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Liam George in typical action,
pictured during the game at
Cambridge. See pages 38 and 39 for
a report and more pictures.

Inside Forward

AFTER one deal went wrong at the last minute, manager Ricky Hill was this week working quietly on overtures that might bring in at least one experienced player to give him and his squad a lift.

No details were given, beyond the fact that the boss has identified two possible targets who might fit the bill, probably as loan signings. The need to keep cards close to chests was underlined when one deal fell apart after it was all but signed and sealed.

The Town were poised to sign Northampton defender Ian Hendon. The clubs agreed a £55,000 fee, and after protracted negotiations with the 28-year-old wing-back and his agent, and a medical, hands were shaken and Hendon left Kenilworth Road saying he would be back the following day to start training with his new club.

A Londoner, and former England under-21 international, he was a YTS boy at Spurs, before moving to Leyton Orient, then Notts County, and to Northampton 18 months ago.

But after agreeing a deal, but not signing any agreements, Hendon was contacted by Sheffield Wednesday, and the next the Town knew he had signed for them, to play in a side battling against relegation from the First Division. "I'm not exactly thrilled about what has happened," said the Town boss, with some ironic understatement.

In the circumstances, it was hardly surprising that this week the manager's latest targets were being kept secret.

He said he was keen to add more experience to his squad, though also delighted at the latest news on the injury front. As reported elsewhere in this issue, Marvin Johnson, Stuart Douglas and Andrew Fotiadis are all on the way back after injuries.

ONE change was announced by the club this week, with a statement on Thursday confirming that assistant manager Chris Ramsey had left by mutual consent. The statement added: "Manager Ricky Hill will assume total responsibility for the first team, with Lil Fuccillo assisting him on a day to day basis."

The Town are also about to lose their physio. Clive Goodyear is taking a job with Cardiff City, where the general manager is Bobby Gould, his boss at Wimbledon when Clive picked up an FA Cup-winners medal. His old playing mate Alan Cork is in charge of the first team at Ninian Park. The physio will stay at Kenilworth Road until the Town find a replacement.

Manager's "fixture"

RICKY Hill will meet supporters in the Eric Morecambe Suite on Thursday week, November 2. He will be guest speaker, and ready to listen to the fans, at the season's first open meeting of Luton Town Supporters Club. Accommodation is limited and at present admission tickets are available only to members of LTSC, price £2. They can be obtained from the supporters club kiosk before and after today's game, or on Town on Tour coaches. Any tickets still available next Saturday will go on general sale, at £5. You can, of course, save money for this and future speakers' evenings by joining LTSC for a modest donation of at least £7 per season.

Run for the Hatters

TIME is running out for anyone wishing to carry the Town colours in the Flora London Marathon on April 22 next year. A guaranteed place in the Football Challenge part of the race is available to the club, and we hope there will be one runner, man or woman, keen to represent us.

You will need to be keen and able to cope with a 26-mile slog around the streets of London, and the main objective is to raise money through sponsorship for charity.

If you are interested, please write to: Marathon Challenge, Programme Editor, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, LU4 8AW. Tell us a little about yourself, your athletic experience, and which good cause(s) you wish to support. Please include a phone number at which we can contact you, day-time or evening.

We will, or course, offer support from the club, and past experience shows that our fans are generous in their backing.

Lines of communication

THE Town's new web site is now attracting supporters in big numbers, with its mixture of news, views and match reports. The technology in the pressbox is fascinating - and alarming to old paper and typewriter men - as Geoff Stimson taps away on a lap-top computer to feed reports and pictures down the line to the web site. Try www.lutontown.co.uk to check out the comprehensive cover of Luton Town on offer.

By co-incidence Clubcall this week asked us to mention that they have recently upgraded their coverage of the Town, offering supporters day-by-day Kenilworth Road news down a phone line. A bonus for the club is that the Town receive a financial contribution out of the profits the service makes.

And supporters who like a good read may like to know that the latest book by club statistician Roger Wash is now on sale. See the club shop advert in today's magazine. And if you want the author's autograph on a copy, he will be in the shop next Saturday, before the Wrexham game, for a couple of hours from about 12.30.

WE express our sympathy with the family of Frank Albone, one of our most loyal supporters, who has died at the age of 75 after a battle with cancer. His son Nick, telling us of his death, said: "He was a regular at Kenilworth Road since coming out of the Air Force in 1946 until a couple of years ago. I myself caught the Luton bug from him, and we had season tickets together for many years. Nowadays I take my own son, William, to matches. "One of my last conversations with my father was to discuss the good result achieved at Bristol Rovers. "

Brian Swain



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The Manager Ricky Hill

WE CAME home very disappointed that we did not get the win

we wanted, and deserved, at Oxford on Tuesday, but I think the Luton supporters who saw the game will agree that there were positive signs to suggest we are capable of better results than we have had so far.

In the home game with Millwall one unlucky incident cost us a draw against a team that has been regularly winning by four goals. At Cambridge we were ahead, and looking comfortable, until an unlucky red card disrupted us, and we were beaten by a team which is in the top six.

We thought the referee was harsh, to say the least, but while we did not agree with his decision we had to get on with the job, and if we could have held out a little longer in the second half I think we might have got a point at least.

But the defending was not good enough when it mattered most, so we could not complain too much about being punished for lack of concentration or wrong decisions.

At Oxford, there was some good news, some not so good. It was very encouraging to see so many scoring chances created, particularly in the second half. It was pleasing to keep a clean sheet for the first time in eight games. The down side, of course, is that goals win games, and we failed to get one on a night when we might easily have had three or four. Their goalkeeper played exceptionally well, and our finishing was not as clinical as it should have been.

Disappointingly, we once again saw a performance that was not consistent enough for the 90 minutes. Our front three had a poor first half, and were told at half time to play it more simply, pass and move, and encourage others to join in. They responded, and we certainly had a much better second half, and were always looking more likely to score.

Looking likely is one thing. Doing it is another, and we all know that we are under pressure to get a victory this afternoon. The recent results have fallen short of what we want, but apart from the game at Swansea, when we were reduced to ten men, no-one has given us a hammering, and even the top team, Walsall, had to settle for a point when they were here five weeks ago.

Fortunately we are not adrift at the bottom of the table, painful though it is to see our current position. We have run some good teams close, and the need is to kick on. Narrow defeats are not good enough. They have to be turned into draws at least, and the draws need to become victories.

We were able to make a couple of team changes at Oxford, and the players involved, those brought in and those left out, all responded with the right attitude.

Marvin Johnson, Stuart Douglas and Andrew Fotiadis are all well on the way back to fitness after their injuries, so that will give us a few more options, and more competition for places as we face up to the challenge that faces us.

And we are not despondent about our prospects. I have seen enough flashes of good football to know that we can be a capable side. If we make it more than just flashes, as we should, we will be all right.

But time is not on our side: we cannot afford to allow the rest of the division to pull further ahead, and that means our home results have to improve dramatically. We have already lost more home games than would be acceptable for the entire season.

Brentford will give us a good test today, and it is a pleasure to welcome them and their supporters to Kenilworth Road. So far they are having a better season than us, but if we concentrate on our jobs, we can get the result which all of us who support Luton Town desire.

Ricky Hill

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The Hatters roll-call 2000-2001

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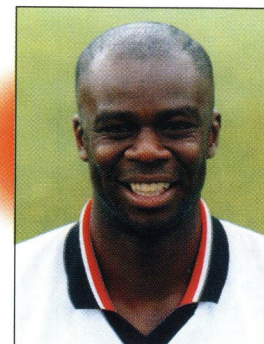
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Nathan Abbey	3	0	3	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	13	4	17	0	0	0
Dean Brennan	2(6)	1(1)	3(7)	0	0	0
Friedrich Breitenfelder	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0
Andrew Fotiadis	5	1	6	1	0	1
Stuart Fraser	6(2)	4	10(2)	0	0	0
Liam George	10(3)	3(1)	13(4)	2	0	2
Peter Holmes	6(5)	2(1)	8(6)	0	0	0
Marvin Johnson	2	0	2	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	6(4)	2(1)	8(5)	3	1	4
Adam Locke	8(2)	1(1)	9(3)	0	0	0
Gavin McGowan	3(1)	0	3(1)	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	11	4	15	0	0	0
Mark Ovendale	10	4	14	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	5(1)	2	7(1)	0	1	1
Matthew Spring	12	4	16	1p	0	1p
Mark Stein	12(1)	3	15(1)	2	1	3
Jude Stirling	1	0	1	0	0	0
Matthew Taylor	13	4	17	0	0	0
Peter Thomson	2(1)	1(1)	3(2)	0	0	0
Julian Watts	13	4	17	1	0	1

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Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson

THERE has not been too much to be cheerful about in

terms of results since I last wrote in these pages, but I hope I can be forgiven for being really cheerful for myself after some long-awaited good news this week.

Along with Stuart Douglas and Andrew Fotiadis I was able to play my first game for two months, with the reserves at Gillingham on Wednesday, and I can't tell you how good it is to be back in action. I played on the right of two centre-backs in a four-man defence, with a young trialist as the centre-half, and I was pleasantly surprised at how well I got through the game.

Stuart and Andrew were both subbed in the second half, but although I was offered the chance to come off I felt so comfortable that I completed the 90 minutes.

We got a 1-1 draw and only a diabolical refereeing decision prevented me from marking the occasion with a rare goal. I exchanged passes with Stuart and got into the box, with just the goalkeeper to beat. I figured he might bring me down, so I let him, but mysteriously the ref failed to see the clear penalty, so my big chance had gone. I would, of course, have insisted on taking the spot kick if it had been awarded!

I am delighted to report that I felt no after-effects from a game I thoroughly enjoyed. Your first one back after a long lay-off is always a touch nervy, but I felt good from the first minute, and it was a very good "fitness test."

The pace of the game was slower than in the Nationwide League, and of course with hardly any crowd there is no atmosphere. So it was a slightly gentle re-introduction, but nevertheless it was a competitive game, and I was able to tackle and run at full power and pace.

I now desperately hope to be able to play some part in today's game, but that of course is down to the manager. I have told him I think I am ready, and I want to get back into the team

because I think my experience can help us get over our poor start to the season. I expect the physio and club doctor will also be involved in decisions about me, Stuart and Andrew, but all three of us will be glad when the frustration is finally over and we are back in the first team squad.

It has been frustrating suffering with the team from the sidelines, and while our league table position is dreadful, I have seen enough from the stand to know that we can get out of trouble, and I am very confident we will, especially when we have a full complement of players for the boss to choose from.

Luck has been against us in recent games, and I am a believer in luck evening itself out over the course of a season. Cambridge had their luck when Matty Spring was harshly sent off, and Oxford could thank their lucky stars that their goalkeeper was in tremendous form on Tuesday.

