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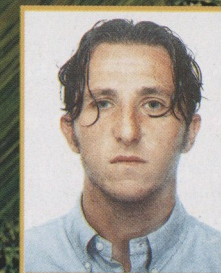
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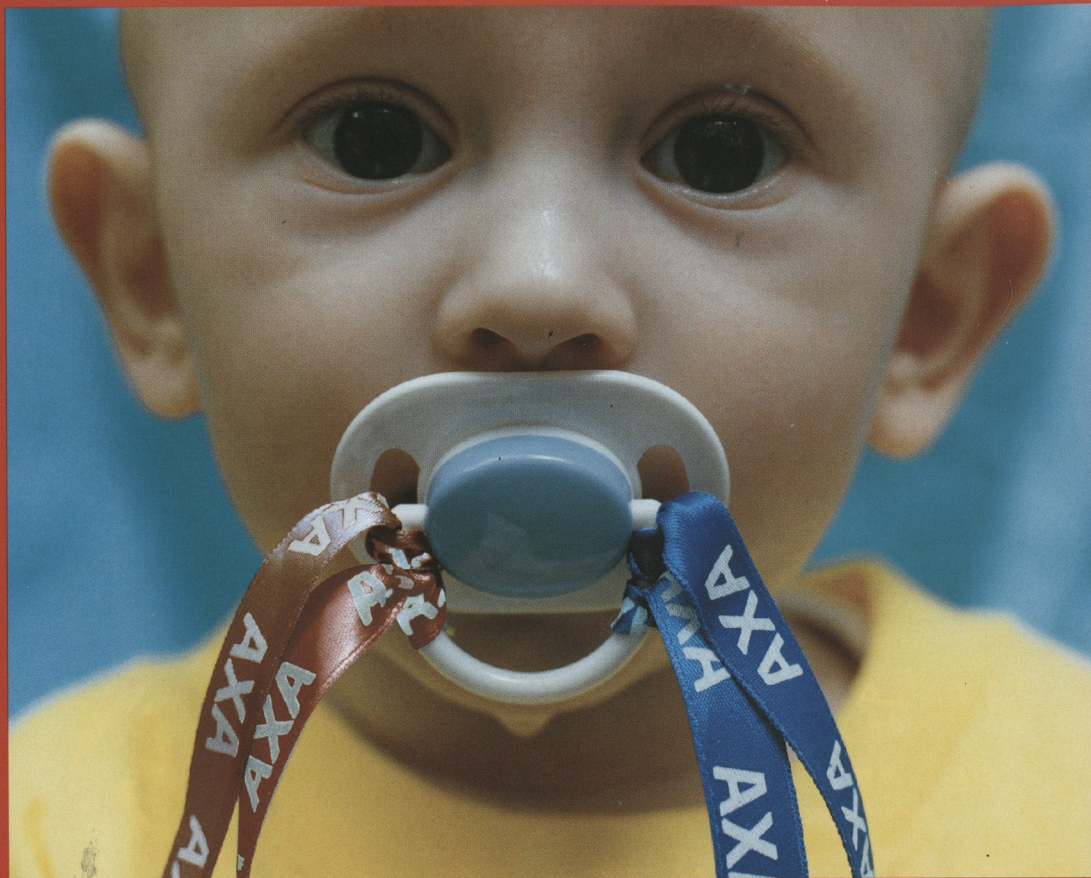


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## from the Dugout

**For a change, we converted our chances, and players like Kevin Kyle are improving all the time.**

I was very pleased with our performance last Saturday against Mansfield for several reasons.

The victory ended a poor run of results, and lifted everybody's confidence. The players didn't allow their heads to drop after going an early goal down, and then they played some excellent football to get back into the game and then go on and win it.

And again they kept their heads in the closing stages, and didn't make any silly mistakes, which might have cost us points.

For a change, we converted our chances, and players like Kevin Kyle are improving all the time. I am delighted that he is able to play for us today in the FA Cup, and I'm sure that he'll score more goals like the one he scored last Saturday.

