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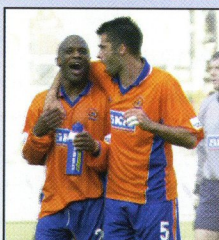
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Front Cover



Two very happy players celebrate the
Town's comeback at Bristol Rovers -
Julian Watts, and Gavin McGowan,
who enjoyed a personal comeback,
making one of the goals in his first
appearance of the season.

Inside

WHILE the Town always take pleasure from seeing players given international recognition, manager Ricky Hill was a touch relieved this week when Liam George did not head towards Heathrow alongside Stuart Fraser for under-21 fixtures.

Fraser misses today's game because he is with the Scotland squad preparing for their European under-21 game in Croatia on Tuesday, and could well win his second cap. With impeccable timing Gavin McGowan, out since pre-season with an ankle injury, returned for the Town at Bristol last week as a second-half sub for the 20-year-old Scot, and is likely to keep his place against Millwall today.

Jude Stirling was able to return to today's squad, having served a one-match suspension last Saturday for his sending-off on his debut at Swansea.

Liam George, meanwhile, has been on stand-by for the Republic of Ireland for their under-21 internationals against Portugal on Friday and Estonia on Tuesday. The Town manager spent most of the week on tenterhooks, waiting for a call that would have taken George out of their squad. It never came, and while Hill would certainly not begrudge any player an international opportunity, he was also pleased from a domestic point of view that George, who has been on top form recently, is still in Luton instead of Portugal.

ANOTHER old favourite came into Kenilworth Road this week, with Lil Fuccillo joining the scouting staff to strengthen the team led by Chief Scout Les Shannon. Fuccillo and Ricky Hill have known each other for a quarter of a century, having been here as young players together. Bedford-born Fuccillo joined the Town as an apprentice in 1973, and had to get over two broken legs to make his mark in the David Pleat squad that hit the heights by winning promotion to the old First Division in 1982.

A forceful midfielder, Fuccillo made 180 league and cup appearances for the Town, scoring 27 goals, before a brief spell in the USA. He moved into coaching after completing his playing career with Peterborough, and that led him into management. He had two spells as manager of Peterborough, and also did some coaching at Sheffield Wednesday when David Pleat was manager there.

"It's very nice to be back in Luton," said Fuccillo. "I had some happy times here, and I hope I can play some part in helping the club make progress."

He has returned shortly after Brian Stein came back as a coach, and Hill said that he thought the wealth of experience both have will be valuable. "We have known each other for a long time, and we will work together for the benefit of the club," he said.

Fuccillo's duties will include searching for talent at all levels, from schoolboys to seasoned professionals.

CENTRAL defender James Ayres, 20, has returned to Stevenage for another loan spell, having delighted them with his form when he was

Forward



BACK HOME: Lil Fuccillo and Brian Stein, reunited at the club where they played with much distinction.

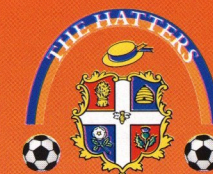
there on loan earlier this year. And once more, the move is to aid his Luton Town career, with the management believing that Conference experience will be more beneficial to him and to the club than reserve team soccer, or sitting on the first team bench.

Meanwhile the boss is still considering bringing in a possible loan signing or two to strengthen his squad. He might also be able to buy if the right man at the right price becomes available, but like most clubs the Town are very wary of splashing out in view of the uncertainty surrounding European law and player contracts. FIFA is suggesting that players over 24 should be able to hand in their notice and leave clubs without transfer fees being involved.

THE Town's new official website made its debut a week ago, offering news and information on all aspects of the club, and first reactions from supporters have been encouraging. You can find the colourful and informative pages at www.lutontown.co.uk.

Another new venture that has come to our notice is the official CD-ROM of the Nationwide Football League, goals on cd. It will be published every month, covering football action from around the country, with all the goals included in a comprehensive reporting job. "Follow your team more closely than you ever have before," says the League, promising that all the goals will be there to play back on your PC.

Brian Swain



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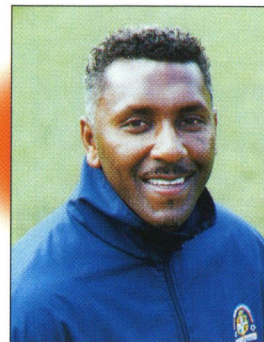
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The Manager

Ricky Hill

I THINK my first words today should be to offer the

thanks of all of us in the dressing room for the excellent support we have had in our last two games. The fans responded to our efforts in the cup-tie against Sunderland to make it a marvellous atmosphere in Kenilworth Road, and there was a lot more cheering to help us at Bristol.

I was pretty pleased with the way we went about our jobs against Sunderland, even after unluckily going two down and knowing that the tie was just about over. It was a time for players to show the right attitude and commitment, and they did, and it gave us a lift to know that we had beaten a Premiership team 1-0 in the second half. And yes, we do realise that Sunderland did not select their full first team, but they have a huge squad of very talented players, and that meant they had men trying hard because they wanted to catch their manager's eye.

Peter Reid told his Press conference after the game that Sunderland had been very lucky, and that on the night Luton were the better side. I felt some of our football was excellent, but as always we have to get our good football going for much longer in every game.

You can't expect to control every one of the 90 minutes, but you can work hard to stop the opposition having too much of the game, and we did that at Bristol on Saturday.

Again I felt we were a touch unlucky to go two down, because that did not reflect the way the game had gone in the first half an hour or so. Our defensive work was below par, but our attacking made up for it. We had asked the players to take their Sunderland second-half performance into

the Second Division, and the way they refused to give up after going two down for the second consecutive match was very encouraging.

Once again, it was the opposing manager who was feeling relief at the final whistle. Bristol Rovers knew they could easily have been beaten, while we felt a little disappointed that we had not got all three points.

I suppose if we were offered a point before the game, we would have taken it, against the only team in the Second Division with an unbeaten record. Not so, today, however.

Last week's performance and result at Bristol was a case of "so far, so good" but our players are under no illusions that they have some leeway to make up after a poor start to the season.

Failures at home - one victory out of five league starts - have left us in the bottom four of the Second Division. Fortunately, we have time to put things right. But we need to get it right quickly, and the first requirement is to become regular winners at home.

Millwall have a recent history of getting good results at Kenilworth Road, and perhaps it is significant that in the Second Division last week only two of the 12 fixtures resulted in home wins. Millwall were among the away-day winners, 4-1 at Peterborough, so that is a warning to us. But we have thought all along that we are capable of better form and results than we have seen so far this season, and it is now time for the players to prove it.

We know that if we can do that, the support will come in to help us as we strive to push up the table.

Ricky Hill

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The Hatters roll-call 2000-2001

Appearances (as sub in brackets)

Goals

	League	WC	Total	League	WC	Total
Nathan Abbey	2	0	2	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	10	4	14	0	0	0
Dean Brennan	2(4)	1(1)	3(5)	0	0	0
Andrew Fotiadis	5	1	6	1	0	1
Stuart Fraser	5(2)	4	9(2)	0	0	0
Liam George	7(3)	3(1)	10(4)	2	0	2
Peter Holmes	5(4)	2(1)	7(5)	0	0	0
Marvin Johnson	2	0	2	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	3(4)	2(1)	5(5)	3	1	4
Adam Locke	6(2)	1(1)	7(3)	0	0	0
Gavin McGowan	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	9	4	13	0	0	0
Mark Ovendale	8	4	12	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	5(1)	2	7(1)	0	1	1
Matthew Spring	9	4	13	1p	0	1p
Mark Stein	9(1)	3	12(1)	1	1	2
Jude Stirling	1	0	1	0	0	0
Matthew Taylor	10	4	14	0	0	0
Peter Thomson	2(1)	1(1)	3(2)	0	0	0
Julian Watts	10	4	14	1	0	1

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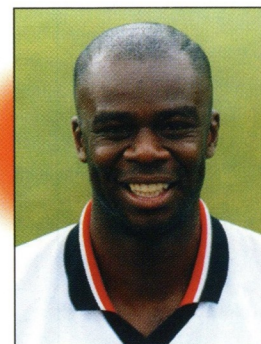
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Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson

THE atmosphere around Kenilworth Road this week has been nice and upbeat as we look back on the progress the team has made in the last couple of games. It will be a big test today, but the feeling is that we have got on the right track with our performances against Sunderland and Bristol Rovers.

And I want to say publicly how much everyone appreciated the tremendous backing the fans gave us during the cup-tie. It was marvellous, and I think you will agree that the players responded, and by the end of the night Sunderland knew they had been in a game. I was not able to get to Bristol on Saturday because of my commitments to my programme of exercises and treatment, but I was able to watch a bit of football - I went to see my seven-year-old son, Kristian, in a training game. He started his football as a defender, but is now a midfielder, a bit of a Paul McLaren. Best of all, he enjoys playing, as I do. Nearly two months on the injured list has been frustrating, but I am glad to say that I am now well on the way back to fitness, and hopefully I will have my first match since mid-August on Wednesday, for the reserves against Crystal Palace.

I watched the reserves on Wednesday, when they beat Fulham 4-1, and it was nice to see how our youngsters are coming along. It was good for Peter Thomson to get a hat-trick, and hopefully those goals will help him settle into the first team squad.

I suppose Tresor Kandol will have a view on that though. We are all pleased for him, because he has not found it easy, but he has a natural talent for scoring goals. At present, like all young players newly arrived in the squad, he is quite a shy lad, but is already beginning to look more relaxed, and I think he will blossom if he gets a decent run in the team.

The fight-back at Bristol Rovers can only help our confidence, and while we might have views on the quality of our defending, we do all appreciate that as a group we are all in it together, defending and attacking. I hear that both defences were a touch suspect at Bristol, but that the attackers gave the crowd their moneys worth, and for us there was great pleasure in twice recovering from two goals behind.

The need now is for us to continue to improve, and start to put together a winning run, especially at home. We will have to play well today if we are to get three points. Millwall are one of my favourites for promotion, and we have an unusual recent tradition in games against the Lions - the norm is for us to win at their place and for them to do it at Kenilworth Road.

