The other picture was taken just north of Hue, in central Vietnam. James admits the landmark is not terribly significant, but it is the only photo he has of him and his Town shirt in Vietnam.

The location was "very Apocalypse Now" and



was Tu Duc's tomb - built more than a century ago by 3,000 soldiers for Tu Duc, an emperor who ordered its construction to be a recreation ground for himself after he died!

James was in South East Asia for seven weeks, and recalled: "I found out Luton results in the odd internet

cafe in the larger cities, and although communications out there are not great I managed to keep in touch. We were doing so well, and in a way I wish I stayed longer because on the day I got back to Heathrow we lost 2-0 at Brentford and Watford beat Chelsea 1-0."

**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.**

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# Commercial

## John Bailey



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We also welcome all our other guests, including ARM Utility Services, Bridge Healthcare and Phillips Electrical.

*John Bailey*



SUE Miller, who hardly ever misses a Luton Town match home or away, enjoyed a rather special birthday party when her major present was a place in our sponsorship lounges at a recent match. Catering manager Fiona Wallace put the right finishing touches to the occasion by organising a special Hatters birthday cake, and Sue is pictured receiving it officially from manager Lennie Lawrence. It looked too good to eat, but the tough decision was made to demolish it as quickly as Liam George opens up opposing defences, and the birthday girl's verdict was that the cake was absolutely delicious.

A birthday qualifies easily as one of the reasons you might want to offer a treat to a Luton Town fan - Sue and her husband Les are among the many who have discovered that you can turn a football match into a VIP day out, and that it need not cost the earth. Ring the commercial department on Luton 411622, and we will do our best to come up with an offer that is too good to refuse.

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# Hatters v PNE



### PNE's Goals For & Against

Goal Type	Goals
CLOSE RANGE	5
INSIDE AREA	2
OUTSIDE AREA	4
HEADERS	6
VOLLEYS	6
FREE KICKS	4
PENALTIES	1
OWN GOALS	0

### PNE's Perpetrators

Player	Goals
Murdock	4
Jackson	3
Gregan	2
McKenna	2
Rankine	2
Alexander	1
Edwards	1
Kidd	1

nb. League Details Only

### Hatters' Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded

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

### Preston's Last Ten Years - The Complete Record

Season	Div.	FA	W.C.	L.S.	Goals	Ave Att
89/90	3	2	1	11	6,312	
90/91	3	1	1	10	5,242	
91/92	3	3	1	14	4,729	
92/93	2	1	1	22	5,680	
93/94	3	4	1	26	7,380	
94/95	3	2	1	10	8,469	
95/96	3	2	1	29	10,012	
96/97	2	2	2	11	9,411	
97/98	2	3	2	14	9,468	
98/99	2	3	1	18	11,931	

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

### PNE's Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded

Goal Type	Goals
CLOSE RANGE	6
INSIDE AREA	3
OUTSIDE AREA	7
HEADERS	4
VOLLEYS	7
FREE KICKS	2
PENALTIES	0
OWN GOALS	0

### Preston's Form Guide - Result, Points, Position

Opposition	Result	Points	Position
S	7	3	4
L	7	3	8
S	8	3	10
L	8	3	11
D	9	3	13
W	12	3	10
S	13	3	12
W	16	3	11
W	19	3	7
S	20	3	8
W	23	3	6
W	26	3	6
W	29	3	4
S	30	3	3
W	33	3	2

### Luton's Goals For & Against

Goal Type	Goals
CLOSE RANGE	6
INSIDE AREA	3
OUTSIDE AREA	7
HEADERS	4
VOLLEYS	7
FREE KICKS	2
PENALTIES	0
OWN GOALS	0

### PNE's Roll Call

Player	Position	Age	Ht	Wt	Goals	Apps	Int.	Prev Club
Teuvo Mäntanen	Goalkeeper	25	6'5"	12	0	0	0	Jaro Int: Finland
Michael Jackson	Defender	17	5'11"	11	0	0	0	Bury Int: -
Mark Rankine	Defender	17	5'9"	11	0	0	0	Wolves Int: -
Sean Gregan	Defender	15	6'2"	12	0	0	0	Darlington Int: -
Colin Murdock	Defender	13(1)	6'1"	12	0	0	0	Man Utd Int: -
Rob Edwards	Defender	11(3)	6'0"	12	0	0	0	Bristol City Int: Wales
Graham Alexander	Midfield	17	5'10"	12	0	0	0	Luton Int: -
Jonathan Macken	Forward	15(2)	5'10"	12	0	0	0	Man Utd Int: Eng Yth
Lee Cartwright	Forward	12(2)	5'8"	10	0	0	0	Int: -
Kurt Nogan	Forward	9(4)	5'10"	11	0	0	0	Burnley Int: Wales U21
David Eyres	Forward	9(5)	5'11"	11	0	0	0	Port Vale Int: -
Mark Wright	Forward	1	5'10"	11	0	0	0	Int: -
Alex Mathie	Forward	5(5)	5'10"	11	0	0	0	on loan from Dundee Utd Int: -
Ryan Kidd	Defender	8(1)	5'11"	10	0	0	0	Port Vale Int: -
Paul McKenna	Midfield	8(3)	5'8"	11	0	0	0	Int: -
David Lucas	Goalkeeper	6	6'1"	11	0	0	0	Eng Yth

### Matchmen of the Month

Player	Team	GP	SR	Ave
1. Gareth Owen	Wrexham	5	4	8.20
2. Richard Wilkins	Colchester	5	3	8.20
3. Steve Blatherwick	Chesterfield	5	3	8.00
4. Guy Ipoua	Scunthorpe	5	3	7.80
5. Andy Henthall	Gillingham	4	2	7.75
6. John Sheridan	Oldham	3	2	7.66
7. Neil Roberts	Wrexham	3	0	7.66
8. Sean Gregan	Preston	5	2	7.60
9. Chris Hope	Scunthorpe	5	1	7.60
10. Jason Cousins	Wycombe	5	3	7.40

Form Guide shows last 15 results. W = Win, L = Loss, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw.

Key: GP = league games played during month; SR = no. of star ratings achieved during month; AVE = average, sum of division total ratings points by number of games played during month

### Records

Record	Player	Date
Ground:	Deepdale	FA Cup 3rd round, 4 Jan 1992
Capacity:	21,412	1881
Pitch Measurement:	110 x 77	Record League Win: 10-0 v Stoke, Division 1, 14 Sept 1889
Record Attendance:	42,684 v Arsenal, Division 1, 23 April 1938	Record Cup Win: 26-0 v Hyde, FA Cup 1st round, 15 Oct 1887
Record Receipts:	£68,650 v Sheff Wed,	Record Defeat: 0-7 v Blackpool, Division 1, 1 May 1948
		Most Lge Goals: 100, Division 2, 1927-28 and Division 1, 1957-58
		Most Lge Points: 90, Division 4, 1986-87
		Top League scorer in a season: Ted Harper, 37, Division 2, 1932-33
		Most Capped Player: Tom Finney, 76, England
		Most Lge Appearances: Alan Kelly, 447, 1961-75



# Tonight's Visitors

welcome to Preston North End



**DAVID MOYES  
(MANAGER)**

Moysie has been with North End for over six years now, joining as a central defender under the management of John Beck. David had an illustrious playing career, with Celtic - where he played against Juventus in the European Cup at the age of 18 - as well as Bristol City, Cambridge, Shrewsbury, Dunfermline and Hamilton Academicals.

He took his first management role as Assistant to Gary Peters, after John Beck left the club. Together they guided Preston to the Third Division Championship in 1995/96. When Gary Peters left, about 18 months later,

David stepped into his shoes at the age of 34. He brought his own style of management to the club, playing fast, passing, flowing football in the process. In his first full season, last year, he led North End to their best League finish for over 20 years, and hopes go one better this year by getting into the First Division.