I see that match reports are now available on the internet, and the official club site has earned some good reviews since it was started a couple of weeks ago.

But I have to voice my disgust at some of the things that appear on unofficial web sites. It is bad enough to read crude and cruel jibes, but there is no excuse for out and out lies. A so-called supporter claimed on a message board that Matty and Douglas were in the stand laughing when Cambridge scored their second goal. What an insult, that is. I was with them. It was simply not true - we all feel it badly when we lose, just as we all want to enjoy winning together. The author of that message was well out of order. I don't see how he could call himself a Luton Town supporter. I wonder if he is really a fan of our friends in Hertfordshire?

Anyway, I know the true supporters will be in the ground this afternoon. They have every right to voice their views, but with a bit of luck we will all have something to cheer about by this evening.

Marvin Johnson

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Treatment Room

Clive Goodyear

A RESERVE game at Gillingham on Wednesday gave us

more good news about our injured players, with three proving they are well on the way back after long-term lay-offs.

I gather Marvin Johnson has already said in his column today that he thinks he could return to the league team this afternoon, after getting comfortably through 90 minutes at Priestfields. Certainly his hamstring injury, sustained at Wigan way back in August, has healed, and he has worked hard to aid his recovery.

The same goes for Stuart Douglas and Andrew Fotiadis, who were also back in action at Gillingham. They, however, did not play the full game, mainly because forwards do a lot more running than defenders, and we wanted to be sure we did not ask them to do too much in their first appearances for some weeks.

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Douglas did 70 minutes with no sign of problems, and Fotiadis completed an hour before he began to tire. The game was a very good "fitness test" for all three, and I am glad to say that there were no after-effects for any of the three. Match fitness, however, is another matter, because there is a big difference between reserve team games and Second Division fixtures.

The three were all able to join in training sessions in the latter part of the week, but obviously they will be short of match practice and match fitness at present. I would not be surprised to see them involved again in next Wednesday's reserve game, at home to Cambridge.

While three are hoping to stay out of the treatment room, three others have been in this week. Paul McLaren was a late withdrawal from the team at Oxford because of an injury collected in training on Sunday. He took a kick on a calf muscle, and while it was not serious, it was bad enough to rule him out of Tuesday's match. By Thursday he was able to do a bit of running as the bruise faded, and the plan was to have a look at him in training yesterday before deciding if he could be made available for selection to face Brentford.

It was something similar with Gavin McGowan, who tweaked his ankle again at Oxford. It is not too serious, and was caused when he turned sharply to block a shot. He kept going for a while, but experience - his and mine - made us decide at the interval that he should be taken off. Footballers can usually judge these things accurately, and Tuesday's decision at half-time has helped McGowan in the recovery process. He was expecting to be able to resume training yesterday, which would give him a chance of keeping his place in today's team, if selected. Julian Watts picked up an ankle knock at Oxford, but by Thursday he was looking as though it would not be a major problem, and if he maintained his progress he should be available today.

Clive Goodyear



Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

THIS weekend has been designated as the fourth FIFA

World Fair Play Day, and we are pleased to take part in the event this afternoon. The two teams will line up in front of the Main Stand to shake hands with each other before kick-off. Our thanks go to the children from our Junior Hatters section, who will be participating.

There has been some comment regarding the arrangements for the game against Millwall which I would like to explain.

In the interests of safety, and after discussion involving the club and the police, and with the approval of the Safety Advisory Group, the match was designated ALL TICKET for ALL supporters. That means we do not sell tickets on the day of the match.

We used every media outlet possible to give the details as much publicity as possible, and Millwall played their part as well. The ticket office stayed open all day on the Saturday, the day before the game, to give every possible opportunity for supporters to purchase tickets.

Unfortunately, there were some foreign visitors, and other fans from both Luton and Millwall, who turned up on the day, and discovered they could not obtain tickets.

This may seem harsh, but you cannot differentiate to allow some supporters access and not others.

The Police Commander, the FA Security Advisor, and the Safety Advisory Group were all here on the day checking on how things went.

It was interesting to hear that some foreign journalists, knowing that it was an all ticket match, came to the ground on the day to try to see if they could gain entry. I suppose they thought it would have made a good

story if they had got in.

Having said all that, it must seem odd to supporters when some games, for instance the one at Cambridge last week, are said to be all ticket, but cash admission on the day is then allowed. The difference was that at Cambridge it was all-ticket for our supporters ONLY. It is annoying that, having made the effort to purchase tickets in advance from our ticket office, supporters discover they could after all pay on the turnstile.

Following the lock-out last season at the Abbey for Luton supporters, Cambridge made the match all-ticket for away supporters this time. However, when we had 1,000 tickets left, they decided to put them on the turnstiles. The difference between that game and ours with Millwall was that at Cambridge it was not all-ticket for all supporters.

As I promised in my last column, I am now able to confirm a few dates for your diary. In the FA Youth Cup our match with Lincoln United was arranged at short notice, and took place at Lincoln on Wednesday. See the youth football column on page 43 for news of the result.

In the Bedfordshire Premier Cup, we will be away to Dunstable Town on Wednesday November 8, kick-off 7.30.

Our first fixture in this season's AXA FA Cup will be known next Saturday evening, when the draw for the first round proper will be made. The game will be on Saturday, November 18.

It will be Christmas in a couple of months, so can I give you news of one other very popular "fixture" in the

run-up to the festive season: our fourth annual Christmas Carol Service will be held at St. Mary's, Luton Parish Church, on December 20 at 7.30pm.

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Hatters Away

AS usual two coach services are running to the next away game, at Oldham on Tuesday. And Town on Tour promise that they will give much better value than they did for the trips to Swansea and Sunderland, when they were so embarrassed by the poor facilities on their coaches that they gave passengers some of their money back. They have ditched the coach company concerned, and switched to Hallmark, who take the Town team to matches. The Bobbers Travel Club have had no problems with their long-time association with Shores Travel.

For the game at Boundary Park the Bobbers will set off from Cranfield at 1.30, calling at various villages on the way to Luton, with departure from Kenilworth Road at 2.30. The fare is £13 adults, £11 for children and pensioners.

Town on Tour will leave Maple Road at 2.30, picking up at Milton Keynes Coachway 20 minutes later. Their fare is £14.50 for members of Luton Town Supporters Club, £12 for concessions, or £16 for passengers who are not in the supporters club.

Stewarded car parking is available at Maple Road, at £4 per car, or £3 if the drivers are members of the Bobbers Travel Club or LTSC.



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DIY travellers

THERE is a choice of route to Oldham, and with the M6 becoming ever more congested in the Midlands, our advice for midweek afternoon travel is to take the slightly longer route, up the M1 and over the Pennines. The alternative is taking M1 and M6 north, and in Lancashire, after crossing the Thelwall viaduct over the Mersey and the Manchester Ship Canal, take M62 east, towards Leeds. Our man will ignore the M6 and continue up M1 into Yorkshire, to join the M62 heading west.

Either way, leave M62 at junction 20 to follow the signs towards Oldham, and after half a mile, where the road divides, keep to the right, signposted towards Manchester east. After another mile and a half, join the A627, signposted to Oldham and Ashton. At the first roundabout take the second exit, and you will see the ground, and its car park, on your left.

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We welcome Mark and his guests, and all our other friends in the executive lounges today, and thank them for their support. We have plenty of packages on offer, at various prices, and to find out more please call the commercial department on Luton 411622.



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COUSINS and Luton Town fanatics Oliver Clements, 8, and Jordan Balls, 5, are joint mascots this afternoon, enjoying a VIP day out as belated birthday gifts from their grandparents. The boys are the youngest of three generations who follow the Town.

Jordan lives at Wentworth Gardens, Toddington, and goes to St. George Lower Junior School. When he is not shouting for the Town, his hobbies are swimming, cycling and Thomas the Tank Engine.



He usually comes to games with his Godfather, Chris Stokes. Cousin Oliver lives at Maple Road, Surbiton - lovely address for an ex-pat Luton Town family! - and

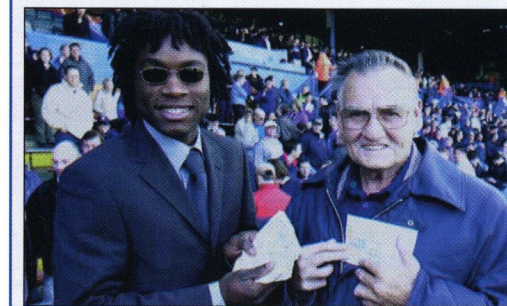
despite the travelling involved is a regular at Kenilworth Road with his dad and granddad. He goes to Fern Hill School, at Kingston upon Thames, and his other hobbies are cycling, cricket, golf and swimming. The two lads will enjoy their day at football even more than usual today, because they have a VIP insight 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. And while they rate all Luton Town players, they have their own favourites, with Oliver choosing Stuart Douglas and Jordan Emmerson Boyce.

John Bailey

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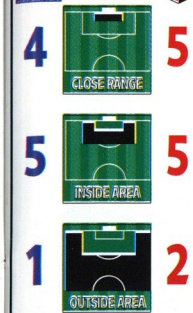
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How



Top League Scorers
18 Tresor Kandol (Luton Town) vs **11 Andy Scott** (Brentford)

10 in 13 games Team Goals **12 in 11 games**
0.77 goals Ratio per Game **1.09 goals**

3 in 10 games Player's Goals **6 in 11 games**
0.3 goals Ratio per Game **0.55 goals**

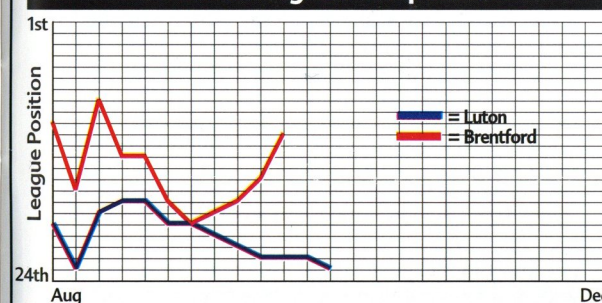
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 (Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)
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2 (2pts) Games Drawn -> Lost **1 (1pts)**
2 Number of points gained **8**

SCORING SEQUENCES
 Consecutive Games Scored
0 2 Games **0**
0 3 Games **1**
1 game Maximum Scoring Run **3 games**

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

Hatters' Results	Bees' Results
LUTON TOWN GOALS 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	BRENTFORD GOALS 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
OPPOSITION GOALS 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	OPPOSITION GOALS 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
shows the number of results for each scoreline. eg. Luton have lost 1 game 0-4	eg. Brentford have won 3 games 1-0 and lost 1 game 2-6

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Stats & Facts

Stats compiled by Football Information Services

When goals scored & conceded



Average time of Scoring / Conceding

117 mins	All Goals for	83 mins
180 mins	Home Goals For	79 mins
90 mins	Away Goals For	90 mins
59 mins	All Goals Against	62 mins
77 mins	Home Goals Against	70 mins
48 mins	Away Goals Against	51 mins

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

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Hatters	: SSLDLLSLD	F 8 A 17 Pts 5
Bees	: DWDLSSWWW	F 11 A 15 Pts 16

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

Brentford's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	3	3	2	Blissett	10	6,148
91/92	3	2	3	Holdsworth	24	7,165
92/93	1	3	2	Blissett	21	8,471
93/94	2	2	1	Allon	13	5,570
94/95	2	1	2	Forster	24	6,536
95/96	2	4	2	Taylor	11	4,790
96/97	2	3	2	Asaba	23	5,832
97/98	2	1	2	Taylor	13	5,037
98/99	3	2	2	Owusu	22	5,444
99/00	2	1	1	Owusu	12	5,742

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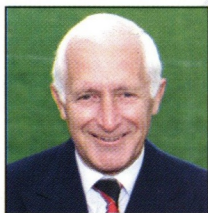


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In 1974 he took control of Southall, and two years later, in 1976, became benefactor and Chairman of Wimbledon, guiding them to League status. In 1981 he became Chairman of Crystal Palace and remained at Selhurst Park until June 1998,

when he became owner of Brentford, and appointed himself Manager prior to the start of the 98/99 season.

