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Front cover:

Andrew Fotiadis getting stuck in at Cardiff, where he went on as a substitute to help the Town to a valuable away victory.

WE MIGHT have known it. We haven't beaten Bournemouth since 1996, and after the Cherries picked us off again at Kenilworth Road on Saturday it is now seven attempts without success.

On the day there was no doubt Bournemouth deserved their first victory of the year, to become the first team to complete the double over us. Mark Stein confirmed in the players' lounge afterwards that the visitors needed their best performance of the season to do it.

A lovely goal by Emmerson Boyce, the 20-year-old wingback's first in the Football League, gave us a glimmer of hope for the last half-hour, and only a brilliant save by Mark Ovendale prevented Phil Gray heading an equaliser.

But both managers agreed that any other result would have been an injustice on a Bournemouth team that might have been deflated by the sale 24 hours earlier of club captain Ian Cox to Burnley.

Said Lennie Lawrence: "It's not unusual for something like that to galvanise a team, as happened to us when we went into receivership."

"I am critical of our performance, but the major fact we must admit is that Bournemouth were better than us, and quicker with their passing and moving. Give them credit for the way they played. They were by far the better team in the first half, and we must do something about our slow starts. But they did not create many chances - except for the goals I can remember very few

saves by Nathan Abbey from shots or headers on target."

"We were still in with a chance after getting to half-time at one down, but to concede another goal within a minute of the restart was a killer. Too many people were off-colour at the same time."

Mel Machin, the Bournemouth manager, said: "Luton are a good footballing team, but on the day we had the better of it. Our keeper had to make a couple of saves, but I felt we deserved to take the three points. Our first goal came from a pinpoint cross, and while the second was an OG it was fair reward for the number of crosses we put in. If we played as well as that in every game, we could yet get into the play-offs. In fact we might even do it if we don't play to that standard every week. I was delighted with our performance."

Bournemouth made their attacking intentions clear from the opening minutes, and we were glad to see a rasping 25-yard drive by John O'Neill flash wide of the angle of bar and post.

The same player appealed in vain for a penalty when he tumbled as he tried to burst through between Gary Doherty and Julian Watts, but Bournemouth soon forgot about that, with a neatly-worked 34th-minute goal. James Hayter, wide on the right of their four-man midfield, delivered a superb centre which dropped between Watts and Doherty, and Scott Mean carefully directed his header into the top corner.

There were no further alarms for either goal keeper before the interval, but our hopes of seeing the Town come out with a rampaging recovery display in the second half were soon dashed. Within a minute of the restart Mean went down the left wing and fired in a hard low cross towards the near post. Watts, trying to cut it out, managed only to stab the ball into his own net, for the goal he did not want as his third in consecutive matches.

To their credit the Town showed a lot of fighting spirit after that and Watts almost evened up his personal score with a header from a free kick by Matthew Spring which was acrobatically tipped over the bar by Ovendale.

Bournemouth were well organised in defence, with Eddie Howe a more than able deputy for Cox in his first game for three months, but Marvin Johnson found a way through them.

On one of several runs at backing-off defenders he finished with a low diagonal ball from the left to beyond the far post. Bournemouth players seemed to be waiting for it to go out of play for a goal kick, but Boyce, who had a tremendous game, took them all by surprise by racing in on the blind side and scoring with a first-time shot.

Sadly, we could not build on that, with Gray's 77th-minute header, from an opening made by Watts, the closest we could get to unsettling a very good team.

Match Details

Luton Town: Abbey, Boyce, Watts, Doherty, Johnson, George, Locke, Douglas (Fotiadis 78 mins), Spring, Gray, McGowan (Scarlett 72 mins). Unused subs: Ayres, Kandol, Tate.

Booked: No-one.

Bournemouth: Ovendale, Young, Warren, O'Shea, Howe, Mean, O'Neill, (Jorgenson 90 mins), Robinson, Stein, Hayter, Hughes. Unused subs: Keeler, C. Fletcher, Day, Stewart

Booked: Steve Robinson, 75 mins, foul on Stuart Douglas; Christer Warren, 80 mins, time-wasting.

The goals: 0-1 34 mins - Scott Mean header into the top corner from six yards, from a centre by James Hayter which was flighted perfectly to drop between defenders; 0-2 46 mins - Julian Watts own goal, getting back to try to cut out a low cross by Scott Mean, but stabbing the ball into his own net with the clearance attempt; 1-2 58 mins - Emmerson Boyce with his first goal in league football, racing in on the blindside to meet a diagonal pass by Marvin Johnson and burying a crisp first-time shot.

Referee: Michael Jones, Chester

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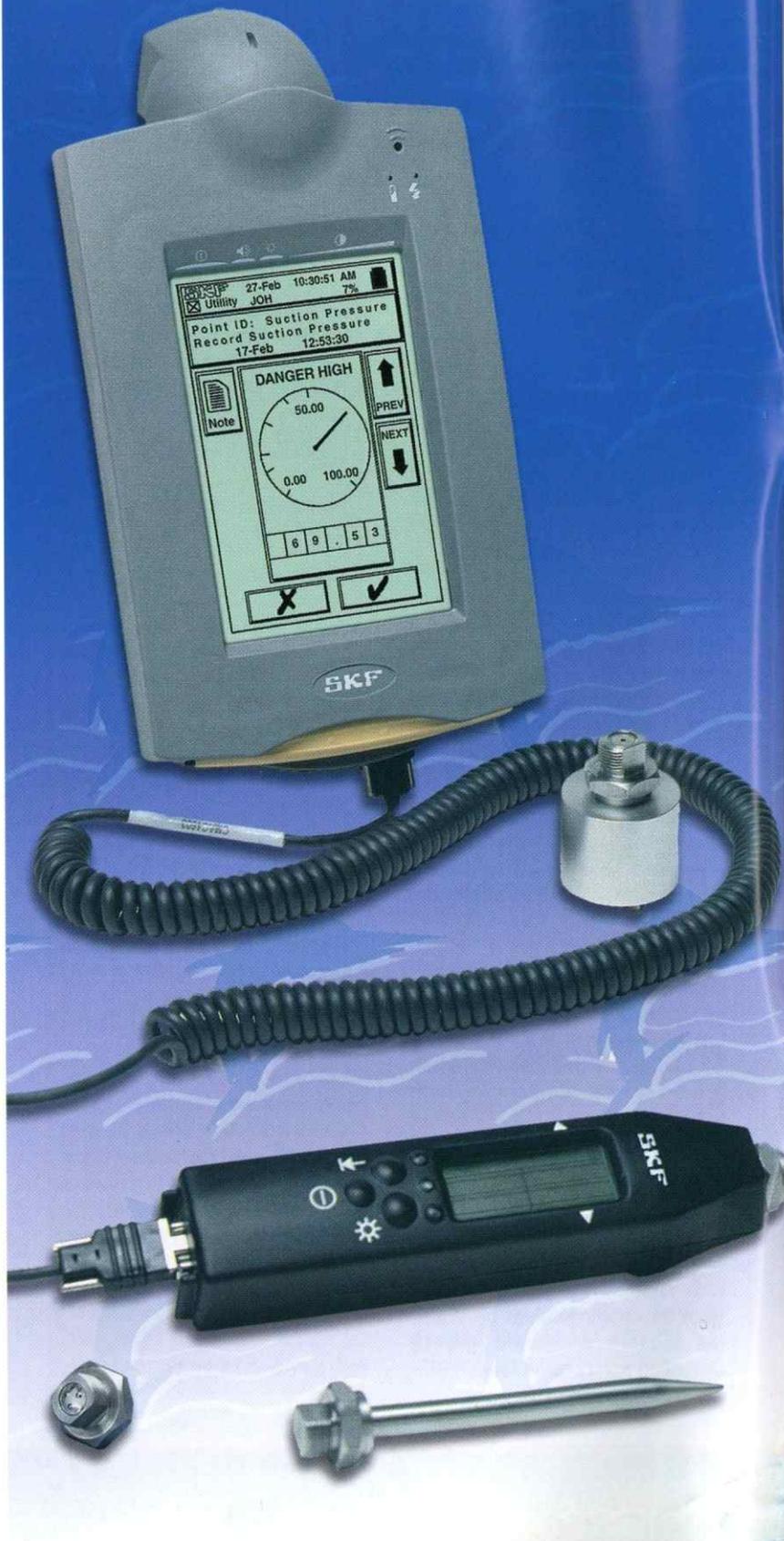
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The Manager

Lennie Lawrence



AFTER the good run of results in January we came down to earth with a resounding bump against Bournemouth, and on the day we have to hold our hands up and say they were deserving winners. We

always seem to have trouble against them, and we did not help our cause by being slow and ponderous while they were moving the ball quickly.

We had won our two previous home games, but in those, as on Saturday, we started too slowly. We paid the price against Bournemouth because the flurry of goals that overcame Scunthorpe and Reading failed to materialise.

Credit is due to Bournemouth, who, with their classic 4-4-2 style and quick passing and moving, stretched us in the first half, without creating too many clear-cut chances. We never got going as an attacking unit, and the fact that it took us 43 minutes to win a corner tells its own story.

We might have maintained a 0-0 score line until the interval, but conceded a goal to a very good header. It was perfectly placed, but it was, however, aided by poor marking.

We impressed on the players at half time that they must play at a higher tempo in the second half and put Bournemouth under consistent pressure. What we surely did not need was to concede another goal so early in the second half.

I suppose we might have snatched a point after Emmerson Boyce scored, and give credit to our team spirit that saw us have a go. Unusually for us, we couldn't get the second goal - and I don't blame the strikers, because they have done so well in recent matches.

There can be many reasons for a below-par display, but the biggest factor on Saturday was the quality of Bournemouth's performance. Not many teams have done that to us on our own

pitch, not even Fulham, who beat us through our own silly mistakes.

Now it is important that we bounce back immediately. Otherwise it could be an extremely long last third of the season.

We welcome Stoke to Kenilworth Road, knowing that we need to close the gap on them. They are sixth, with serious aspirations of getting into the play-offs. They are First Division in terms of stadium and support, and have invested in the team in recent months.

They must be bitterly disappointed at losing 3-0 at Gillingham on Saturday, so this evening both teams will be keen to bounce back to winning ways.

Tonight's was always going to be a difficult game, and I am sure it will be as close as the one at Stoke a few weeks ago, when the occasion was marred by the sending-off of Matthew Taylor.

We played quite well in that game despite the result, and for all our disappointment on Saturday we should keep things in perspective - it was only our second home league defeat of the season and to be fair to the players there have been very few poor home performances.

Tonight, we need to keep our heads, and make sure we start better. We must be focused from first minute to last, and do our utmost to get the first goal.

We have Taylor and Stuart Fraser available again after their suspensions, so there is now more competition for places. We still have an outside chance of reaching the play-offs - it will be very difficult, but it is not yet impossible. But a defeat tonight would make it so much harder.

Lennie Lawrence

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Tonight's Referee

ONE of the most experienced referees in the Nationwide League is in charge of this evening's game, Bill Burns, from Scarborough. It is his first visit here this season - the last time we met he was in charge at Wigan last season, when we paid our last-ever visit to Springfield Park. We had mixed emotions about that game - we won 3-1 but Liam George broke his leg.

A civil servant, Mr Burns is married with four children, and is in his 26th year as a referee, having started in his early twenties in parks soccer. He reached the linesman's list for the Football League in 1985, and was promoted to the middle three years later.

He has had the honour of taking charge of matches at Wembley, refereeing the Third Division play-off final in 1996 and the FA Vase final three years later.

His list of hobbies is brief and to the point: all sports.



TOWN TEASER



OUR "Town Trivia" quiz offers a free prize to another supporter tonight. Before the game the PA announcer will ask the latest Town Teaser. If you know the answer, listen for your chance to have a go, for a bit of fun and to win a little prize.

THE QUESTION

One of the most famous goals in the history of Luton Town was scored at Maine Road, Manchester, on the final day of the 1982-83 season. Who got it?

Hatters Roll-Call Season 1999/2000

	APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets)					GOALS			
	League	FAC	WC	AWS	Total	League	FAC	WC	Total
Nathan Abbey	29	5	2	1	37	0	0	0	0
James Ayres	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	11(4)	0(2)	2	1	14(6)	1	0	0	1
Gary Doherty	27	5	0(2)	1	33(2)	1	2	1	4
Stuart Douglas	23(3)	5	2	1	31(3)	3	1	0	4
Andrew Fotiadis	6(6)	0	0(2)	0	6(8)	2	0	0	2
Stuart Fraser	19	5	1	1	26	1	0	0	1
Phil Gray	13(1)	1	2	0	16(1)	3	1	0	4
Liam George	25(1)	5	0(1)	1	31(2)	13(1p)	2	0	15(1p)
Marvin Johnson	27	5	0	1	33	0	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	1(3)	0	1	0	2(3)	0	0	1	1
Adam Locke	14(4)	3(1)	1	1	19(5)	3	0	0	3
Gavin McGowan	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Michael McIndoe	2(14)	0(2)	2	0	4(16)	0	0	0	0
Ray McKinnon	0(3)	0	1	0	1(3)	0	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	17(2)	4	1	0	22(2)	0	0	0	0
Neil Midgley	8(2)	0	0	0	8(2)	3	0	0	3
Paul Read	0	0	0	0(1)	0(1)	0	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	2(1)	0	0	0(1)	2(2)	0	0	0	0
Efetobore Sodje	4(4)	1(1)	2	1	8(5)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Spring	28	5	1	1	35	6(1p)	2	0	8(1p)
Matthew Taylor	25	5	1	0	31	2	1	0	3
Tony Thorpe	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	1	0	0	1
Julian Watts	29	5	2	0	36	2	0	0	2
Alan White	3(1)	0	2	0	5(1)	0	0	0	0
Landry Zahana-Oni	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0

Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson



I DON'T suppose you enjoyed the result at Kenilworth Road on Saturday. Believe me, nor did the players.