## DAVID LUCAS (GOALKEEPER)

Very promising young goalkeeper, who has won U18, U19 and U20 honours with England over recent seasons. In his younger days, spent time on loan at Scarborough, Darlington and Scunthorpe. Established himself in Preston's first team last season after injury to Finnish international, Tepi Moilanen.



## PRESTON NORTH END FOOTBALL CLUB

**Back row:** Mark Wright, Michael Jackson, Paul Morgan, Colin Murdock, David Lucas, Teuvo (Tepi) Moilanen, Ryan Kidd, Gary Parkinson, Julian Darby, Mark Beesley.

**Middle row:** Clive Middlemass (Chief Scout), Mick Rathbone (Club Physio), Brian Barry-Murphy, Jonathan Macken, Michael Appleton, Lee Cartwright, Rob Edwards, Kurt Nogan, Stuart King, David Eyres, Graham Alexander, Brian Hickson (Kit Manager).

**Front row:** Paul McKenna, Dominic Ludden, Sean Gregan, David Moyes (Manager), Brian Gray (Chairman), Tony Scholes (Chief Executive), Kelham O'Hanlon (Assistant Manager), Steve Basham, Mark Rankine, Adam Eaton.

## the players



**TEUVO ('TEPI')  
MOILANEN  
(GOALKEEPER)**

Finnish international who has represented his country in World Cup qualifiers, most notably a last-gasp defeat to Hungary before the 1998 competition which helped deny Finland a place in France. Has extensive first team experience and was in good form prior to injury and recently got back into the first team after David Lucas was suspended and has kept him out since.



**GRAHAM ALEXANDER  
(DEFENDER)**

The 27-year-old right-back was signed from Luton Town for £50,000 last March. Started his career at Scunthorpe and has also played in mid-field. Slotted into the Preston team well after taking over from the injured Gary Parkinson and is a key member of the squad. Has been in great form so far in 1999 proving his reputation as one of the division's best full-backs.

## MICHAEL JACKSON (DEFENDER)

Michael was rewarded for a marvellously consistent season by sweeping the board in the end of season awards. He was Players' Player of the Year, Fans Player of the Year, and the club's official Player of the Year. The awards were a fitting reward for a host of sterling performances last season. A solid defender with firm tackling and heading abilities, the Runcorn-based player also manages to get his name on the score-sheet now and again.

## DOMINIC LUDDEN (DEFENDER)

Classy left-back with bags of pace, which he utilises to help initiate attacks down his flank. Good crosser of the ball as well as being a steady and reliable defender who possesses good tackling and distribution abilities. Dominic arrived from Watford during the summer of 1998 and will be looking to help North End win promotion this season, which would emulate his achievements with Watford, having helped the Hertfordshire club to promotion to the First Division in 1997/98.

## COLIN MURDOCK (DEFENDER)

Northern Ireland 'B' International who has put in a series of confident displays in the Preston back four. A cultured player with good distribution skills, the former Manchester United reserve forges a good partnership with fellow defender, Michael Jackson. Also likes to get forward in support of attack, especially at set-pieces, where his heading ability is a big asset.

## LEE CARTWRIGHT (MIDFIELDER)

The Club's longest serving player, who graduated through the YTS. Had a mixed season last year missing some vital games due to injury. His electrifying pace on the right side of attack was missed on occasions. Doesn't score many goals himself but creates them for the front men, and is currently at the top of his form.

## JULIAN DARBY (MIDFIELDER)

Very experienced campaigner, who has seen service with Bolton Wanderers, Coventry City and West Bromwich Albion. Has made over 300 appearances for his previous clubs in the Premiership, First and Second Division. A hard working midfielder, who can be utilised in defence, particularly in the full back slots.



# Tonight's Visitors

## the players

### ROB EDWARDS (MIDFIELDER)

Signed a three-year deal in August after a successful trial spell in a number of pre-season friendlies. He was a free agent under the Bosman rule, having refused a new contract at Bristol City. He started his career at Carlisle before moving to Bristol in 1991. Best known as a central midfielder he was called into the Welsh squad in 1996, as a defender, and has now made the left-back position his own at Deepdale.



**SEAN GROGAN**  
(MIDFIELDER)

Strong midfield dynamo, who possesses tremendous passing skills and an ability to inspire his teammates with 100% work-rate. Sean arrived at Deepdale from Third Division Darlington for a fee of £300,000 and it has turned out to be a bargain. He has established himself in North End's midfield with a series of combative and inspired displays. Is the club captain and leads by example.

### PAUL McKENNA (MIDFIELDER)

Local youngster, who arrived at North End via the club's youth training scheme. A wily and highly skilled midfielder, Paul has established himself in the first team with a number of prominent displays over the past couple of seasons.

### BRIAN BARRY-MURPHY (MIDFIELDER)

Left-sided utility player who is already a regular member of the Eire under-21 squad. Came to Deepdale from Cork City under a "Bosman" and gives David Moyes extra options of the left side.



**MARK RANKINE**  
(MIDFIELDER)

Combative midfielder with energy to burn, Mark arrived at Deepdale from Wolverhampton Wanderers for £80,000 and quickly established himself in the side. Played a key part in Preston North End's push up the table last season and his enthusiasm and willingness to hustle and work hard marks him out as a player who commands the utmost respect.

### DAVID EYRES (FORWARD)

Former Blackpool and Burnley left winger who had a very good season last year and scored some vital goals to boot - including the 'Goal of the Season' against Wigan in April. His pace and trickery on the wing are major assets in North End's attack.

### BJARKI GUNNLAUGSSON (FORWARD)

Icelandic International who joins North End until the end of the season from KR. Arrived in Preston after playing in the Icelandic Cup Final on 26th September, where he scored the winning goal, thus achieving the double for KR of Reykjavic. The 26-year-old has played 27 times for his country and is the brother of Leicester City's striker Arnur.



**JONATHAN MACKEN**  
(FORWARD)

Another former Manchester United reserve player who has made the grade at Preston. A strong forward, who can shake off defender's tackles with robustness and efficiency, Jonathan has been

consistent provider for his partners up front, as well as scoring goals himself. Has been the star of the team so far this season, notching 11 goals, making him one of the most clinical marksmen in the Division.

### ALEX MATHIE (FORWARD)

Former Newcastle and Ipswich frontman remembered warmly by both sets of fans. Joined North End on a three-month loan deal from current club Dundee United after Steve Basham was forced to have a knee operation. Alex has also played for Celtic, Morton and Port Vale (loan).

### KURT NOGAN (FORWARD)

Finished last season as leading scorer with 20 goals before injury curtailed his campaign prematurely. The Welsh striker arrived at Deepdale from Turf Moor for a bargain fee of £150,000 and has since repaid that amount in full with a myriad of goals which helped elevate Preston into the upper echelons of the Nationwide Second Division last season. He should enjoy tonight's game - he began his career in the youth team at Luton, and Jimmy Ryan gave him his league debut. It was one to remember - he scored in a 2-2 draw in front of the Kop at Liverpool.

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# Hatter's Chatter

## mystery solved

A SEARCH of ancient records has solved a mystery sparked by a chance conversation between two members of a family who are descendants of one of the very earliest Luton Town players.

Maureen Ingram has recently joined the committee of Luton Town Supporters Club, and when she told her sister-in-law was surprised to be told - "My granddad played for Luton."

What's more, Judy Ingram, nee Catlin, of Carlton Crescent, Luton, had the proof tucked away in a drawer - a very old football medal. Her mother had kept it because it had been won by her father-in-law, but that was as much as she knew about it.

Four centimetres deep and three across, the medal looks as though it is bronze, although it bears what seems to be a hallmark, and a manufacturer's name of Vouchton, Birmingham.

The front of the medal is engraved Bedfordshire Football Association 1897, and on the back an inscription reads "Won by W. Catlin, Luton Town Football Club, 1897."

For years the medal was all but forgotten, but Maureen took it to a recent meeting of the Supporters Club Committee to ask if anyone could shed light on its origins.

