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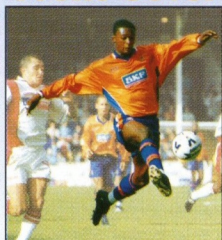
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Front Cover



Shooting star - Tresor Kandol, who netted a point-saver at Wycombe, the first league goal of his career, and has become a regular member of the first team squad.

Inside

THE search for a tall target man to play in attack looked as though it was over yesterday, with 23-year-old Peter Thomson completing the formalities of a £100,000 move from Dutch club NAC Breda. Standing at 6ft 3ins, he was previously with Bury, before dropping out of the league.

He has been in Holland for nearly two years gaining a reputation as a consistent goal scorer after fighting back from a broken leg.

Agreements were reached in midweek between the clubs, and between the Town and the player on his personal terms for a three-year contract, but there was some doubt about his international clearance coming through in time for him to be considered for this afternoon's game.

If it didn't, the manager was confident that everything would be sorted out in time for Tuesday evening's game against Second Division leaders Walsall. He thinks that Thomson is not quite the finished article yet, but at £100,000 he was very good value for money, and has a lot of potential.

BRIAN Stein is coming back to Kenilworth Road to team up once more with Ricky Hill, on the coaching side. He will not have a squad of players to work with, but is to be a technical coach, working with individuals on specialised aspects of their game. "He has a lot of experience and ability we can use at all levels of the club," said the boss.

"Bruno" will also undertake scouting and match assessment duties. He will be 43 next month, but will be forever young in the memories of those of us who remember his wonderful Wembley winner in 1988.

BY BEATING Peterborough on the away goals rule in the Worthington Cup - there will be a full report and pictures from the 2-2 draw in Tuesday evening's matchday magazine - the Town have ensured that nine fixtures will be crammed into September.

There is great pleasure in the Worthington Cup second round draw, giving us two games against Premiership Sunderland, the first at the Stadium of Light next Tuesday.

It would be nice to repay the Wearsiders for our defeat on the same ground nearly two years ago, in the quarter-finals. We had beaten Oxford, Ipswich, Coventry and Barnsley to get there, but it all went wrong at Sunderland when Mitchell Thomas was sent off for two yellow cards before either side had scored, and the ten men were then beaten 3-0.

We hope to be able to announce details of ticket sales for the two legs of the cup-tie in the programme on Tuesday. And if you haven't been to the Stadium of Light, it's well worth a visit.

THE Town, like most members of the Nationwide Football League, are waiting with some trepidation to know what the future holds if the European Union goes ahead with plans to effectively end the transfer system as we know it today.

Marc Bosman chipped away one part of the long-established pattern, and now the EU seems bent on all but finishing it off. It thinks footballers, like any other employees, should be free to give a month's notice and move on.

There will be a compensation payment, worked out according to a player's age, wages and length of contract, but those sums will not add up to the multi-million transfer fees that have become part of the game recently. And, as with the Bosman scenario, if big transfer fees are not paid, clubs will lure players by offering high wages. The first £100,000 a week footballer is said to be months, rather than years away.

Players under 24 will still attract transfer fees, which might be the best of a bad

Forward

job for clubs like the Town but the worry is that for the rest, freedom of contract will have a dramatic effect on traditional ways of keeping afloat financially.

The fear is that it will push football further down the road that has already seen the rich get richer, and the Lutons get poorer.

Ricky Hill sees the proposals as scandalous, not least because he believes that "if you sign a contract you should honour it." At Kenilworth Road, the club finds the money to take on as many YTS boys as possible each summer. It is an investment, hoping that five years down the line you will finish up with one or two players capable of league football, and worth money. But if at 24 they can just walk out, the youth training schemes themselves are at risk.

Hill hopes that common sense will prevail, because a free-for-all attitude to transfers would not be good for the game. And if transfer income is not available to lower division clubs, the effect could be horrendous for professional football. STUART Fraser returned to Kenilworth Road this week with a jaunty spring in his step. He earned his first Scottish under-21 cap in Latvia, playing in their 3-1 victory in the European Championships.

And we might soon have another international within the club. Ron Howard, once chief scout at Kenilworth Road, is now doing a bit of work for the FA, and turned up at Wycombe when we played there.

His mission was to look at a player who had been tipped as a possible under-21 prospect for Howard Wilkinson's squad... Emmerson Boyce.

The Aylesbury-born defender had an excellent game, and Howard must have gone back to London with a glowing report, even if Boyce would have to be considered as an over-age player. He will be 21 in 15 days' time.

Speaking of Wycombe, chairman Mike Watson-Challis wishes to express his appreciation of the magnificent Town following at Adams Park. "It was wonderful to see so many there, wearing their colours with pride," he said. "They were a credit to the club, and to football."

Brian Swain



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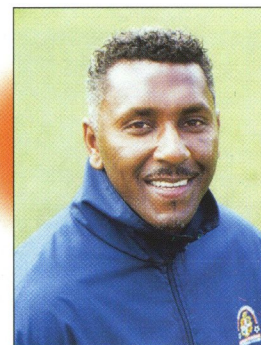
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The Manager Ricky Hill

I THINK today I should start my column with a word of thanks for the excellent support we have been given in the three games since we were last in action at Kenilworth Road. They were all away from home, but at times you would not have thought it, with the volume of support at Wycombe, Rotherham and Peterborough giving us all a lift.

Three draws - and Tuesday's in the Worthington Cup as good as a win - have been a reasonable return from those games, but overall it is not good enough. We are unbeaten in five matches, which is good, but I would dearly have liked to see one or two of the draws turned into wins.

And as you will read elsewhere in this matchday magazine, we have been busy in the search for more attacking power, in a week when once again Mark Ovendale earned man of the match plaudits for another tremendous display at Peterborough.

We paid what some might have thought was a lot of money for a Second Division goalkeeper, but I think that Mark has already proved that it was a sound investment. Think back to Bournemouth, for instance, where he made a vital early save to prevent his old team taking the lead. If they had scored, who knows how the game might have gone - goals change matches, and we still don't know how on earth Mark managed to make that stop.

I thought the draw at Wycombe was the least we deserved, and I came to the same conclusion at Rotherham. On both occasions we had enough attacking play to say that we could easily have come home with three points, and the disappointing thing was that we are not yet turning good play into the goals we need.

At Peterborough Barry Fry thought his team

had been robbed and I suppose he had right to feel disappointed because his side had more on-target shots at goal than we did, only to be denied by more top class saves by our goalkeeper.

The two that did count against us were no credit to our defensive abilities, but on the plus side the strikes by Mark Stein and Andrew Scarlett were real quality. Mark's opener was stunning, a goal out of nothing, while Andre stroked in our second after a thoughtful pass by Liam George.

It was a tremendous game, a real cup-tie, and at the end of two hours of thrilling football it was tough luck on Peterborough to go out without being beaten. But Barry Fry was generous in wishing us well for the future. To be paired with Sunderland in the next round is an interesting challenge. I know Luton lost there in this competition a couple of years ago, but we have a different squad now and I am sure they will respond to the big occasion, and a wonderful stadium.

Obviously I remember our great cup success at Wembley when I was a player with much affection, and I want us to have the best possible cup runs, but players have to bear in mind that some things are more important, starting with two home games in four days.

We always have good games against Northampton, with the local derby element adding a touch of spice, and after coming back up into the Second Division our neighbours have made a reasonable start.

We can say the same, and if we can make Kenilworth Road our fortress we could have a very interesting season. Northampton today and league leaders Walsall on Tuesday will give us two good tests, and while we will give both clubs and their supporters a very warm welcome, we will do our very best to send them home pointless.

Ricky Hill

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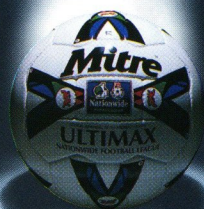
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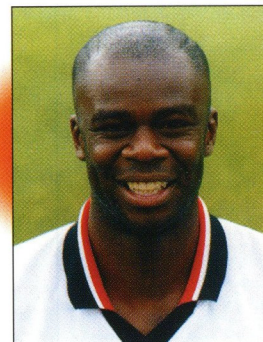
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Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson

HAVING been in football for quite a

long time, I have learned to put up with injuries as part of the game, but being sidelined is still a frustrating time for any player.

And naturally I have noticed that while I have been out of action the team has done rather well, going five games without defeat.

That's a very good run, and I have tried to see most of the games, subject to the requirements of my rehab programme.

My hamstring problem is clearing up slowly, but no-one can give me a target date for when I can be considered for a return to first team action. Ten days ago I thought I was just about there, but after three days of training I felt a little niggle, and as with all hamstring problems it would be too much of a risk to try to push myself harder.

And frustrating though it is, I have had much worse injuries in my time, so I can handle this one. Results have shown that the team has got along without me all right, and I have to say that I have been very impressed by the way Emmerson Boyce has come in to do a good job in the back four.

Obviously when I am fully fit again I would hope to be selected for the team, because I believe in myself and think I have a lot to offer. But I realise that Emmo might make it a bit difficult for the manager to drop him, and I have been around long enough to know that decisions like that are down to the boss.

With Stuart Douglas and Andrew Fotiadis suffering injuries similar to mine, and a new forward being signed this week, there is

going to be increasing competition for places in the first team, and that has got to be good for all of us.

We know that Ricky Hill and Chris Ramsey will not shirk making hard decisions, and so far their efforts for the club have looked pretty good. I heard it said, for instance, that by Luton Town standards the transfer fee for Mark Ovendale was very high. Having seen him play, I think we would all now agree he has been a bargain. He has made some tremendous saves, and our defensive formation has settled down very quickly into an efficient unit, thanks in part to the confidence we have in him.

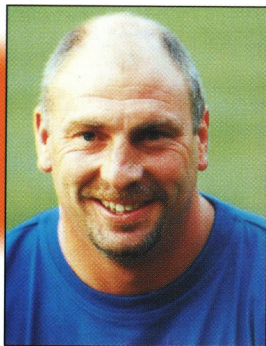
He is also a good character, which is important in all clubs, and has always been something we look for here at Luton.