Bournemouth started much better than we did, and we have to admit it was a fair

result on the day. I don't know why we started so slowly, but we had a good chat at half-time and thought we could come out for the second half and get something out of the game. But Bournemouth's second goal just about killed us off.

It was bad luck on Julian Watts - I can vouch for the fact that it is a horrible feeling when you stick the ball into your own net, but it happens now and again, even to the best players, and you have to pick yourself up and get on with the game. And if had not been for the Bournemouth goalkeeper Julian would have made amends with that header which was tipped over the bar.

We were chuckling before the match about Julian become our newest goal machine, with two in two games, but we didn't figure he would make it three in three quite like that!

On an afternoon of very few highlights for us, the goal by Emmerson Boyce was one to remember - it is good to see young players make rapid progress after they get their chance, and he has done remarkably well since he came into the team. It's just a shame that his first-ever goal in the league should be in a game we lost.

I enjoyed crossing swords again with my old mate Mark Stein, who is still a bit of a handful. The fact that we kept him off the scoresheet was very little consolation on a day when the team as a whole was second best. We had a drink and a chat after the match, and Mark said he thought that was probably the best Bournemouth have played all season. We might have known they would turn it on against us -

it's strange how they have become our bogey team.

When we looked at the fixtures for February we picked out tonight's game as one of the most difficult, and Saturday's results for us and Stoke, who also lost, should put an extra edge on the match.

They are having a very good season, but we all felt they were lucky to beat us at the Britannia Stadium a month ago.

The feeling in the dressing room is that we are glad to have a midweek match. There are few worse feelings in football than losing at home, and we are all impatient for an early chance to put the record straight.

The top half of the Second Division table is still pretty tight, and we know we cannot afford to drop too many points if we are to achieve our ambition. I suppose it is now a slim chance of reaching the play-offs, but we all know how quickly things can change in football, and while there is any chance at all we have got to go for it.

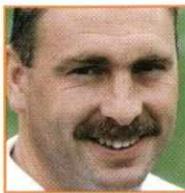
The February programme offered a possible 15 points. We have missed the first three because of Bournemouth's fine display, so we have to be all the more determined to string together another little run of good results. We will enjoy matching ourselves with Stoke, who have shown that they are one of the best teams in the Second Division. A good result tonight would set us up nicely for the match at Bury on Saturday. Then we have two home games, against Bristol Rovers and Brentford, and despite Saturday's hiccup I still fancy us strongly to do well in front of our own supporters.

First, of course, we have to do a lot better tonight than we did on Saturday, and I think we will.

Marvin Johnson

Treatment Room

Clive Goodyear



SATURDAY'S result against Bournemouth might have been a big disappointment, but at least we came through the game without adding to our injury list, and we are fast reaching the stage

when the manager will have even more competition for places in the side.

Andrew Fotiadis collected a kick on the shin against Bournemouth, but everyone else came through unscathed except for the regular knocks and bruises. Fotiadis has some bruising and soreness, but it is a minor problem, and if the manager selects him he can be involved in tonight's squad.



Andrew Fotiadis

Paul McLaren is well on the road back, and although he had no chance of being considered for tonight's game he is looking good in training. The dislocated toe has healed up completely and the reward for his hard work during the recovery process will probably be an outing tomorrow in the reserves at Barnet.

Having been out of action for more than a month he needs at least one game to get somewhere near match sharpness, but his general fitness is good and tomorrow's game will be about getting match practice rather than match fitness.

I will go to the game and keep an eye on him, but my hope is that he will get the full 90 minutes under his belt, and then if there is no adverse reaction in the next day or two he might well be in contention for a place in the first team squad again quite quickly. He might even make it in time for Saturday's match at Bury.

By then, if he is still our player, the same should be true of Alan White. Anti-biotics have cleared up the skin infection he had in one of his feet, and I was expecting him to resume normal training tomorrow, and probably be considered for tomorrow's reserve match.

That leaves Landry Zahana-Oni as my only other patient, and thankfully there is good news for him too. I reported in Saturday's column that he had been back to see the surgeon after getting further discomfort in his knee. Keyhole surgery was used to have a look at it, and the surgeon discovered a small near cartilage tear. It was cleaned up there and then in a minor routine operation.

He is already walking around quite well, and will do some work on improving the joint's mobility for a week or two. Then I would hope that he will be ready for full training shortly after that.

Clive Goodyear

Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery



SOMEWHERE in the ground tonight could be a supporter wondering how and where he lost a valuable item of personal property while he was in Blackpool to attend our match at Bloomfield Road.

I have had a letter from a young lady in Blackpool telling me that she has it, but all she knows about the owner is that he was a Luton Town supporter. If you recognise yourself from this, and can identify the item concerned, I will be pleased to play my part in reuniting the property with its rightful owner.

With plenty of football still to be played before this season is over, you might be interested to know that we are already laying the foundations for the 2000/2001 campaign.

I share the view of most supporters about the change back to traditional dates for next season's FA Cup. I thought it was unreal to have the third round in December, when it had to compete with Christmas shopping, instead of the normal first Saturday in January. We will be back to that next season, assuming that we get through rounds one and two, and I am delighted to hear it.

Without doubting the FA's motives for changing it this season, I am sure that just about every club involved found December 11 for the third round most unsatisfactory. Crowds were much smaller, as we saw to our cost at Craven Cottage. We took 2,346 fans, which was excellent, but the total gate was only just over 8,000. For league games before that Fulham were regularly attracting a minimum of 12,000 and nearly 20,000 for London derbies. Financially, we and Fulham lost out on the December 11 date, although of course the replay at Kenilworth Road and a crowd of just over 8,000 went some way towards making amends.

Speaking of dates for next season, I am already working on preparations before the League

programme begins. At present, the only firm early date for football diaries is August 19 as the first day of the Premiership season. Indications are that the Nationwide League fixtures will begin the previous Saturday, but that has not yet been confirmed.

We are planning a programme of pre-season games, and as soon as we know when and where they will be I will let you know. Hopefully there will be one attractive pre-season friendly at Kenilworth Road, probably on Monday August 7, and again we will publicise it as soon as arrangements are finalised.

Calls into my office this week included one from a football writer in Grimsby, and some supporters might like to help him. He is collecting "interesting football chants and songs - the funny ones relating to a particular club, player or situation, not the general ones heard at every club during every match."

If you want to help him, please make contact direct to Roy Bentham, at 2 Goldgarth, Grimsby, DN32 8QS.

Nearer to home I have been approached by a supporter living near Banbury, in Oxfordshire. He is finding it increasingly difficult to get to Kenilworth Road for matches, and wonders if there is anyone from his area prepared to offer him lifts to Luton. He will pay his share of the petrol costs, and if you can help please contact me.

Finally, we share the sadness of the family of Mrs Lil Gardiner, of Flitwick, who has died at the age of 78. Older supporters will recognise the name - she was the widow of Doug Gardiner, who played for us for five seasons immediately after the last war. Younger fans might also recall the name, because he was featured in the "Hatters on Card" page in the matchday magazine a few weeks ago. We send our condolences to the family.

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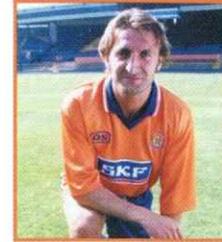
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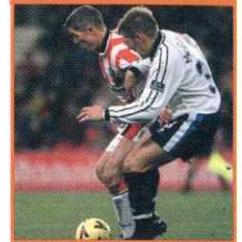
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Adam Locke



Graham Kavanagh



Two class players in tonight's game feature in our Carling Opta run down, the Town's Adam Locke and Stoke City's Graham Kavanagh

WHATEVER else happens this evening, the game between Luton and Stoke should guarantee goals.

In the last three matches (not including Saturday's game), Luton have scored nine goals, beating Reading and Cardiff along the way. Stoke had won three from their last five, and are one of Division Two's in-form sides.

Key to both team's good recent runs have been the contributions of the central midfielders, where for Luton Adam Locke has been in fine fettle, as has Stoke's fleck-haired maestro Graham Kavanagh.

Both men are instrumental players, versed in the art of not only getting forward and amongst the goals, but also not afraid to get back and help out their defences.

Locke has proved a particularly inspiring signing by boss Lennie Lawrence, who picked up the hard-working ex-Colchester man on a free-transfer from Bristol City in the summer. He has proved a shrewd capture, getting forward to net three goals already, while another two strikes have been created by Locke.

Impressively, Locke also has superior passing and dribbling completion ratios to Kavanagh who is widely renowned as one of the Nationwide Football League's most influential midfielders.

The former Middlesbrough player has appeared in more minutes of football than Locke in the league, and that goes some way to explaining why Kavanagh is more prolific in terms of goals, assists and passes. He also likes to drift wide and whip over crosses, as he has done on over 100 occasions and a tackle completion rate of 57 per cent is also impressive.

The Opta stats clearly illustrate just how important the two men are in all areas of midfield play, and the respective contributions of Locke and Kavanagh are sure to be crucial in deciding the destination of the points tonight.

	Locke	Kavanagh
Minutes on Pitch	1,199	2,371

Goal Attempts

Goals	3	5
Shots on Target (inc goals)	4	24
Shots off Target	8	31
Blocked Shots	2	25

Passing

Goal Assists	2	3
Total Passes	504	1115
Pass Completion	68%	67%

Crossing

Total Crosses	20	153
Cross Completion	25%	30%

Dribbling

Dribbles and Runs	17	64
Dribble Completion	94%	84%

Defending

Tackles Made	18	58
Tackles Won	56%	57%
Blocks	4	19
Clearances	27	58
Interceptions	2	24

Discipline

Fouls	18	35
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TONIGHT'S match ball sponsors, Tudor Garage Services, are enjoying a "second time lucky" occasion. Martyn Ginger, the owner of the business, had planned to sponsor the ball in December, when we were

originally due to entertain Stoke. But the game had to be postponed because we were busy on FA Cup duty at Craven Cottage.

But Mr Ginger was determined to make use of one of our many sponsorship packages, and promptly re-booked for the re-arranged game.

He explained: "We are an old Luton family, and I have a great belief in supporting your local club, rather than the Manchester Uniteds of this world. I found out about sponsorships at Kenilworth Road when I was a guest of another sponsor, and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience - it's a lovely way to enjoy football, and when I made enquiries I was pleasantly surprised to discover that it is not too expensive, and good value for money."

Tudor Garage Services, based in Gardenia Avenue, Luton, can trace its roots back to 1926 when Mr Ginger's grandfather started a haulage company in Luton. Older supporters might well remember the fleet of green tipper lorries that used to bustle around the Luton area bearing the name of A. Hobbs Ltd.

In 1983 the firm changed to its present set-up, servicing and repairing vehicles.

They are tuning and Diesel specialists, and Avis-approved for maintenance of fleet vehicles. MoT tests and a 24-hour recovery service are also part of the operation, and Martin, or workshop foreman Scott Boniface, will always be pleased to help you if you ring Luton 494028.

Both are at the game today, and so is Mr Ginger's father, Raymond. "It's a belated 70th birthday present for him," explained Martyn. "Officially he is retired, but he still does a bit of work in the business, and I know he will enjoy himself at Kenilworth Road. And perhaps one day we will see Luton back up there with the Manchester Uniteds of this world. I look forward to that!"

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Give me a ring on 01582 411622 for more information - we will be pleased to hear from you, and do our very best to come up with a package tailor-made to your requirements and budget.

John Bailey

GOLDEN GAMBLE

PRINTING deadlines mean that we are unable tonight to publish details of our latest Golden Gamble winner, from the game against Bournemouth.

But we can be pretty confident that one lucky supporter went home with a nice little earner, anything up to £500, from our quid-a-go competition. At the Reading match Kanti Thaurar, from Dalling Drive, Houghton Regis, tried the Golden Gamble, and collected £520 and this evening another lucky fan will go home with a similar sort of bonus.

We cannot guarantee the size of the jackpot, but Mr Thaurar was the season's 19th winner and their prizes totalled £7,833, an average of £412 each. Tickets cost only £1, and sellers are on duty in all parts of the ground. The prize fund is 50 per cent of the day's Golden Gamble takings, with the other half going to club funds, so even if you are not a winner, you are helping Luton Town FC, and your support is much appreciated. The draw is made during the interval, with the money handed over instantly.