The official centenary history of Luton Town, published in 1985, records that a player called Catlin - no full name given - made one appearance for the Town in season 1897-8, in Division Two of the Football League.

Two years ago, a more complete set of records was published, the Definitive Luton Town FC, one of a series of club histories, produced on behalf of the Association of Football Statisticians.

It includes a full list of men who have played for Luton, mostly with date and place of birth, previous clubs, and following clubs.

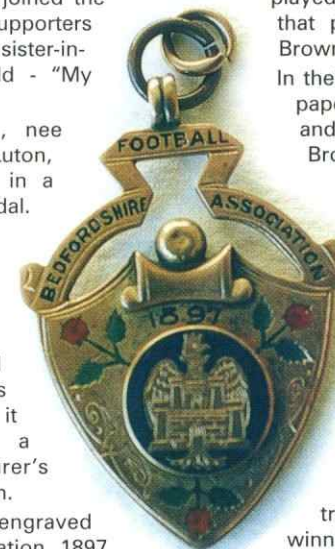
The entry for Walter Catlin is short of the full facts - no date or place of birth, but records one league appearance for the Town, and one goal scored. A check of the league results shows his only game

was in a 3-0 victory at home to Darwen on April 11, 1898. Walter Catlin was last heard of at Watford, never again to figure in the chronicles of Luton Town until today.

In view of the medal, Walter Catlin obviously played at least one other game for Luton, and that problem was soon solved by Peter Brown, Secretary of Bedfordshire FA.

In their offices at Skimpot they have all the paperwork from a century and more ago, and it took only a few minutes for Mr Brown to turn up the relevant minutes of 1897. And there, in copperplate handwriting, for all the world as though it were done with a quill pen, it is recorded that Luton Town won the cup competition. Today, Beds FA has many cups, but that one is the original, now known as the Beds Senior Cup. Other winners around the turn of the century were Luton Montrose, Dunstable Town, Luton Falcons and Bedford Montrose. Intriguingly, in 1901 and 1902 the Town took the trophy again, but are recorded as winning it as Luton Reserves.

The minutes of 100 years ago also show that referees then, as now, came in for a bit of stick on occasion. Toddington Rovers were up before a disciplinary committee because a referee was "deposited in a pond after the match." The club was fined half a crown, a lot of money in those days - it was a week's wages for the first professionals at Kenilworth Road.



Judy Ingram with her  
1897 Luton Town medal



# Top Hatters Gallery



## Paul McLaren

Born: High Wycombe 17.11.76

Previous clubs: None

Joined Luton Town: As a YTS boy in 1993

Luton debut: v Stoke City 8.5.94

Luton Town record to 18.11.99 : 130 appearances, 1 goal

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# Hatters Away

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## Bristol Rovers v Luton Town

Saturday 27th November, kick-off 3.00pm

WE PAY the first of two visits in a month to Bristol on Saturday. We have our third meeting of the season with Bristol Rovers, seeking revenge for our defeat against them in the Worthington Cup. They beat us 2-0 at Kenilworth Road in our first home game of the season in August, and the second leg was a 2-2 draw, with Tresor Kandol and Gary Doherty netting our goals.

For Saturday's league game, two coach services are on offer as usual, run by the Bobberts Travel Club and Town on Tour.

If you want to use them, car parking arrangements have been made easier - you can leave your car at the club's Maple Road car park, which is staffed by a security man all day until the coaches return, and you no longer have to book a parking spot in advance - pay £3 on the day.

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# Blast FROM THE Past

Roger Wash

## Luton Town v Preston North End



After the narrow miss from winning promotion to the old Division One at the end of 1979/80, the following close season was relatively quiet as everyone at Kenilworth Road got their breath back in readiness for

a fresh tilt at the title.

The wily Bob Hatton, who was so instrumental in making Brian Stein the player he became, decided that two seasons at one club was quite long enough and departed to Sheffield United. The only signing of note coming the other way was Raddy Antic, picked up from Real Zaragoza as manager David Pleat dipped his toe into the foreign transfer market for the first time.

The season started off fairly well with F.A.Cup holders West Ham being beaten 2-1 at Upton Park, courtesy of two late David Moss penalties, and old enemies Watford going down to a Steve White goal at Kenilworth Road.

If the Town were fairly fortunate to beat Watford then they could count themselves very unlucky when Derby performed a smash and grab raid at Kenilworth Road in the next game and somehow sneaked out of Luton with both points.

This defeat seemed like a dagger to the heart of the Town players and by the time of the visit to Preston, eight games later, only three further points had been picked up and the relegation places were fast approaching.

The game at Preston, unfortunately, did not prove to be a turning point as, following a dismal 0-1 defeat the Town had slipped to 19th position in the table. In a match between two struggling sides, completely devoid of skill or passion, the proceedings were settled in a fashion typical of these sort of games by a miss-hit shot that took a deflection.

Gone was the swift, close passing that had typified the Pleat team of the previous season and in its place was a style characteristic of a group of players suffering a crisis of confidence.

Pleat ordered several of the players into the reserves for a short, sharp shock. He then dropped forward Andy Harrow and sold him to Aberdeen only weeks after buying him and replaced Mike Saxby with Clive Goodyear at centre half.

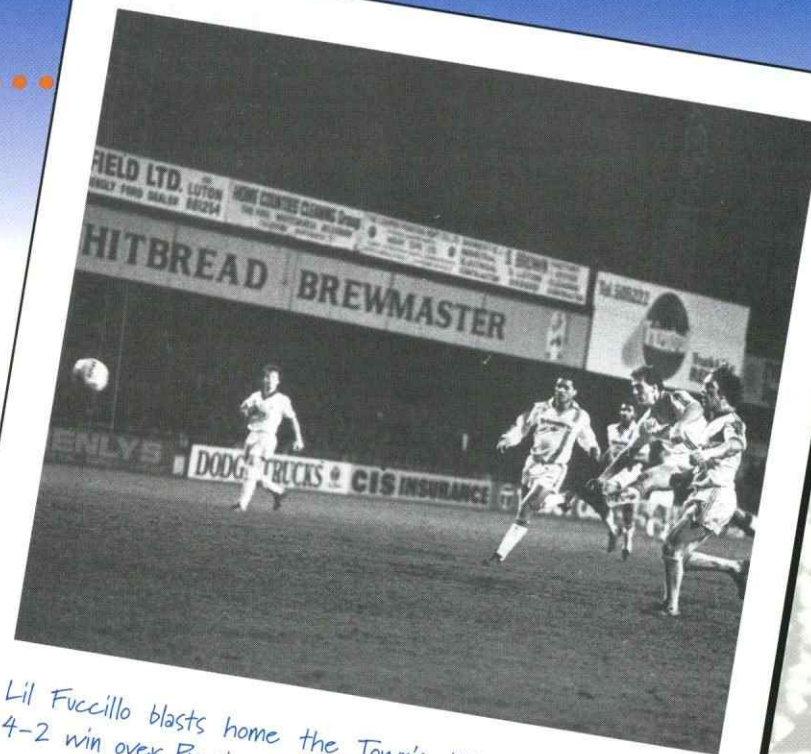
There was certainly more heart about the Town's performances in the next two games, at home to Shrewsbury and Swansea, with draws being seen as victories after all that had gone on before.

The real turning point in the season came a week later in a difficult match at Cambridge where the Town battled through to win 3-1 despite playing a large part of the game with ten men. With the substitute already on the pitch, goalkeeper Jake Findlay was stretchered off injured leaving the ever dependable Mal Donaghy to put on the green jersey.

This victory, against the odds, seemed to lift a great grey cloud from above the players heads as suddenly they started to play the type of football we all had come to expect. Sheffield Wednesday were walloped 3-0 in front of the television cameras at Kenilworth Road, a Steve White goal at Watford made it four successive 1-0 victories over the Hornets and, most impressive of all was a 3-2 home win over West Ham. The Hammers were walking away with the Division One title and had not lost since the opening day when we won at Upton Park and in a pulsating game a late goal from Moss deservedly earned the points.

