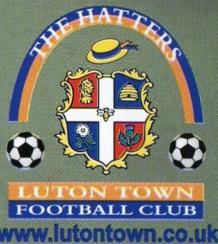


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THE NEW BOSS - Lil Fuccillo at a training session yesterday, settling in as manager of Luton Town.

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Inside Forward

SLIGHTLY bemused, but very appreciative of the opportunity offered to him, Lil Fuccillo took his first training session as manager of Luton Town yesterday, following the mid-week departure of Ricky Hill. One of his first acts as the new boss was to persuade his old friend and mentor, also a former Town playing stalwart, John Moore, 56, to become assistant manager, and the two will be in the dug-out together this evening.

The management change was decided by the board following our sixth home defeat of the season, which left us stuck in bottom but one place in the Second Division, and in danger of being cast adrift of the survival mark.

"We are sorry things did not work out as well as we had all hoped," said chairman Mike Watson-Challis in announcing that Ricky Hill was leaving. "We would like to thank Ricky for all his efforts, and wish him well in the future. Our priority now must be to support Lil, John and the team, in their efforts to take the club forward."

Fuccillo, who first came to Kenilworth Road as an apprentice after leaving school in 1973, played for the Town for eight years, during which he broke a leg twice, but fought back on each occasion. He made 180 appearances in midfield, scoring 27 goals, and his experience in coaching since then includes a stint as manager of Peterborough - he took Posh to their highest-ever league place, tenth in Division one seven years ago. Moore is one of the club's enduring heroes, having been here for most of the past 35 years as player, coach, and for one season manager, taking the Town to their best-ever league finish, seventh in what is now the Premiership.

Fuccillo admitted he had been a little shocked at the speed of events following his return to the club as a scout early last month. Within three weeks Chris Ramsey had left and Fuccillo took over the assistant's role as well as scouting.

This week, when he was offered the job he had always dreamed about, his first feeling was one of sympathy at what had happened to the man who brought him back, and then an unhesitating reply to the board that yes, he would love to be Luton Town manager, and would be proud to do the job.

His demand to the players was that everyone in the club, including them, must "give a little more."

He has got the chairman to confirm that money is available to strengthen the squad, and his first priorities are to find a natural leader, someone to do the job that Brian Horton did when Fuccillo was a young player, and a target man to play in attack.

His message to supporters is simple: "Get behind us. I will ensure everyone here gives 100 per cent. We can go places if we get 100 per cent backing from the fans as well."

Brian Swain

The
manager's
first column:
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EVERYONE at Kenilworth Road has been shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden death of Con Dorgan, who had been part of the club scene for more than 40 years, not just as a dependable employee on match days, but as a real supporter as well.

His was the smiling face that greeted tens of thousands of fans as he operated turnstiles and official entrances at the club he adopted as his own.

Con came to Luton from his native County Cork, in Ireland, as a young man looking for work in 1948, and after a spell with H. C. Janes in the construction industry, helping to build a new post-war Luton, he was a production worker at Vauxhall Motors Ltd for more than a quarter of a century, taking early retirement in 1987.

His two loves in life were his family, and Luton Town. "Right from day one in Luton he was a Town supporter," recalled his daughter Teresa, who was also brought to the club by her father to work in the hospitality bars for some years.

"He had always loved his football, and it gave him great pleasure to be doing something to help the club. He was Luton Town through and through."

Con died after a short illness, a huge shock to his many friends. In latter years he had been on the top gate in Kenilworth Road, where, among others, credentials of journalists are checked as they arrive. He had been greeting me for more than 30 years, always staying on after his hours of duty were over to talk about the game, and wonder if this was going to be our year for promotion. It hurts now to think that we exchanged cheery waves when he went home from the Wrexham game, which turned out to be his last match. There was so much more I would have wanted to say had I known he was about to be taken ill.

Con was 76, looking and conducting himself more like 50. He is survived by his wife Lil, two daughters and their husbands, and four grandchildren. We mourn with them, and will say our good-byes with huge sadness at Luton Crematorium on Monday at 11.15 am. He was, quite simply, a lovely man, and I for one was all the better for knowing him. He will be much missed, and we offer our heartfelt sympathies to his family. -Brian Swain.



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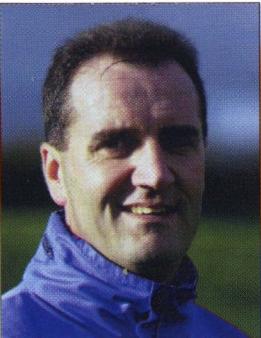
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The Manager Lil Fuccillo

THERE is no-one more surprised than me to be writing

this column tonight. It is a privilege to be the manager of Luton Town, of course, but I am sad at the way things have turned out for Ricky Hill, who brought me back to the club and gave me a job I enjoyed.

I was combining scouting and coaching, and enjoyed the challenge of identifying players we wanted to bring in, and I was very happy in my work. But football is the greatest game in the world, and the worst for those of us in it, and we all know that very few managers go through their careers without getting the sack.

Results are all-important, and no-one in the club thought that ours to date were good enough.

We all have the good of the club at heart, and for me the chance to be manager, having spent my best playing days here, is a dream come true.

I also realise that we are facing a difficult task, but I believe we can turn things round. My first priority is to maximise the good things in the squad we have. We must all take responsibility for what has already happened, especially players. Once they go over that white line they must give their all, individually, and as a team collectively. Tonight we have the chance to make a fresh start, and we must make the most of it.

I know that the squad still needs strengthening, and the board are ready to finance a transfer deal or two. I know who I want, but that is only part of the battle to get them. In our league situation, players will inevitably think twice before committing themselves to the cause. And if they are not fully committed, I don't want them.

I hope to make my first signing as manager within a couple of weeks, of a player who will

have to fit in with the Luton style. I was brought up with that footballing philosophy, of course, from the day I joined the club fresh from school. I want to see us play with flair, but there must be other ingredients too - work rate, bravery and mental toughness are all just as important.

We will work to get the club out of trouble, and everyone within the club must take responsibility for getting things right.

On the field, I intend to change our formation this evening, with the No. 1 priority the need to defend much better in home games. There is a very narrow line between winning and losing, and we have got good players in our squad who are capable of doing a good job.

There are plenty of league points to be played for, and we can stay in this division this season. If I did not believe that, we might as well all pack up now. I know time is not on our side. Firstly, we have a gap to close on the teams immediately above us, and then we have to strike out for a mid-table place to be achieved as quickly as possible.

The supporters have been very patient so far, but I do not wish test your patience much longer. We have to turn things around as soon as possible, and I am glad that tonight is a distraction from the league programme. Cup-ties generate a different atmosphere, and I expect that we are on TV because SKY think there might be a giant-killing by Rushden & Diamonds. We will be aware of that possibility. We will be prepared for the task.

And, win or lose this evening, I promise you this: you will get 100 per cent from me, and I will expect the same from everyone in the club. Enjoy the game.

Lil Fuccillo

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The Hatters roll-call 2000-2001

Appearances (as sub in brackets)

Goals

	League	WC	Total	League	WC	Total
Nathan Abbey	7	0	7	0	0	0
Rocky Baptiste	0(2)	0	0(2)	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	17	4	21	0	0	0
Dean Brennan	2(7)	1(1)	3(8)	0	0	0
Friedrich Breitenfelder	1(2)	0	1(2)	0	0	0
Stuart Douglas	3	0	3	2	0	2
Andrew Fotiadis	6(1)	1	7(1)	1	0	1
Stuart Fraser	6(3)	4	10(4)	0	0	0
Liam George	14(3)	3(1)	17(4)	3	0	3
Petri Helin	2	0	2	1	0	1
Peter Holmes	8(6)	2(1)	10(7)	0	0	0
Marvin Johnson	3	0	3	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	6(4)	2(1)	8(5)	3	1	4
Kent Karlsen	2	0	2	0	0	0
Adam Locke	9(3)	1(1)	10(4)	0	0	0
Gavin McGowan	4(1)	0	4(1)	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	15	4	19	0	0	0
Mark Ovendale	10	4	14	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	5(1)	2	7(1)	0	1	1
Matthew Spring	15	4	19	2p	0	2p
Mark Stein	16(1)	3	19(1)	3	1	4
Jude Stirling	1	0	1	0	0	0
Matthew Taylor	17	4	21	0	0	0
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Julian Watts	16	4	20	2	0	2

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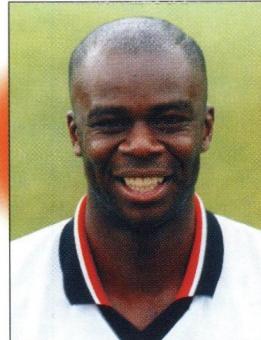


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Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson

THINGS moved swiftly at Kenilworth Road this week after

the latest disappointing result. We were sorry to see Ricky Hill go, because all the players wanted him to succeed. None more than me - when I can into the club as a teenager back in 1985 Ricky Hill and a little later Mick Harford were my heroes.

It is still a mystery to me why our results have been so poor this season. We all must take our share of the responsibility, and I suppose the week's events are another illustration of how difficult football management can be. It's an unforgiving business, because everyone is chasing success. Two dozen teams hope to win promotion. Perhaps even more, they fear the threat of relegation.

Lil Fuccillo has taken on a difficult job, and he needs the help of everyone, particularly the players. The plain fact is that so far this season we have rarely performed as well as we should. We are all in this together, and the boss is right to demand 100 per cent from everyone.

I certainly wish I could be out on the pitch playing my part, but I am still struggling to shake off my neck injury, so once again this evening I will have to settle for being a spectator, shouting loudly for the lads.

We face an intriguing cup-tie, and it's a game that many would see as a real banana skin for us. Rushden & Diamonds are non-league. Yet, having seen their set-up, they are as well organised as any Football League club, and in Brian Talbot they have a manager whose record deserves respect.

