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Andrew Fotiadis, pictured rising to the occasion at Wigan, who has just signed a new contract.

Inside



CONGRATULATIONS are due to Stuart Fraser, who has been selected for the Scottish under-21 squad for next week's European championship match in Riga, Latvia. The game will be played on Friday, which means the defender will miss our league visit to Rotherham next Saturday. But he should be back in good time to join the squad from which Ricky Hill will choose a side to face Peterborough in the second leg of the first round of the Worthington Cup on the following Tuesday.

RICKY Hill was this week still looking at players who might be added to the Town squad, concentrating on a couple who, he said, were well recommended.

The major problem so far seems to be that many of the trialists we have seen have not been better than men already on the Town's books. In the reserves against Barnet, for instance, a decent left wing-back played in the Town side. But he is 23, and nowhere near good enough to displace 18-year-old Matthew Taylor from the league side. And if they cannot help the first team, mature trialists will not be signed for the reserves.

Among the latest to try their luck with us are Robert Codner, a veteran midfielder who was previously with Barnet and Brighton, and Byron Glasgow, a 21-year-old midfielder who has been released by Reading.

The boss says his main search is for a striker, and he and Chris Ramsey are looking all over the place at possible recruits. The board has said it will listen sympathetically to a request for money to fund a transfer.

THERE have been two signings at Kenilworth Road: Andrew Fotiadis has accepted a contract to run to the end of the season, and Bermudan international Tommy Carter has taken a three-month deal which in effect is an extended trial.

Fotiadis, 22, a former England schools international, exercised his right to think long and hard about his future at the end of last season, and went onto a week-by-week contract before signing his latest deal.

Carter is also close to his 23rd birthday, and is looking for a break into football in this country after completing his education. In pre-season and reserve games he has, in the words of Ricky Hill, shown very good technique, and has scored a couple of clever goals.

The boss said: "We have taken him for three months to see if he can make an impact on the hurly-burly of the Second Division. I don't doubt his ability, but I need to see him getting involved."

Capped twice by Bermuda while still a student, Carter studied for four years at the Old Dominion University in Virginia, USA, to earn a degree in health and physical education. He began his football career at the Academia de Tahuichi in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, before deciding to try his luck in Europe.

READERS may notice that no longer do we include details about referees in charge of our games. We cannot even mention where they come from, and sadly it is all necessary because of a few idiots who are either mindless or just plain wicked. Referees have all been instructed to go ex-directory, and clubs are banned from giving details about them because one at least received a death threat from an angry fan.

Forward

WE HAD our first look at how a new football law works out during the game against Wigan. The home side were awarded a free kick, and Paul McLaren was adjudged by the ref to have stopped them taking it quickly. The midfielder was booked, and ref Jeff Winter enforced a the new regulation moving the free kick ten yards upfield.

The rule, borrowed from rugby, is to be part of all pro football this season. It brought a goal on the opening day of the campaign, for Barnet in the Third Division. Shrewsbury transgressed and a free kick outside the box became one 13 yards from goal. Despite an 11-man wall Scott McGleish became the first player in the Nationwide League to cash in on the new rule.

It is one of several changes introduced this season, with the main objective a quicker game and less time wasted.

The ten-yard rule is likely to become part of the laws of the game if this season's experiment is successful. If, after a free kick has been awarded, a player fails to retreat ten yards, delays the kick, shows dissent, or is guilty of "unsporting behaviour" the player must be cautioned, and the free kick moved ten yards forward. This can only be done once per free kick, and if, as in the case at Barnet, the ten yards takes it into the penalty area, it is still only a direct free kick, not a penalty.

The FA's head of refereeing, John Baker, believes it will speed up the game, and have a beneficial effect on player behaviour.

The other major change this season relates to goalkeepers. The requirement for them to release the ball after four steps has been scrapped. Now they have six seconds while controlling the ball with their hands to release it. If the ref counts to seven, it's an indirect free kick against the keeper.

It worked well in Euro 2000, with goalkeepers showing that six seconds was ample time to reach the edge of their areas before getting rid of the ball.

Other amendments this season affect the duties of the assistant referees and fourth officials. The assistants are charged with greater responsibility in indicating offences, and the fourth official, always a fully-qualified ref, will have more to do, including spotting offences out of the view of the match officials. Previously, if the fourth man saw something like an off-the-ball clash missed by the other three men in black, he reported it after the game. Now, he has to report it immediately - and if he says it is a red card offence, the ref will send the culprit off.

And if he makes a rude sign it will be another red card - "offensive or insulting or abusive gestures" are now to be considered sending-off offences.

To get back to the Town's first experience of the ten-yard rule, Ricky Hill said he had no problem with it, and thought it would be for the good of the game.

But it didn't do Wigan an awful lot of good. The offence was near the centre circle, and doubtless the free kick would have been a pass, long or short, aimed towards another Wigan player. But it was moved to 30 yards from goal, and Neil Redfern, a dead-ball specialist, immediately had only one thought in mind. We will never know if he could have beaten Mark Ovendale from that range - his shot was much too high, so Wigan lost possession.

Brian Swain



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The Manager Ricky Hill

IF SUPPORTERS felt let down by what they saw in the cup-tie on

Tuesday, I can promise that within the club we too realise that the key to our ambitions is to achieve consistent home results. A clean sheet, and the fact that we were not beaten is only slight consolation from a game in which I was disappointed with our overall performance.

In the first half there were signs that we could break our duck, because we were well on top, but it was so disappointing to see the team unable to put the finishing touches to promising approach play. And for all the attacking, the sad fact is that we did not force their goalkeeper into one difficult save, while we had to rely on Mark Ovendale doing well in the second half to maintain the clean sheet.

I am concerned that we don't keep the ball well enough, and that players are not taking responsibility to make more openings.

The back four did all right, but we must have more than that, and in training we have been working on improving our attacking play.

We wanted something better than a draw from Tuesday's game, and on the first half display we might have got it. But in the second we were not nearly good enough. It was obvious that Peterborough would not play that badly for the whole game, and I am sure Barry Fry had a few choice words in his dressing room during the interval.

I am concerned that we do not keep concentrating and doing the simple things well. We need quick accurate inter-play throughout the team, especially in the final third of the field. We have worked on our build-up play, knowing that we have to make perhaps two or three chances for every goal we score.

Defending and attacking is down to the whole team, not just individuals or departments. Midfielders, for instance, have to be more

intelligent in deciding when they must get upfield because the front men need help.

On the evidence of the first three games, we have to do better in terms of causing trouble to opponents. We did that in the first half on Tuesday, but not in the second, and it is simply not acceptable to play for only 45 minutes. You cannot expect to be on top for the whole 90 minutes, but certainly we should have turned that 45 of superiority into 75 at the very least.

On that score we failed sadly. We were short of guile in creating good scoring opportunities, and while I am looking at possible recruits to beef up the attack, I think guile is the ingredient we most need to add to our play.

So far we have not had enough creativity, and no cutting edge. We will work to provide it, perhaps with the players we have, perhaps with additions to the squad.

Having said all that - and the players are well aware of the need to improve performances and results - it is most certainly not all doom and gloom. We know we are capable of doing better, and we will. In today's visitors we are up against a side who will be a good test for us, but of course we have a little inside information, having taken Mark Stein and Mark Ovendale from Bournemouth during the summer. It figures they will be very keen to put one over their old mates, and my demand will be that we get a goal, the earlier the better, so that today Bournemouth have to chase the game, rather than us chasing them.

We had a good run in pre-season games, and can start another one this afternoon. Then, on Monday, we go to Wycombe, and I believe we are capable of getting a good result there as well. Six points in three days will make us all feel a lot happier, within the club and on the terraces, and we will be doing our very best to make it happen, and to give supporters performances and results to enjoy.

Ricky Hill

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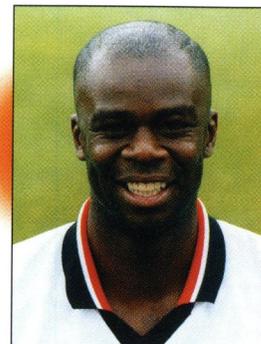
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Captain's Log Marvin Johnson

I AM hoping against hope that I will be involved in today's

game, but at the time of writing it was not certain that the injury I picked up at Wigan would clear up in time.

I have no complaints about the player who did it, because I feel sure it was an accident, and I don't think any footballer injures a fellow pro on purpose. But it was a very late tackle that caught my knee, and as soon as I went down I knew it was quite bad. I tried to keep going, but it was impossible, so I came off at half time.

I am impatient to be playing again, and my fitness is improving each day, so hopefully I will be playing this afternoon. If not, I will be in the stand, cheering for the lads, as I was on Tuesday.

The cup-tie was a big disappointment after the way we played at Wigan and then for the first half against Peterborough.

At Wigan I thought we looked good against one of the best teams in the division, and after Julian Watts got our equaliser we looked quite comfortable and capable of bringing home a point at least.

It wasn't to be, but on Tuesday we started off very brightly, and seemed to be relaxed as we took the game to Peterborough. The worry was that for all the smooth attacking, we never real cut them open to make clear-cut chances, and did not force their keeper into a single difficult save. We have got to be cleverer in and around the final third of the field.

Defensively, there was little wrong with our performance, and Mark Ovendale did his job well when he had to.

But we know that while we had enough of the game in the first half to have won, Peterborough had their turn in the second. If

you are on top as much as we were, you have got to cash in with a goal or two. Peterborough knew they were lucky to be level at the interval, and came out to play a lot better for the second 45 minutes.

At least our approach play was much better than it had been against Notts County, and the other bonus was the season's first clean sheet. We have to build on that, and have another one today. For some reason we have often found it difficult to beat Bournemouth, while Wycombe, our opponents on Monday, have never yet been able to beat us.

Having failed to get the point we might well have bagged at Wigan, I suppose today is all about getting a result, with or without a good team performance.

It is hard not to feel under a bit of pressure when you have gained no points out of the first six, but we have to concentrate on the job in hand, and thankfully we know it will always be a football match when we take on Bournemouth.

Good home results were vital to us last season, and we must again make Kenilworth Road our fortress. What I want to see, whether I am on the pitch or in the stand, is a determination by everyone to play his part in the team effort. We have the desire, and I believe there is also plenty of ability in the side. Confidence may have taken a bit of a knock after that first-day defeat, but we have to believe in ourselves, and know that we can give anyone in this division a good game.