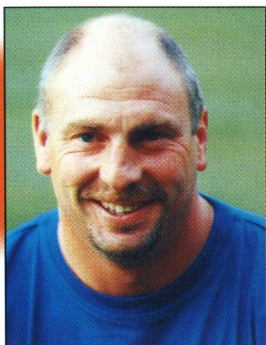
It's time for the tradition to be overturned this afternoon! I think today's game will give us a realistic idea of how far we have come in the last couple of weeks. It would be a good time for us to keep a clean sheet, for a change, but perhaps we are more likely to see a high-scoring game today. As a professional, I would rather see us win 1-0 than 5-4, but all that really matters is that we score at least one more than the opposition.

And I must come back to a subject I mentioned earlier: the crowd at the Sunderland game was different class, and the players were given more good backing at Bristol Rovers. We do hear the crowd, whether it be jeers or cheers. We can't complain if we get stick when we play badly. But support through thick and thin is always going to be more helpful, so please, keep it up, and you can be certain the lads will do all in their power to give us a much-needed home victory.

Marvin Johnson

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Treatment Room

Clive Goodyear

IT IS good news almost all the way from the treatment room this week, with long-term injuries at last showing signs of clearing up. I was well pleased for Gavin McGowan, who came through a thorough test when he played the second half at Bristol Rovers. His first league appearance of the season, after just one match in the reserves, went well, and he deserves every credit for getting there - it was a lot of hard work for him after being injured in pre-season. He was feeling some after-effects early this week, having gone over on his ankle again at Bristol, but the fact that the problem was minor will give his confidence another boost. He was moving freely again by midweek, and looked set fair to keep his

place in the squad for today's match. The fact that we have had an extra day for preparation helps injured players, and we were all in for training yesterday. There were no other injuries beyond the usual aches and pains from Bristol, but Matthew Spring twisted an ankle while running in training early this week. He was sore for a couple of days, but was much better by mid-week and again, with the extra day available for treatment and preparation, he should be OK if selected to play this afternoon.

Three youth players are currently out of action through injuries. John Chatfield and Joe Deeney both have hip muscle strains, and they need a week or two to settle down. Dean Mortara twisted a knee in training, and a consultant surgeon will examine him within a few days to give us an expert verdict on the extent of the injury.

Finally, everyone is delighted to see the progress made by three seniors who have been out with hamstring problems. Marvin Johnson, Stuart Douglas and Andrew Fotiadis have been companions in distress, so to speak, but all three were able to put in a day's hard training with the first team squad early in the week. They then had a day of comparative rest while we checked for possible adverse reactions. Thankfully, there were none up to the time of writing, and they were looking forward to the chance of making come-back appearances for the reserves at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday. If they continue current progress, I would think they might all play some part in that game, and I know they are all looking forward to it.

Clive Goodyear



Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

WITH one cup run over, details of three other cup

competitions involving the club are beginning to take shape. The first team's next cup date is on Saturday, November 18, when we begin our FA Cup campaign, and it has just been announced that the draw for the first round of the AXA FA Cup will take place on the late afternoon of October 28, shortly after the end of our home game with Wrexham. The draw will be televised live on Sky Sports One during their Soccer Saturday programme, at about 5.15pm. Clubs from the Second and Third Divisions are in that draw, along with survivors who battled through the preliminary rounds, which began way back in August.

Our youth team are also looking forward to the AXA FA Youth Cup, but will have to wait a little longer to discover their opposition in the first round. They will be away to the winners of a preliminary round match between Hinckley Utd and Lincoln Utd. Once we know that result we can organise our first round game, and I will give details in this column as soon as possible.

The other cup competition involving Luton Town is much closer to home - the Bedfordshire Premier Cup. We have been drawn away in the first round to our friends at Dunstable Town 98, and are in process of fixing a date. Again, I will pass on the information as soon as possible. Meanwhile, for today's game I would like to offer a special welcome to Luton Town Deaf FC on their first visit to the club. By the time these notes are published we will know how England fared against Germany in the World Cup, and that match, of course, is the reason why we

are playing today, instead of the usual Saturday.

The change means that we are unable to offer our usual services in the bars to supporters. Because of licensing laws, we have been unable to offer alcohol before kick-off, but for those bars which are usually open after the match it will be business as usual when the game has ended. We have another free Saturday next week, because Cambridge United prefer Friday night football at the Abbey Stadium, and can I remind all supporters that this is an ALL-TICKET match for our fans. Please see the announcement on page 11 of this programme. I know it can be inconvenient to have to buy tickets in advance, but there were problems at the game last year, when it was pay on the night and this time they will not arise.

In relation to that match, we have been asked by Cambridgeshire Police to recommend to motorists a slightly different route to the ground from the one they might normally take, to avoid traffic congestion in Cambridge. Full details are on page 13.

Can I also draw your attention to the special offer for season ticket holders in respect of our next home match, against Brentford on October 21 - bargain ticket prices are now available, and the details are on page 11.

Finally, today, I want to ask for help in providing lodgings for players. We want to fix them up with good digs, and if anyone can offer a room and good home cooking, please give me a ring on Luton 411622. Naturally we pay the going rate, so if you live in the Luton or Dunstable area and can help the club, please get in touch.

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For Cambridge the Bobbers will have a coach leaving Cranfield at 4pm, with various pick-up points on the way to Luton, and departure time from Kenilworth Road is 5pm.

Their service to Oxford will leave Cranfield at 3.45, Kenilworth Road an hour later, and will also pick up near the Travel Lodge Hotel, at the junction of Dunstable Road and the M1 motorway. The fare to both games is the same: £7 adults, and £6 for junior and senior citizens. Tickets can be bought at the Bobbers Travel Club kiosk before home matches, or by phone call to Paul Deason on 01234 750996

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Mileage from Luton: About 50.



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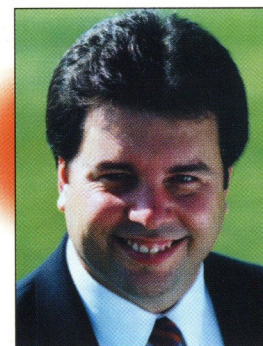
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We are not sure how happy his birthday will be: John is planning to make a sponsored bike ride to the away game at Oxford, and expects to take about two and a half hours each way. And that means he might well be in the saddle at midnight, on the way home, when he moves out of his thirties into his forties. We wish him well, and thank him for his support for Luton Town today.

Oliver and Alex Groom will enjoy their day at Kenilworth Road even more than usual today, because they are joint commercial mascots, which means they have a VIP insight into what goes on behind the scenes.

They will meet the players before kick-off, and join them on the pitch for the pre-match rituals, including toss-up for choice of ends.

Oliver, 9, and Alex, 7, are regulars at Town games with their parents, and both enjoy playing football, being members of the Brookmead Combined club at Ivinghoe. Oliver's other favourite past-time is golf, while Alex puts horse riding as second to football on his list of hobbies. Matthew Taylor is Alex's favourite player, while Oliver opts for Marvin Johnson.

John Bailey

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Graeme was the season's seventh winner, and the jackpots have totalled £3,020, an average of £431 each. Another bundle of cash will be won by someone in the ground this afternoon. The size of the prize depends on sales: tickets cost £1 each and 50p goes into the jackpot kitty and 50p to Luton Town funds, so even if you are not a winner you are helping the club. The draw is made during the interval, with the prize paid out instantly.

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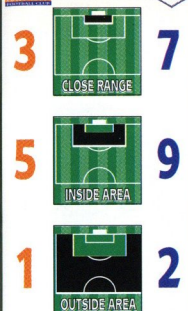
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Hatters' Results

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

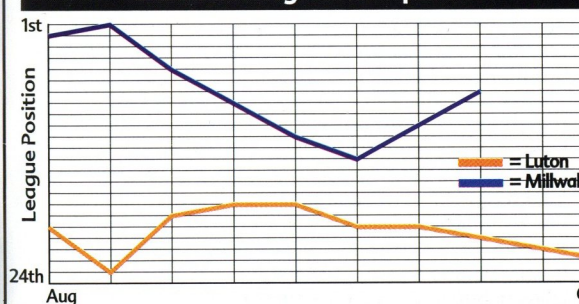
shows the number of results for each scoreline.
eg. Luton have lost 1 game 0-4

Lions' Results

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

eg. Millwall have won 1 game 4-3 and lost 1 game 1-2

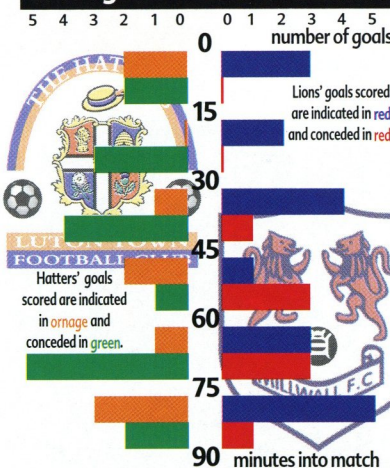
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When goals scored & conceded



Average time of Scoring / Conceding

100 mins	All Goals for	40 mins
150 mins	Home Goals For	50 mins
75 mins	Away Goals For	30 mins
53 mins	All Goals Against	90 mins
75 mins	Home Goals Against	150 mins
41 mins	Away Goals Against	54 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 : LLWSSDLLLS F 9 A 17 Pts 7

Lions : WWWLWSWW F 18 A 8 Pts 16

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

Millwall's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

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91/92	2	4	2	Kerr	12 7,905
92/93	1	3	2	Moralee	15 9,202
93/94	1	3	3	Rae	13 9,810
94/95	1	5	QF	Rae	10 7,685
95/96	1	3	3	Rae	13 9,571
96/97	2	1	1	Crawford	11 7,698
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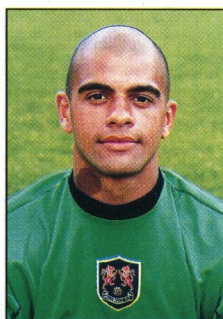
A POTTED HISTORY - SCOTTISH ORIGINS

Millwall Rovers were formed in the summer of 1885 by workers at Morton's Jam Factory on the Isle of Dogs. The majority of the workers at the factory were of Scottish extraction and consequently blue and white became the club's colours. Millwall inhabited four separate grounds on the island and changed their name via Millwall Athletic to plain Millwall, inhabited four separate grounds on the island and changed their name via Millwall Athletic to plain Millwall before relocating across the river at The Den in 1910.