But like us they have had a couple of disappointing results recently, and the fact that we are potential fall-guys for Rushden will ensure we approach this match in the right frame of mind. Our pre-season visit to

Nene Park, the 5-1 result flattered us on the night, although if Mark Stein can net two goals again this evening we will be well pleased!

Players usually enjoy a break from the league programme, and the FA Cup still holds a very special place in our dreams. While I am not forecasting that we will win the cup, I think we can get over tonight's hurdle if we apply ourselves properly, and we would all love to make progress to the point where we might meet one of the glamour outfits.

That has to be earned, of course, and I hope we can give the new boss a winning start tonight. Our home record is very poor, and we let ourselves down again last week against Bristol City. I was content with the way things were going for the first 45 minutes, and we were unlucky not to be leading at the interval. But after we let them take the lead, heads dropped and confidence sagged. There is a greater expectation in home games, but it has been leading to us becoming nervous and short of confidence. Our mental reaction, particularly if we fall behind, has got to be a lot stronger, particularly at Kenilworth Road. Hopefully we can be more relaxed this evening, knowing that while a cup run would be very nice, the real focus will have to be on stacking up league points, the sooner the better.

As players, we know we have not done as well as we can. The changes made this week offer us a fresh start. We must take advantage, and now is the time for us all to stand up and be counted. I think the supporters have been very patient, and if there were signs that the patience was wearing thin on Saturday, we could hardly be surprised. You deserve better, and we know it's time we delivered.

Marvin Johnson

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Treatment Room

Clive Goodyear

IT IS my last game as physio of Luton Town this evening, and I am pleased to report that my successor, Bruce Sewell, inherits a treatment room that is not too busy.

But he will have work to do with two of our experienced players, Stuart Douglas and Marvin Johnson, who are both ruled out again this evening because of injuries.

We are having to organise a comprehensive examination of the striker's problem, because it is worrying that his hamstring injury, originally sustained in pre-season, keeps recurring when all the signs are that it has cleared up.

He had to be subbed again on Saturday, against Bristol City, and the problem was once again on his right leg, the strain on the left having cleared up. It is not a normal hamstring strain, and it looks as though the problem is connected with his lower back, and affecting a nerve.

That in turn means that we need a close look at his posture, and to do that he will put in a few laps on the treadmill, which will be videotaped. That tape will then be examined by a specialist in bio-mechanical medicine, to see how his running action affects his lower spine. Various possibilities will have to be looked at - it could be something as simple as the way Douglas walks, stands, or even sits in a car. Whatever it is, the injury is frustrating for the player, and can take some time to sort out.

Michael Owen had a similar problem, and you may recall he needed lengthy treatment before he could resume his career. The good news is that once it has been sorted out, we can cure it completely.

Marvin Johnson's injury is also about the spine, but in his case much higher up, near the neck. He is able to train normally, so long as he doesn't head the ball, but after each session he feels some discomfort and soreness. He is undergoing specialist physio-therapy which should cure it, but it is impossible to set him a target for when he will be fully fit again.

Clive Goodyear

Like all our players, he is a good professional on the field and off it, and is willing to work to regain fitness.

Paul McLaren did, after his calf muscle injury, and he has done well to shrug it off and keep playing. It was a case of putting up with the pain in some games, but he has now got over the problem.

My other "customer" this week was Marcus Jeffrey, from our youth team, who suffered an ankle injury during their game on Saturday. We feared that it might be serious, but early indications are optimistic. At this stage, there does not seem to be any fracture, but the first X-rays cannot be relied on entirely. His ankle is badly swollen, and to keep weight off it he will be on crutches for a week or so. When the swelling disperses, there will be more X-rays, just in case there is a minor crack which the first ones missed, and there will also be some consideration of whether he has suffered ligament damage.

I wish him a speedy recovery, and thank everyone at Luton Town for helping to make my seven years in the treatment room so pleasant. In some ways I am sorry to be leaving the club, having been here as a young man in my playing days, but things change in football, and you have to move on. I am going to Cardiff, to team up with other old friends like Bobby Gould and Alan Cork from my Wimbledon days.

I hope Lil Fuccillo and John Moore are successful in their efforts to improve our league position, and I owe a word of thanks to John Moore particularly for all his help, over a long time.

My final word has to be for the supporters, especially those in the Bobbers Travel Club and the Century Club, who have been generous in raising money to help us buy equipment for the treatment room. I shall always have a feeling for Luton Town, and I hope that with everyone behind the new management team, better days are ahead.

Clive Goodyear



Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

4pm on the day of the match.

Our youth team did well on Tuesday night in the FA Youth Cup, beating Walsall, as is reported on page 43. In the third round we are drawn at home to either Bournemouth or Cardiff, but obviously until that match is settled I am unable to give you a date for the game.

One date that has been finalised is for our reserves fixture at Queens Park Rangers, which was postponed in September. It will now be played on April 10 next year.

Some supporters have asked why we have not taken action quicker to repair the netting above the executive boxes which was damaged by gales two or three weeks ago. Repairs are in hand, but so far the weather has been too bad to justify the risk of sending workmen onto the roof.

Finally, today, on behalf of all the staff I would like to wish all the best to two others who are leaving. Clive Goodyear has been a good servant to this club as a player and as physio, and we hope he enjoys the next stage of his career, at Cardiff City. We welcome our new physio, Bruce Sewell. Also leaving for a new job is catering assistant Jan Bavister, who has been on the staff for 10 years, and we are sorry to lose her services, and wish her every success in her new job.

Cherry Newbery

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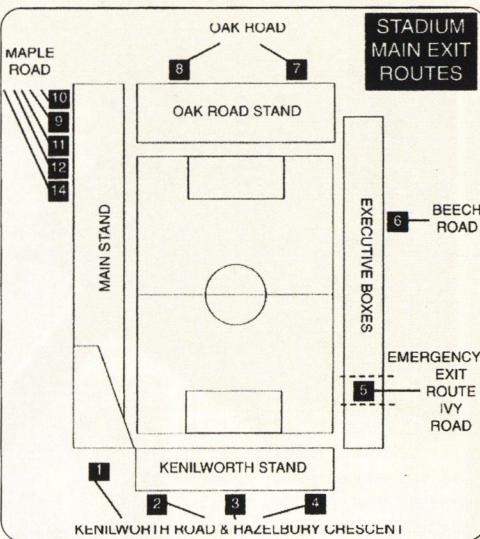
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THE switch from the usual Saturday fixture to a Friday night match was a lucky omen for young Liam Connor Roberts. Today happens to be his sixth birthday, and his parents have taken the opportunity to give him a very special present, because he is this

evening's commercial mascot. He lives at Knaves Hill, Linslade, and is a regular at Town matches, coming with his dad and his uncle Rich, and they report that young Liam is a keen "Barmy Army" member of the Bricklayers Arms crowd (soft drinks only!).

As mascot, Liam will enjoy being involved in the proceedings this evening, meeting the players in the dressing room, and going out with them for the pre-match formalities. His favourites are Liam George and Nathan Abbey, and as well as watching the Town in action Liam likes playing football, and computer games. His dad added that he also likes causing mischief!

We hope he and his family enjoy their evening, and if you have a youngster who deserves a similar present, we will be pleased to tell you about this and other packages on offer from the commercial department. Give us a ring on Luton 411622.

John Bailey

ticket sold helps the Town.

Mr Strode was the 11th winner of the season, and they have shared £5,045, an average of £459 each. As usual Golden Gamble sellers are on duty in all parts of the ground this evening. The lucky number is pulled out of the drum at half time, and the prize is paid out immediately.

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1999-2000 Top Scorers (Players)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Poyet	Chelsea	7					
Carbone	Aston Villa	5					
Gudjohnsen	Bolton W.	5					
Shearer	Newcastle Utd	5					
Bakke	Leeds United	4					
Charles	Hayes	4					
Thomson	Gillingham	4					

3 Goals Each:

Alexander	Preston N.E.	Hunt	Forest Green Rovers
Allison	Tranmere Rovers	McGregor	Plymouth A.
Benjamin	Cambridge Utd	Murphy	Oxford Utd
Brown	Hull City	Powell	Oxford Utd
Caskey	Reading	Roussel	Coventry City
Cross	Chester City	Speed	Newcastle Utd
Ferguson	Newcastle Utd	Southall	Gillingham
Goater	Manchester City	Unsworth	Everton
Haworth	Wigan Athletic	Wardley	Q.P.R.

1999-2000 Top Scorers (Teams)

3	6	9	12	15	18	21
Chelsea	19					
Newcastle	17					
Gillingham	16					
Hull City	10					
Fulham	9					
Leeds United	9					
Luton Town	9					
Oxford United	9					
Preston North End	9					
Aston Villa	8					
Coventry City	8					
Plymouth Argyle	8					
Wrexham	8					
7 Goals: Bolton Wanderers						
Cambridge United						
Reading ; Torquay United						
6 Goals: Blackburn Rovers						
Chester City ; Everton						
Forest Green Rovers						
Hayes ; Manchester City						
Oldham Athletic						
Stalybridge Celtic						
Tranmere Rovers ; Wigan Ath.						

1999-2000 F.A. Cup Figures

Home Wins	77	0-0 Draws (at 90 mins)	11
Away Wins	40	Score Draws (at 90 mins)	27
'Extra-Time' Replays	13	(Oxford City 1-1 Wycombe W, abandoned aet!)	
Hat-Tricks	2	(Carbone, Aston Villa ; Poyet, Chelsea)	
Own Goals	6	(Doughty, Chester City ; Barras, Walsall Roddis, Hayes ; Edwards, Hull City O'Sullivan, Plymouth ; Beswetherick, Plymouth)	
Penalties (Scored)	24	(Caskey, Reading - 3 ; Alexander, Preston - 3)	
Total Goals Scored	406		

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Rushden & Diamonds



Rushden & Diamonds FC

Back row, left to right: Mark Peter, John Hamsher, Duane Darby, Stuart Taylor, Billy Turley, Michael Bertocchi, Michael McElhatton, Darren Bradshaw, Simon Wormull.

