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Welcome back: Ricky Hill, always a crowd-pleaser as a player, is today making another debut, as a Football League manager.

Chairman's Message



WELCOME to our first match of the 2000/2001 season. No doubt many of you are aware that I was a director of your club for seven years, but although an ardent supporter, I had to resign when I could not agree with the way the then chairman and his partner were running the club.

It therefore gives me enormous pleasure to have the opportunity to try to bring your club back to its former glory. Each and every Luton Town fan is very important to me. Your phone calls, letters and constructive criticism are always welcome. We have great plans for the future, and look forward to you being part of them.

The last few years have not been easy for Luton Town, and I fully realise the size of the challenge that lies before us. While I consider "cheque book football" is not good for our national sport, I realise I need to get really top class players if my ambition to get us into the First Division within two seasons is to be achieved. This I will try to do.

You will have learned that Lennie Lawrence has moved on and Ricky Hill has joined us as manager. I have known Ricky for 15 years, and am confident he will produce a team of which we will all be very proud. Ricky enjoyed a very successful period when he played for Luton Town.

Brian Stein, who scored the goal that secured the Littlewoods Cup for us at Wembley in 1988, is also rejoining us, and without doubt he will prove a great asset to our club, the supporters, and the many other areas in which we aim to expand.

Plans for our new stadium are racing ahead, and because we have so many important local figureheads supporting our endeavours, including MPs, I am confident there will be very interesting news quite soon.

To meet our objectives I need the help of as many people as possible. Please encourage friends and relations to come and watch YOUR team play. All those purchasing season tickets this year will be allocated the best seats in the new stadium.

Since I took over, I have been frantically busy, but thanks to the help of Cliff Bassett, Cherry Newbery, Eric Hood and the dedicated staff behind the scenes, your club is now poised to become a force to be reckoned with.

The new board of directors comprises Eric Hood, John Mitchell, Cliff Bassett, Rob Stringer, Yvonne Fletcher and myself. In due course others, whose input I consider would be an asset to your club, will be invited to join us.

Mike Watson-Challis, Chairman.

AFTER a summer remarkable in its off-field activity even by Luton Town's standards, the new chairman this week wrote a big cheque to make good his promise to do everything possible to bring back the glory days to Kenilworth Road.

Having taken over from Cliff Bassett, Mike Watson-Challis bravely came out with an early pledge - he and the new board are football people first and foremost, and are willing to dig deep to back up their new manager.

Words were turned into action when Mark Owendale, 26, Bournemouth's highly-rated goalkeeper, was prised out of Dean Court for a £425,000 fee.

And the manager discloses in his column today (page 5) that it may not be the last investment he will ask the board to make.

There is a new team in the boardroom. Mr Bassett, having sold his controlling interest to Mr Watson-Challis, is staying on as a director. Chris Green and Nigel Terry have stood down and become vice presidents of the club, having more than done their bit during the long battle played out while the club was heading into and out of receivership.

Mr Watson-Challis brought with him his experienced company secretary and financial expert Eric Hood, and former footballer John Mitchell, who tried to buy the club from David Kohler seven years ago. Rob Stringer, a senior vice president of Sony Music, and a long-time fan and generous supporter, was added to the board last week, and the fans have a voice in the shape of Yvonne Fletcher, former chair of Luton Town Supporters Club, and a driving force behind the formation of FLAG, the action group of fans formed to fight for the club's future when the receivers came in.

The new manager needs no introduction to Town fans, having been one of our all-time great favourites in 14 years with the club after being signed by Harry Haslam.

One of his first moves in the transfer market brought back another star, Mark Stein, who left Bournemouth in the summer, and was easily persuaded to rejoin his old pal rather than take an opportunity offered by Swansea.

Dean Brennan and Peter Holmes were boys known to the manger when he was a youth coach at Sheffield Wednesday, while the other signing so far is an Austrian midfielder, Friedrich Breitenfelder, who was a free agent after his club folded because of financial difficulties.

Finally, the club has put on record its appreciation of the work done by Lennie Lawrence, who left with great dignity after being told that the new board wanted to make a fresh start. He said he understood why the change had been made, and he wishes the new regime well.

Trevor Hartley has also left, with Chris Ramsey, one of the FA's top coaches, coming in as assistant manager.

As a player he will best be remembered playing for Brighton in the "Smith must Score" 1983 Cup Final against Manchester United. Steve Foster was suspended and Ramsey played in a 2-2 draw, with Gordon Smith's miss the pivotal moment. Ramsey was injured, and Foster returned for the replay. United won 4-0 with their fans taking the Mick out of Foster with the cruel chant of "What a difference you have made..."

Foster and Hill had their Wembley glory five years later, and I am sure all Town fans will be willing the new manager to bring us more of the same.

Brian Swain

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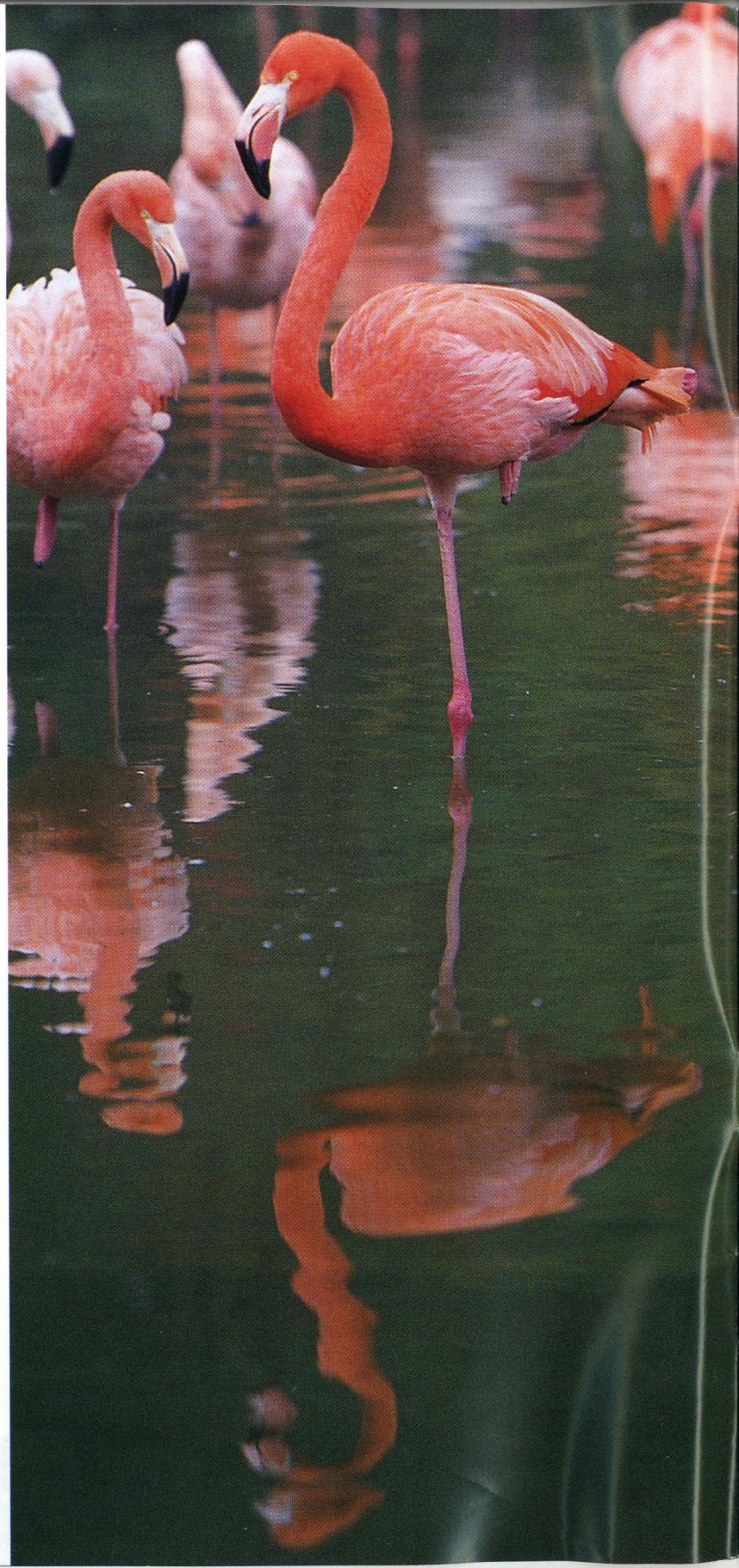
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I HAVE always looked forward to the start of a new season, but today there is an extra excitement as we prepare for kick-off. I cannot tell you how proud I am to be manager of Luton Town. I have been a coach for a long time, including looking after top class senior professionals in the USA, but I always had it in mind that I had to move on and become a manager one day.

I always felt that to be manager of Luton Town would be the ultimate, so it was a dream come true when I was invited to return to Kenilworth Road. I had some wonderful years here as a player, and wherever football has taken me since I left 11 years ago Luton has always been close to my heart.

I almost came back to join the coaching staff when David Kohler was chairman, but for various reasons it didn't happen, although I always hoped it would.

When the call came last month I needed very little time to consider whether I should take the chance of a lifetime.

It has been a summer of great change for Luton Town, and with a new board in place there is a tremendous opportunity for all of us to get things moving on. I include supporters in that, and I acknowledge with great gratitude the warm welcome the fans have given me already. The turnout at the pre-season friendlies was remarkable, particularly the big following at Rushden. You were brilliant, and I just hope we can give you the sort of football that will deserve your cheers.

The pre-season results and, for the most part, performances, were encouraging, but they count for little once 3pm chimes this afternoon. The attitude and enthusiasm of all the players has been heartening, and now the task is to do the job in the hard arena of the league.

You may know that I came to the club as a youngster when Happy Harry Haslam was the manager, and we played a brand of football that was continued by David Pleat. I thoroughly enjoyed playing in his team that won the old Second Division championship, and went on to win the Littlewoods Cup under Ray Harford.

My hope is that we can play the sort of attacking and passing football that flourished under David Pleat, but I am under no illusions about the main priority, collecting points. I want to put on the field a product that will attract supporters, and give them value for money. I want to produce a team that will lift crowds. Winning is everything, but I hope we can win with style, with players encouraged to express themselves. Harry Haslam gave me my nickname

Smiler, and I hope we can still play football with a smile on its face.

I am wary about setting targets for the season. At present it is difficult to judge whether this league is stronger or weaker than it was last season. But one thing is sure: the final league table last May showed Luton Town 21 points below the play-off place. I will not be content with something similar when this season ends - we must at the very least close that gap.

We have begun the task of strengthening the squad, and I am pleased Chris Ramsey agreed to be my assistant. We go back a long way together, and his coaching credentials and experience are second to none. He had a top job with the FA, and could have stayed there, but like me chose instead to take the enjoyment, excitement and challenge offered by league football.

The Manager Ricky Hill

It goes without saying that Mark Stein's return was a major coup, and I am happy with the signings we have made so far. The chairman has been brilliant, and showed his support in very tangible fashion by allowing us to recruit Mark Ovendale. I want one more experienced player, and have been told more money will be available. I will do my best to spend wisely, but whatever sort of manager I become I know that really this game is all about players. They hold the key to everything. My job is to make sure we get the right ones and get them in the right frame of mind to play well.

A good start will do us all a power of good, and in welcoming Notts County to Kenilworth Road, I hope they will forgive me if I say that today I would love to see an "action replay" of another Luton v County game played early one season. It was our second home game of the 1982/83 campaign. Our new centre forward then was Paul Walsh, and that match was one of the most entertaining I have ever been involved in. Walshie got a hat-trick as we won 5-3. David Moss also scored, and the first goal that day was one I still remember with some pleasure!

It was a great advert for football, and I hope we see more of the same today - and, of course, another home win.