We have to get the balance right between defence and attack, and I am sure the priority will be to make ourselves difficult to beat. Bournemouth like to have a go at teams, so there could be some good entertainment today. But, like all fans, most of all I want to see three points in the bag.

Marvin Johnson

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Treatment Room

Clive Goodyear

FORTUNATELY the treatment room has not been too busy this week, and I hope that continues to be the case as we come up to what might be a physically testing part of the season, the campaign's first run of two games a week.

But that good news is not much consolation for Marvin Johnson, who will miss today's match after being clattered at Wigan a week ago. It was a worrying moment because a mis-timed tackle caught him on the knee, and in collisions like that ligament damage is always a possibility.

Fortunately, Marvin escaped that, but suffered a comparatively minor hamstring niggle, affecting the tendon just above the knee.

Hamstring injuries are notorious for taking a long time to clear up, but in Marvin's case it is nowhere near as bad as it might have been. His experience is also helpful: as soon as he went down he had a fair idea of what the trouble was, and we were able to substitute him rather than risk aggravating the injury.

As you probably know the skipper had to miss the midweek game against Peterborough, but the encouraging news is that he has been improving steadily all week. He is itching to get back into action, but I am pretty sure today would be too early, and at the time of writing he would be lucky to be fit enough to play in Monday's match at High Wycombe.

You cannot rush recovery, but Marvin is a good worker on general fitness, even when he is injured, and a realistic target for his return might- and I stress that word might - be for the game at Rotherham next Saturday. If not, he should have a chance of playing in the Worthington Cup-tie at Peterborough the following Tuesday.

Apart from the routine aches and pains which affect all players, Stuart Douglas and Gavin McGowan are the only other first team men under regular treatment at present.

Of the two, Douglas is nearer to a return after his hamstring problems. He was hoping to be able to return to training yesterday, and unless there are any ill-effects as a result he could be able to step it up to somewhere near full pace in training next week.

But, as with all recoveries from hamstring injuries, we will have to monitor him carefully, and at this stage I cannot give him a target date for a return to competitive football. We will have another think about that over the next few days. I am sure he wants to be back as early as possible, and might fancy the trip to Rotherham, but we will see how he goes in training before making a decision.

McGowan will need more time. He is not far off recovery from the ankle injury he collected during pre-season. He has been working hard to strengthen the joint, and might be able to join the squad for training next week. But having been out for so long, he will need time and a lot more training, and probably a game or two in the reserves, before he can start to think about trying to win a place in the league team.

And there will be plenty of opportunities in the next few weeks - if we win at Peterborough, we will have nine first team matches in September, so we will need a lot of fit players.

Clive Goodyear

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Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

HAVING welcomed everybody back for the start of a new season, we are about to say good-bye to one of the backroom staff at Kenilworth Road whose hard work and expertise has been invaluable for the past two years.

Fiona Wallace, our catering manager, has a yearning to travel, and is giving up her job to do just that. Today is her last match, and we all wish her the very best of luck on her great adventure, going around the world. She has done an excellent job for Luton Town, and we will miss her.

With the season now well under way, I have had a request from a supporter wanting help to get to matches. He lives near Banbury, and is looking for a lift on a regular basis. He is prepared to share the cost, and if anyone can help give me a ring on Luton 411622 and I will pass on details.

Thinking of car trips to matches, we have a few spaces still available in the Dallow Road School car park on match days. We are selling them on a season-ticket basis, and if you are interested the price for the rest of the season is £73. But please get in touch quickly, because the facility has proved to be very popular, and is nearly fully taken up.

Our youth team and reserves have begun their seasons, and can I remind supporters that our midweek home games in the Avon Insurance Combination are here at Kenilworth Road until November, when they will switch to Baldock Town.

Finally, don't forget that today is your last chance to ensure admission to Monday's match at Wycombe. It is an all-ticket game for Luton supporters, and in view of that the ticket office today will stay open until 5.30pm today.

Cherry Newbery



SUNNY SMILES: I mentioned in my column on the opening day of the season the help given to the club by the Downside Centre, Luton, during the summer. They cheerfully helped with some of the tasks that have to be done to prepare the stadium for the new campaign, and as you can see they brightened up the ground with a very happy presence.

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Rotherham Utd v Luton Town

Saturday September 2, 2000, kick-off 3pm

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There is a choice if you want to be driven to the games, with Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club both operating services to all three matches.

Space prevents us from giving full details of times and prices, but you can be assured that both offer value for money. Town on Tour justifies its higher fares by providing luxurious coaches, with stewards and food and drink available on board.

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WE HAVE a proud record to defend at Adams Park on Monday. Wycombe have never yet managed to beat us in a league game. Matthew

Taylor's strike in April, in the final away fixture of last season, made it three wins and a draw since we first went to Wycombe four years ago.

The road journey to Wycombe is one of the easiest of the season, and you can do it from Luton in an hour comfortably. Leave town on the M1 going south, and then take the M25 heading west, signposted towards Heathrow. Leave M25 at junction 16, to join the M40 west, signposted towards Birmingham. Leave M40 at junction 4. Follow the signs towards

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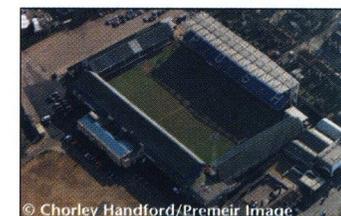
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IT IS a case of belated "Happy Birthday" greetings today for our match ball sponsor, David Ayles, from Pegasus Road, Leighton Buzzard.

The sponsorship has been bought for him as a present by his son and daughter, Matthew Ayles and Mrs Carrol Brown, and we have more than the usual reasons for hoping that the family enjoy themselves today. Mr Ayles is battling to beat cancer, which puts football results into perspective. He is a former regular in the RAF, and a posting to Stanbridge in 1989 led to him becoming a Luton Town fan, and he has been a regular ever since. He also made a very good job of bringing up his children, which explains why the whole family are Town supporters, and we hope they all have a good day with us.

John Bailey

NINE-year-old James Riley has an address that might be considered an omen - he lives in Beckham Close, Luton, but he is very much a Luton Town fanatic, and today is one he will remember for a long time, because he is our commercial mascot.



He comes to games with his dad, his brother Daniel and his friends Aaron and Ross Colbert, but this afternoon young James has a VIP part to play in proceedings.

As mascot he will join the Town players in the dressing-room before the match, and run out onto the pitch with them to join in the warm-up kick-about, and will then meet all the officials in the centre circle for the toss-up ritual. Doubtless he will be extra pleased to meet Matthew Taylor, because he is James's favourite player.

James goes to Warden Hill Junior School, and as well as football he enjoys swimming and diving.

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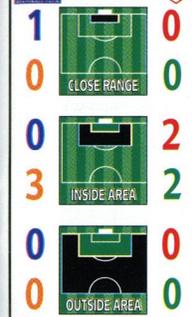
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in the graphics below, Hatters' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in blue and conceded in orange, Cherries' to the right and scored in red and conceded in green

Where



How



Top League Scorers



1 in 2	Team Goals	2 in 2
0.50 goals	Ratio per Game	1.00 goals
1 in 2	Player's Goals	1 in 2 (per player)
0.50 goals	Ratio per Game	1.00 goals
1	Games Scored In	1 (per player)
0	Games Scored 1st Goal	0
1	Games Scored 1 Goal	1 (both players)
0	Games Scored 2 Goals	0
0	Games Scored 3 Goals	0

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)

0 (0 pts)	Games Won -> Drawn	0 (0 pts)
0 (0 pts)	Games Won -> Lost	0 (0 pts)
0 (0 pts)	Games Drawn -> Lost	2 (2 pts)
0	Number of points gained	2

SCORING SEQUENCES

0	Consecutive Games Scored	0
0	2 Games	0
0	3 Games	0
1 game	Maximum Scoring run	1 game

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

0	2 Games	0
0	3 Games	0
0	4 Games	0
1 game	Maximum Dry Spell	1 game

Hatters' Results

LUTON TOWN GOALS								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1						
	2	1						
	3							
	4							
	5							
	6							
	7							

shows the number of results for each scoreline. eg. Luton have lost 1 game 1-2

Cherries' Results

BOURNMOUTH GOALS								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	2					
	2							
	3							
	4							
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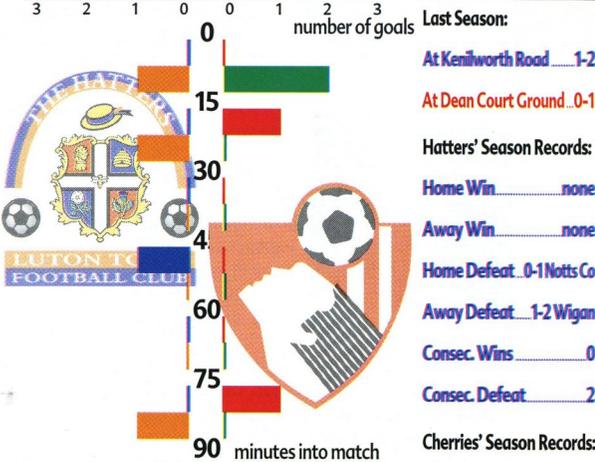
eg. Bournemouth have drawn 2 games 1-1

Seasonal Progress Comparison



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When



Average time of Scoring / Conceding

180 mins	All Goals for	90 mins
n/a mins	Home Goals For	90 mins
90 mins	Away Goals For	90 mins
60 mins	All Goals Against	90 mins
90 mins	Home Goals Against	90 mins
45 mins	Away Goals Against	90 mins

Results so far...Form Guide Comparison

Hatters	: LL	F 1 A 3 Pts 0
Cherries	: SS	F 2 A 2 Pts 2

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

Bournemouth's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	3	4	2	Blissett	19	6,016
91/92	3	4	2	Quinn	19	5,468
92/93	2	3	1	McGorry	8	4,464
93/94	2	3	2	Cotterill	14	4,401
94/95	2	2	2	Jones	8	4,390
95/96	2	2	2	Jones	17	4,213
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MEL MACHIN - Manager

Now one of the longest serving managers in the game, much respected Mel joined Bournemouth as manager in September 1994. As a player, he was a stylish right back with the Cherries from 1970 to 1973 and he also served Port Vale in his home town of Soke-on-Trent, Gillingham and Norwich. He moved into coaching whilst at Norwich before taking up his first managerial role at Manchester City. After leading City back to the top flight and engineering a 5-1 win over bitter rivals United, he was sensationally sacked. His next managerial post came at Barnsley where he turned the club from perennial strugglers to building the firm foundations that saw them rise to the Premiership. Mel has the ability to spot young talent and to get the best out of his players.