Middle row: Jean-Michel Sigere, Gary Butterworth, Gary Setchell, Justin Jackson, Jim Rodwell, Mark Sale, Richard Butcher, Matthew Stowell.

Front row: Simon Parsell (physio), Paul Underwood, Gary Mills, Jon Brady, Ray Warburton, Brian Talbot (manager), Darren Collins, Tarkan Mustafa, Andrew Burgess, David Town.

A MERGER between two neighbouring clubs who were not having the best of times led to the formation of Rushden & Diamonds FC at the end of the 1991/92 season.

Rushden Town had been founded in 1889, and competed in the Midland and Northants Leagues, before joining the United Counties League, winning the UCL title twice before election to the Southern League Midland Division in 1983. In 1991 they won promotion to the Premier Division, but after finishing in 14th place in their first season, the Russians were devastated to be relegated back to the Midland Division because their Hayden Road ground was considered below the standard required.

Irlingborough Diamonds was founded in 1946 as a youth club, playing local under-18 soccer for a decade. They achieved senior status in 1964 when they went into the United Counties League, winning the title for the first time in 1971. They also had exciting runs in the FA Vase, twice reaching the semi-finals. But after success through the 1970s and 1980s, their fortunes declined and they approached local businessman Mr Max Griggs to ask for sponsorship.

He recognised that Rushden and Irlingborough Diamonds faced problems and suggested a merger. Despite widespread reservations, amalgamation was eventually agreed, and the Irlingborough ground, Nene Park, was brought up to modern standards. The new club kicked off in 1992 with just 315 spectators watching their debut against Bilton Town in the Southern League Midland Division.

Thanks to the wonderful backing of the R. Griggs Group, best known for their Dr Martens and Airwair footwear, and

excellent support from the local business community, the club clinched promotion in 1994, and embarked on an ambitious scheme to redevelop the ground still further. Luton supporters who went to Nene Park for the pre-season friendly will know that the stadium, with ancillary facilities, is magnificent, well up to Football League standards. The team, under Roger Ashby, also developed, and in May 1996 a crowd of 4,664, then a ground record, saw a 3-2 victory over Merthyr Tydfil to secure the Southern League Championship and a place in the Conference.

Ground development continued to bring the capacity up to 6,572, but favouritism for the Conference title in 1997 turned out to be wishful thinking. By February in that campaign, the Diamonds were bottom of the table. Former Ipswich, Arsenal and England player Brian Talbot was brought in as coach, and led them to safety. The club has been pushing hard for promotion to the Football League ever since, but the prize has proved to be elusive, with a series of near-misses.

But the FA Cup has often inspired the Diamonds to heroic performances, including several showing their potential to match some of the best teams in the land, including a memorable home draw with Leeds in the third round in January last year. A record attendance saw David O'Leary's men held to a goal-less draw, with on-loan goalkeeper Ian Feuer playing a major role, although Leeds had the last word with a 3-1 success in the replay.

Last season the Diamonds reached the third round again, losing on penalties at Nene Park to Sheffield United after an excellent draw at Bramall Lane.



BRIAN TALBOT - MANAGER

As a midfielder Talbot enjoyed much success with Ipswich Town, Arsenal and England. He moved into management at West Bromwich Albion, and then spent a number of years in Malta, and became head coach for Rushden & Diamonds in March 1997, and two years later was appointed manager.



TERRY WESTLEY - COACH

Spent four years on the staff at Luton in the early nineties, first as youth coach and then as manager before giving way to Lennie Lawrence in December 1995. Then had a spell as youth coach at Charlton before joining Rushden & Diamonds during season 1998/99.

MICHAEL BERTOCCHI

Age 19, Goalkeeper recruited on two-year contract in July 1999 from French side AS Cannes. Highly promising prospect who also had trials with a Premiership Club.

DARREN BRADSHAW

Age 33, can play equally effectively in defence or midfield. Secured on free transfer from Blackpool three years ago. Newcastle United and Peterborough United are among his previous clubs. Injury restricted his appearances last season, but he is approaching the 100 mark for the club.

JON BRADY

Age 25, the right wing back was born in Australia, but joined Rushden & Diamonds from Conference rivals Hayes during the summer of 1998. He previously played for Swansea City and Wycombe Wanderers in the Football League.



ANDREW BURGESS

Age 19, the winger is a product of the well-organised youth system at Nene Park, and was awarded a contract in July

last year. He became a regular in the first team during the second half of the 1999/2000 season, and took the Young Player of the Year award.

RICHARD BUTCHER

Age 19, the midfielder spent much of his youth at Northampton Town. Signed full time for the Diamonds after impressive performances made him a regular in the reserves last season.

GARY BUTTERWORTH

Age 31, and a highly experienced midfielder. He was signed from Dagenham & Redbridge in 1994, having previously made over 100 appearances for Peterborough United. He is a semi-professional international and England captain for the last three seasons. He is approaching the 300 appearances mark, the highest total in the club, and not surprisingly was named last season as the Players Player of the Year.

SHAUN CAREY

Age 24, the central midfielder was born in Northamptonshire, but went to Norwich City as a schoolboy and progressed to make over 50 Football League appearances for the Canaries.



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DARREN COLLINS

Age 33, and leading goal scorer for the last five seasons, the striker is another semi-professional international. Signed from Enfield, he was previously with Northampton Town and Aylesbury. He has an astonishing strike ratio of around a goal every two games, and has hit more than 150 for the club.

DUANE DARBY

Age 26, the forward brought considerable experience with him when he was signed in the summer from Notts County. He previously played for Torquay United and Hull City, for whom he once scored six goals in an FA Cup tie against Goole Town.

JOHN HAMSHER

Age 22, and equally at home in defence or midfield he joined the Diamonds in summer 1997 after being released by Fulham, and soon settled in at Nene Park, signing a contract in the following September, and has made over 50 first team appearances.

**JUSTIN JACKSON**

Age 25, the striker was recruited from Morecambe during the last close season. He was the leading Nationwide Conference goal scorer in 1999/2000. Numbers Woking, Notts

County and Halifax Town among his previous clubs and was voted Conference Player of the Year last year.

MICHAEL MCELHATTON

Age 25, the central defender or midfielder was a summer 1998 signing following release from Scarborough. Versatile, he was leading scorer until injury ended his season early in February.

GARY MILLS

Age 19, a midfielder who has graduated through the youth system, he was awarded a contract in July 1999. He was a regular in the reserves in 1998/99, and last season made the breakthrough to the first team for the final eight games. He was voted Reserve Team Player of the Year.

TARKAN MUSTAFÄ

Age 27, the wingback was signed from Conference rivals Kingstonian in May 2000, having previously been with Kettering Town. He featured in Wimbledon's reserve side as a youngster. He was named Man of the Match at the FA Trophy Final last season.

STUART NAYLOR

Age 37, the goalkeeper moved to Nene Park in the summer after being released by Exeter City, who had earlier loaned him to Diamonds. He began his Football League career at Lincoln, but was best known at West Bromwich Albion, for whom he made over 400 appearances.

MARK PETERS

Age 28, the central defender was signed in the summer of 1999 from Mansfield Town and was previously with Peterborough United.

JIM RODWELL

Age 29, the central defender has become a big favourite after being signed on the eve of 1995/96 season from Halesowen Town, having previously played for Nuneaton Borough and Hednesford Town. Made a big impression last season and collected the Supporters and Sponsors Player of the Year trophies, and the Fair Play Award.

MARK SALE

Age 28, the striker was signed in the summer of last year from Colchester United, for whom he appeared in a Wembley play-off final. Previously with Stoke City, Birmingham City, Torquay United, Preston North End and Mansfield Town.

GARY SETCHELL

Age 25, and able to operate at wingback or in midfield, he was recruited from Kettering Town in May 2000, and was previously with Kings Lynn. Scored the goal that took Kettering to Wembley for the 1999/2000 FA Trophy Final.

JEAN-MICHEL SIGERE

Age 23, a forward who came from Bordeaux for a trial in April. He scored four goals in the last seven games of the season and was rewarded with a contract.



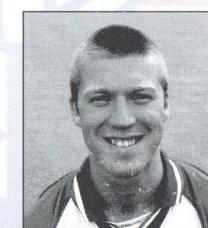
Andrew Burgess goal against Dagenham & Redbridge

MATTHEW STOWELL

Age 23, the defender was a December 1999 acquisition from Bristol City. He was previously with Slough and had spell on loan with Yeovil Town, in the Conference, prior to joining Rushden & Diamonds.

**RAY WARBURTON**

Age 32, the central defender's move in October 1998 from local rivals Northampton Town, along with Carl Heggs, upset a lot of Cobblers supporters. He had joined Northampton in 1994 from York City for £35,000, and was captain at Wembley in successive play-off finals. He played 220 times for Northampton, scoring 16 goals.

**SIMON WORMULL**

Age 23, the attacking midfielder moved to Diamonds in March this year from Dover Athletic. He was a schoolboy at Tottenham Hotspur and then had a spell at Brentford. An England semi-professional international, he was Match Magazine's Conference Player of the Year 1999/2000

SIMON PARSELL - PHYSIO

Simon Parsell joined the Nene Park staff in 1996 from Kings Lynn and was assistant physio before promotion in 1997, becoming the club's first full-time physio in August that year.

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BELIEVE it or not, this is the very young daughter of a Chelsea fan - but little Katie Peck has the good fortune to have Luton Town supporters for grandparents. Mrs Angela Coleman, from Strathmore Avenue, Luton, explained: "This is a photo of our grand-daughter, aged two months. We enrolled her into the Junior Hatters when she was 23 hours old, and whenever she goes out she always wears her Luton Town hat. "Her dad and sister are Chelsea fans, but we are making sure she supports a good team. When she is older she will be coming to matches at Luton with her granddad Vaughn, me, her nana, and her uncle Aaron."