Ricky Hill

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Today's Referee

ONE of the most experienced officials in the Football League is in charge of today's game, and it is a pleasure to welcome Andy D'Urso to Kenilworth Road.

A bank manager, he began refereeing as a teenager, and moved up the ladder from youth football via the Isthmian League to join the national list of linesmen in 1990, and the full referee's list four years later. He was appointed to the FA Premier League list a year ago.

Married, with two young children, he lists his hobbies as all sports, particularly football and golf, spending time with his family, travel, and listening to music.

Town Teaser

OUR "Town Trivia" quiz is back by popular demand for the new season. It's a bit of fun as part of the pre-match entertainment, and once more will offer a prize to one lucky supporter at every game.

The PA announcer will ask the day's Town Teaser, and if you know the answer, listen for your chance to step up and have a go.

Today's Question

RICKY Hill, our new manager, used to be a Luton Town player. Name the three others in recent years who also managed the club, having earlier played for us.

Hatters Roll-Call Season 2000/01

	Appearances (as sub in brackets)				Total	Goals			
	League	FAC	WC	AWS		League	FAC	WC	Total
Nathan Abbey	32(1)	5	2	1	40(1)	0	0	0	0
James Ayres	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	23(7)	0(2)	2	1	26(9)	1	0	0	1
Gary Doherty	40	5	0(2)	1	46(2)	6	2	1	9
Stuart Douglas	35(5)	5	2	1	43(5)	3	1	0	4
Andrew Fotiadis	8(14)	0	0(2)	0	8(16)	2	0	0	2
Stuart Fraser	20	5	1	1	27	1	0	0	1
Liam George	35(7)	5	0(1)	1	41(8)	14(1p)	2	0	16(1p)
Phil Gray	28(1)	1	2	0	31(1)	11	1	0	12
Marvin Johnson	44	5	0	1	50	0	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	1(3)	0	1	0	2(3)	0	0	1	1
Adam Locke	27(7)	3(1)	1	1	32(8)	3	0	0	3
Gavin McGowan	10(3)	0	0	0	10(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	25(4)	4	1	0	30(4)	1	0	0	1
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
Ben Roberts	14	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	2(1)	0	0	0(1)	2(2)	0	0	0	0
Efetobore Sodje	5(4)	1(1)	2	1	9(5)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Spring	44(1)	5	1	1	51(1)	6(1p)	2	0	8(1p)
Matthew Taylor	39(2)	5	1	0	45(2)	4	1	0	5
Tony Thorpe	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	1	0	0	1
Julian Watts	45	5	2	0	52	4	0	0	4
Alan White	16(3)	0	2	0	18(3)	1	0	0	1
Landry Zahana-Oni	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0



IT'S ALWAYS a fresh start when a new football season kicks off, but it is even more so for Luton Town today after the changes that have happened during the summer.

In many ways changes in the boardroom have hardly any effect on players.

We are paid to do a

job, and get on with it, no matter who owns the club.

But I was pleased that the latest changes mean that we still have a committed Luton Town supporter as the chairman. It can't be an easy job at a club like ours, but I think we have done well in the past year or so to get first Cliff Bassett as chairman of the board, and now Mike Watson-Challis. They approach their duties as genuine football fans, and that has to be good for Luton Town.

I have to admit that I was stunned when I heard Lennie Lawrence had left the club a few days before we reported back for pre-season training. I know that some supporters had a go at him on occasion, but no-one in the dressing room had anything but admiration for the job he did here in very difficult circumstances, especially through the months of receivership.

I like him as a man as well, but with a new boardroom in place it was perhaps not surprising that the club should also be looking for a new start in the management and coaching department.

I have every confidence in Ricky Hill. Our playing careers overlapped slightly, and I was one of the juniors when Luton Town had what was probably their best team for many years in the decade when we were in the old First Division.

I used to look up to the likes of Steve Foster, Mick Harford, Brian Stein and Ricky Hill. They all had something very special to offer, but for me Ricky Hill had that little bit extra. I wish I could have the flair and wonderful technique he displayed in the midfield of that team. For me, he was the main man.

Whatever you think of Lennie Lawrence, he believed in what you might call the Luton style of football, and we can be pretty sure that Ricky Hill will carry that through to the new season.

He has always kept in touch with the club, and his deep feeling for Luton Town shines through like a beacon. He had my respect as a player, and as a man I don't think he has changed one little bit in his attitude and manner. He was always a

gentleman, and still is.

He has brought in Chris Ramsey, and his credentials speak for themselves. He has given up a top job with the FA coaching department to join us, and he and the manager have already introduced some new ideas into training.

I have had a bit of a problem in pre-season. I like training as well as playing, but I picked up a mystery virus just before the first game of the

Captain's Log Marvin Johnson

friendlies, and it left me feeling as though I had the flu. It took a long time to shift, but I was able to play for some of the game at Rushden, and with no ill effects I hope I will be selected to lead the team this afternoon.

The trouble is that Paul McLaren became a centre-half during my absence, and settled into the position as though he had been playing there all his life. I know I want competition for places throughout the squad, but I am not sure I will still be keen on that idea if Macca is in the side today and I am not!

I watched the pre-season games, and for the most part they have gone very well indeed. And what a pleasure it has been to see an expert striker at work. Mark Stein has shown that he is still a very special player in and around the opposition's penalty area, and I was delighted to hear that he was re-joining us. He has always been a handful for defences, but he has been absolutely razor-sharp in the build-up games.

His arrival helped to overcome the disappointment I felt when I heard that Phil Gray had decided to leave us for better pay-days at Burnley.

Overall, and with the boardroom message suggesting the manager can have money to spend on players, I am very optimistic about our chances in the new season. I rate Wigan, Stoke and Millwall as our biggest rivals, but we are in this league to win it, and there is no reason why we should not set ourselves a realistic target of a top six finish.

Starting with a home game is a bonus, and if supporters and players are united in the common cause, we could get off to the good start we need today.

Marvin Johnson

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IT HAS been a busy pre-season in the treatment room, with the usual aches and pains to be looked after as players increase the tempo of training.

The best news is that Marvin Johnson and Julian Watts, who between them missed a lot of the pre-

season friendlies, have both been given a clean bill of health, and should be available for selection today.

Watts turned an ankle at Welling, but was able to play in the reserves on Tuesday, and proved he is fully fit again.

Marvin's problem was a little more unusual. He was struck down by some kind of virus infection, and we are still not completely sure what it was. We will know more when we get the results of blood tests. Whatever it was, it ruled him out of all the pre-season games until Tuesday when, like Watts, he came through 70 minutes of the reserves game at St. Neots without harm.

He said he felt as though he had the flu, but it also affected the muscular and nervous systems



Stuart Douglas

for a week or so. Thankfully he has been much brighter this week, and is now fully fit again.

Stuart Douglas has been very unlucky. He collected a hamstring injury in the first friendly, and as

always needs patience to allow time to be the major healer.

He had a short run-out at Rushden, but it quickly became obvious that he was not 100 per cent, so he came off after only a few minutes. My guess is that he needs

another couple of weeks before he can resume full training.

Gavin McGowan is probably a bit closer after suffering twice over in the pre-seasons. He got an ankle knock at Bromley, but was all right to play at Grimsby, only to injure the ankle again. He has been making good progress all week, but will not be fit enough to be considered for today's game. Hopefully, he should be able to step up his training to full speed next week.



Paul McLaren

Paul McLaren has made a good recovery from a thigh strain, and although he missed a few days' training it has not been a major problem for him.

He and the rest of the squad reported back for pre-season in pretty good shape, and having got through the busy spell I would hope that things will now settle down to enable the manager to have a full squad to choose from in the very near future.

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were looking forward to their visit, only to see it cancelled.

Wimbledon withdrew because of their relegation from the Premiership.

As members of the Nationwide League, they kick off their Division One campaign today, which is a week earlier than it would have been if they had escaped the drop. Unlike us, they did not want a friendly five days before the first day of the season. I hope we shall have better luck with a home pre-season game next year.

We have tried to make today a special occasion to welcome in a new season at a club with new faces in the boardroom, manager's office and dressing room.

The pre-match entertainment will include the Mad Hatters Circus, with stilt walkers and jugglers, the Luton Samba Band, and Rampage, who produce wonderful carnival costumes.

Thanks are also due to the hard-working volunteers from the Downside Centre, and Karen especially, who have been busy cleaning the stadium over the last few days.

Supporters will be pleased to know that the

equipment in the ticket office has been upgraded, which enables us to give a much quicker and more efficient service. You will see that tickets now have pictures printed faintly behind the typed details, and if you want to collect a full set there are eight altogether. More important is the fact that the new printers are much quicker than the old ones. It is an improvement I had been asking for for some considerable time, and the fact that it has been done is down to the new chairman.

Club Secretary Cherry Newbery

Season ticket sales have gone very well, and as always they are still on sale at pro rata prices as the season progresses. They are particularly valuable if we enjoy good cup runs.

Incidentally, that is also true of our membership scheme - you do not have to be a member to come to games, unless you are using the Kenilworth Stand, but if you have a membership card it will help you when we have cup tickets to distribute. Membership costs only £2 per season, and you can get an application form from the ticket office.

Finally today, we need a new announcer on match days for our public address system. If you think you could do it, please give me a ring on Luton 411622.

Cherry Newbery

Have you ever cycled to a Hatters away game?

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First Round, Second Leg

Peterborough United v Luton Town

Tuesday September 5, 2000, kick-off 7.45pm

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Nationwide League - Division Two

Wigan Athletic v Luton Town

Saturday August 19, 2000, kick-off 3pm

This match will be pay on the day only, with
away supporters being seated in the East Stand
Admission: Adults £12, concessions £7.

Luton Town v AFC Bournemouth

Saturday August 26, 2000, kick-off 3pm

Tickets are now on sale at normal league prices.
Cash turnstiles will be open on the day.
Supporters are advised to arrive early.

Wycombe Wanderers v Luton Town

Monday August 28, 2000, kick-off 3pm

Please note that this is an ALL-TICKET match for
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OUR first away game takes us to Lancashire, for our second visit to the magnificent JJB Stadium, to take on a Wigan side who are among the favourites for promotion next May, having appointed our old favourite Bruce Rioch as manager during the close season. We were unlucky to lose by a single goal on our visit in October last year.

As usual two coach services are on offer to take fans to away games this season, one run by the Bobbers Travel Club, and the other by Town on Tour.

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, offers luxury executive coach travel, with food and drink on sale during the journey, and is usually more expensive than the Bobbers. But for once they will be cheaper for the trip to Wigan, with a special deal of £10 for LTSC members and £9 for juniors and pensioners. On top of that, customers who use Town on Tour for five of the first seven away games will be able to go to Oldham in October for just £5. But you need to be a member of the Supporters Club (minimum £7 per season). The fare to Wigan for non-members of LTSC is £16.

Town on Tour will depart from Maple Road at 10 am, picking up at Milton Keynes Coachway 20 minutes later. If you are not already a member of LTSC you can get application forms from the Supporters Club kiosk in Kenilworth Road before or after today's game, or through the club shop at other times. Stewarded car parking is available for all coach travellers at Maple Road, priced £3 if you can show a membership card of the Supporters Club or the Bobbers Travel Club. The price for others is £4.

DIY Travellers
IT TAKES about three hours to drive to Wigan, with the easiest route up the M1 and M6, but you might be well advised to allow a little longer because of holiday traffic, especially in the Midlands near the M5 junction.

Leave Luton heading North on the M1, and then join the M6. Leave at junction 25 to follow the A49 into Wigan. After 1.8 miles you come to a complex



junction, overlooked by McDonalds and Homebase. Keep in the left hand lane to turn left at the traffic light filter into Robin Park Road.

At the second set of traffic lights turn right, and you will soon see the stadium, with plenty of free parking. Mileage: About 200.

