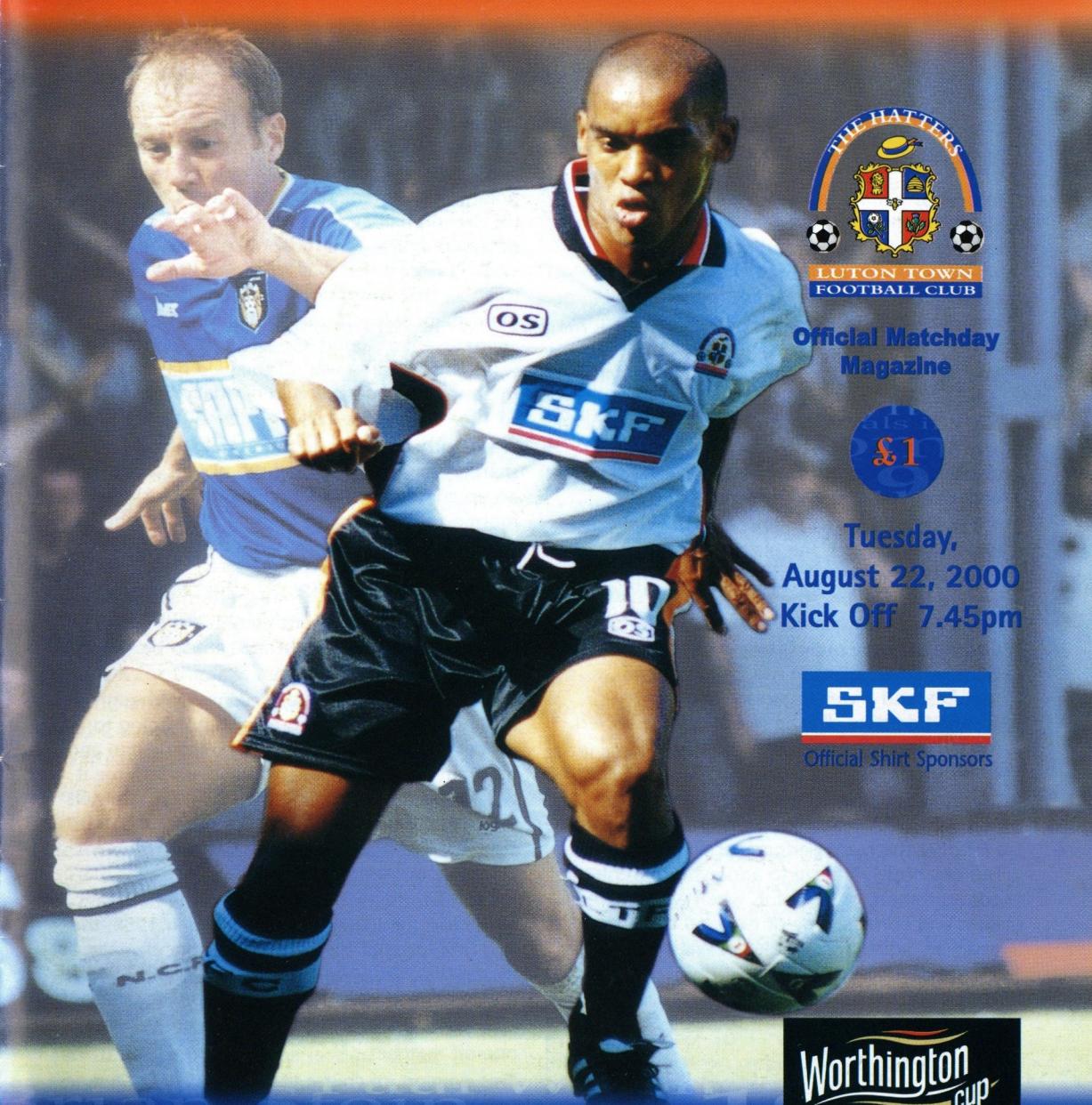


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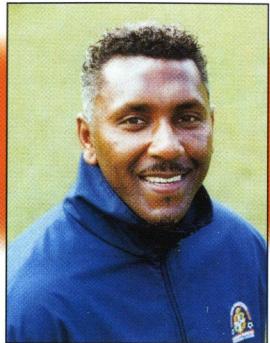
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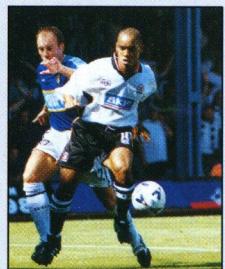
Ricky Hill

THE scene in our dressing room after the game at Wigan told its own story: our players were shattered mentally, having put in a very determined effort, with no reward at the end of it. We had done well against one of the better sides in the division, but in football results are the most important part of the game, and we need a win to get us going.