TRAVEL the world and you will always meet Hatters fans. The tiny tot pictured here is five-year-old Jay Norman, from Churchfield Road, Houghton Regis, who was snapped while on holiday in Barbados. His mother points out: "He loves to wear his Town kit whenever he can - he always asks 'Where's my Luton?' when it's time to choose what to wear. "He always goes to home games with his dad and uncle Phil, who are also Luton Town supporters, and he loves watching the matches. He is also a Junior Hatter."



THE Germans don't always get their towels on the sun loungers first, as our picture from Corfu proves. The smartly-dressed Hatters fan is 14 month old Charlotte Lorraine Brammer, from Luton Road, Dunstable. Her dad Ches is a regular at Kenilworth Road, and the day before the family were due to set off for their holiday he popped into the club shop to buy himself a new home shirt.

"They were out of stock at the time, due to the great demand," he said. "But I couldn't leave the shop without buying Charlotte her very first Luton Town strip, which she proudly wore on her first trip abroad."

WE welcome contributions to this occasional series. If you have a good picture of a very young Town fan and want to see it published, please send it to the Matchday Magazine Editor at the football club. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you want it returned, but please do not send in any picture that is irreplaceable, because they do occasionally go astray despite our best efforts.

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Photo Action

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HOME DEBUT: Finnish International Petri Helin on the ball in his second game for the Town, having netted our equaliser at Bury in his first.

LEFT: Stuart Douglas in typical shooting style, before he had to limp off with a recurrence of his hamstring injury.

ABOVE: Petri Helin and Liam George add to the goalmouth congestion as the Town seek a way through a very good Bristol City defence.

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Hatters Away

SUPPORTERS face plenty of travelling to watch the Town before we have our next home game. If tonight's match is a draw, we face three away games on the trot, with a fourth a possibility on December 9, the day of the FA Cup second round.

If we have to go to Nene Park for a replay, it will be on Tuesday November 28, and the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour will be running coaches. Check at their kiosks in Kenilworth Road immediately after tonight's game for further details. If you drive, it is a simple journey from Luton, straight up the old A6 through and beyond Bedford, then through Rushden, and you will see the stadium on your right just before you reach Irthlingborough.

IN THE Second Division the fixtures list has given us two consecutive trips to the Potteries, to Port Vale next Saturday and Stoke City the week after. We'll probably be drawn away to one or other of them in the FA Cup on the Saturday after that!

The two grounds are so near to each other that times and fares for the two coach services are the same for both games. Town on Tour, an offshoot of Luton Town Supporters Club, departs Maple Road at 11.30, picking up at Milton Keynes Coachway 20 minutes later, and the fare is £12 for LTSC members, £10 concessionary members and £13.50 for others.

The Bobbers Travel Club leave Cranfield at 10 am and Luton an hour later, and their fares are £11 for adults, £9 for pensioners and juniors. Stewarded car parking is available for coach travellers at Maple Road, at £3 for members of either of the two clubs, £4 for others. You need to show your membership card to get the discount.

DIY Travellers

IF YOU want to drive to the Britannia Stadium or Vale Park, it's an easy trip if motorway conditions are OK. An alternative route to the one that follows is straight up M1 to near the East Midlands Airport, and then to Stoke via the A50. The shortest route is north up M1, then M6, leaving at junction 15 to take the A500.

Vale Park



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For Vale Park, the Police recommend that you avoid traffic congestion in the centre of Burslem by taking this route: follow the signs to Stoke on the A500 dual carriageway, before leaving the A500 where it is signposted to Newcastle-under-Lyme and Leek on the A53. At the roundabout turn right, signposted towards Leek and Stoke, and where the road divides keep right, on the Leek Road, which is also signposted to Warrington A50. Continue for just under four miles after crossing a fly-over and the ground is signposted. There is ample parking space at the ground.

For the Britannia Stadium a week later, again leave the M6 on the A500 at junction 15. At

Britannia Stadium



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the first exit take the A34 and follow the signs for Trentham. At the next roundabout turn left on to Trentham Road, the A5035, and that leads to the stadium.

And if you want to make friends with local supporters, bear in mind that many Vale and Stoke fans have a cheerful hatred for each other.

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Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

Luton Town. F.A.Cup giant killers

Sky T.V. are obviously here tonight hoping for an F.A.Cup upset which, if it were to happen, will be scrutinised and analysed by all the electronic gadgetry available at their disposal.

It is a pity, therefore, that very little footage remains of the Town's first big run in the F.A.Cup which took them through to the quarter-finals in 1933 and quite rightly earned them the tag of 'giant killers.'

The Hatters were, at the time, a middle of the road team in Division Three (South) which had never progressed beyond the third round of the competition and it would be fair to say that the first round pairing with Kingstonian of the Isthmian League hardly caused a ripple of excitement in the environs of Kenilworth Road.

Kingstonian were, however, just about the strongest non-league outfit around, as proved by their lifting of the Amateur Cup at the season's end and the championship the following year. A crowd of 7,701 gathered at Kenilworth Road to see the Town lucky to escape with a 2-2 draw and the replay was no easier, watched by a then record crowd at Richmond Road, but this time we scraped through 3-2.

It was off to uncharted territory in the next round with our first ever meeting with Stockport County of Division Three (North). Although the final scoreline of 3-2 in the Town's favour looked close, a 3-1 lead had been built up only for the other Hatters to net a consolation in the final minute. Stockport goalkeeper, Thomas Gale, was blamed for two of the goals including one from the Town's Fred Kean which he thought was drifting wide and therefore made no attempt at saving. A hard fought 0-0 draw at Barnsley, again of Division Three (North), brought the Tykes back to Luton and following a 2-0 win in the replay, with prolific marksman Andy Rennie bagging both goals, F.A.Cup euphoria at last swept through the streets of the town.

The reason for the euphoria was plain to see as the mighty Tottenham were to be the visitors to

Kenilworth Road for the fourth round tie.

Although 'only' a Division Two side Spurs were on their way to promotion at the season's end and boasted a proud F.A.Cup pedigree having won the trophy in both 1901 and 1921.

Tottenham supporters, confident after their team's 6-0 win at Oldham in the previous round, started arriving at Luton very early on the day of the game having caught the first available trains out of London and by 7.30 were staging an impromptu kickabout on the Moor. By mid-day queues stretched all the way down Hazelbury Crescent and two hours later the gates were closed with 17,213 in the ground. Some 21 coaches from London were parked along Dunstable Road and the site of the old Town ground was used as an overspill car park. The pitch was hard and icy and would doubtless be regarded as unplayable today but the Town's groundstaff had used a steam roller on the morning of the game to iron out the ruts and at least make the playing area flat.

The Luton players were definitely up for the game and adapted far better to the conditions for within 20 minutes they were two goals to the good courtesy of strikes from Tom Alderson and Tommy Tait with both efforts being set up by Arthur Mills, deputising for the injured Rennie. Spurs huffed and puffed in an effort to get back into the match but the Luton defence held firm and at the final whistle thousands of supporters surged on to the pitch to chair off their heroes. For those of you with the good fortune to record the T.V. series 'Kicking and Screaming' look out for footage of this game. It may have escaped your attention due to the fact that the Town were playing in a change strip of striped shirts and the ground bears little resemblance to what you see today.

Enthusiasm waned slightly when it was learned that the Town's 'reward' was a trip to Halifax but by the time of the game over 2,000 supporters had travelled to the Shay to swell the crowd to a

record 29,235. Halifax, another team we had never met before, had seen off Darwen, Workington, Doncaster and Chester in the earlier rounds and were supremely confident of progressing to the quarter-finals for the first time in their history.

When they reached Halifax the Town supporters were greeted by a snowstorm and a snow covered pitch. After the touchlines were cleared the game finally kicked off with the Town again the quicker to adapt to the treacherous conditions. With the snow beginning to fall once again, Tait fired the Town into the lead after 20 minutes and soon after the referee called the players off as the blizzard obscured the touchlines.

The players were off the field for 30 minutes while the storm passed and as floodlights were not around in those days there was a danger that the game would not finish. As such, the referee made the players change round at half-time without leaving the field and as the snow started to fall once more Alan Nelson made the game safe by tapping in after a shot from Rennie was parried by the goalkeeper.

By now all Luton supporters felt that the Town could go all the way and even when it was announced that Everton at Goodison Park were to be our opponents in the quarter-final it was seen as merely a stepping stone on the inevitable march to Wembley.

Three special trains, one of which had a huge boater mounted on the front of the engine, and countless coaches carried several thousand Luton supporters to Liverpool on the big day and when the turnstiles stopped clicking 55,431 spectators were present generating receipts of £4,143-6-4 which was a huge amount of money at the time. With Alderson failing to recover from an injured shoulder, Mills returned to the side but commentators did not feel that this would affect the shape of the team over much. The choice of Rennie to play at inside-forward rather than central striker did, however, cause a few eyebrows to be raised but everyone assumed that manager



Stalwart half-back line of the 1932-33 cup run. Fred Kean, Hugh McGinnigle and Charlie Fraser.

Harold Wightman knew what he was doing. As it turned out Rennie was clattered early on and spent the majority of the game as a limping passenger on the wing in those far of days before substitutes. By the time Rennie was injured Everton were already one goal to the good as the Town found difficulty in adapting to the wide open spaces of Goodison Park. If the game had been staged at Kenilworth Road, doubtless Everton would have struggled within its cramped confines as did Tottenham earlier.

Although Kean, who wished to add to the Cup winners medal he earned with Bolton in 1929, was everywhere trying to bolster up his over-worked defence the clever Everton forwards seemed to find the back of the net with increasing regularity. When the score reached 3-0 the game became a virtual walkover and finished in a disappointing 0-6 defeat.

It was scant consolation to the Town that they received a large share of the massive gate, that they restricted the great Dixie Dean to only one goal and that their cup exploits would mean exemption to the third round in the following season's competition. They truly felt that they would win it.

Everton, of course, did go on to lift the trophy, overcoming Manchester City 3-0 in the final!

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Pictured are Shefford Saints Under 12's and St Joseph Youth Under 11's receiving their fair play awards at our home game with Bristol City last Saturday.