MICHAEL MENETRIER - Goalkeeper

Previous Clubs: FC Metz
French keeper who signed for the Cherries seven days before the season started from FC Metz. He made an impression during a trial match against Fulham and has signed a three year deal with the club. He made his debut at Bristol

Rovers on 12 August 2000.

GARETH STEWART - Goalkeeper

Previous Clubs: Blackburn Rovers
Confident young Preston born keeper who commands his area well, Gareth joined the Cherries as understudy to Mark Ovendale. He has learned his trade with Blackburn and has served England at Schoolboy level in the same side at Michael Owen. Gareth made his Football League debut at Wigan when Ovendale injured his back in the warm up and then made his home debut against Bristol City.



AFC BOURNEMOUTH 2000-2001

Back Row (Left to Right): Karl Broadhurst, Eddie Howe, Richard Hughes, Nick Fenton, Gareth Stewart, Steve Fletcher, Dimitri Brinias, Joe Sheerin, Chukki Eribenne, Brian Stock, Neil Young.

Middle Row (Left to Right): Ken Walton (Sprint Coach), Sean O'Driscoll (First Team Coach), James Ford, Wade Elliott, Jamie Day, Carl Fletcher, Stevland Angus, Garreth O'Connor, Wayne Crutcher, Danny Smith, William Huck, John Cooper (Physio), Bernie Morton (Kit Manager).

Front Row (Left to Right): Narada, James Hayter, Claus Jorgensen, Mel Machin (Director of Football), Peter Grant (Player/Coach), Jason Tindall, Justin Keeler, Stephen Purches.

DIMITRI BRINIAS - Goalkeeper

Previous Clubs: None
16 year old Australian keeper who joined the Cherries prior to last season after a host of clubs were trying to secure his signature.



NEIL YOUNG - Defender

Previous Clubs: Tottenham Hotspur
Regular right-back who passed the 200 league appearance mark for the Cherries late last season. He arrived from Tottenham in 1994 and his confident, solid performances has seen him become one of

the most respected defenders in Division Two and this season has seen Neil at his most consistent since joining the club.

STEPHEN PURCHES - Defender



Previous Clubs: West Ham United
Stephen first came to Dean Court on trial last season from West Ham and was in the side that beat Ipswich in the reserve cup final and he set up the opening goal in a 3-1 win. He signed in June from West

ham where he was a professional and is on a two year deal. Stephen made his first team bow in the 1-1 draw at Bristol Rovers.

EDDIE HOWE - Defender

Previous Clubs: None
Highly rated central defender who's mature displays has won him a regular first place and international honours. He has been at the club for many years, working his way through to the youth team where he was captain and also made his first team breakthrough, to the reserves and then the first team as a regular. The 1998-99 season will surely go down as Eddie's best ever. It started with two appearances for England Under 21's in the Toulon Tournament in France and it was quickly followed by Eddie signing a record seven year deal with Bournemouth. He then represented the Nationwide League against the Italian Serie B counterparts. His progress since then has been excellent and after the departure of Ian Cox to Burnley, Eddie was named team captain.

NARADA - Defender

Previous Clubs: Arsenal
Exciting new signing from Arsenal. A left wing back, he played in the Combination Cup final last season for Bournemouth on trial and impressed enough for the Cherries to hand him a two year deal. His preparation for the new season was hampered when he suffered a bad head injury at Basingstoke when he collided with the breezeblock fence surrounding the pitch. He has now recovered but was forced to rest for two weeks as a precaution.

KARL BROADHURST - Defender

Previous Clubs: None
Central defender who has progressed through the Cherries Youth scheme to gain a professional prior to last season and although he has yet to make his first team debut, his progression last season has seen him earn a new one year deal.

DANNY SMITH - Defender

Previous Clubs: None
Former YT player who made his debut at Stoke last season and has signed a professional contract at the club.

STEVLAND ANGUS - Defender

Previous Clubs: West Ham
'Stev' has joined Bournemouth on loan from West Ham and is looking to link up with the Cherries for the whole season. He made his debut at Bristol Rovers.

JOHN BAILEY - Midfielder

Previous Clubs: Croydon, Enfield
Incredibly hard working player who's non stop running and commitment to the side can lift those around him. John came in to the professional game late from Enfield but made the transition to full time football with ease. John has written his name indelibly into the AFC Bournemouth history books by scoring the Cherries goal at Wembley against Grimsby in the AWS final in 1998. The 1998-99 season proved to be frustrating to John who spent much of it on the sidelines through injury, but his mere presence at matches could lift the team.



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**CARL FLETCHER - Midfield**

Previous Clubs: None
 Carl is now starting his third year as a professional. He has come through the ranks and made his first team debut at Grimsby in 1998 whilst still a YT. He made great progress last season and earned two good runs in the first team and by the end of the campaign, really caught the eye with his performances which saw him score twice and he has carried that form through to the 2000-01 pre-season.

RICHARD HUGHES - Midfield

Previous Clubs: Atalanta, Arsenal
 Richard made his Bournemouth debut on the opening day of the 1998-99 campaign against Lincoln, and he quickly established himself as a first team regular. He has won honours for Scotland at Under 21 level and scored in the defeat against the Czech Republic. A player who displays maturity well beyond his tender years and he will be looking to continue his tremendous progression over the coming season, if he can overcome the injury problems that blighted his 99-00 campaign.

GARETH O'CONNOR - Midfield

Previous Clubs: Shamrock Rovers, Bohemians
 21 year old Irishman who can play in midfield or up

front. He moved into the full-time game this summer after playing his football in the league of Ireland before being spotted by Mel Machin.

WILLIAM HUCK - Midfield

Previous Clubs: Monaco, Arsenal
 20 year old Frenchman who signed on transfer deadline day in 1999 from Arsenal for a £50,000 fee. A left sided midfielder, he made his debut in the win over Colchester as his exciting runs and flair quickly saw the Dean Court faithful warm to him.

JASON TINDALL - Midfield

Previous Clubs: Charlton Athletic
 Midfielder who joined the Cherries in the summer of 1998 from Charlton Athletic. Jason has had some incredible bad luck since joining Bournemouth and every time he has got in to the first team, he would suffer from injury which has ruled him out of establishing himself in the side. He captained the reserves to the Combination Cup win last season.

**CLAUS JORGENSEN - Midfield**

Previous Clubs: AC Horsens
 Midfield utility player who joined the Cherries in the summer from Danish club AC Horsens. He originally came over to England on trial in 1998 and impressed during a reserve match against Chelsea.

Made his Football League debut on the opening day of the season and marked it with the man of the match award. He then adapted to the English game extremely well and missed few games during the season. His form last season won him no less than five player awards.

JAMIE DAY - Midfield

Previous Clubs: Arsenal
 Jamie signed for the Cherries from Arsenal in March 1999 from Arsenal. A young player with great potential who made his full league debut at Burnley last season, scoring his first senior goal in the 2-0 win at Cambridge. Jamie has shown excellent form during pre-season and he earned himself a place in the first team on the opening day of the season.

BRIAN STOCK - Midfield

Previous Clubs: None
 Brian made his debut at home to Oldham last season whilst still a YT. His form in the youth, reserves and then the first team earned him a two year professional contract and he has a bright future in front of him.

JAMES FORD - Midfield

Previous Clubs: None
 Promising youngster who signed a one year professional deal last season. He made his Bournemouth debut at home to Chesterfield.

JUSTIN KEELER - Midfield/Utility

Previous Clubs: Christchurch
 Utility player who was snapped up from Wessex League side Christchurch last season after a trial period. He made his debut when he came on as a substitute in the AWS match at Bristol City. He signed a new contract in the summer for the club.

**CHUKKI ERIBENNE - Forward**

Previous Clubs: Coventry City
 19 year old striker who signed for the Cherries from Coventry City on a three year deal on June 2000. Chukki scored four goals in his first three friendlies and is looking to forge a partnership with Steve Fletcher. Chukki celebrated his

Football League debut at Bristol Rovers with a stunning equalizing goal.

STEVE FLETCHER - Forward

Previous Clubs: Hartlepool
 'Fletch', as the popular striker is known, is one of the most popular players at Dean Court. He is the Longest-serving player after he joined the club in 1992 from Hartlepool United. In that time he has overcome seasons where he suffered from injury to establish himself as one of the best target men in Division Two. Once again last season his goal tally reached double figures and it was also a season that saw him named Club Captain and he is now also deputising as team captain in the absence of Eddie Howe.

JAMES HAYTER - Forward

Previous Clubs: Salisbury City (Loan)
 Now in his fourth year as a professional at Dean Court after progressing through the ranks, James signed a new contract when a surprise recall from non-league Salisbury saw a massive upturn in his career. Mark Stein had the flu and due to a shortage of strikers, the Isle of Wight born player was recalled from Salisbury, came on against Stoke as a substitute and scored his first senior goal. He proved to be a versatile and brave player last season and he will be looking to establish himself as a regular this term.

WADE ELLIOTT - Forward/Utility

Previous Clubs: Bashley.
 Signing from Bashley for £5,000, Wade is a highly rated player who has already had a successful trial period at Dean Court and the 21 year old is a former England Schoolboy. Made an immediate impression with a 45 minute run out against Liverpool and made his league debut when he came on as a sub at Reading. He enjoyed a good end to the season and marked the final match against Wigan with the opening goal.

JOE SHEERIN - Forward

Previous Clubs: Chelsea
 Joe played against Brighton reserves on trialist season and earned a contract. He has joined from Chelsea with whom he made one substitute appearance against Wimbledon. He suffered from injury after he joined Bournemouth but showed what he could do with a spectacular first senior goal in the win over Oldham.

SEAN O'DRISCOLL - Head Coach

Sean is the holder of the most appearances for Bournemouth and was appointed as first team coach and then senior coach earlier this year after spending the past five years with the youth side which has produced many fine players. He joined Bournemouth 15 years ago from Fulham and was a virtual ever present in a ten year spell which saw him break the appearance record in 1994. Sean took complete control of the first team on 19 August, taking over from Mel Machin who has now a new capacity at Dean Court as Director of Football.