My early impression of our new attacker, Steve Thomson, is that he too will fit into our set-up nicely. We have had a lot of trialists passing through in the past month or so, which has been a stark reminder to all of us players that we are in a precarious business. Some of the trialists have been decent players, despite being under pressure to do well as they tried to earn contracts. Steve was one who impressed, and I hope he enjoys being part of Luton Town.

I know that I have every chance of getting enjoyment from football this weekend, even if I am not able to take part in the next two games. I will be in the stand cheering for the lads, and if we can take six points, at the expense of Northampton today and Walsall on Tuesday, I will be well pleased.

Marvin Johnson

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Treatment Room

Clive Goodyear

THE result at Peterborough on Tuesday was very

welcome, but it means that we are approaching a very busy spell of two games a week for the rest of the month, with October also having six games in a three-week period.

Fortunately the treatment room has not had to take in too many more "customers" this week, although James Ayres joined the sick list after an accident in training. There was a clash of heads between him and a trialist on Thursday, and Ayres came off second best, with a big gash just above the eyebrow. He had to go to hospital for eight stitches to be inserted, but it is a clean wound and should heal quickly. If it were desperate he could be patched up and play very soon, but we are able to give him time to recover, and will do so. The injury need not stop him training, so it will not affect his general fitness.

Marvin Johnson, Stuart Douglas and Andrew Fotiadis are all making reasonable progress, but

will not be available for this week's games. All three have similar injuries, hamstring strains, and all are working well to aid recovery.

Marvin is not far off a return to full training, but after missing five games he has a bit to do to regain match fitness. This week he was running comfortably, in straight lines, but there was still a bit of a problem with turning, so he will have to be patient before we can give him a target date to return.

The same goes for Stuart Douglas and Andrew Fotiadis. You have to be careful not to rush back too quickly, because that can cause a recurrence of injury. The difficult judgement is to decide when they can step up to full training without overdoing it.

Douglas has been able to do sessions of an hour or so this week to ease himself back, but he will need a reserve game or two to prove his fitness, and at this stage I cannot recommend a date. We will watch him in training for at least another week, and then think about it.

Andrew Fotiadis's strain is settling down well, and he is doing a spot of jogging. He will be fit again before too long, but we need to spend a few more days assessing his progress before reaching a decision. It always makes sense to be cautious in the early stages.

I am pleased to see Gavin McGowan back in the training squad, but as his ankle injury has kept him on the sidelines since before the league season began he needs at least another week in training before he can think about playing again. Then I would expect him to have two or three games in the reserves to prove his fitness for possible inclusion in the first team squad.

My only other client this week has been Dean Mortara, one of our second-year youth team players. He injured a knee while working out in the gym, and that is being checked over to find out what the injury is.

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Clive Goodyear

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Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

I WANT to mention just two items in my column today, one to

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We are having a bucket collection today for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.. We might live a long way from the sea, but you never know when you or your family might be glad of the services of the volunteers who staff the RNLI. It has been going strong for 176 years, funded entirely by donations, providing 24-hours-a-day rescue services.

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My second subject is of serious concern to everyone involved in football, especially supporters. Pc Peter Palmer, Bedfordshire Police's Football Liaison Officer, will be a familiar figure to many supporters, especially those who travel to away games. He and his colleagues want everyone to be aware of the latest legislation affecting supporters.

The new Football (Disorder) Bill came into effect on August 28, the government's response to the shameful behaviour of a minority of England supporters during Euro 2000.

The new legislation is designed to be a partnership between police, prosecutors, courts and the football authorities and clubs to weed out the unwelcome element, and thus encourage decent fans back to cheer on their teams.

I know that most of you reading this article will not be affected by the new law except, perhaps, in seeing the gradual erosion of undesirable elements from football.

However, should you contravene any of the legislation, you will be dealt with firmly and quickly.

Here's how it works: if at this afternoon's match anyone uses abusive and/or threatening behaviour toward the visiting fans in the Oak Road end, he or she will be arrested immediately by a police officer and taken straight to the police station.

Later in the evening the "fan" will probably be released on bail, and will have to attend the magistrates court on Tuesday afternoon. The case will be heard by the magistrates that day, and if they find the case proved the court will impose a fine. That part of the punishment might not worry the culprit unduly, but there is more: as well as the fine, the court MUST ban the person involved from all football matches for a minimum of three years. Those given such a punishment must also surrender their passports to the police when England play matches abroad.

Our guilty party has never been in trouble before, but leaves the court knowing it will be September 2003 before he or she can see the Hatters or the national side in action again. And what will they do now every Saturday while their mates are at the match?

This new legislation is tough, but maybe is just what is needed to finally drive this problem away from football. That is what we all want, except for the small minority, and there is a confidential hooligan hotline at 0800 515 495 which you can ring to play your part in restoring the reputation of English football.

Finally, today, our thanks to all the supporters who went to cheer on the team at Peterborough as we got through to the next round of the Worthington Cup. Full details about tickets for our second round games, on September 19 and 26, will be in Tuesday's matchday magazine.

Cherry Newbery

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WE MAKE our longest league trip of the season next Saturday, for our first visit to Swansea since the 1982/83 season, when the Swans were enjoying the second of the only two seasons they have ever spent at the top level.

David Pleat and John Toshack were the managers then, in the old First Division, now the Premiership. We were beaten 2-0 at The Vetch in December 1982, but Paul Walsh's hat-trick gained ample revenge as we won 3-1 at home the following April, in the run-up to the great escape at Maine Road.

Swansea have been all the way down to the bottom division since then, but are now on the way back under the management of John Hollins, winning promotion last season as champions of Division Three. Their fans enjoyed the pleasure even more than usual because they swapped places with local rivals Cardiff City, who were relegated from the Second Division.

The road journey to South Wales can be a problem if motorways are busy, and the hassle-free way of getting to The Vetch is by coach, with the usual excellent services on offer from two organisations, Town on Tour and the Bobbers Travel Club.

The Bobbers offer the lowest-possible fares to away games, and to book with them visit their kiosk before home matches, or phone Paul Deason after 6pm on 01234 750996. The trip to Swansea will depart from Cranfield at 8am, and leave Luton an hour later, picking up also at the Gateway Hotel, near the M1. The fare is £15.50, or £13 for pensioners and children under 16.

Town on Tour fares are higher, but they use luxury executive coaches, with stewards and food and drink available on board. They sell tickets through the Supporters Club kiosk before and after matches, or via the club shop during the week. The Town on Tour fare to Swansea is £16 for adult members of LTSC, £14 for pensioners and junior members, and £17.50 for others. They leave Maple Road at 9.30am.

ToT offers a deal for regular travellers: go on five of the season's first seven away trips and you can go to Oldham in October for just £5. But you need to be a member of the Supporters Club (minimum donation £7 per season) to take



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IT IS quite common for us to have two mascots at matches, one picked by the Junior Hatters and the other a commercial mascot, a boy or girl being given a special treat. But today is unusual because the two boys running out

together will be brothers. Allen Bridgeman was picked out at random to be the Junior Hatters mascot - see page 33 - and his 14-year-old brother Matthew is commercial mascot.

They live at Murswell Lane, Silverstone, and Matthew goes to the Sir Frank Markham School. He likes mountain biking and his PlayStation, as well as watching Luton Town.

Today the brothers meet their heroes close up, in the dressing room and on the pitch before kick-off, and Matthew will enjoy meeting Matthew Spring most of all, because the midfielder is his favourite player.

John Bailey

Golden Gamble

THE GOLDEN Gamble is once more proving very popular with supporters, and this afternoon it will again reward someone handsomely for having a £1 flutter.

Our picture shows Mark Kevern, from Dove Tree Road, Leighton Buzzard, looking very happy after collecting £315 in cash at the Peterborough game. Jams Ayres is the player who drew out the lucky ticket, and Dawn Tyas is the Golden Gamble supervisor who counted out the readies.

The prize for the Bournemouth match rose to £450, and full details will be in Tuesday evening's programme.

It means that three jackpots paid out so far this season have totalled £1,325, an average of £442. The day's highest so far was £560 on August 12.

The size of the prize depends on sales: tickets cost £1 each and 50p goes into the jackpot kitty

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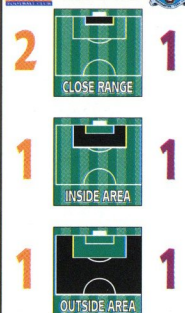
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Where



How



Top League Scorers

14 Andrew Fotiadis (Luton Town) vs **18 Jamie Forrester** (Northampton Town)

4 in 5 games 0.8 goals Team Goals Ratio per Game 3 in 4 games 0.75 goals

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Games Scored In
Games Scored 1st Goal
Games Scored 2 Goals
Games Scored 3 Goals

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

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

0 (0pts) Games Won -> Drawn 1 (2pts)
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Lost 0 (0pts)
1 (1pts) Games Drawn -> Lost 1 (1pts)
1 Number of points gained 3

SCORING SEQUENCES

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

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING
2 Games 0
3 Games 0
4 Games 0
4 games Maximum Dry Spell 1 game

Hatters' Results

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

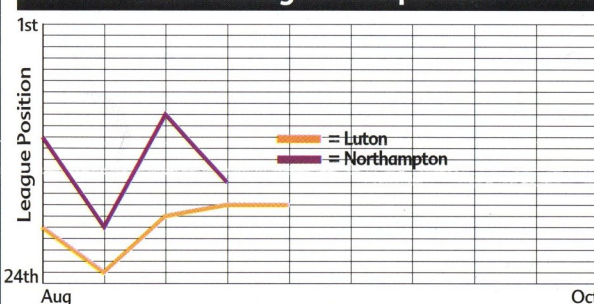
shows the number of results for each scoreline.
eg. Luton have drawn 2 games 1-1

Cobblers' Results

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NORTHAMPTON GOALS	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

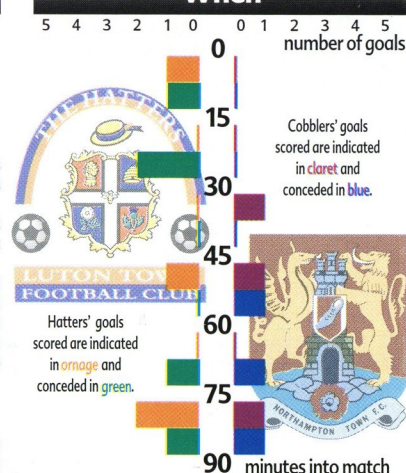
eg. Northampton have lost 2 games 0-1 and won 1 game 2-0

Seasonal Progress Comparison



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When



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Last Season
At Kenilworth Road...n/a
At Sixfields...n/a
Hatters' Seasons records:
Home Win 1-0 Bournemouth
Away Win None
Home Defeat 0-1 Notts City
Away Defeat 1-2 Wigan
Consec. Wins 0
Consec. Defeat 2
Cobblers' Seasons records:
Home Win 2-0 Reading
Away Win None
Home Defeat None
Away Defeat 0-1 Wycombe
Consec. Wins 0
Consec. Defeat 0

Average time of Scoring / Conceding

113 mins All Goals for 120 mins
180 mins Home Goals For 60 mins
90 mins Away Goals For n/a mins
90 mins All Goals Against 120 mins
180 mins Home Goals Against 180 mins
68 mins Away Goals Against 90 mins
Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and concede goals in home and away games.