Fair Play Winners - September Shefford Saints Under 12's



Fair Play Winners - October St Joseph's Youth Under 11's

Both the Beds FA and Luton Town are grateful to Windowcraft for their support of this joint initiative which we hope will remind both players, parents and managers that more than just the result is the importance we place on playing the game in the spirit of fair play. Congratulations to both teams.



"In School Days" Breakfast and Lunchtime Clubs.



Our NTL School Visits Project despite all the rain is as busy as ever with a packed schedule 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 and also increase the opportunities for schools to set up breakfast and lunchtime Clubs.

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.

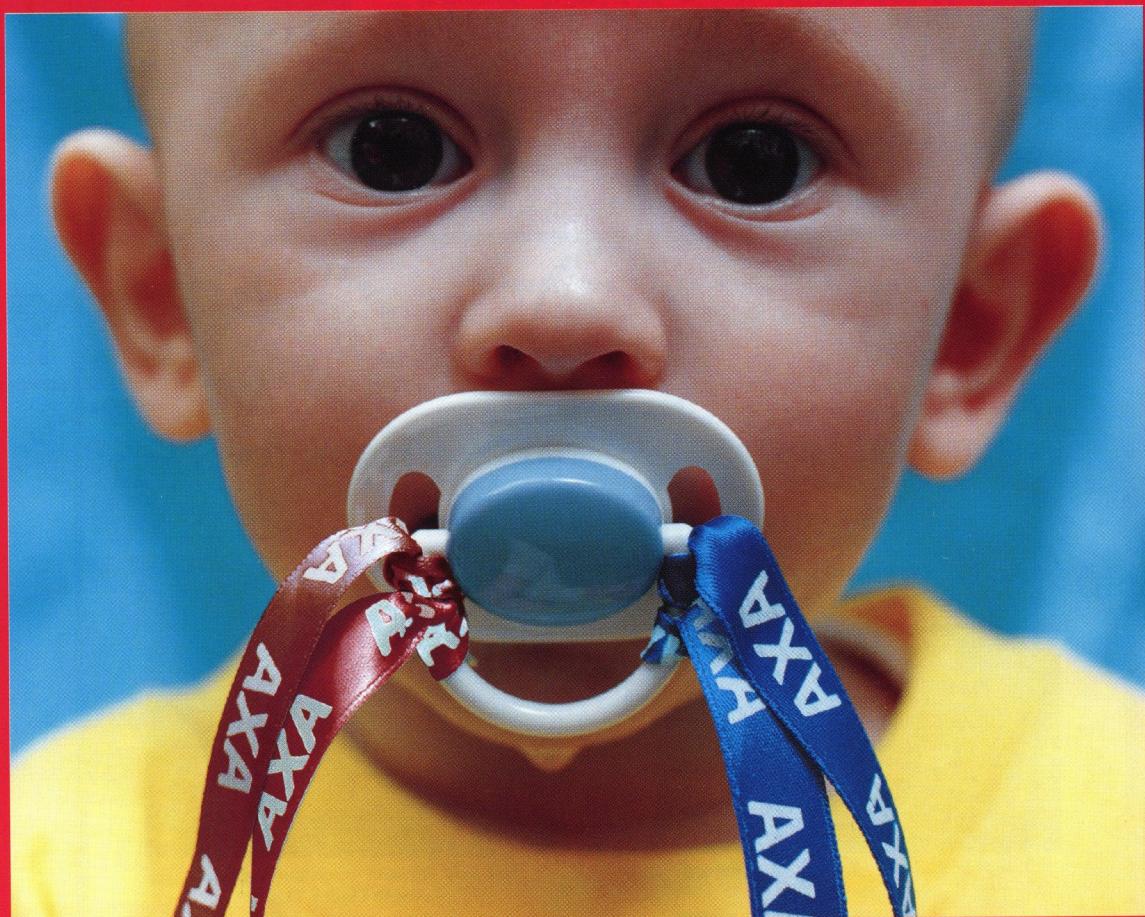
With breakfast and lunchtime clubs our coaching can take place around the curriculum either before school starts or during the lunch break. Of course schools can still contact us to book individual PE lessons.

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 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 a visit or to answer any questions you may have.

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SPORTING friendships between young football fans have been strengthened at our last two home games, with the Junior Hatters entertaining their counterparts from Wrexham and Bristol City before the league matches. The teams at our football game with the Wrexham visitors are pictured, before a 4-4 draw. Last Saturday the Young Reds from Ashton Gate went home saying their visit to Luton was the best day out they had had at any club. They particularly enjoyed ten-pin bowling at The Namco, in the Galaxy Centre. We plan to do something similar when Wigan are our visitors.

Our next away trip is to Stoke City two weeks tomorrow, and tickets are nearly sold out. The price is £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for others, coach fare and match ticket included. We will leave at 10am, and you can book through the club shop. Incidentally, our apologies for a mistake in our latest newsletter, where we got the prices wrong. The £5 and £10 figures refers to our Saturday Club.

DON'T forget our Christmas party will be on Wednesday December 6, at the Ascot Room, Luton Co-op Club, from 7 till 9.30. There will be music, dancing and games, and our guests will include Town players, Happy Harry, and Father Christmas with a sackful of presents. Tickets are on sale at the club shop at £5, with each Junior Hatter able to buy two if they wish to bring a friend.



MASCOTS from each club exchanged pennants before kick-off in the Bristol City game, and the group pictured at the toss-up includes City's youngster, Avril Rose, 10, and ours, Junior Hatter Aaron Colbert, 9, from Glenfield Road, Luton.

Today's Mascot



DAVID Loader, 12, was the Junior Hatter whose name was picked out at random by our computer to be this evening's mascot, and it will be a night to remember for the Town fan, who comes to matches with his dad, Paul, and watches from the Enclosure.

David lives at Watling Place, Houghton

Regis, and will meet the team before kick-off, and then join them for the pre-match rituals. His favourite player is Matthew Spring.

A pupil at Kings Houghton Middle School, David's hobbies, as well as supporting the Town, are cycling and swimming.

If you would like to join the Junior Hatters, call the Club Shop on:
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Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

FOR the third season in a row, Luton have been paired with non-league opposition in the FA Cup, the last time that happened being in the late 1920s when the Town were in the Third Division South. In the post-war era, it was not until 1963 that the Hatters were compelled to compete in the first round, when they were drawn away to Bridgewater Town of the Western League. As expected, Luton were comfortable winners, 3-0, and making one of his final appearances that day, after a long career at Kenilworth Road, was Alwyn McGuffie.

Three years earlier this stylish attacking midfielder had been featured in a series of 50 cards produced by the Master Vending Company, who were manufacturers of bubble gum. The cards showed caricatures drawn by leading cartoonist Paul Trevillion, who might have been a good artist, but managed to spell McGuffie's name incorrectly. A series of football facts appeared on the reverse.

McGuffie was born in Stranraer, Scotland, and first came to Luton in 1953 as a 16-year-old, having been recommended by the Town's former inside-forward Charlie Watkins. The youngster was signed as an amateur, and an apprenticeship at a local engineering firm was fixed up for him by the club.

Despite his tender years and lack of full-time training, McGuffie quickly established himself in the Town's reserve side in the Football Combination, and his progress was such that a couple of years later, following Luton's promotion to the old First Division in 1955, he made his first team debut in the number 4 shirt away to Cardiff City the following April, and kept his place for the remaining two matches of that season.

However, competition for senior places in the Hatters middle line was fierce around that time, and it was nearly two years before McGuffie got another look-in. That was in March, 1958, when Reg Pearce's departure to Sunderland and an injury to Bob Morton allowed the young Scot a run in the team which lasted until the end of the season.

McGuffie, who had only just passed his 21st birthday, had still not signed full professional terms because he wanted to finish his engineering apprenticeship. He completed it in the summer, but then came another interruption to his career: National Service. His spell in the army meant that over the next two seasons he managed only three senior games, all in the spring of 1959 when the Town's march to the FA Cup final meant that extra cover was required as a backlog of league fixtures built up.

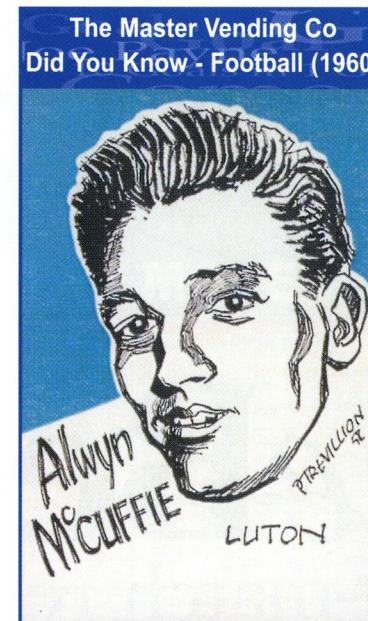
After he was demobbed McGuffie found himself in a

side struggling to adjust to life in the Second Division following relegation in 1960. But the 1960-61 season proved to be his best, in terms of appearances, during his time at Luton. He had two lengthy spells in the side, the first being in his now recognised position at left-half. He had always been an accomplished ball-player and good passer, but his defensive capabilities were often a little lacking. It therefore seemed appropriate to try him in the forward line, but although he managed four goals in a late-season run, including three in consecutive matches, he never seemed entirely happy in attack. An indifferent spell came the following season, when he was played at inside-left during the miserable 1962-63 season, which ended in our second relegation in three years.

Back in the Third Division, which we had last sampled in 1937, the Town struggled and McGuffie was reinstated in midfield that October. He played his final game for Luton, his only League club, on the last Saturday of 1963, a home defeat against Millwall. Mel Lownds replaced him for the rest of the season, and after 87 first team appearances McGuffie, who had never quite lived up to his early potential, moved on to St. Albans City.

This series from Master Vending, which also features Luton's Bob Morton, is not so easy to obtain these days, and is currently priced at upwards of £25 for the complete set of 50 cards.