PETER GRANT - Player/Coach

Peter joined Bournemouth during the summer from Reading as the Cherries new player/coach. He is a player with a great deal of experience behind him after spending most of his playing career with Scottish giants Celtic. He was a regular in the Celtic team throughout much of the eighties and ninties and represented Scotland before moving south to Norwich and then Reading.



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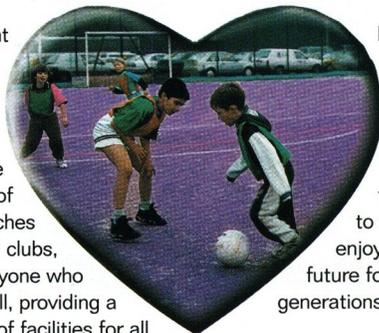
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Hatters Abroad

LOOK carefully at the background in this picture, and you might see the clue that puts the location in Canada. Keith Brooksbank is the man in the Town kit, and the photo was taken at the Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, Alberta.

The occasion was a Canada v Trinidad and Tobago World Cup 2002 qualifier, and Keith, on holiday in the area, could not resist the lure of seeing a football match in July.

He is a Town fan despite living in St. Dunstons Village, Liverpool, and some of our readers may have met him at Wigan last week. "Despite my home address, I really am a keen Luton Town supporter," he said. "Shift work means I cannot see all games, but I get to matches in the north of England."



OUR second picture is of a real star sportsman... but not the one wearing the Town shirt! He is Danny Fallon, from Round Green, Luton, who is a flasher on match days. Don't misunderstand us: he works in the Press box helping to provide the instant goals and incident flashes that service soccer news systems on such things as teletext and the internet.

Danny always packs a Town beach towel in his holiday luggage, and claims to have once got up early enough to put it on a sun lounger ahead of the Germans. In the picture he is showing off his Town colours in the Dominican Republic to Allan Livingstone, who comes from Middlesbrough, and who turned out to be a British rifle shooting champion.



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.

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Photo Action

Wigan Highlights



MAIN PICTURE: Julian Watts registers his delight after putting the Town level at Robin Park.

LEFT: Andrew Fotiadis and Mark Stein airborne together to help the ball on to Watts at the far post.

TOP RIGHT: Liam George, who once broke a leg at Wigan, gets stuck in during a Town attack.

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Hatters Chatter

AFTER helping lots of Town fans to strike it lucky, our own Dawn Keveren hit the jackpot during the summer, when she became Mrs Wayne Tyas. Supporters may recognise her as the supervisor of the successful Golden Gamble lottery, which runs at all home matches. Last season it paid out more than £13,000 to lucky winners in the quid-a-ticket draw, and, just as importantly, made a similar amount for club funds.

Naturally, Dawn was a beautiful bride, and the traditional white wedding gown was worn with a Luton Town garter.

Dawn, from Hockliffe, has married into a famous local sporting family, and many who take an interest in parks football will remember with much admiration and affection her new father-in-law, the redoubtable Eggy Tyas.

Everyone at Kenilworth Road sends congratulations and very best wishes for the future to Dawn and Wayne. And he has no excuse for forgetting the anniversary - crafty Dawn ensured they got married on his birthday!



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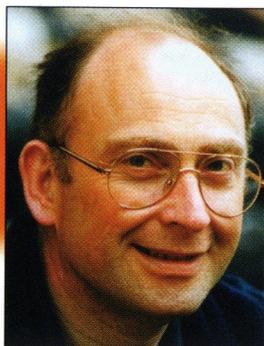
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Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

Hatters pick off the Cherries.

Following relegation from Division One in 1996 the close season was expected to feature a major clear out of playing staff which never actually materialised.

Although Scott Oakes was transferred to David Pleat's Premiership side Sheffield Wednesday and the unlucky Vidar Riseth (whatever happened to him) moved to Linz, a couple of on/off deals seemed to take up much of the summer.

Ceri Hughes was taken by Crystal Palace on trial but after what seemed an age it was decided that he should return to Kenilworth Road. Also, Julian James was on the verge of signing for Gillingham but in the end decided to stay with the Hatters.

On the incoming side was Paul Showler, signed from one of manager Lennie Lawrence's old sides, Bradford City, while another forward, Steve McCormick, had been targeted after playing for and against the Town during a pre-season tour of Scotland. Unfortunately another forward had to be sacrificed and, after Lincoln withdrew from signing John Taylor at the eleventh hour, McCormick had to be left to ply his trade with Stirling Albion.

After a mixed bag of pre-season results, which included a 4-2 win over a full strength West Ham in Julian James' testimonial and a 1-4 defeat at Stirling, it was back to Division Two football for the first time since 1970.

The opening league game was not up to the expectations of the supporters who thought that a quick return to Division One was to be the natural order of things.

Burnley, the visitors to Kenilworth Road, not only won but their scorers were Luton old boys Steve Thompson and Kurt Nogan. Although the Town were not particularly bad they had to

quickly learn that to gift the opposition a two goal start left you with a mountain to climb whichever division you were in. A penalty miss by Bontcho Guentchev did not help the Hatter's cause very much either.

The Town's visit to Brentford attracted a large Luton following who thought that, with ten minutes left, a lead of 2-1 meant three points in the bag. Unfortunately the Bees had other ideas and two goals at the death aided by some generous defending meant that the season was beginning to look like a follow on from the previous campaign.

Worse was to follow in an embarrassing 0-5 midweek defeat at Bristol City which brought about a public apology from Lennie Lawrence as the Town sank to the foot of the table. Obviously the Hatters had to learn fast that the division was not going to be a cakewalk.

After a certain amount of soul searching the Town finally got off the mark with a narrow 1-0 home win over Rotherham courtesy of a rare goal from Mitchell Thomas. No-one was about to get carried away, however, as the Millers were a poor outfit as proved by their eventual relegation, so it was probably a blessing that we met them when we did.

Next up was a first ever visit to Wycombe and another 1-0 victory. This time though the fans could see the first glimmer that the Hatters were acclimatising themselves to their new level and adapting themselves accordingly. The game was fairly turgid and settled by a scrappy goal but another clean sheet proved that lessons from the early season disasters were being learned.

The players were now beginning to enjoy themselves as proved by their reaction following a 2-1 home victory over a tough Gillingham



Tony Thorpe is brought down in the area during the clash with the Cherries in 1996.

outfit. A 0-1 defeat at Kenilworth Road at the hands of Chesterfield brought them back to earth, however, as they were shown that at this level teams could make up for any lack of skill by sheer hard work and dogged defending so the Town tried those tactics in the next game at Bury and returned with a point following a 0-0 draw.

Blackpool were next up at Kenilworth Road and for the first time in the campaign the Town truly imposed themselves on the opposition, especially in the first half when they had the Seaside's on the rack for long periods. Despite this superiority they only had one goal to show for their domination which came after a Blackpool defensive mistake.

The Town started where they left off the following week, but were soon forced back by a resourceful Walsall side at Kenilworth Road who dominated the first half but were kept at bay by the goalkeeping skills of Ian Feuer. In the second half the Hatters managed to move up a gear and made Walsall rue their missed chances by winning 3-1.

The Hatters were now moving up the table and supporters were at last thinking about the possibilities of promotion after a comprehensive 3-0 win at Shrewsbury was followed up with a fighting 1-1 draw at Stockport. Barry Fry's

Peterborough were not able to put up much resistance in the next game at Kenilworth Road and schoolboy defending by Posh contributed to another 3-0 Luton victory.

Another home game followed with the first visit of Bournemouth in the league since 1969 and with it the chance to push up into the top six for the first time in the campaign.

An expectant crowd of 6,086 turned up to see the Cherries line up with a defensive formation and try as they might the Town were thwarted at every turn and could not force the

breakthrough.

When a team comes to defend there is always the chance that they might score a breakaway goal as proved when Chesterfield visited earlier in the season. Bournemouth did have a gilt edged chance just before the break when a quick break out of defence caught the Town napping and a flick-on from Steve Fletcher presented Matt Holland with a scoring opportunity which was somehow blocked by Feuer. The rebound found Steve Robinson who chipped goalwards but the big Hatters goalkeeper uncoiled and launched himself skywards and managed to tip the ball over the bar.

The threat of a scoreless draw was growing when Tony Thorpe, picking up a throw-in, advanced along the by-line where he was tripped by Owen Coll. Thorpe duly dispatched the penalty and two minutes later, on the hour, made the game safe when he latched on to a weakly hit back pass by Ian Cox to net his seventh goal of the season with ease.

The remainder of the game was played out with little threat to the Luton defence and this seventh league game without defeat made the early season disasters seem but a distant memory.

Roger Wash

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We know it seems like only yesterday that our summer 2000 coaching programme began - yet,unbelievably, next week is the last week of the school holidays. This years holiday has been a week shorter which I know many parents are quite glad of, however, most of the youngsters who have been with us would disagree and be quite pleased of an extra week! We will be running two courses next week in Luton and Dunstable at the schools listed below- if you fancy joining in just give us a ring over the bank holiday on 0958 43 83 22 to reserve a place. Pictured are some of the youngsters from our courses this summer at Leighton Buzzard, Luton and Dunstable. Look out in our next programme for a picture special of the whole summer - we're sure if you look hard enough you'll be able to spot yourself.



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Community & Schools Football Programme



FREE COACHING DAY - MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

We will be finishing off the summer holidays with our free coaching day at Barnfield College, Bedford Road. This is the third year in a row we have now held our free day and thanks to NTL it has probably become the highlight of the summer holidays for both the youngsters who attend and also the coaches and as you can see from our photo from last year it is a very popular day. The day is open to all boys and girls aged 6 to 13 of any ability and there's no need to reserve a place. Just turn up with your kit and a packed lunch at 10.00 am sharp and be ready to join in the fun. See you all there!



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Quite often we are asked what we do on our own doorstep with the local community. Well the answer is quite a lot really. For example every school in the Dallow Ward has received several visits from our Community & Schools coaching staff as part of our Schools Visit Project and another event we were happy to take part in during the summer holidays was the Dallow Football Festival organised by Luton Borough Council. All schools in the Dallow Ward took part, Foxdell, Maidenhall, Dallow, Downside, Beech Hill and Denbigh were all involved - for some of the children it was their first ever

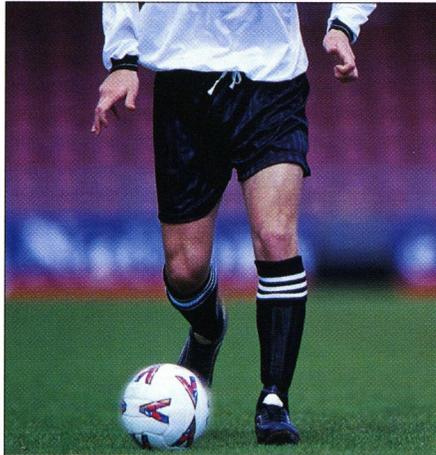
opportunity to play an organised game on grass which I think illustrates the lack of facilities available not just in and around the ground but in other parts of Luton. Each school received 30 free match tickets from us for this season and we look forward to their visits. Pictured are pupils from Downside Junior School receiving their tickets.