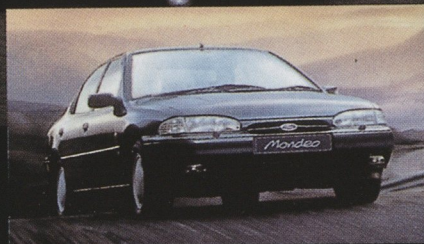
I thought the players proved a point last Saturday—our approach play was just as good as it has been in previous games, but the difference was we scored goals.

This is a big game for us today. The league is our number one priority, but this game against Luton provides us with a chance of playing in the third round of the FA Cup against one of the big clubs. I'm sure that the lads will be really wound up for this one, because it's a chance to make a name for themselves. Mind you, we won't be able to rely on the Lucky Loser draw this year!

The postponed game in the LDV vans Trophy against York City on Tuesday was a disappointment, but unfortunately nothing could be done about the conditions. They really were bad, but hopefully we'll win the game when we try again on Wednesday night.

enjoy the game  
**Gary Bennett**

**The Quakers 5**



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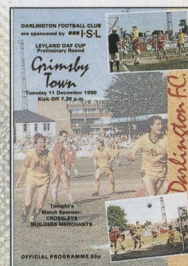


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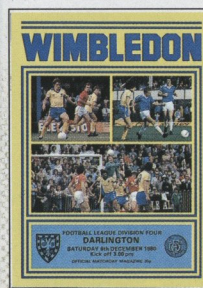
# memory lane

previous encounters remembered  
by Frank Tweddle



## 10 YEARS AGO

*Darlington 3 Grimsby Town 1*  
*Leyland Daf Cup Attendance 1106*  
We had gone out of the F. A. cup in a first round replay at York City ten years ago and so all that was left for us in early December, as regarding cup competitions, was the preliminary round of the Leyland Daf cup, in which we had drawn Grimsby Town of the Third Division. The match marked the return of Jim Willis to the team for the first time since breaking his leg at Telford United on Easter Monday. Darlington got off to a poor start when Neil Woods scored for the 'Mariners' after just three minutes, but just before half-time a bizarre incident turned the game in the Quakers favour. Grimsby had two players sent off for arguing with each other! In the second half against the nine men Darlington gradually made their two man advantage tell and Andy Toman hit a hat trick in the space of just ten minutes to swing the game in the Quakers direction. This put us through to the next round and a trip to Preston North End.  
TEAM Prudhoe, Coatsworth, Gray, Willis, Smith, Coverdale, Gill, Toman, Geddis, Cork, Tait.



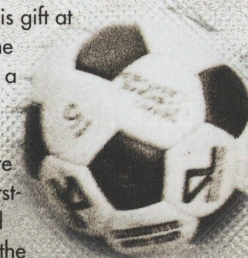
## 20 YEARS AGO

*Wimbledon 1 Darlington 1*  
*Division 4 Attendance 1811*  
Again we were out of the F.A. cup twenty years ago after losing at home to Bury in round one and so began December with a trip to the capital to face relative newcomers to the Football League, Wimbledon at Plough Lane in what was only their fourth season out of the Southern League. In the Wimbledon goal was Dave Beasant (who we will always remembered for his gift at Nottingham Forest earlier this season), while the Quakers were unchanged for the third game in a row. Dario Gradi, who for so long has been successful at Crewe Alexandra, was the Wimbledon manager at this time, while we were under the guidance of Billy Elliott. We took a first-half lead when David Hawker slotted home and looked to be heading for our fifth away win of the

season until Francis Joseph equalised for the 'Dons' late in the game to deny us our first ever win at Wimbledon. Team. Cuff, Kamara, Wilson, Smith, Skipper, Speedie, Hawker, McLean, Stalker(sub. Ball), Hamilton, Walsh.