OUR away support last season was better than the Second Division average - more than 21,000 Town supporters paid to go into away grounds, while away followings at Kenilworth Road were 3,000 less than that. The final totals:

Our Travelling Fans		Visitors to Luton	
Notts County	1,531	Bristol Rovers (WC)	240
Reading	1,536	Blackpool	464
Bristol Rovers (WC)	134	Cardiff	992
Bournemouth	665	Bury	198
Brentford	1,704	Wrexham	307
Wigan	985	Oxford	745
Oldham	451	Gillingham	1,241
Oxford	1,523	Wycombe	711
Millwall	688	Kingstonian (FAC1)	571
Cambridge	2,152	Burnley	1,392
Bristol Rovers	417	Lincoln (FAC2)	523
Lincoln (FAC2R)	294	Preston	578
Oxford (AWS)	126	Notts County	328
Fulham (FAC3)	2,346	Fulham (FAC3R)	907
Colchester	384	Chesterfield	274
Bristol City	461	Scunthorpe	501
Stoke	651	Reading	691
Blackpool	450	Bournemouth	348
Cardiff	286	Stoke	719
Bury	554	Bristol Rovers	1,158
Wrexham	340	Brentford	734
Burnley	286	Millwall	1,526
Preston	493	Cambridge	1,120
Chesterfield	514	Colchester	450
Scunthorpe	741	Bristol City	282
Gillingham	546	Wigan	596
Wycombe	1,075	Oldham	571
Total	21,333	Total	18,167
Average	790	Average	673

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AFTER a busy summer and the changes that have been made within the club, the local business community has rallied round brilliantly as the commercial

department prepared for the new season. We have already sold 21 of the 27 available executive boxes for the whole season, which is the best summer sales performance since we were in the old First Division. If you are interested, prices are no as high as you might think, and the boxes still available are one with 18 seats, one with five, and four with eight. Give the commercial department a ring on Luton 411622 for more information.

We also had 14 of our 23 league games already sponsored before the season began, which is very encouraging, and it is a particular pleasure to welcome old friends as today's match sponsors. Led by Sue and Les Miller, they call themselves the regular rabble, and they are a bunch of genuine Luton Town fanatics, attending games home and away.

Sue is famous for having a club crest tattoo close to her heart, and as always it is a delight to welcome her and her friends to Kenilworth Road as they show the depth of their support. As you probably know, the club cannot hope to survive on turnstile takings, so commercial income is vital. Thankfully, local business is responding, and we have a wide range of packages available, to suit all budgets. If you want to help your club, give us a bell and we will be pleased to do what we can to give you a good deal. And we acknowledge with thanks the kindness of London Luton Airport, who are sponsoring the Junior Hatters this season.

Finally, we thank today's matchball sponsors, Cannon Lane, of Stopsley. They are suppliers of new Chryslers, including the PT Cruiser, Voyager and Neon, and, through Jeep, the Cherokee, Grand Cherokee and Wrangler. In addition, they have a

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THE packages we offer include one which is always very popular with youngsters - commercial mascot. If you have a boy or girl who deserves a special treat this might be for you.

Today, for instance, Timothy Owen has a belated birthday present which will be a day to remember. He was eight last week, and comes from a family of committed Luton Town supporters even though they now live in Kissingbury, Northamptonshire.

Timothy goes to Kissingbury Primary School, and enjoys read, swimming and watching Luton Town, and comes to games with his dad.

His favourite player is Stuart Douglas, but today Timothy has the chance to meet all the Town stars, because the mascot's day begins with a visit to them in the dressing room before kick-off.

He will enjoy running down the tunnel with them and onto the pitch for the warm-up, and will then go with Marvin Johnson to the centre circle to meet the ref and opposing captain for the toss of the coin to decide choice of ends. There will, of course, be a souvenir photograph of the occasion.

The mascot opportunity is one of many we offer to supporters, and if you would like to know more please phone the commercial department on Luton 411622.

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Golden Gamble

OUR HIGHLY popular Golden Gamble kicks off again today, offering supporters the chance to go home with a useful wedge of cash for an outlay of only £1. Our picture is of the winner from the final home game of last season, when George Sands, from Wellcroft Road, Welwyn Garden City, collected £635. He was the season's 30th winner in a lottery which paid out a total of £13,043 - an average of £435 per game.

The size of the prize depends on sales: tickets cost £1 each and 50p goes into the jackpot kitty and the other 50p goes to Luton Town funds, so even if you are not a winner you are helping the club. Sellers are on duty in all parts of the ground, and

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Goalscoring Head 2 Head

in the graphics below, Hatters' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in orange and conceded in purple, Magpies' to the right and scored in blue and conceded in red

Where



How



Top League Scorers



IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

5 (10 pts) Games Won -> Drawn	2 (4 pts) Games Won -> Lost
1 (3 pts) Games Drawn -> Lost	0 (0 pts) Games Drawn -> Lost
0 (0 pts) Games Drawn -> Lost	3 (3 pts) Games Drawn -> Lost
13	7

SCORING SEQUENCES

Consecutive Games Scored	0	2
2 Games	0	2
3 Games	0	2
2 gms (x2) Maximum Scoring run	6	6

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

2 Games	2
3 Games	2
4 Games	2
9 games	7

Hatters' Results

Opposition Goals	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7																	
Luton Town Goals	0	2	3	1	1	6	5	4	5	1	2	4	5	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	4	1	6	6	7

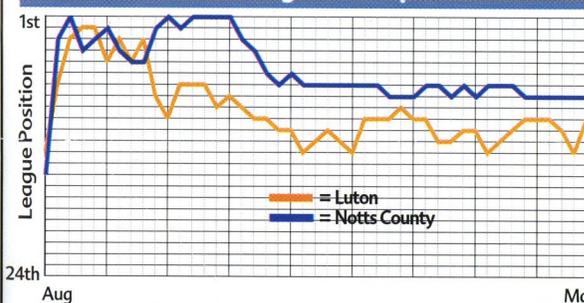
shows the number of results for each scoreline. eg. Luton have won 4 games 2-1

Magpies' Results

Opposition Goals	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7																		
Notts County Goals	0	3	5	2	2	1	5	4	5	1	1	2	5	6	3	2	3	3	1	4	4	1	5	5	6	7

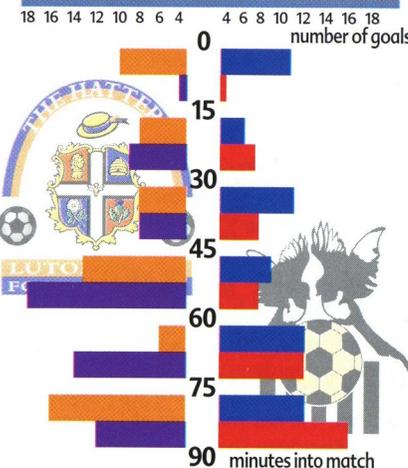
eg. County have lost 6 games 1-2 and won 1 game 5-1

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Stats & Facts

When



Average time of Scoring / Conceding

68 mins	All Goals for	68 mins
50 mins	Home Goals For	65 mins
104 mins	Away Goals For	71 mins
64 mins	All Goals Against	75 mins
59 mins	Home Goals Against	77 mins
69 mins	Away Goals Against	74 mins

Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and concede goals in home and away games.

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Hatters : **LSWWWLLSWS** F 14 A 13 Pts 15

Magpies : **WWLSLLLLL** F 10 A 16 Pts 8

Form Guide shows last 10 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

Notts County's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

Div	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave	Att
90/91	2	QF	2	Johnson	16	8,194
91/92	1	5	2	Johnson	9	11,133
92/93	1	3	3	Draper	11	8,194
93/94	1	4	2	McSwegan	15	8,346
94/95	1	3	4	Devlin	9	7,203
95/96	2	3	2	White	8	5,130
96/97	2	3	1	Martindale	6	4,258
97/98	3	2	2	Jones	28	5,725
98/99	2	3	1	Richardson	7	5,635
99/00	2	1	2	Stallard	13	5,667

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Welcome to Notts County



JOHN 'JOCKY' SCOTT - Manager

Involved in professional football since leaving school in 1963, John played professionally in England, Scotland (Dundee, Aberdeen) and the USA. He has Full, Under 23 and Schoolboy International Caps for Scotland. He has managed at Dundee F C, Dundee United, Aberdeen (twice), Hibernian, Arbroath and Dunfermline. In 1998 he steered his most recent club, Dundee F C, to the Scottish First Division Championship and in 1999 took them to their highest ever finish in club history in the Scottish Premiership. Other coaching achievements include winners medals in Scottish F A and League Cups.

GARY BRAZIL - Assistant Manager

Gary Brazil started his career as an apprentice at Crystal Palace, making his debut against Sheffield United. After 5 years at Selhurst Park between 1980 and 1985 he moved to Preston North End for £25,000. Four years later his ability attracted the interest of Newcastle United who paid £125,000 for his services. Gary finished his playing career at Fulham following a £125,000 move in 1990 and after 7 years at Craven Cottage he moved to Slough Town as a player and commercial manager whilst also working as a youth coach for Fulham. In 1998 he joined Notts County as Youth Team Manager. Following the shock resignation of Sam Allardyce, Gary was appointed Caretaker Manager and then given the Manager's job on a full time basis until the end of the season. After the appointment of Jocky Scott, Gary has now resumed his role as Assistant Manager.



Notts County Football Club Team Photo Season 2000-2001

Back Row (Left to Right): Alex Dyer, David Joseph, Ian Richardson, Paul Gibson, Matthew Redmile, James Lindley, Sean Farrell, Andrew Hughes, Mark Warren

Middle Row (Left to Right): Roger Cleary (Physio), Michael Brough, Richard Holmes, Craig Ramage, Mark Stallard, Darren Ward, Paul Bolland, Dennis Pearce, Ryan Ford, Gary Owers, Alan Travis (Physio)

Front Row (Left to Right): Shaun Murray, Kevin Rapley, John Gaunt (Youth Team Manager), Jocky Scott (Team Manager), Derek Pavis (Chairman), Gary Brazil (Assistant Manager), Paul Heffernan, Richard Liburd

GOALKEEPERS

DARREN WARD

Born Worksop 11.5.74 Height 5'11"
Widely regarded as one of the best keepers outside the Premiership and now a full International with Wales, Notts bargain buy has established himself as Club Captain. Solid and dependable, Ward is very much one of County's top players. Although he attracts speculation from many clubs in higher divisions, he has so far remained faithful to Notts.

PAUL GIBSON

Born Sheffield 1.11.76 Height 6'3"
A keeper from Manchester United Youth ranks, Gibson is more than capable of filling Darren Ward's boots when the Welshman is unavailable, and is indeed tipped to succeed Ward. Signed on a free transfer from Old Trafford after some impressive performances whilst on loan to the Magpies.

JAMES LINDLEY

Born Sutton in Ashfield 23.7.81 Height 6'1"
After rising through the Youth Scheme at Notts, Lindley secured a professional contract. A keeper who models himself on the great Peter Schmeichel and bears more than a passing resemblance. Lindley is a brave and committed young player.

DEFENDERS

RICHARD LIBURD

Born Nottingham 26.9.73 Height 5'9"
After stints at Middlesbrough and Bradford, Liburd was signed by Sam Allardyce on a free transfer from Carlisle. Able to play in a number of positions. His commitment to the cause has never been brought to question.

DENNIS PEARCE

Born Wolverhampton 10.9.74 Height 5'9"
Upon his arrival from Wolverhampton Wanderers, Dennis became an integral figure in the Championship winning 97/98 squad. His team appearances last season were limited due to injury and the early season form of Clayton Blackmore. Dennis was placed on the transfer list toward the end of the season. With Blackmore's departure however, this could be an opportunity to stake his claim for the left-back spot.

MARK WARREN

Born Clapton 12.11.74 Height 6'0"
It is unlikely that there are as many players in the Second Division that are as committed as Mark Warren. His pace and power enable him to contain most forwards he faces and his tenacity is second to none. A former England Youth International, he is a firm favourite with the fans at Meadow Lane.