So, only two months after our terrible display at Deepdale, we were about to face Preston again but this time in very different circumstances. We were up to eleventh in the table while Preston were still struggling near the basement. On the other hand we had two injuries to contend with as both Tony Grealish and Steve White had received knocks in a tough game at Oldham the previous week.

Into their places stepped Godfrey Ingram and Lil Fuccillo. Ingram, who as a youngster had stunned the football world with his skills while playing for England Schoolboys at Wembley, had failed to live up to this early promise. All the skills



*Lil Fuccillo blasts home the Town's third goal during the 4-2 win over Preston in December 1980.*

were there but the Luton coaching staff felt that he did not have the heart for the physical battering that forwards had to take and had, in fact, placed him on the transfer list.

Fuccillo was a different case as he was making a welcome return to the first team after two years absence following two broken legs. At the time of the first broken leg, which came about following a disgusting tackle by Brighton's Paul Clark at the Goldstone Ground in December 1978, Fuccillo was playing so well that international scouts from Italy were reputed to be watching him.

Refreshingly, despite their lowly league position, Preston had not come to Kenilworth Road for a point and gave as good as they got in the first half. The breakthrough came just before the interval when Brian Taylor handled Ricky Hill's cross in the box and the deadly David Moss made no mistake from the spot.

The lead was doubled on 48 minutes when Moss volleyed in a pass from Fuccillo but Preston

fought back and

Findlay had to dive smartly to tip an Alex Bruce drive round a post before a goal was pulled back. Steve Elliott, later to play for the Hatters, headed a long cross from Steve Doyle in at the near post and for a time an equaliser looked on the cards.

Just as David Pleat was about to bring Fuccillo off, the Bedford born midfielder blasted home a pass from Ingram to send the crowd wild and to more or less make the game safe. The goal of the match came ten minutes from the end when Ingram took a pass from Moss, held off Preston defender Mick Baxter and accelerated past two further defenders before smacking in an unstoppable shot.

Preston refused to lie down and Bruce converted a Peter Sayer cross with five minutes left but by then the game had been won. Nobby Stiles, the Lilywhites manager, praised the Town afterwards and took some consolation from the fact that his side had helped contribute to an entertaining game.



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at 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
  
School Years 4 to 8  
at 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

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School Years 1 to 3  
at 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

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at 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

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School Years 1 to 3  
at 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
  
School Years 4 to 8  
at 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

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School Years 4 to 8  
at 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

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School Years 4 to 8  
at 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

#### THURSDAYS

Vandyke Upper School  
School Years 1 to 3  
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# Junior Hatters

welcome

SOME seats are still available for one of our best Junior Hatters football trips of the season, to Bristol on Saturday.

Like us, Bristol Rovers believe in doing everything possible to attract young boys and girls to their club, and we have over the years forged many enduring friendships through our meetings.

We will probably have a game of football with the Young Pirates, and be their guests before the big game kicks off, and for sure more friendships will be made. The coach will leave Luton at 9.30am, and the price of a very good day out is £10 for Junior Hatters, and £13 for adults and guests. Contact the ticket office to book.

DON'T forget that our traditional Christmas Party is changing this year: we have had to make different arrangements through no fault of our own, and it will be replaced by a Millennium Party on January 5, 2000. It will be held at the Ascot Room, at the Co-op Club, Round Green, Luton, and we will publish more information as arrangements are finalised. If you are not in the Junior Hatters, but would like to be there, you still have time to join. Visit or phone the ticket office on Luton 416976 for more information.

OUR Saturday Club will be in business again at our next home match, against Notts County on Saturday week, helping Junior Hatters enjoy football as a real day out, not just 90 minutes of watching soccer action.

We meet at Dallow School at 12 noon, and if the weather is kind we use the Dallow pitch for football matches, sometimes against junior teams from the clubs who are visiting Kenilworth Road. If the weather is bad we have a foam ball for indoor soccer, and that is always popular. All sorts of other entertainment is on offer, and naturally the Saturday Club is fully supervised.

The Saturday Club has a few vacancies, so if you want to get everything possible out of coming to football at Luton Town, why not join us? The price is £5 for Junior Hatters who have season tickets, or £9 with a match ticket included. Very often we have visits by Town players, and we provide a lunch of sausage and chips, with a drink. We have a quiz in our family room, then watch the game from the Kenilworth lower tier and meet up with parents and friends after the game.

For more information, or to join the Junior Hatters, please contact the Town ticket office on Luton 416976. We also organise trips to a lot of away games, often to meet up with the juniors of other clubs, and sometimes we have mascots at away games. If you are under 16 and support Luton Town, come and join us!

Today's Mascot

NINE-year-old Ryan Wilkins will be in the limelight tonight, having been chosen as the Junior Hatters mascot for the match.

It means that he will meet all his favourite players, although he admits that there is one he likes best of all - Matthew Spring.

Ryan, from Faringdon Road, Luton, usually sits with the Junior Hatters at matches, but tonight he will get a lot closer to the game, because after joining the players in the dressing



room he will take part in the pre-match kick-about, and then accompany skipper Marvin Johnson to the centre circle for the toss-up.

He might enjoy the kick-about most of all, because when we asked him what his hobbies are, he replied "Playing football."

He goes to St. Martin de Porres Junior School, Luton, and comes to matches with Phil

Eyers. Tonight he will have other members of his family watching, and we hope they all have an evening to remember, and to enjoy.

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# Hatters On Card

Alan Robinson

FORTY years ago this week, tonight's opponents were also visiting Kenilworth Road. That time it was for a fixture in the old First Division, and Preston's supporters can take heart from the fact that their team triumphed 3-1 over a Town side that was struggling at the foot of the league.

But there was one Hatter in very good form at the time - and scored our goal that afternoon - namely wing wizard Billy Bingham.

The confectionery firm Barratt's had for many years produced annual sets of Famous Footballers, and the skilful Irishman was the only Luton player featured in the 1959 issue of 60 cards. On the reverse he was described as being "a fast, clever winger... his elusive body swerve has worried and upset the best defences."

There are many who remember seeing his skills and trickery during his time at Kenilworth Road who would consider that to be an understatement!

Bingham was born in Belfast in August 1931, and first came to prominence at Glentoran. At the age of 19 he joined Sunderland, and it was not long before his displays in the No. 7 shirt brought him to the attention of the Irish selectors.

For many years he did not miss a single international, and in total won 56 caps. After Sunderland's relegation from the top-flight in 1958 Luton splashed out a then record fee of £15,000 to secure his services.

Everybody considered it money well spent as a series of brilliant performances helped shoot Luton to the top of the league by October - the only time we have reached the pinnacle, co-incidentally with a victory at Preston.

Unfortunately the Town could not sustain it, but consolation came after Christmas in the shape of a wonderful FA Cup run which saw us

go all the way to Wembley.

Bingham, in his size five boots, scored in every round, including the only goal in the semi-final replay against Norwich City at St. Andrew's, Birmingham.

Sadly, as we all know, Billy's magic was not enough to prevent us losing to Nottingham Forest in the final.

More disappointment followed the following season. Despite more breathtaking displays from Bingham, and 16 goals which made him top scorer, Luton finished the campaign bottom of the table. It was obvious that a player of his class could not be expected to stay in the Second Division, and so in October 1960 he moved to Everton in exchange for two players, Alec Ashworth and John Bramwell, and a big fee.

Billy scored 33 league and cup goals in 99 appearances for us. At Goodison, he won a championship medal in 1963

before moving to Port Vale, where a broken leg unfortunately ended his playing career.

He turned to management, beginning at Southport, and then moving to Plymouth, and back to Everton, where he was in charge from 1973 to 1977. He also had spells in Greece and was for a time the Northern Ireland team boss. Many older supporters were delighted to see him looking so fit and well when he returned to Kenilworth Road for the Cup final reunion last May.