Results so far...Form Guide Comparison

Hatters : LLWSS F 4 A 5 Pts 5
Cobblers : SLWL F 3 A 3 Pts 4
Form Guide shows results so far. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

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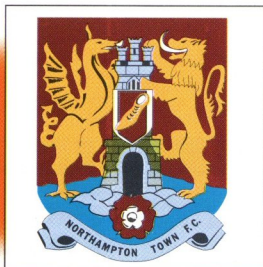
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91/92	4	1	1	Adcock	7	2,775
92/93	3	3	1	Brown	9	3,127
93/94	3	1	1	Gilzean	10	3,443
94/95	3	1	1	Grayson	8	5,086
95/96	3	2	1	White	16	4,831
96/97	3	1	2	Grayson	12	4,823
97/98	2	3	1	Seal	12	6,393
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99/00	3	1	1	Corazzin	14	5,459

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Today's Visitors

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NO. 22 KEVIN WILSON - MANAGER

Born Banbury, 18.04.61
Ian Atkins' previous assistant who was appointed Manager on 1st November 1999 following a brief spell as joint caretaker manager with Kevan Broadhurst. A former International who made 42 appearances for Northern Ireland and has now surpassed 200 domestic and international goals. Started his career with Derby County who paid £20,000 for him from Banbury United in 1979, after scoring 41 goals in 124 starts for the "Rams" he was snapped up by Ipswich Town for £100,000 in 1985 where his goalscoring record remained just as impressive with 49 goals in 119 starts. Chelsea bought him from "Town" in 1987 for £335,000 during which time he scored 55 goals in 155 starts before being transferred to Notts County in 1992 for £225,000. The "Magpies" granted him a free transfer to Walsall in 1994 via a brief loan spell at Bradford City. After three years at Bescot Stadium he joined the "Cobblers" as player/assistant manager for the

1997/98 season. Celebrated his first month in charge in style, being awarded Manager of the Month for Division Three, having won 4 and drawn 1 of the 5 matches in November. Followed this up with another Manager of the Month award for April following 5 straight wins which saw club rise to third in the table, ultimately achieving promotion to Division Two at the end of the season.

NO. 1 KEITH WELCH - GOALKEEPER

Born: Bolton, 03.10.68.
Highly rated experienced 'keeper who joined the "Cobblers" under the Bosman ruling in time for the 1999/2000 season. Keith started his career as a trainee at Bolton Wanderers, but joined Rochdale in 1987 without making an appearance for his home town club. Played well over 200 games for the "Dale" before a £200,000 transfer took him away from Spotland to Ashton Gate in the Summer of 1991. During his eight years with Bristol City he played in excess of 300 games, including all three F.A. Cup games against Liverpool in the 1993/94 season



NORTHAMPTON TOWN FC - 2000/2001

Back Row (Left to Right): Lee Howey, Steve Howard, Ryan Thompson, Richard Hope, Russell Slade (Youth Team Manager), David Savage, Andy Morrow, James Gould.

Middle Row (Left to Right): Peter Brown (Assistant Physio), Ian Hendon, James Hunt, Keith Welch, Ian Sampson, Adam Sollitt, Duncan Spedding, Richard Green, Denis Casey (Physio).

Front Row (Left to Right): Kevin Wilson (Manager), Jamie Forrester, Marco Gabbiadini, Roy Hunter, John Frain, John Hodge, Chris Hargreaves, Garry Hughes, Kevan Broadhurst (Assistant Manager).

which saw the "Robins" knock them out of the cup at Anfield. Often referred to as "Mr Cool" due to his unflappable and relaxed nature between the sticks.

NO. 15 ADAM SOLLITT - GOALKEEPER

Born Sheffield 22.06.77
Started his career at Barnsley as an understudy to Dave Watson and spent two years with the "Tykes" without making an appearance before joining Gainsborough Trinity on a free transfer. Joined Kettering Town on a free transfer and immediately became first choice 'keeper, whilst also earning himself caps at England Semi-professional level. A great future is expected of this Sheffield born stopper, who is highly regarded as one of the best young 'keepers outside the Premier League. Joined the "Cobblers" in July 2000 for £30,000 as understudy to Keith Welch.

NO. 21 RICHARD GREEN - DEFENDER

Born Wolverhampton 22.11.67
Experienced central defender who joined the "Cobblers" initially on loan from Walsall midway through last season as cover for the injured Lee Howey and was instrumental in ensuring promotion to Division Two. Started his career at Shrewsbury Town in 1986 and spent over 4 years at Gay Meadow before moving to Swindon Town where he spent 18 months without playing a game before joining Gillingham on free transfer. Featured in over 250 matches for the "Gills" in just over six years before Walsall signed him just before the 1998/99 season, where his performances helped to guide the "Saddlers" to Division One.

NO. 2 IAN HENDON - DEFENDER

Born Ilford, 05.12.71
A transfer deadline day signing on 25th March 1999 for a bargain £25,000 from then fellow Division Two club Notts County where he was captain. Ian started his career as an apprentice at Tottenham Hotspur where he won the FA Youth Cup in 1990. During his time at White Hart Lane he gained England Youth honours and was capped 7 times at under-21 level. He played in just a handful of games for "Spurs" and had loan spells at Portsmouth, Leyton Orient and Barnsley before eventually making a permanent move to Leyton Orient prior to the 1993/94 season for £50,000. Played in over 150 games at Orient in three and a half years before another £50,000 move took him to Notts County in February 1997, via a loan spell at Birmingham City in March 1995. He played nearly 100 games for the "Magpies" during his two year stint at Meadow Lane.

NO. 17 RICHARD HOPE - DEFENDER

Born Middlesbrough, 22.06.78
Left sided Centre-Half who can also play as left back. Richard started his career as a trainee at Blackburn Rovers and is the son of former Darlington goalkeeper, John Hope. Before playing a game for the Ewood Park outfit he left on a free transfer to join Darlington in January 1997 and went on to play well over 50 games for the "Quakers" during his two year

stay. Signed permanently for the "Cobblers" for an undisclosed fee on Christmas Eve, 1998 following his loan spell.

NO. 5 LEE HOWEY - DEFENDER

Born Sunderland, 01.04.69
Signed from Burnley in February 1999 for £50,000 following a successful three month loan period which saw him score 3 goals. Lee, elder brother of Newcastle United's Steve Howey, started his career with Ipswich Town as a trainee but drifted into the non-league before Sunderland signed him from Bishop Auckland just before the transfer deadline during the 1992/93 season. During his four and a half year stay at Roker Park he won a Division One Championship Winners medal and played nearly 100 games, scoring 11 goals before Burnley agreed a £200,000 transfer fee to take him to Turf Moor prior to the 1997/98 season.

NO. 16 GARRY HUGHES - DEFENDER

Born Birmingham, 19.11.79
Garry is a solid central defender who is now in his third season as a professional following a successful two year apprenticeship which saw him play in virtually all of the youth team games and reserve team games. Looked very comfortable when coming on as substitute to make his first team debut against Yeovil Town in the F.A. Cup and also made his full first team debut in the Auto Windscreen Shield match against Bristol Rovers in January of this season, having come on as a substitute in the previous league match.



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NO. 4 IAN SAMPSON - DEFENDER

Born Wakefield, 14.11.68

Started out with non-league Goole Town before moving to Sunderland in November 1990. Signed by the "Cobblers" for £30,000 in August 1994 after impressing during a loan spell. Ian was the only ever present player during 1994/95 season, and was loaned to Tottenham Hotspur for the Inter-Toto Cup. Since joining the club, Ian has only missed a handful of games due to suspension and injury and is the clubs longest serving player. Has signed a two year extension to his contract which will keep him at Sixfields until the summer of 2002.

NO. 6 DUNCAN SPEDDING - DEFENDER

Born Frimley, 07.09.77

Left sided defender/midfielder who was signed in July 1998 from Southampton for £70,000, having made 7 Premier League appearances for the "Saints". Duncan is a very highly rated youngster and is tipped to be one to look out for in the future. Scored the first senior goal of his career against Gillingham in 1998 direct from a free-kick, which proved to be the match winner for the "Cobblers".

NO. 3 JOHN FRAIN - MIDFIELDER

Born Birmingham, 08.10.68

Left sided player who can play either at full back or in midfield, who joined on a free transfer from Birmingham City on transfer deadline day 1997. John started his career with the "blues" as a trainee

and spent over ten years there, playing well over 300 first team matches and was deservedly granted a testimonial. Will always be remembered by 32,000 ecstatic "Cobblers" fans for his last minute winning free-kick at Wembley in the play-off final against Swansea City in 1997. Has hardly missed a game since joining the club and took over the captaincy as a result of Ray Warburton joining Non-League neighbours Rushden & Diamonds in October 1998.