The fact that all three goals conceded so far have been from set pieces can be viewed in one of two ways: it is pleasing that sides have not been able to play through us to score, but very displeasing to realise that we have failed to cope with two free kicks and a corner.

A free kick did for us against Notts County, which was a match the players were desperate to win. In the event, perhaps they were too wound up, and became over-anxious. We needed an early goal to settle us and to force County to come out of their shell, but the crossbar saved them in the first couple of minutes, and a well-organised and heavily-manned defence did the rest after they scored.

At Wigan, we tinkered with the formation a little, using a back four, and despite the absence of Matthew Spring we looked more solid, and certainly much less vulnerable to counter-attacks. I felt that the team performance was admirable, but obviously we have to address the problem of concentration, or lack of it, when we face free kicks and corners. One of each led to Wigan's goals on Saturday, while Julian Watts headed ours from a corner.



Front Cover

Welcome Home:
Mark Stein back in
a Luton Town shirt,
pictured on his
"second debut" at
Kenilworth Road.

Wigan are the favourites to win the Second Division, but we acquitted ourselves well. That was heartening, even if coming home without a point is disheartening. We came back strongly in the second half and the equaliser was well deserved as a reward for some good attacking. Wigan's late winner was cruel, but I saw enough to know that we can build on Saturday's performance. It was galling that when the winner went in, good free kick trick though it was, Paul McLaren was off the field having treatment, when we would normally have had 11 men behind the ball.

We have been working on the training ground to sharpen up our game, and the players have accepted a new work schedule which includes morning and afternoon training sessions, and in preparation for tonight's game they were all in to work on Sunday.

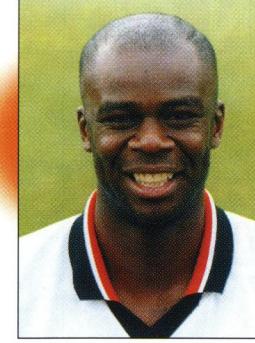
We were not happy with the performance against Notts County, but there is a determination throughout the club to be successful.

I trust it will be evident this evening, although we know that a Barry Fry team is not going to make it easy. It is a pleasure to welcome him and his team back to Kenilworth Road, and for me it will be lovely to cross swords with Wayne Turner. I have known him since we were boys, and of course we played in the same Luton Town team on numerous occasions.

He had left the club before one of the best days of my life, the Littlewoods Cup final in 1988, the end of a run that started in Wigan, incidentally. Cup-ties are a welcome addition to the fixture list for all sorts of reasons: the club needs all the revenue it can get, and players look forward to one-off matches.

This evening, of course, it is the first leg of a two-match tie, so whatever the result, both teams get a second chance in a fortnight. My demand will be that players must keep their concentration - especially at set pieces - and play as well as they did at Wigan, but with the addition of a goal or two. And we are capable of doing exactly that.

Ricky Hill



Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson

IT WAS double disappointment for me at Wigan - we

lost a game we might well have drawn at least, and I picked up an injury which forced me to miss the second half, and might keep me out of this evening's game.

You can be sure I was doing everything possible on Sunday and yesterday to get fit for tonight, because I was really looking forward to this game.

I also want to play a part in putting the record straight, so to speak, after our first home game of the season. We desperately wanted to do well for the new manager, and perhaps we put ourselves under too much pressure. The Notts County game was another double disappointment - bad result, and a poor team performance on the day. It was OK for the first ten minutes or so, but after that we rarely threatened their goal, and County were well organised at the back to frustrate us.

We know we can do a lot better than that, and I thought we did at Wigan. Our overall team showing was much better, against a side who are promotion favourites, and proved to be a useful outfit.

