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First Round

**Tuesday 5th
December 2000**

**London Road
Kick-off 7.45pm**

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Barry Fry

A big welcome to chairman Mike Watson-Challis his fellow directors, players supporters and officials of Luton Town Football Club - and a warm welcome back to manager Lil Fuccillo who has a very difficult job on his hands to steer Luton clear of the relegation zone. But if anyone can pull it off, Lil can.

Having made Lil my chief scout, assistant boss, Reserve and Under 21 manager at various clubs I have been at, I know what a hard working man he is and how he will give 150 per cent to the Luton cause. Lil has always had strong feelings for the club he spent 10 years at as player and this will only add to his enthusiasm for the job. He got off to a great start when the Hatters beat Rushden & Diamonds in the first round of the FA Cup and a mouth watering clash with Darlington awaits them this weekend. In the League, Luton pulled off an incredible result on Saturday when they went to Stoke who are one of the favourites to get out of this division, and pulled off an impressive 3-1 victory.

Obviously Lil, after previously managing Posh and taking the club to its highest position which was 10th in Division One, will come here full of confidence and want to put one over his old side. We are decimated with injuries and illness and at the time of writing I have not a clue what sort of side will be pulling a Posh shirt on this evening.

But who ever it is, you can be sure they will be giving plenty of passion and commitment to get us into the next round. This is the only realistic chance Second and Third Division clubs have of winning a final and I am so very grateful for LDV for sponsoring this competition. Football needs this kind of backing and we are very grateful to them and I am sure they will not regret sponsoring this competition on one bit over the years.

Like Luton we gained a great result on Saturday when we beat Wrexham 1-0 in what was a very entertaining game, and I feel we could have easily won by four of five goals but for the brilliance of Kevin Dearden in the Robins goal. It took a fantastic penalty save early on by Mark Tyler to keep out Darren Ferguson, before Leon McKenzie's header fired us to the points. Unfortunately he injured his knee and Simon Rea had to be stretchered off at the end with ankle ligament trouble. The pair of them are doubtful for our FA Cup match with Oldham Athletic which has been put back to Sunday at London Road.

I know the run of home matches has been very heavy on your pockets but your support is always appreciated and I hope you can get behind your team tonight and at the weekend. Enjoy tonight and thank you for your support,

Barry

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Welcome to Luton Town

Luton Town come to London Road tonight for the second knockout competition this season and the Hatters will be hoping to repeat their August Worthington Cup first round success. The then manager Ricky Hill was replaced last month by former Posh player and boss Lil Fuccillo who has quickly made his mark at Kenilworth Road by bringing in new players to boost his squad and climb out of the Second Division relegation zone.



Former London Road boss Lil Fuccillo was chosen to take over the Kenilworth Road reins by chairman Mike Watson-Challis who moved Reserves coach John Moore to work as Fuccillo's number two in the process.

Town last registered a League win back in October when they swept aside Brentford 3-1 at Kenilworth Road. The team are currently second from bottom in Division Two - but their FA Cup trail began with a 1-0 win over Rushden & Diamonds which set up a trip to Darlington.

Born in Bedford of Italian parents, Fuccillo joined nearby Luton Town from school and was brought on by coaches David Pleat and Danny Bergara. During his lengthy spell at Kenilworth Road, Fuccillo severely broke his leg on two occasions. Thankfully he regained his fitness to help Town win the Second Division title in 1982.

The skilful midfielder tried his luck in the United States with Tulsa Roughnecks before returning to England with Southend United after a spell in Malta. John Wile signed him in August 1985 and the midfield man starred at London Road for a season before leaving for Cambridge United.

Who's who for the Hatters

LIAM GEORGE:

Front man with pace and nimble footwork who came through the ranks. A member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European Youth Championships in 1988. Completed his first full season last year after injury, and was Town's leading scorer.

PAUL McLAREN:

Midfielder who was offered professional terms while still only 17 years of age. A forceful player who is always ready to back up attacks and soon became a regular in the side after his 1994 debut.

MATTHEW SPRING:

Competitive midfielder who was the driving force in the Luton side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. Made his League debut at 17 and has made over 120 appearances for the Hatters. Opened this season's account with a penalty kick in the 1-0 home success over AFC Bournemouth.