LEAGUE STATUS

Having become The Lions, Millwall reached the Semi-Finals of the F.A Cup in 1903 whilst still a Southern League side, losing 3-0 to Derby County in front of 40,500 fans at Villa Park. The Club remained in the Southern League for a decade following their move to New Cross but in 1920 became founder members of Football League Division Three, beating Bristol Rovers 2-0 in their opening League game at The Den. (Coincidentally Rovers were Millwall's last League opponents at that ground in 1993). In 1928 The Lions won promotion to the Second Division as champions of Division Three (South). The previous year 42,250 saw Millwall beat Middlesbrough 3-2 in an F.A. Cup tie at The Den. In 1932-33 they achieved their highest League placing to date, finishing seventh, but after manager Bob Hunter died The Lions failed to win any of their last eight games and were relegated the following season.

No. 1 TONY WARNER - GOALKEEPER



Born: Liverpool, 11th May 1974
Height: 6' 4" Weight: 14st 13lb.
Tony was signed from Liverpool in June 1999 after a lengthy spell as under-study to David James and Brad Friedel. Whilst he didn't manage to breakthrough at Anfield he gained top level experience with Celtic, for whom he appeared in a

victorious Old Firm game against Rangers, and Aberdeen whilst on loan in Scotland, and made his Football League debut under similar circumstances at Swindon in 1997/98 against Bradford City. Warner missed just one League game in his first full season at The Den, and was a major factor in The Lions' push towards the Play-Off's. A tall imposing figure, he will doubtless have benefited from establishing himself as Millwall's number one and playing first team football week-in week-out.
Previous clubs: Liverpool, Celtic (loan), Aberdeen (loan), Swindon Town (loan).
Lions debut: v. Cardiff City 7/8/99
Millwall record: 45 League appearances. Other competitions: 6 appearances.

No. 2 MARC BIRCHANM - FULL BACK/MIDFIELD

Born: Brent, 11th May 1978
Height: 5' 11" Weight: 12st 2lb.
A product of the Millwall Youth system, he was given his senior debut by Jimmy Nicholl in January 1997 against Preston, and for the next two seasons largely filled the role of 'utility man', by virtue of his ability to fill in at either full back or midfield. Due to his grandfather's place of birth, the London born Bircham became a Canadian international, scoring on his debut in a 1-1 draw with Northern Ireland. For the first half of the 1999/2000 season, Marc's club and international career flourished as he established himself as a regular in the Lions midfield, and he was arguably Millwall's most consistent player until injury intervened at Bury on January 4th 2000. The ankle problem he sustained at Gigg Lane sidelined him for the remainder of the campaign, and consequently Bircham is looking to make up for lost time in 2000/2001.
Lions debut: v. Preston N.E. 11/1/97
Millwall record: 60 League appearances, 1 goal.
Other competitions: 10 appearances.

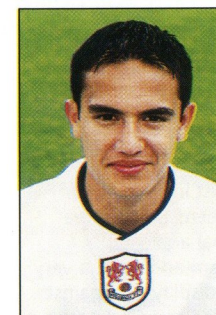
No. 3 BOBBY BOWRY - MIDFIELD

Born: Croydon, 19th May 1971
Height: 5' 9" Weight: 10st 10lb.
2000/2001 is likely to be a key campaign for Bowry, who played only a peripheral part in the previous season and had made just 25 appearances the year before due to a combination of injuries, suspensions and the inability to dislodge the regular midfield pairing. Bowry made his name initially at Crystal Palace, making top flight appearances during his spell at Selhurst Park prior to his move across South London. He is a stylish midfielder who has worked to adapt his natural game to the cut and thrust of the Second Division. Bobby has become an international with St Kitts.
Previous clubs: Crystal Palace
Lions debut: v. Port Vale 19/7/1995
Millwall record: 139 League appearances, 5 goals.
Other competitions: 18 appearances.

No. 11 PAUL IFILL - STRIKER/WINGER

Born: Brighton, 20th October 1979
Height: 6' 0" Weight: 12st 10lb
One of four Lions players to finish the 1999/2000 season in double figures in the goal charts, Paul made a slow start to the campaign, but from October 9th was ever present wide on the right to the end of the season. More naturally a central striker, he is blessed with the sort of pace and trickery which has enabled him to adapt easily to a winger's role, and eleven League goals from that position is no mean feat, particularly given the fact that he was clearly very tired towards the end of his first full season at senior level. Doubtless this former Millwall trainee will be fitter and stronger next time round, and his undoubted ability suggests that Ifill is another jewel in Millwall's crown.
Lions debut: v. Lincoln City 13/2/99
Millwall record: 59 League appearances, 12 goals.
Other competitions: 7 appearances.

No. 4 TIM CAHILL - MIDFIELD



Born: Sydney (Australia), 6th December 1979
Height: 5' 10" Weight: 11st 3lb.
Twice voted Millwall Young Player of the Year, the Aussie born midfielder has already had a remarkable start to his career, appearing at Wembley at the age of 19 and scoring twenty goals in his first two seasons since breaking through into the senior ranks. So determined was Tim to forge a career in professional

football that he left behind family and friends in Australia at the age of 16, travelling halfway round the world to try his luck in England. He has already been well rewarded and looks to have the potential to go all the way to the top. A forceful, strong running midfielder, he is remarkably good in the air for a player of only average height.

Tim's performances and ability should have been enough to see him join Lucas Neill in the Australian Olympic and full squads, but by virtue of an appearance as a 14 year old for Western Samoa debate continues as to his eligibility. In theory, he might in the future have the choice of playing for England, Scotland, Wales or Ireland once the Samoan situation is sorted out with FIFA.

Lions debut: v. Bournemouth 2/5/98
Millwall record: 82 League appearances, 19 goals.
Other competitions: 12 appearances, 1 goal.



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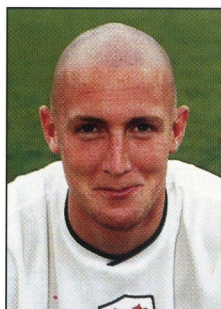
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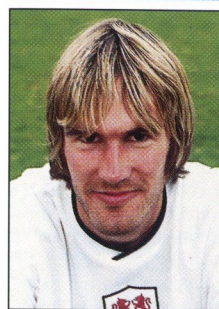
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No. 6 JOE DOLAN - CENTRE BACK

Born: Harrow, 27th May 1980
Height: 6' 3" Weight: 14st 0lb.
Another youngster who has progressed through to senior level from the Millwall Youth team, Joe got his big chance in February 1999 when he was thrust into an Auto-Windscreens Shield Area Semi-Final against Gillingham and gave a very assured display up against Bob Taylor and Carl Asaba.

He retained his place in the side until he sustained a facial injury against Fulham the following April, having already played at Wembley at the age of 18. The Northern Ireland Under 21 international found that building on that exciting start to his League career was no easy matter, and in 1999/2000 he struggled to consistently maintain the high standards he had set himself, making just 17 League appearances. He did, however, captain Millwall's reserve side to Avon Insurance Combination success. Lions debut: v. Gillingham (AWS) 16/2/99. Millwall record: 26 League appearances, 2 goals. Other competitions: 4 appearances.

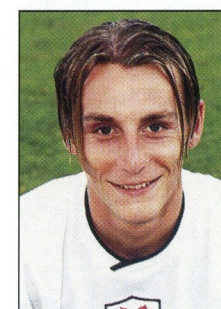
No. 8 MATT LAWRENCE - FULL BACK

Born: Northampton, 19th June 1974
Height: 6' 1" Weight: 12st 7lb.
Made a late entry into the professional ranks with Wycombe Wanderers after taking a degree in American Literature in the United States whilst playing college football over there. The lure of wet Wednesday nights in an English February proved too much for Matt who

signed for The Chairboys under Alan Smith, whose influence may well have led to a move to Fulham before Lawrence returned to Adams Park. Initially a midfielder, Matt is now predominantly a right back, and that is the role he has been assigned at The Den since his £250,000 move in transfer deadline week (March 2000), which saw him make a mad dash for his debut at Wrexham having put pen to paper at The Den just that morning. Previous clubs: Wycombe Wanderers (twice), Fulham. Lions debut: v. Wrexham 21/3/2000. Millwall record: 9 League appearances. Other competitions: 2 appearances.

No. 5 DAVID TUTTLE - CENTRAL DEFENDER

Born: Reading, 6th February 1972
Height: 6' 2" Weight: 14st 13lb.
Former Spurs, Palace, Sheffield United and Barnsley centre back, David progressed through the Youth ranks at White Hart Lane alongside Stuart Nethercott, gaining Premiership experience with the North London club before heading north for the first time. Tuttle has plenty of experience of big games, having helped Palace to promotion through the Play-Off's during his time at Selhurst Park, and after a relatively short spell with Dave Bassett once again at Barnsley he arrived at Millwall for a £200,000 fee in March 2000 to assist with Millwall's promotion push. A tall imposing centre half in the old style, David will be vying for a starting position, not only with his old pal Nethercott, but also Sean Dyche and Joe Dolan in 2000/2001. Previous Clubs: Tottenham Hotspur, Peterborough (loan), Sheffield United, Crystal Palace, Charlton (loan), Barnsley. Lions debut: v. Bristol City 4/3/2000. Millwall record: 8 League appearances. Other competitions: 2 appearances.

No. 10 CHRISTOPHE KINET - WINGER

Born: Huy (Belgium), 31st December 1974
Height: 5' 8" Weight: 10st 13lb.
A £ 75,000 signing from French club Strasbourg in February 2000, the flying Belgian winger had gained Champions League experience in France against the likes of Glasgow Rangers and Milan prior to his move to England.

Unfortunately, niggling injuries and the form of Michael Gilkes meant that Christophe's appearances for The Lions were severely limited in 1999/2000, but he will be expected to challenge strongly for the left wing berth during this season. Pacy and tricky, he also has the competitive nature to stand up to the rigours of English football, and could prove one to watch in 2000/2001. Previous clubs: Strasbourg. Lions debut: v. Bournemouth 19/2/2000. Millwall record: 3 League appearances. Other competitions: 2 appearances.