One big lesson from the first two games, and something we are working hard on during training, is the defending at set pieces. Two free kicks and one corner have led to the three goals conceded so far.

Against that, if corners are delivered accurately they are always liable to bring goals, and we proved it at Wigan with Julian Watts heading an equaliser from Matty Taylor's corner.

At that stage of the game, my view of it from the dug-out was that we had drawn

Wigan's sting, and could go on to take at least a point, possibly three.

Certainly we were more threatening in attack at the JJB than we had been a week earlier, and Liam George was unlucky to be thwarted by an excellent save late in the first half and he carved out an opening for Mark Stein after we had got it back to 1-1. Peter Holmes, who did well on his full debut, was not far off target with a tremendous volley, but inevitably Bruce Rioch's side came at us strongly in the closing stages, and we were beaten by a very good free kick ploy.

So we came home with a mixture of feelings - pleased that we had played better, confident that we can do better still, but disappointed to return empty-handed.

Tonight, if we continue our progress in terms of team performance, we can take a big step towards the second round of the Worthington Cup.

It will be nice to welcome back our old mates Wayne Turner, David Oldfield and Paul Showler, and we know that any team put together by Barry Fry is capable of giving you a good game. I imagine they will come here tonight determined not to be beaten, and then looking to finish a job in front of their own fans in a fortnight's time.

We will do everything we can to wreck that plan. I think we owe it to supporters to put on a winning show this evening - for the disappointment we gave them on opening day, and for our failure to get beyond the first hurdle in the Worthington Cup 12 months ago. We are better than that, and hopefully we will prove it to you this evening.

Marvin Johnson

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Fans of all 92 clubs are trying to do just that, in a new competition being run alongside the Worthington Cup.

It's called the Worthington Fives and gives amateur players the chance to compete in a national 5-a-side event, climaxing in a final played as a curtain raiser before this season's Worthington Cup Final on Sunday 25th February 2001.

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So even if your professional club goes out in the First Round, watch out for the progress of your club's 5-a-side team in the Worthington Fives.

West Ham and England hero Stuart Pearce gets behind the Worthington Fives

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IT'S A FAN THING

Action Replay

Luton Town 0 Notts County 1 (HT 0-1)

MANAGER Ricky Hill agreed with the fans that on the day we opened the new season in a party atmosphere, the Town side failed to play up to its potential, and could hardly complain at the result. County manager Jocky Scott thought the result was right, but added that he was pleased with the bit of luck his side had after only two minutes, when a cracking drive by Matthew Spring hit the bar with the keeper beaten.

After that County expertly defended in depth, and looked for quick counter-attacks. If Spring had scored, said Scott, his team might have had its game plan wrecked.



FLAT OUT: Andrew Fotiadis takes a tumble in the attempt to find a way through a well-manned and well-organised Notts County defence.

County cheerfully conceded 16 corners, while winning only one at the other end, but dealt capably with every one of them. Darren Ward made a succession of easy catches, with the Town attack short of height to put him under real pressure. Spring's early strike kidded us that the party would make it a day to remember. But after the carnival acts and huge welcome for Ricky Hill and new chairman Mike Watson-Challis, the expectation turned out to be too much. The players were nervous, and perhaps suffering from stage fright on a day when the fans were sure to expect a good result. Craig Ramage, having hit a post with a header a few minutes earlier, flighted a free kick into the box to set up Mark Stallard to head the goal after 23 minutes.

After that County soaked up just about everything, with the bar saving them again when Andrew Fotiadis fired in a rasping drive early in the second half. County looked more menacing in attack, and debut goalkeeper Mark Ovendale twice made excellent saves when more goals looked likely, at the feet of Andy Hughes and David Joseph.

Match Details

Town: Ovendale, Watts (Fraser 78 mins), McLaren, Johnson, Boyce, Locke (Holmes 57 mins), Spring, Taylor, George, Stein, Fotiadis. Unused subs: Stirling, Brennan, Abbey.

Booked: Julian Watts, 62 mins, foul on David Joseph.

Notts County: Ward, McDermott, Warren, Redmile, Liburd (Holmes 87 mins), Dyer, Owers, Ramage, Hughes, Joseph, Stallard. Unused subs: Bolland, Rapley, Murray, Gibson (GK).