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The sponsorship package includes:

- Publicity within the matchday programme for every league and club fixture for season 1999/2000.
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Hatters v Potters

Potters' Goals For & Against



Potters' Perpetrators

O'Connor	6
Mohan	5
Connor	4
Lightbourne	4
Kavanagh	3
Short	3
Clarke	2
Jacobsen	2
Keen	2
Sigursson	2
Thorne	2

n.b League Details Only

Hatters' Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded



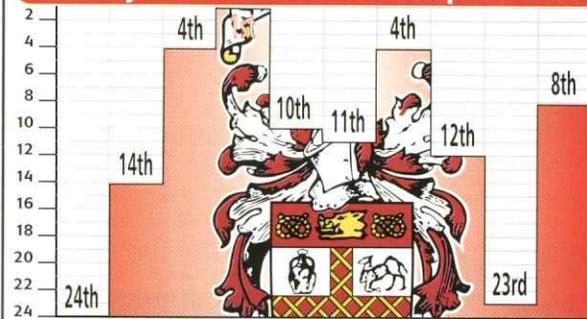
Potters' last time out

- Gavin Ward**
Goalkeeper 29 Apps 0 Goals
Age 29 Ht 6'2" Wt 13:06
Prev Club: Bolton Int.:-
- Nicky Mohan**
Defender 25 Apps 4 Goals
Age 29 Ht 6'0" Wt 13:07
Prev Club: Wycombe Int.:-
- Anders Jacobsen**
Defender 23(2) Apps 1 Goal
Age 31 Ht 6'3" Wt 13:07
Prev Club: Sheff Utd Int.:-
- Clive Clarke**
Defender 23(2) Apps 1 Goal
Age 20 Ht 6'1" Wt 12:05
Prev Club: - Int.:-
- Mikhael Hansson**
Defender 9(1) Apps 0 Goals
Age 31 Ht - Wt -
Prev Club: Norkopping Int.: Sweden
- Frode Kippe**
Defender 8 Apps 1 Goal
Age 22 Ht 6'2" Wt 12:00
Prev Club: on loan from Liverpool Int.:-
- Ben Petty**
Defender 3(4) Apps 0 Goals
Age 22 Ht 6'1" Wt 13:03
Prev Club: Villa Int.:-
- Graham Kavanagh**
Midfield 27(1) Apps 5 Goals
Age 26 Ht 5'10" Wt 12:06
Prev Club: Middlesbrough Int.: Ire
- Brynjar Gunnarsson**
Midfield 4(1) Apps 0 Goals
Age 24 Ht 6'0" Wt 11:00
Prev Club: Orgryte Int.: Iceland
- Peter Thorne**
Forward 27(1) Apps 9 Goals
Age 26 Ht 6'0" Wt 13:07
Prev Club: Swindon Int.:-
- Kyle Lightbourne**
Forward 22(2) Apps 6 Goals
Age 31 Ht 6'2" Wt 12:00
Prev Club: Coventry Int.: Bermuda
- Phil Robinson**
Midfield 14(6) Apps 1 Goal
Age 33 Ht 5'10" Wt 11:06
Prev Club: Notts County Int.:-
- Paul Connor**
Forward 12(8) Apps 4 Goals
Age 21 Ht 6'2" Wt 11:05
Prev Club: Middlesbrough Int.:-
- Matthew Bullock**
Midfield 4(3) Apps 0 Goals
Age 19 Ht 5'8" Wt 11:00
Prev Club: - Int.:-
- James O'Connor**
Midfield 25 Apps 3 Goals
Age 20 Ht 5'8" Wt 11:00
Prev Club: - Int.:-
- Kevin Keen**
Midfield 20(2) Apps 1 Goal
Age 32 Ht 5'7" Wt 10:10
Prev Club: Wolves Int.: Eng Yth

Luton's Goals For & Against

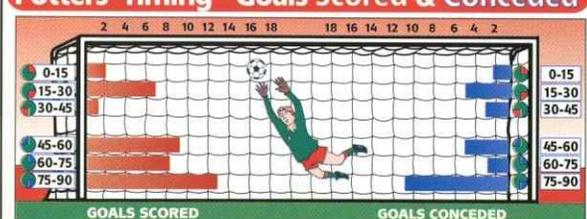


Stoke City's Last Ten Years - The Complete Record



Div.	2	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
F.A.	3	2	1	2	4	3	3	3	3	2
W.C.	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	1
L.S.	Biggins	Biggins	Biggins	Stein	Regis	Pachalido	Sheron	Sheron	Thorne	Kavanagh
Goals	10	12	22	26	10	13	15	18	12	11
Ave Att	2,458	11,574	12,982	16,556	15,968	12,910	12,279	12,748	15,003	12,732

Potters' Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded



Stoke City's Form Guide - Result, Points, Position

L	27	28	29	32	33	34	34	37	38	41	44	47	47	48	48
D	6	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	5	4	6	6	6
S	6	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	5	4	6	6	6
W	6	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	5	4	6	6	6

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Top performer for Luton in January was midfielder Matt Spring with a Matchman average of 7.50. For Stoke it was midfielder Brynjar Gunnarsson with 1 star rating in 3 games and an average of 7.66.

Team	Player	GP	SR	Ave
Blackpool	Junior Bent	4	0	7.1
Bournemouth	Steve Robinson	5	1	7.1
Brentford	Martin Rowlands	4	1	7.1
Bristol City	Mick Bell	4	2	7.1
Bristol Rovers	Robert Trees	3	2	7.1
Burnley	Mitchell Thomas	4	1	7.1
Bury	Daws / Reid	4	1	7.1
Cambridge	Trevor Benjamin	3	1	7.1
Cardiff	Mike Ford	3	1	7.1
Chesterfield	Ryan Williams	5	3	7.1
Colchester	Gavin Johnson	5	2	8.1
Gillingham	Paul Smith	3	1	7.1
Luton	Matthew Spring	4	0	7.1
Millwall	Paul Shaw	3	1	7.1
Notts County	Ian Richardson	4	2	7.1
Oldham	Shaun Garnett	5	2	7.1
Oxford	Jamie Cook	4	0	7.1
Preston	Rob Edwards	3	1	7.1
Reading	Darren Caskey	5	2	7.1
Scunthorpe	Lee Hodges	3	2	7.1
Stoke	Brynjar Gunnarsson	3	1	7.1
Wigan	Scott Green	4	1	7.1
Wrexham	Neil Roberts	4	2	8.1
Wycombe	Martin Taylor	4	2	7.1

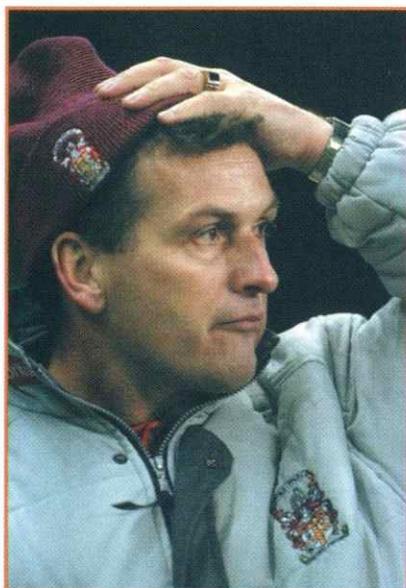
Form Guide shows last 15 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw.

Stoke City
 Ground: Britannia Stadium
 Capacity: 24,054
 Pitch Measurement: 116 x 72
 Record Attendance: 51,380 v Arsenal, Division 1, 29 Mar 1937
 Record Receipts: £160,000 v Newcastle
 United, Coca Cola Cup 3rd round, 25 Oct 1995
 Year Formed: 1863
 Record League Win: 10-3 v West Brom, Division 1, 4 Feb, 1937
 Record Cup Win: 7-1 v Burnley, FA Cup
 2nd round (replay), 20 Feb 1896
 Record Defeat: 0-10 v Preston North End, Division 1, 14 Sept 1889
 Most Lge Goals: 92, Division 3 (N), 1926-27
 Most Lge Points: 93, Division 2, 1992-93
 Top League scorer in a season: Freddie Steele, 33, Division 1, 1936-37
 Most Capped Player: Gordon Banks, 36 (73), England
 Most Lge Appearances: Eric Skeels, 506, 1958-76

Tonight's Visitors



welcome to Stoke City



GUDJON THORDARSON (MANAGER)

44 year old Thordarson was the original catalyst behind the Icelandic takeover which was first hatched back in February at Stoke City. He was appointed manager on 15th November 1999 and signed a five year contract. Twenty-five matches, eleven wins, six draws and eight defeats.

- 1989: Icelandic Championship, KA
- 1991: Icelandic 2nd Division Championship IA
- 1991: Icelandic League Championship, IA
- 1993: Icelandic League and Cup double, IA
- 1994: Icelandic Cup, KR
- 1995: Icelandic Cup, KR
- 1996: Icelandic League and Cup double, IA
- 1997-1999: Icelandic national coach.



STOKE CITY FOOTBALL CLUB 1999/2000

the players

JOHN RUDGE (ASSISTANT MANAGER)

John was released by Wolves as a schoolboy and then joined Huddersfield as an apprentice. His playing career took him to Carlisle, Bristol Rovers and Bournemouth. He began coaching at Torquay United before being asked to assist John McGrath at Port Vale. He then took temporary charge of Port Vale in December 1983 and was appointed manager in March 1964. His reign lasted 843 games and he left Port Vale in January 1999. He was appointed as the new Football Executive at Stoke City in July last year.

GAVIN WARD (GOALKEEPER)

A free transfer from Bolton Wanderers. Was previously with Brian Little at Leicester City. He started his career as a trainee at Villa Park and moved on to Shrewsbury, West Brom, Cardiff, Leicester, Bradford and Bolton.

STUART FRASER (GOALKEEPER)

Stuart's previous clubs include Cheltenham Town and Newcastle Town. Has been on the bench all season, as back up to Gavin Ward.

PHIL ROBINSON (DEFENCE)

Vastly experienced midfielder who helped Notts County to the Third Division title two seasons ago. A free transfer capture. Other previous clubs include Aston Villa, Wolves, Birmingham, Huddersfield, Northampton and Chesterfield.

BEN PETTY (DEFENCE)

Ben was signed from Aston Villa on a two and a half year contract after being released by John Gregory. He was at Villa Park for six years.



Gavin Ward

CLIVE CLARK (DEFENCE)

This Irish youngster has just signed a two year contract after appearing in the first team squad at the end of last season.

BRYAN SMALL (DEFENCE)

Previously with Aston Villa, Birmingham, Bolton and Bury. Was reunited with his former Villa boss Brian Little at Stoke after being released by Bolton. An attacking left back, he made a big impression on loan at Bury last season, helping the club to First Division safety. Bury wanted to sign him permanently, but could not strike a deal, and Little moved in. Former England under 21 international, capped 12 times.

LEE COLLINS (DEFENCE)

The centre half was signed after being at Aston Villa for six years. He has joined on a free transfer and has signed a contract to keep him at the Britannia Stadium until June 2001. He made his Stoke City debut away at Millwall on 20th February 1999.

NICKY MOHAN (DEFENCE)

A central defender signed from Wycombe Wanderers. Previous clubs include Middlesbrough, Leicester City and Bradford City who sold him to Wycombe Wanderers for £80,000.

ANDERS JACOBSEN (DEFENCE)

Norwegian, Jacobsen was signed in August 1999 from Sheffield United on a free transfer, and has agreed a 12 month contract.

MIKAEL HANSSON (DEFENCE)

31 year old defender signed from Swedish side Norkopping. Made his debut when coming on as a sub in the 1-1 draw at Oxford United in December. He signed an 18 month contract after Stoke paid a nominal fee to secure his services. He



Frode Kippe

Tonight's Visitors

the players

collected one full cap for Sweden and scored 19 goals in 205 League games for Norkopping.

FRODE KIPPE (DEFENCE)

Another Norwegian, signed on a one month loan from Liverpool. Came from Lillestrom 18 months ago for £700,000 rising up to £2 million depending on appearances.

BRYNJAR GUNNARSON (DEFENCE)

Played 21 times for his country, Iceland. Cost City a club record transfer fee of £600,000 when he signed a three and a half year deal in December 1999 from Swedish side Orgryte.

GRAHAM KAVANAGH (MIDFIELD)

Scored twelve goals from midfield in the last campaign - including some of the finest of the season. He cost £500,000 from Middlesbrough three years ago.

ROBERT HEATH (MIDFIELD)

Has followed the well trodden path of Andrew Griffin and Dean Crowe from the youth side to the

first team, making his full debut at Crewe in April 1998.

DAVID OLDFIELD (MIDFIELD)

The Brian Little connection sealed his move to Stoke after three years at Kenilworth Road. Signed on a free, he linked up with Little again to renew the partnership first forged at Leicester. Oldfield's experience could see him utilised in midfield rather than the attacking role of his earlier years.

CHRIS SHORT (MIDFIELD)

One of Brian Little's first signings, on a free transfer after his contract expired at Sheffield United. The younger brother of Everton's Craig Short, he can play full back or centre half and will give the squad options. Made his debut for Scarborough in 1988 aged 18 and has since clocked up over 300 League games.

JAMES O'CONNOR (MIDFIELD)

This young Irish international has just signed a two year contract after being introduced to first team football last season.

KEVIN KEENE (MIDFIELD)

Previously with West Ham and Wolves. Kevin was given a free transfer at the end of last season by Brian Little but new manager Gary Megson has resigned him on a one year contract. Last season's 'Supporters' Player of the Year' and sure to be a favourite again this season should his form continue.

MATTHEW BULLOCK (MIDFIELD)

Played for England U16 squad. Now 18, he made his first senior appearance for Stoke City against Bournemouth.

EINOR THOR DANIELSSON (MIDFIELD)

Icelandic international who scored on his debut when coming on as a sub for the injured Gislason in a 4-0 win at Wycombe in November last year. Signed on loan until April from KR Sport Reykjavik.

SIGURSTEINN GISLASON (MIDFIELD)

Another Icelandic international who was also signed on loan until April from KR Sport Reykjavik. Made his debut alongside team mate Danielsson against Wycombe last November.

PETER THORNE (ATTACK)

Bought for a tribunal fixed £400,000 from Swindon after the £2.5 million sale of Mike Sheron to QPR. Scored 9 League goals last season and made 32 League appearances.

DEAN CROWE (ATTACK)

This 20 year old striker scored 8 League goals last season having made only 17 League appearances.

KYLE LIGHTBOURNE (ATTACK)

Chris Kamara's one major signing for Stoke, costing £500,000 from Coventry last February. He scored 7 League goals last season and made 29 League appearances.

STEPHEN TAAFFE (ATTACK)

Graduate from the YTS school held in high regard by City's coaching staff.

PAUL CONNOR (ATTACK)

Paul, aged 20, was bought in on loan from Middlesbrough and has signed a two year contract. Scored twice against Walsall in the final game of last season on his second League appearance.



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Hatters Abroad

carrying the colours



HE MUST have been having a laugh when he wrote it, but Town fan Paul Buckley is in this picture taken on a sun-kissed beach in Gambia, and says it shows him drumming up support for the Hatters.

He flew the flag while on a fishing holiday, and by now other pictures similar to this one are scattered all over the world.