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MATT REDMILE

Born Nottingham 12.11.76 Height 6'3"
A resurgence to form in the latter half of 99/00 has seen interest return to Matt Redmile. After a difficult period when Matt could not regain his form, the young defender strung together some sterling performances and this season could see the local lad really establish himself and again attract the bigger clubs.



IAN RICHARDSON

Born Barking 22.1.70 Height 5'10"
Although entering the professional arena at the age of 24, Richardson has never looked out of his depth. After establishing himself as a midfielder at Birmingham under Barry Fry, it was under Sam Allardyce that

Richardson converted to the central defender position with so much success. He has won the admiration of fans and team mates alike, and despite a brief absence through injury at the end of the season, Ian is a player who many will look to, to drive the Club's promotion push.

RICHARD HOLMES

Born Grantham 7.11.80 Height 5'11"
A player who earned a professional contract before finishing his traineeship. After breaking into the first

team in the 97/98 season, Holmes is beginning to establish himself as the Club's first choice right back.

MIDFIELDERS

PAUL BOLLAND

Born Bradford 23.12. Height 6'0"
After progressing through the Bradford City Youth ranks, Paul made several appearances in the team which won promotion to the Premier League. However, he was unable to cement his place in the side and was subsequently loaned out to Notts. Although reluctant at first to make the move permanent, Paul is now a key member of the side. Able to play in a number of positions, but preferring a midfield role, Paul's tenacity and desire to move forward are of great benefit to the Club.

SHAUN MURRAY

Born Newcastle 7.12.70 Height 5'8"
After missing the majority of last season with a persistent injury problem, Shaun will be looking to make an impression as the new season gets underway. A former England Schoolboy and Youth International. Shaun is a predominantly left-sided attacking midfielder. His attributes include the ability to retain the ball, and excellent vision and passing. Signed from Bradford in 1998 on a free.

GARY OWERS

Born Newcastle 3.10.68 Height 5'11"
A player whose career has spanned close to 600 first class games. His reputation as a midfield ball-winner for Sunderland and Bristol City stood him in good stead upon arrival at Meadow Lane 1998. His crunching tackles and high-energy performances have won him the admiration of the fans. Now 31, Gary was almost ever present last season and was a regular winner of the 'Man of the Match' accolade.

ANDY HUGHES

Born Manchester 2.1.78 Height 5'11"
Andy was unfortunate to suffer with appendicitis and this may cast doubts on his readiness for the start of the season. His pace and surging runs from midfield have made him a firm favourite with supporters. Although asked to fill in at right-back toward the end of the season, Andy will be looking to stake a claim in midfield and improve on his tally of seven goals last season.



ALEX DYER

Born Forest Gate 14.11.65
Height 5'11"
Winner of the 99/00 'Supporters Player of the Year' award, Dyer proved last season his ability to adapt to almost any position on a football pitch. During his time with Notts he has played in defence, midfield and attack and has never looked out of place. Mr dependable, Dyer is a valuable member of the squad.

MICHAEL BROUGH

Born Nottingham 1.8.81 Height 5'9"
Another player from the Notts Youth team. Michael made good progress last season to force his way into the team. His energy and enthusiasm have made him popular with the fans, and it would seem that Michael could establish himself in the Notts midfield for a long time.



CRAIG RAMAGE

Born Derby 30.3.70 Height 5'9"
Signed on a free transfer from Bradford in August 1999, Craig is a quality playmaker who is more than capable of turning a game on his own. His potential as a player was large and it was maybe only due to a series of knee injuries that he never realised his full capabilities. Previously played for Derby County and Watford.

RYAN FORD

Born 3.9.78
A young midfielder with exciting potential. Signed on a free transfer after being released by Manchester United, Ryan is a player who is composed on the ball and his distribution is of a high quality. Will be looking to establish himself in the Notts midfield this season.

STRIKERS



MARK STALLARD

Born Derby 24.10.74 Height 6'0"
Mark was the Club's top goalscorer last season with 13 goals, several of which were top drawer. The (almost) local front man was a trainee from derby but only made a handful of first team appearances before moving to Bradford City for £100,000 in 1994. Although Mark made some impressive performances at Valley Parade he was sold to Wycombe in 1997. It was then that his form hit a most 'purple' patch 11 goals in his first 16 games. Since moving to Meadow Lane Mark has shown that he is more than capable of notching up 20 or more goals a season.



KEVIN RAPLEY

Born Reading 21.9.77 Height 5'9"
A £50,000 signing from Brentford, Kevin has shown great promise although his goals have not been consistent, as he would have wished. His direct play and willingness to shoot does create problems for the opposition. After being placed on the transfer list, a good start to the season may be all that is needed for Kevin to re-establish himself at the Club.

SEAN FARRELL

Born Watford 28.2.69 Height 6'0"
'Faz' is a footballer who has had more than his fair share of injuries. After signing for the Magpies from Peterborough for £100,000, Farrell forged a quality partnership with Gary Jones in Notts Championship Season since then however, his First Team appearances have been few and far between. After suffering various injuries, everyone connected to the Club will be hoping that Sean can overcome his problems and add his considerable prowess to the Notts forward line.

PAUL HEFFERNAN

Born S. Ireland
A young Irishman whose form in the reserves has been welcomed by the Club, and will be looking to get an extended run in the side this season.

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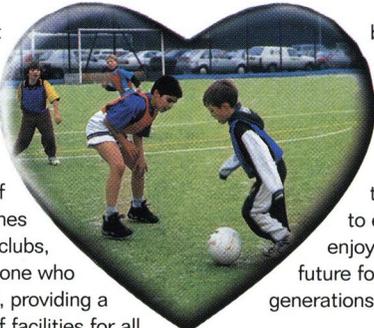
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TODAY is only the second time in their history that Luton Town have kicked off a league season on the "Glorious Twelfth."

Let's hope we have no cause to grouse about the result, unlike in 1972 when a 2-1 defeat at Cardiff spoiled Harry Haslam's first game in charge after he had taken over as manager from Alec Stock.

Also making their Hatters debuts in the Ninian Park sunshine that day were John Aston, Rodney Fern and Bobby Thomson.

The last-named had come on a free transfer from Birmingham City, and was thought by some to be in the twilight of his distinguished career, but he was still around three years later when Top Sellers, the forerunner of Panini stickers, included him in their 1975 series sold as "Football '76."

Thomson was born in Smethwick in December 1943 and joined Wolverhampton Wanderers as a youngster, making his league bow in the 1961-62 season. His progress at full-back was so rapid that in November 1963 he gained the first of his eight full England caps, which came in addition 15 under-23 outings.

After 277 league appearances for Wolves, Thomson moved to Birmingham in March 1969. However, he did not enjoy the best of times at St. Andrew's, and he was more than happy to accept Haslam's offer to come to Luton for the start of the 1972-73

season. Happy Harry immediately made the elegant defender team captain, and Thomson settled down quickly to make the No. 3 shirt his own.

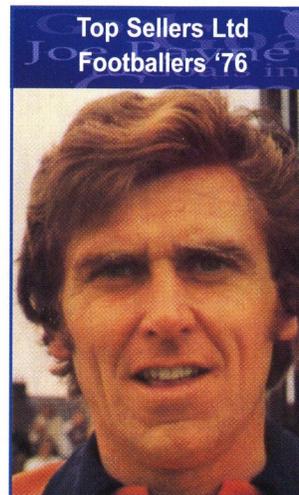
Unfortunately, a series of baffling set-backs at home that season, in marked contrast to excellent away form, prevented any serious promotion challenge being mounted. However, there was excitement in the shape a a decent FA Cup run, which ended in the quarter-finals at the hands of the eventual winners, Sunderland.

Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

Despite the setbacks of that season, Thomson gained some consolation when he was deservedly awarded the supporters player of the year trophy.

The following year the Town got their act together, and were in the running for promotion all season. Thomson eventually led them to success at West Bromwich on the final Saturday of the season - the same day that Manchester United were relegated. The cultured defender had again been a model of consistency, and for the second season in a row had not missed a first-team match.



But the Town struggled in the top flight, and Thomson's unbroken run in the side ended in October when Haslam gave Steve Buckley his chance. The youngster took it, leaving few opportunities for Thomson after that. A thrilling revival in the second half of the season, thanks to other youngsters like the Futchers twins, was not quite enough to avoid relegation.

Thomson returned to the team briefly the following year, but after his final appearance for the Town at Fulham in November 1975 he had a brief spell at Port Vale and more successful times with a number of clubs in the USA.

Thomson appears at No. 196 of this Top Sellers series. Others included Peter Anderson, Keith Barber, Paul and Ron Futchers, John Faulkner and even Peter Spiring.

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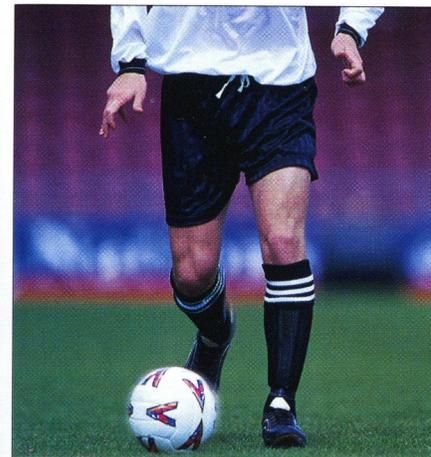
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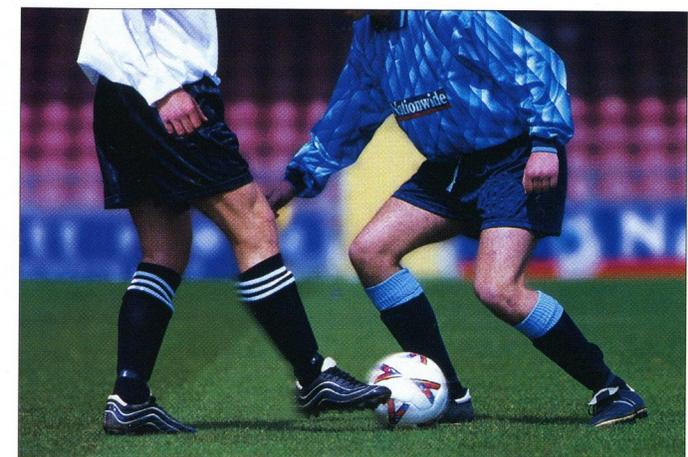
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Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

Goals galore against the Magpies



The alarm bells were ringing at the end of the 1949/50 season as the Town had just finished in 17th spot in the old Division Two and the relegation places were a little too close for comfort. The defence was not the problem but only 41 goals

scored told its own story.

The following campaign was to prove an even bigger disaster with relegation only avoided at the death after vital late wins over Chesterfield and Grimsby who were to occupy the bottom two slots.

In direct contrast to the Town's problems were Notts County who were riding on the crest of a wave. The inspired signing of Tommy Lawton in 1947, when he was still only 28 and an England international, did not have an immediate impact as far as results went, but the crowds at Meadow Lane shot up with the attendance figure rarely falling below 30,000.

The Magpies eventually won promotion from Division Three (South) in 1950 and their first clash with the Town since 1936 took place in front of a 34,054 crowd at Meadow Lane on 14th October. Surprisingly, given the Town's wretched form and lack of goals, strikes from Bob Morton and George Stobbs put the Hatters 2-0 up and with only ten minutes left the first away win for almost a year looked on the cards. Unfortunately, a deflected shot by Notts' Tommy Johnston past an unsighted Iorwerth Hughes in the Luton goal handed the Magpies a lifeline and, roared on by the crowd, the home side attacked with a will and levelled just before the end through Jackie Sewell.