Alan Robinson



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Hatters Chatter

HIS team lost, but Nathan Abbey was a winner with TV viewers when he was man of the match against Wrexham three weeks ago. The 22-year-old goalkeeper made a string of fine saves, and an unbelievable flying second-half save from Martyn Chalk received 59 per cent of the votes in SKY TV's poll to find the Nationwide Saver of the Month.

This week he was presented with a magnum of champagne by the sponsors of the Football League, at the Nationwide Building Society branch in Upper George Street.

The super-save also became very good news for Town supporter Darren Howard, who was among those who noted for Nathan. His name was picked out at random to win £250 in a Nationwide Invest Direct Account.

The picture shows Nathan with his well-earned bubbly, with Margaret Ryan, senior branch manager, and John Baker, the Nationwide's area manager.



FANS ON THE MOVE

BRISTOL City brought the season's biggest away following so far to Kenilworth Road on Saturday, with nearly 1,4000 making the trip from the West Country to see a team which has not suffered an away defeat in the league since the only one so far, at Cambridge in August. Latest stats for away supporters:

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
Brentford	695
Wrexham	352
Bristol City	1,396
Total:	8,787
Average:	.799

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
Bury	419

Town Teaser

YOU don't have to be an anorak to be able to answer our Town Trivia quiz, which offers a little prize to one lucky supporter at every match. Last week's question was about two goalscorers meeting again 12 years after netting for us at Wembley - Danny Wilson and Brian Stein, of course.

The PA announcer will pose another question this evening, and if you don't already know the answer, you can find it elsewhere in this magazine.

Today's Question

We beat Rushden & Diamonds 5-1 in a pre-season friendly at Nene Park, and one of our strikers scored twice. Who is he?

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Action Replay

Luton Town 0 Bristol City 3 (HT 0-0)

OLD friendships counted for nothing on the pitch as Danny Wilson enjoyed his return to Kenilworth Road as a manager, and going home admitting that he felt slightly flattered by the margin as City kept their unbeaten run going.

For Ricky Hill, who played alongside Wilson many times, including in the 1988 Wembley success over Arsenal, it was another cruel reminder that past glories as a player cannot deflect criticism by today's fans as the Town continue to struggle at the wrong end of the Second Division, and he paid the price, leaving the club a few days later.

Once more it was a case of an acceptable display for half a game. At the interval City were lucky to be level, as Wilson admitted, and we can only wonder what might have happened if their goalkeeper, Steve Phillips, had not made two top class saves, one in the sixth minute from Petri Helin and an even better one from Stuart Douglas after 33 minutes.

But just before the interval Douglas limped away to the treatment room again, his hamstring problem returning, and in the second half City showed the improvement their manager demanded during his interval team talk.

The visitors won the midfield battle, with much of the credit going to 32-year-old Brian Tinnion, whose simple and sensible use of the ball was an object lesson for most of the younger men around him. His crosses from City's left led to two of their goals, but what upset the Town manager more was the way possession was yielded to Tinnion and his colleagues so cheaply, and the inability to deal with routine crosses. Three goals in 12 minutes condemned the Town to an unacceptable sixth home defeat of the season, although the third, three minutes after it went to 2-0, was hardly surprising as the Town tried to chase the game against a team full of the confidence brought by going into the game unbeaten in 11 matches. Confidence, so important but so fragile, ebbed away from the Town, and even the departure of City's leading scorer, Tony Thorpe, when it was 1-0, provided no respite.

On a wet pitch, his dainty footwork was not allowed to flourish, although he nearly got his 11th goal of the season seven minutes into the second half, with Nathan Abbey rushing out as sweeper to make a saving tackle.

Thorpe had the last word, cashing in to help create the opening for City's first goal against a hesitant defence, but left Kenilworth Road wishing his old club well, and reflecting Danny Wilson's view that the Town would get out of trouble if they kept playing every game like they did for the first 45 minutes against City.

Match Details

Town: Abbey, Karlsen, Boyce, McGowan, Helin, McLaren, Spring, Taylor, George, Stein (Baptiste 74 mins), Douglas (Fotiadis 44 mins). Unused subs: Watts, Locke, Ovendale.

Booked: Gavin McGowan, 85 minutes, foul on Matthew Hill

Bristol City: Phillips, Millen, Carey, Hill, Murray, Bell, Tinnion (Tistimetanu 88 mins), Clist, Brown (Burnell 52 mins), Thorpe (Beadle 61 mins), Peacock. Unused subs Amankwaah, Malessa

Booked: Mickey Bell, 74 minutes, dissent.

The goals: : 0-1 54 mins - Scott Murray from the rebound after Emmerson Boyce failed to clear Brian Tinnion's far post cross from City's left and Nathan Abbey managed to block Tony Thorpe's shot; 0-2 61 mins - Lee Peacock, shooting in off the far post as the Town allowed another cross by Tinnion to find its target; 0-3 66 mins - Mickey Bell, crisp drive completing a speedy counter-attack led by Scott Murray's run down City's right wing.

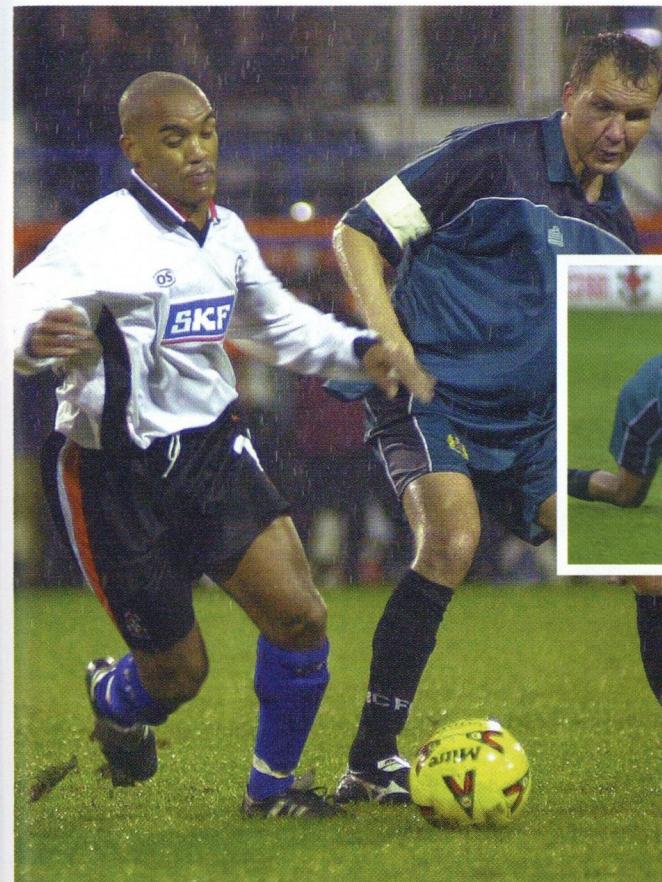
Referee: Mark Cooper

Attendance: 6,595 including 1,386 supporting the visitors.

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ONE ON ONE: Mark Stein in competition with City centre-back Keith Millen.



GOING TO GROUND: Liam George puts everything into it, but is unable to find a way past City defender Matthew Hill.



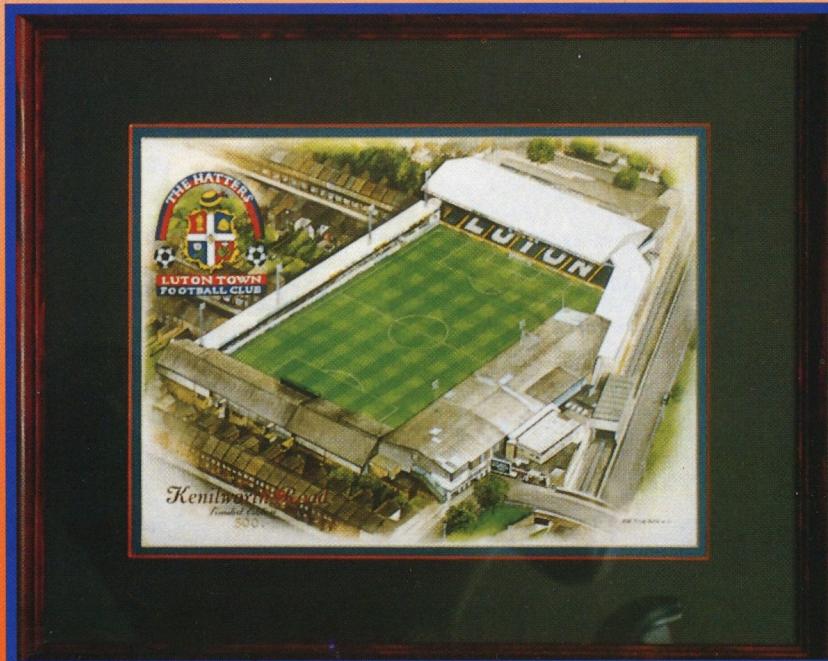
SO NEAR, YET... Kent Karlsen, like Petri Helin making his home debut, heads wide at the end of an early Town attack sparked by a cracking drive by Helin and a good save by the City goalkeeper.

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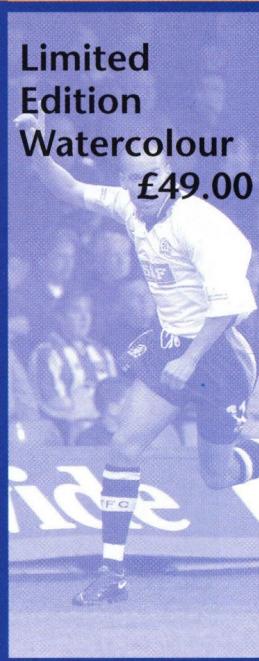


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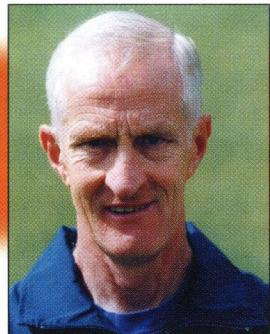


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The Reserves

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WE were a little unlucky not to win at Ashton Gate, and probably did not create as many clear-cut openings as we should have done. We played well as a team, but let ourselves down with the final pass and cross.