NO 1 - ANDY WOODMAN

Born: 11.8.7

Previous clubs: Crystal Palace, Exeter City, Northampton Town

Andy joined the Bees from Northampton Town for £75,000 in the Bees Championship season. He made the position his own until late last season when Jason Pearcey replaced him. He is currently on loan to Third Division Southend United with a view to a permanent move.

NO 2 - DANNY BOXALL

Born: 24.8.77

Previous clubs: Crystal Palace, Oldham Athletic (loan)

This talented young defender was signed on a free transfer from Crystal Palace during the 1998 close season. His exciting form earned him recognition by the Republic of Ireland's Under 21 squad, and he had become an integral of the Bees first choice defence before he pulled up with a ligament injury at Luton at the end of February.

NO 3 - IJAH ANDERSON

Born: 30.12.75

Previous Club: Southend United.

Fans' favourite, Ijah, is the Club's longest serving player having joined them from Southend United in July '95 on a free transfer. He made the number three berth his own last season, and started this season with an inspired performance at Northampton last Saturday. But he subsequently suffered a ligament injury in training and is expected to be out of action until next year.

NO 4 - ROBERT QUINN

Born: 8.11.76

Previous Club: Crystal Palace.

Robert, a former Republic of Ireland Under 21, and B International, figured in almost every Brentford match last season, either by playing or as a

substitute. His ability to play in a number of positions is of enormous benefit to the Bees.

NO 5 - DARREN POWELL

Born: 10.3.76

Previous Club: Hampton.

In the 1998/99 Championship season, having signed from non league Hampton for an original £15,000, in his first full season in the League, he picked up the Supporters "Player of the Year" award. He continued to impress with almost every performance last season. He is currently sidelined but expected to be fit within a couple of weeks.

NO 6 - SCOTT MARSHALL

Born: 1.5.73

Previous Club: Arsenal, Rotherham (loan), Sheffield United (loan), Southampton, Celtic (loan).

A former Youth and Under 21 Scottish International, Scott spent seven years as a professional at Highbury before moving to Southampton in August '98. The experienced central defender joined the Bees for £250,000 last October, but was sidelined for almost four months with an injury.



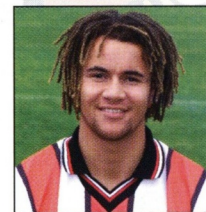
NO.7 - PAUL EVANS

Born: 1.9.74

Previous Club: Shrewsbury Town.

The former Welsh Under 21 International joined from Shrewsbury in March of last year for £100,000, and his signing was the catalyst for the

successful assault on the Championship. His exceptional skills as a captain are matched by his ability in midfield, and his long range scoring prowess last season made him become known nationally.



NO.8 - GAVIN MAHON

Born: 2.1.77

Previous Club: Wolverhampton Wanderers, Hereford U.

Gavin was the Bees only ever present last season until injury forced him to miss the match at Blackpool in January. This was only the 2nd match he

had missed since forcing his way into the side at Christmas '98. An influential midfielder, he cost the Bees £50,000 plus when signing in November '98.

NO 9 - LLOYD OWUSU

Born: 12.12.76

Previous Club: Slough Town.

Twenty three year old Lloyd, having been the Third Division's 2nd top scorer in the Bees' Championship season, continued to hit the net with a further twelve to his credit last season. Brentford pipped Walsall to his signature in August '98, which cost the Bees an original bargain fee of £25,000.

NO 10 - SCOTT PARTRIDGE

Born: 13.10.74

Previous Club: Bradford C, Bristol C, Plymouth A (loan), Scarborough U (loan), Cardiff C, Torquay. Scott joined Brentford from Torquay United for £100,000 over a year ago. He is a handful for the best of defences.

NO 11 - ANDY SCOTT

Born: 2.8.72

Previous Club: Sheffield U, Chesterfield, Bury (loan). Andy is now the second longest serving player at the Club and completed his 100th full appearance for the Club in the Bees opener at Northampton. He is currently the Bees leading scorer with six goals.

NO 12 - MARTIN ROWLANDS

Born: 8.2.79

Previous Club: Farnborough Town.

In only eighteen months of League football, 21 year old Martin has gained both Football League representative honours and has become a mainstay of the Republic of Ireland Under 21 squad. Meanwhile he had another outstanding season for his local side, and became the Player of the Year last season.

NO 13 - JASON PEARCEY

Born: 23.7.71

Previous Club: Mansfield Town, Grimsby Town.

Twenty-nine year old Jason had his appearances strictly limited last season. However he did keep a clean sheet, the Bees first in 12 matches, in his first League appearance in March.



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NO 14 - TONY FOLAN

Born: 18.9.78
 Previous Club: Crystal Palace.
 The Republic of Ireland Under 21 International was cruelly hit with an injury sustained in training last season. As a result his appearances were minimal following a season in which his spectacular goals were legendary. He became the Bees first substitute of the season when replacing Gavin Mahon at Northampton.

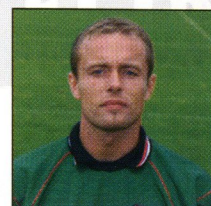
NO 15 - IVAR INGIMARSSON

Born: 20.8.77
 Previous Club: IBV (Iceland), Torquay United (loan)
 Ivar, a former Player of the Year in Iceland, has been capped by his country at Under 16, 18, and 21 levels. He was signed having completed a one month loan with Torquay United, for a deal totalling £150,000, and was ever present before the Bees injury hoodoo struck just before the end of the season. He scored the Bees first of the season on the opening day of the season.

NO 16 - DEREK BRYAN

Born: 11.11.74
 Previous Club: Hampton.
 Derek, who joined the Bees from Hampton for £10,000+ in '97 earned the title "super sub" for his performances when coming off the substitutes bench. His two goals last season both came from

such a role. However his goal against Oxford in the AWS Area QuarterFinal in January was his last piece of action, as he incurred a horrific injury in doing so, which is expected to sideline him until the end of the year.

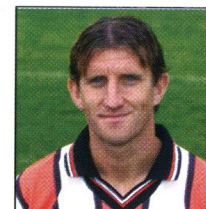
**NO.17 - OLAFUR GOTTSKALKSSON**

Born: 12.3.68
 Previous Club: KA, IA, KR, Keflavik, Hibernians.
 Oli, as he is known, joined the Bees during the recent close season, on a free transfer from

Hibs. He signed for the Scottish Premier Club, for £250,000 in '97. He has been capped over thirty times at Full and Under 21 level by his native Iceland and his form this season has earned him a recall to the Icelandic World Cup squad.

NO 18 - GARETH GRAHAM

Born: 6.12.78
 Previous Club: Crystal Palace.
 The tigerish midfielder, a Northern Ireland Under 21 International, joined us on a free transfer from Crystal Palace in October. His appearances were restricted through injury although he made his full debut at Scunthorpe in March, and featured regularly thereafter.

**NO.19 - PAUL GIBBS**

Born: 6.12.78
 Previous Club: Colchester, Torquay United, Plymouth Argyle.
 Paul, joined the Bees from Plymouth during the summer, where he had been for the previous two seasons. In

1998/99 he was named in the PFA Third Division's representative team. He made his Second Division debut, for the Bees at Northampton.

NO 20 - KEVIN O'CONNOR

Born: 24.2.82
 Previous Club: None
 Kevin who is 18, is now starting his second season with the Bees, having been offered terms when a seventeen year old. He made his first appearance as a substitute when coming on against Exeter City in the Auto Windscreens Shield and his full debut against Wycombe hours after signing the contract.

**NO.21 - LORENZO PINAMONTE**

Born: 9.5.78
 Previous Club: Foggia, Bristol City, Brighton (loan).
 The 6' 3" striker joined City on a free transfer in September '98, but had to wait until the final game of the season to

make his debut, a game in which he scored. Joined the Bees for £50,000 + in February, whilst he was in the middle of a loan spell at Brighton. Scored a first half hat trick against Gillingham in the Bees final pre season warm up match.

NO 22 - RICHARD KENNEDY

Born: 28.8.78
 Previous Club: Crystal Palace, Wycombe Wanderers
 The 22 year old midfielder joined the Bees on a free transfer last summer and made his first appearance when coming on as a substitute in the home game against Cardiff City in September 1999.

NO 23 - DAVID THEOBALD

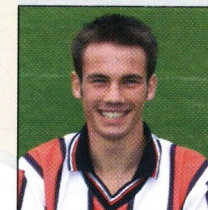
Born: 15.12.78
 Previous Club: Ipswich Town.
 David was signed on a free during the 1999 close season. He has the ability to fill a number of roles.

NO 24 - JULIAN CHARLES

Born: 5.2.77
 Previous Club: Hampton & Richmond Borough.
 The pacy forward joined the Bees in December for £25,000, having impressed during his three months at the Ryman League Club.

NO 25 - MICHAEL DOBSON

Born: 9.4.81
 Previous Club: None.
 Michael, son of former Bee George Dobson, started out as a central defender, but regularly found the net, playing up front for the Youth squad.

**NO.26 - MARK WILLIAMS**

Previous Club: None.
 Mark who is a speedy and direct forward, is a product of the Bees Youth squad. He made his first team debut when coming on as a substitute against Millwall.