The return game was played in the following March when the Town were sitting isolated at the foot of the table. Luckily the Magpies talisman, Lawton, was injured but Robert Crookes managed

to knock one in for Notts, levelling a Bernard Moore effort for the Hatters.

Manager Dally Duncan had held on to his nerve and had predicted all along that when the young forwards at his disposal such as Jack Taylor and Gordon Turner had gained a little more experience then goalscoring problems would be a thing of the past. He was, of course, proved perfectly correct although the signing of winger Bert Mitchell from Northampton in the summer of 1951 must not be forgotten.

The Town therefore started the 1951/52 season in a much more positive and determined frame of mind and although early results were erratic the meeting with Notts County at Kenilworth Road in September well and truly kick-started the campaign. The Magpies had enjoyed an unbeaten start but the crowd of 24,511 saw the Town change all that by hitting six without reply.

The return at Meadow Lane took place in the following January where Turner fired the Town into an early lead following a breakaway. The game then ebbed and flowed in dramatic fashion but when Taylor netted to make the score 4-4 in the 77th minute the crowd of 22,808 probably felt that the excitement was finally over. There was, however, to be one final twist with the hapless Luton skipper, Syd Owen, deflecting a Crookes centre past Bernard Streten in the Hatters goal with only two minutes remaining!

The following campaign again started inconsistently and again was helped on its way by the early visit of the Magpies to Kenilworth Road. Tommy Lawton had by now left Notts to take up the role of player-manager of Brentford and although his goals were sorely missed the Town were without Turner who had pulled a muscle.

Bernard Moore stepped back into the side and scored twice in an emphatic 5-1 victory which was all the more commendable when it is pointed out that full-back Bud Aherne spent a large part of



Bud Aherne ushers the ball back to goalkeeper Bernard Streten during the 1-1 draw with Notts County at Kenilworth Road in March 1951. The Magpies player on the left, Jackie Sewell, was transferred to Sheffield Wednesday two weeks later for a then record fee of £34,500. How times change!

the match wandering about on the left wing after suffering from dizziness and blurred vision following a clash of heads.

The Hatters were flying by the time of the return, in February 1953, and had pushed up to third place breathing down the necks of leaders Huddersfield and Sheffield United. The position was consolidated with a 2-1 win in front of a crowd of 8,648, the lowest at Meadow Lane since May 1947. Notts old boy, Jesse Pye, was the match winner with both goals and had looked on for his hat-trick near the end when he was through on goal but was hauled down in the area. Surprisingly the referee refused to award a penalty but as play switched to the other end Notts were awarded a spot kick, harshly awarded against Owen, with Berkhamsted born Frank Broome netting the Magpies consolation.

In the 1953/54 campaign the Hatters travelled to Nottingham in October to find the Magpies sitting at the foot of the table after a run of eight games without a win including a 0-5 reversal at Forest the previous Saturday. Despite the Town including winger Edgar Bennett in what was to be his only outing for the club the Hatters had little difficulty in securing their first away win of the season. Charlie Watkins set up both George Cummins and Bert Mitchell in the 2-1 victory with

'Tot' Leverton replying for the Magpies.

A crowd of 14,623 gathered at Kenilworth Road in March 1954 to see old boy Jack Taylor turn out for the Magpies. Taylor had been involved in a big money transfer from the Town to Wolves but a succession of injuries cut short his career in the top flight. He did manage to get on the scoresheet, however, but strikes from John Downie and Roy Davies secured both points for the Hatters.

The final pair of games between the two sides, before the parting of the ways, took place in 1954/55, the Town's promotion season to Division One. Memories of the game at Nottingham in 1950 came back when, with only ten minutes left at Meadow Lane in November 1954, the Town were 3-1 ahead but contrived to throw away a point in an eventual 3-3 draw.

No mistake was made the following March with the Town consolidating their second spot in the table with an emphatic 3-1 win. The Magpies held the best away record in Division Two at the time but were no match for the Hatter's home form and two goals from Bob Morton and a solo from Cummins secured the points.

Roger Wash

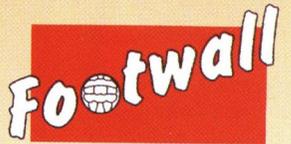
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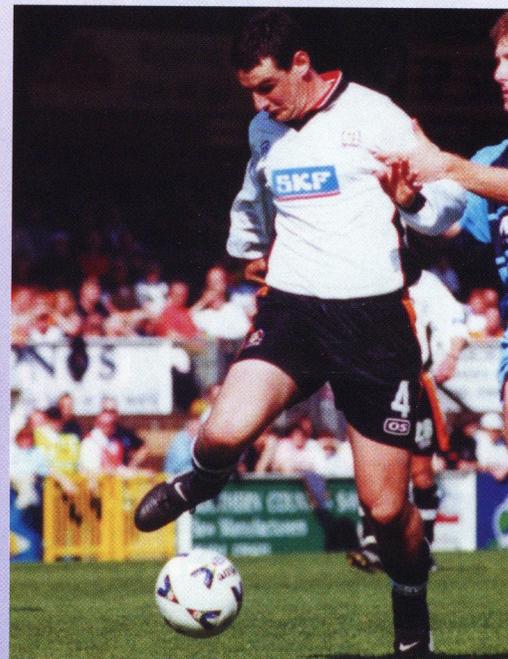


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Believe it or not, the close season is probably our busiest time of the year and this summer one of the biggest events we organised was our six a side football tournament at The Pasque Hospice Midsummer Show held at Barnfield College in Luton. With over 80 teams in the competition and a really hot day the event was great fun and very successful with the show raising in excess of £15,000 for the hospice.

We had teams from Bedford to Aylesbury as well as many local teams from Mid Beds and Luton and Dunstable and we would like to thank everyone who supported the event especially all of the managers, mums and dads who kept all of the teams under control and also Luton Borough Council for marking our pitches and providing goals and The Beds F.A. for providing our referees. It was a great team effort by everyone involved that helped make the day such a success - thanks again to everyone involved.

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Junior Hatters

WELCOME back to a new season at Kenilworth Road, and although there have been a few changes we are glad to report that the Junior Hatters Club will again concentrate on giving good value to all our young supporters. And we offer our grateful thanks to London Luton Airport, who are sponsoring us this season, enabling us to offer a wider range of activities. We should be able to announce a few new ideas for entertainment in the near future.

Our Saturday Club cannot operate yet, because we use the facilities of Dallow School, which are not available during school holidays, but it will resume in mid-September.

For more information, or to join the Junior Hatters, please contact the club shop, which is now our headquarters. Most of last season's members have rejoined, but we still have some vacancies - the Junior Hatters welcome all Town fans under the age of 16. Membership is £6 a season to re-join, or £10 for new members. You get a lot for your money, including entertainment

on home match days, bargain-price trips to away matches, and the chance to be chosen as mascot, which is an unforgettable experience for any boy or girl.

Junior Hatters can look forward to birthday cards, signed by their favourite players, and a Christmas disco party attended by the players. We organise trips to a lot of away games, often to meet up with the juniors of other clubs, and sometimes we have mascots at away games. So, if you are under 16 and support Luton Town, come and join us!

We welcome a party of young Magpies fans who are with us today, and look forward to seeing them again at Meadow Lane in January.

Meanwhile, our first away trip of the season is next Saturday, to the JJB Stadium at Wigan. Happily, we have been able to peg prices, and it's a real bargain: £10 for Junior Hatters and £12 for adults and non-members covers the fare and a match ticket.

Today's Mascot



EIGHT-year-old Jake Mulvaney has given up a day of his holiday to be at Kenilworth Road this afternoon. He has been away with his family all week at the seaside in Norfolk, but when the

computer drew out his name to be today's Junior Hatters mascot, the decision was soon made to return home to Payne Road, Wootton, a day early.

We hear that Jake's 11-year-old brother Sam is gutted at the luck of the draw that picked out Jake, because he has been a Junior Hatter longer, and has not yet been lucky enough to be chosen. We hope his turn will come one day. Jake and Sam watch the Town from the main stand, with their dad Eddie - "I've been a

Town fanatic since I was a kid" - and with their uncle Michael and Aunt Helen.

Jake goes to Wootton Lower School, and as well as watching the Town, his hobbies are swimming and golf.

His favourite player is Matthew Spring, and today he will meet his hero face to face, because part of the mascot's duties entails joining the team in the dressing room before kick-off, and then taking part in the pre-match formalities on the pitch, including the warm-up kick-about and the centre-circle ritual of the toss-up between the skippers.

Our Junior Hatters ballboys today are eight-year-old Simon Perry, from St. Peter's Road, Luton, and James Riley, who is 9, and comes from Beckham Close, Luton.

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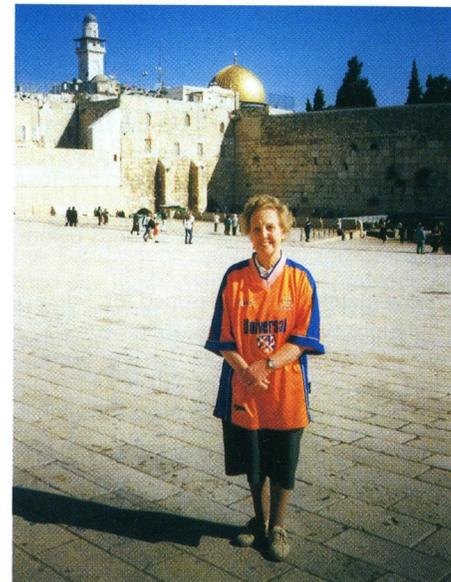
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The Town fan is Mrs Valerie Owen, from New Road, Aston Clinton, who admits that she is not quite the height of fashion in the picture. The shirt is a little on the large size for her, but the reason is that she borrowed it from her grandson, Stuart Jones. And that is a reminder that the family is three generations of Town supporters, because Stuart and his sister Nicola are not only fans, but also programme sellers at Kenilworth Road.

THIS page is open to all Luton Town fans, and the matchday magazine will be pleased to consider for publication photographs from anywhere in the world. All we ask is that the Hatters colours are well to the fore. So if you have an interesting snap of Town kit in far-off places, 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.

OUR second picture only just qualifies, but we thought we could agree that Scotland is "abroad" for the purposes of showing young Town fan and football trivia expert Nathan Osborne, of Telscombe Way, Luton.



You might recognise the scene as the home of Hibernian, and Nathan's mother explains how the picture came to be taken: "He is 11 years old, a Junior Hatter, and loves anything to do with Luton Town."

"We were staying with my family just outside Newcastle, and decided to have a day out in Edinburgh. On the way home we got lost and couldn't find our way back to the motorway and ended up driving round in circles."

"We eventually turned into Easter Road and Nathan, who has a mind full of football trivia, said to keep on going because there was a football stadium here. We drove to the end of the road, and there it was. As he is usually kitted out in something or other to do with Luton Town, it was fortunate that I had a camera to hand to take his picture."

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Pre Season Games

Brian Swain

Bromley 2 Luton Town 5

ONE OF the many trialists used by the Town, midfielder Dean Brennan, 20, capped a good display with a fine solo goal in the first pre-season friendly.

Once Andrew Fotiadis headed the Town into a 17th-minute lead the result was never in doubt, although Stuart Fraser gifted the home side a penalty equaliser with a mistimed tackle. Liam George made it 2-1 at the interval, and added his second eight minutes after the break. Mark Stein got the fourth but after Brennan's strike Fraser conceded another penalty, this time for handball, to enable Bromley to make the score-line slightly more respectable.

Welling Utd 0 Luton Town 1

MARK Stein hit his second goal in two appearances to give the Town a victory they had to work for against enthusiastic Conference opposition. It was a clinical finish from a through-ball by Matthew Spring just before the interval. A kick on the ankle forced the striker to miss the closing stages, but by then he had done enough to have his manager drooling about Stein's leadership of the line and use of the ball.