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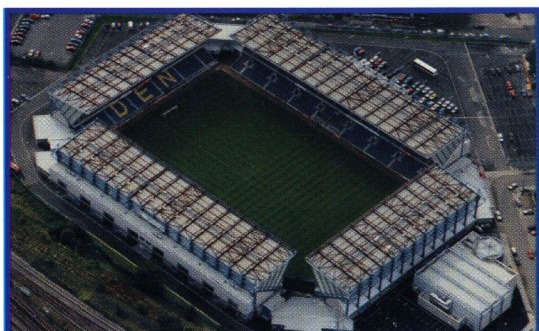
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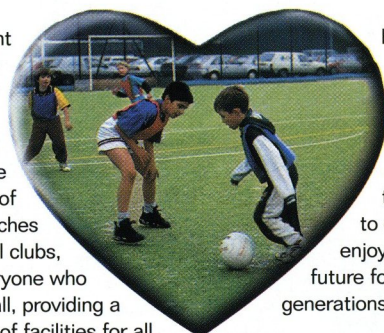
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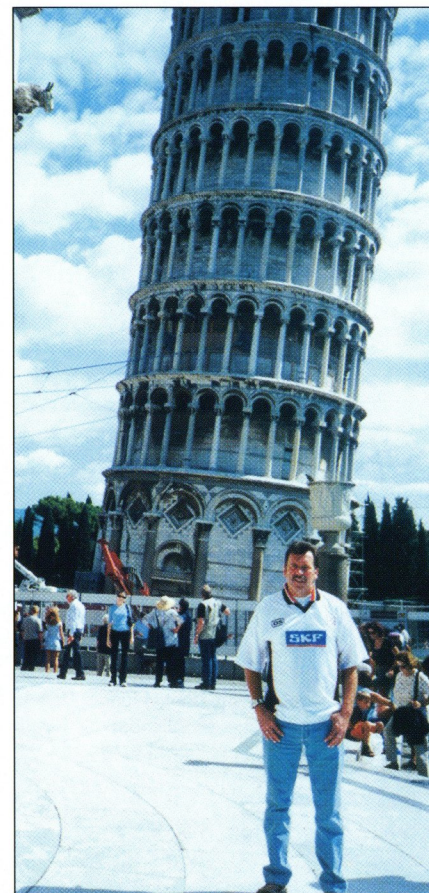
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Hatters Abroad

WITH one of the world's most famous landmarks in the background, it is obvious that Derek Elson has long been inclined to support Luton Town, even though he has a long trip to every home game from his home in West Bridgford, Nottingham. Sending in a holiday snapshot from Italy, he said: "I was born in Luton and spent the first 22 years of my life there. Since then I have lived in various parts of the country, but always managed to see the Town several times each season. Now I am almost 'local' I get to see most home games, plus midlands and northern away matches.



"My father was also a Town supporter, and I remember my first game was against Bristol Rovers around 1954, when I was seven. Supporting the Town since has been something of a roller coaster ride, but like all true fans you never change your allegiance, no matter where you live, or how well the team is playing."

OUR other Hatter Abroad featured today is also a fan who has to travel a few miles to support his team. The photo is of nine-year-old Stuart Atha, from Wisley Gardens, Farnborough, pictured while he was on holiday in Greece.

He is a season ticket holder in the Kenilworth Road end, and during his holiday he had his mother - "unfortunately a Brentford supporter!" - wash his new Town shirt three times so he could keep wearing it. Stuart is a Junior Hatter, thinks Matthew Spring is our best player, and is waiting impatiently for his name to be drawn out of the computerised hat that selects Junior Hatters mascots. If it happens, we'll make sure his mum gets a match ticket!



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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Centre: The two Town goalscorers, Liam George and Tresor Kandol, in action together at the Memorial Stadium.

Left: Rising high to the challenge, Tresor Kandol in aerial competition with Rovers central defenders Che Wilson and Steve Foster.

Above, top: Julian Watts heads for a clearance in competition with Che Wilson.

Above: The equaliser is on its way, Liam George shooting in from the edge of the penalty area.

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Les Miller, Paul Smith and Perry Glover have all completed the gruelling course as our representatives in the Football Challenge section of the event, and now we are looking for our standard-bearer in the 2001 race, to be run on Sunday, April 22.

It is a race within the race, with all the football entries starting together, with every club in the land invited to have one entrant. It can be man or woman, with an additional prize on offer to the first lady finisher from any club.

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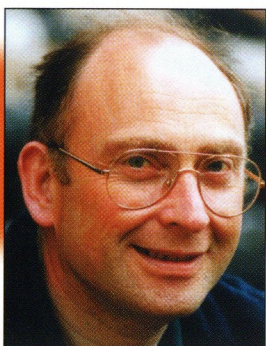
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Hatters rock Dockland

Having seen off Peterborough in a seven goal thriller in a first round League Cup tie in August 1969 the Town soon learnt that their next opponents would be Millwall from the old Division Two.

The Town, still smarting from their narrow failure to win promotion from Division Three the previous season, had started the new League campaign as if they meant business and had unearthed a new diamond in teenage full-back, converted to striker, Malcolm Macdonald.

Before tackling the Lions three important League games had to be played with Orient first up at Kenilworth Road. After going down 2-0 to their eventual partners in promotion, the Hatters surged back to win 3-2 with the fightback including a sublime lob from winger Graham French.

A mid-week clash with Halifax at a wet Kenilworth Road followed when the Town could only manage a 1-1 draw. For the first time Macdonald was well held by an opposition defender so Luton manager Alec Stock immediately splashed out £35,000 on bringing the centre-half, Chris Nicholl, to Kenilworth Road.

Stock was not finished in his bid to strengthen the squad and went out the following day to bring back Charlton striker Matt Tees, who was to prove an excellent foil for Macdonald. Both new signings made their Luton debuts in a rough game at Gillingham where the Town collected both points, and a fair number of bumps and bruises, in a 2-0 victory.

With the Town now clear leaders of Division Three the opportunity was there to see how they would fare should they win promotion, with Millwall sure to prove a tough test for the

resurgent Hatters. The Lions had not started the season well and had only two draws to show from six starts but boasted a side that was far better than its league position suggested.

A crowd of 17,372 turned up at Kenilworth Road to see Millwall take the lead from their first proper attack in the fifth minute. A bewildering short passing move involving Derek Possee, Keith Weller and Billy Neil ended with Possee clipping the ball past Tony Read in the Luton goal.

The Town fought back almost immediately with Macdonald latching on to a through pass from Mike Keen before speeding past two defenders and smacking the ball past Bryan King. From then on the Hatters took the game by the scruff of the neck and, roared on by the crowd, had the Millwall defence reeling.

With the obvious instruction to play the ball to Macdonald at every opportunity passes rained in from the educated feet of Keen, the clever wing play of French and the intelligent lay-offs from Laurie Sheffield, playing in place of the ineligible Tees.

The second goal was not long in coming and after French was fouled out on the right a perfect free-kick from John Collins was floated beyond the far post to Sheffield who headed in off the underside of the crossbar from a narrow angle.

Millwall, concerned at their plight, brought on ex-West Ham forward, Brian Dear, in place of Eamonn Dunphy and decided to go all out for an equaliser which made an already breathless game even more exciting.

The goal that Millwall gambled on arrived just after the hour mark when Terry Branston,

deputising for Nicholl, hit a poor clearance straight to Weller. The ex-Tottenham forward cut between two Luton defenders before shooting into the top corner from 25 yards. After this, the game could have gone either way but the eventual draw was a fair result. The Lions were obviously confident that a draw was to be the outcome as they had arrived at Kenilworth Road with tickets for the replay!

"The first half display was the best I have seen from the players since I became manager here," said Stock afterwards.

The Hatters warmed up for the replay by thrashing fellow promotion chasers, Bristol Rovers, 4-0 at Kenilworth Road with Macdonald putting in another match winning display. "If there's a better 19 year old striker around at the moment I have still to see him," purred Stock.

This was my first visit to the Den and I was immediately struck by the atmosphere generated by a crowd of 14,125. The Town players were, however, made of sterner stuff than I and refused to be intimidated by the noise and took the game to the Lions in another enthralling contest.

Chances came at both ends with Keen bending the crossbar with a 25 yard shot and Dear seeing a rocket shot miraculously saved by Sandy Davie who was called up at short notice to replace the injured Tony Read.

The game finished scoreless after 90 minutes and as extra-time was drawing to a close Millwall were awarded an indirect free-kick just outside the area for Jack Bannister's obstruction of Brian Brown. Weller took the kick and arrowed a shot through at least a dozen players into the net but his celebrations were short lived as the ball, amazingly, had not touched anyone on the way through.

Referee Gordon Hill quite rightly awarded a



John Collins fires in a shot as the Millwall defenders back-track.

goal kick which Davie played out to Keith Allen on the right. Allen looked up to see both Sheffield and Macdonald advancing on the Millwall goal and slung over a long cross from 40 yards out.

The cross skewed off the outside of his boot and sailed over the head of King into the net for a rather fortunate goal. Three minutes later the final whistle sounded and the triumphant players trooped off to hear Allen swear that he meant it as a shot!

Luton (first game): Read, Dougan, Bannister, Keen, Branston, Slough (Lewis), Collins, Macdonald, Sheffield, Allen, French.

Millwall (first game): King, Brown, Nichols, Jacks, Kitchener, Burnett, Possee, Neil, Weller, Bolland, Dunphy (Dear).

Luton (second game): Davie, Dougan, Bannister, Keen, Branston, Slough, Collins, Macdonald, Sheffield, Allen, French.

Millwall (second game): King, Brown, Nichols, Jacks, Kitchener, Burnett, Possee, Bolland, Weller, Dear, Neil.

Roger Wash

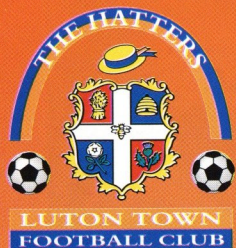
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With everyone now back at school our NTL School Visit Project is back in full swing with our coaches visiting schools throughout Herts and Beds. In fact visits are already planned for schools in Ampthill, Leighton Buzzard, Hitchin, Luton and Dunstable. The project is jointly funded by NTL and Sportsmatch and aims to provide curriculum time PE and football coaching in schools to youngsters of all abilities. We're well on our way to reaching a total of some 20,000

youngsters who will have benefited from the scheme over the last couple of years and our aim is to reach more and more youngsters each term. Although we have visited over 150 schools in our area there are still schools we've not yet reached - if you're reading this and think you might be one of them why not give us a ring at the Club and we would be pleased to answer any questions you may have or arrange for our coaches to visit.