NO. 23 JAMES GOULD - MIDFIELDER

Born Rushden, 15.01.82

First year professional left sided midfielder player who has progressed through the clubs youth policy. Made his senior debut in the penalty shoot-out defeat by Bristol Rovers in the Auto Windscreens shield whilst still a youth player. Has worked hard on his game and continues to impress with good displays for the reserve team.

NO. 20 CHRIS HARGREAVES - MIDFIELDER

Born Cleethorpes, 12.05.72

An orthodox left-winger who displays excellent control and has the ability to run at defenders and whip in superb crosses for the forwards. Started his career at Grimsby Town, having progressed through their youth policy. During his four year stay with the "Mariners" he only figured in just over 50 matches, before signing for Hull City prior to the 1993/94 season via a loan spell at Scarborough. Spent two seasons at Boothferry Park before joining West

Bromwich Albion on a free transfer, making two substitute appearances before a loan move took him to Hereford United, which was subsequently made permanent. Enjoyed a two and half year spell at Edgar Street before signing for Plymouth Argyle in time for the 1998/99 season where he established himself as first team regular before being captured under the Bosman ruling by the "Cobblers".

NO. 14 JOHN HODGE - MIDFIELDER

Born Skelmersdale, 01.04.69

Pacy winger who can operate on either flank. Started his career at non-league Falmouth Town before joining the Football League with Exeter City. He then switched from St James Park to the Vetch where he stayed for three seasons, before joining Walsall on a free transfer during the early part of the 1996/97 season. Was voted in the PFA Division Two team of the season during 1997/98, prior to signing for Gillingham in time for the start of the 1998/99 season. Initially signed for the "Cobblers" on loan, his deal became a permanent one for a £25,000 transfer fee.

NO. 8 JAMES HUNT - MIDFIELDER

Born Derby, 17.12.76

Highly rated midfielder who was snapped up on a free transfer during the Summer of 1997 when he was released from Notts County. Having not scored in a "Cobblers" shirt before October 1998, James scored twice in successive home games against Bristol Rovers and Preston North End respectively. Was named captain for our visit to Meadow Lane against his former club in the 1998/99 season.

NO. 11 ROY HUNTER - MIDFIELDER

Born Saltburn, 29.10.73

Roy was released from West Bromwich Albion during the summer of 1994/95 having previously been part of Manchester United's School of Excellence, and subsequently signed for the "Cobblers". His 1996/97 Wembley play-off appearance was the 100th of his career in all competitions. Damaged his cruciate ligament in February 1998 and did not play first team football again until early September 1998, making his first appearance at Bloomfield Road, Blackpool, and followed this up with a great goal from 30 yards against Gillingham three days later.

NO. 7 DAVID SAVAGE - MIDFIELDER

Born Dublin, 30.07.73

A hard working midfielder with a stunning shot, who has appeared 5 times for the full Republic of Ireland squad in addition to the 5 caps he won at Under-21 level. David started his career in England with Brighton & Hove Albion, having signed from Kilkenny in March 1991. However he did not play for the "Albion" before signing for Longford Town in May 1992. Re-joined league football in May 1994 when Millwall paid £15,000 to bring him to the Den, where he figured in over 150 games for the "Lions" scoring 11 goals in his four and half year stay at the club. Joined the "Cobblers" in a deal worth £80,000 on 7th October 1998.

NO. 18 JAMIE FORRESTER - FORWARD

Born Bradford, 01.11.74

Started his career in England at the age of 17, when he was signed from French club Auxerre for £60,000 along with his team mate Kevin Sharp. Found his opportunities limited at Elland Road, eventually signed permanently for Grimsby Town following a loan spell. Spent only 18 months at Blundell Park before joining Scunthorpe United prior to the transfer deadline in March 1997. Exercised his option under Bosman during the summer and elected to try his luck abroad with FC Utrecht in Holland, however he struggled to settle and joined Walsall in December 1999. Following limited opportunities at Bescot Stadium, Jamie agreed to sign for the "Cobblers" on loan until the end of last season. Became the clubs record signing when a £150,000 fee was agreed with FC Utrecht.

NO. 10 MARCO GABBIADINI - FORWARD

Born Nottingham, 20.01.68

Started his career with York City as 17 year old in 1985. Sunderland recognised his talents and paid £80,000 in 1987. Scored 87 goals during his four seasons stay before Crystal Palace splashed out £1.8million in October 1991 to secure his services. However, he only stayed at Selhurst Park for four months before Derby County paid £1million to take him to the Baseball Ground where he spent 5 and a half seasons before joining Panionios on a free transfer in the summer of 1997. Spent less than six months in Greece before signing for Stoke City on Christmas Eve. A change in management saw Marco spend just two months with the "Potters" before signing for York City until the end of the 1997/98 season. Darlington secured his signature in time for the 1998/99 campaign where he finished as the leading scorer in Division Three. The "Cobblers" signed Marco during the summer despite interest from Doncaster Rovers, Luton Town, Notts County and Reading.

NO. 9 STEVEN HOWARD - FORWARD

Born Durham, 10.05.76

Steve started his career with non-league Tow Law, and was signed on a free transfer by Hartlepool United in time for the 1995/96 season. He figured in over 150 games for the "Pool" during his three and a half year stay before the "Cobblers" paid a joint record transfer fee of £90,000 to bring him to Sixfields. This fee could rise to £135,000 based upon appearances and Steve scoring the required number goals.

NO. 19 ANDREW MORROW - FORWARD

Born Bangor (Northern Ireland), 05.10.80

Was rewarded with a professional contract in December 1998 following his outstanding goalscoring for the youth team. A current reserve team player who hopes to become a regular in the first team. Spent two weeks training at Aston Villa in early August before returning to the "Cobblers" to make his first team debut as a late substitute in the 3-0 win over Torquay United.

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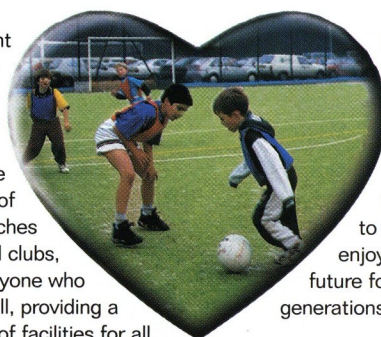
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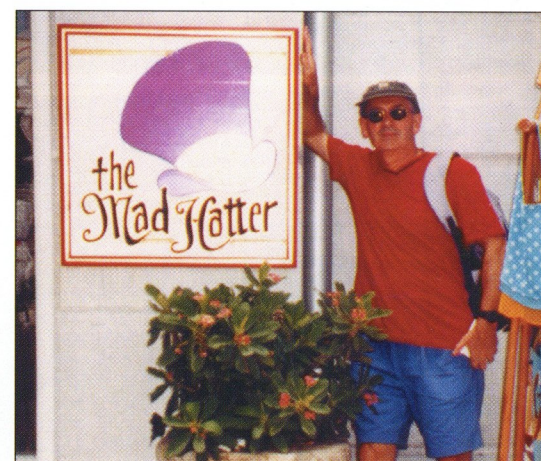
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Hatters Abroad

TODAY'S matchday magazine will bring pleasure to a Luton Town fan on the other side of the world. He is Ray Gulliver, who now lives in Modbury, South Australia. He and his wife emigrated more than 25 years ago, but as the picture shows he still has a lot of feeling for the Hatters. You might just recognise the famous location in this picture of a Hatter abroad who likes his cricket as well as soccer.

Ray's pal, Chris Sharpe, from Spensley Road, Westoning, passed on the photograph. They used to be neighbours at Westoning, united by their support for the Town. Ray and his wife were in England last year, visiting his parents and their old friends, and he managed to see four games at Kenilworth Road. "We didn't lose, so he went home happy," said Chris. "The photo shows Ray wearing his pride and passion LTFC shirt at the Western Australia Cricket Association ground, the famous Waca. I think he will be thrilled to get a copy of the programme if you are able to publish his picture.



OUR second picture today comes from the other side of the Atlantic, and is of an establishment that probably ought to send us a few bob for the free publicity we give it. The Mad Hatter is a bar that is certain to make Town fans do a double-take when they see it, and George Hucklesby is no exception.

A life-long Town fan, he lives at Monkwood Drive, Bishop's Stortford, and tells us he could not resist have the snap taken while on a visit to Key West, Florida, in the summer.

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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LEFT: Mark Stein tumbles under the "tackle" by Richard Hughes which led to the Town's winner against Bournemouth.

FAR LEFT: Matthew Spring tucks away the penalty for his first goal and our first victory of the season.

ABOVE: That man Hughes in dodgy action again, grabbing the shirt of Peter Holmes

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Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

Hatters bring the Cobblers to heel

Defeat in the 1959 F.A.Cup final is generally seen as a watershed in the Hatters history with the break up of an ageing side followed by relegation from the top flight. The Town therefore started the 1960/61 season back in Division Two for the first time since 1955 with a new manager, in ex-Charlton goalkeeper Sam Bartram, given the task of picking up the pieces.

If supporters thought that the team would bounce back at the first attempt they were sadly mistaken as the players struggled to bring about any consistency. Manager Bartram was eventually to use 33 players during the campaign in an attempt to produce a winning side but mid-table mediocrity was the final disappointing outcome.

The F.A.Cup was therefore seen as a welcome break from the tedium of league games with the third round draw pairing the Town with near neighbours, Northampton. The Cobblers were enjoying a good campaign that would end with promotion from Division Four and, at the time of the Cup-tie, had gone eight league games unbeaten and had also seen off Hastings 2-1 at the County Ground and Romford 5-1 at Brooklands in the earlier F.A.Cup rounds.

Such was the interest in the first meeting of the sides since 1937 that the Hatters decided to make the game all-ticket but, on the day of the game, a bus strike meant that, although 26,000 tickets had been sold, turnstiles were opened at the

Kenilworth Road end for cash customers. As the game kicked off 26,220 were present, a crowd that has only been bettered once since, and which included a girl from Aylesbury who had spent over four hours in getting to the game. Although the supporters of today laugh in disbelief when they hear of young fans being passed over the heads of spectators down to the front of the terraces I can assure them that it happened to me that day!

Northampton manager Dave Bowen's tactics were evident from the first kick of the ball. He instructed his young side to hustle and harry the Town out of their stride and a bruising encounter was the outcome with some of the Cobblers tackling rather robust but allowed to pass by a lenient referee.