## 30 YEARS AGO.

*Darlington 0 Rochdale 2*  
*F.A. Cup - second round Attendance 5595*  
Non-league Bangor City had been disposed of 5-1 in the first round of the F.A. cup three decades ago and we faced Third Division, Rochdale here at Feethams in the second round. We had not progressed to the third round since 1965 when the mighty Arsenal came to Feethams and so we were hoping to do so at the 'Dales' expense. After four successive home wins (the last two both being by five goals to one), hopes were high among the biggest crowd seen at Feethams since we had played Everton in the Football League cup the previous season. However Rochdale had other ideas and made their league advantage tell as they cruised to a comfortable two goal win to send them into round three to face Coventry City at home and leave the Quakers to 'concentrate on the league' as the old cliché says.  
TEAM Moor, Peverell, Horner, Carr, Albeson, Wright, Gauden, Hale, Graham, McDonald (sub. Peddely), Harding.



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by Alan Bennett

# football News

## Jesus visits the Palace

It looks as though Crystal Palace's season may not be quite as disastrous as some of their fans are predicting for they have God on their side, well his son anyway on an aerial photograph of their ground, Selhurst Park. On the website [www.streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk), it shows what appears to be a Turin shroud-esque impression of Jesus. Supporter John Humphries said: "It seems there'll be a savior for Palace this Christmas after all. It's obviously divine intervention." That, or the grass has worn away in certain areas of the pitch. The most amusing fan quote comes from Peter Whitely who did his best to squeeze in as many Jesus related quips as possible. "We were crucified a few times. Now we're rising from the dead. We're also scoring a few goals, it must be the crosses coming in." Being a Palace fan he must be glad of the opportunity to smile.

## Who's U's kidding?

Most outrageous claim to be a footballer must surely, this week, go to Uchenna Nwanokwu. Uchenna had decided to do his Christmas shopping a bit early this year, but, silly boy, he forgot to pay for it. Ooops. When he went to court, to face the punishment for his forgetfulness, he claimed that if he were convicted he would lose his £1,500 per week contract with Cambridge United. The court should have realised then that there aren't many Second Division clubs that could fork out that much a week and got suspicious but, hey. The judge took pity on the young man and instead fined him £700. However, checks later revealed that Cambridge had, unsurprisingly, never heard of him.

## Rams in clover

Derby County have won the first 'major' honor of the season, and their first for a long time, as it was announced last week that Pride Park is the best ground to visit. Derby have won the 'England for Excellence' award, which is given out by the British Tourist Association, for it's Football Weekends, beating off competition from the likes of Manchester United in the process. First time for everything.

## Sign him up

A 13 year old footballer, who is on the books of Bristol Rovers, set a new record in 'lads scoring goals', after he banged in 35 in three games for Taunton Juniors.

## We were getting banned by Wednesday

Pop star Craig David, currently at number three in the charts with 'Walking Away', was due to appear in a testimonial match for Southampton's Jason Dodds, until it was discovered that the 'teen heartthrob' is banned by the FA from playing football anywhere in Britain. Apparently, he used to play for a Sunday league side which went bust owing the grand sum of £400. The Hampshire FA are adamant they aren't going to let Craig play again until he coughs up his share of the money, a whopping £18. Jason Dodds really wants him to play in his testimonial next year and he proposed to the millionaire singer, "If he's skint I'll pay the £18 for him." Bless.

## /// ...after he banged in 35 in three games for Taunton Juniors. ///

## Old Yeller

Referee Bernie Messum is 78 years old and has been refereeing in Portsmouth for 36 years. During that time he has booked an astonishing...no players whatsoever. Bernie puts his liberalism down to a healthy diet of booze and fags. Probably.

# Visitors today's

Luton Town Football Club was formed by the merger of two local sides, Excelsior and Wanderers, in 1885; originally playing at the former's ground, Dallow Lane. In 1891 they became the first fully professional club in the south of England becoming members of the Southern League in 1894. A move to a second ground at Dunstable Road in 1897 coincided with them joining the Second Division of the Football League but after only three seasons they returned to the Southern League on deciding not to apply for re-election. In 1905 they moved grounds again to Kenilworth Road, which remains their home to this day.