Booked: Craig Ramage, 64 mins, dissent.

The goal: Mark Stallard, 23 minutes, header from free kick by Craig Ramage.

Referee: Andy D'Urso, Billericay

Attendance: 7,059, including 606 in the away end.

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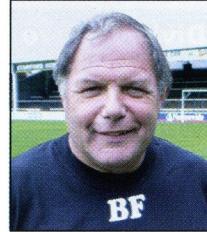
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Tonight's Visitors

Peterborough United



BARRY FRY - Manager

Barry Fry enjoyed success with each of the Football League clubs he has previously managed and has now finally returned to the promotion trail with Peterborough United. One of football's most flamboyant and animated characters, Barry managed to weave his magic and achieve success after three disappointing previous seasons at London Road.

MARK TYLER - Goalkeeper

Born: 2.4.77
Norwich born, he came through the ranks at Posh and showed promise in his first full season, earning a call up to the England Under 20 squad prior to the Toulon Tournament where he played one game. He was the only Division Three player to represent the Nationwide League against Italy's Serie B three seasons ago

DEAN HOOPER - Defence

Born: 13.4.71
Arrived at London Road after signing a two year deal for an undisclosed fee from Kingstonian on 6th August 1998, the club where he gained England Semi-Professional international honours. Started his career with Swindon Town and had a month loan stint at Posh in the 1995-96 season. Has proved to be a bargain buy with his tenacious and attacking qualities, signed a two year extension to his contract in June 1999.

ADAM DRURY - Defence

Born: 29.8.78
A cultured left back with precision in the tackle and one of the most consistent performers at London Road in recent years. Came to prominence three seasons ago, pocketing the 'Player of the Year' award after some stunning displays. Forced to miss the final matches of the 1997/98 campaign after twice dislocating a shoulder and has since never looked back, making 47 league outings last term. Pledged the next five years at Posh after putting pen to paper

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in May 1999 and captained the side for the first time shortly before making his 100th senior Posh appearance over Christmas 1999.

SIMON REA - Defence

Born: 20.9.76

Captured on a three month loan period from Birmingham City where he began his career in season 1994-95 and captained the the youth team while Barry Fry was in the St. Andrew's hot-seat. Is accustomed to playing in the centre of defence but can also make his presence felt in attack.



ANDY EDWARDS - Defence

Born: 13.9.71

Club captain labelled 'Mr. Consistency' by Barry Fry last season after making 52 faultless appearances in the heart of the back line. Has been a steady rock since arriving at London Road from Birmingham City during the

1996-97 season when Posh were leaking goals at an alarming rate. A threat in the air and a tough opponent for any attacker, his footballing breakthrough came in Fry's time in charge at Southend United and has remained faithful to his manager throughout his career.

DAVID FARRELL - Midfield

Born: 11.11.71

Can turn a game with a flash of brilliance on his day, and is able to play on either flank where his blistering pace and abundance of tricks terrify opposing defenders. Captured from Wycombe Wanderers after he struck up a successful partnership with former Posh player Miquel De Souza in their time together at Adams Park. First tasted league football after being spotted by Aston Villa playing for Redditch United of the then Beazer Homes League.

RICHARD SCOTT - Midfield

Born: 29.9.74

A controlled and dominant player who spiced up the Posh midfield following his arrival from Shrewsbury Town during in the 1998-99 close season. Began his career with Birmingham City, making 12 senior appearances before moving to Shrewsbury. With a habit of scoring vital goals he has a tireless work rate and is a real asset with his complete style of play. Hit the target twice last term in 34 league matches.



DAVID OLDFIELD - Midfield

Born: 30.5.68

Australia-born player who started his career with Luton Town before joining Manchester City for £600,000 in 1989. He made a £150,000 move to Leicester City the following year before re-joining Luton for the same fee in 1995. A move to Stoke City on a free transfer in the summer of 1998 followed, and he was released by

the Potters to join Posh on deadline day, 23rd March 2000, signing a two and a half year contract and making his debut in a 1-1 draw away to leaders Rotherham United two days later.