Welling had gone close to an early lead with a shot which hit a post, but later the Town hit the woodwork twice, through Jude Stirling and Andrew Fotiadis. But it needed a top class flying save by Nathan Abbey to prevent Welling snatching an equaliser.

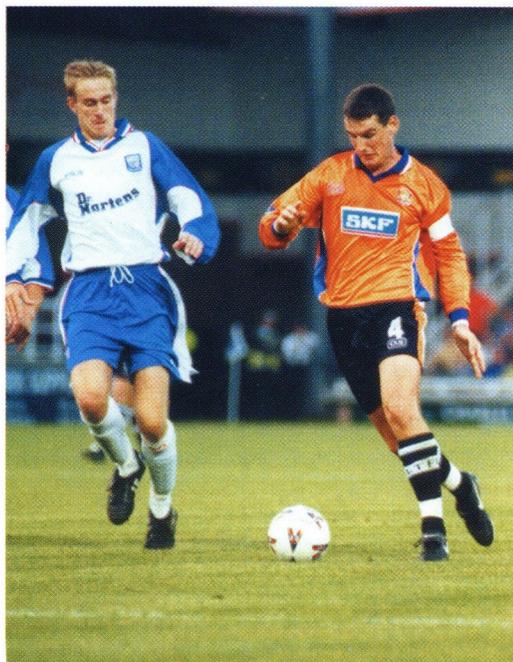
St. Albans City 1 Luton Town 2

THE result was all but irrelevant as an unfamiliar Town side took on local Ryman League opposition. Goalkeeper Nathan Abbey and back three Emerson Boyce, Stuart Fraser and James Ayres were the only signed-up Town men in the starting line-up. Ten of the 17-man squad were trialists looking for work. One or two, said Ricky Hill, seemed to be worth another look, but no-

one had shone brightly enough to attract an instant offer.

Tommy Carter, a Bermudan international, struck a brilliant 22-yard curling free kick into the top corner to give the Town an 11th-minute lead. Abbey made a good save to preserve the advantage but was left helpless when the Town failed to deal with a corner to allow Corey Campbell to head an equaliser seconds before the interval.

A scrappy match seemed destined for a draw until a minute into stoppage time when Paul Armstrong, from Brighton, crossed for Andy Douglas, younger brother of Stuart and available from Sheffield Wednesday, to head the winner.



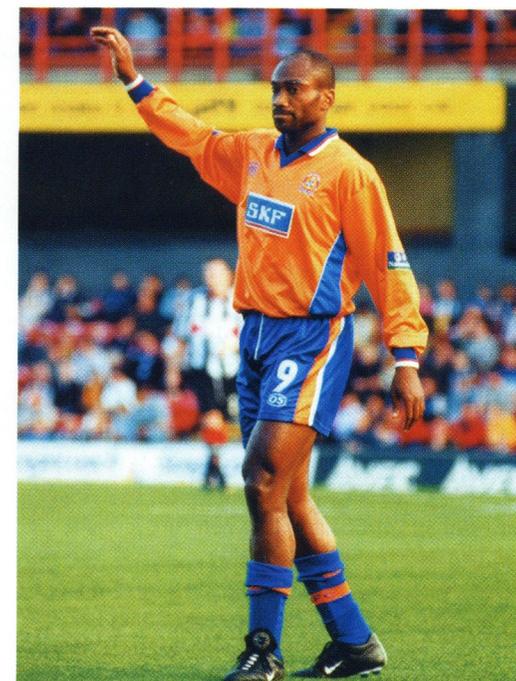
IN CHARGE: With Marvin Johnson unable to start any of the pre-season games because of a virus infection, Matthew Spring took on the Town captaincy.

Grimsby Town 1 Luton Town 1

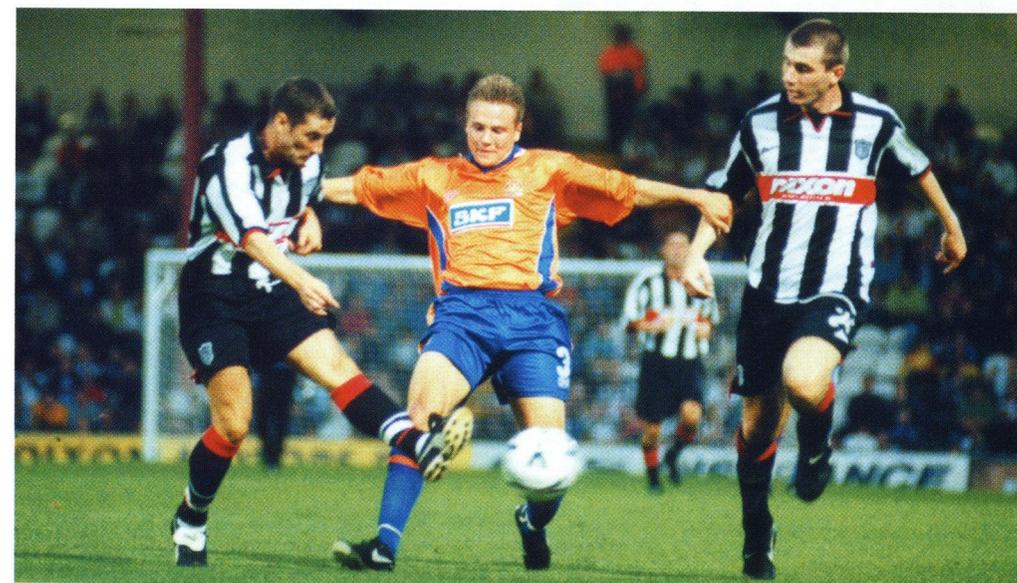
THE most impressive performance to date, in the second half at Blundell Park, gave the Town a draw which was the very least they deserved. Ricky Hill intends to stick with the team formation he inherited, but in the first half the wing-backs, Gavin McGowan and Matthew Taylor, were extra defenders rather than counter-attackers. Paul McLaren, was at centre-back, while the attack was led by out of touch trialist Carlos Hasselbaink, elder brother and poor imitation of Jimmy Floyd. The Town's defensive emphasis denied Grimsby more than one first-half shot, a drive by Kingsley Black well held by Nathan Abbey, but produced little attacking threat.

A more positive spirit after the break, with wing-backs moving upfield, put the Town well on top of their First Division opponents, and Grimsby escaped due punishment through a mixture of good goalkeeping and good luck. Mark Stein was close three times and McLaren was denied by a point-blank save.

But Grimsby were given a soft goal from a 75th minute break, with Abbey unable to hold on to a header, and Peter Handyside netted from a tap-in. Defeat would have been unjust, and was avoided four minutes from time when Andrew Fotiadis headed in from a right wing cross by Fraser.



BIG NAME: Carlos Hasselbaink, elder brother of Jimmy Floyd, appeared in a Town shirt at Grimsby, but failed to do enough to impress Ricky Hill, and was one of several disappointed trialists who have passed through Kenilworth Road in recent weeks.



AGAINST THE ODDS: Matthew Taylor takes them on two at a time at Blundell Park.

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Pre Season Games

Brian Swain

Hull City 0 Luton Town 1

WITHOUT finding the excellent form of the second half at Grimsby, the Town came through a decent test at Boothferry Park thanks to another expert strike by Mark Stein and several very good saves by Nathan Abbey. Under pressure as his manager searched for another keeper, Abbey earned man of the match honours for five excellent second-half saves when Hull found it painfully easy to create openings.

Derek Coughlan, from Cork, trialled at centre-back, but had to be subbed after gashing his forehead. He returned for a time wearing a big bandage, which made him look like - but not play like - Steve Foster.

New signing Peter Holmes cracked an early 30-yarder against the bar and he and Dean Brennan both hit scorching drives which were saved with difficulty.

The only goal came in the 70th minute, with Stein despatching a low drive from just inside the box after a delightful short through-pass by Tommy Carter.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
Nathan Abbey has had an excellent pre-season, particularly at Boothferry Park, where he showed again he is ready to fight for his place in our league team.



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THE following from Luton was 961 in a crowd of just over 3,000 as the Town turned on the style on their first-ever visit to Nene Park. The moneybags Conference side posed occasional problems, but could not match the clinical finishing that destroyed them in the last 20 minutes.

Once again Mark Stein displayed the instinctive eye for goal that has been his trade mark, with two more taking his tally to five in five games.

He shot a 28th-minute opener, but within a minute Matthew Taylor pushed Jon Brady to concede a penalty. Nathan Abbey came to the rescue, diving to his right to save from Gary Mills. The keeper took some of the blame when Gary Butterworth scrambled a 39th-minute equaliser, but made amends early in the second half with a brilliant reaction save from Duane Darby's fierce downward header.

Another penalty came in the 54th minute, for a handling offence, and this time Matthew Spring demonstrated how it should be done, with a net-bulging drive. The rest of the action was evenly-contested except in the vital matter of expertise in hitting the target. The Diamonds were unable to create any more real chances, while the Town grabbed their three in the last 20 minutes with stunning efficiency, through Taylor's 25-yarder, Emmerson Boyce's glancing header from a Taylor corner, and, inevitably, from Stein after Liam George hassled a defender into losing possession.

CONCENTRATION: Liam George on a run for goal at Nene Park.

TOP MAN: Mark Stein, back with the club where it all began, in typical pre-season action, in which he netted five goals in five appearances.



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The Reserves

John Moore



THE reserves came through their three pre-season friendlies without defeat, but as is always true of football at this level results were not our major concern. It was more about looking at players who were available and who were looking for clubs.

In the first game, for instance, we had nine trialists in our team at Letchworth, and three scored in a 3-3 draw, Keith Crustagen, Elliott Onachie and Andy Douglas, younger brother of Stuart.

Onachie got a hat-trick, with Tommy Carter also on target, in a 4-3 win at Bedford Town, and the best game was at St. Neots on Wednesday. We won 4-0 with strikes by Tresor Kandol, Carter, Dean Standen and an own goal, but more importantly Marvin Johnson and Julian Watts both got through a 70-minute "fitness test" after illness.

It looks as though we will have another very young reserve side this season, and although we might struggle in terms of league table places, our job will

be to encourage, direct and lift lads who know that here at Luton they will be old enough if they're good enough, whatever their age.

Overall, the club is still a little thin on the ground in terms of senior players, and the first priority must be for the new manager to try to fill his top squad with players capable of playing league football. That is where results are really important.

In the Avon Combination we will be working to bring through more players to compete for first team berths, and in that respect I am pleased that we have such a lot of youngsters. If they have the desire and drive to succeed, they will have every chance of making the grade.

Our Avon Insurance Combination season begins on Wednesday, when Barnet provide the opposition at Kenilworth Road, with a 2pm kick-off.

Later in the season, to reduce wear and tear on our pitch, we intend to accept the kind invitation of Baldock Town to use their ground for mid-winter home games.