Along with most of the other clubs in the Southern League they were elected to the new Third Division South of the Football league in 1920, where they stayed until promoted to Division Two as champions in 1937. They maintained their Second Division status until 1955 when they were promoted to Division One and in 1959 reached the F.A. Cup Final only to lose 1-2

to Nottingham Forest. After this they slipped out of the First Division in 1960 and down the divisions descending to the Fourth by 1965 (when the Quakers first met them). They then had an equally rapid rise back up the leagues after winning the Fourth Division Championship in 1968, being runners-up in Division Three in 1970 and Division Two in 1974 to return to the top flight (albeit for just one season). Seven more seasons in the Second ended in 1982 with a return to Division One, where they survived for ten years, reaching Wembley twice in Football League Cup Finals. In 1988 they won the trophy beating Arsenal 3-2 and the following year were runners-up to Nottingham Forest (again!). In 1985 they became one of the first clubs to lay an artificial plastic pitch but after six seasons reverted to grass in 1991. They had four seasons in the new Division One from 1992 to 1996 but then dropped to Division Two, where they have remained for the last five seasons.

## Frank Twedde

### Nathan Abbey - Goalkeeper

Joined Luton as a YTS boy after being spotted in local schoolboy football. Was offered a free transfer to Holland but decided to stay and was rewarded with the number one shirt.

### James Ayres - Defender

A commanding centre-half who joined Luton as a YTS in 1996.

### Rocky Baptiste - Forward

Only started playing football at 28. Signed from Conference club Wealdstone in October. On contract with Luton until the end of the season.

### Emmerson Boyce - Defender

Signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995. Made the seniors last season.

### Friedrich Breitenfelder - Midfielder

Began with Rapid Vienna as a 15 year old schoolboy and went to Kenilworth Road after impressing in pre-season trials and his last club, FCM St Polten, went broke.

### Dean Brennan - Midfielder

Came from Sheffield Wednesday's youth squad on a free. Doubly useful because this midfielder can also play in attack.

### Stuart Douglas - Forward

A striker with excellent pace. Scored on his debut, when he was 17, against Oldham in 1995. He can also create chances for his striking partners.

### Andrew Fotiadis - Forward

An old fashioned centre forward with good physique, power and a concentrated determination to score goals.

### Stuart Fraser - Defender

Stylish defender and former skipper of the Luton youth team.

### Liam George - Forward

Full of pace and nimble footwork this striker came through the ranks after joining as a Luton schoolboy. Luton's leading scorer last season.

### Petri Helin - Midfielder

Finnish international who won his 18th cap in the draw with England during the World Cup qualifying campaign. Was captain of his old club, Jokerit of Helsinki.

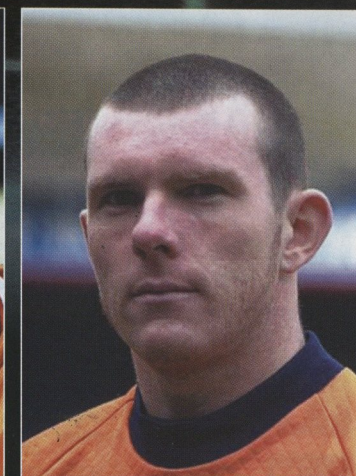
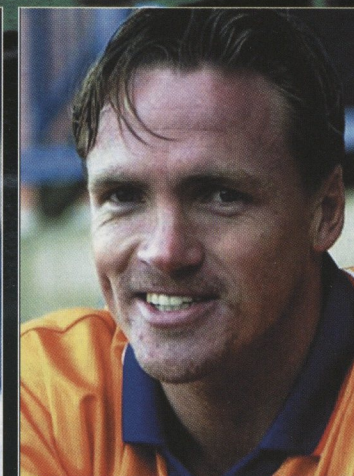
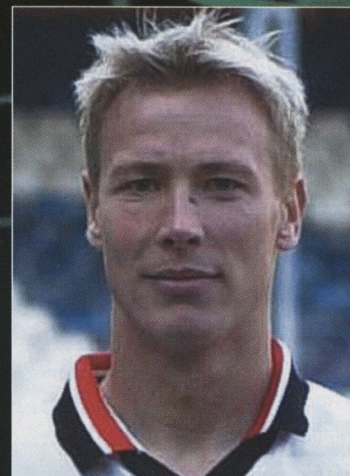
### Peter Holmes - Midfielder

Born up the road in Bishop Peter joined Luton from Sheffield Wednesday youth squad. A good two-footed midfielder.