MARSH FARM FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Over the last twelve weeks our Community and Schools coaches have spent their Friday evenings coaching over 100 youngsters from the Marsh Farm Estate on Lea Manor Sports Centre, astro turf pitch. The coaching course finished with a finals tournament last Friday and winners and runners up together with individual awards were presented with their trophies. We were pleased to have invited many of the youngsters to our home games this season as a reward for good behavior over the twelve weeks along with the Marsh Farm Sports and Social Group members who organised the SRB funding for the project together with Luton Borough Council. As a Club we were once again delighted to work so successfully with a local community group in partnership with Luton Borough Council and we especially hope to continue our relationship with the youngsters from the estate through their local schools who will be receiving visits through our NTL sponsored project.

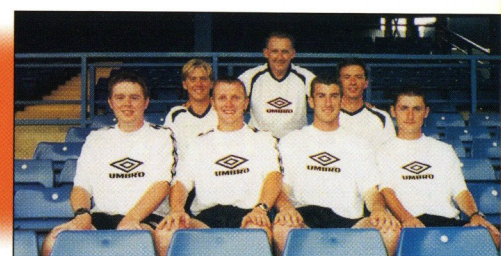
Any other local groups or schools who feel we can help or who would like us to visit are invited to contact our Community & Schools Department at the Club on 01582 411622 - we will always try to help.

Pictured are some of the youngsters from the course.



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Listed below are our venues for week commencing Monday 23rd October

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Monday and Tuesday 23rd and 24th October
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Monday to Friday 23rd to 27th October
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Wednesday to Friday 25th to 27th October
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Junior Hatters

WE GIVE a warm welcome today to all Junior Hatters, and to Dave Coates and his youngsters from the Junior Lions, and it is a pity that we have not been able to entertain them in the usual way at our Saturday club.



We give a special welcome to Millwall's mascot, 12-year-old Jason Wardell, who lives at Wellingborough and plays for Rushden Rangers, but comes from a family of Londoners who have always supported Millwall. His favourite player is Millwall striker Neil Harris and as a season ticket holder at the New Den, Jason is following in the footsteps of his father Mark.

Our Saturday Club will be in business again at our next home match, against Brentford on October 21. We intend to stage another penalty shoot-out competition during the interval at that match, and are looking for volunteers to take part. We want six "teams" of one Junior Hatter plus a dad, or mum, ready to try their luck from 12 yards against Happy Harry. Please contact the Junior Hatters headquarters, in the club shop in Kenilworth Road, if you are interested.

As the Town's next three away fixtures are in midweek, we will not be running Junior Hatters coaches to Cambridge, Oxford or Oldham but we hope there will be a trip to Bury on November 4. More information will be given in the Brentford matchday magazine.



IT'S an early birthday present today for Thomas Ellis, the Junior Hatters mascot, because he will be 12 in a few weeks. He lives at Chiltern Road, Barton, and goes to Bedford Modern School. He likes watching and playing football - he turns out for Amptill Boys

under-12 team - and is also fond of cricket and swimming.

Thomas normally comes to games with his mum and granddad, but today he is very much part of the entertainment, and his "duties" include meeting the team before kick-off and joining them on the pitch before kick-off. His favourite player is Mark Ovendale.

Our ball boys today are Joseph Lionetti of 3 Cutcliffe Grove, Bedford and Adam Jellis of 1 St Peters Close, Flitwick.



CENTRE STAGE: George Kemp, from Moor Lane, Flitwick, was the mascot for the match against Sunderland, and is pictured with the skippers and officials before kick-off.

The other group is from the Swindon game, when the Robins

brought their lucky mascot, to join two from Luton, Jordan Bowden, representing the Junior Hatters, and Conor Gargan, who was commercial mascot the day after his seventh birthday.



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We're Up and Running!

The Club's official web site **www.lutontown.co.uk** was successfully launched on Saturday 30 September 2000 at midday. The site has been designed to keep supporters informed with the very latest and up to the minute news from Kenilworth Road. Chairman, Mike Watson-Challis, said "It is essential that the Club has an open line of communication with our supporters. Without them we would not exist. Our first step to improving the channels of communication was to appoint Yvonne Fletcher to the Board as a representative of the supporters. Now with the launch of the official web site supporters worldwide not only are able to get the latest official news, but have an opportunity to have a greater interaction with the Club."

The site includes news stories and interviews, player profiles, match reports, ticket information and a photo gallery that is packed with loads of action photos plus a whole lot more.

In the coming weeks there will be a web shop which will enable supporters to purchase official club merchandise from the comfort of their own home. Check out **www.lutontown.co.uk** everyday to find out what's going on at the town.



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Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

OVER the years there have been literally thousands of different footballers featured on various cigarette and trade card issues. As well as the star names, many have been journeymen players who were hardly known outside their own clubs' fans, and a case in point is today's subject. In fact Jimmy Jinks might well be a name that means more to the supporters of today's visitors than to Luton fans.

An archetypal big, bustling centre-forward from the 1940s, Jinks featured on card No. 361 of A & J Donaldson's mammoth series of "Sports Favourites." The Glasgow-based concern issued these cards in the early 1950s, retailing them through newsagents and toy shops throughout Scotland. They sold in blocks of eight cards for three old pence. Many of these items that survive bear the marks of being stapled, the reason being that if you collected a sufficient number they could be exchanged for certain toys. No-one is quite sure how many different subjects were actually produced in this series, but over 500 have now been logged.

Born in Camberwell, Jimmy Jinks joined Millwall in 1938, which meant that like so many of his contemporaries his career was severely disrupted by the second world war. However, he did have a taste of glory in April 1945, when he played for the Lions in a war-time cup final against Chelsea, in front of 90,000 fans. Alas, there was no happy ending for him because Chelsea won 2-0.

When normal league soccer was resumed the following year Jinks established himself as a first choice for Millwall, and scored 17 goals in 44 matches. In August 1948 he moved on to Fulham, but after a bright start soon found himself overlooked. In the 1949/50 campaign he figured in only two games, so when Luton came in for him in March he was grateful for

another chance of first-team football.

Luton had been struggling at the wrong end of the old Second Division for most of that season, a major factor being their inability to score goals. They saw the experienced and powerfully-built Jinks as the ideal man to get them clear of relegation, and he went straight into the side that faced Bury at home on March 4. Although he did not score, he was instrumental in the Town achieving their first victory since the previous December. He played in the next three matches, all of which yielded valuable

points, before illness forced him out. In the end Luton avoided the drop with five points to spare. Unfortunately, the following season soon followed a similar pattern. Jinks was recalled for the home match with Hull in September and scored his first goal for the club in a 2-1 defeat. He also scored the following week at Barnsley, but the home side hit six at the other end and after the Hatters failed to win any of their next three games they were firmly anchored at the foot of the table and manager Dally Duncan axed the big centre forward.

Several players were tried in the number nine shirt before Bernard Moore made the position his own in the final dozen games of the season, and Jinks never again appeared for the first

team. This time survival was only guaranteed on the penultimate Saturday of a season which yielded only nine league victories. Jinks moved on to assist Aldershot for a brief spell the following season, before retiring. He died in 1981. Despite the large number of cards appearing in this series - Luton's Tommy Kiernan also featured - they are now much sought after by collectors and are not easy to obtain, changing hands for anything up to a tenner each.

Alan Robinson

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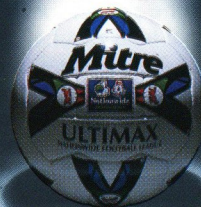
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Action Replay

Luton Town 1 Sunderland 2 (HT 0-2) (Aggregate 1-5)

VISITING manager Peter Reid went home feeling very relieved after his Premiership hopefuls had sneaked into the third round of the Worthington Cup. He admitted that on the night the Town had been the better side, and deserved to win the game. He castigating his own men, having fielded a reserve side and asked them to prove they were good enough for first team places. They were never allowed to do so by a spirited Town display, with the crowd responding to create a great atmosphere, despite the result.

Three days after being jeered off the field after a home defeat against Swindon, the beaten cup-tie team was cheered to the echo, with supporters realising how close the team had come to causing a massive upset after a 3-0 reverse at the Stadium of Light.

Peter Thomson came in for the injured Mark Stein, while Paul McLaren returned to stiffen the defence, and with Adam Locke and Matthew Spring digging in in midfield, the Town were full of purpose and determination.

Reid knew we could have scored twice in the opening 20 minutes, which might have made it very interesting. Goalkeeper Jurgen Macho denied the bustling Thomson, with a spread that looked close to being a penalty, then made a superb save from the live-wire Liam George.

The crowd responded to the spectacle of a Town side with every man straining every muscle, and it was cruel that both Sunderland goals came from lucky breaks which few defences could have coped with. Tresor Kandol's soaring header in the last minute was the least the Town deserved for their tremendous efforts.



NOT THIS TIME: Liam George in the thick of the action as Sunderland come under pressure.

Match Details

Town: Ovendale, Boyce, Watts, Fraser, Spring, Taylor, McLaren, Locke, George, Kandol, Thomson (Brennan 81 mins). Unused subs: Holmes, Ayres, Breitenfelder, Abbey.

Booked: Adam Locke, 10 mins, foul on Alex Rae.

Sunderland: Macho, McCartney, Clark, Roy (Thomas Butler 70 mins), Williams (McGill HT), Paul Butler, Rae, Thirlwell, Oster, Reddy (Nunez 60 mins), Dichio. Unused subs: Fredgaard, Marriott.

Booked: No-one.

The goals: 0-1 30 mins - Mike Reddy shot from ten yards after Dan Dichio's back-heel dropped into his path; 0-2 38 mins - Paul Butler shot, after Eric Roy's drive from outside the box following a corner rebounded kindly for the Sunderland skipper; 1-2 89 mins - Tresor Kandol, far post header from left wing corner by Matthew Spring.

Referee: Rob Harris.

Attendance: 5,262 including 1,366 Sunderland fans.

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Action Replay

Bristol Rovers 3 Luton Town 3 (HT2-1)

BOTH managers complained that while a point each was fair enough, better defending would have made it three. But for Ricky Hill there was the bonus of seeing more substantial flashes of good football by the Town. We still need it in greater measure in every game, but on a ground where we have never won the team performance again gave supporters cause for optimism.