Bingham also appeared in Barratt's 1960 football offering. But this time the sets were printed in colour, and had been reduced to 50 cards. Examples from either set are now increasingly more difficult to find, and in recent years their value has shot up, and they attract around £3 each for cards in good condition.



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## Tonight's Referee

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At 34 he is one of the youngest refs on the Football League list, to which he was appointed three years ago.

Like all refs, he started at the bottom as a Class III official on the local parks in Portsmouth in 1987, but received rapid promotion, to Class I within two years.

It has been steady progress ever since, via the Hampshire County League in 1989, the Wessex League and Isthmian League line in 1990 and referee in the Isthmian League three years later. He was a Football League linesman for two years before promotion to the middle for Football League games.

As well as football he is keen on all sport, particularly cricket.

## TOWN TEASER

OUR popular "Town Trivia" quiz continues this evening, offering one supporter the chance to go home with a prize. Listen to the PA announcer before the game, and if you know the answer to tonight's Town Teaser listen for your chance to have a go.

### TONIGHT'S QUESTION

Which young striker, who scored some vital goals for us while on loan towards the end of the 1997-98 season, is now playing for a First Division club on the south coast?

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Liam George

# Head-to-Head



Kurt Nogan

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Liam George's form this season has been exceptional for such a young player in his first full season as a regular in the Hatters line-up. This afternoon he is up against one of the most experienced strikers at this level, Kurt Nogan.

George's coolness in front of goal has been evident by his ten league goals, and he has had a further 14 efforts on target. Nogan has been a little less prolific this campaign, scoring three times from a total of 17 shots at goal.

Nogan is the more accurate passer and has set up one goal more than George, but Liam displays his talents right across the forward line. He is happy to go wide and cross the ball if need be, despite Luton's strengths on the wings with the impressive Matthew Taylor on the left and Stuart Fraser on the right.

George's phenomenal pace and dribbling skills, which have seen him employed on the wing in the past, explain why he has had so many runs, and his pace means that he is able to put pressure on defenders which has helped him make 12 tackles.

Nogan is the archetypal centre forward and is more likely to occupy the centre of the forward line with the other players creating chances for him.

The former Luton striker will be keen to impress on his return to Kenilworth Road where he scored three times in 33 league appearances between 1989 and 1992.

This afternoon also sees the return of ex-Hatter Graham Alexander to Kenilworth Road, who has been a big hit at Deepdale since his move in March this year.

Each week the figures are used to pick a Nationwide League Division Two team of the week, and in the rankings worked out after our game against Burnley, two Town players were in the eleven, Matthew Taylor and Neil Midgley.

Taylor clocked up 1,110 points for two goal attempts saved, one wide, and delivering nine crosses. Midgley's score of 1,573 Opta points was for two goals and one near-miss. That was the top score of any of the team of the week, which also included Glen Little, whose cross led to Burnley's goal at Kenilworth Road.

	George	Nogan
Minutes On Pitch	1,327	906

## Goal Attempts

Goals	10	3
Shots On Target (inc goals)	24	9
Shots Off Target	11	8
Blocked Shots	8	0

## Passing

Goal Assists	2	3
Total Passes	423	293
Pass Completion %	63%	74%

## Crossing

Total Crosses	23	11
Cross Completion %	43%	18%

## Dribbling

Dribbles & Runs	51	17
Dribble Completion %	61%	59%

## Defending

Tackles Made	12	6
Tackles Won %	25%	83%
Blocks	5	0
Clearances	2	0
Interceptions	10	1

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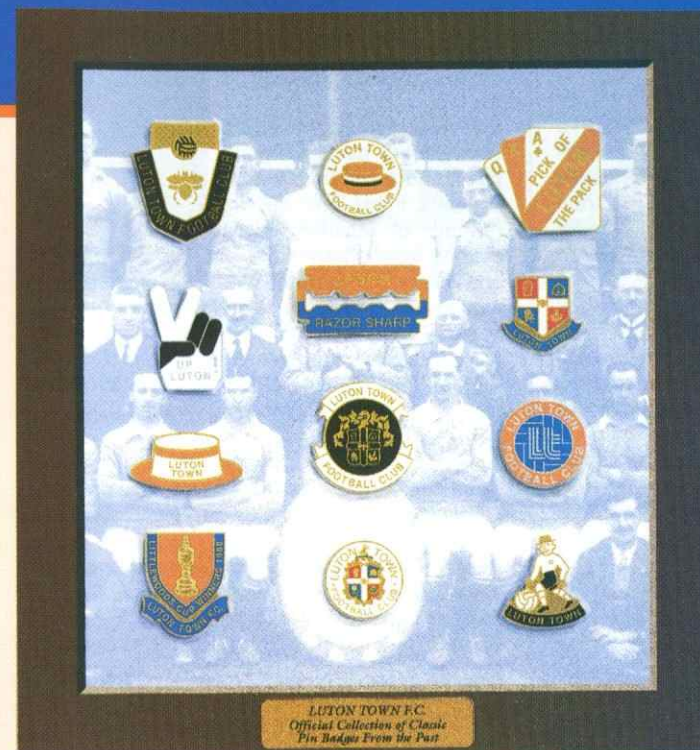
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# The Reserves

Trevor Hartley and John Moore



## Ipswich Town 2 Luton Town 0

OUR team worked hard on a cold and windy afternoon, but with so many youngsters involved it was hardly surprising that we were unable to become the first team to beat Ipswich this season, especially at Portman Road. We gave a debut to a trialist goalkeeper, Alesandro Esteban from Spain, who has been training with us for a couple of weeks. Unfortunately the first goal was down to him, when a wind-assisted corner went straight into the net.

A couple of silly bookings added to the day's misfortunes - James Ayres for kicking the ball away to delay a free kick, and Tresor Kandol for arguing with the ref when he thought he was not getting enough protection.

Our overall play was not too bad, and we held the ball and defended quite well, but all our goal attempts were from long range. Michael McIndoe tried one from the centre circle!

After conceding the first goal in 15 minutes, we were hoping for a recovery in the second half, but two minutes after the interval a very good shot gave the goalkeeper no chance, and when we did

look like getting a goal Jude Stirling had a shot cleared off the line.

Everyone put in lots of effort, with Stirling having a good game and Alan White drilling the back three well, but we ran out of attacking ideas despite a few flashes from Moses Jerry. Kandol and Duane Clarke, both youth team players, found a physical defence too strong for them. Luton Town: Esteban, Boyce, Stirling, Ayres, White, Sodje, Jerry, Mansell (Moran 75 mins), Kandol, McIndoe, Clarke (Dogbe 60 mins). Unused subs Carroll, Mortara, Wraight (GK).



OUR next fixture in the Avon Insurance Combination is a week tomorrow, when we meet Colchester at Kenilworth Road (2pm).

**Reserve team appearances, including as sub:** Kandol 9, Boyce 8, Ayres 8, Stirling 8, Sodje 7, Scarlett 7, Jerry 7, White 6, McIndoe 6, Locke 5, Ward 5, Tate 4, Mansell 3, Moran 3, O'Connor 3, Graham 3, Pearson 2, Davis 2, Brkovic 2, Dogbe 2, Clarke 2, Barriteau 1, Mortara 1, Hunt 1, Zahana-Oni 1, Bowes 1, O'Brien 1, Ryan 1, Jack 1, Gray 1, Antunes 1, McKinnon 1, Esteban 1.