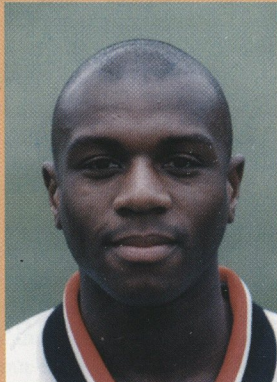
MARK STEIN:

Returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer nearly 20 years after joining as a schoolboy. Enjoyed four years with the Hatters and won the League

Cup in 1988. The South Africa born forward furthered his career at QPR, Oxford United, Stoke City, Chelsea and AFC Bournemouth.

MATTHEW TAYLOR:

Young wing-back who came through the ranks and was



EMMERSON BOYCE:

Defender signed as a YTS after coming through Luton Town's schools and youth development programme in 1995. Broke into the first team squad at Kenilworth Road last season after sporadic appearances following his debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999.

given his chance at the age of 17. Settled in immediately and became a regular in the team, gaining over 50 appearances and five goals.

JULIAN WATTS:

Reliable defender who joined on a free transfer from Bristol City where he was out of favour. Started his League career at Rotherham United where he enjoyed his first taste of league football before moving to Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester City. He went on to Ashton Gate in 1998.

NATHAN ABBEY:

Goalkeeper who has battled defiantly to keep his career going at Kenilworth Road. But has had to accept the role of near permanent understudy. Turned down a move to Holland last summer and was rewarded with a first team chance.

KENT KARLSEN:

Norwegian Under 21 defender who joined last month from Vaalerenga, one of the country's leading Premier League clubs. The big centre half impressed in a recent behind closed doors friendly with Queen's Park Rangers and has helped steady the back line with some

dominant displays.

ADRIAN WHITBREAD:

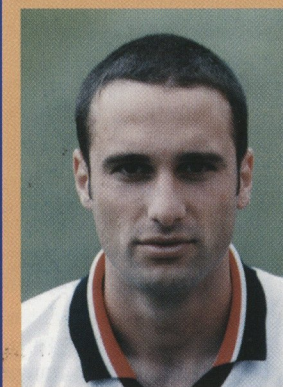
Tall central defender snapped up on loan by Fuccillo from Portsmouth where he had captained the Fratton Park side for four years. Began his career at Leyton Orient before joining Swindon Town for £500,000 in 1983, and within a year he was captured by West Ham United where he starred in the Premier League.

PETRI HELIN:

Finnish international midfielder secured by Fuccillo and made his debut against Bury on November 4th. Capped 18 times for his county, he played against England in the recent World Cup qualifying match, and the former FC Jokerit skipper had just earned a runners-up medal in the Finnish Premier League.

STUART FRASER:

Stylish defender who captained last season's successful youth team and is reckoned by the Kenilworth Road management team to be an outstanding future prospect. Was first choice left back last time around and is looking to win back his regular spot this time around.



ANDREW FOTIADIS:

Old-fashioned centre forward with good physique and power who is a constant worry to opposing defences. Born not far from Luton in Hitchin, he won England Schools caps at Under 15 and Under 18 level, and chose to gain his GCSE exams before being a full time professional.

LEE NOGAN:

Former Welsh international striker signed from Darlington last month. Started at Oxford United and has built up a reputation as a regular goal scorer, netting over 100 times during spells at Brentford, Southend United, Watford, Reading, Notts. County and Grimsby Town.

Wayne's Word

Here we are playing Luton Town again in our third warm-up match before the massive League encounter at Kenilworth Road on Boxing Day. It seems this season we are playing the Hatters more than anyone else, and you can imagine what it must be like for the Scottish teams who play each other up to a half a dozen times.

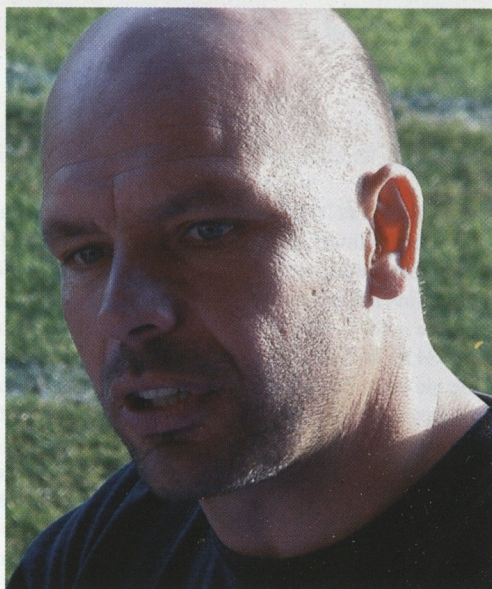
Thank God we don't have that situation down here! Having said that, it is obviously very enjoyable for myself to be playing against Luton so may times this year when we obviously go back a long way together.