And if the Memorial Stadium has been unlucky for the Town - remember Julian James? - it is much to the liking of Tresor Kandol. He made his league debut there 18 months ago, scored his first senior goal there in the Worthington Cup in August last year, and on Saturday went one better, with the first league double of his career.

Rovers, the only unbeaten side in the division, were more clinical than the Town in taking chances - three goals from four on-target attempts - but the Town produced more attacking flair, and also the resilience and spirit to twice come back from two goals down.

The Town kicked off with the side which had performed so well against Sunderland, but the manager made two changes at half-time, taking

off Peter Thomson to restore Mark Stein after injury, and replacing Stuart Fraser with Gavin McGowan, whose first appearance of the season was needed to prevent Mark Walters waltzing down the Rovers left wing with little hindrance. McGowan's arrival turned out to be crucial, as the team built on the boost of a stoppage-time goal by Kandol after Rovers had gone two up. Kandol had also seen a header clip the top of the bar, but the prospects were as gloomy as the sudden storm that overwhelmed the ground just as Rovers got their third goal, with half an hour to play.

Perhaps they thought that was the end of the contest, but the Town had other ideas, and Kandol's second goal after 72 minutes was the sign for the Town to look much the better side, and the final touch of class was provided by Liam George, with a stunning strike from the angle of the penalty area.

Matthew Taylor had to make a late clearance off the line to preserve equality, but Rovers manager Ian Holloway admitted: "While we were in a winning position twice, I don't think we deserved to win, and full credit to Luton for not buckling."

Match Details

Town: Ovendale, Fraser (McGowan HT), Boyce, McLaren, Watts, Taylor, Locke, Spring (Holmes 79 mins), George, Thomson (Stein HT), Kandol. Unused subs: Brennan, Abbey.

Booked: Gavin McGowan, 68 mins, foul on Nathan Ellington.

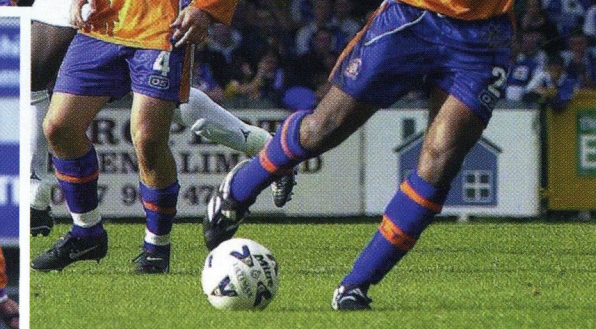
Bristol Rovers: Culkin, Bignot, Jones, Foster, Wilson, Walters (Dagnogo 63 mins), Bryant, Hogg, Astafjevs, Ellis (Challis 49 mins), Ellington (Plummer 72 mins). Unused subs: Foran, Glennon.

Booked: No-one.

The Goals: 1-0 14 mins - Marcus Bignot crossed high from the right, Mark Ovendale tried and failed to reach it, and Steve Foster headed in; 2-0 31 minutes - Mark Walters went past Stuart Fraser down the Rovers left wing and crossed for Nathan Ellington to head home; 2-1 45 mins - Rovers' turn for defensive uncertainty as they failed to deal with a corner by Matthew Taylor and challenges by Matthew Spring and Liam George, and Tresor Kandol side-footed in; 3-1 60 mins - Bignot's low cross met by a good turn and shot into the net from the edge of the box by Ellington; 3-2 72 mins - Gavin McGowan's cross from the right "cleared" by Foster to Mark Stein and rebounded to Kandol, who accepted the gift with an instant shot; 3-3 83 mins - the goal of the game, lashed in from the angle of the penalty area by Liam George after taking quick control of a pass by Adam Locke, and while defenders waited in vain for George to take them on again.

Referee: George Cain.

Attendance: 7,901, including 333 away supporters.



Top - GOING FOR IT: Determination could hardly be better illustrated than by Matthew Taylor in full cry

Above - HAPPY RETURN: Gavin McGowan gets stuck in during his first league appearance of the season.

Left - UP FOR IT: Tresor Kandol competing with Rovers central defender Che Wilson.

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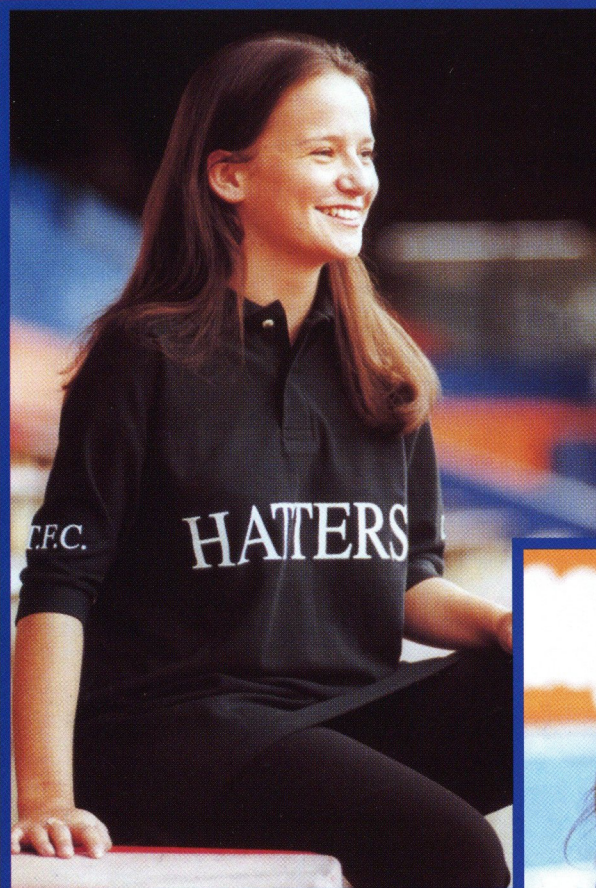
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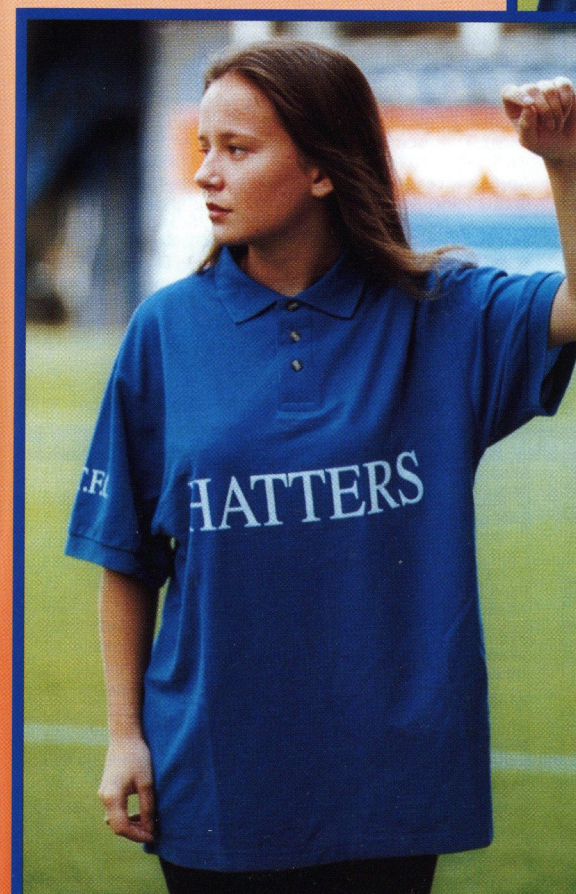


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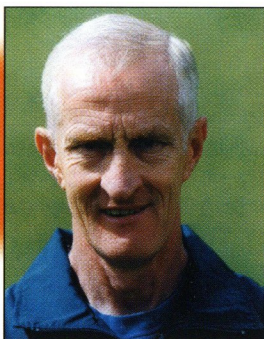
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The Reserves

John Moore



Luton Town 4
Fulham 1

A GOOD result gave some pleasure at Kenilworth Road, but also some disappointment - we were four up at the interval, but failed to keep going, with too many players thinking the job was done and turning off mentally.

Peter Thomson enjoyed the afternoon, scoring a hat-trick of well-taken goals as he works to get up to speed with the demands of football in this country.

Fulham fielded a young side, and they showed the Jean Tigana influence, trying to play football in all areas. It was nice and pretty at times, but carried no real attacking threat,

and for the first 45 minutes they failed to get behind us. Thomson hit his first goal within a minute of kick-off, taking his chance after a bit of a goalmouth scramble, and within three minutes we were two up. John Carroll whipped in an excellent corner to the near post, and Dean Brennan got the touch for a very good goal.

Thomson used his strength well to net twice more, the second being an example of Fulham's emphasis on pretty football in all areas - their goalkeeper rolled a goal kick to a defender, and Thomson robbed him and shot accurately. Our goalkeeper did not have a save to make in the first 45 minutes, but we went off the boil in the second half, which was something of a non-event except for a silly penalty conceded by Jude Stirling's foul which gave Fulham a consolation goal from the spot.

It might be harsh on young players to criticise a team that wins 4-1, and in one sense I can understand professional footballers knowing they have a game won and need not do too much more. But reserve football is about improving your ability, mental as well as physical, and doing the right things for 90 minutes. The instruction to the team at half-time was to keep it up, and try to score another four goals.

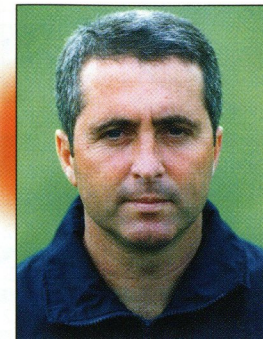
We included a couple more trialists, Andy Rose from Harrow Borough, and Passi Pihamma, a midfielder from Finland. Both did OK, without really stamping their personalities on the game.

Luton Town: Abbey, Rose, Carroll, Breitenfelder, Stirling (Dogbe 75 mins), Gray, Pihamma, Holmes (Standen 75 mins), Thomson (Clarke 65 mins), Brennan, Scarlett.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Ayres 4, Abbey 4, Breitenfelder 4, Stirling 4, Brennan 3, Carter 3, Standen 2(3), Glasgow 2(2), Minton 2(1), Kandol 2, Scarlett 2, Carroll 2, McGowan 1, Ward 1, Mortara 1, Fraser 1, Murfin 1, Codner 1, Dogbe 1(1), Tait 1, Onachie 1, Locke 1, Dickie 1, Walker 1, Carham 1, Joynson 1, Mason 1, Showunmi 1, Rose 1, Gray 1, Pihamma 1, Holmes 1, Thomson 1, Mansell (1), Clarke (1), Newell (1).