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

### Avon Insurance Combination Results and Fixtures

AUG	Wed 18	Bristol City	H	1-3 (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 Rovers	A	0-0
NOV	Wed 3	Norwich	H	1-1 (Kandol)
	Wed 17	Ipswich	A	0-2
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

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Swindon	9	7	2	0	22	11	25
QPR	8	6	2	0	22	7	20
Ipswich	8	6	2	0	24	11	20
Norwich	9	3	5	1	14	8	14
Fulham	8	4	2	2	13	9	14
Oxford	9	4	2	3	18	15	14
Peterborough	8	4	1	3	13	10	13
Bournemouth	7	4	1	2	12	14	13
Portsmouth	6	4	0	2	9	8	12
Millwall	7	2	4	1	8	6	10
Bristol City	6	2	3	1	12	9	9
Leyton Orient	8	3	0	5	10	19	9
Bristol Rovers	8	2	2	4	14	13	8
Luton Town	9	2	2	5	11	15	8
Brighton	7	2	1	4	12	14	7
Cambridge	8	2	1	5	9	14	7
Northampton	6	1	3	2	10	8	6
Colchester	7	1	3	3	7	12	6
Barnet	8	1	1	6	11	16	4
Wycombe	6	1	1	4	4	11	4
Gillingham	6	1	1	4	3	10	4
Southend	8	1	1	6	8	23	4

# Youth Soccer

Paul Lowe



## Barnet 1 Luton Town 0



A COUPLE of missed chances, a mistake in midfield, and an injury to the skipper added up to defeat at Barnet in the Football League

Youth Alliance Cup. We are out of it, having lost our first three games in the round robin stage.

Young professionals have to learn to cope with two games a week, but in this one we looked jaded following the good 5-0 win over Maidenhead in the FA Youth Cup three days earlier.

We started well, and made a couple of half chances, and Tresor Kandol had a good opening that should have brought a goal to settle us down. Perhaps we were asking too much of him, because he had travelled with the first team to Cambridge to be a substitute the evening before. He was put through for a one-on-one with the goalkeeper, wriggled away from him to the left, but was badly angled, and his shot was cleared off the line by a defender.

Barnet had their moments, and Graham Wraight

was called on to make two good saves to keep us in the game.

We did not create enough chances going forward, but were reasonably happy with the blank scoreline at the interval. But on the hour mark we were caught out by a counter attack after winning a corner. As usual, we had left only two players back while we attacked from the set piece, but Moses Jerry lost the ball on the edge of their box, and Barnet broke quickly and scored. It was a good strike, but we had contributed to our own downfall by wastefully losing possession.

We then suffered a major disruption when skipper James Ayres came out of a collision with a cut eyebrow, and had to be taken off for four stitches to be inserted. Alan Milton, a trialist from Canning Town, replaced him for the last 20 minutes and did well, but we could not find an equaliser, although Dean Mortara went close with a shot into the side netting.

**Luton Town:** Wraight, Stirling, Carroll, Moran, Ayres (Milton 70 mins), Dogbe, Mansell, Jerry, Clarke, Kandol, Barriteau (Mortara HT). Unused subs: Mentore, Ward (GK).

THIS page had to go to press before we wound up our Alliance Cup campaign at home to Colchester on Saturday. This Saturday we resume our Alliance League fixtures, with an away match against Notts County.

**Youth team appearances, including as sub:** Mortara 13, Stirling 13, Moran 13, Clarke 13, Carroll 12, Barriteau 12, Mansell 11, Ayres 11, Jerry 10, Dogbe 10, Wraight 9, Deeney 7, Mentore 7, Jeffrey 6, Flaherty 4, Ward 4, Oughan 3, Minton 3, Thresher 3, Kandol 3, Milton 2, Coktas 2, Crane 2, de Freitas 2, Miller 1, Wilson.

**Goals:** Ayres 3, Kandol 2, Stirling 4, Jeffrey 4, Jerry 1, Clarke 3, Moran 1, OG 1.

### Football League Youth Alliance South Central Conference Results and Fixtures

AUG	Sat 14	Walsall	H	0-0
	Sat 21	West Brom	H	2-1 (Kandol 2)
	Sat 28	Cambridge Utd	A	1-4 (Ayres)
SEPT	Sat 4	Notts Co	H	2-1 (Ayres, Stirling pen)
	Sat 18	Oxford Utd	H	1-1 (Jerry)
	Sat 25	Wolves	A	0-5
OCT	Sat 2	Northampton	H	3-1 (Jeffrey, Clarke, Stirling)
	Sat 16	Shrewsbury	A	0-2
	Wed 20	Sutton Utd (FAYC1)	H	2-0 (Moran, Jeffrey)
	Sat 23	Southend (FLAYC)	A	1-2 (Ayres)
NOV	Sat 6	Cambridge (FLAYC)	H	1-2 (OG)
	Wed 10	Maidenhead (FAYC2)	H	5-0 (Clarke 2, Stirling 2, Jeffrey)
	Sat 13	Barnet (FLAYC)	A	0-1
	Sat 20	Colchester (FLAYC)	H	
	Sat 27	Notts Co	A	
DEC	Sat 11	Oxford Utd	A	
	Sat 18	Wolves	H	
JAN	Sat 8	Shrewsbury	H	
	Sat 15	Northampton	A	
	Sat 22	Walsall	A	
	Sat 29	Cup rd 2		
FEB	Sat 5	West Brom	A	
	Sat 12	Cambridge Utd	H	
MAR	Wed 1	Cup quarter-final		
	Wed 22	Cup semi-final		
APRIL	Sun 16	Cup final		

### League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Brom	8	5	1	2	22	10	16
Wolves	7	4	1	2	13	8	13
Cambridge	8	3	3	2	13	9	12
Oxford	8	3	3	2	11	13	12
Walsall	8	3	2	3	15	15	11
Luton Town	8	3	2	3	9	14	11
Northampton	8	2	2	4	12	19	8
Notts Co	7	2	1	4	6	8	7
Shrewsbury	8	1	3	4	8	13	6



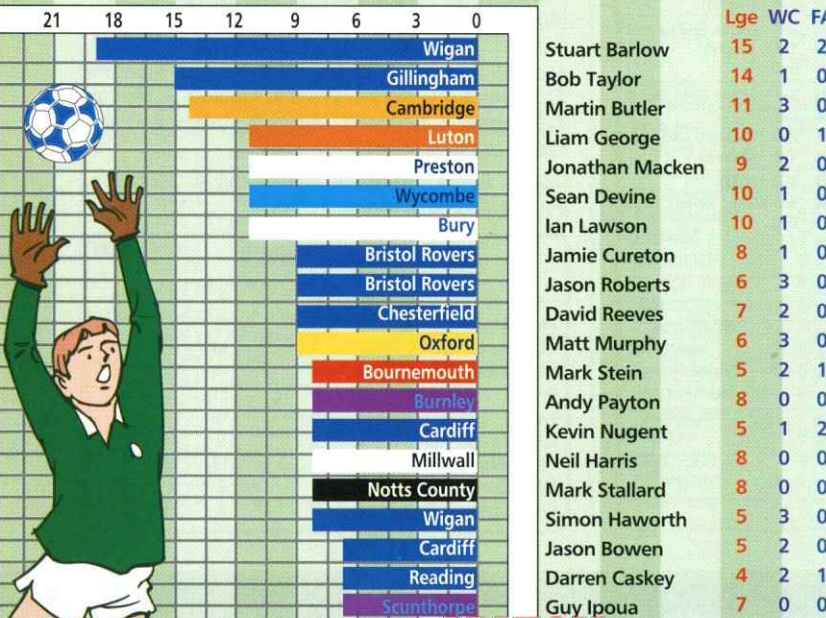
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Team	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Sequence	Team	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Sequence
Wigan	4	2	0	14	6	14	WWDWDW	Colchester	1	4	1	9	9	7	WDDDL
Preston	4	2	0	12	4	14	WDWWWD	Bury	1	4	1	8	5	7	DDDDLW
Gillingham	4	1	1	13	7	13	WDWWWL	Reading	2	1	3	6	11	7	LLDWL
Millwall	4	1	1	13	4	13	WDLWWW	Bristol Rovers	1	4	1	3	3	7	DDLWDD
Burnley	4	1	1	11	3	13	WLWWWD	Blackpool	1	2	3	6	11	5	LDLWLL
Brentford	3	1	2	9	8	10	WWDWLL	Cardiff	1	2	3	5	8	5	WDLDDL
Oldham	3	1	2	9	8	10	LWWDLW	Oxford	1	2	3	4	7	5	DWDLWL
Luton	3	1	2	8	7	10	LWLWDW	Bournemouth	1	1	4	5	13	4	LLWLDD
Notts County	3	1	2	4	4	10	LDWLWW	Bristol City	0	4	2	3	8	4	DDLDD
Stoke	2	3	1	6	4	9	DDLWWD	Wycombe	0	3	3	6	10	3	LDLDDL
Scunthorpe	2	2	2	10	11	8	LLWDWD	Wrexham	0	3	3	2	10	3	DLDDL
Cambridge	2	1	3	11	10	7	WDLWLW	Chesterfield	0	2	4	3	9	2	LLDDL