### Marvin Johnson - Defender

Longest serving player at Kenilworth Road, now in his 13th year. Cheerful skipper of the team he joined as a schoolboy.

# Luton Town



### Tresor Kandol - Forward

A lanky striker who was a YTS at Luton in 1997 after being spotted playing schoolboy football.

### Kent Karlsen - Defender

A dominating centre-half who is also a Norwegian Under-21 international. Won a Norwegian FA Cup winner's medal with his previous club Vaalerenga.

### Adam Locke - Midfielder

Well travelled in football terms having previously played with Crystal Palace, Southend and Colchester before signing on a free from Bristol City in the Summer of '99.

### Gavin McGowan - Defender

Signed from Arsenal after having had two previous loan spells at Luton in June 1998.

### Paul McLaren - Midfielder

Forceful and always ready to back up attacks Paul was offered pro terms at 17.

### Lee Nogan - Forward

Ex-Darlow lad who followed his younger brother, Kurt, to Luton. Previously with Brentford, Southend and Watford.

### Mark Ovendale - Goalkeeper

Signed from Bournemouth for an undisclosed fee. Previously with Wisbech, Northampton and Barry Town.

### Andre Scarlett - Winger

Helped set up one goal and scored another on his league debut against Oldham in October '98 when he was just 18.

### Matthew Spring - Midfielder

Spring was a driving force in the Luton side that reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997.

### Mark Stein - Forward

Returned to Kenilworth Road after an absence of nearly 20 years this summer when he was signed from Bournemouth.

### Mathew Taylor - Wing-back

Came through the schoolboy ranks and quickly established himself in the first team.

### Peter Thomson - Forward

Spent 18 months at Gigg Lane then went and played in the Conference before moving to Holland. Joined Luton in September for £100,000.

### Julian Watts - Defender

Joined a free transfer from Bristol City last season. This reliable defender also played for Rotherham, Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester.

### Adrian Whitbread - Defender

Currently on loan from Portsmouth where he had been captain for four years. Spent some time in the Premiership with West Ham.

## Goalscoring Head 2 Head

in the graphics below, Quakers' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in red and Hatters' to the right and scored in blue

# Stats&Facts

Stats compiled by Football Information Services

## Where



## Top League Scorers



18 in 20 games Team Goals 20 in 19 games  
0.9 goals Ratio per Game 1.05 goals

5 in 19 games Player's Goals 3 in 19 games  
0.26 goals Ratio per Game 0.16 goals

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

## IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)  
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Drawn 0 (0pts)  
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Lost 0 (0pts)  
1 (1pts) Games Drawn -> Lost 1 (1pts)  
Number of points gained 1

## SCORING SEQUENCES

Consecutive Games Scored  
2 Games 1  
3 Games 0  
4 games Maximum Scoring Run 2 games

## CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

2 Games 0  
3 Games 0  
4 Games 4  
9 games Maximum Dry Spell 8 games

## Quakers' Results

DARLINGTON GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	3	2						
1	3	5	1					
2	2	4						
3								
4								
5								
6								
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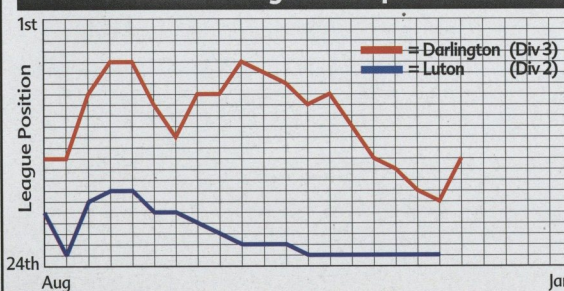
## Hatters' Results