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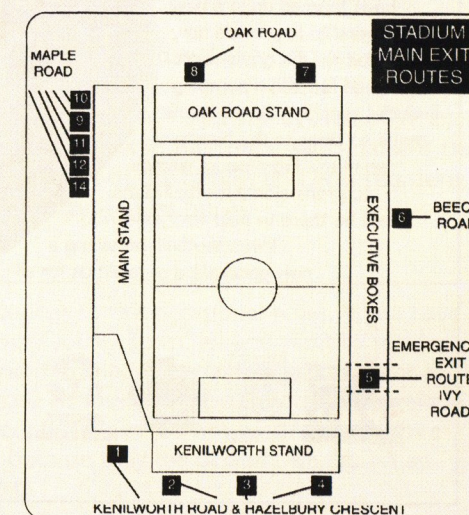
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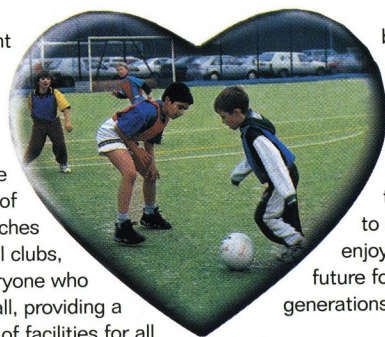
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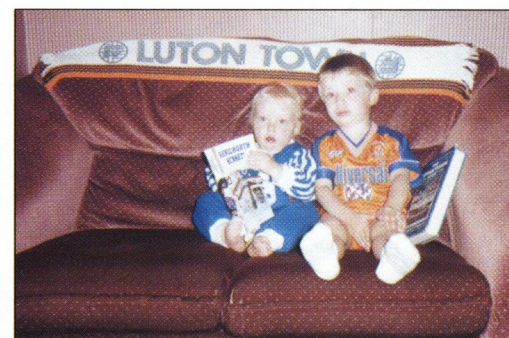
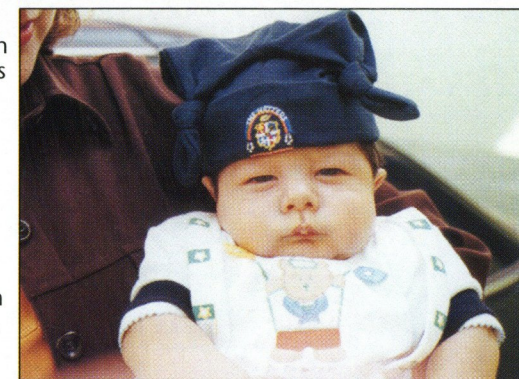
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Mini Hatters

OUR invitation to supporters to shows us the
 Town's youngest fans brought in one photograph
 and letter which could also qualify for the Hatters
 Abroad feature.

Allan White, from Mayfair Close, Beckenham,
 sent in the picture of his three-month-old
 nephew who is clearly shaping up well as a
 young Hatters fan. Mr White added: "Nothing
 too unusual about that, except that he lives in
 Celaya, Mexico, with his parents, my wife's
 brother and his wife. His name is Augusto
 Emmanuel Rojano, and he also has a Luton Town
 scarf displayed proudly across his bedroom door.
 "One day I hope he will be able to come to
 England and see the team in the flesh, although
 I'm sure Ricky and the lads would enjoy a pre-season tour of Mexico one year, and Augusto's
 grandmother lives only a 15-minute walk from the Jalisco Stadium, Guadalajara."



YOUNG fans come in pairs at Hart Hill Lane,
 Luton, home of the Shepherd family. Kevin
 and Karen have not only kitted out their
 toddlers in Town gear, but have also bought
 them appropriate reading material for when
 they master the alphabet. Little Emma is a
 year old, and Christopher, three, attended
 his first Town game when Kevin took him to
 the pre-season friendly at St. Albans.



JUST approaching his second birthday, Luke Hill was smartly
 dressed, as you can see, when he went on holiday to Majorca
 in the summer. His parents are Chris and Tracey Hill, of Wren
 Close, Stopsley, who are regulars in the main stand. Luke is the
 third generation of Town fans in the family, and was registered
 as a Junior Hatter on the day he was born!

WE welcome contributions to this occasional series. If you have
 a good picture of a very young Town fan and want to see it
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Luton Town 0 Millwall 1



Far Left: Adam Locke eyes up the possibilities as he tries to drive on the Town from midfield.

Left: Matthew Taylor going up in the world in competition with Lucas Neill.

Below: Julian Watts jumps to it to add his height to the Town attack, with Sean Dyche using just about everything, hands and arms included, to keep a check on Tresor Kandol.

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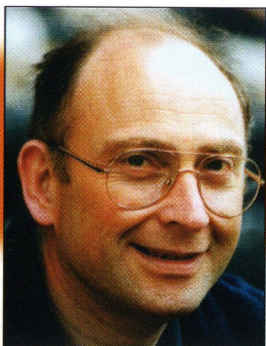


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Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

Thorpe's magic shines through

Luton Town manager, Lennie Lawrence, was fully aware that major surgery was needed on a Town side that suffered relegation to Division Two in 1996. Pruning of the wage bill was the first step and out went previous season imports, Johnny Vilstrup and Vidar Riseth as well as former crowd favourite, Scott Oakes.

The pre-season pundits made the Town one of the favourites to win promotion from a division they had last left in 1970 but the opening day defeat at home to Burnley meant hasty revisions in their forecasts. To rub salt in the wound the Burnley scorers in their 2-1 victory were ex-Hatters Steve Thompson and Kurt Nogan both of whom had been discarded by the Town when the depth of talent at Kenilworth Road was decidedly rosier. A penalty miss from Bontcho Guentchev did not help matters though, in a thoroughly disappointing start to the campaign.

Next up were old friends and rivals, Brentford, and a surprisingly large number of Town supporters made their way to Griffin Park attempting to avoid torrential downpours along the way. The Bees had the better of the first half as the Town seemed strangely hesitant and it was only a flying save by Ian Feuer from a Paul Abrahams shot that prevented the home side from taking the lead.

The Hatters were, however, offered a lifeline just before half-time when David Oldfield cut in from the left and was brought down in the area by Jamie Bates. Tony Thorpe stepped up to take the penalty and netted his second goal of the campaign with little fuss.

Early in the second period Oldfield was put through by Gary Waddock and seemed certain to score only for Brentford goalkeeper, Kevin Dearden, to produce an amazing stop by tipping the ball around a post.

From this narrow let-off Brentford stormed back and levelled on 65 minutes. Ceri Hughes gave the ball away in midfield and with the Luton defence backtracking, too much room was given to Carl Asaba who made no mistake.

Three minutes later the Hatters lead was restored when Thorpe saw a shot charged down and Hughes, first to the ball, fired in via a huge deflection.

It was now time to shut up shop to preserve the first three points of the season but crazy defending in the closing minutes left the Luton supporters shell-shocked. Firstly, with ten minutes remaining, the defence got itself in a terrible tangle following a cross from Lee Harvey leaving Bates with a free header. Worse was to follow as, with the seconds ticking away, a centre from Gus Hurdle let in Robert Taylor for another simple header and with it an improbable victory for the Bees.

Luton: Feuer, James, Davis, Patterson, Thomas, Alexander, Thorpe, Waddock, Hughes, Grant (Guentchev), Oldfield.
Brentford: Dearden, Hurdle, Ashby, Bates, Anderson, Abrahams (Hutchings), Smith (Harvey), McGhee, Bent, Asaba, Taylor.

By the time of the return, in the following March, the poor start to the season had long been forgotten as the Town had forced their way up the table and had actually hit top spot for a short period just before Christmas.

Poor weather in January and an extended F.A.Cup run had meant that the Hatters fell behind on number of games played and too many draws with only two wins in eleven since the turn of the year indicated a freefall down the table but they still, amazingly, remained in second position.

Brentford had been remarkably consistent until the end of February but had begun to wobble having gone four games without a win leading up to the Kenilworth Road clash, including back to back defeats against Preston and Burnley. Despite this, however, they were still top of the table.

A win for the Town would see the two clubs change positions and such was the interest in the game that it was switched to a Friday night for live coverage by Sky T.V. A crowd of 8,164 was present to see at first hand why Brentford boasted the best away record in the division with nine wins to their credit as they totally dominated the opening fifteen minutes leading up to a shot from Marcus Bent that rebounded off the bar. Gradually the Town found their feet and from then on the game ebbed and flowed with chances going begging at both ends. It was to take something or someone special to settle the game and Tony Thorpe, already with 20 league goals under his belt, was the man to send the Luton fans home happy. With the game about to enter its final quarter Thorpe took a short pass from Paul Showler and for the first time in the match managed to turn his close marker, Jamie Bates, before firing in a low shot past Luton-born Dearden in the Bees goal. Apart from a glaring miss by Brentford's Joe Omigie to add to his two in the first half the Town managed to hang on to their slender



Tony Thorpe fires in during the home clash with the Bees in March 1997.

lead and move back to the top of the table. A relieved Lawrence said afterwards, "We were under the cosh early on but got to grips and pushed them back in the second half. Tony Thorpe got us a goal out of nothing and then we battled away to the end. Give credit to Brentford because they showed why they had the best away record in the league."

Luton: Feuer, James, Davis, Johnson, Thomas, Alexander, Hughes, Waddock, Showler (McLaren), Thorpe (Grant), Oldfield.
Brentford: Dearden, Hutchings, Ashby, Bates, Anderson, Bent (Dennis), Smith, McGhee, Asaba, Taylor, Omigie.

As a postscript neither the Hatters or the Bees managed to secure an automatic promotion place at the season's end having to settle for the play-offs where both teams lost to Crewe!

Roger Wash

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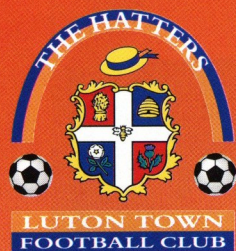
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Our NTL School Visits Project takes a break next week with the October half term school holiday, however we already have many visits planned for next term leading all the way up to Christmas, in fact with the increased popularity of the project we have decided to increase our "In Schools Days" allocation.

The in schools days simply mean that instead of our coaches visiting your school for one PE lesson in the day we arrive in the morning and coach as many children as we can within the whole school day. Quite a number of schools have already set aside their curriculum for a whole day to have an "in schools day" and we are pleased to be able to add this to our Schools Visit Project. Of, course schools can still contact us to book individual PE lessons.