One player however refused to become intimidated by all the rough and tumble going on around him. Record Luton goalscorer, Gordon Turner, was prepared to bide his time and wait for the inevitable mistake and he did not have long to linger on the edge of the action for, after ten minutes, a clever pass from Alec Ashworth set him clear down the right.

With the Northampton defenders expecting him to square the ball to Allan Brown and moving out accordingly, Turner instead squeezed an effort in between Cobblers goalkeeper, Norman Coe, and the near post for a clever goal. The remainder of the first half was a

disappointing affair with far too many stoppages although free flowing football would have been difficult in any case as the pitch was cutting up badly.

The second half was only six minutes old when, completely out of the blue, the Town increased their lead with Turner, once more, the man on target. Standing in the middle of the field, he snapped up a pass from John Bramwell, beat Cobblers' Colin Gale easily and whipped in a shot from the edge of the area which completely surprised Coe who was late in attempting to save.

The second goal knocked the stuffing out of the Cobblers and from then on it was one way traffic with Northampton needing to pull everyone back apart from a forlorn looking Laurie Brown, later to move to Arsenal at the season's end, who was left to trudge a lone furrow up front. Turner set up the third goal just after the hour mark when he played a delightful through ball to Brown, one of only five players in the team that day who had appeared in the final less than two years before, who waltzed through the Cobblers defence to net from an acute angle.

The Town had not yet finished and a cross from Turner caused panic in the Cobblers defence with Ashworth quickest to react, hooking the ball into the roof of the net from close in.

A home tie with Manchester City was the reward for this comfortable win and on a never to be forgotten day two early goals from Ashworth gave the Town a commanding lead before City's Denis Law took over. He was unstoppable that day and seemed to score every time he touched the ball but with his tally at an amazing six goals the referee called off the players after constant rain had turned into a downpour.

The Luton players, not being stupid, immediately jumped into the bath



Alec Ashworth, later to star for the Cobblers, who was on target for the Hatters during the 4-0 F.A.Cup win in 1961.

leaving the referee in an impossible position when he came into the changing room a few minutes later hoping to restart the game. The conditions for the replay were arguably worse with thick mud holding up the ball but, although Law scored for City, the Town finished 3-1 winners much to the disgust of all those from Maine Road.

The end of the Cup run came at Barnsley where a 0-1 defeat saw the Town's fortune run out.

Luton: Standen, McNally, Bramwell, Morton, Groves, Pacey, Noake, Ashworth, Turner, Brown, Fleming.

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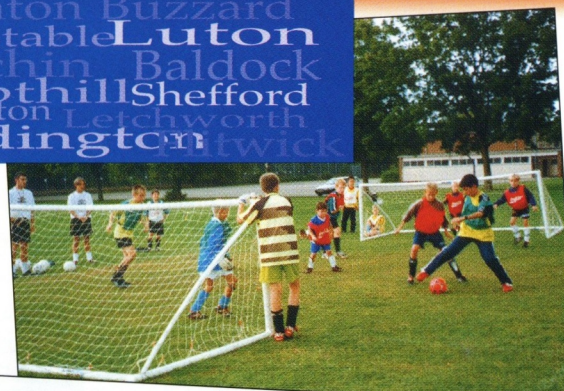
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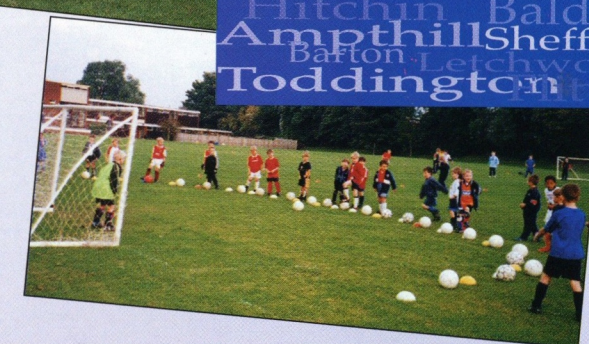


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SINCE our last report, the Junior Hatters have enjoyed two splendid days out, meeting old friends and making some new ones at Wycombe and Rotherham. Both trips were well-supported, and our hosts gave us very warm welcomes.

Each allowed us to send our own mascots onto the pitch before kick-off, and hopefully we will have pictures of both of them in Tuesday's matchday magazine.

Unfortunately we will not be running a trip to Swansea, because they don't subscribe to junior exchange arrangements, but there will be a Junior Hatters coach going to Bristol Rovers on September 30. We always have a good time there, and bookings can be made at the club shop. The fare will be £10 for Junior Hatters, £13 for adults and guests, including match tickets. We are able to offer such good bargains thanks to our sponsors, and we acknowledge with thanks the generosity of London Luton Airport.



THIS was the "official party" before kick-off at the cup-tie at home to Peterborough. Both sides had a mascot, and representing the Junior Hatters was Elizabeth Bygate, 7, from Rose Court, Eaton Bray.



IT WAS 2-1 to the girls at our match against Bournemouth, when the Junior Hatters enjoyed meeting their counterparts from Dean Court (and enjoyed the result of the game even more!).

Bournemouth's mascot was a girl, and there was another from Luton.

The commercial mascot was nine-year-old James Riley, and the Junior Hatters pennant was carried to the centre circle to meet the match officials and skippers by Kelly Anne Smith, from Mill Lane, Clophill, who had just celebrated her tenth birthday.

Today's Mascot

TODAY'S mascot is Allen John Bridgeman, 12, from Murswell Lane, Silverstone. He usually sits in the Kenilworth Stand, with his dad, and Michelle, and brother Matthew, but today he will be part of the entertainment before the game kicks off.



Allen will join the team in the dressing room as they get ready for the match,

and hopefully he will get to meet Stuart Douglas, because the striker is his favourite player. Then he will run out onto the pitch for the warm-up and pre-match kick-about, before joining the skippers and match officials for the toss-up. We know Allen likes his football, because as well as watching the Hatters, he plays for Oldbrook FC.

And he knows the commercial mascot quite well - it's his older brother! (See page 15).

Congratulations to Lauren Hoar, of Chesford Road, Stopsley, who is a ball girl today, on her 13th birthday. Our ball boy is Christopher Lindsay, also 13, from Potton.

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Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

LAST time in this column we featured newly-returned striker Mark Stein, so it seems only fair that today's Hatters on Card should be his elder brother Brian, who also enjoyed two spells as a player at Kenilworth Road.

Like Mark, he also featured on several trade cards and stickers during the 1980s, including this offering from northern-based Vaux Brewery in 1987, when the Steins were partners in the Town attack.

Brian was born in Cape Town in October 1957, and joined Luton from non league Edgware Town almost 20 years later. Manager Harry Haslam soon gave him a taste of the big time, throwing him in for a League Cup second replay - those were the days! - with Manchester City, which was played at Old Trafford in November 1977. We managed to lose after being two up.

The following Boxing Day Stein made his first league start, at Crystal Palace, and the next day he grabbed two goals in a 4-0 home victory over Sheffield United.

The next two seasons were spent perfecting the art of finishing, mainly under the wing of the wily veteran, Bob Hatton. From the beginning of the 1979-80 campaign Stein did not miss a league match for three seasons, the last of which saw the Town clinch the Second Division Championship, with Brian contributing 21 goals. In the top flight he quickly formed a productive partnership with Paul Walsh in David Pleat's attacking team which had the football world captivated.

Unfortunately, after scoring in the 3-1 home win over Manchester City in December, it was found that Stein had broken a bone in his foot. Luckily, he recovered just in time to play a vital role in the epic last-day showdown with City at Maine Road. His cross was half-cleared to set up Raddy Antic's winner. But it took the striker a while to really get over the injury and in 1983-84 he was a shadow of his former self, although during this lean spell he and Walsh were chosen to play together for England against France.

Ever-present in the Town side in 1984-85, Stein again managed only nine league goals, but by the end of the season we saw something of the old sharpness returning.

The following year he was back in double figures, the new plastic pitch seeming to suit his slick style. Indeed, he had the honour of scoring the Town's first goal on the artificial surface, from a pass by Ricky Hill, in a draw with Nottingham Forest.

Stein was also prominent in the three-pronged attack on Wembley during the never-to-be-forgotten 1987-88 campaign which culminated in the thrilling

Littlewoods Cup victory over Arsenal. Nobody who was there that day needs reminding that Stein gave us the lead in the first half, then scored a dramatic winner with only seconds remaining.

It seemed that this would be his last kick of the ball for the Town, for he did not appear in any of the remaining league fixtures that season, and after being given a free transfer went to play in France for SM Caen.

Three years later, David Pleat, in his second spell as manager, brought Stein back in an effort to re-create his previously potent strike force with Mick Harford. Sadly, it was never as good second time around. On the final day of that 1991-92 season the pair of them trudged off at Notts County as

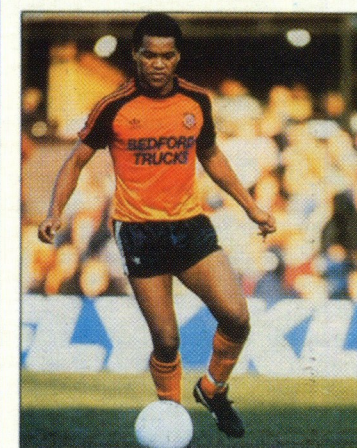
the Town were relegated along with their hosts. It was a sad end to a brilliant career in which Stein scored 130 goals from 427 outings.

Following this came a spell at Barnet, before doing the rounds which included being manager at Baldock Town, before returning to Luton for a third time, to become part of Ricky Hill's coaching set-up.

These Vaux cards, which have completely plain backs, making identification difficult, are none too easy to find these days, not being listed in either of the two main card catalogues. When they do turn up at card fairs, they are fairly inexpensive, usually under a pound for each of the 30 different examples.

Alan Robinson

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Action Replay

Luton Town 1 Bournemouth 0 (HT 0-0)

IT NEEDED a penalty to clinch it, but the much-needed first win of the season was well-deserved as the Town finally broke through a stubborn visiting side that seemed to be trying not to lose, rather than to win.