Goals: Brennan 3, Thomson 3, Kandol 2, Carter 1, Ayres 1 pen.

WE HAVE another home game on Wednesday, with Crystal Palace the opposition at Kenilworth Road, kick-off 2pm.



Youth Soccer

Paul Lowe

Luton Town 1
Cambridge Utd 2

A POOR start cost us dear, but although we suffered our second defeat of the season in the Football League Youth Alliance, there were some plus points in our overall performance. Injuries prevented us fielding our strongest team, and we had only trialists and schoolboys on the bench to meet league leaders who boast the division's only 100 per cent record.

A strong wind did little to help either side play good football. Cambridge had it behind them in the first half, and twice they got behind us to score goals in the 20th and 30th minutes. Our worry then was that our team might fold up, and we hoped it would be no worse than 2-0 at the interval.

Instead, we put together a very good move two minutes before half-time, with Lee Mansell switching the ball to Steven Dogbe, and he slid in a good pass for Chris Dillon to score with a right-foot drive to maintain a good run - he has scored in each of the last four matches, and his ratio is a goal a game.

It was a real boost to get back into the game just before the interval, and after the break Cambridge did not look anything like

as confident as we competed well.

Steven O'Leary and Marcus Jeffrey were sent on as subs ten minutes into the second half to change things, and both did well, and we had more of the game territorially than the visitors. Unfortunately we could not create really good openings, with half a dozen half-chances cropping up from goalmouth incidents and none being taken.

The Cambridge coaching staff were on edge for most of the second half, agreeing with us that if we had been able to pull it back to 2-2 we would probably have gone on to win.

It was not to be, and while losing is never welcome, it was good to see that we showed the right attitude and commitment, and the character to keep going even after being two down.

Luton Town: Ward, Dogbe, Carroll, Bruce, Gillman, Osborne (O'Leary 55 mins), James-Barriteau, Mansell, Clarke (Jeffrey 55 mins), Dillon, Leary (Nurse 85).

WE were away to Barnet yesterday, and next Saturday we entertain Brighton. We play at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, Farley Hill, and kick-off is at 11 am. Spectators are welcome, and admission is free.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Ward 6, Gillman 6, Dogbe 6, Mansell 6, James-Barriteau 6, Carroll 5, Dillon 5, Clarke 4(1), Deeney 4, Bruce 4, Osborne 3(1), Mortara 3, Leary 2(1), O'Leary 1(5), Jeffrey 1(3), Meike 1(1), Nurse 1(1), Carter 1, Minton 1, Ramirez 0(1),
Goals: Dillon 5, Carroll 1, James-Barriteau 1.

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	H	2-0	Dillon 2	
16	Northampton	A	1-1	Dillon pen	
23	Cambridge	H	1-2	Dillon	

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
Cambridge Utd	6	6	0	0	16	6	18
Brighton	6	4	1	1	10	4	13
Brentford	6	4	0	2	14	8	12
Southend	6	3	1	2	14	16	10
Wycombe Wdrs	6	2	3	1	10	5	9
Leyton Orient	6	2	1	3	13	8	4
Colchester	5	2	1	2	8	7	7
Luton Town	6	1	3	2	7	10	6
Gillingham	5	1	2	2	6	12	5
Portsmouth	6	1	2	3	8	14	5
Barnet	6	0	2	4	6	13	2
Northampton	6	0	2	4	4	13	2

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		postponed	
Wed 20	Gillingham (LC)	H	1-1	Ayres pen	
Tues 26	QPR	A		postponed	

OCT					
Wed 4	Fulham	H	4-1	Thomson 3, Brennan	
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		

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Division 2 2000/01 Ave. Attendances

	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000	12000	14000
Bournemouth	3,876						
Brentford	4,975						
Bristol City	9,598						
Bristol Rovers	8,019						
Bury	3,461						
Cambridge	3,916						
Colchester	3,685						
Luton	5,657						
Millwall	9,272						
Northampton	5,851						
Notts County	4,827						
Oldham	4,603						
Oxford	4,818						
Peterborough	6,321						
Port Vale	5,001						
Reading	10,759						
Rotherham	4,167						
Stoke	12,731						
Swansea	6,503						
Swindon	5,894						
Walsall	5,810						
Wigan	5,848						
Wrexham	4,108						
Wycombe	5,267						

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League Scorers: the difference their goals made

		Gls	Gms	GI/Gm	W>L	W>D	D>L	Pts	Run	Dry
Walsall	Angell	5	10	0.50	1	1	1	6	1	3
Wigan	Haworth	6	9	0.67	1	1	1	6	2	2
Millwall	Harris	7	7	1.00	0	2	1	5	3	1
Notts County	Stallard	5	10	0.50	0	2	1	5	3	3
Brentford	Scott	4	9	0.44	1	0	1	4	1	3
Northampton	Forrester	5	8	0.63	0	1	2	4	1	2
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	5	8	0.63	0	0	3	3	3	3
Cambridge	Youngs	6	9	0.67	0	1	1	3	3	4
Reading	Cureton	7	8	0.88	0	1	1	3	3	2
Rotherham	Robins	6	9	0.67	0	1	1	3	2	2
Swindon	Williams	2	5	0.40	1	0	0	3	1	3
Wrexham	Sam	6	9	0.67	0	1	1	3	5	3
Wycombe	Brown	3	10	0.30	0	1	1	3	1	4
Bournemouth	Fletcher S	4	10	0.40	0	0	2	2	1	3
Bury	Littlejohn	2	10	0.20	0	1	0	2	1	6
Colchester	Lock	2	9	0.22	0	0	2	2	2	6
Luton	Kandol	3	7	0.43	0	0	2	2	1	5
Peterborough	Green	3	10	0.30	0	0	2	2	2	5
Bristol City	Thorpe	2	8	0.25	0	0	1	1	1	5
Stoke	Thordarson	3	9	0.33	0	0	1	1	3	3
Oldham	Corazzin	2	9	0.22	0	0	0	0	1	4
Oxford	Beauchamp	2	9	0.22	0	0	0	0	1	6
Port Vale	Naylor	3	7	0.43	0	0	0	0	2	4
Swansea	Bound	2	9	0.22	0	0	0	0	1	3

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

Division 2 General Stats

	PU	CS	FS		PU	CS	FS
Bournemouth	21	1	1	Oxford	24	1	6
Brentford	21	3	3	Peterborough	18	2	4
Bristol City	25	3	4	Port Vale	21	2	4
Bristol Rovers	23	3	1	Reading	24	4	3
Bury	22	6	2	Rotherham	20	3	0
Cambridge	18	3	2	Stoke	20	4	2
Colchester	19	3	4	Swansea	19	5	5
Luton	20	2	4	Swindon	21	2	4
Millwall	24	3	1	Walsall	18	3	2
Northampton	18	4	2	Wigan	22	3	3
Notts County	23	3	3	Wrexham	20	0	2
Oldham	22	1	3	Wycombe	17	5	4

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

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

Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate14,532 Stoke v Wycombe
Lowest Gate ...2,126 Wrexham v Rotherham
Highest Aggregate Score .Brentford 2-6 Bristol Rovers
Biggest Home Win ...Cambridge 6-1 Rotherham
....Reading 5-0 Oldham, Millwall 5-0 Oxford
Biggest Away Win .Brentford 2-6 Bristol Rovers

Wins Walsall 5
Games Unbeaten..... Bristol Rovers 8
Defeats..... Bristol City, Oxford 4
Winless Run..... Oldham 9
Games: 112
Home Wins: 40 (36%)
Away Wins: 40 (36%)
Draws: 32 (28%)
1-1 Draws: 17 (15%)
0-0 Draws: 9 (8%)
Average goals per game: 2.58
Yellow cards: 329
Red cards: 17

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	3	1	2	1	0	Oxford	Beauchamp	1	1	0	1	0
Brentford	Scott	3	1	2	1	0	Peterborough	Green	3	2	3	0	0
Bristol City	Thorpe	2	1	2	0	0	Port Vale	Naylor	2	2	1	1	0
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	4	1	3	1	0	Reading	Cureton	5	3	4	0	1
Bury	Littlejohn	2	1	2	0	0	Rotherham	Robins	5	3	4	1	0
Cambridge	Youngs	4	1	2	2	0	Stoke	Thordarson	3	1	3	0	0
Colchester	Lock	2	1	2	0	0	Swansea	Bound	2	2	2	0	0
Luton	Kandol	2	0	1	1	0	Swindon	Williams	1	0	0	1	0
Millwall	Harris	5	2	4	0	1	Walsall	Angell	4	1	3	1	0
Northampton	Forrester	4	3	3	1	0	Wigan	Haworth	4	3	3	0	1
Notts County	Stallard	5	2	5	0	0	Wrexham	Sam	5	2	4	1	0
Oldham	Corazzin	2	0	2	0	0	Wycombe	Brown	3	2	3	0	0

GS=Number of Games Scored by 1st Gl; GS=Games Scored by 1st Gl; 1 Gl=Games Scored by 1 Gl; 2 Gls=Games Scored by 2 Gls; 3 Gls=Games Scored by 3 Gls

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

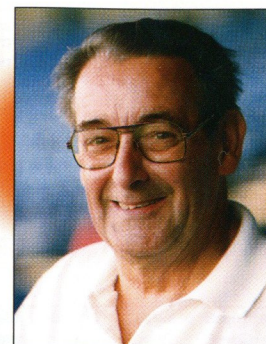
Referee's Report

	Gm	Red	Yell	Av.Yell
Fletcher	5	0	25	5.00
Olivier	6	3	29	4.83
Prosser	5	3	24	4.80
Hall	6	5	28	4.67
Jordan	5	2	23	4.60
Hill	5	0	22	4.40
Mathieson	5	0	22	4.40
Dowd	6	5	26	4.33
Foy	6	2	26	4.33
Bates	4	0	17	4.25
Wilkes	5	1	20	4.00
Barry	3	0	11	3.67
Curson	5	2	17	3.40
Parkes	5	1	17	3.40

Division 2 Results Grid

	HOME GOALS
	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
0	9 10 7 4 4 2
1	18 17 2 4 1 2 1
2	5 4 4 3
3	1 4 2 2
4	4 1
5	
6	1
7	
8	

Grid shows the number of games ending with each results, e.g. 18 matches have resulted in a 1-0 away win



2nd Division Brian Swain

THERE were groans all round at the Memorial Stadium, except from

the away end, when news came through that Bristol City had beaten bottom club Oxford Utd 1-0 at the Manor Ground. Rovers fans prefer to enjoy City defeats, while for the Town fans it meant that we had dropped another notch in the Second Division table.