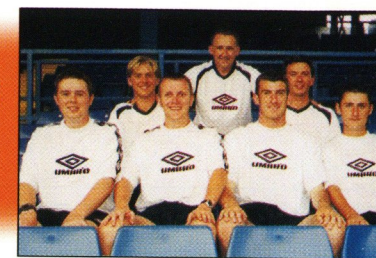
The Schools Visit Project is jointly funded by NTL and Sportsmatch and aims to provide curriculum time PE and football coaching in schools to youngsters of all abilities. We're well on our way to reaching a total of some 20,000 youngsters who will have benefited from the scheme over the last couple of 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 to arrange an "in schools day" or to answer any questions you may have.



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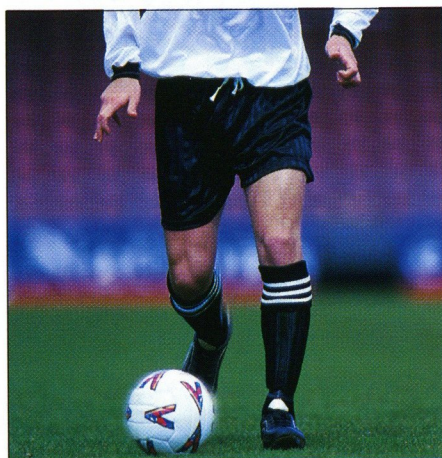


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Junior Hatters

THERE IS plenty going on today for the Junior Hatters, and for some of their parents, because we have a penalty shoot-out competition at half-time. Happy Harry will be the goalkeeper, for a "dads and lads" contest. Our Saturday Club is also going strong. It starts at 12noon at Dallow School, and we have football, indoor or out depending on the weather, plus all sorts of other entertainment. We enjoy a sausage and chips lunch, with a drink, before watching the game. The price is only £5 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, or £9 including a match ticket. For more information, or to join the Junior Hatters, please contact the Town shop in Kenilworth Road.

WE HAD hoped to be able today to give details of a Junior Hatters trip to Bury in a fortnight's time, but sadly a club that once used to give us a very warm welcome has changed its policy, and we cannot go there. But we will go to Stoke on November 4, and they make a special effort to entertain young visitors. Tickets for the trip are now on sale, and as usual thanks to our sponsors the price is a bargain, £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for others, match ticket included. You can book through the club shop.



JUNIOR Hatters mascots, like Luton Town, are well-travelled, which is why we have two group pictures to show you today. We enjoyed our trip to the Bristol Rovers game, to meet the Junior Pirates, and they invited us to field a mascot. The choice was made on the Junior Hatters coach during the journey, and the luck of the draw picked out 13-year-old Mark Banks, from Silecroft Road, Luton. He is a regular on away trips, and plays in goal for Sacred Heart under-14 team.

Our other picture shows the pre-match group for the visit of Millwall, when Thomas Ellis, 11, of Chiltern Road, Barton, did the honours for the Junior Hatters, while the two commercial mascots were brothers Oliver and Alex Groom, from Queen Street, Pitstone.

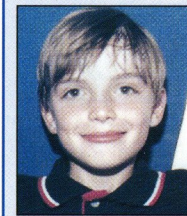


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A DREAM comes true today for ten-year-old Adam Currington, of Riddy Lane, Luton. A fanatical Luton Town supporter, his name has been drawn out of the computerised hat to be the Junior Hatters mascot, which means he will have a day to remember.



He will join the team in the dressing room before the game, and run out onto the pitch with them, and while he likes all our players he says that Matthew Spring and Liam George are his favourites.

Adam goes to Icknield Junior School, Luton, and enjoys tennis and swimming, and playing football for Bushmead Wanderers. We hope his Mum, Debra Currington, who brings him to games, will be here this afternoon - she had originally expected to miss today's match because she is taking part in the Great North Run in Newcastle tomorrow. After Adam's selection as mascot, however, she has been trying to make alternative travel arrangements to enable her to see the match before setting off for the north east.

Today's ballboy is 11-year-old Oliver Elkington, from Leighton Buzzard.

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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.

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THERE have been several players over the years who have turned out for Luton and for Brentford, including today's subject, Wayne Turner. His time here co-incided with Luton's return to the top flight in 1982, and he subsequently figured on several cards and stickers, including this one from Panini, which was issued for the 1983-84 campaign.

Turner was born in Luton in March 1961 and joined the Town from Lewsey Youth as a teenager. He proved to be a versatile utility player in the

reserves, and his gritty displays were rewarded with a first team debut at Wrexham on the final day of the 1978-79 season. He wore the No. 11 shirt in a match which saw Mark Aizlewood sent off for dissent. In the opening match of the following campaign, against Cambridge, Turner occupied the suspended Aizlewood's left-back berth. Although he performed creditably and kept his place for the following game, Mal Donaghy was switched to that position, and made it his own for the rest of that season.

For the next couple of years Turner's first-team appearances were very limited, until he got a run in midfield towards the end of the 1981-82 promotion-winning season. During this spell, in April, he scored his first league goal, which was enough to secure a vital away point at Cambridge.

The following season saw Turner turn out 30 times in the old First Division, and although he played in a variety of positions, he figured mostly in midfield. After a bright start at top level, Luton struggled in the second half of the season, and there was a section of the crowd who seemed to make Turner a regular scapegoat when things went badly. This was rough justice on a player who, while not the best in terms of natural ability, always gave 100 per cent when it came to effort, no matter what position he was asked to fill.

The final game of that season, of course, was the

unforgettable victory at Manchester City, and it was Turner who was subbed to allow Raddy Antic to go on to become the day's scoring hero. "I knew we'd win as soon as I came off," grinned Turner afterwards.

The 1983-84 season started with Turner at left back, but the emergence of Mitchell Thomas after Christmas meant that the stocky fair-haired player was out in the cold again.

But he fought his way back for an extended run during the first half of the following campaign,

before the arrival of David Preece and Peter Nicholas sidelined him again.

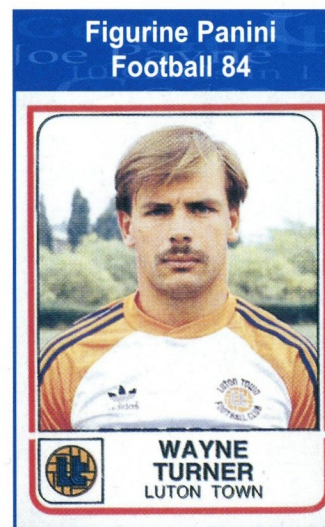
However, both these were cup-tied, and so as the Town embarked on a famous FA Cup run which saw them unluckily knocked out by Everton in the semi-final Turner was needed again. And everyone loved him in the fifth round second replay against Watford, when he cracked in the only goal, a perfect way to celebrate his 24th birthday. That summer Turner moved on to Coventry as part of the deal which brought Ashley Grimes to Luton. Turner made 102 first-team appearances for us, but things did not work out too well

for him at Highfield Road, and so he moved on to Brentford the following year. He was a regular for the Bees for a couple of seasons before quitting the league scene in 1989.

He eventually returned to Kenilworth Road as a coach, and it is in that capacity that he is now assisting Barry Fry at Peterborough.

Panini bring out a series of these stickers every season, but nowadays only the Premiership players get a look in. The earlier stickers are not too easy to find, and a complete album of this series from 1984, which also included Trevor Aylott, Frankie Bunn, Brian Stein and Ricky Hill, would now fetch around £30 if in excellent condition.

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Action Replay

Luton Town 0 Millwall 1 (HT 0-0)

WHEN you are down on your luck, you can be pretty sure Dame Fortune will be ready to pile on the agony, and so it was as the Town went down to their fourth home defeat of the season, an 83rd-minute own goal by Gavin McGowan deciding a game of two halves. Millwall should have wrapped it up in the first 45 minutes, but Mark Ovendale kept the Town level with three good saves from Neil Harris.

After the break the Town responded, with McGowan inches too high with a flashing drive from a deep cross, and Sean Dyche clearing off the line from Matthew Taylor. A draw would have been about right, but luckless McGowan's intervention denied the Town the point they deserved. The fans knew it was rotten luck, cheering the team off the pitch for their magnificent second-half efforts. Pity we can't see that for two halves of every match, said Ricky Hill.

Mark McGhee, the new Millwall boss, admitted: "We got the rub of the green and got the goal on a day when Luton could have won the game. We have sneaked the points." There was great sympathy for McGowan, because he had an excellent game in his first league start of the season.

The Town manager said he had been relieved to get to half-time with no goals conceded in a below-par team performance. The fact that it was a much better second half was little consolation, not only because of the result, but also because for all the good play, not much in the way of clear scoring chances had been created.

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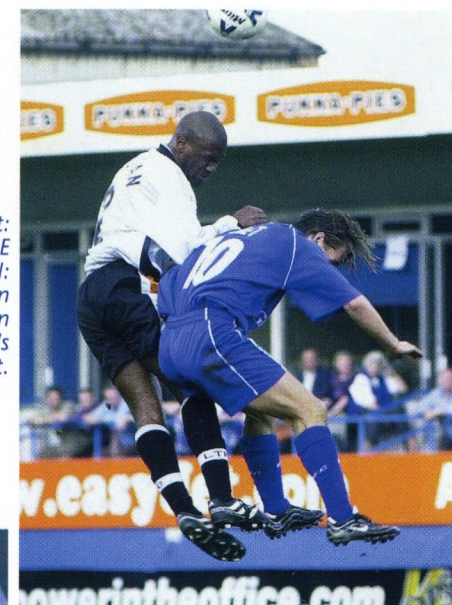
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Right:
**CLOSE
COMPETITION:**
Gavin McGowan
getting stuck in
with Millwall's
Christophe Kinet.



Above: SO NEAR... the moment when the Town got so close to scoring, with Matthew Taylor leaving goalkeeper Tony Warner stranded, only for Sean Dyche to intercept the shot on the line.

Match Details

Town: Ovendale, McGowan, Boyce, McLaren, Watts, Taylor, Locke, Spring, George, Stein, Kandol. Subs, all unused: Brennan, Holmes, Stirling, Scarlett, Abbey.

Booked: No-one.

Millwall: Warner, Lawrence, Nethercott, Dyche, Ryan, Neill, Cahill (Odunsi 87 mins), Livermore, Kinet, Harris, Parkin. Unused subs: Tuttle, Ifill, Reid, Gueret.

Booked: No-one.

The goal: : Gavin McGowan, 83rd minute, crashing the ball into his own net in an attempt to clear a deep cross by Christophe Kinet which had been flicked on by Neil Harris.

Referee: Alan Wiley.

Attendance: 5,345, including 1,389 away supporters

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Action Replay

Cambridge Utd 2 Luton Town 1 (HT 0-1)

FOR the second game in a row we heard an opposing manager admit that his team was lucky to get a win over the Town after more unexpected circumstances led to defeat at the Abbey Stadium.