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

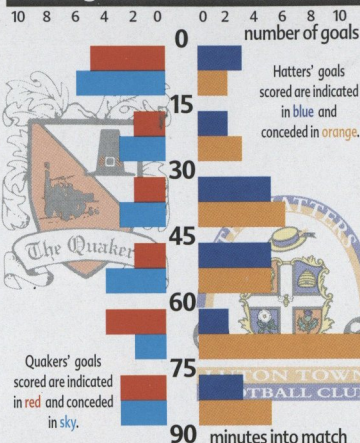
shows the number of results for each scoreline.  
eg. Darlington have won 2 games 2-0

eg. Luton have drawn 3 games 1-1  
and won 2 games 3-1

## Seasonal Progress Comparison



## When goals scored & conceded



## Average time of Scoring / Conceding

100 mins All Goals for 86 mins  
82 mins Home Goals For 90 mins  
129 mins Away Goals For 82 mins  
86 mins All Goals Against 52 mins  
113 mins Home Goals Against 54 mins  
69 mins Away Goals Against 50 mins

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

## Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Quakers : LWLSLLLLLW F 9 A 15 Pts 7

Hatters : SLLDWLSLLW F 14 A 19 Pts 9

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

## Luton Town's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	1	4	2	Elstrup	15	10,275
91/92	1	3	2	Harford	12	9,711
92/93	1	4	2	Gray	19	8,213
93/94	1	SF	1	Dixon	9	7,878
94/95	1	4	1	Marshall	11	7,350
95/96	1	3	1	Guentchev/Marshall	9	7,223
96/97	2	3	3	Thorpe	28	6,294
97/98	2	1	2	Thorpe	14	5,879
98/99	2	2	5	Douglas	9	5,527
99/00	2	3	1	George	14	5,658

## Face2Face

Last Season

At Feethams .....n/a

At Kenilworth Road ...n/a

This Season

Quakers' Season records:

Home Win....2-0 Torquay

Away Win....2-0 Southend

Home Defeat...1-2 Brighton,

1-2 Kidderminster, 0-1 Halifax

Away Defeat...0-2 Cardiff

.....0-2 Hull

Consec. Wins.....2

Consec. Defeats.....5

Hatters' Season records:

Home Win....3-1 Brentford

Away Win.....3-1 Stoke

Home Defeat...0-3 Bristol City

Away Defeat...0-4 Swansea

Consec. Wins.....0

Consec. Defeats.....2

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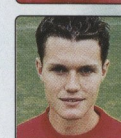
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# Supporters Club

by Eric Laycock

Hello and welcome to this afternoons game.

At long last after a disappointing run of bad results last Saturday finally saw us, hopefully, start to turn the corner with a gritty victory over Mansfield Town. Even though we got off to our usual poor start by conceding an early goal, the team managed to come from behind for the first time in 18 months to win a league game. The determination by every player on the field was finally rewarded with 3 points in the bag when, just to prove things were actually going to go our way for a change, we were finally awarded a penalty. It's ironic really after all of the blatant penalty appeals we have had turned down in the past that we should finally be awarded one for probably the most innocuous infringements possible. Still like you I'm not complaining, we need all the help we can get at the moment. If we can battle like we did last Saturday for the rest of the season then who knows maybe the season isn't quite over yet.

Today we step into the dizzy heights of the 2nd round of the F.A. Cup and the right result today would see us into the hat with the big guns. Its often the way when a team is having a tough time in the league that they manage to put a good cup run together and today's opponents Luton are not faring any better in their league than we are in ours. Both teams will be looking to give their fans a bit of Xmas cheer, lets hope its us and not them Santa visits this afternoon.

## Supporters club A.G.M

On Thursday 30th November we held our A.G.M. for this year. The committee was delighted with the turn out and particularly pleased with the way the question and

answer session with Luke Raine and Gary Bennett went afterwards. Opinions were expressed on both sides with respect and dignity and the committee would like to thank Luke and Gary for taking the time to come along. We would also like to thank all of our members who turned up for helping to make the evening go well.