JON CULLEN - Midfield

Born: 10.1.73

Experienced midfield operator signed for a small fee from Sheffield United at the end of February 2000 after a frustrating couple of years at Brammall Lane, following a big money move from Hartlepool United when first team opportunities never materialised. Began his career with Doncaster Rovers and then had a spell in non-league soccer with Morpeth Town before returning to the league scene with Hartlepool. Took time to find his rhythm in the Posh midfield and claimed his first goal in an important 1-1 draw with title chasers Rotherham United in his sixth appearance.

MATTHEW GILL - Midfield

Born: 2.11.80

Disappointed with only 15 league appearances last term he will be keen to increase his tally in the middle of the park this time round. Skipped the Under 18s in their 1997-98 Times FA Youth Cup run and featured in Combination Reserve team action in a season where he made over 40 appearances in all competitions at three different levels. Comfortable in possession with an excellent range of passing and can play anywhere across the park including centre back.



ANDY CLARKE - Striker

Born: 22.7.67

A long time target of Barry Fry who finally landed his man in May 1999 from Premiership Wimbledon, Andy finished the campaign as Posh's top scorer with 17 League strikes in 38 appearances. He started his professional career under Fry

with the then non-league Barnet. Gained Conference 'Player of the Year' and England non-league honours before joining the Dons for £350,000 in the 1991-92 season making 227 senior appearances and scoring 23 goals. Last term he won the Posh 'Player of The Season' accolade by a landslide.

JASON LEE - Striker

Born: 9.5.71

Experienced front man who signed a three year contract in March 2000 following two months on loan at London Road from Chesterfield. Has played more than 300 senior games in a career spanning 10 different clubs, his most successful spells coming at Lincoln City (21 goals in 76 league games) and Nottingham Forest (14 goals in 76 league appearances). Has given Posh a much needed aerial threat and his decisive goals in crunch games helped the team gain promotion. Sadly missed out on the Division Three semi-final second leg meeting against Barnet and the Wembley final with Darlington that followed because of a knee injury.

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Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

French outwits the Posh

In welcoming Peterborough to Kenilworth Road this evening we look back to 1969/70, the only time we have clashed in the competition previously.

The Football League, organisers of the competition which was born in 1960, was celebrating nine years later when, with Manchester United entering, all 92 clubs had decided to take part for the first time.

That season the Hatters from the old Division Three were paired with Posh of Division Four and supporters of both sides looked forward to an intriguing tie between clubs that were determined to fight back to glory times.

The Town had finished the previous season in third spot, ten points ahead of Bournemouth one place below, but in the days before play-offs were forced to sit and watch as Watford and Swindon were promoted to Division Two. The close season had then seen the inevitable sale of golden boy, Bruce Rioch, to Aston Villa for a then Division Three record fee of £100,000.



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Although manager Alec Stock was given licence to spend all the money on strengthening the side, supporters felt that we needed another Bruce Rioch and they obviously did not come cheaply! The signings of Alan Guild, Peter Phillips and John Ryan on free transfers did not fill the supporters full of confidence and even when a little money was spent it still did not appease the fans who demanded major action.

The signing of Malcolm Macdonald, a little known 19 year old full-back from Fulham, for £17,500 barely caused a ripple and he made a disastrous debut at Aldershot where the Town went down 2-5 in a pre-season friendly to Division Four opponents. This was followed by a narrow, and uninspiring, 3-2 home victory over an Italian Under 21 side and then a 1-1 draw with Clyde at Kenilworth Road. It was in this latter game that Macdonald was moved to the left wing at half-time, due to an injury to Mike Harrison, where his speed and raw enthusiasm caught the eye, relieving the tedium of a drab game. Macdonald kept his place against a Gibraltarian XI and, against admittedly limited opposition, netted twice in a 10-0 win and looked like he had been a forward all his career.

On the opening day of the league season a largely subdued crowd of 12,080 turned up at Kenilworth Road to see the Town beat a poor Barrow side 3-0 in a match devoid of any real thrills apart from the wing play of Macdonald. A decent run in the League Cup was therefore needed to set up the season and bring back a little excitement and enthusiasm.