Paul, from Waterloo Road, Linslade, explained that the sight of the Gambians posing with the LTFC flag attracted a lot of tourists with cameras. The fishing, he adds, was excellent, because the travel agent is his pal, and offers discounts to Luton Town supporters. We think he was angling for a free advert...

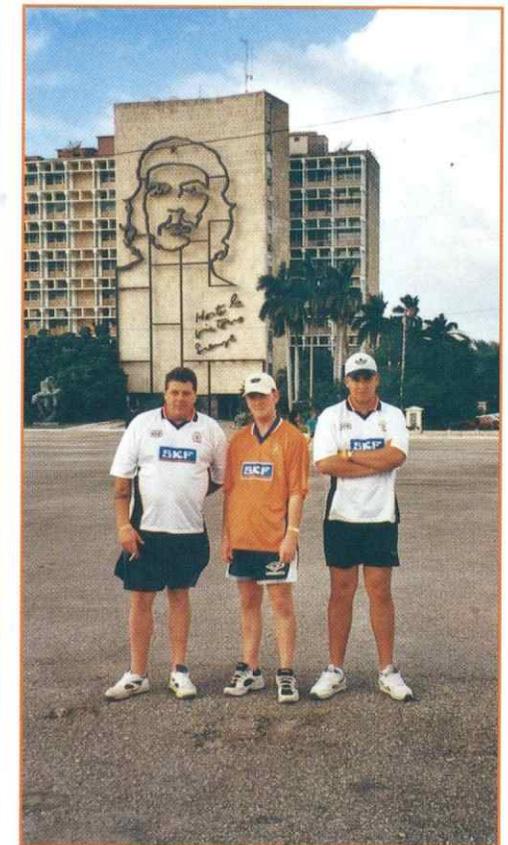
OUR Hatters Abroad feature is open to all fans - if you have an interesting snap of Town kit in far-flung places, or even close to home if the subject or location is picturesque, we would like to consider it for publication. Please send it, with a few details, to the matchday magazine editor at Luton 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.

WE HAVE had a few famous faces in the matchday magazine over the years, but we think this is the first time we have ever featured Che Guevara, hero or villain, according to your view for his revolutionary exploits on the other side of the Atlantic.

The famous football kit in front of the representation of Che, is being modelled by brothers Mark and Lewis Durbridge, and Richard Skelcher.

Mark, from Mynns Close, Epsom, organised the photograph while the three Town supporters were on holiday in Cuba. The location is Revolutionary Square, in Havana.



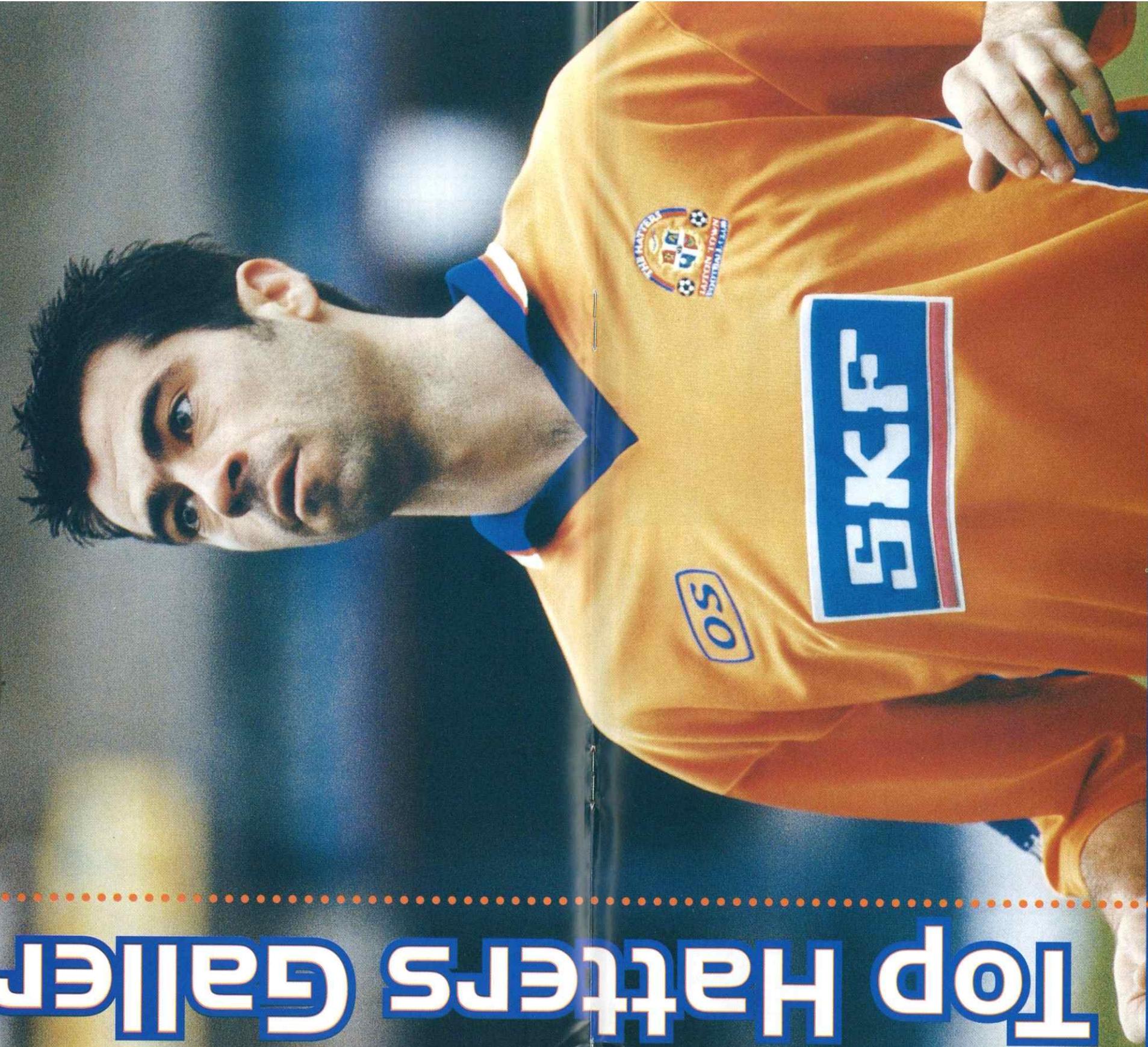
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Top Hatters Gallery



Julian Watts

Born: Sheffield, 17.3.71

Previous clubs: Rotherham, Sheffield Wednesday, Leicester City, Bristol City

Joined Luton Town: August 1999

Luton debut: v Notts County (A) 7.8.99

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Hatters Away

travel information

Bury v Luton Town

Saturday 12th February, kick-off 3pm

WE HEAD for Lancashire next Saturday, for our only away match in February, at Gigg Lane, Bury, and as usual Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club will be running coaches to the game.

The Bobbers will have a coach leaving Cranfield at 8.30am, with various pick-up points on the way to Luton, and departure time from Kenilworth Road is 9.30. The fare is £12.50 adults, and £10.50 for junior and senior citizens and tickets can be bought at the Bobbers Travel Club kiosk before home matches, or by phone call to Paul Deason after 6pm on 01234 750996. He will also be pleased to enrol you into the Bobbers Travel Club - membership is obligatory to use the service, but life membership costs only £1.

Town on Tour, an offshoot of the Luton Town Supporters Club, set off at 10 am, picking up at Milton Keynes Coachway 20 minutes later. The fare is £14 for adult members of LTSC, £11 for

concessions, and £15.50 for all others. You can book at the LTSC kiosk in Kenilworth Road before or after tonight's game, or through the club shop at other times.

Stewarded car parking is available for all coach travellers at Maple Road, price £3.

DIY Travellers

IN NORMAL traffic conditions, the drive to Bury takes about three hours. Leave Luton on the M1 north, then take the M6. Continue up to junction 21a, where you leave M6 and turn right onto the M60. Leave M60 at junction 17, and follow the A56 towards Bury town centre. From the motorway exit it is 3.1miles before a right turn into Gigg Lane, and the last time we were there it was signposted to the football ground.

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Roger Wash

Hatters fight back against the Potters



After escaping relegation at the death in 1993, in what would have been the Town's second successive demotion, manager David Pleat and his players hoped that the new campaign would bring about a period of stability and perhaps even a return to the top flight.

Unfortunately, after a bright opening game, when local rivals Watford were seen off at Kenilworth Road, the Hatters went on a run of six games without tasting further victory which sent them tumbling down the table once more.

The poor run was finally ended in emphatic style when Barnsley were thrashed 5-0 at Kenilworth Road although the 'Tykes' played for most of the game with only ten men after Gerry Taggart was sent off for a bad foul on Julian James. Celebrations were cut short, however, when it was pointed out that the Town's only two victories had been against depleted sides, as Watford had actually been reduced to nine men on the opening day!

By the time of the visit of Stoke to Kenilworth Road on 27th November the Town had played another nine games since beating Barnsley but had won only three of them and losing the other six and it was no surprise that we were hovering just above the relegation places but only two points off the bottom.

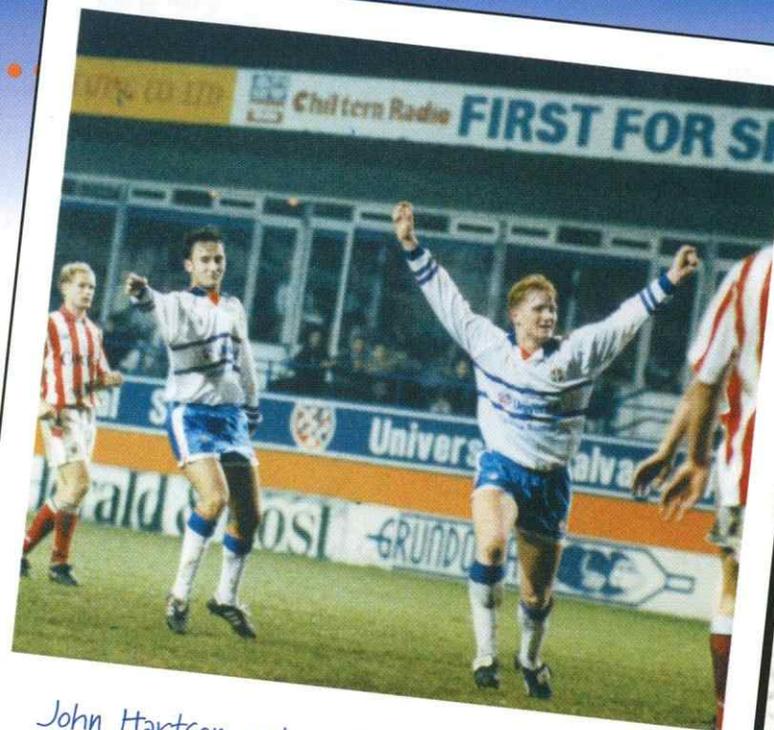
Off field problems had raised their head once more in the shape Chairman David Kohler's decision to sell the club to the Ellingham and Mitchell consortium. The 'will they, won't they sign' saga went on for weeks with claims and counterclaims reverberating around the corridors of Kenilworth Road which obviously had an unsettling effect on all those involved with the club.

The Town had been due to play Wolves at Kenilworth Road the week before the visit of Stoke but the game had been called off at the eleventh hour due to an icy pitch. It was hoped that the extra week would give David Pleat the time to get some of his injured players fit. As it turned out he failed, as Marvin Johnson, Julian James, David Greene and David Preece all failed to make the starting line up. Paul Telfer was a late casualty and John Dreyer was out through suspension.

Stoke had eyes on the other end of the table and were sitting comfortably in eighth spot only seven points off the top. They had, though, suffered a blow earlier in the month when Lou Macari, who had led them to the championship of Division Two the previous season, had decided to move to Celtic, one of his old clubs, as manager. His replacement, Joe Jordan, had only one decision to make before the trip to Kenilworth Road which was whether to use loan signing from Celtic, Gordon Marshall, in goal or recall out of form Mark Prudhoe. He decided to give ex-Scotland international Marshall his debut.

The supporters heads were in their hands as early as the second minute when a mistake from young Jamie Campbell, deputising for Dreyer in central defence, gifted the ball to Potters' Dave Regis who made no mistake with a low strike. It got even worse a few minutes later when Des Linton headed Toddy Orlygsson's corner into his own net.

The players did not have long to feel sorry for themselves as within two minutes Kerry Dixon had reduced the deficit. Dixon, probably the only player to have benefited from the enforced lay-off the previous week after being out for a large part of the season through injury, took a pass from Ceri Hughes in his stride and hammered a 25 yard shot into the top corner.



John Hartson makes it 6-2 for the Town.

Suddenly the Town had clicked into gear and almost everything they tried came off. After 35 minutes Hughes hit a 25 yarder past Marshall from a short free kick taken by Alan Harper and two minutes later the recovery was complete when Scott Oakes fired a left foot drive into the bottom corner of the net. Mitchell Thomas, on loan from West Ham and making his second home debut after seven years away from Kenilworth Road, hit a low cross to the back of the penalty area where another loaneer, Paul Dickov, sold the Stoke defence a dummy leaving the way open for Oakes.

The Potters changed formation for the second half in a bid to save the game and for a time caused a few anxious moments in the Luton defence. Trevor Peake, however, swept up brilliantly to hold together the makeshift Hatters back line as the game gradually swung away from Stoke once more.

Minutes after John Hartson came on for Dickov, who had broken his nose, the Town

made the game safe when, after a good run and pass from Oakes, a thundering right foot shot from Dixon gave the goalkeeper no chance.