## Supporters club football team.

On November 18th we played a return match with Bishop Auckland Police. The 1st game in September was a 4-4 draw but this time was to be the decider. After having most of the play in the 1st half and going 2-0 up with goals from Rob Chambers and Ged Callaghan we were pulled back to 2-2 at half time. The 2nd half was a more even tussle but with goals coming from Graham Raisbeck and Peter Jasper we ended up the winners 4-2.

## Supporters club Quiz.

Because Xmas day falls on a Monday this year we have had great difficulty in trying to arrange a Xmas quiz this year.

Sadly we are unable to confirm a date for Strikers Bar as it is in regular use so we regret we will not be having one this year.

Sorry to disappoint anyone who were hoping to come along but we will be back on the last Sunday of the month in the New Year starting in January.

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# Phil Brumwell



Last Weekend Phil Brumwell returned to Feethams and was given a warm 'welcome back'. It didn't go unnoticed and as our featured player this week Phil wanted to begin by thanking YOU, the fans. "The reception I got was fantastic, it was a lot bigger than I thought I would get because I had a good relationship with the fans. It was awesome, it was fantastic, there was a great ovation and it was unbelievable, and it was a great feeling, so its nice to be back!"

So what went wrong at Hull, that's where Phil was on Loan under Brian Little "Well I went there and there was a few promises that I would be playing football, but a new formation was played to start the season and I didn't get many chances to play in the first team and things got worse. I think it worked out for the best in the end. I knew the club was struggling financially so they let me go to get me off the wage roll"

It's not that long since he was in the side that lost at Wembley on that wet Friday in May and for Phil it's still a game he recalls vividly and struggles to understand how they lost "I think especially with the squad we had last year the players we had around us, I was still in shock of how we didn't get automatic promotion, but then we got a second bite of the cherry at Wembley.

We dominated the whole game and we should have won that as well, I was devastated because things might have worked out different for the other lads by getting promoted into the second division."

Today sees the visit of Luton Town from the second division and everybody is excited at the prospect of a good run in the FA cup, "Yeah, it would be nice to get the win in the cup, but it's not the most important thing of our season, obviously the league is, but to get a good cup run gets the fans to Feethams, and it could give us a bit more confidence in the league. Every small team is desperate to get into that third round because that's when the big guns come in, and you know you could be drawn against any team from Manchester United to Liverpool."

One familiar face in the Luton squad is Lee Nogan and Phil thinks he could be the catalyst for Lil Fucillo's side "Yeah, I know they're struggling and I know Lee Nogan's joined and there are a lot of young lads and it should be a good game. They're struggling at the bottom of the second division and we're good at home so obviously it's going to be a cracking football game. Finally what's the spirit like in the camp, what with a bad run of results and all. "I went back last Thursday, a few of the lads said things were a bit down, but I went in they had a bit of a laugh and a joke and the atmosphere was quite good and obviously getting that win on Saturday, the team was buzzing, but we have to follow on from that win, it's got to be a couple of wins on the bounce to get things back up and get us working back up that league."

Phil Brumwell was talking to Ian Kenyon from 95FM BBC Radio Cleveland, the only place to get full coverage of the Quakers each and every game of the season.

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**Enjoy the game and all the best to Gary and the lads keep the cup run going.**

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# Martin Gray

From the front line

Martin is as delighted as any other person here at Feethams to have ended a run of five defeats against Mansfield last weekend..... "I thought the second half performance was good and its good to get back to winning ways, and for once its the result rather than a good game that we can be happy about."

Its a shame though that Tuesday nights LDV Vans trophy match was called off especially when players and fans alike were almost in York when the call came.... "It was called off late on and you cant do much about the weather." Does the postponement work in the Quakers favour though? "Luton have had one extra game and we've had the chance to rest our legs, but its good really because obviously the FA cup is better than the LDV trophy. Since Lil Fucillo (the new Luton manager) has come in, Luton have been playing better and they got their first win away from home at Stoke last Saturday in the league, and Stoke are a very good second division side. The FA cup has got that excitement and we're really looking forward to it, and to the chances of getting a bigger club later in the competition."