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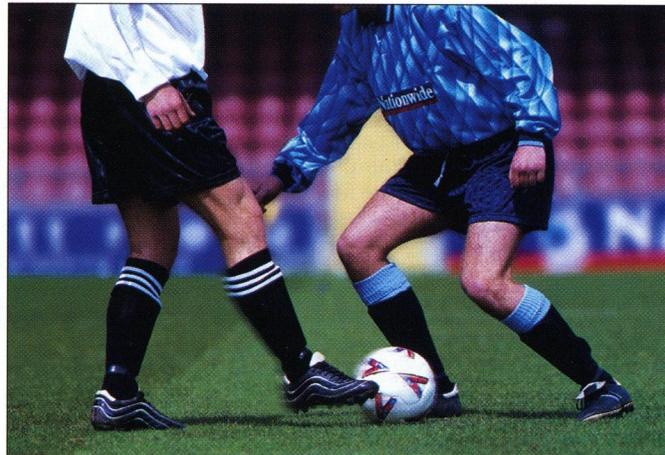
Yes, 17,000, that is the total number of children who have received free in schools coaching from our Community & Schools coaches since last January when our NTL Schools Visit Project began. Our scheme, which covers Beds & Herts, has now become so established that we have almost become part of the school curriculum in certain areas as our visits are eagerly looked forward to. Ben Smith and Simon King deliver most of the coaching and deserve a special mention for their coaching skills, patience and dedication. Any more fan mail and they'll need a PA!

With everyone back at school during next week our NTL Schools Visit Project will be back in full swing. The coaching takes place during lessons as part of the schools PE curriculum and If you would like a visit from the Community & Schools Department ask a teacher from your school to give us a ring at the Club and we'll do our best to arrange a visit. The number to ring is 01582 411622.

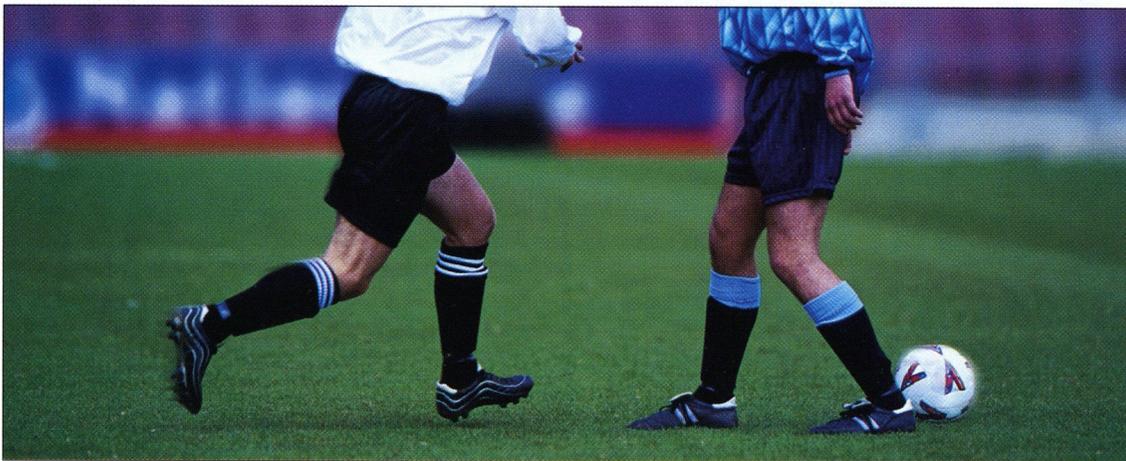




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Junior Hatters



WE have two pictures of mascots today, because Wigan very kindly invited us to provide one at the game last week. We made the choice on the Junior Hatters coach going north, and it fell on Paula Fazeks, from Strathmore Walk, Luton, who was 15 that day. We had plenty of time to prepare for the visit to the JJB Stadium because we were held up on the motorway, and did not arrive in time to take advantage of the pre-match hospitality Wigan had laid on.

Our other mascot group was pictured before the first game of the season, against Notts County, when eight-year-old Jake Mulvaney was the Junior Hatters mascot, and Timothy Owen was the commercial mascot.

WE ARE running Junior Hatters trips to the away games at Wycombe on Monday and Rotherham

next Saturday. If you want to go to Wycombe, get into the club shop quickly, because today is the last day to reserve seats. We will leave Luton at 11 am, and will be given a tour of Adams Park before the game.

For Rotherham we are leaving at 8am - it sounds early, but it will be worth it because we are being entertained by our counterparts at Millmoor, playing football in their gym, and then being entertained in their social club.

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Today's Mascot

TODAY'S Junior Hatters mascot is Kelly Anne Smith, who has just celebrated her tenth birthday. She lives at Mill Lane, Clophill and comes to matches with her dad, usually watching from the New Stand. But today she will be involved in the match, because as mascot she will meet the players before the game, join them



for the pre-match kick-about and then go up to the centre circle to see the toss-up for choice of ends.

As well as supporting Luton Town, Kelly likes horse riding, swimming and riding her bike to see her friends. She goes to the Robert Bloomfield School, Shefford.

Our ballboys are David Fazeks, who will be nine tomorrow, and Daniel Chaplen.

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Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

IT OFTEN happens that new signings are soon facing their old team-mates, as Mark Ovendale and Mark Stein are doing today. Stein, of course was in our side, with Ricky Hill, in the glory days of the 1980s, when the Town squad regularly featured on cards and stickers, such as a set produced by the Daily Mirror in 1987.

Like most of these sticker issues, it was a mammoth series which was designed to be stuck in specially-produced large albums.

Mark Stein joined the Luton ground staff straight from school, when elder brother Brian was establishing himself as a top striker in the First Division.

Mark was also a front runner, and David Pleat gave him the No. 9 jersey for the home match against Everton in April, 1984. Unfortunately, he got very few opportunities to shine in a bad-tempered and bruising encounter which the visitors won 3-0.

Mark's next run in the first team came two years later, during a thrilling FA Cup run, which saw the Hatters take Everton to a quarter-final replay at Goodison. Playing in place of his brother, Mark had scored his first senior goal in the fifth round, in a replay against Arsenal at Kenilworth Road, and he gave the Town the lead against Everton in the next round. Despite Mick Harford extending the lead, Everton got back to earn a draw, and Gary Lineker ended our dreams in the replay. The following season, under the managership of John Moore, Mark notched eight League goals from 21 appearances, while in 1987-88 he was a regular in the side that made a three-pronged attack on Wembley, in then FA, Littlewoods and Simod cups.

We lost to Wimbledon in the FA semi-final, in

the year Clive Goodyear collected a winner's medal, and there was another disappointment for Mark and the team in the Simod final, when we were outclassed by Reading.

Ray Harford named Mark as a sub for the Littlewoods Cup final, and the striker was not at all happy, to say the least. He stormed out for a while, but happily things were smoothed over, and the story is now part of Luton folklore, complete with a very happy ending. He took his place on the bench, and went on in



place of the injured Mick Harford to play his part in the dramatic 3-2 victory.

Mark finished that season as our leading scorer, before moving on to QPR. A year later he joined Oxford, and then went to Stoke in 1992. He helped Lou Macari's side to the Division Two title with 26 goals in the 1992/93 season and a £1.5million move to Chelsea soon followed. He did well at The Bridge, but eventually the "International Brigade" invasion forced him out.

He resurrected his career with regular goals for Bournemouth, and came

"back home" a few weeks ago when his old pal Ricky Hill called for him.

The set of Daily Mirror stickers from which the picture comes also included Ricky Hill and Brian Stein, but they are not that easy to come by, mainly because they bear no identifying features. They came in two versions: one had just the player's name and club on the reverse, while the other gave a very brief biography. When they do become available the stickers cost only a few pence each, but full albums in good condition now change hands for up to £15.

Alan Robinson

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Action Replay

Wigan Ath 2 Luton Town 1 (HT 1-0)

A BETTER team performance than the one we had seen on the opening day of the season might easily have brought back a point from Wigan, but the promotion favourites came back strongly after we had equalised, and for the second time the Town paid the price for not dealing with set pieces.

Three goals against, two from free kicks and the other from a corner, was the telling statistic from the first 180 minutes of league football, but at least the Town also showed they could convert a corner.

Julian Watts did it, with a powerful header early in the second half. Pat McGibbon had done exactly the same, from almost the same spot, to give Wigan their tenth-minute lead.

With Matthew Spring absent through illness, 19-year-old Peter Homes made his first start in the league, and acquitted himself well, especially when the Town were looking to build attacks.

Disappointed at how easily Notts County had broken through the week before, the manager opted to use a back four at Wigan, and there was a much tighter look about the side as a result.

After McGibbon's goal, from the game's first real attack, the Town matched Wigan in midfield, and threatened most when Matthew Taylor attacked down the left flank. From one of his crosses Andrew Fotiadis headed too straight, at the goalkeeper.

In the final minute of the first half Roy Carroll had to

work a lot harder when Liam George jinked through, and was unlucky to see the keeper spread himself just wide enough to prevent an equaliser.

After the break the Town hit a patch of very good form, showing that if they can keep possession long enough they can pass their way into dangerous positions.

Marvin Johnson missed the second half after being fouled by Kevin Nicholls, to earn the Wigan man a yellow card to go with the red he collected on the first day of the season. Stuart Fraser went on as sub, replacing Emmerson Boyce, who switched from right back to centre-back.

Wigan had a spell where the nerves were jangling after Watts scored, and were much relieved when the best move of the match involving Adam Locke, George and Mark Stein ended with Stein's inch-perfect chip to the far post and a headstrong volley by Holmes into the upper reaches of the stand.

The move was worth a goal, but after Stein had a low drive saved Wigan regained their composure and increased the attacking pressure. Their winner, 12 minutes from time, was delightfully made by a free kick routine switching the ball swiftly through a bemused defence. The Town were down to ten men at the time, with Paul McLaren being treated for an injury, but the cleverness of the goal would probably have done for a full squad anyway.