I expect this evening's encounter to be a lot different since the last time we played - and it will definitely be another story when we meet again in a few week's time the day after Christmas.

Tonight will provide us with a great opportunity to play squad players who have been patient with their turn as the first team has settled down quite well.

There will be a few players starring this evening who have waited for their chance and they will hopefully grasp the opportunity with both hands. Even though there may be a change of personnel on the pitch, it doesn't mean that we are taking the game any lighter. This is a cup game and these fixtures bring revenue into the club. Along with Saturday's FA Cup match with Oldham Athletic, we want to go as far as we can and do as well as we can to get some much needed finance into the club - and also achieve some exposure for the young players.

The further you go in cup competitions, the further media interest it creates and this is positive for everybody concerned. Our next two games,



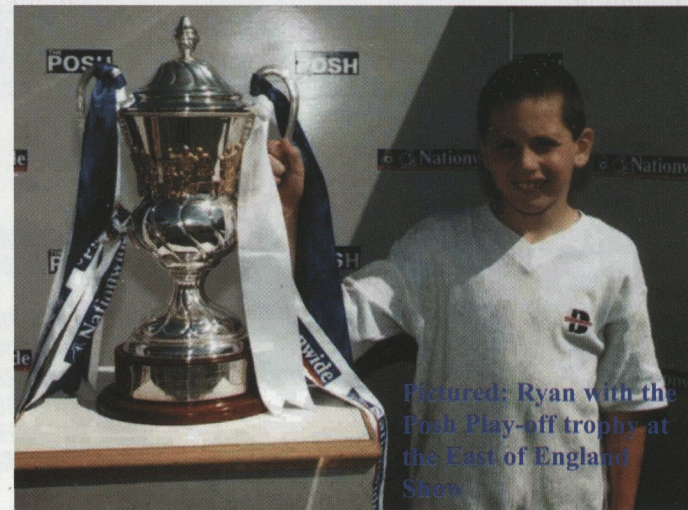
tonight and Sunday, are then important for obvious reasons. This is our third home match on the spin and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our ground staff, Derek and Chad for their commitment in keeping the pitch as playable as possible on every occasion. The pair of them do a fantastic job, we enjoy plenty of banter with them and I would like to say many thanks. Cheers chaps and keep up the good work.

Talking of banter, there will be plenty of that tonight with the Luton Town staff and footballers. But that will cease at 7.45pm and I'll be plotting their downfall with the players and Barry. This may be a dog eat dog profession and hopefully tonight we'll be eating them, but I can assure you we'll all be friends again afterwards.

Cheers, keep up the good work, keep up the volume, and see you tonight.

Wayne

Ryan
wins
mascot
prize
on-line



Pictured: Ryan with the Posh Play-off trophy at the East of England Show

Ryan Mason earned the task of leading out this evening's team after scooping first prize in the www.theposh.com Mascot Treasure Hunt competition where entrants had to find the names of five Posh players hidden in five sections of the official website.

Eight-year-old Ryan lives in Woodston and he plays in attack for his team at St. Augustine's School. The football mad youngster regularly cheers on the Posh at London Road and his favourite player is Andy Clarke.

More fantastic prizes are up for grabs in the new Advent Adventure where www.theposh.com visitors can win a VIP family day outing for four to Posh's New Year's Day Division Two meeting with Oldham Athletic at London Road.

Second prize is a brand new Posh Club Shop product, a 1960s replica Posh Shirt - and the lucky third

prize-winner will receive a signed copy of Barry Fry's autobiography 'BIG FRY'. All you have to do is collect the player's names hidden behind the flying Christmas balls scattered around the website.

Click to a new ball with the name of a different player each day throughout December (up to and including 24th), and when you have all 24 names, fill out the on-line entry form on the Competition Page. The closing deadline is at 10am on Friday 29th December. Good luck!

The following runners-up from the Mascot Treasure Hunt competition received a Posh 2001 calendar worth £5.99. Michael Pagett (8), Adam Smith (5), Maria Rudd (37), Jon Porter (14), Jack Twelvetree (6), Sophie Collier (9), Theo Collier (8), Joshua Davison (2), Hailey Carpenter (13), Leah Buff (12), Mark Cheeseman (10), Ian Hesketh (19), James Cross (13), Adam Smith (7), Stevie-Anne Porter (12).

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THE HATTERS

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	PETER TOMPSON	7
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TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE: PJ JOSLIN

ASSISTANT REFEREES:

RG SMITH (Red)

M THORPE (Yellow)

STANDBY OFFICIAL: JD WOODROFFE

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