John Moore

Avon Insurance Combination Fixtures			
AUGUST		JANUARY 2001	
Wed 16 Barnet	H 2pm	Thurs 4 Norwich (LC)	A 7.30pm
Mon 21 Peterborough (LC)	A 2pm	Wed 10 Wycombe	A 2pm
Tues 29 Millwall	A 2pm	Mon 15 Brighton	H* 7pm
SEPTEMBER		Wed 24 Bournemouth	A 2pm
Wed 13 L. Orient	A 2pm	Mon 29 Bristol Rov	H* 7pm
Wed 20 Gillingham (LC)	H 2pm	FEBRUARY	
Tues 26 QPR	A 2pm	Mon 12 Cheltenham	H* 7pm
OCTOBER		Mon 26 Colchester	A 2pm
Wed 4 Fulham	H* 2pm	MARCH	
Wed 11 C. Palace	H 2pm	Thurs 8 Norwich City	A 7.30pm
Wed 18 Gillingham	A 2pm	Wed 14 Southend	H 2pm
Wed 25 Cambridge Utd (LC)H*	2pm	Mon 19 Peterborough	A 2pm
NOVEMBER		Wed 28 Cambridge Utd	H 2pm
Wed 1 Reading	A 2pm	APRIL	
Mon 6 Brentford	H* 7pm	Tues 3 Northampton	A 2pm
Wed 15 Bristol City	A 2pm	*To be played at Baldock Town.	
Wed 29 Swindon	A 2pm		
DECEMBER			
Mon 4 Portsmouth	H* 7pm		
Wed 13 Colchester (LC)	A 2pm		
Mon 18 Oxford Utd	H* 7pm		

Division One 1999/00 Avon Insurance Combination							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	21	14	6	1	40	14	48
QPR	21	14	3	4	53	21	45
Ipswich	21	13	4	4	49	27	43
Fulham	21	12	5	4	42	21	41
Bristol City	21	12	5	4	37	25	41
Swindon	21	12	4	5	38	26	40
Bournemouth	21	10	4	7	35	33	34
Peterborough	21	9	5	7	39	27	32
Cambridge	21	9	4	8	39	33	31
Bristol Rovers	21	8	6	7	28	27	30
Brighton	21	8	5	8	34	30	29
Norwich	21	7	6	8	30	24	27
Leyton Orient	21	7	5	9	30	40	26
Colchester	21	6	7	8	29	39	25
Portsmouth	21	7	4	10	29	40	25
Gillingham	21	6	5	10	23	39	23
Northampton	21	6	4	11	27	36	22
Barnet	21	5	6	10	26	33	21
Southend	21	5	2	14	25	48	17
Luton Town	21	3	7	11	19	33	16
Oxford	21	4	4	13	27	45	16
Wycombe	21	2	3	16	19	57	9



PRE-SEASON performances by our latest youth squad have included some encouraging aspects as we prepare for

another campaign in the Football League Youth Alliance. It is difficult to judge how we might fare in the league. It is for under-19 players, and we found it hard going sometimes last season because we very often use schoolboys in our team. Searching for good young talent is more important than results.

In the new season, for instance, players eligible for the Alliance games include Matthew Taylor, but he is already established in the first team. Similarly Scott Ward, Jude Stirling, Alex Minton and Dean Standen are likely to figure regularly for the reserves.

Lee Mansell is our new captain, and five new lads have joined the staff, to become under-18 scholars, the new name for YTS boys: goalkeeper Jon Chatfield from Huntingdon, defender Joe Deeney from Milton Keynes, midfielder James Osborne from Islington, striker Chris Dillon from Middlesbrough, and Marcus Jeffrey, another centre-forward, from Mill Hill.

We have used a dozen trialists in the pre-season fixtures, and one or two of them might be added to the staff. The games were all against good opposition, and thanks are due to all the staff for their help during this busy period, especially youth development officer Dean Rastrick, physios John Smith and Bruce Sewell, and bus driver and kit man Brian Heffer.

We began our programme at Witney Town, where we enjoyed a bit of a romp. In a 6-1 victory Chris Dillon scored twice and the other goals came from Duane Clarke, Darryl Murphy, Chevron Cumming and Marlon Dill.

Thanks to Kevin Thoburn, from our community department, we had a game against the under-18 Barton Rovers team that he manages. We got through 3-2, with the decider an own goal after earlier strikes by Marcus Jeffrey and Cumming. Our visit to Rushden and Diamonds was a real eye-

Youth Soccer

Paul Lowe

opener: we played on their newly-opened training ground, a complex which has cost a £3million! We won 1-0 thanks to a goal by Michael Leary, and followed that up with a 2-0 victory at Thame Utd, with Duane Clarke and Ian Bliss the scorers.

Our first defeat was a 2-0 reverse away to Queens Park Rangers, where we included six trialists. Three who did well were midfielder Leary from Kenton, defender Joe Bruce from South London, and left flanker Ian Braun, who had played well for Thame against us a few days earlier.

WE have no game today, but are away to Aylesbury for our final friendly on Monday. Our league campaign starts next Saturday, when we are at home to Southend. We play at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, and kick-off is at 11 am. Spectators are welcome, and admission is free.

Paul Lowe

Football League Youth Alliance Fixtures South East Conference			
AUGUST		NOVEMBER	
19 Southend	H	4 Gillingham	A
26 L. Orient	A	11 Southend	A
SEPTEMBER		18 L. Orient	H
2 Portsmouth	H	25 Portsmouth	A
9 Wycombe Wdrs	H	DECEMBER	
16 Northampton	A	2 Northampton	H
23 Cambridge	H	16 Wycombe Wdrs	A
OCTOBER		JANUARY	
7 Barnet	A	13 Barnet	H
14 Brighton	H	20 Cambridge	A
21 Brentford	A	27 Brighton	A
28 Colchester	H	FEBRUARY	
		3 Brentford	H
		10 Colchester	A
		17 Gillingham	H

Merit League Division One South							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	8	5	3	0	14	5	18
Portsmouth	8	4	2	2	14	7	14
Wolves	8	2	5	1	8	8	11
Brentford	8	3	2	3	9	11	11
Swansea	8	1	7	0	9	7	10
Luton Town	8	2	4	2	7	10	10
Notts Co	8	2	3	3	8	10	9
Plymouth	8	1	5	2	7	6	8
Exeter	8	0	1	7	2	14	1

South Central Conference Final Table 1999/2000												
	P	W	HOME				AWAY				Pts	
			D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Cambridge	16	6	1	1	18	9	3	2	14	8	31	
West Brom	16	6	1	1	23	8	3	0	5	13	14	28
Walsall	16	6	1	1	14	4	2	3	3	14	17	28
Notts Co	16	2	4	2	7	6	5	1	2	12	5	26
Wolves	16	5	1	2	16	11	1	3	4	7	12	22
Luton Town	16	4	3	1	12	8	1	2	5	5	16	20
Oxford	16	3	3	2	12	13	1	2	5	4	17	17
Northampton	16	2	1	5	14	16	2	1	5	12	20	14
Shrewsbury	16	2	2	4	11	14	1	2	5	8	18	13

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Division 2 1999/00 Ave. Attendances

2000	4000	6000	8000	10000	12000	14000
AFC Bournemouth	4,917					
Blackpool	4,841					
Brentford	5,742					
Bristol City	9,803					
Bristol Rovers	8,402					
Burnley	12,937					
Bury	4,025					
Cambridge United	4,404					
Cardiff City	6,895					
Chesterfield	2,935					
Colchester United	3,782					
Gillingham	7,087					
Luton Town	5,658					
Millwall	9,260					
Notts County	5,667					
Oldham Athletic	5,391					
Oxford United	5,790					
Preston North End	12,819					
Reading	8,985					
Scunthorpe United	4,064					
Stoke City	1,426					
Wigan Athletic	7,007					
Wrexham	3,952					
Wycombe Wanderers	5,101					

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League Scorers: the difference their goals made

Player	Cl	Gms	Gl/Gm	W>L	W>D	D>L	Pts	Run	Dry
Burnley Payton	27	41	0.66	1	10	6	29	3	5
Wycombe Devine	23	39	0.59	1	7	5	22	4	6
Stoke Thorne	24	45	0.53	0	9	3	21	5	5
Millwall Harris	25	38	0.66	2	4	6	20	5	3
Bristol Rovers Roberts	22	41	0.54	1	7	1	18	4	5
Preston Macken	22	44	0.5	2	4	4	18	3	6
Colchester McGavin	16	34	0.47	2	3	2	14	3	7
Reading Caskey	17	44	0.39	0	5	4	14	2	5
Cardiff Bowen	12	39	0.31	2	3	2	14	2	8
Luton George	14	42	0.33	1	5	0	13	2	9
Wigan Barlow	18	33	0.55	0	4	5	13	6	5
Brentford Owusu	12	41	0.29	1	3	2	11	3	9
Bury Preece	12	43	0.28	1	2	4	11	1	9
Chesterfield Reeves	14	43	0.33	2	1	3	11	4	16
Oldham Allott	10	32	0.31	0	4	2	10	3	5
Bournemouth Stein	11	34	0.32	0	3	3	9	2	5
Bristol City Thorpe	13	31	0.42	1	2	2	9	3	4
Cambridge Benjamin	20	44	0.46	0	2	5	9	8	7
Oxford Murphy	11	46	0.24	0	4	1	9	2	10
Scunthorpe Ipoua	9	40	0.23	1	2	2	9	3	18
Blackpool Murphy	10	39	0.26	0	2	3	7	2	12
Notts County Stallard	13	36	0.36	0	2	3	7	6	7
Wrexham Faulconbridge	9	34	0.27	1	0	2	5	1	8
Gillingham Southall	9	27	0.33	0	1	2	4	1	8

Each club's leading league scorer and their goals per game (Gl/Gm). Next 3 columns show taking off their goals how many games change from Win to Loss (W>L), Win to Draw (W>D), Draw to Loss (D>L) and Points (Pts) lost. Last 2 figures show best scoring run, and longest dry spell in consecutive games.

Division 2 General Stats

PU	CS	FS	PU	CS	FS		
Bournemouth	34	12	11	Luton	25	6	14
Blackpool	40	6	13	Millwall	27	14	7
Brentford	33	12	18	Notts County	32	12	13
Bristol City	41	14	17	Oldham	29	13	12
Bristol Rovers	33	18	11	Oxford	31	9	16
Burnley	24	18	9	Preston	29	24	8
Bury	32	11	15	Reading	37	14	10
Cambridge	33	10	12	Scunthorpe	36	9	16
Cardiff	30	10	13	Stoke	34	15	9
Chesterfield	34	8	21	Wigan	28	17	7
Colchester	33	8	13	Wrexham	31	15	13
Gillingham	32	13	7	Wycombe	29	12	15

PU=Players Used CS=Clean Sheets NS=Games Team Failed to Score

Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate: 22,310 Burnley v Preston
 Lowest Gate: 1,903 Chesterfield v Bury
 Highest Aggregate Score: Colchester 5-4 Bristol Rovers
 Biggest Home Win: Burnley 5-0 Wrexham
 Biggest Away Win: Blackpool 0-5 Bury
 Consecutive Records:
 Wins Bristol Rovers, Millwall, Stoke 6
 Games Unbeaten Wigan 24
 Defeats Notts County, Oldham 5
 Winless Run Chesterfield 18
 Games: 552
 Home Wins: 234 (42%)
 Away Wins: 163 (30%)
 Draws: 155 (28%)
 1-1 Draws: 75 (14%)
 0-0 Draws: 40 (7%)
 Average goals per game: 2.54
 Yellow Cards: 1,407
 Red Cards: 78
 Total Attendance 3,700,457
 Average gate: 6,704

Division 2 Results Grid

		HOME GOALS									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
AWAY GOALS	0	40	63	37	26	3	2				
	1	42	75	51	22	5	4				
	2	32	44	36	11	3	3				
	3	9	13	9	3	2	1				
	4	4	6	2	1	1					
	5	2									
	6										
	7										
	8										

Grid shows the number of games ending with each results. e.g. 5 matches were a 4-1 win for the home side and 6 were a 4-1 win for the away team

Referee's Report

Gam	Red	Yell	Av. Yell	
Hill	28	9	114	4.07
Bates	31	8	107	3.45
Warren	29	6	97	3.34
Hall	30	1	99	3.30
Tomlin	27	3	89	3.30
Lynch	34	15	111	3.26
Bennett	18	1	58	3.22
Parkes	27	5	86	3.19
Ryan	27	8	85	3.15
Wilkes	31	6	96	3.10
Fletcher	36	7	110	3.06
Jordan	29	1	87	3.00
Foy	31	7	93	3.00
Beeby	27	7	81	3.00

Division 2 Hotshots - The most prolific marksmen

Player	NL	WC	FA	Tot	Gms	Avg
Millwall Neil Harris	25	0	0	25	41	1.64
Burnley Andy Payton	27	0	0	27	46	1.7
Wigan Stuart Barlow	18	2	2	22	40	1.82
Bristol Rovers Jason Roberts	22	3	0	25	46	1.84
Wycombe Sean Devine	23	1	1	25	47	1.88
Stoke Peter Thorne	24	1	0	25	49	1.96
Reading Martin Butler	18	3	2	23	50	2.17
Colchester Steve McGavin	16	0	0	16	35	2.19
Preston Jonathan Macken	22	2	1	25	55	2.2
Bristol Rovers Jamie Cureton	22	1	0	23	51	2.22
Cambridge Trevor Benjamin	20	0	3	23	51	2.22
Reading Darren Caskey	17	2	3	22	53	2.41
Bristol City Tony Thorpe	14	1	0	15	37	2.47
Wigan Simon Haworth	13	3	3	19	47	2.47
Luton Phil Gray	11	0	1	12	32	2.67
Cambridge Tom Youngs	8	0	0	8	22	2.75



WE WILL meet a lot of old friends on the Second Division circuit this season, thanks to what might well be a unique record for one club. When Ricky Hill was appointed at Kenilworth Road it meant that six Second Division clubs had former Town players as their managers.