The commitment was all right, but at times we looked short of confidence to do the simple things well, and we can play much better. We needed a touch of luck and more composure than we showed.

At times too many players seemed to have decided that it was

not going to be our day, and started doing their own thing. We controlled the game, but the fact that we did not convert our advantage into goals put heart into the home side. We should have been two or three ahead by the interval, and the fact that we were not meant that Bristol were encouraged to keep going, knowing that one goal might well be enough to settle the game.

They certainly enjoyed most of the luck that was going, with shots and headers bouncing off defenders, and because we had so much control we tended to try to be too clever. I was reminded of the saying that football is a simple game complicated by players and coaches!

But overall it was a decent game, and if too many of our players fell short of what is required, the clean sheet was welcome. Mark Ovendale did not have a single difficult save to make. Our subs, left on the bench, included Darryl Murphy, a left-footed striker from Ireland, who has been given a contract after coming over for trials in pre-season. He qualifies for our youth team in the Football League Alliance under-19 section.

Luton Town: Ovendale, Fraser, Stirling, Locke, Brietenfelder, Ayres, Scarlett, Holmes, Kandol, Baptiste, Brennan.

OUR next fixture in the Avon Insurance Combination is not until Wednesday November 29, away to Swindon. After that we are at home to Portsmouth, in a match to be played on the Baldock Town ground on Monday December 4, kick-off 7pm.

Avon Insurance Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QPR	8	7	1	0	15	4	22
Swindon	10	6	1	3	20	8	19
Norwich	7	5	2	0	21	9	17
Oxford	9	4	2	3	17	13	14
Reading	8	4	2	2	12	8	14
Fulham	6	4	1	1	14	8	13
Portsmouth	6	3	2	1	10	7	11
Cambridge	7	3	2	2	9	7	11
Millwall	7	3	2	2	7	7	11
Brighton	5	3	1	1	19	11	10
Gillingham	5	3	1	1	7	5	10
Bristol City	8	2	4	2	10	9	10
Brentford	7	2	4	1	8	10	10
Crystal Palace	8	3	1	4	11	14	10
Bournemouth	8	2	3	3	11	15	9
Luton Town	6	2	2	2	8	7	8
Northampton	5	2	0	3	5	9	6
Cheltenham	6	2	0	4	6	11	6
Bristol Rovers	7	2	0	5	8	14	6
Peterborough	9	1	2	6	7	15	5
Southend	9	0	5	4	6	14	5
Wycombe	6	1	2	3	6	14	5
Colchester	7	1	1	5	4	12	4
Barnet	5	1	0	4	7	11	3
Leyton Orient	5	0	1	4	3	9	1

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Breitenfelder 6, Stirling 6, Brennan 6, Ayres 6, Scarlett 5, Standen 4(3), Abbey 4, Thomson 3, Carter 3, Ovendale 3, Kandol 3, Fraser 3, Holmes 2, Glasgow 2(2), Minton 2(1), Baptiste 2(1), Holmes 2, Locke 2, Carroll 2, Walker 2, McGowan 2, Piercwright 2, Dogbe 1(1), Downer 1(1), Ward 1, Mortara 1, Murrfin 1, Codner 1, Tait 1, Johnson 1, Douglas 1, Fotiadis 1, Onachie 1, Dickie 1, Carham 1, Joynson 1, Mason 1, Showunmi 1, Rose 1, Gray 1, Pihamma 1, Mansell 1(1), Clarke 1(1), Newell 1(1).

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

Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures

Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures						
AUG						
Wed 16	Barnet	H	3-1	Brennan 2, Kandol		
Mon 21	Peterborough (LC)		2-1	Kandol, Carter		
Tues 29	Millwall	A	0-2			
SEPT						
Wed 13	L. Orient	A	1-1	postponed		
Wed 20	Gillingham (LC)	H	1-1	Ayres pen		
OCT						
Wed 4	Fulham	H	4-1	Thomson 3, Brennan		
Wed 18	Gillingham	A	1-1	Brennan		
NOV						
Wed 1	Reading	A	0-2			
Mon 6	Brentford	H*	Postponed			
Wed 15	Bristol City	A	0-0			
Wed 29	Swindon	A	2pm			
DEC						
Mon 4	Portsmouth	H*	7pm			
Wed 13	Colchester (LC)	A	2pm			
Mon 18	Oxford Utd	H*	7pm			

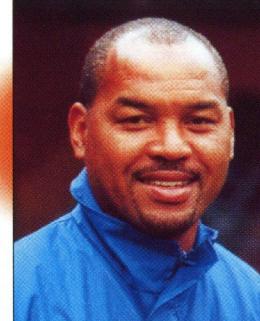
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JAN						
Thurs 4	Norwich (LC)	A	7.30pm			
Wed 10	Wycombe	A	2pm			
Mon 15	Brighton	H*	7pm			
Wed 24	Bournemouth	A	2pm			
Mon 29	Bristol Rov	H*	7pm			
FEB						
Mon 12	Cheltenham	H*	7pm			
Mon 26	Colchester	A	2pm			
Wed 21	Cambridge Utd (LC)	H	2pm			
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			
Tues 10	QPR	A	2pm			
Wed 18	C. Palace	H	2pm			

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Youth Soccer

Brian Stein

FA Youth Cup, second round:

Luton Town 4 Walsall 1

AGAINST a good visiting team, we turned in our best performance since I took over as coach to go through to the next round of the FA Youth Cup. Walsall looked more mature, but we showed commendable self-belief, a willingness to battle when necessary, and the ability to play our football once we earned the right to do so.

The defence refused to be overwhelmed by two big strikers, and we took our goals well. The first, three minutes before half-time, was a great strike by Lee Mansell - a curling free kick into the far top corner that David Beckham would have been proud of!

Walsall came back strongly in the second half, but we kept possession well, and our commitment saw us through.

Ten minutes before the end a very good passing move ended with Duane Clarke scoring, but the alarm bells were ringing three minutes later when we allowed Walsall to score a soft goal.

That meant we faced a testing time, but our work ethic shone through, and most important we showed mental strength. Within a minute James Osborne restored the two-goal margin, and after that we were able to keep the ball for fun, with another goal on 87 minutes the icing on the cake, Clarke putting Chris Dillon through to go round the keeper and score. Every one of the team played his part in a victory

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE South East Conference Results and fixtures

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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	0-0			
28	Colchester	H	4-2	Dillon, Leary, Osborne, Jeffrey		
31	FAYC1R Lincoln Utd	H	2-1	Clarke, Deeney		
NOV						
4	Gillingham	A	2-3	Dillon, Mansell		
11	Southend	A	2-0	Clarke, Dillon		
14	FAYC2 Walsall	H	4-1	Mansell,Clarke,Osborne,Dillon		
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				

which was well deserved.

Luton Town: Chatfield, Leary, Carroll, Deeney, Dogbe, Bruce, Osborne (Foley 87 mins), Mansell, Clarke (Okai 87 mins) Dillon, O'Leary.

FL Youth Alliance:

Southend Utd 0 Luton Town 2

A GOOD performance gave us a victory which should have been more emphatic against a team who held us to a home draw early in the season in the Alliance. We were always in control, and I was pleased with the teamwork.

Duane Clarke gave us a 30th-minute lead after being put through for a one-on-one with the keeper by Chris Dillon, but we lost some of our rhythm when Marcus Jeffrey was stretched off early in the second half. It was a nasty ankle injury, but not as bad as we at first thought.

Chris Dillon made the result safe with his tenth goal of the season 15 minutes from time, again from a one-on-one with the goalkeeper

Luton Town: Chatfield, Jeffrey (O'Leary 54 mins), Carroll, Bruce, Deeney, Dogbe, Mansell, Osborne (Foley 85 mins), Leary, Clarke (Okai 80 mins), Dillon.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Dogbe 15, Mansell 15, Dillon 13(1), Gillman 13, Bruce 13, Clarke 11(2), Leary 11(1), Ward 11, James-Barriteau 10(2), Deeney 10(1), Carroll 10(1), O'Leary 9(6), Osborne 8(3), Chatfield 4, Jeffrey 3(8), Mortara 3, Nurse 2(2), Meike 1(1), Carter 1, Minton 1, Okai 0(3), Foley 0(2), Koo-Boothe 0(1) Fashanu 0(1), Ramirez 0(1)

Goals: Dillon 11, Mansell 3, Clarke 3, Carroll 2, Leary 2, Osborne 2, James-Barriteau 1, Gillman 1, O'Leary 1, Jeffrey 1, Deeney 1.

WE ARE at home to Leyton Orient tomorrow in the Football League Youth Alliance South East Conference, and spectators are welcome at the Luton RFC ground. Kick-off is at 11 am.