Peterborough though, needed a cup run to keep their early season momentum going. A highly successful tour of Ireland, in which they remained unbeaten, was followed up with a valuable opening day point at Port Vale. New signings and a new player manager in Jim Iley, in his first full season in charge, gave Posh supporters something to look forward to after a couple of years in the doldrums.

Elected to the Football League in 1960, Posh had walked away with the championship of Division Four in their first season and in almost every subsequent campaign had been pushing for further promotion until a bombshell struck the club in November 1967. Investigations into the clubs finances revealed some serious irregularities with the upshot that they were fined and ordered to be demoted in the summer of



Malcolm Macdonald waits for the ball during the League Cup tie at Peterborough in 1969.

By the time of the return a week later both sides had recorded league victories. The Town had won 1-0 at Bournemouth with Macdonald scoring his first league goal for the club while Posh had beaten Bradford Park Avenue 2-1 at London Road.

The crowd of 13,105 were treated to a breathless, end to end contest with Posh again taking an early lead when Iley smacked the ball home from distance. The equaliser was not long in coming with Macdonald netting after getting on the end of a clever long throw routine started by skipper Mike Keen.

The game was then taken over by winger Graham French who, on his day, was as good as anyone else in the country. He ran Posh defender, Ivan Hampton, ragged all evening and set up Terry Branston for a well placed header to give the Town the lead.

Brian Lewis then won a penalty by running straight into the unfortunate Hampton and although the spot kick was saved Lewis netted the rebound. Posh pulled a goal back through Tommy Robson in the second half but Hampton then handled on the line with Lewis, this time, making no mistake from the spot.

To round things off, Allen scored a fifth for the Hatters when he swept home a low cross from Lewis thus setting up a home tie with Millwall in the next round.

Roger Wash

1968 just as the Town were being promoted. The expected immediate return had not happened and the mid-season sacking of manager Norman Rigby with ex Newcastle and Forest star, Iley taking his place had signalled a complete change and shake-up at the club.

An interested crowd of 10,249 was present at London Road to see Macdonald moved to inside-right to replace the injured Brian Lewis and then almost put the Hatters ahead after only 20 seconds when heading a Ryan centre against a post.

It was, however, Peterborough who secured the breakthrough after 11 minutes when winger Bobby Moss beat Luton full-back Jack Bannister and delivered a perfect cross for Peter Price to head a neat goal past Tony Read who was making his first trip back to his old club.

The Town quickly fought back and ten minutes later levelled after good play from Graham French on the wing. After beating two men he played the ball back to Keith Allen who thumped over a cross that was missed by the diving Macdonald but not by Laurie Sheffield who was following up.

Although Peterborough had a few half chances in the first period, manager Alec Stock, mindful of the defeat suffered by his old club Q.P.R. at London Road in the same competition the previous season, decided to play for safety. Alan Slough was asked to forego his attacking duties and tail Posh midfield provider Iley, with the result that the game petered out to a draw.

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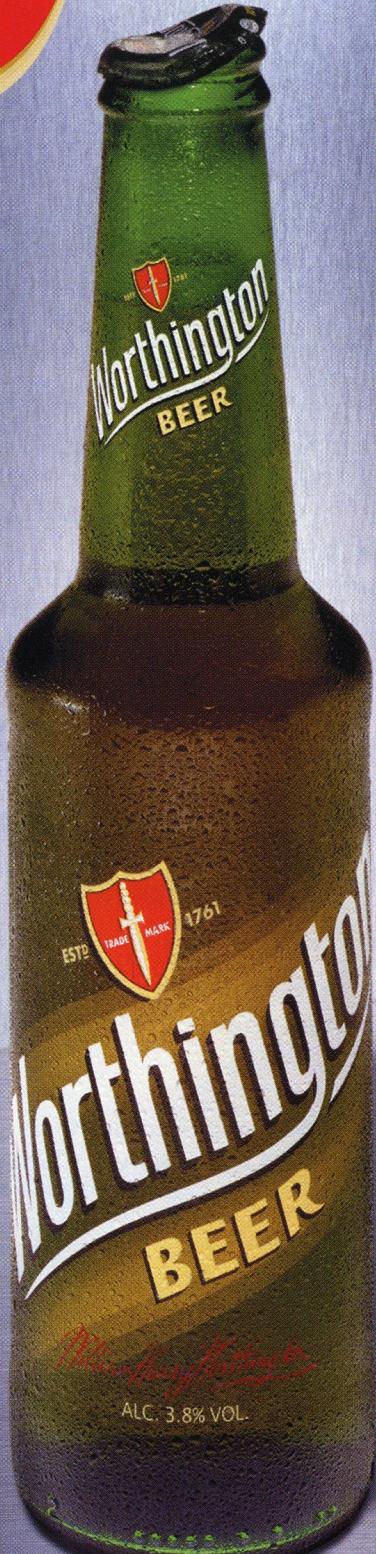
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IF YOU are into Town trivia, you have a chance of winning a small prize in our Town Teaser. It's a bit of fun as part of the pre-match entertainment, and it's a matter of luck as to who gets the chance to win. The PA announcer will ask the question, so listen to him for your chance to have a go.