The scoring was still not complete for on 79 minutes Dixon converted an Oakes cross with his head for his first hat-trick in Luton colours and the first by a Town player since Lars Elstrup hit three at Norwich three years before. Tony Thorpe was then introduced to the fray for his first taste of league action, replacing the tiring Jason Rees, and was instrumental in the four man move that set up Hartson to side foot in a last minute goal to make it a resounding 6-2 victory, the Hatters best for five years.

Luton: Sommer, Linton, Thomas, Harper, Peake, Campbell, Hughes, Oakes, Dixon, Rees (Thorpe), Dickov (Hartson).

Stoke: Marshall, Butler, Overson, Sandford, Cowan, Orlygsson, Foley, Ware, Gleghorn, Carruthers (Bannister), Regis.

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ntl: SCHOOL VISIT PROJECT



February half term just around the corner and already our coaches have been to lots of schools in our area and with all our old friends contacting us, as well as a few new ones, the School Visit Project 2000 is well and truly under way. In fact, believe it or not, we are already booking schools in for visits well into May - so please contact us well in advance of when you would like us to visit.

As many schools now know, the Project is jointly funded by NTL and Sportsmatch and aims to provide curriculum time PE and football coaching in schools to pupils of all abilities. What some

schools may not know, however, is that we are able to stretch the curriculum, which we know is overloaded, to include early morning sessions and lunchtimes. We already run two breakfast clubs in Luton and Toddington which sees our coaches and pupils playing at 7.30 in the morning - we are really impressed with their attitude and dedication and also to the mums and dads who make the school run even earlier than normal!

If you would like your school to take part in the School Visit Project 2000 or would like further information then simply contact the Community & Schools Dept., at the Club and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have or to book a visit for the school. The number to ring is 01582 411622 - we look forward to hearing from you.



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at 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

AMPTHILL

TUESDAYS

Alameda Middle School
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 3 to 4
at 4.50 pm to 5.45 pm

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Hatters On Card

Alan Robinson

FOOTBALL cards have come in many different sizes over the years, from miniature photographs to some bigger than postcards. Definitely on the small side were cards bearing caricatures of players that were given away by Clevedon Confectionery in 1961.

Featured at No. 9 of this superb 50-card set was Allan Brown, who is an appropriate choice for tonight's column, because this week in February always seemed to be an eventful time in his career at Luton.

It was early in February 1957 that the Luton directors agreed to pay Blackpool what was then a Luton record transfer fee of £12,000 for his services. The Town were at the wrong end of the old First Division at the time, and needed more firepower in attack.

Part of the problem was that they relied heavily on the great Gordon Turner up front, but Brown made an immediate impact, scoring on his debut in a 2-1 victory at Leeds.

Almost a year to the day later, he netted twice in the 7-1 rout of Sunderland at Kenilworth Road, while on February 7 1959 he notched a hat-trick in an emphatic 6-2 home win over Burnley.

Brown was born in Kennoway, Scotland, in October 1926, and first came to prominence with East Fife. In 1950, shortly after winning the first of his 13 Scottish caps, he moved south to Blackpool.

While at Bloomfield Road he twice missed out on Wembley Cup finals due to injury, but after his move to Luton he put that right by playing a big part in the Hatters' run to their only FA Cup final appearance so far, in 1959.

Unfortunately, as we know only too well, it ended in defeat by Nottingham Forest, but it could have been so different had Brown's flying header not gone inches wide of the post in the game's dying minutes.

Brown was noted as a powerful inside-forward with a powerful shot, but it is interesting to note that by the time he was transferred to Portsmouth in 1961 - February, naturally! - he had worn every outfield shirt bar the full back's.

After his playing days ended he turned to management, with Wigan before the Town once again turned to him when they were in trouble. That was in November 1966 when we were near the foot of the Fourth Division. Such was Brown's managerial impact that we avoided re-election, and by the end of the following season Luton walked away with the championship to begin the long haul back.

Following his sudden departure from office in December 1968 Brown had spells in charge at Torquay, Bury, Nottingham Forest, Southport and Blackpool twice.

He still lives in the seaside town, but his affection for the Hatters was rekindled when, along with the other surviving members of the 1959 Wembley team, he was invited here as a guest last May. He has since become a regular at Town games, thanks to the good offices of Danny and Elsie Clubb of Blackpool.

Allan may be interested to know that the little card bearing his likeness has rapidly risen in value recently - I saw it on offer not long ago for £6.



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Junior Hatters

welcome

Today's Mascot



WE HAVE a lot of girls among our members in the Junior Hatters, and tonight the luck of the draw means that our mascot is prettier than usual. The name of Laura Warren was picked out by a computer, and it will be an occasion to

remember for her and her family.

Aged 14, Laura lives at Weltmore Road, Limbury Mead, and goes to Lea Manor High School. As well as watching the Town - usually from the Enclosure along with her dad, Chris, and Uncle Craig - she enjoys karate, reading and music.

This evening she is treated as a VIP guest, which means she sees something of what goes on behind the scenes in the build-up to the game.

She will also have a chance to take a shot at goal on the pitch during the warm-up, and then accompany skipper Marvin Johnson to the centre circle to meet Stoke's skipper, and the referee and assistants when they gather for the toss of the coin to decide choice of ends.

We are sure Laura will enjoy herself, especially when she is able to chat with Liam George, because the striker is her favourite player.

IF YOU like watching Luton Town, the Junior Hatters offers one of the best ways of following the team away from home. We have regular visits to other clubs, at bargain prices, to see the Town in action in grounds all over the country.

We are planning a trip to Bury next Saturday, leaving Luton at 9.30 am and getting home at about 9pm. We will join up with the Young Shakers in their club room before the game, and the price is £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for others, including a match ticket.

You can book at the Town ticket office in Kenilworth Road, in person or by phone to Luton 416976, and if you are not already a member, that is the place to go to ask about becoming a Junior Hatter.

OUR Saturday Club is in full swing for weekend home games, and offers very good value for Junior Hatters. We meet at Dallow School at 12 noon, and enjoy various games and quizzes before watching the match. It is fully supervised, and the price is £5 for Junior Hatters who have season tickets, or £9 with a match ticket included. We provide a lunch of sausage and chips, with a drink. Contact the ticket office in Kenilworth Road for more information.

WE have a run of three home matches in the four February weekends, plus a midweek game against Stoke, so there will be plenty of opportunities for Junior Hatters to get together in the next few weeks.

Saturday Club

Always popular is our Saturday Club, and we think it is very good value for money for all young supporters of the Town.

We meet at Dallow School at 12 noon, and if the weather is kind we use the Dallow pitch for football matches. 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.

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.

Contact the ticket office in Kenilworth Road for more information.

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THE NAMES of the men who played for us in the Littlewoods Cup final at Wembley in 1988 have gone down in Luton Town folklore, and tonight we are pleased to pass on an offer for a very special set of their autographs.

Peter Devine, of 36 Winfield Street, Dunstable, LU6 1LS, writes:

"I am in possession of a football signed by the Luton Town 1988 Littlewoods Cup winning team, and I wish to sell it in order to give the proceeds to charity. I have no idea what the football is worth, so I am open to offers.

It was won in a raffle in October 1999 at the Queensway Hall in Dunstable.

Please would you pass this letter on to the Supporters Club for me, so that hopefully a supporter will contact me and buy the football, and a charity will benefit. The actual charity has not yet been decided upon, but it will definitely be one connected with St. Vincent's Church in Houghton Regis."

Luton Town Supporters Club will publicise Mr. Devine's plea in the next edition of its newsletter, which goes out to all members. We hope he gets a good price, and if you are interested please contact him direct.

For the record, the Town team on that wonderful afternoon in April 1988 was Andy Dibble, Tim Breacker, Rob Johnson, Ricky Hill, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy, Danny Wilson, Brian Stein, Mick Harford, David Preece and Kingsley Black, and the subs who went on were Mark Stein and Ashley Grimes.

POTTERS' PLEA

STOKE fans living far away from the Britannia Stadium might like to know about the Stoke City Southern Supporters Club, which is always ready to accept new members. Each subscription includes ten copies of Potters Monthly, containing full match reports and "other articles of interest to exiled Stokies."

Travel from the London area to Stoke home games is on offer, and the SCSSC also has its own football, pool and darts teams.

For further information, please contact Andy Peck on Luton 427298 or Paul Ruane on 01992 553351.



YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

FOLLOWING an increase in membership, and the growing success of its Town on Tour travel operation, Luton Town Supporters Club is looking for new recruits to its committee.

The club is probably best known for its series of guest speaker evenings - see page 38 for a report on the latest, when Chairman Cliff Bassett was on the platform - but behind the scenes volunteers work on various other duties.

Help is wanted in many ways, from magazine production, organising meetings and stewarding coaches to away games. New ideas are always welcome, and the man to contact is LTSC Chairman Mark Chapman, either by writing to him care-of Luton Town FC, or by visiting the LTSC kiosk in Kenilworth Road before or after any home match.

And on the subject of the Supporters Club, the annual end-of-season party, at which various players of the year collect their awards, is to be held on Sunday April 30 at the Kent Sports Club, Tenby Drive, Luton.

Further details will be given nearer the date.

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In off the Post

programmes wanted

COLLECTING football programmes has always been a popular hobby, and pleas for help have been rolling in recently. We are delighted to pass them on, and if you are interested in any of the letters on this page, please make contact direct with the writers.

I AM a Fulham supporter looking for five programmes of Luton v Fulham matches, all played at Luton, to complete my collection. The games were played on October 13 1945, January 4 1947, March 26 1948, April 18 1949 and March 12 1955. I would be very grateful if anybody can help me.

Peter Blunden
Telephone 01444 457316

I AM trying to complete a full set of programmes for Aston Villa's FA Cup run in 1956/57, but am having great difficulty in finding a copy for the game at Luton and the subsequent replay at Villa Park. Is there anyone, or a dealer, in the Luton area who can help?

Michael Jeanes, 21 Thirlmere Close,
Daventry, NN11 5EG

I AM writing in the hope that you can help me to purchase the following programme for my collection: Luton Town v Notts County, February 5, 1974. If anyone can help I would be very grateful.

Darryl Broughton, 31 Marlwood,
Cotgrave, Nottingham NG12 3NS

I AM a collector of Luton Town programmes, and I have a list of ones I am seeking to buy. It goes back to the 1968/69 season, but there are others I require dating back to 1960. I also have a couple of hundred spares, so if anyone else needs help, please do not hesitate to contact me. All correspondence will be answered.

Home programmes wanted: 1986/87 Sept 23 v Cardiff, League Cup, game cancelled; 1968/69 Jan 11 v Crewe, postponed; 1968/69 v Stockport, postponed.

Away games: Feb 97 Bristol Rovers; Dec 69 Bristol Rovers postponed; Apr 82 Cambridge; Jan 96 Crystal Palace, single sheet insert, postponed; Oct 73 Grimsby; Aug 74 Orient; Feb 83 Man Utd postponed; Apr 70 Mansfield; Feb 78 Notts Co; Nov 76 Notts Co; Sep 77 Notts Co; Apr 76 Oxford; Apr 96 Port Vale; Mar 70 Rochdale postponed; Jan 80 Swansea postponed; Mar 72 Swindon postponed.

Dale James, 15 Briar Close, Stopsley,
Luton LU2 8EA

WANTED: a Wigan v Luton Town programme from the game played on October 2, 1944. I am willing to pay a good price.

A. J. Weston, 64 Anstey Road, Perry Barr,
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chairman meets the fans

Brian Swain reports

THE long-time dream of a new stadium for Luton Town could become a reality within three years. And by then we should be in the First Division, with chairman Cliff Bassett expecting promotion to be achieved next season if we fail to make it this time around.

Those were just two of the subjects covered at a packed meeting of Luton Town Supporters Club when Mr Bassett faced the fans, and spoke to them from the heart, for the first time since he won the bitter battle with David Kohler to take control of the club.

After two hours of answering questions, he was given the longest ovation anyone could remember any guest receiving in the 13 years the LTSC has been organising such events.

With him was Rod Fountain, the Town's director of business development, who gave a run-down on what has been happening since the club came out of receivership.

He praised Lennie Lawrence for doing a fantastic job in keeping a good team together despite financial restrictions, and club secretary and chief executive Cherry Newbery and her staff for doing an excellent job when mayhem was going on all around them.

And there will be changes in the future: "Cliff Bassett does not want to continue with everything on his own shoulders. He wants others to be involved, and running a football club must not just be a one-man ego trip.

"We have been inundated with people willing to invest, and our task now is to analyse who is best to take the club forward. We have received a number of very interesting applications and proposals, and we are reviewing them. Although there is a lot of money about, Cliff has decided he doesn't want just anybody's money. There must be guarantees for the future.

"For instance, people will have to show they have deep pockets, not just by buying stock in the club, but by introducing working capital, certainly until a new stadium can be built.

"And we don't want the club to be put into a position where people put in their money, and then take it out by player sales.

"New investors must have an understanding of the club, where we are, what we are, and where we are going.

"The new stadium plans must be relevant to the town. Developers might like to go in and make a big profit, but that must not happen at the expense of the football club's ability to earn revenue.

"And anyone coming in must understand what is happening in professional football, and get us to where we want to be in three or four years time, including improving facilities for fans and players alike until we get to the new stadium."

The audience was then invited to throw questions at Mr Bassett, and a very lively session ensued. To give a flavour of the night, the questions included a wide range of subjects, and inevitably some have had to be omitted from this report because of space considerations. But we thought readers might be most interested in these, with Mr Bassett's replies quoted each time:

Q: Where do you think Luton Town will be in two years time?

A: Still here at Kenilworth Road, but the new stadium plans should be well under way by then. And if we can hold this team together I would hope we will be in Division One. We have got our best young players under contract, and a slight strengthening, and retaining the majority of the squad, would give us a very good chance of promotion next season, if we don't make it this time. It's not impossible this season, but when I first took over I asked Lennie Lawrence his thoughts on our prospects, and his judgement then was that we were going to be a top eight side. I think he is right.