A controversial red card for Matthew Spring, and a penalty that was not given were the crucial moments as Cambridge came back from a goal down to take a victory which manager Roy McFarland agreed they hardly deserved.

It was precious little consolation for the Town or for more than 1,000 supporters who once again gave them tremendous vocal backing. But some of the loudest shouts were directed at referee John Brandwood. The Town looked well capable of ending their losing run in the early exchanges, with Mark Stein having a goal ruled out for offside, and Emmerson Boyce inches away from converting a hard low cross by Spring.

But the Town's first corner, in the 14th minute, led to Stein netting his third goal of the season, and Cambridge were looking somewhat bedraggled.

Spring was rightly booked for a late tackle on Zema Abbey after 19 minutes, the first of five yellow cards flourished before half-time, and was cautioned again, and therefore sent off on the half-hour mark. Julian Watts was pulled up for obstruction just outside the area, and while no-

one would have had much sympathy for Spring if his offence had been dissent, it turned out that Mr Brandwood yellow-carded the midfielder for playing on, saying it was to delay the free kick. Ricky Hill found that less than fair, saying that Spring was simply in the process of completing a clearance pass, with no Cambridge player trying to take the free kick anyway. Right or wrong, Spring had to go, but for the rest of the first half the Town held their own. For the second half Tresor Kandol was taken off so that Peter Holmes could go into midfield, releasing Liam George to play alongside Stein at the front.

With five at the back, reasoned the manager, there was no reason why the Town should not hold on to their slender advantage.

Unfortunately, only nine minutes into the second half Mark Ovendale failed to make it as he went for a cross by John Dreyer, and Tom Youngs extracted full punishment with a headed equaliser.

Cambridge's confidence grew, but they were lucky in the 77th minute, when Abbey, under pressure from Taylor, stuck up a hand to deflect a long cross by Gavin McGowan. Mr Brandwood, who was much less noticeable in the second half, was probably unsighted, so Abbey escaped, and then rubbed it in with a 78th-minute winner.

Match Details

Town: Ovendale, McGowan (Brennan 89 mins), Boyce, McLaren, Watts, Taylor, Locke, Spring, George, Stein, Kandol (Holmes HT). Unused subs: Fraser, Brietenfelder, Abbey.

Booked: Matthew Spring, 19 mins, foul on Zema Abbey; Adam Locke, 25 mins, dissent; Spring again, and sent off, 30 mins, for playing on after a free kick whistle.

Cambridge: Perez, McAnespie, Cowan, Duncan, Dreyer, Youngs, Wanless, Ashbee, Axeldal (Mustoe 68 mins), Abbey (Taylor 89 mins), Russell. Unused subs Marshall, Joseph, Slade.

Booked: Zema Abbey, 40 mins, playing on after a handball free kick was given; Alex Russell, 42 mins, foul on Emmerson Boyce.

The Goals: 0-1 14 mins - Mark Stein from close range after Julian Watts headed back from the far post a corner by Matthew Spring; 1-1 54 mins - Tom Youngs header, beating Mark Ovendale to a punted forward ball by John Dreyer; 2-1 78 mins - Zema Abbey from close range after Ovendale parried a shot by the excellent Tom Youngs.

Referee: John Brandwood.

Attendance: 6,191, including 1,210 away supporters.



NEARLY: Cambridge keeper Lionel Perez grabs the ball in the nick of time, with Mark Stein in close attendance.



UP FOR IT: Gavin McGowan airborne against Cambridge's Alex Russell.

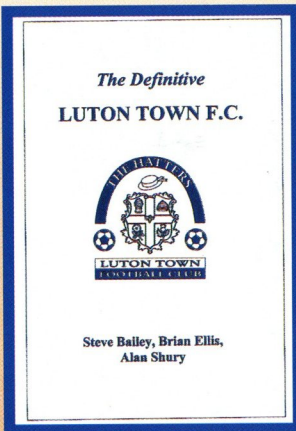
ONE UP: The early delight for the Town, as Mark Stein signals the opening goal at the Abbey Stadium

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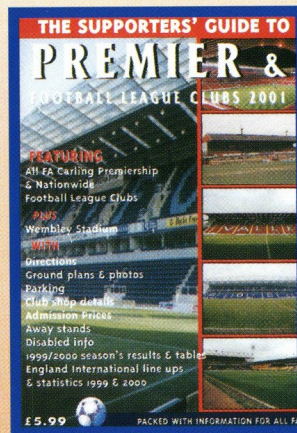
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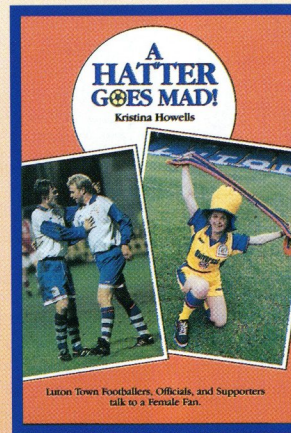
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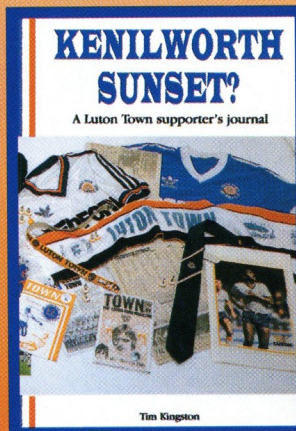
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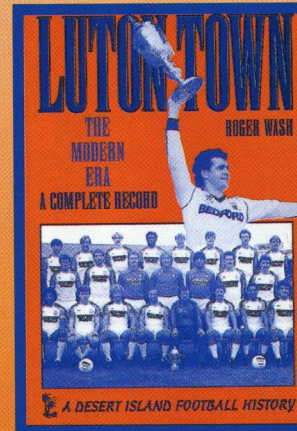
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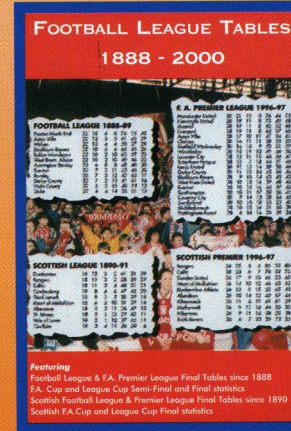
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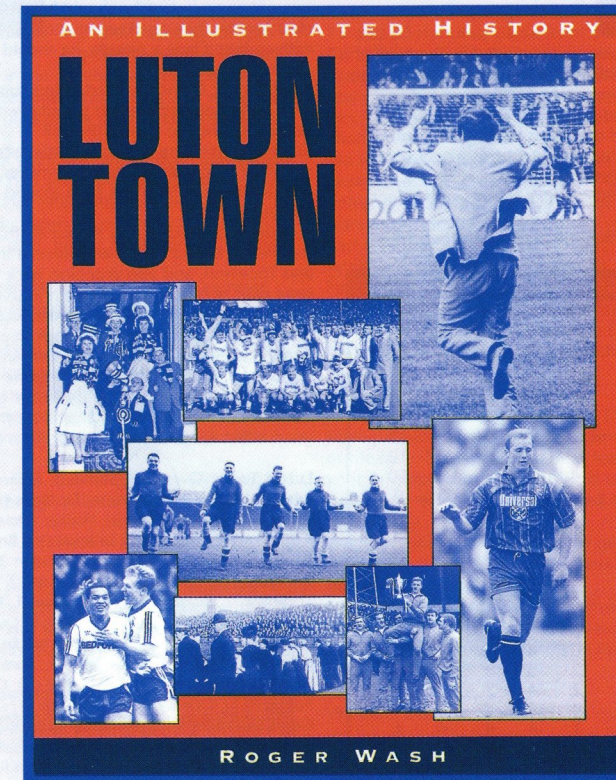


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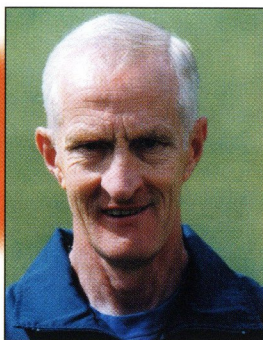


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The Reserves

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Gillingham 1 Luton Town 1

UNUSALLY, two strong teams were in opposition in the Avon Insurance Combination at Priestfields on Wednesday. We fielded eight men with first team experience and Gillingham's side included eight who have played in the First Division. The result was about right, and there was some good football played by both teams. For us, the important features were the return after injury of Marvin Johnson, Stuart Douglas and Andrew Fotiadis, plus another 90 minutes of competitive football for Peter Thomson.

The match was more physical than usual and both benches

were less than satisfied with the performance of the ref. Johnson was not happy when he should have had a penalty - it was a clear foul by their goalkeeper, and if the referee did not agree with us that it was a penalty, he should have booked Johnson for diving, but didn't.

Against that, Gillingham had claims turned down at the other end, and I was surprised no penalty was given when Andre Scarlett seemed to handle the ball.

The match became a bit of a battle, after we had been given the lift of a goal after only two minutes. Dean Brennan got it, with a very good free kick bent around the wall and into the top corner.

Fotiadis was asked to play differently from his normal game, and did well as the support man behind a front pairing of Douglas and Thomson, and also dropping back to cover in midfield. We were glad of his physical strength in that department.

Substitutions were made late in the second half to take Douglas and Fotiadis off, and we had a look at a couple more trialists, Rocky Baptiste and Richard Downer. Another, Brad Piercewright, formerly with QPR, had a decent game in central defence.

It looked as though we would win the game until five minutes from time, when Ify Onuora used his muscular strength to good effect to head the equaliser from a far post cross.

Luton Town: Ovendale, Standen, Stirling, Scarlett, Piercewright, Johnson, Brennan, Thomson, Douglas (Brientenfelder 70 mins), Fotiadis (Baptiste 60 mins), Walker (Downer 80 mins).

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Breitenfelder 5, Stirling 5, Brennan 4, Ayres 4, Abbey 4, Standen 3(3), Carter 3, Scarlett 3, Glasgow 2(2), Minton 2(1), Kandal 2, Carroll 2, Walker 2, Thomson 2, Dogbe 1(1), McGowan 1, Ward 1, Mortara 1, Fraser 1, Murrin 1, Codner 1, Tait 1, Ovendale 1, Johnson 1, Douglas 1, Fotiadis 1, Onachie 1, Locke 1, Dickie 1, Carham 1, Joynson 1, Mason 1, Showunmi 1, Rose 1, Gray 1, Pihamma 1, Holmes 1, Piercewright 1, Mansell (1), Clarke (1), Newell (1), Baptiste (1), Downer (1).

Goals: Brennan 4, Thomson 3, Kandal 2, Carter 1, Ayres 1 pen.

WE PLAY our final game at Kenilworth Road before the mid-winter switch to Baldock when we entertain Cambridge United in the League Cup on Wednesday, kick-off 2pm.

Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures

AUG						
Wed 16	Barnet	H	3-1	Brennan 2, Kandal		
Mon 21	Peterborough (LC)	A	2-1	Kandal, 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		postponed		
Wed 18	Gillingham	A	1-1	Brennan		
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			

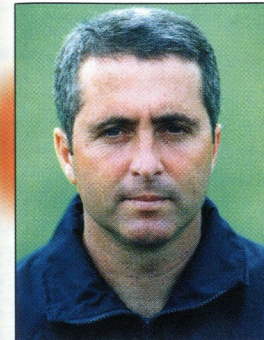
Wed 13	Colchester (LC)	A	2pm
Mon 18	Oxford Utd	H	7pm
JAN			
Thurs 4	Norwich (LC)	A	7.30pm
Wed 10	Wycombe	A	2pm
Mon 15	Brighton	H	7pm
Wed 24	Bournemouth	A	2pm
Mon 29	Bristol Rov	H	7pm
FEB			
Mon 12	Cheltenham	H	7pm
Mon 26	Colchester	A	2pm
MAR			
Thurs 8	Norwich City	A	7.30pm
Wed 14	Southend	H	2pm
Mon 19	Peterborough	A	2pm
Wed 28	Cambridge Utd	H	2pm
APRIL			
Tues 3	Northampton	A	2pm

Thurs 8	Norwich City	A	7.30pm
Wed 14	Southend	H	2pm
Mon 19	Peterborough	A	2pm
Wed 28	Cambridge Utd	H	2pm

Thurs 8	Norwich City	A	7.30pm
Wed 14	Southend	H	2pm
Mon 19	Peterborough	A	2pm
Wed 28	Cambridge Utd	H	2pm

Tues 3	Northampton	A	2pm
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*To be played at Baldock Town.



Youth Soccer

Paul Lowe

FA Youth Cup, first round Lincoln Utd 2 Luton Town 2

WE CAME through a testing cup-tie against a team who were very much up for the game, and determined to prove a point against professional opposition, and while we might have won we were glad of the chance of a second bite on our own pitch.

Lincoln played with a lot of spirit and aggression, and tackles were flying about, and we had an awful start, going a goal down to a well-taken free kick after only two minutes.

A needless foul by a Lincoln defender on Lloyd Nurse led to the equaliser four minutes later, John Carroll converting the penalty.

But we always looked vulnerable at the back, and another good goal from a free kick regained the lead for Lincoln after 25 minutes.

During the interval we told our lads it was time to stand up and be counted, and we dominated the second half. Chris Dillon robbed a defender and tucked away a 70th-minute equaliser, but we missed too many other chances.

The replay will be at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday October 31, 7.45pm.

Luton Town: Chatfield, Dogbe, Carroll (Deeney 65 mins), Bruce, Gillman, O'Leary, James-Barriteau, Mansell, Dillon, Leary, Nurse. (Jeffrey HT).

Barnet 0 Luton Town 4

ON A very wet and heavy pitch, we turned in a good performance and all the players deserve credit for their efforts. The bonus for Robert Gillman, Michael Leary, Stephen O'Leary and Lee Mansell was that they all scored their first goals at under-19 level.

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	4-0	Gillman, Leary, O'Leary, Mansell	
14	Brighton	H	1-2	Dillon	
17	FAYC1 Lincoln Utd	A	2-2	Carroll pen, Dillon	
21	Brentford	A			
28	Colchester	H			
31	FAYC1R Lincoln Utd	H			
NOV					
4	Gillingham	A			
11	Southend	A			
18	L. Orient	H			
25	Portsmouth	A			
DEC					
2	Northampton	H			
16	Wycombe Wdrs	A			
JAN					
13	Barnet	H			
20	Cambridge	A			
27	Brighton	A			
FEB					
3	Brentford	H			
10	Colchester	A			
17	Gillingham	H			

We had all but done the job by the interval, when we were three up with all the goals from set pieces. The first two, on 15 and 25 minutes, came from corners by Mansell. John Carroll's near-post challenge enabled Gillman to shoot home from six yards, and the second was a far post kick which Leary headed in. Just before the interval Carroll's long free kick was spilled by the goalkeeper and O'Leary took his chance well.

We were very solid at the back, with Carroll's link-up play impressive, and defended well when Barnet showed more determination after the break, but Mansell had the last word with a spectacular strike from 30 yards, moments after he had hit a post with a similar effort.

Another trialist made his debut as a sub, 17-year-old Andre Fashanu from London, nephew of John.

Luton Town: Ward, Dogbe, Carroll, Bruce, Gillman, O'Leary (Jeffrey 70 mins), James-Barriteau (Osborne 60 mins), Mansell, Clarke, Dillon, Leary (Fashanu 70 mins).

Luton Town 1 Brighton 2

AN OPPORTUNIST goal by Chris Dillon gave us a lead we were probably lucky to have against one of the best teams in our league. Scott Ward made a top class tip-over save to prevent Brighton scoring first, but it all ended in disappointment when two defensive slips enabled the visitors to nick a narrow victory.

We had enough of the game to get a draw, with John Carroll hitting a post from a free kick and Robert Gillman having a header cleared off the line.

Luton Town: Ward, Dogbe, Carroll, Bruce, Gillman, O'Leary (Osborne 65 mins), James-Barriteau, Mansell (Jeffrey 65 mins), Clarke (Nurse 70 mins), Dillon, Leary (Fashanu 70 mins).

WE were away to Brentford this morning, and next Saturday we entertain Colchester at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, Farley Hill (11 am). Spectators are welcome, and admission is free.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Gillman 9, Dogbe 9, Mansell 9, James-Barriteau 9, Carroll 8, Dillon 8, Ward 8, Bruce 7, Clarke 6(1), Leary 5(1), O'Leary 4(5), Deeney 4(1), Osborne 3(3), Mortara 3, Nurse 2(2), Jeffrey 1(6), Meike 1(1), Chatfield 1, Carter 1, Minton 1, Fashanu 0(1), Ramirez 0(1).

Goals: Dillon 7, Carroll 2, James-Barriteau 1, Gillman 1, Leary 1, O'Leary 1, Mansell 1

South East Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge Utd	7	6	1	0	17	7	19
Brighton	7	5	1	1	12	5	16
Wycombe Wdrs	7	3	3	1	14	5	12
Colchester	6	3	2	1	12	9	11
Southend	7	3	2	2	16	18	11
Brentford	7	3	1	3	14	10	10
Luton Town	7	2	3	2	11	10	9
Leyton Orient	7	2	2	3	16	11	8
Portsmouth	7	1	3	3	10	16	6
Gillingham	6	1	2	3	7	14	5
Barnet	7	0	2	5	6	17	2
Northampton	7	0	2	5	4	17	2

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Where, How & When Goals Scored ■ & Conceded ■



Bournemouth	2	3	10	12	3	3	4	9	5	3	4	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	26	33	24	21	11	53
Brentford	5	4	5	9	2	3	4	6	4	4	3	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	13	21	03	32	12	55
Bristol City	4	2	5	5	0	3	7	1	0	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	22	20	21	02	21	14
Bristol Rovers	4	3	10	8	4	1	11	6	0	3	4	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	30	23	50	32	32	25
Bury	6	4	5	7	2	1	6	8	3	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	02	32	22	31	44
Cambridge	3	4	16	3	1	3	10	4	5	0	2	4	0	1	3	0	0	1	12	42	23	41	50	42
Colchester	3	4	5	11	2	0	6	7	1	4	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	24	12	34	02	31	12
Luton	4	4	5	15	1	1	4	10	2	2	3	6	0	0	1	1	0	1	32	03	14	22	16	33
Millwall	10	1	12	8	2	0	11	4	4	3	8	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	30	51	13	33	82
Northampton	2	5	8	3	3	1	7	5	2	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	13	11	40	12	32	31
Notts County	3	5	11	12	0	3	8	12	3	4	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	24	24	32	14	55
Oldham	6	9	6	12	2	4	6	12	3	7	3	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	26	12	33	13	43	38
Oxford	1	7	4	18	4	3	7	17	0	3	1	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	24	16	14	01	17	46
Peterborough	0	9	13	6	0	3	7	8	3	4	1	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	00	42	21	15	21	49
Port Vale	7	6	6	11	1	2	7	10	2	4	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	32	24	13	10	57	23
Reading	11	4	17	7	2	1	12	5	12	1	4	3	0	0	2	2	0	1	62	43	31	92	31	53
Rotherham	6	7	9	8	3	3	6	7	3	4	6	6	1	0	2	0	0	1	52	32	22	43	24	25
Stoke	8	4	8	6	1	0	6	1	4	2	6	4	0	0	0	2	1	1	11	41	20	22	11	75
Swansea	3	2	6	8	1	1	6	6	1	2	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	01	12	20	32	21	25
Swindon	2	4	7	14	0	0	3	8	2	5	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	03	54	12	03	13	23
Walsall	11	4	13	6	1	2	11	7	3	2	10	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	51	42	34	13	60	62
Wigan	6	4	8	6	2	1	9	8	3	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	52	04	21	32	00	62
Wrexham	3	11	12	9	4	2	12	10	0	6	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	45	32	03	34	12	86
Wycombe	4	4	7	4	2	2	9	7	1	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	12	41	01	42	12	32



Average Goals Per Game

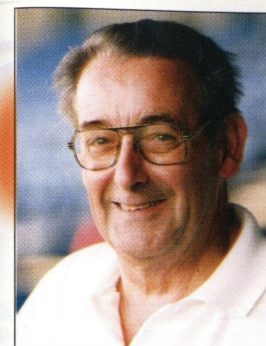
	For	HmF	AwF	AgT	HmA	AwA
Bournemouth	1.15	1.00	1.33	1.38	0.86	2.00
Brentford	1.09	1.14	1.00	1.45	1.29	1.75
Bristol City	0.82	1.00	0.67	0.91	1.60	0.33
Bristol Rovers	1.64	1.00	2.17	1.09	1.20	1.00
Bury	1.00	1.17	0.86	0.92	0.67	1.14
Cambridge	1.82	2.00	1.50	0.91	1.00	0.75
Colchester	0.77	0.83	0.71	1.15	1.17	1.14
Luton	0.77	0.50	1.00	1.54	1.17	1.86
Millwall	2.18	2.00	2.50	0.82	0.57	1.25
Northampton	1.18	1.50	1.00	0.82	0.75	0.86
Notts County	1.08	1.29	0.83	1.54	1.57	1.50
Oldham	1.08	1.29	0.83	1.92	1.29	2.67
Oxford	0.69	0.71	0.67	2.15	1.14	3.33
Peterborough	1.00	1.17	0.86	1.38	1.50	1.29
Port Vale	1.17	1.71	0.40	1.58	0.86	2.60
Reading	2.31	3.57	0.83	0.92	0.71	1.17
Rotherham	1.38	1.50	1.29	1.38	1.50	1.29
Stoke	1.55	1.60	1.50	0.91	0.40	1.33
Swansea	0.91	1.00	0.80	1.00	0.83	1.20
Swindon	0.82	1.25	0.57	1.64	1.75	1.57
Walsall	1.92	2.14	1.67	0.92	1.00	0.83
Wigan	1.33	1.80	1.00	0.92	0.80	1.00
Wrexham	1.73	1.00	2.33	2.00	2.00	2.00
Wycombe	1.00	1.67	0.43	0.77	0.67	0.86