South East Conference							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Cambridge Utd	10	7	2	1	20	9	23
Colchester	11	7	2	2	24	14	23
Brighton	8	6	1	1	14	6	19
Wycombe Wdrs	10	5	3	2	19	10	18
Leyton Orient	11	4	4	3	23	15	16
Luton Town	12	4	4	4	20	17	16
Brentford	12	3	5	4	20	18	14
Portsmouth	11	3	4	4	14	22	13
Southend	10	3	3	4	18	23	12
Gillingham	10	2	3	5	12	22	9
Northampton	11	0	4	7	9	25	4
Barnet	10	0	3	7			

Campaign Records

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Club	Leading Scorer	GS	1stGl	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms	Ave	W>L	W>D	D>L	Pts	Run	Dry	PU	CS	FS	Results
Bournemouth	Jorgensen	5	3	5	0	0	16	0.31	0	0	1	1	3	4	27	3	4	LDWLW
Brentford	Scott	9	4	7	1	0	16	0.56	1	3	2	11	4	3	24	5	4	LDDDD
Bristol City	Thorpe	9	3	4	1	1	15	0.60	1	1	2	7	2	5	27	7	5	DDWDW
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	5	1	3	1	0	13	0.38	0	0	3	3	3	5	27	5	5	WLWLW
Bury	Littlejohn	3	2	3	0	0	18	0.17	0	1	1	3	1	6	21	7	6	WLLLL
Cambridge	Youngs	8	1	4	2	0	17	0.47	0	2	1	5	3	4	22	3	3	WLLLL
Colchester	Duguid	4	2	4	0	0	16	0.25	0	1	1	3	2	6	25	5	7	DLLLW
Luton	George	3	0	3	0	0	17	0.18	0	0	1	1	2	8	25	3	7	LDLDD
Millwall	Harris	12	4	5	2	1	16	0.75	0	2	1	5	3	3	29	7	2	WLWDL
Northampton	Forrester	12	8	8	2	0	16	0.75	1	3	4	13	5	2	20	6	4	LWDWW
Notts County	Stallard	8	5	8	0	0	15	0.53	0	4	1	9	3	3	26	5	5	LLLWL
Oldham	Duxbury	3	1	3	0	0	17	0.18	0	1	0	2	1	12	25	5	4	DLLWW
Oxford	Beauchamp	4	1	2	1	0	16	0.25	0	1	0	2	1	7	31	2	9	LLLLW
Peterborough	Clarke	5	2	5	0	0	18	0.28	0	1	1	3	2	7	22	5	5	LLDLL
Port Vale	Naylor	5	2	1	2	0	14	0.36	0	1	0	2	2	5	22	3	6	LLLLW
Reading	Butler	12	7	7	1	1	17	0.71	0	0	2	2	5	3	25	6	5	WDLWL
Rotherham	Robins	8	4	6	1	0	14	0.57	0	1	2	4	2	2	22	7	0	DWDWW
Stoke	Thorne	6	3	4	1	0	10	0.60	1	2	2	9	2	2	24	4	4	LDLWD
Swansea	Savarese	5	2	1	2	0	8	0.63	1	0	2	5	2	4	23	6	8	WLLLL
Swindon	Invincibile	6	1	2	2	0	17	0.35	0	1	1	3	2	9	24	3	8	WLDLL
Walsall	Leitao	7	3	7	0	0	18	0.39	0	2	0	4	3	3	21	7	4	WWLLD
Wigan	Haworth	6	3	3	0	1	10	0.60	1	1	1	6	2	2	23	8	4	DDDWD
Wrexham	Sam	6	2	4	1	0	16	0.38	0	1	1	3	5	10	22	2	4	WLWDL
Wycombe	Rammell	6	2	4	1	0	13	0.46	0	2	1	5	2	4	23	6	7	WLLDD

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The FA Cup and Second Division Scene

Brian Swain

THERE IS a nice touch of irony about this evening's game, bringing together one team desperate to avoid going into the Third Division and another equally keen to get into it.

The Town and Rushden might both be grateful there are plenty of games still to play before this season's relegation and promotion issues are decided, because both have some leeway to make up if they are to achieve their ambitions. Rushden, envied by many Conference rivals for their financial backing, are regularly lumbered with being the bookies' favourites to win promotion to the Nationwide League, yet have a habit of missing out narrowly. Their Nene Park facilities are streets ahead of most of what we see on our travels around the Second Division - and ours, for that matter - but the big prize on the pitch is proving to be elusive.

Two consecutive defeats - 2-1 at home in a six-pointer against Yeovil, and 3-2 at Doncaster on Saturday - have left the Diamonds four points behind Yeovil, with the Somerset men having two games in hand.

The defeat at Doncaster came when Rushden were down to ten men after only 14 minutes. Goalkeeper Billy Turley was sent off, for an offence which also allowed Doncaster to score from the penalty spot. Paul Underwood equalised, but Doncaster were 3-1 up by the interval, and Jon Brady's goal in the last minute for Rushden was too late to affect the outcome.

The Town's sixth home defeat of the season might have

Nationwide Division Two Table

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	18	8	1	0	14	5	2	6	1	10	8	37
Walsall	18	6	3	0	20	8	4	2	3	12	10	35
Rotherham	18	4	2	3	17	13	6	2	1	13	9	34
Millwall	17	6	1	2	18	5	4	2	2	15	10	33
Reading	18	7	1	1	29	9	3	1	5	8	13	32
Wycombe	18	6	1	2	16	8	2	4	3	4	7	29
Northampton	17	3	3	2	10	10	5	1	3	11	7	28
Bristol City	17	3	2	3	15	9	4	4	1	11	5	27
Stoke	17	4	2	2	13	6	3	4	2	13	14	27
Peterborough	18	5	2	2	15	10	2	1	6	8	13	24
Bury	18	4	2	3	10	12	3	1	5	7	11	24
Bristol Rov	16	0	5	2	5	8	5	2	2	18	9	22
Cambridge	17	4	2	3	16	10	2	2	4	9	13	22
Wrexham	17	2	1	5	7	12	4	3	2	20	18	22
Brentford	16	4	3	2	10	13	1	4	2	7	12	22
Notts County	17	2	3	3	12	13	4	0	5	6	14	21
Colchester	18	3	2	4	9	10	2	3	4	7	11	20
Bournemouth	18	2	4	3	9	8	2	3	4	17	16	19
Oldham	17	3	2	3	10	10	2	2	5	9	18	19
Port Vale	16	3	4	2	14	8	1	1	5	3	14	17
Swansea	17	2	3	4	9	10	2	2	4	7	12	17
Swindon	18	2	4	3	12	16	2	1	6	6	18	17
Luton Town	17	2	1	6	9	15	0	5	3	8	14	12
Oxford Utd	18	1	2	6	5	11	1	0	8	10	28	8

been worse in terms of the league table, but not much. Bottom club Oxford, the only one beneath us, did us a favour with a 2-1 win at Swansea. Phil Gray, signed on a free transfer from Burnley, made his debut for Oxford, but the more telling one was by Keith Andrews, on loan from Barnsley, who got the winner for Oxford's first away points of the season, after eight straight defeats on their travels. The result dumped Swansea into the bottom four, one of three teams five points above us. Seven weeks ago the Swans were tenth in the table when they beat us 4-0 at The Vetch, on the day Jude Stirling was sent off, but they have won only once in their ten games since.

The day's other good result for us was Peterborough's 4-0 hammering of Swindon, leaving Andy King's men one place and five points ahead of us.

Port Vale are the other side on 17 points, after a day off last week because the Notts County ground, where they should have been playing, had become part of a very much enlarged River Trent. It means that Vale have a game in hand over us, and our visit to them next Saturday is a six-pointer. Brian Horton, no doubt, will be hoping to follow Danny Wilson's example in putting the boot into one of his old teams.

A result we did not want to hear came from the Britannia Stadium, where we are due on Saturday week. Oldham managed their second away win of the season, the second visiting side to win at Stoke this season, and that lifted the Boundary Park men out of the bottom four, from 21st to 19th.

Brian swain

This weekend's other FA Cup ties involving the Second Division

Bournemouth v Swansea
Brentford v Kingstonian
Bury v Northwich Vic
Cambridge v Rochdale
Chesterfield v Bristol City
Gravesend v Notts County
Hednesford v Oldham
Leigh RMI v Millwall
Macclesfield v Oxford
Mansfield v Peterborough
Northampton v Frickley
Reading v Grays Ath
Stoke v Nuneaton
Swindon v Ilkeston
Walsall v Exeter
Wigan v Dorchester
Wrexham v Rotherham
Wycombe v Harrow Boro
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Statistics Fixtures

2000 / 2001

	Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers	League Place	Attnd.	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	0-1	-	22 5,345	Ovendale Boyce	Watts George McGowan
OCTOBER	Fri 13	Cambridge Utd	A 8pm	1-2	Stein	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	3-1	Douglas 2, Spring pen	23 5,382	Abbey Boyce	Watts George Locke
OCTOBER	Tue 24	Oldham	A 7.45pm	Postponed, pitch waterlogged	-	-	-	-
OCTOBER	Sat 28	Wrexham	H 3pm	3-4	Stein, Watts, George	23 5,341	Abbey Boyce	Watts George Johnson
NOVEMBER	Sat 4	Bury	A 3pm	1-1	Helin	23 2,861	Abbey Boyce	Watts George Karlson
NOVEMBER	Sat 11	Bristol City	H 3pm	0-3	-	23 6,595	Abbey Boyce	McGowan George Karlson
NOVEMBER	Fri 17	Rushden & D FAC1	H 8pm	-	-	-	-	-
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	Fri 12	Wycombe	H 7.45pm	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
MAY	The FA Cup final is on May 12							

Next Home Match

Luton Town
versus
Colchester United
Saturday 16th December
Kick Off: 3pm
(unless we are drawn at home in the FA Cup Second Round on December 9th.)

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, Breitenfelder.
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	McGowan 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.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Douglas	Breitenfelder for Locke 18 mins; Thomson for Douglas 44 mins; Brennan for George 86 mins. Unused: Kandol, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Brietenfelder	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Fraser for McLaren 47 mins; Thomson for Fotiadis 70 mins. Unused: Brennan, Baptiste, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Stein	Douglas	Baptiste for Douglas 75 mins; Holmes for George 80 mins. Unused: McGowan, Breitenfelder, Ovendale
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Stein	Douglas	Fotiadis for Douglas 44 mins; Baptiste for Stein 74 mins. Unused: Watts, Locke, Ovendale.

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PAUL McLAREN 12

MATTHEW SPRING 4

LIAM GEORGE 11

MARK STEIN 10

Substitutes

GAVIN McGOWAN 2

ADAM LOCKE 12

ANDREW FOTIADIS 14

TRESOR KANDOL 18

MARK OVENDALE 1

Changes

Tonight's Officials

Referee:

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P. S. Barston (red flag)

C. J. Hills (yellow and red flag)

Fourth Official:

P. Joslin



Manager: Brian Talbot

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3 PAUL UNDERWOOD

4 GARY MILLS

5 JIM RODWELL

6 RAY WARBURTON

7 GARY BUTTERWORTH

8 SIMON WORMULL

9 JUSTIN JACKSON

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