Q: What sort of stadium are you planning, and where?

A: A total of 26 sites were looked at in David Kohler's time, and everyone agreed that junction 10 of the M1 was the only realistic one. It's a great place for a stadium, and if we can build there the development potential will aid funding of the stadium. It would take about

18 months to build, and from what happened over the previous scheme, we believe that if we went for something with a capacity of between 12,000 and 15,000 it would not be called in for another public enquiry. You might think that is a small capacity, but technology is changing all the time. A lot of us like going to football matches to be part of the event, but there are also a lot more who want to sit at home to watch games, and we want to attract the armchair fans as well.

Q: How long is it all going to take, and what big announcements can we expect in the next two years?

A: These are guesstimates, but a planning application should be ready within the next three to six months. Then I would hope we could get through the planning procedures in three months. And I am told that from then, the new stadium could be built and ready in two years.

Q: Would it not be better to invest in the team, and attract more into Kenilworth Road? Look at Reading and Stoke, with wonderful new grounds but teams playing to half-full attendances.

A: No. A good team and a new stadium must go together. We cannot sustain a First Division club in these facilities at Kenilworth Road, and for the last eight years we have heard a lot of talk, and no gain. The previous scheme was not relevant to what was possible for Luton Town. Any town would have been proud to have something like that, but you have to live in the real world. It was going to cost between 35 and 40 million pounds, and that needs a lot of financial backing. Now there is a realism about our plans.

Q: As you look at potential investors, can you guarantee David Kohler will not be among them?

A: The biggest deterrent to that is yourselves! But there will be safeguards to ensure the

situation does not arise again where any one person can have total control, without the finance to back it up. I want to see a working board of directors, and no-one should hold more than 15 or 20 per cent of the shares at any one time. The spread is important.

Q: What about FLAG's involvement?

A: It is essential that there should be a community base within the football club, and of course if they have money to invest they are welcome. The football club is for the local community, and the local community has got to be for the football club. A good football club is good for the town.

The night was not all deadly serious, with plenty of chuckles over light-hearted suggestions from a crowded room that was obviously very much on the chairman's side.

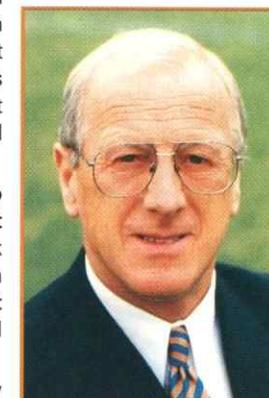
The audience liked the point a Stopsley fan made. He wanted to know why Vauxhall, once our shirt sponsors, were not supporting the club like they used to.

He was told that the club had tried, but relationships between the club and Vauxhall had deteriorated under the previous Kenilworth Road ownership. Vauxhall's promotional cash was

already spoken for, but the relationship was improving, and the club had been promised co-operation. So where was the Vauxhall sponsorship budget going? To Leicester Tigers Rugby Club was one answer.

The questioner jumped back to his feet: "That's disgraceful. Luton's biggest employer sponsoring a rugby club at Leicester, and not Luton Town. That's something everyone should know about. The press should have a go, and embarrass Vauxhall. So should that bloke Gaunt, with the big mouth on the radio."

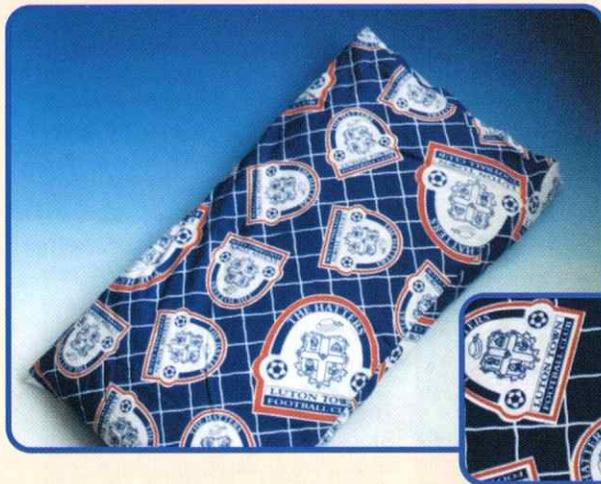
For once, there was no comment from Mr Bassett, and the evening ended with a unanimous vote of thanks.



LTSC Chairman
Cliff Bassett

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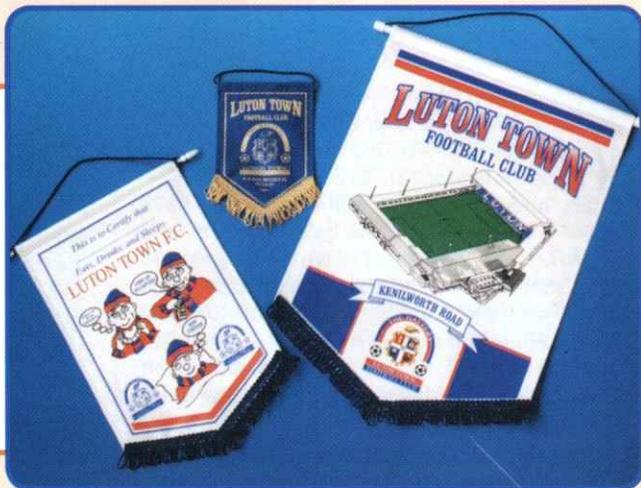
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The Reserves

Trevor Hartley and John Moore



SUPPORTERS looking at the results in the Avon Insurance Combination must be wondering why we are doing so badly this season. We are struggling at the wrong end of the table, and obviously we are disappointed about that.

But if you look back over the past 12 months, there is one very important contribution the reserves have made to the well-being of the club, in players who have become established in the Nationwide League.

Young players have had to come through to fill a void. For well-documented reasons, the first team has lost a string of good players in the last 12 months or so - Steve Davis, Mitchell Thomas, Graham Alexander, Sean Evers, Kelvin Davis, Chris Willmott.

Now look at the current first team squad, and note who has had to come out of the reserves to do a job in the Second Division. Nathan Abbey, Emmerson Boyce, Gary Doherty, Andrew Fotiadis, Stuart Fraser, Matthew Taylor, Andre Scarlett and Michael McIndoe would quite possibly still be reserve team players if they were at other clubs. And take a look at the subs bench in league matches this season - there have been times when three of the five have been from the youth team, let alone the reserves.

At Luton, boys get their chance in the first team, and that has been particularly true this season. But that has a knock-on effect on the reserve and youth team squads. Lennie Lawrence obviously has first call on all players, so if we have a reserve fixture on a Wednesday, and he knows he is going to need three



or four from the reserve squad for his league party for Saturday, they have to be left out of the midweek game to avoid injury risk.

We then find ourselves filling up with trialists and boys from the youth squad, and not surprisingly we have found all too often that more experienced opposition teams beat us.

It was true of last week's match with QPR: we included two trialists, and seven youth squad members. Andrew Fotiadis and Michael McIndoe were our only two senior professionals playing. On the bench all five subs were from the youth team.

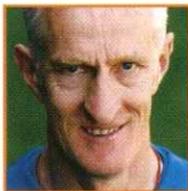
QPR came with a list of instantly-recognisable names, including four internationals, and went home with a deserved 2-0 win. It put them on top of the Avon Insurance Combination table. They might go on to win the championship and good luck to them.

At Kenilworth Road, the reserve team is about finding and improving players rather than on getting results. We don't like losing, but the long-term objectives are more important than individual match results. And Combination games underline the big step up we ask so many youngsters to make - a year ago we were on our way to winning the South East Counties League championship, and we were delighted to achieve that. But youth football in the SECL is way behind the Combination, and while we have to parade anything up to ten or 11 players from the youth team as reserves, we will continue to struggle. As a squad, we are not strong enough to win consistently in the Combination.

But we will keep trying, and we will keep searching for players. We have used 47 in only 14 games. We might not be getting the results we would like, but we are doing the most important job of all for the club, exploring every avenue to try to unearth the occasional gem.

Reserve team appearances, including as sub: Kandol 12, Ayres 12, Stirling 12, Scarlett 11, Jerry 11, Boyce 10, Tate 9, McIndoe 8, Sodje 7, Moran 7, White 6, Locke 5, Ward 5, Zahana-Oni 4, Minton 4, Fotiadis 4, Mansell 3, O'Connor 3, Graham 3, Clarke 3, Barriteau 3, McGowan 3, Read 2, Gray 2, Pearson 2, Davis 2, Brkovic 2, Dogbe 2, Mortara 2, Fraser 2, Harrison 2, Carroll 1, Barnett 1, Smith 1, Cummings 1, Thorpe 1, Jones 1, Hunt 1, Bowes 1, O'Brien 1, Ryan 1, Jack 1, Antunes 1, McKinnon 1, Esteban 1, Quailey 1, Whitby 1.

Goals: Kandol 8, Jerry 2, McIndoe 1, Fotiadis 1, OG 1. OUR NEXT match in the Avon Insurance Combination is tomorrow at Barnet, kick-off 2pm, and on Wednesday next week we are away to Southend (7pm).



Youth Soccer

Paul Lowe



West Brom 1 Luton Town 0

IT WAS another day to be disappointed with the result, but not with the performance at Lilleshall after a game we might well have drawn at least.

We paid dearly for a goalkeeping slip, and for not accepting the best chance of the game created by either side.

We were without James Ayres and Jude Stirling, who were kept back in Luton for first team duty, and while our squad included four schoolboys West Brom had no-one younger than three first-year boys, and their attacking pair were both junior professionals.

Schoolboy Joe Deeney, and John Carroll, who had not been able to train all week because of injury, did very well against those two, and overall I was quite pleased with the team performance.

The goal came after 20 minutes, when an inswinging cross was played in and a header deflected the ball to Scott Ward. He failed to catch,

and a forward netted from the rebound after Ward pushed the ball out.

We used three subs in the second half as some of our players began tiring - Moses Jerry, Ryan Moran and Alex Minton had all played for the reserves on the previous Wednesday.

Lee Mansell had a good chance to equalise in the second half: he did well to get into the box, but didn't catch hold of his shot properly and put it straight into the goalkeeper's hands.

The team put in a tremendous effort to try to save the game, but it was not to be. But their spirit was to be applauded.

Luton Town: Ward, Deeney, Moran, Carroll, Mortara (Crane 70 mins), Minton, Dogbe (Jeffrey 70 mins), Mansell, Jerry, Mentore (Osborne 60 mins), Barriteau. Unused sub: Wraight.

WE WERE at home to Cambridge United this morning, to complete our regular season in the Football League Youth Alliance. We then have a separate league competition, in a league of nine teams, giving us four games at home and four away. We are still awaiting details of our fixtures in that.

Youth team appearances, including as sub: Mortara 23, Moran 23, Clarke 22, Carroll 21, Mansell 21, Barriteau 20, Dogbe 20, Stirling 20, Jerry 16, Ayres 15, Deeney 14, Mentore 13, Jeffrey 13, Wraight 11, Ward 11, Minton 11, Flaherty 6, Crane 6, Kandol 5, Oughan 3, Thresher 3, Milton 2, Coktas 2, Osborne 2, de Freitas 2, Talbot 2, Tate 1, Dosdogru 1, Cooper 1, Miller 1, Wilson 1, Nurse 1.

Goals: Stirling 6, Clarke 4, Ayres 3, Jeffrey 3, Kandol 3, Moran 3, Flaherty 2, Jerry 1, Mentore 1, OG 2.

Football League Youth Alliance South Central Conference

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, Flaherty)
	Sat 23	Southend (FLAYC)	A	1-2 (Ayres)
NOV	Sat 6	Cambridge (FLYAC)	H	1-2 (OG)
	Wed 10	Maidenhead (FAYC2)	H	5-0 (Clarke 2, Stirling 2, Jeffrey)
	Sat 13	Barnet (FLYAC)	A	0-1
	Sat 20	Colchester (FLYAC)	H	0-1
	Sat 27	Notts Co	A	0-0
	Mon 29	Welling (FAYC3)	A	3-1 (Flaherty, Jeffrey, Clarke)
DEC	Sat 11	Oxford Utd	A	2-2 (Stirling, Moran)
	Sat 18	Wolves	H	2-2 (OG, Kandol)
JAN	Sat 8	Shrewsbury	H	1-3 (Stirling)
	Tues 11	Southampton (FAYC4)	A	0-4
	Sat 15	Northampton	A	2-0 (Moran, Mentore)
	Sat 22	Walsall	A	0-2
FEB	Sat 5	West Brom	A	0-1
	Sat 12	Cambridge Utd	H	
MAR	Wed 1	Cup quarter-final		
	Wed 22	Cup semi-final		
APR	Sun 16	Cup final		

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge	13	7	4	2	26	13	25
Walsall	14	7	3	4	26	20	24
Wolves	14	6	4	4	22	20	22
West Brom	13	6	1	6	29	21	19
Luton Town	14	4	5	6	16	23	17
Oxford	12	4	4	4	15	22	16
Notts Co	12	3	5	4	11	10	14
Northampton	13	4	2	7	22	26	14
Shrewsbury	15	3	4	8	19	31	13