# 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
1	5	4	5	2	4	Bournemouth	3	6	3	5	5	3
3	2	3	2	0	7	Blackpool	1	2	5	6	6	11
3	3	5	4	7	5	Brentford	1	4	3	2	2	5
0	1	3	2	2	8	Bristol City	4	2	2	2	6	5
0	5	3	4	4	2	Bristol Rovers	2	1	0	1	4	3
4	1	7	5	4	3	Burnley	0	2	2	2	3	2
3	2	2	8	5	7	Bury	3	0	5	3	3	8
2	3	5	5	7	4	Cambridge United	3	6	2	9	2	9
2	1	3	3	5	4	Cardiff City	1	5	2	5	4	7
1	1	1	3	3	2	Chesterfield	2	1	4	5	4	3
1	3	4	3	3	5	Colchester United	5	4	5	6	5	10
3	8	2	5	7	6	Gillingham	2	1	1	5	7	5
4	2	1	6	4	6	Luton Town	0	3	2	4	6	5
2	4	2	5	6	7	Millwall	2	3	1	6	5	2
3	2	6	4	3	6	Notts County	0	4	0	4	3	4
3	2	1	2	5	6	Oldham Athletic	4	2	4	1	7	5
5	2	1	2	5	3	Oxford United	3	3	3	3	4	8
1	4	4	5	8	4	Preston North End	2	2	2	4	4	3
2	3	1	5	3	7	Reading	3	4	6	6	6	8
0	3	3	5	2	5	Scunthorpe United	3	3	6	7	2	5
1	4	0	7	3	9	Stoke City	1	4	1	3	0	7
4	3	4	9	6	9	Wigan Athletic	2	4	1	2	2	4
2	1	1	5	3	5	Wrexham	3	4	7	8	4	4
3	6	4	2	2	5	Wycombe Wanderers	3	1	3	7	4	4

# Nationwide Division Two Leading Goalscorers 1999-00



# 1999-00 Attendances

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

100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%
Highest: 8,514	Lowest: 5,397	Average: 7,374	Capacity: 9,173	Highest: 6,892	Lowest: 5,884	Average: 6,352	Capacity: 10,600
Highest: 6,638	Lowest: 4,318	Average: 5,545	Capacity: 9,572	Highest: 7,205	Lowest: 4,633	Average: 5,728	Capacity: 9,975
Highest: 7,042	Lowest: 4,982	Average: 5,520	Capacity: 10,000	Highest: 11,168	Lowest: 4,523	Average: 7,200	Capacity: 14,660
Highest: 14,226	Lowest: 8,506	Average: 11,263	Capacity: 21,412	Highest: 7,100	Lowest: 4,657	Average: 5,972	Capacity: 12,763
Highest: 6,007	Lowest: 4,208	Average: 5,143	Capacity: 10,770	Highest: 16,011	Lowest: 7,777	Average: 10,391	Capacity: 21,479
Highest: 3,986	Lowest: 2,915	Average: 3,450	Capacity: 7,556	Highest: 6,211	Lowest: 3,285	Average: 4,530	Capacity: 9,617
Highest: 5,336	Lowest: 3,376	Average: 4,318	Capacity: 9,183	Highest: 11,328	Lowest: 8,944	Average: 10,379	Capacity: 22,546
Highest: 9,432	Lowest: 3,807	Average: 5,896	Capacity: 13,559	Highest: 13,068	Lowest: 7,054	Average: 10,346	Capacity: 24,054
Highest: 5,924	Lowest: 2,473	Average: 3,900	Capacity: 9,200	Highest: 5,270	Lowest: 3,452	Average: 4,307	Capacity: 11,295
Highest: 13,348	Lowest: 5,393	Average: 8,391	Capacity: 24,200	Highest: 8,601	Lowest: 5,202	Average: 6,879	Capacity: 20,146
Highest: 4,285	Lowest: 2,737	Average: 3,116	Capacity: 8,880	Highest: 4,280	Lowest: 3,293	Average: 3,670	Capacity: 11,841
Highest: 6,197	Lowest: 4,749	Average: 5,614	Capacity: 20,300	Highest: 7,481	Lowest: 4,338	Average: 6,035	Capacity: 25,000

# 2nd Division Scene

Brian Swain



WHILE we and Preston were busy with the FA Cup at the weekend, only two Second Division fixtures were played, and the results were bad news for Kenilworth Road and Deepdale.

Preston lost second place because Brentford won 3-0 at

Colchester on Friday, and Bristol Rovers, who were knocked out of the FA Cup on their own ground by Preston, nicked a 1-0 win at Chesterfield on Saturday, to move back into the play-off zone.

It all adds to the pressure on both teams at Kenilworth Road tonight: if Preston lose they could drop two or three places, while we cannot afford to be beaten if we are to close the gap between us and the play-off frame.

Unlike us and Preston, who still face FA Cup replays and first round matches in the Auto Windscreens Shield, Brentford have an uncluttered fixture list. Third Division Plymouth put them out of the FA Cup but in the league they have put together a run of three wins and a draw since their last Second Division defeat, 2-1 at Preston a month ago.

Bristol Rovers, league leaders a couple of months ago, collected their fifth away win of the season at Chesterfield, who are beginning to look favourites for relegation. It was their fifth home defeat of the season, and they have won only two games in the league in 17 attempts - the last was at Preston, back in early September. The other was at home to Cambridge.

They even managed to lose at home in the FA Cup to Enfield, although that result does not sound quite so bad now - the Ryman League outfit earned a 0-0 draw at Deepdale on Saturday.

Like us, Preston face a replay next Tuesday. They will have to return down the M6 and M1, to go to St. Albans to take on Enfield. They might have done the job at the first attempt, because they had the ball in the net twice, through our old friend Kurt Nogan and on-loan Icelandic international Bjarki Gunnlaugsson. Both efforts were ruled out for offside. Preston's incentive to win the replay is a local derby in the third round, at home to Oldham. Elsewhere, Bontcho Guentchev did his best to push Ryman League Hendon into the third round of the cup - he hit the bar and had another screamer well saved before Blackpool got a grip with two second-half goals at Bloomfield Road.

Cambridge United also suffered a problem or two before seeing off non-league opposition - Martin Butler's penalty, the only goal of the game, was one too many for Bamber Bridge, Preston's near-neighbours.

## The Second Division

	HOME						AWAY						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Wigan	17	8	1	0	20	5	2	6	0	15	10	37	
Brentford	17	6	2	1	18	9	3	4	1	12	8	33	
Preston	17	6	1	2	13	9	3	5	0	13	8	33	
Notts Co	17	4	2	2	9	6	6	1	2	15	9	33	
Burnley	17	7	1	1	19	6	2	4	2	5	5	32	
Bristol Rov	17	4	3	1	9	5	5	2	2	10	6	32	
Gillingham	17	6	1	2	20	9	2	4	2	11	12	29	
Stoke	17	4	3	2	12	8	4	2	2	12	8	29	
Millwall	17	4	4	1	14	8	3	2	3	12	11	27	
Luton Town	17	6	2	0	18	9	2	1	6	5	11	27	
Bury	17	4	3	1	17	12	1	5	3	9	9	23	
Wycombe	17	3	3	2	12	10	2	4	3	10	12	22	
Bournemouth	17	5	2	1	13	5	1	2	6	8	20	22	
Scunthorpe	17	2	2	4	7	11	3	2	4	11	15	19	
Oldham	17	3	1	5	11	12	2	2	4	8	11	18	
Wrexham	17	3	2	3	10	10	1	3	5	7	20	17	
Bristol City	16	2	6	0	11	6	1	1	6	5	15	16	
Cardiff	17	2	6	1	10	9	1	1	6	8	15	16	
Oxford	17	2	3	4	10	11	2	1	5	7	12	16	
Reading	16	3	2	3	10	10	1	1	6	11	23	15	
Cambridge	17	3	3	3	18	16	0	2	6	8	15	14	
Colchester	17	1	3	4	10	17	2	2	5	9	21	14	
Blackpool	17	1	4	3	8	14	1	2	6	9	17	12	
Chesterfield	17	1	2	5	5	9	1	3	5	6	11	11	

Reading also needed a penalty, converted by Darren Caskey, to scrape a 1-1 home draw with Third Division Halifax.