On the day, our two ex-Cherries were the pick of a Town side that ended a bit of a jinx - it was our first league win over Bournemouth, home or away, since Tony Thorpe's double without reply beat them at Kenilworth Road in October 1966. We had failed against them in seven attempts that followed.

A defensive visiting formation, never less than five at the back, meant that the Town had to work hard, and while they were able to dominate midfield, it was difficult to find a chink in the mass of defenders Bournemouth used.

And in Claus Jorgensen they had the kind of single-minded attacker who could have caused problems as Bournemouth sat back, tried to draw Town men forward, and then counter-attacked at pace. The Danish midfielder was their most dangerous attacker, and on 22 minutes almost grabbed a goal that might well have finished the game as a spectacle. He rose well to meet a cross by Stephen Purches, and his header looked bound for the net until Mark Ovendale somehow pawed it away.

Both bosses agreed that the save was crucial to their side's chances, with Ricky Hill confessing that we might have struggled more but for the goalkeeper's excellence, because the chances were that the visitors would have pulled even more men

into defence to look for a 1-0 win if they had nicked the lead at that stage.

Our problem was that we were getting few clear sights of goal, but Mark Stein should have taken one opportunity in the first half. He gained quick control of a flick by Andrew Fotiadis, turned his marker beautifully, but then put the shot over the bar.

As the ball soared into the visiting crowd they enjoyed the moment, and took the Mick out of their former favourite, but their chuckles vanished in the 74th minute when Stein had the last laugh. He was twisting and turning just inside the box when 20-year-old Richard Hughes toppled him with a miss-timed challenge. Bournemouth head coach Sean O'Driscoll, in charge after Mel Machin's promotion to the boardroom as director of football, had no complaints about the penalty award, saying that it was a case of a 34-year-old's experience being too sharp for a 20-year-old's attempted tackle. Hughes apologised to his teammates for his impetuous error.

Matthew Spring put away the spot kick, and too late Bournemouth mounted more consistent attacks. But they came nowhere near as close as they had done from a counter-attack seven minutes before the goal, when Matthew Taylor got back to clear off the line after Ovendale's only misjudgement of the day allowed Steve Fletcher to head over him towards an inviting net until Taylor headed to safety. It helped give the defence a well-earned clean sheet, the second on the trot.

Match Details

Town: Ovendale, Boyce, Watts, McLaren, Fraser, Taylor, Spring, Holmes (Locke 86 mins), George (Brennan 57 mins), Stein, Fotiadis. Unused subs: Kandol, Stirling, Abbey

Booked: Matthew Spring, 18 minutes, foul on Claus Jorgensen

Bournemouth: Menetrier, Young, Purches, Tindall, Fenton, Hughes, Jorgensen, Grant (Huck 77 mins), Carl Fletcher (Angus HT), Steve Fletcher, Eribenne (Hayter 65 mins). Unused subs: Smith, Stewart.

Booked: Claus Jorgensen, 15 mins, dissent; Jason Tindall, 63 mins, foul on Andrew Fotiadis.

The goal: Matthew Spring 75th-minute penalty, low to the goalkeeper's right, after Mark Stein's turn in the box provoked a late tackle by Richard Hughes.

Referee: David Crick

Attendance: 5,221, including 539 backing Bournemouth.



STEPPING UP: Dean Brennan getting involved after being sent on as a sub.



CLOSE CALL: The Cherries got away with this one, despite the presence of Andrew Fotiadis



GOING UP: Liam George, closely supported by Mark Stein, takes on the Bournemouth defence.

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Action Replay

Wycombe Wdrs 1 Luton Town 1 (HT 1-0)

KNOCKED out of their stride by an iffy penalty, the Town wobbled a little, but then regained their poise and came back strongly to dominate the second half at Adams Park, and extend their record of never losing to Wycombe in the Football League.

Even Wycombe manager Lawrie Sanchez admitted that the Town deserved their point, while Ricky Hill felt we could easily have taken all three. "We played so well that we are a little bit disappointed that we did not win," he said. "But I am always grateful not to be beaten, especially in view of how late our equaliser was."

The goal was the start of an important week for Tresor Kandol. Leading scorer for the reserves last season, his future was in doubt when this one began, after Lennie Lawrence gave him only a three-month contract.

Kandol went on for his first league action of the season after 76 minutes, headed the first league goal of his career five minutes later, celebrated his 19th birthday 48 hours after that, and then got the present he wanted most of all, a contract to run to the end of the season. Wycombe were lucky to escape with a point, with the Town showing great composure in the opening exchanges as Wycombe tried to impress a big bank holiday crowd 48 hours after pulling off a good win at Millwall.

The home side got their lucky break after 15 minutes, with Emmerson Boyce adjudged to have tripped Andy Baird. The defender thought the striker simply fell over, while Hill settled for "harsh" as a description for the penalty given by Frazer Stretton. The ref had a bit of a patchy game, and the large Town following behind the

goal let rip with their frustration at the award. The jeers were renewed at greater volume when Steve Brown, booked earlier for a bad tackle on Andrew Fotiadis, netted at the second attempt. Town fans thought his spot kick might have rebounded to him direct from the post, in which case he should have been penalised for playing the ball twice when he put the rebound into the net. But on that occasion the ref was right - Mark Ovendale made a tremendous save to finger-tip the ball onto the upright, and Brown, having a ten-yard start on everyone else, was always going to be the favourite to score as the ball dropped conveniently in front of him. For the rest of the first half the Town seemed to match the frustration being voiced by their supporters, and the football from both sides was scrappy.

The second half was a different story. The Town regained their composure, and with acting skipper Paul McLaren driving them on, they were in control all over the pitch. Wycombe-born McLaren ended one of the day's best moves by bursting clear into the box, only to chip his shot wide when a goal looked certain.

Wycombe were denied a single shot at goal in the second half, with the Town pouring forward in numbers. Dean Brennan added even more craft to midfield, as sub for Liam George, but Wycombe thought they were going to hold on until Kandol's intervention. With nine minutes to go McLaren tried to open up the defence again. His forward pass was blocked by a defender, but Andre Scarlett, in his first full game of the season, reacted quickly, flicking the ball into the box. Kandol's head did the rest as the keeper advanced too late.

Match Details

Town: Ovendale, Boyce, Watts, Fraser, Spring, Taylor, McLaren, Scarlett, George (Brennan 55 mins), Stein, Fotiadis (Kandol 76 mins). Unused subs: Locke, Stirling, Abbey.

Booked: Mark Stein, 34 mins, dissent; Matthew Taylor, 59 mins, foul on Michael Simpson; Julian Watts, 66 mins, foul on Andy Baird.

Wycombe: Taylor, Rogers, Vinnicombe, Bates, McCarthy, Brown, Bulman (Castledine 76 mins), Simpson, Jones, Baird, McSparran (Senda 68 mins). Unused subs Cousins, Brady, Lee.

Booked: Steve Brown, 3 mins, foul on Andrew Fotiadis; Michael Simpson, 40 mins, foul on Andre Scarlett.

The goals: 1-0, 15 minutes - Steve Brown follow-up shot after his penalty, awarded for an Emmerson Boyce trip on Andy Baird, had been finger-tipped onto a post by Mark Ovendale; 1-1 81 mins - Tresor Kandol, heading the first league goal of his career from a neat flicked pass by Andre Scarlett.

Referee: Frazer Stretton.

Attendance: Attendance: 6,001 including 1,266 Town supporters.



CONCENTRATION: Andre Scarlett, whose pass led to the equaliser, keeps focused despite a chest-high tackle.

PUT IT HERE: Tresor Kandol makes himself available after going on as a substitute.



NARROW ESCAPE: Paul McLaren, bursting clear from midfield, leaves the Wycombe defence all over the place, only to see his shot miss the target.

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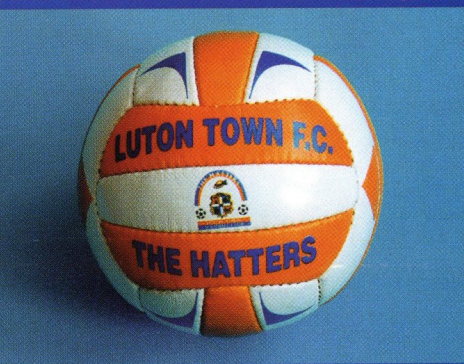
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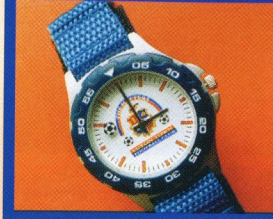
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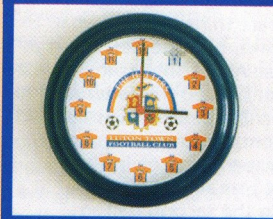
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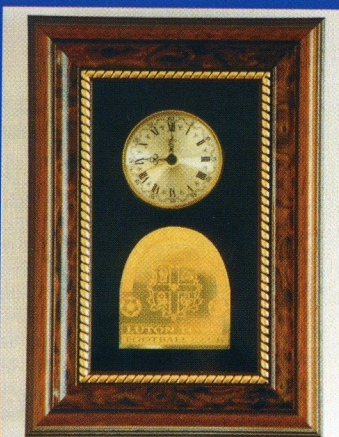


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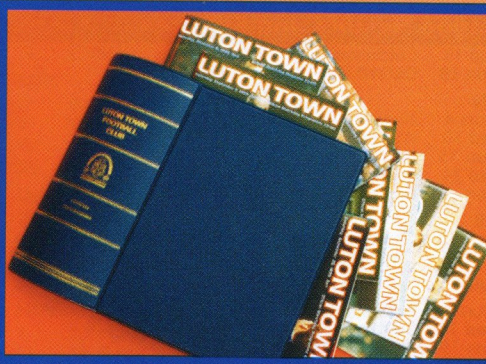
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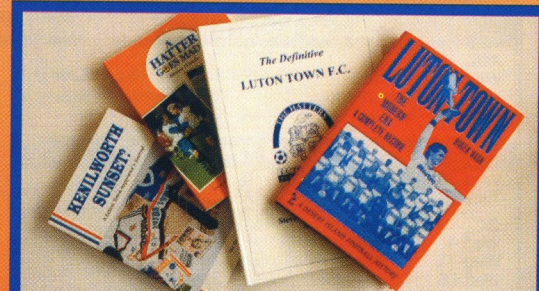
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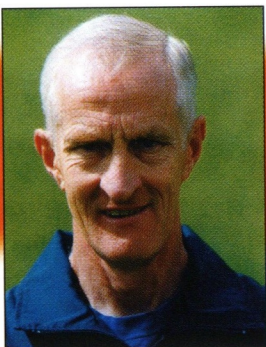
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THE NEEDS of the club have to come before the needs of the team, which was why we had a somewhat disjointed side for our Avon Insurance Combination match at Millwall, and it was little surprise that we lost. It was not a very good team performance, but there were good reasons: we had three trialists up front, one of whom had never met any of us until he arrived at the ground for the game.