Biggest Wins & Defeats ; Top Scorers

Goals	Player	League / Lge Cup / FA Cup
4-0 v Oxford & Colchester	1-5 Notts County	13 Stein 10 2 1
2-0 v Wycombe / 3-1 v Gillingham	0-5 Bury	9 Murphy 9 0 0
3-0 Colchester	1-4 v Bournemouth / 0-3 v Oldham & Bristol Rovers	10 Owusu 9 0 1
5-2 v Blackpool / 3-0 v Chesterfield	0-3 v Gillingham & Oxford	7 Thorpe 6 1 0
5-0 Oxford	1-3 Wigan	20 Roberts 17 3 0
2-4 v Bury / 0-2 v Notts County	18 Payton 18 0 0	
5-0 Blackpool	5 games by a 2 goal margin	12 Lawson 11 1 0
5-2 Colchester	4 games by a 2 goal margin	19 Butler 14 3 2
3-0 Colchester	0-4 Preston	10 Nugent 7 1 2
4-2 v Cambridge / 2-0 v Millwall & Preston	0-3 v Bristol City & Wycombe & Wigan	11 Reeves 9 2 0
3-0 Luton	0-4 Bournemouth	11 Tresor Lua 9 1 1
5-1 Wrexham	4 games by a 2 goal margin	18 Taylor 15 1 2
4-1 Scunthorpe	0-3 v Colchester & Bristol Rovers	15 George 13 0 2
5-0 Reading	4 games by a 2 goal margin	15 Harris 15 0 0
5-1 Bournemouth	0-2 v Wigan & Preston & Bristol Rovers	10 Stallard 10 0 0
3-0 Brentford	0-3 Burnley	11 Allott 10 1 0
3-0 Bristol City	0-5 Bristol Rovers	14 Murphy 8 3 3
4-0 v Oxford & Cardiff	1-4 Wigan	21 Macken 18 2 1
2-0 v Colchester & Bury	0-5 Millwall	14 Caskey 9 2 3
3-1 v Cambridge & Bournemouth	5 games by a 3 goal margin	9 Ipoua 9 0 0
4-0 Wycombe	0-3 Gillingham	10 Thorne 9 1 0
3-0 v Chesterfield & Scunthorpe / 4-1 v Preston	0-1 Oldham	21 Barlow 17 2 2
2-0 v Scunthorpe & Bury	0-5 Burnley	10 Faulconbridge 9 0 1
3-0 Chesterfield	0-4 Stoke	18 Devine 16 1 1

1999-00 Season Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate	16,821 Preston v Blackpool 18-Dec
Lowest Gate	2,254 Chesterfield v Bristol City 7-Dec
Highest Aggregate Score	Colchester 5-4 Bristol Rovers 8-Jan
Biggest Home Win	Burnley 5-0 Wrexham 2-Nov
	Millwall 5-0 Reading 16-Nov
Biggest Away Win	Blackpool 0-5 Bury 16-Oct
	Oxford 0-5 Bristol Rovers 22-Jan
Consecutive Wins	Bristol Rovers, Millwall 6
Games Unbeaten	Wigan 24
Consecutive Defeats	Oldham 5
Games without a Win	Chesterfield 18

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins	No consecutive wins
Games Unbeaten	Bristol City 7
Consecutive Defeats	Oxford 4
Games without a Win	Cardiff, Oxford 7

How Clubs have scored... and conceded

(The UK's Biggest Selling Football Magazine)

H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG	H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG	
9	4	7	6	1	2	10	3	Bournemouth	12	7	6	2	1	5	12	0
10	3	2	3	1	1	11	0	Blackpool	12	11	6	1	1	1	15	1
8	4	9	5	0	0	13	0	Brentford	8	6	5	2	1	5	12	1
4	7	4	7	0	2	9	1	Bristol City	5	4	5	4	1	0	11	1
9	5	6	3	1	4	18	0	Bristol Rovers	2	3	8	2	1	1	6	0
15	8	2	1	0	4	10	0	Burnley	3	6	6	1	0	3	3	2
11	9	4	3	0	3	9	2	Bury	6	5	5	2	0	0	18	0
12	5	2	4	0	3	5	2	Cambridge United	12	6	5	7	0	3	9	0
6	6	5	6	0	1	2	1	Cardiff City	11	4	6	10	0	3	6	0
3	2	4	2	0	3	3	0	Chesterfield	12	3	5	3	0	2	8	1
8	9	7	3	1	3	8	0	Colchester United	13	10	7	5	1	2	19	1
7	3	10	9	1	2	15	0	Gillingham	6	7	4	4	1	4	7	0
9	7	7	3	0	2	13	0	Luton Town	16	6	3	6	1	0	8	1
11	8	1	6	0	3	15	0	Millwall	4	4	5	1	1	4	11	1
16	6	4	1	2	0	11	1	Notts County	9	5	1	5	0	3	6	1
13	3	2	2	2	1	8	0	Oldham Athletic	10	8	2	3	0	4	6	0
5	4	2	3	0	3	6	1	Preston North End	6	12	4	7	2	3	12	0
11	13	6	4	2	5	9	2	Reading	7	4	3	2	1	2	6	0
8	4	2	3	1	4	11	0	Scunthorpe United	15	0	7	7	1	1	13	1
6	3	4	1	0	3	10	0	Stoke City	8	5	2	1	0	3	8	2
13	6	6	6	0	1	7	1	Wigan Athletic	7	1	0	4	0	4	7	0
10	7	9	5	0	4	13	1	Wrexham	10	9	8	2	1	1	12	0
8	4	3	7	0	1	6	0	Wycombe Wanderers	15	7	4	7	0	2	2	0
6	9	5	3	3	3	9	0									

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

Referee	G	R	Y	Ave	Club	Y	R Points
Hill	18	5	78	4.33	Millwall	63	4.....75
Barry	6	3	25	4.17	Wrexham	48	5.....63
Bates	19	7	74	3.89	Reading	54	2.....60
Tomlin	19	3	71	3.74	Wycombe	39	7.....60
Fletcher	22	5	82	3.73	Bristol Rovers	48	2.....54
Wilkes	19	5	70	3.68	Blackpool	42	3.....51
Bennett	11	1	40	3.64	Bury	40	3.....49
Warren	16	1	58	3.63	Cambridge	40	3.....49
Foy	21	7	74	3.52	Wigan	40	3.....49
Wilkie	6	0	21	3.50	Brentford	36	4.....48
Parkes	19	5	66	3.47	Cardiff	33	5.....48
Lynch	20	12	67	3.35	Notts County	45	1.....48
Ryan	18	8	60	3.33	Burnley	40	2.....46
Knight	11	4	36	3.27	Colchester	40	2.....46
Wiley	6	1	19	3.17	Oxford	39	2.....45
Jordan	18	1	56	3.11	Bristol City	35	3.....44
					Stoke	37	2.....43
					Luton	32	2.....38
					Oldham	31	1.....34
					Preston	27	2.....33
					Scunthorpe	29	1.....32
					Bournemouth	27	1.....30
					Gillingham	26	1.....29
					Chesterfield	21	1.....24

refs who've officiated more than 4 games
Key: G = Number of games
R = Number of red cards
Y = Number of yellow cards
Ave = Number of yellow cards per game

NATIONWIDE DIVISION 2 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

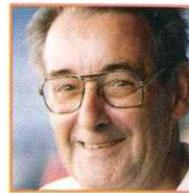
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2nd Division Scene

Brian Swain



THE TOP two teams changed places, but otherwise Saturday's results left the positions in the upper half of the Second Division table unchanged.

With several promotion contenders playing each other, results elsewhere were not too unkind to us, and we remain in tenth place, and still eight points short of the play-off frame.

A home win tonight would inch us up to ninth place as we use our game in hand on Brentford, who are currently immediately above us. We would be level on points, but with a slightly better goal difference - ours is zero and Brentford's is minus one.

The Londoners lost at home for the fourth time this season, beaten 3-0 by Notts County in a six-pointer, and tonight's visitors suffered a similar setback on their visit to Gillingham. The Gills are apparently not being side-tracked by their FA Cup exploits, and the result at Priestfield means that tonight Stoke need to beat us to go level on points with Burnley. Stoke are sixth, one place below Burnley, who will have two games in hand after tonight's game.

On Saturday Turf Moor welcomed Ian Cox for his home debut alongside Mitchell Thomas and Steve

Davis. He had been down to play at Kenilworth Road as Bournemouth's club captain, but grabbed the chance to go to Burnley in a £500,000 move. Over 13,000 fans watched Burnley knock Rovers off the top with a 1-0 win, enabling Preston to snatch first place despite being held 2-2 at home by Reading. Second since their win at Kenilworth Road, Preston have been beaten only three times this season. Their only defeat in their last 22 was at Stoke last month.

Deepdale was getting ready to celebrate an 11th home win, with Jon Macken's 21st goal of the season putting them on their way, but Martin Butler marked his Reading debut with an equaliser, the first dividend on his £750,000 move from Cambridge.

Wigan missed the chance to join the top two on 59 points when bottom club Cambridge shook them with a last-minute equaliser at the Abbey Stadium. Stuart Barlow struck his 21st goal of the season, and it looked like earning three points for Wigan until Tom Youngs equalised in stoppage time.

Cambridge are still bottom, but because of a good cup run have a couple of games in hand on the three teams above them.

Millwall, who come to Kenilworth Road next month, left it very late to consolidate fourth place with a 1-0 home win over Oldham. Substitute Paul Shaw knocked in a last-minute penalty winner after he had been brought down by Scott McNiven.

Referee Tony Bates, who dished out seven yellow cards in our game at Bournemouth in August, was the subject of some managerial criticism at the New Den after sending one player from each side for violent conduct - Paul Harris of Millwall after 28 minutes and Oldham's Matthew Tipton six minutes later.

Blackpool did their survival hopes a bit of good by winning 1-0 at Oxford, to overtake them. The Manor Ground welcomed back Dennis Smith as manager, for the second time, but it was the old story for suffering United fans - they have lost four games on the trot, without scoring - they have played 406 minutes since they last hit the net.

Chesterfield dropped back to second from bottom after a 3-0 defeat at Bristol City, with Tony Thorpe on target again, scoring his seventh goal of the season for the Ashton Gate club.

Bury warmed up for their game against us with a 3-1 win at Colchester, so we can probably expect Layer Road to increase efforts to sign Alan White - they are looking comfortable in mid-table, but have now lost six times at home. The Town are ready to trade, if that is what the player wants, but he is also hoping that his home town club Darlington will renew its interest.

The Second Division

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		
Preston	28	10	2	2	25	14	7	6	1	27	11	59
Bristol Rov	29	10	3	1	21	8	8	2	5	25	15	59
Wigan	28	10	3	1	25	8	5	9	0	24	15	57
Millwall	30	9	5	1	23	11	6	4	5	21	20	54
Burnley	28	12	1	1	29	9	2	8	4	11	15	51
Stoke	29	6	6	3	20	15	7	3	4	20	14	48
Gillingham	27	9	2	3	29	15	4	5	4	18	18	46
Notts Co	29	6	3	5	21	16	7	4	4	20	14	46
Brentford	30	8	3	4	23	18	4	4	7	16	22	43
Luton Town	29	8	4	2	29	18	3	3	9	12	23	40
Wycombe	29	7	3	4	22	18	3	6	6	16	19	39
Bournemouth	30	8	4	3	27	13	3	2	10	15	32	39
Bristol City	29	4	11	0	18	8	4	3	7	16	23	38
Oldham	29	6	3	5	18	13	4	4	7	13	20	37
Bury	27	5	6	3	26	23	3	5	5	15	13	35
Colchester	30	6	3	6	24	28	3	4	8	15	30	34
Wrexham	29	4	5	5	15	17	3	5	7	14	26	31
Scunthorpe	29	4	3	8	11	21	3	5	6	16	24	29
Cardiff	29	3	7	4	14	19	2	4	9	13	21	26
Reading	28	4	8	3	16	14	1	3	9	17	34	26
Blackpool	29	2	6	6	16	24	3	4	8	15	24	25
Oxford	29	3	4	8	13	24	3	3	8	11	22	25
Chesterfield	29	3	5	6	9	12	1	5	9	8	22	22
Cambridge	27	4	5	5	23	22	0	4	9	10	20	21

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Statistics

fixtures 1999/2000

	date	opposition	result	scorers	league place	attd.	team
AUGUST	Sat 7	Notts Co	A 0-0		-	6,141	Abbey Fraser Watts White Johnson Douglas McLaren
	Tue 10	WC1 (1) Bristol Rov	H 0-2		-	2,984	Abbey Fraser Watts White Boyce Douglas McLaren
	Sat 14	Blackpool	H 3-2	George 2, Spring	7	5,176	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 21	Reading	A 2-1	Fotiadis, George	3	8,741	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
SEPT	Wed 25	WC1 (2) Bristol Rov	A 2-2	Kandol, Doherty	3	4,414	Abbey Locke Sodje Boyce White Watts Gray
	Sat 28	Cardiff	H 1-0	Gray	2	5,374	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Tues 31	Bournemouth	A 0-1		2	4,797	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 4	Bury	H 1-1	Fotiadis	5	4,633	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
OCTOBER	Sat 11	Wrexham	H 3-1	Taylor, Spring, George	3	5,121	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sat 18	Brentford	A 0-2		5	7,039	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke
	Sat 25	Oxford Utd	H 4-2	George 2, Fraser, Locke	3	6,102	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke
	Sat 2	Wigan	A 0-1		8	6,866	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke
NOVEMBER	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
DECEMBER	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	Millwall	A 0-1		9	6,181	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley
	Sat 6	Burnley	H 2-1	Midgley 2	8	7,205	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley
	Fri 12	Cambridge Utd	A 1-3	George	9	6,211	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley
JAN 2000	Fri 19	Lincoln (FA Cup 2)	H 2-2	Doherty 2	10	4,291	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke
	Tue 23	Preston	H 0-2		10	5,124	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Sodje George Midgley
	Sat 27	Bristol Rov	A 0-3		10	7,805	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson George Doherty
	Tue 30	Lincoln (FA Cup 2R)	A 1-0	Douglas	10	3,822	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson George Doherty
FEB	Sat 4	Notts County	H 2-2	Doherty, Thorpe	11	5,195	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Thorpe
	Tue 7	Oxford (AWS 1)	A 0-2		11	1,220	Abbey Fraser Sodje Ayres Johnson George Doherty
	Sat 11	Fulham (FA Cup 3)	A 2-2	George, Spring	10	8,251	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson George Doherty
	Fri 17	Colchester	A 0-3		11	3,049	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson George Thorpe
MARCH	Tues 21	Fulham (FA Cup 3R)	H 0-3		11	8,170	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren
	Sun 26	Chesterfield	H 1-1	Locke	13	5,870	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Thorpe
	Tue 28	Bristol City	A 0-0		12	11,832	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson White Gray
	Mon 3	Scunthorpe	H 4-1	Spring 2, Douglas, Gray	11	5,574	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Gray
APRIL	Sat 8	Stoke	A 1-2	Spring (pen)	12	10,016	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson White Gray
	Sat 15	Blackpool	A 3-3	Locke, Gray, Taylor	13	5,262	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Gray
	Sat 22	Reading	H 3-1	Watts, George 2	10	6,044	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Gray
	Sun 30	Cardiff	A 3-1	Watts, Spring, George	10	6,185	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Fraser George Gray
MAY	Sat 5	Bournemouth	H 1-2	Boyce	10	5,961	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Gray
	Tues 8	Stoke	H 7.45pm				
	Sat 12	Bury	A 3pm				
	Sat 19	Bristol Rov	H 3pm				
MAY	Sat 26	Brentford	H 3pm				
	Sat 4	Wrexham	A 3pm				
	Tue 7	Burnley	A 7.45pm				
	Sat 11	Millwall	H 3pm				
MAY	Sat 18	Preston	A 3pm				
	Tue 21	Cambridge Utd	H 7.45pm				
	Sat 25	Chesterfield	A 3pm				
	Sat 1	Colchester	H 3pm				
MAY	Sat 8	Scunthorpe	A 3pm				
	Sat 15	Bristol City	H 3pm				
	Sat 22	Gillingham	A 3pm				
	Mon 24	Wigan	H 3pm				
MAY	Sat 29	Wycombe	A 3pm				
	Sat 6	Oldham	H 3pm				