The first reunion is just a week away, when we go to Wigan, where the boss is Bruce Rioch, who took over from John Benson in the summer.

Danny Wilson moved into the hot seat at Bristol City in the close season, to become their fifth manager in 18 months. Two ex-Luton stars suffered relegation from the First Division, Brian Horton with Port Vale and Colin Todd with Swindon, while Barry Fry won promotion with Peterborough via the play-offs.

If the bookies are to be believed, Rioch is the most likely to be celebrating promotion next May. Their choice is hardly surprising, because Wigan have been close in the past two seasons, and are one of the richest clubs in the division. William Hill have them at 7-2 favourites for the title.

Stoke City are at 5-1, followed by Reading at 8-1, Millwall at 9-1 and Bristol Rovers, Bristol City and Swindon all on offer at 14-1. We are forecast to be mid-table, at 25-1 for the championship, while today's visitors are rated at 16-1.

How they finished last season

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
Preston	46	15	4	4	37	23	13	7	3	37	14	95
Burnley	46	16	3	4	42	23	9	10	4	27	24	88
Gillingham	46	16	3	4	46	21	9	7	7	33	27	85
Wigan	46	15	3	5	37	14	7	14	2	35	24	83
Millwall	46	14	7	2	41	18	9	6	8	35	32	82
Stoke	46	13	7	3	37	18	10	6	7	31	24	82
Bristol Rovers	46	13	7	3	34	19	10	4	9	35	26	80
Notts Co	46	9	6	8	32	27	9	5	9	29	28	65
Bristol City	46	7	14	2	31	18	8	5	10	28	39	64
Reading	46	10	9	4	28	18	6	5	12	29	45	62
Wrexham	46	9	6	8	23	24	8	5	10	29	37	62
Wycombe	46	11	4	8	32	24	5	9	9	24	29	61
Luton Town	46	10	7	6	41	35	7	3	13	20	30	61
Oldham	46	8	5	10	27	28	8	7	8	23	27	60
Bury	46	8	10	5	38	33	5	8	10	23	31	57
Bournemouth	46	11	6	6	37	19	5	3	15	22	43	57
Brentford	48	8	6	9	27	31	5	7	11	20	30	52
Colchester	46	9	4	10	36	40	5	6	12	23	42	52
Cambridge	46	8	6	9	38	33	4	6	13	26	32	48
Oxford	46	6	5	12	24	38	6	4	13	19	35	45
Cardiff	46	5	10	8	23	34	4	7	12	22	33	44
Blackpool	46	4	10	9	26	37	4	7	12	23	40	41
Scunthorpe	46	4	6	13	16	34	5	6	12	24	40	39
Chesterfield	46	5	7	11	17	25	2	8	13	17	38	36

Relegation favourites - title odds 66-1 - are Cambridge and Colchester, who are among the many clubs where former Town players feature in the lists of comings and goings. Cambridge have signed 37-year-old John Dreyer on a Bosman from Bradford, while giving a free transfer to Ben Chenery, who has joined Kettering. While Colchester recruited Alan White after his free transfer from Kenilworth Road, they were releasing two other centre-halves who used to play for us. Efe

2nd Division

Brian Swain

Sodje has moved up a division to join Crewe, while David Greene has signed for relegated Cardiff City. Once again the summer has seen clubs shedding players in considerable numbers, and while Martin Williams got fixed up with Bristol City after leaving Reading, others are still looking for new openings. Jamie Campbell moved to Exeter on a free from Brighton, while the Devon club's clear-out included free transfers for Kofi Nyamah and Jason Rees. And to underline that it happens at all levels of football, Scott Oakes, once a huge star with us, has been given a free transfer by Sheffield Wednesday, four years after moving to Hillsborough for £450,000. The fee was expected to rise to £700,000 as he established himself in the Premiership, but it never happened, and a serious knee injury restricted him to seven starts in two years as Wednesday plunged towards relegation. Finally, a pivotal incident in our 1988 Wembley victory was recalled by two transfer news items: 35-year-old Andy Dibble was released by Hartlepool while Nigel Winterburn, whose penalty he saved, earned another pay-day with a free transfer from Arsenal to West Ham.

Brian Swain

Today's other 2nd Division Fixtures

- Bristol Rovers v Bournemouth
- Cambridge v Bury
- Millwall v Reading
- Northampton v Brentford
- Oldham v Port Vale
- Oxford v Peterborough
- Rotherham v Walsall
- Stoke v Wycombe
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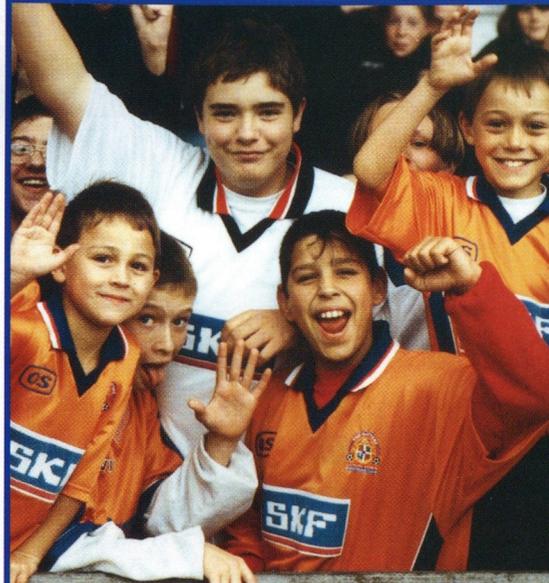
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Fixtures 2000/2001

	Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers	League		
					Place	Attnd.	Team
AUGUST	Sat 12	Notts County	H	3pm			
	Sat 19	Wigan	A	3pm			
	Tue 22	Peterborough WC1(1)	H	7.45pm			
	Sat 26	Bournemouth	H	3pm			
	Mon 28	Wycombe Wdrs	A	3pm			
SEPTEMBER	Sat 2	Rotherham Utd	A	3pm			
	Tue 5	Peterborough WC1(2)	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 9	Northampton Tn	H	3pm			
	Tue 12	Walsall	H	7.45pm			
	Sat 16	Swansea City	A	3pm			
	Tue 19	WC2(1)		7.45pm			
	Sat 23	Swindon Tn	H	3pm			
	Tue 26	WC2(2)		7.45pm			
	Sat 30	Bristol Rov	A	3pm			
OCTOBER	Sun 8	Millwall	H	12pm			
	Fri 13	Cambridge Utd	A	8pm			
	Tue 17	Oxford Utd	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 21	Brentford	H	3pm			
	Tue 24	Oldham	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 28	Wrexham	H	3pm			
	Tue 31	WC3		7.45pm			
NOVEMBER	Sat 4	Bury	A	3pm			
	Sat 11	Bristol City	H	3pm			
	Sat 18	FAC1		3pm			
	Sat 25	Port Vale	A	3pm			
	Tue 28	WC4		7.45pm			
DECEMBER	Sat 2	Stoke City	A	3pm			
	Sat 9	FAC2		3pm			
	Tue 12	WC5		7.45pm			
	Sat 16	Colchester Utd	H	3pm			
	Sat 23	Reading	A	3pm			
	Tue 26	Peterborough	H	1pm			
	Sat 30	Wigan	H	3pm			
JANUARY	Mon 1	Bournemouth	A	3pm			
	Sat 6	Notts County OR FA Cup 3	A	3pm			
	Wed 10	WC Semi(1)		7.45pm			
	Sat 13	Wycombe	H	3pm			
	Sat 20	Peterborough	A	3pm			
	Wed 24	WC Semi(2)		7.45pm			
	Sat 27	Reading OR FA Cup 4	H	3pm			
FEBRUARY	Sat 3	Rotherham Utd	H	3pm			
	Sat 10	Northampton Tn	A	3pm			
	Sat 17	Swansea City OR FA Cup 5	H	3pm			
	Tue 20	Walsall	A	7.45pm			
	Sat 24	Swindon	A	3pm			
	Sun 25	Worthington Cup Final					
MARCH	Sat 3	Bristol Rov	H	3pm			
	Tue 6	Cambridge Utd	H	7.45pm			
	Sat 10	Millwall OR FA Cup 6	A	3pm			
	Sat 17	Oxford Utd	H	3pm			
	Sat 24	Brentford	A	3pm			
	Sat 31	Colchester	A	3pm			
APRIL	Sat 7	Stoke City OR FA Cup S-F	H	3pm			
	Sat 14	Oldham	H	3pm			
	Mon 16	Wrexham	A	3pm			
	Sat 21	Bury	H	3pm			
	Sat 28	Bristol City	A	3pm			
MAY	Sat 5	Port Vale	H	3pm			

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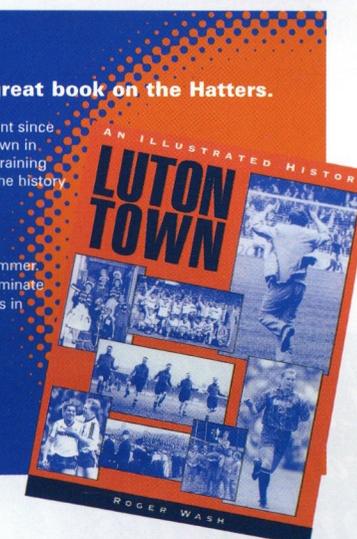
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Luton Town

Notts County



Today's Officials

Referee:

Andy D'Urso, Billericay

Assistants:

 C.J. Francis, Ely (red flag)
 R.G. Smith, Chelmsford, (yellow & red)

Fourth Official:

G.D. Horwood, Luton



Manager : Ricky Hill

NATHAN ABBEY
16

EMMERSON BOYCE

17

JULIAN WATTS

5

PAUL McLAREN

8

MARVIN JOHNSON

6

MATTHEW TAYLOR

15

MATTHEW SPRING

4

ADAM LOCKE

12

LIAM GEORGE

11

MARK STEIN

10

ANDREW FOTIADIS

14

Substitutes

JUDE STIRLING

23

STUART FRASER

13

PETER HOLMES

20

DEAN BRENNAN

22

MARK OVENDALE

1

Manager : John Scott

DARREN WARD
1

MARK WARREN

4

MATTHEW REDMILE

5

IAN RICHARDSON

6

ANDY HUGHES

7

CRAIG RAMAGE

8

MARK STALLARD

9

DAVID JOSEPH

10

SHAUN MURRAY

11

GARY OWERS

12

RICHARD LIBURD

13

Substitutes

PAUL BOLLAND

14

KEVIN RAPLEY

15

ALEX DYER

16

RYAN FORD

17

SEAN FARRELL

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Next Home Game : Tuesday August 22nd, K.O 7.45pm

Worthington Cup Round 1 - 1st leg against Peterborough United

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