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The object of the exercise was therefore to look at the players trying to win contracts - James Dickie, a defender from Watford, Alan Tait, a striker from Tottenham, Byron Glasgow, the former Reading midfielder, and Marvin Walker, a left-sided midfielder who has been at Harrow Borough. At the time of writing we are thinking over what offers, if any, we might make, but one decision that has been taken is to release Alex Minton, an 18-year-old midfielder who has not fulfilled his potential. Millwall's opening goal, on 25 minutes, was very disappointing - it came from a corner with our defence failing to mark properly and giving an opponent a free header. It was almost a gift. The trialists began tiring in the second half so substitutions were made, but we were guilty of backing off after losing possession in midfield to allow Millwall to score again 20 minutes from time.

Luton Town: Abbey, Locke, Dickie (Carroll 69 mins), Stirling, Ayres, Standen, Breitenfelder, Minton, Tait (Kandol 60 mins), Glasgow, Walker (Carter 60 mins).

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Ayres 3, Standen 2(1), Minton 2 (1), Abbey 2, Breitenfelder 2, Kandol 2, Carter 2, Stirling 2, Glasgow 1(2), Scarlett 1, Brennan 1, Ward 1, Mortara 1, Fraser 1, Murffin 1, Carroll 1, Codner 1, Dogbe 1, Tait 1, Onachie 1, Locke 1, Dickie 1, Walker 1, Carham 1, Mansell (1).

Goals: Brennan 2, Kandol 2, Carter 1

WE are away to Orient in the Avon Insurance Combination next Wednesday, kick-off 2pm, and a week later, on September 20, we entertain Gillingham in the League Cup. Kick-off at Kenilworth Road will be at 2pm.

Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures

AUG				
Wed 16	Barnet	H	3-1	Brennan 2, Kandol
Mon 21	Peterborough (LC)	A	2-1	Kandol, Carter
Tues 29	Millwall	A	0-2	
SEPT				
Wed 13	L. Orient	A	2pm	
Wed 20	Gillingham (LC)	H	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

Leyton Orient 4
Luton Town 0

WHILE we were still including trialists, a much more experienced home side, four of whom had played in the Football League, made us pay heavily for having no cutting edge, and we could have no complaints about our first defeat in the Football League Youth Alliance. The major disappointment was that after competing well for most of the first half, we were short of fight after the break, and young players have got to learn to show the right attitude and spirit, no matter how the game goes. We were looking reasonably good in the opening stages, but gave away a sloppy goal after 30 minutes, and there were few signs we could get back after that. We were playing some reasonable football, but we also played too deep, and too often we were playing our best stuff in front of their defence, and not getting through or around it. Playing nice football in your own half is all very well, but it needs to be turned into good attacking play, and we failed on that count. We did not push up enough to cause problems to a well-organised Orient side, so we were tending to put ourselves under pressure and Orient always looked a more dangerous attacking side than us. They were leading by one goal at the interval,

and that was a fair reflection of the way the game had gone until then. The major difference between the teams was that Orient had a couple of quick and powerful forwards, and we did not. We conceded another goal ten minutes after the interval, and heads dropped after that, allowing Orient to score twice more in the closing stages. Our best effort was a free kick by John Carroll which was well saved, but we were always going to struggle up front with first-year boys who are still learning their trade. On the bench we were thinking Oh for a Hartson, a Doherty or a Tresor Kandol!

Of the trialists, Stephen O'Leary, a schoolboy from Harlesden, played well when he went on as a sub for the second half, but we wanted more from our older boys.

Luton Town: Ward, Gillman, Deeney, Carroll, Dogbe, Mansell, Minton, Leary (O'Leary HT), Mortara, James-Barriteau, Jeffrey.

A GOAL by Chris Dillon gave us a home draw against Portsmouth. There will be a full match report in Tuesday evening's programme.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Ward 2, Gillman 2, Deeney 2, Carroll 2, Dogbe 2, Mansell 2, Minton 1, Leary 1, O'Leary 1(1), Mortara 2, James-Barriteau 2, Dillon 1, Jeffrey 1(1), Nurse 1, Clarke (1) Ramirez (1)

Goals: Carroll 1, James-Barriteau 1, Dillon 1

We were at home to Wycombe this morning, and will be away to Northampton next Saturday. Our next home game will be a fortnight today, against Cambridge at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, kick-off 11 am. Spectators are welcome, and admission is free.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE

South East Conference Results and fixtures

AUG				
16	Southend	H	2-2	Carroll, James-Barriteau
26	L. Orient	A	0-4	
SEPT				
2	Portsmouth	H	1-1	Dillon
9	Wycombe Wdrs	A		
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		

South East Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Cambridge Utd	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Wycombe Wdrs	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Southend	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Leyton Orient	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
Portsmouth	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Brentford	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Gillingham	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Colchester	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Luton Town	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
Barnet	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Northampton	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

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Division 2 2000/01 Ave. Attendances

	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000	12000	14000
Bournemouth	4,869						
Brentford	5,056						
Bristol City	10,435						
Bristol Rovers	8,046						
Bury	3,398						
Cambridge	3,685						
Colchester	3,647						
Luton	6,140						
Millwall	10,591						
Northampton	6,054						
Notts County	5,533						
Oldham	5,010						
Oxford	5,035						
Peterborough	6,237						
Port Vale	4,147						
Reading	12,401						
Rotherham	4,333						
Stoke	13,787						
Swansea	7,319						
Swindon	6,394						
Walsall	6,262						
Wigan	6,518						
Wrexham	5,562						
Wycombe	5,404						

Division 2 General Stats

	PU	CS	FS		PU	CS	FS
Bournemouth	18	0	1	Oxford	20	0	3
Brentford	18	3	2	Peterborough	16	1	1
Bristol City	19	1	2	Port Vale	16	2	1
Bristol Rovers	17	0	0	Reading	20	2	2
Bury	20	2	0	Rotherham	16	2	0
Cambridge	18	2	1	Stoke	16	1	2
Colchester	15	2	2	Swansea	16	3	3
Luton	16	1	1	Swindon	18	1	3
Millwall	17	1	0	Walsall	15	1	0
Northampton	16	1	2	Wigan	20	1	2
Notts County	16	3	1	Wrexham	15	0	1
Oldham	17	0	1	Wycombe	14	3	2

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

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Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate	14,532 Stoke v Wycombe
Lowest Gate	3,182 Bury v Northampton
Highest Aggregate Score	Brentford 2-6 Bristol Rovers
Biggest Home Win	Oldham 4-1 Port Vale
.....	Port Vale 3-0 Oxford
.....	Port Vale 3-0 Swindon
Biggest Away Win	Brentford 2-6 Bristol Rovers
Games:	53
Home Wins:	15 (28%)
Away Wins:	23 (43%)
Draws:	15 (28%)
1-1 Draws:	8 (15%)
0-0 Draws:	5 (9%)
Average goals per game:	2.45
Yellow cards:	166
Red cards:	6
Total Attendance:	332,017
Average gate:	6,264

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League Scorers: the difference their goals made

		Gls	Gms	Gl/Gm	W>L	W>D	D>L	Pts	Run	Dry
Bournemouth	Fletcher S	1	4	0.25	0	0	1	1	1	2
Brentford	Ingimarsson	1	5	0.2	0	0	1	1	1	4
Bristol City	Thorpe	1	4	0.25	0	0	0	0	1	3
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	2	3	0.67	0	0	1	1	2	1
Bury	Bullock	2	4	0.5	0	1	1	3	2	2
Cambridge	Abbey	2	5	0.4	0	1	1	3	1	1
Colchester	Lua-Lua	2	5	0.4	0	1	0	2	1	2
Luton	Fotiadis	1	5	0.2	0	0	1	1	1	4
Millwall	Harris	2	3	0.67	0	1	0	2	2	1
Northampton	Forrester	3	4	0.75	0	1	1	3	1	1
Notts County	Stallard	3	5	0.6	0	2	0	4	3	2
Oldham	Adams	2	4	0.5	0	0	0	0	2	2
Oxford	Beauchamp	2	4	0.5	0	0	0	0	1	2
Peterborough	Green	3	5	0.6	0	0	2	2	2	1
Port Vale	Naylor	3	4	0.75	0	0	0	0	2	1
Reading	Cureton	2	3	0.67	0	1	1	3	2	1
Rotherham	Robins	4	5	0.8	0	1	1	3	2	2
Stoke	O'Connor	1	4	0.25	0	1	0	2	1	2
Swansea	Price	1	4	0.25	0	0	0	0	1	3
Swindon	Invincible	1	3	0.33	0	0	0	0	1	2
Walsall	Angell	3	5	0.6	1	1	0	5	1	2
Wigan	Liddell	2	4	0.5	0	1	0	2	2	1
Wrexham	Faulconbridge	2	3	0.67	0	0	0	0	1	1
Wycombe	Brown	2	5	0.4	0	1	1	3	1	1

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

Division 2 Results Grid

	HOME GOALS
	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
AWAY GOALS	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
0	5 4 4 2
1	10 8 1 1 1
2	3 3 1 2
3	1 1 1
4	3 1
5	
6	1
7	
8	

Grid shows the number of games ending with each results. e.g. 10 matches have resulted in a 1-0 away win