Comebacks

Won From 2 Down	Walsall.....x1
Won From 1 Down	Cambridge, Walsall, Wrexham, Wycombe...x2
Brentford, Stoke, Swindon.....x1	
Drawn From 2 Down	Bournemouth, Reading, Northampton, Luton...x1
Drawn From 2 Up	Wrexham, Bristol Rovers, Stoke, Bristol City.....x1
Lost From 2 Up	Rotherham.....x1
Lost From 1 Up	Bournemouth, Luton, Oxford.....x2
Bristol City, Millwall, Notts County, Oldham, Rotherham.....x1	

Form Guide - The Last 6 Games

Club	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD	Sequence
Millwall	4	2	0	16	3	14	13	DWVWVWD
Cambridge	4	1	1	16	7	13	9	WWLWWD
Reading	4	1	1	15	5	13	10	LWVDWVW
Walsall	3	3	0	10	3	12	7	DWVWVDD
Brentford	3	2	1	8	9	11	-1	LDDVWVW
Northampton	3	2	1	8	6	11	2	WVLDWD
Rotherham	3	2	1	8	5	11	3	WDLVWVW
Swansea	3	1	2	8	8	10	0	WVLLWD
Stoke	2	3	1	9	5	9	4	WDDVLD
Wycombe	3	0	3	6	6	9	0	LWVWVLL
Bury	3	0	3	5	6	9	-1	LWVWVLL
Wrexham	2	2	2	10	12	8	-2	LDVLDVW
Swindon	2	2	2	7	9	8	-2	LVDVLD
Wigan	1	5	0	7	6	8	1	DVDDDD
Bristol City	1	5	0	6	5	8	1	DDVDDDD
Oldham	2	2	2	5	7	8	-2	DDVLLVW
Peterborough	2	1	3	5	8	7	-3	VLLVLD
Bristol Rovers	1	3	2	7	6	6	1	DVDDVLD
Notts County	1	2	3	7	13	5	-6	LDVLDVW
Port Vale	1	2	3	6	9	5	-3	DDVLLVW
Oxford	1	1	4	5	12	4	-7	VLLVLD
Bournemouth	0	3	3	7	10	3	-3	DDVLDV
Luton	0	2	4	6	13	2	-7	LDVLDV
Colchester	0	2	4	3	9	2	-6	DDVLLV



2nd Division

Brian Swain

UNPLEASANT though today's league table looks, we can at least

take heart from the fact that we are within one win of a rise out of the relegation zone, and we can thank today's visitors for keeping us within striking distance of Colchester, among others. Brentford, having waited a year for their first home win in the league until late September, have since made it three on the trot, with Colchester beaten 1-0 on Tuesday. Andy Scott is the in-form Brentford striker with four goals in those three victories - Bournemouth 3-2 and Peterborough 1-0 were the others - taking his tally for the season to eight. Brentford have not won away since a 1-0 success at Oxford in August, but their only defeat on their travels was at Reading in September, and they have picked up draws at Northampton and Notts County. We are one of many teams who find home wins difficult to achieve - six other clubs share our record of only one so far, and the Bristol clubs can't manage one between them.

Our draw at the Manor Ground on Tuesday was not as disastrous as it might have been because Oldham were the only struggling team to win, 2-0 at home to Wycombe.

Nationwide Division Two Table

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Walsall	13	4	3	0	15	7	4	1	1	10	5	28	
Reading	13	6	1	0	25	5	2	1	3	5	7	26	
Millwall	11	4	1	2	14	4	3	1	0	10	5	23	
Bury	13	4	1	1	7	4	3	1	3	6	8	23	
Cambridge	11	4	1	2	14	7	2	2	0	6	3	21	
Wigan	12	4	1	0	9	4	1	5	1	7	7	21	
Wycombe	13	4	1	1	10	4	2	2	3	3	6	21	
Rotherham	13	2	1	3	9	9	4	2	1	9	9	21	
Northampton	11	2	2	0	6	3	3	1	3	7	6	18	
Stoke	11	2	2	1	8	2	2	3	1	9	8	17	
Brentford	11	3	3	1	8	9	1	2	1	4	7	17	
Bristol Rov	11	0	4	1	5	6	3	2	1	13	6	15	
Swansea	11	2	2	2	6	5	2	1	2	4	6	15	
Peterborough	13	2	2	2	7	9	2	1	4	6	9	15	
Notts County	13	1	3	3	9	11	3	0	3	5	9	15	
Wrexham	11	1	0	4	5	10	3	2	1	14	12	14	
Port Vale	12	3	2	2	12	6	0	1	4	2	13	12	
Swindon	11	1	2	1	5	7	2	1	4	4	11	12	
Oldham	13	3	1	3	9	9	0	2	4	5	16	12	
Bristol City	11	0	2	3	5	8	2	3	1	4	2	11	
Colchester	13	1	2	3	5	7	1	3	3	5	8	11	
Bournemouth	13	1	4	2	7	6	0	3	3	8	12	10	
Luton Town	13	1	1	4	3	7	0	4	3	7	13	8	
Oxford Utd	13	1	2	4	5	8	0	0	6	4	20	5	

Today's other 2nd Division Fixtures

Bristol City v Reading
Bury v Bournemouth
Colchester v Cambridge
Northampton v Oldham
Peterborough v Notts County
Rotherham v Swindon
Stoke v Millwall
Swindon v Bristol Rovers
Wigan v Port Vale
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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	-	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	18	5,221	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
AUGUST	Mon 28	Wycombe Wdrs	A 3pm	1-1	17	6,001	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 2	Rotherham Utd	A 3pm	1-1	17	4,061	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough WC1(2)	A 7.45pm	2-2	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	21	4,933	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Tue 26	Sunderland WC2(2)	H 7.45pm	1-2	21	5,262	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 30	Bristol Rov	A 3pm	3-3	22	7,901	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
OCTOBER	Sun 8	Millwall	H 12pm	0-1	22	5,345	Ovendale Boyce Watts George McGowan
OCTOBER	Fri 13	Cambridge Utd	A 8pm	1-2	23	6,191	Ovendale Boyce Watts George McGowan
OCTOBER	Tue 17	Oxford Utd	A 7.45pm	0-0	23	4,537	Abbey Boyce Watts George McGowan
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	3pm				
NOVEMBER	Sat 25	Port Vale	A 3pm				
DECEMBER	Sat 2	Stoke City	A 3pm				
DECEMBER	Sat 9	FAC2	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				

The FA Cup final is on May 12

FANS ON THE MOVE

OUR second-biggest following of the season made up nearly a quarter of the attendance at Cambridge, and despite the disappointing result more than 800 Town fans got to Oxford for Tuesday night's game. The figures so far on travelling fans:

Visitors to Luton

Notts Co	.....606
Peterborough (WC)	.....360
Bournemouth	.....539
Northampton	.....1,240
Walsall	.....313
Swindon	.....531
Sunderland (WC)	.....1,366
Millwall	.....1,389
Total:	.....6,344
Average:	.....793

Away-day Hatters

Wigan	.....640
Wycombe	.....1,266
Rotherham	.....603
Peterborough (WC)	.....908
Swansea	.....285
Sunderland (WC)	.....332
Bristol Rovers	.....333
Cambridge	.....1,210
Oxford	.....817
Total:	.....6,394
Average:	.....710

Next Home Match



Luton Town versus Wrexham

Saturday 28th 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, Brienfelder.
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
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Stein	Kandol	All unused: Brennan, Holmes, Stirling, Scarlett, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Stein	Kandol	Holmes for Kandol HT; Brennan for McGowan 89. Unused: Fraser, Breitenfelder, Abbey.
Taylor	Fraser	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Breitenfelder for McGowan HT; Brennan for Kandol 79. Unused: Locke, Thomson, Ovendale.

Town Teaser

OUR "Town Trivia" quiz will be asked again this afternoon, offering a prize to one lucky supporter. The question at the last home game was about the Millwall caretaker manager who was also once manager of the Town, and the answer was Ray Harford.

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. If you don't know the answer, it is to be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Today's Question

PLAYERS who have turned out for both Luton and Brentford include one who helped us all celebrate his 24th birthday when he scored our winner against Watford in an FA Cup replay. Who was he?



Some of the traders at the Arndale Market.

ARNDALE MARKET AND LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB have joined forces to celebrate the market's 75th anniversary. The celebrations run through half term week Monday October, 23rd through to Saturday October, 28th. There will be a party atmosphere in the market hall, with competitions, prizes, entertainment, face painting for the kids, and special discounts on selected stalls. The Club Shop will also be operating a stall in the market from Monday October, 23rd through to Friday October 27th, where supporters will be able to purchase official Club merchandise. So why not come on down this half term and join in on the celebrations at the Arndale Market.

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GAVIN McGOWAN 2

STUART FRASER 13

EMMERSON BOYCE 17

JULIAN WATTS 5

MATTHEW TAYLOR 15

PETER HOLMES 20

MATTHEW SPRING 4

LIAM GEORGE 11

TRESBOR KANDOL 18

MARK STEIN 10

Substitutes

DEAN BRENNAN 22

ADAM LOCKE 12

FRIEDRICH BREITENFELDER 26

PETER THOMSON 7

MARK OVENDALE 1

Changes

Today's Officials

Referee:

Steve Dunn

Assistants:

G. S. Evetts (red flag)

K. A Woolmer (yellow and red flag)

Fourth Official:

K. S. Reynolds



Manager: Ron Noades

17 OLAFUR GOTTSKALKSSON

35 JASON CROWE

6 SCOTT MARSHALL

15 IVAR INGIMARSSON

7 PAUL EVANS

8 GAVIN MAHON

4 ROBERT QUINN

10 SCOTT PARTRIDGE

11 ANDY SCOTT

12 MARTIN ROWLANDS

23 DAVID THEOBALD

Substitutes

14 TONY FOLAN

21 LORENZO PINAMONTE

22 RICHARD KENNEDY

26 MARK WILLIAMS

31 PAUL SMITH

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