Travelling fans

OURS ON THE ROAD

Notts County	1,531
Reading	1,536
Bristol Rovers (WC)	134
Bournemouth	665
Brentford	1,704
Wigan	985
Oldham	451
Oxford	1,523
Millwall	688
Cambridge	2,152
Bristol Rovers	417
Lincoln (FAC2R)	294
Oxford (AWS)	126
Fulham (FAC3)	2,346
Colchester	384
Bristol City	461
Stoke	651
Blackpool	450
Total	16,498
Average	.916

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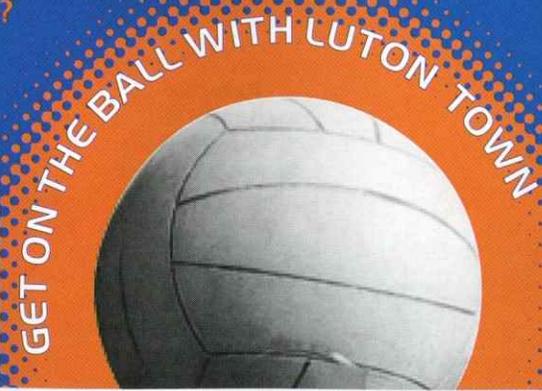
Bristol Rovers (WC)	240
Blackpool	464
Cardiff	992
Bury	198
Wrexham	307
Oxford	745
Gillingham	1,241
Wycombe	711
Kingstonian (FAC1)	571
Burnley	1,392
Lincoln (FAC2)	523
Preston	578
Notts County	328
Fulham	907
Chesterfield	274
Scunthorpe	501
Total	9,972
Average	.623

	date	opposition	result	scorers	league place	attd.	team	substitutes
AUGUST	Sat 7	Notts Co	A 0-0		-	6,141	Abbey Fraser Watts White Johnson Douglas McLaren	Gray Spring McIndoe Taylor Boyce for Taylor, 70 mins. Unused: George, Scarlett, Zahana-Oni, Tate
	Tue 10	WC1 (1) Bristol Rov	H 0-2		-	2,984	Abbey Fraser Watts White Boyce Douglas McLaren	Gray Spring McIndoe Taylor Doherty for White HT; Fotiadis for Douglas 60 mins; George for McIndoe 60 mins. Unused: Zahana-Oni, Tate
	Sat 14	Blackpool	H 3-2	George 2, Spring	7	5,176	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren	Douglas Spring Fotiadis Taylor McKinnon for Fotiadis 75 mins; Zahana-Oni for Douglas 83 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 89 mins. Unused: Boyce, Tate
	Sat 21	Reading	A 2-1	Fotiadis, George	3	8,741	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren	Gray Spring Fotiadis Taylor McIndoe for Fotiadis 79 mins. Unused: Sodje, White, McKinnon, Tate
SEPT	Wed 25	WC1 (2) Bristol Rov	A 2-2	Kandol, Doherty	3	4,414	Abbey Locke Sodje Boyce White Watts Gray	McKinnon Douglas McIndoe Kandol Doherty for Douglas 67 mins; Fotiadis for Kandol 67 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Davis, Ward
	Sat 28	Cardiff	H 1-0	Gray	2	5,374	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren	Gray Spring Fotiadis Taylor Douglas for Fotiadis 66 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 81mins; McKinnon for George 84 mins. Unused: Sodje, Tate
	Tues 31	Bournemouth	A 0-1		2	4,797	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren	Gray Spring Fotiadis Taylor Douglas for Fotiadis 60 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 81mins. Unused: McKinnon, Sodje, Tate
	Sat 4	Bury	H 1-1	Fotiadis	5	4,633	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren	Gray Spring Fotiadis Taylor Douglas for Fotiadis 73 mins; McIndoe for George 73 mins. Unused: McKinnon, Sodje, Tate
OCTOBER	Sat 11	Wrexham	H 3-1	Taylor, Spring, George	3	5,121	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren	Douglas Spring Fotiadis Taylor Kandol for Fotiadis HT; McKinnon for McLaren 62 mins; Sodje for Johnson 75 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Tate
	Sat 18	Brentford	A 0-2		5	7,039	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke	Douglas Spring Kandol Taylor Sodje for Kandol 70 mins. Unused: White, Boyce, Scarlett, Tate
	Sat 25	Oxford Utd	H 4-2	George 2, Fraser, Locke	3	6,102	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke	Douglas Spring Midgley Taylor McIndoe for Midgley 66 mins. Unused: Sodje, Kandol, Scarlett, Tate
	Sat 2	Wigan	A 0-1		8	6,866	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke	Douglas Spring McLaren Taylor McIndoe for McLaren 73 mins; Midgley for Locke 77 mins. Unused: Sodje, White, Ward
NOVEMBER	Sat 9	Oldham	A 1-2	Midgley	10	4,532	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson Gray Locke	Douglas Spring McLaren Taylor Kandol for Gray 50 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 67 mins; Midgley for Douglas 67 mins. Unused: White, Ward
	Sat 16	Gillingham	H 3-1	George 2 (1pen), Douglas	7	6,394	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley	Douglas Spring McLaren Taylor Locke for Midgley 80 mins; McIndoe for McLaren 85 mins. Unused: Kandol, Sodje, Ward
	Tue 19	Wycombe	H 1-1	Douglas	7	5,820	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley	Douglas Spring McLaren Taylor McIndoe for Midgley 75 mins. Unused: Kandol, Sodje, Ward
	Sat 23	Oxford Utd	A 1-0	George	7	5,866	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley	Douglas Spring McLaren Taylor McIndoe for Midgley 72 mins; Locke for Douglas 77 mins. Unused: Kandol, Sodje, Ward
DECEMBER	Sat 30	Kingstonian (FA Cup 1)	H 4-2	Gray, George, Spring, Taylor	7	4,682	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Gray	Douglas Spring McLaren Taylor McIndoe for Gray 30 mins; Boyce for Fraser 39 mins. Unused: White, Sodje, Ward
	Tue 2	Millwall	A 0-1		9	6,181	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley	Douglas Spring McLaren Taylor McIndoe for Midgley HT. Unused: White, Sodje, Locke, Ward
	Sat 6	Burnley	H 2-1	Midgley 2	8	7,205	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley	Douglas Spring McLaren Taylor McIndoe for Douglas 73 mins; Locke for McLaren 79 mins; Kandol for Midgley 88 mins. Unused: Sodje, Ward
	Fri 12	Cambridge Utd	A 1-3	George	9	6,211	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Midgley	Douglas Spring McLaren Taylor Sodje for Boyce HT; Locke for McLaren 59 mins; McIndoe for Midgley 59 mins. Unused: Kandol, Ward
JAN 2000	Fri 19	Lincoln (FA Cup 2)	H 2-2	Doherty 2	10	4,291	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Locke	Douglas Spring McLaren Taylor Sodje for Locke HT; McIndoe for McLaren 83 mins. Unused: Boyce, Kandol, Ward
	Tue 23	Preston	H 0-2		10	5,124	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Sodje George Midgley	Douglas Spring McLaren Taylor McIndoe for McLaren 62 mins; White for Midgley 62 mins; Boyce for Fraser 75 mins. Unused: Locke, Ward
	Sat 27	Bristol Rov	A 0-3		10	7,805	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson George Doherty	Locke Spring McLaren McIndoe Thorpe for Doherty 61 mins; Boyce for Watts 86 mins. Unused: Taylor, Douglas, Ward
	Tue 30	Lincoln (FA Cup 2R)	A 1-0	Douglas	10	3,822	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson George Doherty	Douglas Spring McLaren Taylor Locke for McLaren 50 mins. Unused: Boyce, Kandol, McIndoe, Ward
FEB	Sat 4	Notts County	H 2-2	Doherty, Thorpe	11	5,195	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George Thorpe	Douglas Spring Locke Taylor Boyce for Fraser 60 mins; Sodje for Douglas 81 mins. Unused: Kandol, Scarlett, Tate
	Tue 7	Oxford (AWS 1)	A 0-2		11	1,220	Abbey Fraser Sodje Ayres Johnson George Doherty	Douglas Spring Locke Boyce Read for Douglas HT; Scarlett for Locke 69 mins. Unused: Taylor, Jerry, Tate
	Sat 11	Fulham (FA Cup 3)	A 2-2	George, Spring	10	8,251	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson George Doherty	Douglas Spring Locke Taylor All unused: Boyce, Scarlett, Jerry, Ayres, Tate
	Fri 17	Colchester	A 0-3		11	3,049	Abbey Fraser Watts Sodje Johnson George Thorpe	Doherty Spring Locke Taylor McLaren for George 62 mins. Unused: Boyce, Scarlett, Read, Ward
MARCH	Tues 21	Fulham (FA Cup 3R)	H 0-3		11	8,170	Abbey Fraser Watts Doherty Johnson George McLaren	Douglas Spring Locke Taylor Boyce for Fraser 59 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Kandol, Ayres, Tate
	Sun 26	Chesterfield	H 1-1	Locke	13	5,870	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Thorpe	Douglas Spring Locke Taylor McLaren for Spring 73 mins; Gray for Thorpe 74 mins. Unused: Fraser, Fotiadis, Tate
	Tue 28	Bristol City	A 0-0		12	11,832	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson White Gray	Douglas Spring Locke Taylor Fotiadis for Douglas 83 mins. Unused: George, Fraser, Scarlett, Tate
	Mon 3	Scunthorpe	H 4-1	Spring 2, Douglas, Gray	11	5,574	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Gray	Douglas Spring Locke Taylor Fotiadis for Gray 73 mins. Unused: White, Fraser, Scarlett, Tate
APRIL	Sat 8	Stoke	A 1-2	Spring (pen)	12	10,016	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson White Gray	Douglas Spring Locke Taylor Fotiadis for Douglas 70 mins; George for White 87 mins. Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Tate
	Sat 15	Blackpool	A 3-3	Locke, Gray, Taylor	13	5,262	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Gray	Douglas Spring Locke Taylor Fotiadis for George 75 mins. Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Ayres, Tate
	Sat 22	Reading	H 3-1	Watts, George 2	10	6,044	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Gray	Douglas Scarlett Locke McGowan Fotiadis for Douglas 81 mins. Unused: Fraser, Kandol, Ayres, Tate
	Sun 30	Cardiff	A 3-1	Watts, Spring, George	10	6,185	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Fraser George Gray	Douglas Scarlett Spring McGowan Fotiadis for Douglas 78 mins. Unused: Kandol, Ayres, Stirling, Tate
MAY	Sat 5	Bournemouth	H 1-2	Boyce	10	5,961	Abbey Boyce Watts Doherty Johnson George Gray	Douglas Locke Spring McGowan Scarlett for McGowan 72 mins; Fotiadis for Douglas 78 mins. Unused: Kandol, Ayres, Tate

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EMMERSON BOYCE	17
JULIAN WATTS	40
GARY DOHERTY	12
MARVIN JOHNSON	6
LIAM GEORGE	11
ADAM LOCKE	28
MATTHEW SPRING	4
GAVIN MCGOWAN	2
PHIL GRAY	7
STUART DOUGLAS	9

Substitutes

ANDRE SCARLETT	21
ANDREW FOTIADIS	14
MATTHEW TAYLOR	15
STUART FRASER	13
DANIEL TATE (GK)	22

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Stoke City

1	GAVIN WARD
15	MIKAEL HANSSON
22	CLIVE CLARKE
5	NICKY MOHAN
32	ANDERS JACOBSEN
34	FRODE KIPPE
17	JAMES O'CONNOR
2	BRYNJAR GUNNARSSON
8	GRAHAM KAVANAGH
9	PETER THORNE
12	KYLE LIGHTBOURNE

Substitutes

6	SIGURSTEINN GISLASON
16	PAUL CONNOR
18	BEN PETTY
30	KEVIN KEEN
14	CARL MUGGLETON (GK)

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