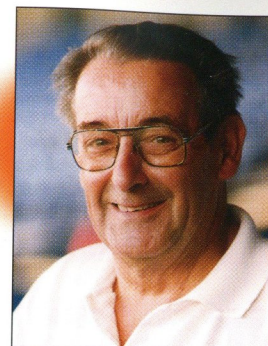
Referee's Report

	Gam	Red	Yell	Av.Yell
Prosser	3	3	19	6.33
Fletcher	3	0	17	5.67
Alcock	3	2	16	5.33
Hill	3	0	14	4.67
Foy	3	1	14	4.67
Laws	4	1	17	4.25
Hall	3	3	12	4.00
Dowd	3	3	12	4.00
Wolstenholme	3	0	12	4.00
Curson	3	0	11	3.67
Jones T	3	5	10	3.33
Stretton	4	0	13	3.25

Division 2 Hotshots - Each club's most prolific marksmen

GS							1st Gl	1 Gl	2 Gls	3 Gls	GS							1st Gl	1 Gl	2 Gls	3 Gls
Bournemouth	Fletcher S	1	0	1	0	0	Oxford	Beauchamp	1	1	0	1	0								
Brentford	Ingimarsson	1	0	1	0	0	Peterborough	Green	3	2	3	0	0								
Bristol City	Thorpe	1	1	1	0	0	Port Vale	Naylor	2	2	1	1	0								
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	2	0	2	0	0	Reading	Cureton	2	1	2	0	0								
Bury	Bullock	2	1	2	0	0	Rotherham	Robins	3	2	2	1	0								
Cambridge	Abbey	2	2	2	0	0	Stoke	O'Connor	1	0	1	0	0								
Colchester	Lua-Lua	1	1	0	1	0	Swansea	Price	1	0	1	0	0								
Luton	Fotiadis	1	1	1	0	0	Swindon	Invincible	1	0	1	0	0								
Millwall	Harris	2	1	2	0	0	Walsall	Angell	2	0	1	1	0								
Northampton	Forrester	2	2	1	1	0	Wigan	Liddell	2	1	2	0	0								
Notts County	Stallard	3	2	3	0	0	Wrexham	Faulconbridge	1	1	0	1	0								
Oldham	Adams	2	1	2	0	0	Wycombe	Brown	2	2	2	0	0								

GS=Number of Games Scored In; 1st Gl=Games Scored 1st Goal; 1 Gl=Games Scored 1 Goal; 2 Gls=Games Scored 2 Goals; 3 Gls=Games Scored 3 Goals



2nd Division Brian Swain

THE chance of getting somewhere near the top ten in

the Second Division beckons for both sides this afternoon, with Northampton knowing that if they can win they will overtake us in the table. They are a point behind, with a game in hand, but come to Kenilworth Road still seeking their first away point and their first away goal in the Second Division after 1-0 defeats at Wycombe and Bury. Promoted last season, the Cobblers can concentrate on the league until January, having been knocked out of the Worthington Cup by Fulham. They were beaten 4-1 at Craven Cottage on Tuesday, but had surprised the wealthy First Division outfit at Sixfields with a 1-0 win in the first leg.

The goal that night was scored by the experienced Marco Gabbiadini, and his recruitment from Darlington, and the £150,000 capture of Jamie Forrester from Utrecht suggest that Northampton have the ability to open up defences.

Nationwide Division Two Table

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Walsall	5	3	0	0	8	4	2	0	0	7	3	15	
Bury	5	1	0	1	2	4	2	1	0	4	2	10	
Wycombe	5	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	9	
Notts County	5	0	0	2	3	5	3	0	0	3	0	9	
Colchester	5	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	0	2	0	8	
Peterborough	5	0	2	1	3	5	2	0	0	5	1	8	
Cambridge	5	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	3	2	8	
Wigan	4	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	7	
Rotherham	5	0	1	2	4	6	2	0	0	2	0	7	
Reading	5	1	1	0	5	3	1	0	2	1	4	7	
Millwall	3	1	0	1	3	2	1	0	0	4	3	6	
Port Vale	4	2	0	1	6	1	0	0	1	1	4	6	
Brentford	5	0	2	1	2	6	1	1	0	2	1	6	
Bristol Rov	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	8	4	5	
Stoke	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	5	4	5	
Swansea	4	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	5	
Luton Town	5	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	3	4	5	
Northampton	4	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	2	4	
Oldham	5	1	0	2	5	6	0	1	1	3	4	4	
Wrexham	3	0	0	2	1	5	1	0	0	4	1	3	
Bristol City	4	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	1	2	1	3	
Bournemouth	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	5	2	
Oxford Utd	5	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	2	2	6	1	
Swindon	4	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	2	0	5	1	

Our back four might be in for an even more testing time on Tuesday, when we entertain Walsall, who have been a bit of a bogey side to us in recent years. The Saddlers were relegated last season, but have shown every indication that they can bounce straight back. They are the Division's only 100 per cent team, including a 2-0 home victory over well-fancied Wigan, and Ray Graydon has collected the first manager of the month award of the season. Walsall's Worthington Cup victory over Kidderminster on Tuesday has given them a second round tie with West Ham, in a competition in which the Second Division is still well represented.

The week's best performance was by Colchester. Beaten 1-0 at home in the first leg, they went to QPR on Tuesday and romped to a 4-1 victory, with Lumana Tresor Lua Lua, cousin of our Tresor Kandol, grabbing a hat-trick. Aaron Skelton, who learned his trade here, netted twice on Saturday in a 3-1 home win over Bournemouth which pushed Colchester into the top five.

Cup flops of the week were Reading, who were beaten 2-0 at home by Third Division Leyton Orient, and Wrexham, who caved in 3-0 at home to Mansfield.

Brian Swain

Today's other 2nd Division Fixtures

Bournemouth v Port Vale
Bristol City v Swindon
Bury v Walsall
Cambridge v Rotherham
Millwall v Swansea
Notts County v Bristol Rovers
Reading v Brentford
Stoke v Peterborough
Wigan v Colchester
Wrexham v Oldham

Last night:

Wycombe Wdrs v Oxford Utd

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Statistics Fixtures 2000 / 2001

	Date	Opposition	H	A	Result	Scorers	League Place	Attn.	Team
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	1-0	Spring pen	18	5,221	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
AUGUST	Mon 28	Wycombe Wdrs	A	3pm	1-1	Kandol	17	6,001	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 2	Rotherham Utd	A	3pm	1-1	Fotiadis	17	4,061	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough WC1(2)	A	7.45pm	2-2	Stein, Scarlett	17	4,286	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 9	Northampton Tn	H	3pm					
SEPTEMBER	Tue 12	Walsall	H	7.45pm					
SEPTEMBER	Sat 16	Swansea City	A	3pm					
SEPTEMBER	Tue 19	Sunderland WC2(1)	A	7.45pm					
SEPTEMBER	Sat 23	Swindon Tn	H	3pm					
SEPTEMBER	Tue 26	Sunderland WC2(2)	H	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		7.45pm					
NOVEMBER	Sat 4	Bury	A	3pm					
NOVEMBER	Sat 11	Bristol City	H	3pm					
NOVEMBER	Sat 18	FA C1		3pm					
NOVEMBER	Sat 25	Port Vale	A	3pm					
NOVEMBER	Tue 28	WC4		7.45pm					
DECEMBER	Sat 2	Stoke City	A	3pm					
DECEMBER	Sat 9	FA C2		3pm					
DECEMBER	Tue 12	WC5		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)		7.45pm					
JANUARY	Sat 13	Wycombe	H	3pm					
JANUARY	Sat 20	Peterborough	A	3pm					
JANUARY	Wed 24	WC Semi(2)		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 will be part of the pre-match entertainment again this afternoon, offering a little prize to one lucky supporter. The question at the last home game was about Mark Stein, and plenty of people know that when he left us in 1988 it was to sign for QPR.

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

Today's Question

WHO was the Northampton Town centre-half who signed for Luton in 1967, and skippered our team to the Fourth Division championship a year later?

Next Home Match

Nationwide League Division 2
versus
Walsall
Tuesday 12th September
Kick Off: 7.45pm

Travelling Army

CHAIRMAN Mike Watson-Challis and manager Ricky Hill have both spoken of their admiration for the loyalty of Luton Town fans, especially the army of supporters who go to away games. The figures so far:

Visitors to Luton	Away-day Hatters
Notts Co606	Wigan640
Peterborough (WC)360	Wycombe1,266
Bournemouth539	Rotherham603
	Peterborough (WC)908
Total:1,505	
Average:501	

						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.
Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for George 57, Locke for Holmes 86. Unused: Stirling, Kandol, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for George 55, Kandol for Fotiadis 76. Unused: Locke, Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Kandol for Fotiadis HT; Brennan for Holmes 65; George for Stein 81. Unused: Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes for Brennan 74; Locke for Spring 105; Kandoll for Stein 113. Unused: Stirling, Abbey

The Hatters appearances 2000-2001

	Appearances (as sub in brackets)			Goals		
	League	WC	Total	League	WC	Total
Emmerson Boyce	5	2	7	0	0	0
Dean Brennan	0(4)	1(1)	1(5)	0	0	0
Andrew Fotiadis	5	1	6	1	0	1
Stuart Fraser	2(2)	2	4(2)	0	0	0
Liam George	4(1)	2	6(1)	0	0	0
Peter Holmes	3(1)	1(1)	4(2)	0	0	0
Marvin Johnson	2	0	2	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	0(2)	0(1)	0(3)	1	0	1
Adam Locke	3(1)	0(1)	3(2)	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	5	2	7	0	0	0
Mark Ovendale	5	2	7	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	2(1)	1	3(1)	0	1	1
Matthew Spring	4	2	6	1p	0	1p
Mark Stein	5	2	7	0	1	1
Matthew Taylor	5	2	7	0	0	0
Julian Watts	5	2	7	1	0	1

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Tuesday September 19, 2000, kick-off 7.45pm

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T. K. Kettle (yellow and red flag)

Fourth Official:

Fourth official: S. S. Thiarra



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LIAM GEORGE

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