Having done the league double over Oxford United, we are now looking for a treble - we have been drawn against them in the first round of the Southern Section of the Auto Windscreens Shield. The game will be at the Manor Ground, and is provisionally pencilled in for a fortnight tonight, December 7.

Our FA Cup replay is at Sincil Bank, Lincoln, next Tuesday (7.45) - admission pay on the night only, adults £12, concessions £8. We apologise for a mistake in Friday's matchday magazine quoting the full price as £10.

## Tonight's other Second Division fixtures

- Blackpool v Millwall
- Bournemouth v Brentford
- Bristol City v Oldham
- Bury v Wigan
- Colchester v Cardiff
- Notts County v Oxford
- Scunthorpe v Gillingham
- Wrexham v Cambridge
- Wycombe v Stoke

## Tomorrow

- Reading v Burnley

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	date	opposition	result	scorers	league place	attnd.	team
AUGUST	Sat 7	Notts Co	A	0-0	-	6,141	Abbey Fraser Watts White Johnson Douglas McLaren
	Tue 10	WC1 (1) Bristol Rov	H	0-2	-	2,984	Abbey Fraser Watts White Boyce Douglas McLaren
	Sat 14	Blackpool	H	3-2	George 2, Spring	5,176	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 21	Reading	A	2-1	Fotiadis, George	8,741	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Wed 25	WC1 (2) Bristol Rov	A	2-2	Kandol, Doherty	4,414	Abbey Locke Sodje Boyce White Watts Gray
SEPT	Sat 28	Cardiff	H	1-0	Gray	5,374	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Tues 31	Bournemouth	A	0-1		4,797	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 4	Bury	H	1-1	Fotiadis	4,633	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 11	Wrexham	H	3-1	Taylor, Spring, George	5,121	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 18	Brentford	A	0-2		7,039	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
OCTOBER	Sat 25	Oxford Utd	H	4-2	George 2, Fraser, Locke	6,102	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 2	Wigan	A	0-1		6,866	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 9	Oldham	A	1-2	Midgley	4,532	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson Gray McLaren
	Sat 16	Gillingham	H	3-1	George 2 (1pen), Douglas	6,394	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Tue 19	Wycombe	H	1-1	Douglas	5,820	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
NOVEMBER	Sat 23	Oxford Utd	A	1-0	George	5,866	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 30	Kingstonian (FA Cup 1)	H	4-2	Gray, George, Spring, Taylor	4,682	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Tue 2	Millwall	A	0-1		6,181	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 6	Burnley	H	2-1	Midgley 2	7,205	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Fri 12	Cambridge Utd	A	1-3	George	6,211	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
DECEMBER	Fri 19	Lincoln (FA Cup 2)	H	2-2	Doherty 2	4,291	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Tue 23	Preston	H	7.45pm			
	Sat 27	Bristol Rov	A	3pm			
	Tue 30	Lincoln (FA Cup 2R)	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 4	Notts County	H	3pm			
JANUARY 2000	Tue 7	Oxford (AWS 1)	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 11	Stoke City	H	3pm			
		OR Fulham (FA Cup 3)	A	3pm			
	Fri 17	Colchester	A	7.45pm			
	Sun 26	Chesterfield	H	3pm			
FEBRUARY	Tue 28	Bristol City	A	3pm			
	Mon 3	Scunthorpe	H	3pm			
	Sat 8	Stoke OR FA Cup 4	A	3pm			
	Tue 11	AWS 2	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 15	Blackpool	A	3pm			
MARCH	Sat 22	Reading	H	3pm			
	Tue 25	AWS 3	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 29	Cardiff OR FA Cup 5	A	3pm			
	Sat 5	Bournemouth	H	3pm			
	Sat 12	Bury	A	3pm			
APRIL	Tue 15	AWS Semi	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 19	Bristol Rov OR FA Cup 6	H	3pm			
	Sat 26	Brentford	H	3pm			
	Tue 29	AWS area final (1)	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 4	Wrexham	A	3pm			
MAY	Tue 7	Burnley	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 11	Millwall	H	3pm			
	Tue 14	AWS area final (2)	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 18	Preston	A	3pm			
	Tue 21	Cambridge Utd	H	7.45pm			
	Sat 25	Chesterfield	A	3pm			
	Sat 1	Colchester OR AWS Final	H	3pm			
	Sat 8	Scunthorpe	A	3pm			
	Sun 9	FA Cup semi-final	A	3pm			
	Sat 15	Bristol City	H	3pm			
	Sat 22	Gillingham	A	3pm			
	Mon 24	Wigan	H	3pm			
	Sat 29	Wycombe	A	pm			
	Sat 6	Oldham	H	3pm			

The FA Cup final will be on May 20

### Travelling fans

A COMBINATION of factors probably conspired to keep Friday's cup-tie attendance down: cold weekday evening, live on TV, and admission prices higher than the Town wanted them to be because Lincoln City booted out a Kenilworth Road suggestion that they should be reduced. But all credit to the Sincil Bank supporters - more than 500 made the 220-mile round trip to cheer on their team. But we are still consistently taking more fans to away games than other clubs. The figures so far:

OURS	THEIRS
Notts County . . . . .1,531	Bristol Rovers (WC) . . . 240
Reading . . . . .1,536	Blackpool . . . . . 464
Bristol Rovers (WC) . . .134	Cardiff . . . . . 992
Bournemouth . . . . .665	Bury . . . . . 198
Brentford . . . . .1,704	Wrexham . . . . . 307
Wigan . . . . .985	Oxford . . . . . 745
Oldham . . . . .451	Gillingham . . . . . 1,241
Oxford . . . . .1,523	Wycombe . . . . . 711
Millwall . . . . .688	Kingstonian (FAC) . . . 571
Cambridge . . . . .2,152	Burnley . . . . . 1,392
	Lincoln . . . . . 523
<b>Total so far . . . . .11,369</b>	<b>. . . . . 7,384</b>
<b>Average . . . . .1,137</b>	<b>. . . . . 671</b>

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# Tonight's Teams



## Luton Town

NATHAN ABBEY	1
STUART FRASER	13
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
EFETOBORE SODJE	3
TRESOR KANDOL	18
MICHAEL McINDOE	10
SCOTT WARD (GK)	24

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## Preston North End

21	TEUVO MOILANEN
2	GRAHAM ALEXANDER
14	COLIN MURDOCK
15	ROB EDWARDS
5	MICHAEL JACKSON
6	SEAN GREGAN
7	LEE CARTWRIGHT
8	MARK RANKINE
17	JONATHAN MACKEN
9	KURT NOGAN
11	DAVID EYRES

### Substitutes

25	JULIAN DARBY
4	RYAN KIDD
31	ALEX MATHIE
23	MARK WRIGHT
1	DAVID LUCAS (GK)

## Tonight's Officials

**Referee:** Robert Styles, Waterlooville  
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 J. E. Pearce, Dagenham (yellow and red flag)  
**Reserve official:** C. J. Hills, Ely

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