Match Details

Town: Owendale, Boyce, Watts, Johnson (Fraser HT), Taylor, Locke (Scarlett 73 mins), McLaren, Holmes (Brennan 83 mins), George, Stein, Fotiadis. Unused subs: Stirling, Abbey.

Booked: Paul McLaren, 36 mins, for delaying a free kick, which led to it being moved upfield ten yards, the first time the Town had seen the new rule come into effect; Mark Stein, 37 mins, dissent.

Wigan: Carroll, Green (Ashcroft 80 mins), McGibbon, de Zeeuw, Griffiths, Bradshaw, Nicholls (Martinez 53 mins), Sheridan, Redfean, Haworth, Liddell. Unused subs: Stillie, Kilford, Roberts.

Booked: Kevin Nicholls, 38 mins, foul on Marvin Johnson; Roberto Martinez, 64 mins, foul on Matthew Taylor.

Goals: 1-0 10 mins - Pat McGibbon far post header from right wing corner; 1-1, 51 mins - Julian Watts carbon copy, from Matthew Taylor's flag kick; 2-1 78 minutes - Andy Liddell, fierce low drive from a clever free kick routine worked by Darren Sheridan and Simon Haworth.

Referee: Jeff Winter.

Attendance: 6,518, including 640 Town fans



FIRST TASTE: Dean Brennan, on his league debut after replacing Peter Holmes, soon discovers that shirt-tugging seems to be part of the game nowadays.



EVERYBODY UP: Liam George in close combat with goalkeeper Roy Carroll..



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Action Replay

Luton Town 0 Peterborough 0

RARELY has the soccer cliché about a game of two halves been better illustrated than in Tuesday's Worthington Cup-tie at Kenilworth Road.

Peterborough were given a real chasing in the first 45 minutes, but the Town's great attacking promise failed to deliver, and after the break it was the visitors' turn to go through the same experience.

In the end we were grateful to Mark Ovendale for three or four good saves, two of them top class to deny goals to the lively Francis Green. It was one of those games where both sides knew that they could have won it, but for lack of a knock-out punch in the penalty area. But at least the Town kept a clean sheet after losing their first two games of the season, and from Tuesday's evidence both sides can believe in themselves for the second leg at Peterborough.

The attempts at goal statistics told most of the story. In the first half the Town looked good going forward, and got in nine scoring attempts. But only two, not very powerful drives by Matthew Taylor and Liam George, were on target, with the rest mainly from 20 yards or more flying harmlessly into the crowd. Barry Fry admitted that he had a bit of a go at

his men over the half-time tea. At that stage they had not mustered a single attempt on goal, but the manager's demand for more effort was answered to the full by the visitors. They were helped by a team change, David Farrell going on for the second half to add attacking weight.

Peterborough had a let-off in the 53rd minute when Peter Holmes shot hard from the edge of the box. Matthew Spring deflected the ball into the net, but was given offside.

From then on, Peterborough looked the more likely side to score, but the Town defence, with Stuart Fraser replacing injured Marvin Johnson, refused to buckle. Julian Watts and Emmerson Boyce were strong barriers, and Paul McLaren was a swashbuckling midfield force.

Equally, Simon Rea and Andy Edwards were doughty defenders at the other end, leaving Fry to take pleasure from the huge improvement his side showed in the second half.

And in their comments afterwards, both managers made the point that there is plenty of football left in this tie yet - and Peterborough went out of the Worthington Cup a year ago by losing on their own ground after an away draw.

Match Details

Town: Ovendale, Boyce, Watts, Fraser, Spring, Taylor, McLaren, Holmes, George, Stein, Fotiadis (Brennan 81 mins). Unused subs: Locke, Scarlett, Stirling, Abbey.

Booked: Paul McLaren, 48 mins, foul on Tony Shields.

Peterborough: Tyler, Drury, Hooper, Rea, Edwards, Oldfield (Cullen 80 mins), Forinton, Forsyth, Green, Hanlon (Farrell HT), Shields (Scott 77 mins). Unused subs Scott, Connor.

Booked: Simon Rea, 41 mins, foul on Liam George.

Referee: Richard Beeby.

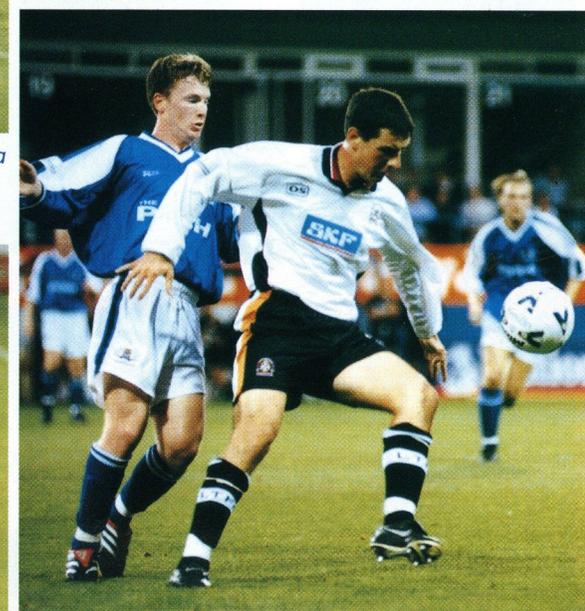
Attendance: 3,175, including 360 Peterborough fans



LEGGING IT: Liam George unable to break through a challenge by Simon Rea.



NO WAY THROUGH: Matthew Taylor gets down to business, with two Posh players blocking his way.



ON THE BALL: Matthew Spring back in action, after missing the game at Wigan through illness.



FOILED AGAIN: Defender Julian Watts tries to show the attackers how it is done.

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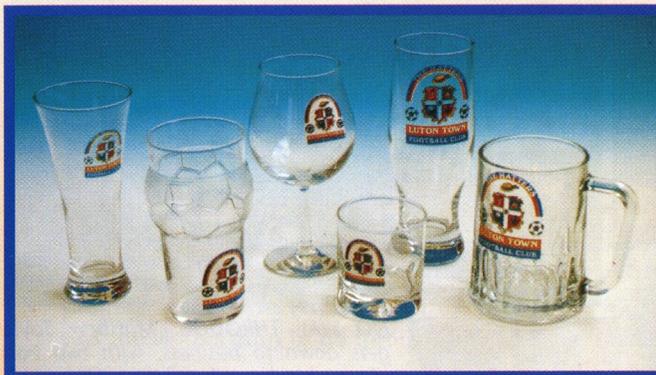
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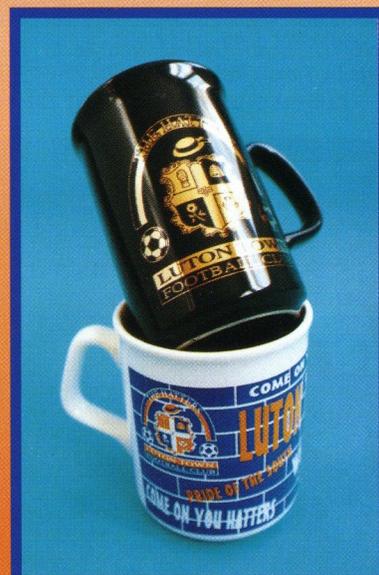
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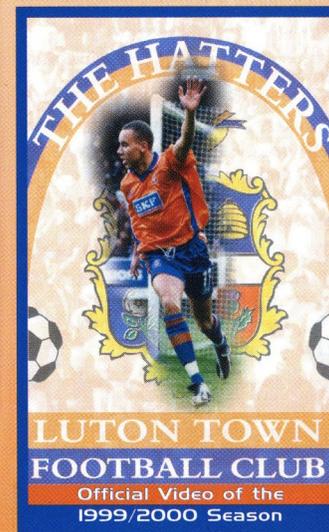
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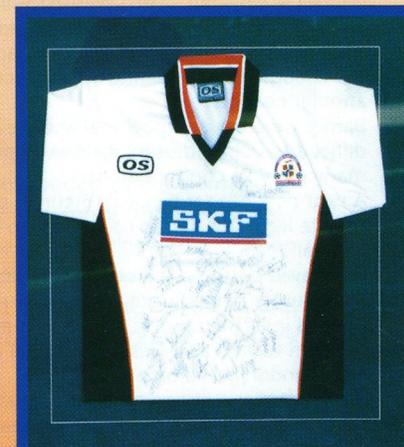
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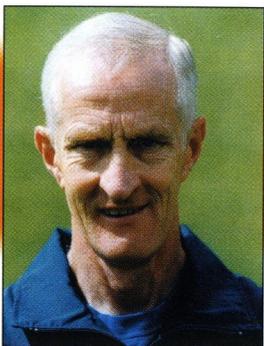
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The Reserves

John Moore



Luton Town 3 Barnet 1

THE PERFORMANCE was adequate and the result

a bonus as we began our season in the Avon Insurance Combination. It is always good to win, and an aid to confidence, but no-one did so well that he was demanding to be promoted to the first team.

That was true of two trialists, Andy Muffin, a left wing-back from Doncaster, and Scott Carham, a midfielder previously with West Ham and Orient.

They did OK in a scrappy game, but looked no better than what we have. Byron Glasgow, another trialist, did enough in a 20-minute appearance to be offered another chance.

Barnet were big and powerful and we found it difficult to get hold of midfield in a game of too many physical confrontations.

A near post header by Dean Brennan gave us a 12th-minute lead, but Barnet came back to equality by the interval.

We played better in the second half, and two goals in five minutes helped us to settle down. Tresor Kandol headed in at the far post in the 49th minute, and Brennan tucked away his second goal of the game after Kandol flicked on a long throw.

We seemed to get nervous and over-anxious after that, allowing Barnet too much possession, but the defence did its job well against an attack led by the dangerous Ken Charlery.

Luton Town: Abbey, Fraser, Muffin, Breitenfelder, Stirling, Ayres, Scarlett (Standen 65 mins), Brennan, Kandol, Carter (Glasgow 20 mins), Carham (Minton 65 mins).

Peterborough 1 Luton Town 2

THE result might have flattered us a little, because it took us too long to get going in Monday's cup-tie. Peterborough were the better team in the first half, and led 1-0 at the interval. If they had made better use of their chances we would have been further behind.

But a young back four kept going, while more senior players should have done more for the team, instead of doing their own thing.