City's second victory of the season, and their first since an opening day success against Wrexham, shot them five places up from bottom but one. It was all too much for Dennis Smith, manager since last February, who resigned 48 hours later. Mike Ford is the caretaker boss, with Oxford inviting applications from outsiders willing to take over at a club which has taken just four points from the first 30.

At the other end of the table, Walsall seem to be unstoppable. Their only defeat in ten outings was at Bury in early September, and at the Bescot they were ruthless in disposing of Notts County in a 5-1 romp.

The day's only other home winners were Brentford, 3-2 against Bournemouth. The Bees, our next league visitors, should have enjoyed it - they had not won a league game at Griffin Park in

13 attempts since last January, when they disposed of Blackpool.

Today's visitors were impressive 4-1 winners at Peterborough, a nice result in his first league game in charge for manager Mark McGhee. Formerly at Reading, Leicester and Wolves, he has taken over from previous joint bosses Keith Stevens and Alan McCleary. He is keeping his coaching staff in place, including our old friend Ray Harford. I for one look forward to a reunion today with the manager who gave us so much pleasure at Wembley in 1988.

Other ex-Town men who are now managers in the Second Division had mixed results: Colin Todd and Bruce Rioch were in opposition at the County Ground, where Wigan kept up their promotion challenge with a 2-2 draw, returning Swindon to the bottom four, one place and one point above us, but with two games in hand.

Danny Wilson's pleasure with Bristol City was in marked contrast to Brian Horton's day as Port Vale slumped to their fifth defeat out of nine, at home to Wycombe.

And there was another ex-Luton man who had a mixed day in last Saturday's football - John Dreyer netted an own goal for Oldham at Boundary Park, but Cambridge, our next opponents, had already wrapped up the game with two goals by Tom Youngs and one by Alex Russell.

Cambridge have a rest this weekend, having agreed to postpone their visit to Wrexham until November. Nationwide League clubs had a choice of dates when yesterday's programme was rescheduled on the day England played Germany in the World Cup, with the result that the Second Division programme was split between Friday evening and this afternoon.

Because of printing schedules, the accompanying league table does not include Friday's games, Bristol City v Bournemouth, Bury v Bristol Rovers, Colchester v Walsall, Wigan v Reading and Wycombe v Notts County.

Brian Swain

Nationwide Division Two Table

	HOME						AWAY						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Walsall	10	4	1	0	14	6	3	1	1	8	5	23	
Bury	10	3	1	1	6	4	3	1	1	6	3	20	
Reading	10	4	1	0	19	4	2	0	3	4	6	19	
Wigan	9	4	0	0	8	3	1	3	1	5	5	18	
Wycombe	10	3	1	1	7	3	2	2	1	3	2	18	
Cambridge	9	3	0	2	11	5	2	2	0	6	3	17	
Millwall	8	3	0	2	9	3	2	1	0	9	5	16	
Stoke	9	2	2	1	8	2	2	2	0	7	5	16	
Bristol Rovers	8	0	3	0	4	4	3	2	0	13	5	14	
Northampton	9	2	2	0	6	3	2	0	3	4	4	14	
Rotherham	10	1	1	3	6	9	3	1	1	7	8	14	
Colchester	10	1	2	2	5	5	1	3	1	4	4	11	
Wrexham	9	1	0	4	5	10	2	2	0	9	5	11	
Swansea	9	1	1	2	4	4	2	1	2	4	6	11	
Notts County	10	0	2	3	6	9	3	0	2	4	6	11	
Peterborough	10	1	2	2	5	9	2	0	3	5	7	11	
Brentford	9	1	3	1	6	9	1	2	1	4	7	11	
Bristol City	8	0	1	3	2	5	2	1	1	3	1	8	
Bournemouth	10	1	3	1	7	5	0	2	3	5	9	8	
Port Vale	9	2	1	2	7	3	0	1	3	2	11	8	
Swindon	8	0	2	1	3	6	2	0	3	4	10	8	
Luton	10	1	1	3	3	6	0	3	2	6	11	7	
Oldham	10	1	1	3	6	9	0	2	3	5	13	6	
Oxford Utd	10	1	1	3	2	4	0	0	5	3	18	4	

Today's other 2nd Division Fixtures

Peterborough v Port Vale
Rotherham v Oldham
Swindon v Oxford

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Statistics Fixtures

2000 / 2001

	Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers	League Place	Attd.	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 Town	H 3pm 0-2		19	6,712	Abbey Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Tue 12	Walsall	H 7.45pm 0-0		19	4,362	Abbey Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Sat 16	Swansea City	A 3pm 0-4		20	6,011	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Tue 19	Sunderland WC2(1)	A 7.45pm 0-3		20	24,668	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 23	Swindon Town	H 3pm 2-3	Stein, George	21	4,933	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Tue 26	Sunderland WC2(2)	H 7.45pm 1-2	Kandol	21	5,262	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 30	Bristol Rov	A 3pm 3-3	Kandol 2, George	22	7,901	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
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				
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				
DECEMBER	Sat 2	Stoke City	A 3pm				
DECEMBER	Sat 9	FAC2	A 3pm				
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	Sat 13	Wycombe	H 3pm				
JANUARY	Sat 20	Peterborough	A 3pm				
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				
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				

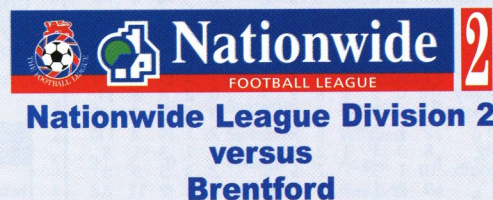
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FANS ON THE MOVE

INCREDIBLY, for a game which they must have thought was already over, 1,366 Sunderland supporters were at the midweek Worthington Cup tie at Kenilworth Road, the biggest away following of the season so far.

Visitors to Luton	Away-day Hatters
Notts Co606	Wigan640
Peterborough (WC)360	Wycombe1,266
Bournemouth539	Rotherham603
Northampton1,240	Peterborough (WC)908
Walsall313	Swansea285
Swindon531	Sunderland (WC)332
Sunderland (WC)1,366	Bristol Rovers333
Total:4,9554,367
Average:708624

Next Home Match



Saturday 21st October

Kick Off: 3pm

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; Kandol for Stein 113. Unused: Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes for Spring 75; Kandol for Brennan 60. Unused: Locke, Stirling, Brietenfelder.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	Thomson	George for Brennan 52; Kandol for Thomson 72; Holmes for Scarlett 82. Unused: Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	Stirling	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George for Stein 75. Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Thomson, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George for Stein 70; Thomson for Kandol 70. Unused: Brennan, Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Locke for Spring 66; Thomson for Kandol 72. Unused: Brennan, Ayres, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	Brennan for Thomson 81. Unused: Holmes, Breitenfelder, Ayres, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	Mc Gowan for Fraser HT; Stein for Thomson HT; Holmes for Spring 79. Unused: Brennan, Abbey

Town Teaser

OUR "Town Trivia" quiz offers a little prize to one lucky supporter at every match. The question at the last home game was about the striker who played for Sunderland after leaving Kenilworth Road, and the answer was Phil Gray.

This afternoon 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. And if you don't know the answer, it is to be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Today's Question

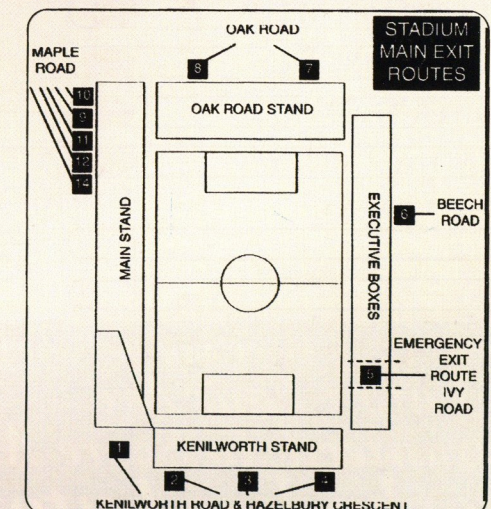
WHO was recently caretaker manager of Millwall, having once been manager at Luton Town ?

EVACUATION PROCEDURE

IN THE event of any emergency in the stadium, Luton Town FC and the emergency services have agreed on an evacuation procedure which is designed to ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the crowd, and to ensure their safe dispersal from the area, to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks.

In the event of evacuation from all or part of the stadium, you will receive instructions over the public address system on how you should leave. In an evacuation of the main stand you will be instructed to use the pitch. Stewards will direct you to the nearest exit. It may be that your normal exit route will not be available. On leaving the stadium, you will find some roads closed to pedestrians, to enable swift and unobstructed access for the emergency services. Please leave the area of the ground as quickly as possible, by the route directed. Your co-operation will be most appreciated.

Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.



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Millwall FC



Manager : Ricky Hill

MARK OVENDALE

EMMERSON BOYCE

JULIAN WATTS

PAUL McLAREN

GAVIN McGOWAN

MATTHEW TAYLOR

MATTHEW SPRING

ADAM LOCKE

LIAM GEORGE

TRESJOR KANDOL

MARK STEIN

Substitutes

DEAN BRENNAN

PETER HOLMES

JUDE STIRLING

PETER THOMSON

NATHAN ABBEY

Changes

Today's Officials

Referee:

Alan Wiley

Assistants:

K. A. Friend (red flag)

M. Tingey (yellow and red flag)

Fourth Official:

G. Young, Dunstable



Manager: Mark McGhee

TONY WARNER

MATT LAWRENCE

STUART NETHERCOTT

SEAN DYCHE

ROBBIE RYAN

LUCAS NEILL

TIM CAHILL

DAVE LIVERMORE

CHRISTOPHE KINET

NEIL HARRIS

SAM PARKIN

Substitutes

DAVID TUTTLE

PAUL IFILL

LEKE ODUNSI

KEVIN BRANIFF

WILLY GUERET

Changes

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