Tonight's Question

WHO is the player, now on Peterborough's books, who scored three play-off goals for us against Crewe in May, 1997?



THE RESERVES opened the season with a 3-1 win over Barnet at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday,

with Dean Brennan scoring twice and Tresor Kandol also on target. They began their cup campaign yesterday, by co-incidence away to Peterborough.

In the Football League Youth Alliance, Paul Lowe's lads opened with a 2-2 draw at home to Southend. John Carroll (penalty) and Rene Barriteau got the goals.

Reports will appear in Saturday's matchday magazine.

Hatters Chatter

JULIAN Watts headed our first goal of the season to mark a good fight-back at Wigan on Saturday after we conceded a goal from a first-half corner. A clever free kick routine sent us home pointless. The views of the manager and skipper appear on pages 2 and 3 of this evening's programme, and we will have a full report and picture coverage in Saturday's magazine. Marvin Johnson was the major injury worry in the lead-up to tonight's game, and has been under treatment for a knee and hamstring injury caused by a "tackle" which earned a yellow card for a Wigan player. Matthew Spring missed the match at Wigan because of illness, but was hoping to make a full recovery by today.

Peterborough are defending an unbeaten start, with Ricky Hill among the crowd at London Road on Sunday to see their 2-2 draw with Bristol Rovers. Posh were promoted via the play-offs in May, and marked their return to the Second Division with a 1-0 victory at Oxford on opening day.



SEVEN-year-old Elizabeth Bygate is this evening's Junior Hatters mascot. She is a regular supporter, coming to games with her dad and sitting in the main stand, but tonight she will be involved in the match, meeting the team in the dressing room and then

going out onto the pitch with them for the pre-match formalities.

Elizabeth lives at Rose Court, Eaton Bray, and goes to Eaton Bray Lower School, and as well as football she likes dancing, swimming and horse riding. And while she will enjoy meeting all the players, she says her favourite is Matthew Taylor.

Golden Gamble

THE GOLDEN Gamble got off to a good start at the first game of the season. It paid out a jackpot of £560, and the lucky winner, Maureen Shannon, of Beechwood Court, Dunstable, is pictured collecting the cash after her ticket was drawn out of the drum by Gavin McGowan. 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. Another prize is on offer tonight, and sellers are on duty in all parts of the ground. The draw is made during the interval, with the prize paid out instantly.



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MATTHEW TAYLOR

MATTHEW SPRING

ADAM LOCKE

LIAM GEORGE

MARK STEIN

ANDREW FOTIADIS

Substitutes

JUDE STIRLING

STUART FRASER

PETER HOLMES

DEAN BRENNAN

NATHAN ABBEY (GK)

Changes

Tonight's Officials

Referee:

Richard Beeby

Assistants:

M. Ives (red flag)

J. D. Woodroffe (yellow and red flag)

Fourth Official:

P. R. Sharp



Manager : Barry Fry

MARK TYLER

ADAM DRURY

RICHARD SCOTT

SIMON REA

ANDY EDWARDS

DAVID FARRELL

ANDY CLARKE

JON CULLEN

FRANCIS GREEN

RITCHIE HANLON

TONY SHIELDS

Substitutes

DEAN HOOPER

DAVID OLDFIELD

HOWARD FORINTON

RICHARD FORSYTH

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