We spoke about it during half-time, when my demand was that everyone should buck up, think more about their game, and show a better attitude to the team pattern.

We got the right response, particularly after trialist Byron Glasgow was sent on as a sub ten minutes after the break. He replaced another trialist, Elliott Onochie, and within minutes Tresor Kandol put us level with a well-taken goal.

We then made another change, switching Tommy Carter from his position just behind the attack, and putting him on the left wing. That gave us width, made more space in midfield, and with our passing at last showing more accuracy we gained a measure of control. Carter, who had just accepted a short-term contract, got the winner 11 minutes from time, clipping his shot over the goalkeeper.

Luton Town: Ward, Mortara (Mansell 65 mins), Carroll, Codner, Dogbe, Ayres, Standen, Minton, Kandol, Carter, Onochie (Glasgow 55 mins).

OUR NEXT Avon Insurance Combination fixture is away to Millwall on Tuesday, and our next home game is a cup-tie against Gillingham, at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday September 20, kick-off 2pm

Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures

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Tues 29		Millwall	A	2pm			
SEPT		Wed 13	L. Orient	A	2pm		
Wed 20	Gillingham (LC)	A	2pm				
Tues 26	QPR	A	2pm				
OCT		Wed 4	Fulham	H*	2pm		
Wed 11	C. Palace	H	2pm				
Wed 18	Gillingham	A	2pm				
Wed 25	Cambridge Utd (LC)	H*	2pm				
NOV		Wed 1	Reading	A	2pm		
Mon 6	Brentford	H*	7pm				
Wed 15	Bristol City	A	2pm				
Wed 29	Swindon	A	2pm				
DEC		Mon 4	Portsmouth	H*	7pm		
Wed 13	Colchester (LC)	A	2pm				
Mon 18	Oxford Utd	H*	7pm				
JAN		Thurs 4	Norwich (LC)	A	7.30pm		
Wed 10	Wycombe	A	2pm				
Mon 15	Brighton	H*	7pm				
Wed 24	Bournemouth	A	2pm				
Mon 29	Bristol Rov	H*	7pm				
FEB		Mon 12	Cheltenham	H*	7pm		
Mon 26	Colchester	A	2pm				
MAR		Thurs 8	Norwich City	A	7.30pm		
Wed 14	Southend	H	2pm				
Mon 19	Peterborough	A	2pm				
Wed 28	Cambridge Utd	H	2pm				
APRIL		Tues 3	Northampton	A	2pm		

*To be played at Baldock Town.



Youth Soccer

Paul Lowe

Luton Town 2 Southend Utd 2

WE ARE still looking at

boys who might be worthy of a scholarship with us, and that meant we fielded a mixed group for our first Youth Alliance fixture of the season. Our only under-19 player was goalkeeper Scott Ward, with the rest under-18s and under-17s, which is a young side to compete in this league. Robert Gillman from Welling, Mick Leary from Kenton and Lloyd Nurse from Milton Keynes were on trial, and another trialist, Julian Ramirez from London, had a 40-minute run as a sub. With so many players unfamiliar with each other, it is perhaps not surprising that we did not play well in the first half. Southend looked good, passing the ball well and playing around us. We were chasing the ball around and not looking at all well organised.

But for all their possession and promise, Southend did not force a save out of Ward until the half-hour mark when they were converted a penalty which was awarded for a foul which hardly anyone bar the ref saw. We had a chance

to equalise with our only decent attack of the first half, but after a quick free kick by John Carroll, Rene James-Barriteau shot wide after being put through in a one-on-one with the keeper.

Just before the break we had strong appeals for a penalty when Nurse and a defender went down in a heap. Nothing was given, and Southend immediately counter-attacked, and scored their second goal while we were stretched.

Marcus Jeffrey was sent on for the second half, putting more power into our attack, and the whole team responded to our demand to get organised and pressurise opponents.

But we were a touch lucky with a goal on the hour mark. Jeffrey played in a cross, and a defender bent to chest the ball away, and a penalty award for hands looked very harsh to everyone.

Carroll converted the award, and we had several good chances after that, but converted none of them until the 80th minute when James-Barriteau shot a very good equaliser after running at the Southend defence.

Overall, it was a mixed performance - poor in the first half, but much better in the second, and it was good to see the team show character to come back for a point after being two down at the break.

Of the trialists, Gillman was the most impressive, and has been invited to play another game or two for us.

Luton Town: Ward, Gillman, Deeney, Carroll, Dogbe, Mansell, Leary (Ramirez 50), Mortara, James-Barriteau, Dillon (Clarke 65), Nurse (Jeffrey HT).

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South East Conference Results and fixtures

AUG		16	Southend	H	2-2	Carroll, James-Barriteau
26	L. Orient	A				
SEPT		2	Portsmouth	H		
9	Wycombe Wdrs	H				
16	Northampton	A				
23	Cambridge	H				
OCT		7	Barnet	A		
14	Brighton	H				
21	Brentford	A				
28	Colchester	H				
NOV		4	Gillingham	A		
11	Southend	A				
18	L. Orient	H				
25	Portsmouth	A				
DEC		2	Northampton	H		

WE WERE away to Leyton Orient this morning, and next Saturday we are at home to Portsmouth at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, kick-off 11 am. Spectators are welcome, and admission is free.

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Division 2 2000/01 Ave. Attendances

Team	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000	12000	14000
Bournemouth	4,869						
Brentford	5,036						
Bristol City	12,590						
Bristol Rovers	8,046						
Bury	3,613						
Cambridge	3,654						
Colchester	3,807						
Luton	7,059						
Millwall	11,043						
Northampton	6,379						
Notts County	6,046						
Oldham	5,639						
Oxford	5,870						
Peterborough	6,997						
Port Vale	3,814						
Reading	14,134						
Rotherham	5,200						
Stoke	14,532						
Swansea	8,391						
Swindon	7,296						
Walsall	5,952						
Wigan	6,518						
Wrexham	5,852						
Wycombe	4,806						

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Division 2 Table as at 22nd August

Pld	Home					Away					Gls	Pts	
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Millwall	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	3	3	6
Walsall	2	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	2	6
Peterborough	2	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
Wigan	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
Stoke	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	4
Wycombe	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
Oldham	2	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	2	3	2	3
Wrexham	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	4	1	1	3
Bristol City	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	3
Notts County	2	0	0	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Port Vale	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	3
Rotherham	2	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Reading	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
Bury	2	0	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	-2	3
Bristol Rovers	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	2
Bournemouth	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
Brentford	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
Swansea	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Northampton	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	1
Cambridge	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	-1	1
Colchester	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	1
Swindon	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-2	1
Luton	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	-2	0
Oxford	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	-4	0

Division 2 General Stats

CS	FS	HP	LP	CS	FS	HP	LP		
Bournemouth	0	0	9	15	Oxford	0	2	21	24
Brentford	1	1	10	16	Peterborough	1	0	3	7
Bristol City	1	0	3	8	Port Vale	1	0	11	24
Bristol Rovers	0	0	8	15	Reading	1	1	13	22
Bury	1	0	6	14	Rotherham	0	0	8	18
Cambridge	0	1	20	20	Stoke	1	1	4	14
Colchester	1	1	16	18	Swansea	2	2	17	17
Luton	0	2	19	23	Swindon	1	2	12	22
Millwall	1	0	1	2	Walsall	0	0	2	4
Northampton	0	1	11	19	Wigan	1	1	3	13
Notts County	1	0	5	10	Wrexham	0	1	7	23
Oldham	0	0	1	6	Wycombe	2	1	5	15

CS=Clean Sheets FS=Games Team Failed to Score HP=Highest Position LP=Lowest Position

Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate:14,532 Stoke v Wycombe
Lowest Gate:3,613 Bury v Wrexham
Highest Aggregate Score:Notts County 3-4 Millwall
Biggest Home Win:Oldham 4-1 Port Vale
Biggest Away Win:Port Vale 3-0 Oxford
Consecutive Records:Bury 1-4 Wrexham
Wins:Millwall, Walsall 2
Games Unbeaten:10 Clubs on 2 games
Defeats:Luton, Oxford 2
Winless Run:10 Clubs on 2 games
Games:24
Home Wins:7 (29%)
Away Wins:9 (38%)
Draws:8 (33%)
1-1 Draws:3 (13%)
0-0 Draws:4 (17%)
Average goals per game:2.17
Yellow Cards:76
Red Cards:2
Total Attendance:167,143
Average gate:6,964

Division 2 Results Grid

		HOME GOALS								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AWAY GOALS	0	4	1	2	1					
	1	4	3	1		1				
	2	1	1	1	1					
	3			1						
	4			1	1					
	5									
	6									
	7									
8										

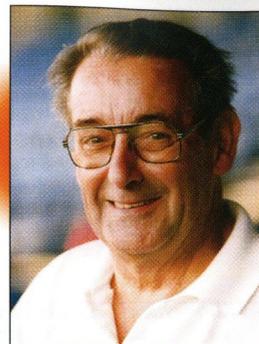
Grid shows the number of games ending with each results, e.g. 3 matches resulted in a 1-1 draw and 2 matches ended in a 2-0 home win

Referee's Report

	Gam	Red	Yell	Avg Yell
Cooper	1	7	0	7.00
Laws	1	7	0	7.00
Halsey	1	6	1	6.00
Butler	1	6	0	6.00
Prosser	2	11	2	5.50
Kaye	1	5	1	5.00
Cable	1	5	0	5.00
Mathieson	1	5	0	5.00
Wilkes	1	4	0	4.00
Hill	1	4	0	4.00
Stretton	1	4	0	4.00
Dunn	1	4	0	4.00
Leake	1	4	0	4.00
Lomas	1	4	0	4.00
Lattenburg	1	4	1	4.00
Olivier	1	4	1	4.00
Fletcher	1	4	0	4.00
Winter	1	4	0	4.00
Alcock	1	4	0	4.00

Division 2 Hotshots - The most prolific marksmen

Player	Goals	Games	Average
Rotherham	3	2	1.50
Notts County	2	2	1
Notts County	2	2	1
Millwall	2	2	1
Millwall	2	2	1
Oldham	2	2	1
Port Vale	2	2	1
Walsall	2	2	1
Walsall	2	2	1
Wrexham	2	2	1



2nd Division Brian Swain

IT LOOKS like being a tight Second Division this season. With just

two league games played so far, only Millwall and Walsall still have 100 per cent records, while Stoke, Wigan, Peterborough and Wycombe are the only teams to take four points out of six. Tables count for little at this stage of the campaign, and would make unpleasant reading for us, because we share with Oxford the distinction of being without a single point. They are rock bottom because their goals figure reads scored nil, conceded four.

Millwall, 8-1 shots for the title when the season began, enjoyed the rub of the green last week by snatching a 4-3 win at Notts County, to add to their 2-0 opening day success at home to Reading. County's hopes of repeating their Kenilworth Road result looked dead and buried at 3-1 down at the interval. But Mark Stallard, who got their winner against us, completed a revival that pulled it back to 3-3 with 15 minutes to go, only for Marc Bircham to grab the decider for the Londoners in stoppage time.

Today's visitors come with an unbeaten record and a new manager. Mel Machin has been promoted to director of football, with Sean O'Driscoll taking over.

A point each this afternoon would be par for Bournemouth's course so far - they drew 1-1 at Bristol Rovers on opening day, and chalked up a similar result last week at home to Cambridge. For good measure, they came home with a creditable 0-0 draw from their midweek trip to First Division Norwich in the Worthington Cup. The home draw last Saturday came in the only Second Division game which saw a red card flourished. Cambridge took an early lead through Zeema Abbey, brother of our Nathan, but were down to ten men when Steve Slade, making his full debut, was sent off for a crude challenge on Steve Purches. Steve Fletcher exacted late retribution with an 88th-minute equaliser.

Another late goal was the downfall of Bristol City, to take the shine off Danny Wilson's first home game in charge. Tony Thorpe got their first goal

of the season in a 2-0 win at Wrexham a fortnight ago, but on Saturday they were beaten at home by Stoke, who nicked a winner three minutes from time.

Wilson is involved in a big clear-out at Ashton Gate, where there are 42 professionals on the books. In the summer he signed only three players, Lea Peacock for £600,000 from Manchester City, and Mark Lever and Kyle Sheppard, on Bosmans from Grimsby and Chelsea respectively. This week Wilson circulated a list of seven players who are available for transfer, having unloaded eight before the season began. There was an even larger turn-over of staff at Walsall during the summer as Ray Graydon seeks to build a team capable of bouncing back into Division One at the first attempt.

His men certainly have the right spirit: their 100 per cent league record came from 3-2 victories, away to Rotherham and at home to Oldham, and in both games Walsall had to come from behind to win.

This afternoon they entertain Wycombe, who have already got four points despite scoring only once in their first two games - it was enough to see off Northampton last week after a 0-0 draw at Stoke a fortnight ago.

And if we are worried about our lack of goals, spare a thought for Swansea's fans. Those who have been at all three of the Swans fixtures this season have yet to see a goal. At home to Wigan in the league and West Brom in the cup, and away to Brentford last week, Swansea's results have all been 0-0 draws.

Brian Swain

Today's other 2nd Division Fixtures

- Cambridge v Bristol City
- Millwall v Wycombe
- Northampton v Reading
- Oldham v Peterborough
- Oxford v Brentford
- Rotherham v Bury
- Stoke v Notts County
- Swansea v Colchester
- Swindon v Walsall
- Wrexham v Wigan

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Statistics Fixtures 2000 / 2001

	Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers	League		Team														
					Place	Attnd.															
AUGUST	Sat 12	Notts County	H 3pm	0-1	-	7,059	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Johnson										
AUGUST	Sat 19	Wigan	A 3pm	1-2	Watts	-	6,518	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Johnson									
AUGUST	Tue 22	Peterborough WC1(1)	H 7.45pm	0-0		-	3,175	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser									
AUGUST	Sat 26	Bournemouth	H 3pm																		
AUGUST	Mon 28	Wycombe Wdrs	A 3pm																		
SEPTEMBER	Sat 2	Rotherham Utd	A 3pm																		
SEPTEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough WC1(2)	A 7.45pm																		
SEPTEMBER	Sat 9	Northampton Tn	H 3pm																		
SEPTEMBER	Tue 12	Walsall	H 7.45pm																		
SEPTEMBER	Sat 16	Swansea City	A 3pm																		
SEPTEMBER	Tue 19	WC2(1)	A 7.45pm																		
SEPTEMBER	Sat 23	Swindon Tn	H 3pm																		
SEPTEMBER	Tue 26	WC2(2)	A 7.45pm																		
SEPTEMBER	Sat 30	Bristol Rov	A 3pm																		
OCTOBER	Sun 8	Millwall	H 12pm																		
OCTOBER	Fri 13	Cambridge Utd	A 8pm																		
OCTOBER	Tue 17	Oxford Utd	A 7.45pm																		
OCTOBER	Sat 21	Brentford	H 3pm																		
OCTOBER	Tue 24	Oldham	A 7.45pm																		
OCTOBER	Sat 28	Wrexham	H 3pm																		
OCTOBER	Tue 31	WC3	A 7.45pm																		
NOVEMBER	Sat 4	Bury	A 3pm																		
NOVEMBER	Sat 11	Bristol City	H 3pm																		
NOVEMBER	Sat 18	FAC1	A 3pm																		
NOVEMBER	Sat 25	Port Vale	A 3pm																		
NOVEMBER	Tue 28	WC4	A 7.45pm																		
DECEMBER	Sat 2	Stoke City	A 3pm																		
DECEMBER	Sat 9	FAC2	A 3pm																		
DECEMBER	Tue 12	WC5	A 7.45pm																		
DECEMBER	Sat 16	Colchester Utd	H 3pm																		
DECEMBER	Sat 23	Reading	A 3pm																		
DECEMBER	Tue 26	Peterborough	H 1pm																		
DECEMBER	Sat 30	Wigan	H 3pm																		
JANUARY	Mon 1	Bournemouth	A 3pm																		
JANUARY	Sat 6	Notts County OR FA Cup 3	A 3pm																		
JANUARY	Wed 10	WC Semi(1)	A 7.45pm																		
JANUARY	Sat 13	Wycombe	H 3pm																		
JANUARY	Sat 20	Peterborough	A 3pm																		
JANUARY	Wed 24	WC Semi(2)	A 7.45pm																		
JANUARY	Sat 27	Reading OR FA Cup 4	H 3pm																		
FEBRUARY	Sat 3	Rotherham Utd	H 3pm																		
FEBRUARY	Sat 10	Northampton Tn	A 3pm																		
FEBRUARY	Sat 17	Swansea City OR FA Cup 5	H 3pm																		
FEBRUARY	Tue 20	Walsall	A 7.45pm																		
FEBRUARY	Sat 24	Swindon	A 3pm																		
FEBRUARY	Sun 25	Worthington Cup Final																			
MARCH	Sat 3	Bristol Rov	H 3pm																		
MARCH	Tue 6	Cambridge Utd	H 7.45pm																		
MARCH	Sat 10	Millwall OR FA Cup 6	A 3pm																		
MARCH	Sat 17	Oxford Utd	H 3pm																		
MARCH	Sat 24	Brentford	A 3pm																		
MARCH	Sat 31	Colchester	A 3pm																		
APRIL	Sat 7	Stoke City OR FA Cup S-F	H 3pm																		
APRIL	Sat 14	Oldham	H 3pm																		
APRIL	Mon 16	Wrexham	A 3pm																		
APRIL	Sat 21	Bury	H 3pm																		
APRIL	Sat 28	Bristol City	A 3pm																		
MAY	Sat 5	Port Vale	H 3pm																		
MAY																					

The FA Cup final is on May 12

Town Teaser

OUR "Town Trivia" quiz is part of the pre-match entertainment, and we offer a prize to one lucky supporter at every game.

Tuesday's question was to ask which Peterborough player scored three goals for us in the play-offs against Crewe three years ago. The answer was David Oldfield.

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

Today's Question

Mark Stein has just begun his second spell as a Luton Town player, having re-joined us from Bournemouth. But what club did he go to when he left us in the summer of 1988?

Next Home Match

Nationwide League Division 2

versus

Northampton Town

Saturday 9th September
Kick Off: 3.00pm

						Substitutes					
Taylor	Spring	Locke,	George,	Stein	Fotiadis	Holmes for Locke 57,	Fraser for Watts 78.	Unused:	Stirling,	Brennan,	Abbey.
Taylor	Holmes	Locke	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Fraser for Johnson HT,	Scarlett for Locke 73,	Brennan for Holmes 83.	Unused:	Stirling,	Abbey
Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for Fotiadis 81.	Unused:	Stirling,	Locke,	Scarlett,	Abbey.

The Hatters appearances 2000-2001

(as sub in brackets)

	League	WC	Total
Emmerson Boyce	2	1	3
Dean Brennan	0(1)	0(1)	0(2)
Andrew Fotiadis	2	1	3
Stuart Fraser	0(2)	1	1(2)
Liam George	2	1	3
Peter Holmes	1(1)	1	2(1)
Marvin Johnson	2	0	2
Adam Locke	2	0	2
Paul McLaren	2	1	3
Mark Ovendale	2	1	3
Andre Scarlett	0(1)	0	0(1)
Matthew Spring	1	1	2
Mark Stein	2	1	3
Matthew Taylor	2	1	3
Julian Watts	2	1	3

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M. Ives (red flag)

I. J. Woodward (yellow and red flag)

Fourth Official:

Fourth official: R. G. James



Head Coach : Sean O'Driscoll

Manager : Ricky Hill

MARK OVENDALE (1)

EMMERSON BOYCE (17)

JULIAN WATTS (5)

PAUL McLAREN (8)

STUART FRASER (13)

MATTHEW TAYLOR (15)

MATTHEW SPRING (4)

PETER HOLMES (20)

LIAM GEORGE (11)

MARK STEIN (10)

ANDREW FOTIADIS (14)

Substitutes

ADAM LOCKE (12)

ANDRE SCARLETT (21)

DEAN BRENNAN (22)

JUDE STIRLING (23)

NATHAN ABBEY (GK) (16)

Changes



(1) MICHAEL MENETRIER

(2) NEIL YOUNG

(3) STEPHEN PURCHES

(18) JASON TINDALL

(25) DANNY SMITH

(11) RICHARD HUGHES

(19) CLAUD JORGENSEN

(8) PETER GRANT

(7) CARL FLETCHER

(10) STEVE FLETCHER

(9) CHUKKI ERIBENNE

Substitutes

(17) WILLIAM HUCK

(28) NICK FENTION

(16) WADE ELLIOTT

(20) JAMIE DAY

(13) GARETH STEWART (GK)

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