The Hatters manager has been hitting out at the Feethams pitch saying its that rather than the Quakers that need beating but Martin doesn't agree "He (Lil Fucillo) must have seen last seasons pitch, but its improved a lot this season and we're in for a good game. We can pass the ball around and hopefully we can do well" Former Feethams striker Lee Nogan has joined the Hatters since leaving last month and for Martin its a chance to reunite with an old friend "I don't know whether he'll be playing or on the bench but it'll be nice to Lee at Feethams again." I've had the hernia problem for 5 months and kept it quiet. I don't know how its got out but its been blown out of proportion a bit. Its no worse than at the start of the season all I'm doing is like every player and playing through certain injuries, and you take pain killers. That's what I've been doing and looking after it through the week. Its not a big concern and my intentions are to keep going until the end of the season and get it operated on then. But to put it to bed.... The physio and the specialist say you cant make it any worse and we'll wait and see.



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## Journalist page

### **Have you been keeping track of the goings on up the a66 at the riverside? What's all that about then?**

Old "captain marvel" says he's: "still the best man for the job" after El Tel turns them down on the Friday, then West Ham turn them over on the Saturday before, the cheeky cockney chappy does a u-turn and joins them on Monday!!! Oh yes the Premierships the only place to be young fella me lad.

I heard a story recently concerning Boro's Croatian striker Alen Boksic; now how true it is lord only knows, but it does paint a sorry picture of life at the "top" clubs.

Allegedly the well-paid one demanded a hairdryer be provided for him before he would turn out at the rain-lashed riverside stadium where the Boro were hosts to Macclesfield in the Worthington Cup. Now I don't know about you, but if I was on £—— (please, feel free to fill in the blank), I think I would have my own hairdresser, never mind dryer!!! Can you imagine our own Martin Gray or Craig Liddle resorting to such petulance?

Now this, quite nicely, brings me round to my initial thoughts when asked to write this piece.

Have our top players; and indeed managers lost the plot? The premier league clubs have sold their souls to the big controller in the "sky", managers and players are on huge salaries and lengthy contracts and the tail is now firmly wagging the dog.

Moanchester Utd captain Roy "pass me another vol-au-vont" Keane was whinging about the clubs prawn sarnie brigade knowing nothing about the game, after his side had struggled to a narrow 1-0 victory that took the reds 59 points clear at the top of the league. Good god who does he think pays his whopping £—— (see above) salary.

Robbo, that other United legend, the best man for the

Boro job - do me a favour. unless of course there is a hidden agenda here and the Co Durham born one is in fact behind a plot hatched by the tin shed to get the Tees-siders relegated. Ha-ha, the game is up!!

And what about Chelsea? They too have spent a kings ransom in the hope of challenging for Utd's crown. They, like Boro have invested in the cream of foreign talent and where are they, in the bottom half of the premier league, that's where.

I watched them beat Manchester City 2-1 and French defender Marcel Dessailly came out with a "Classic, "I think we can win the league this season". Marcel - get a life.

Of course, whilst all of this nonsense is going on who is left shaking their heads in disbelief? The fans, that's who. The poor, gullible suckers who have been led a merry dance by forward thinking chairman who have a master-plan; who are in turn let down by inept managers; who are then let down by greedy, spoilt agent led good for nothings who have footballer as occupation on their cv's.

I don't know about you but I'm glad to be in the Nationwide League. The Chairman(well ours really) still have the master-plan, the managers battle on regardless of financial constraint, and the players never report sick for training and would walk through brick walls for their fans.

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# Commercial Corner

by Victoria Reynolds

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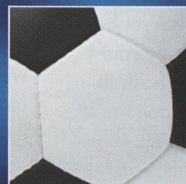
WHOSE BIRTHDAY WAS LAST MONDAY.

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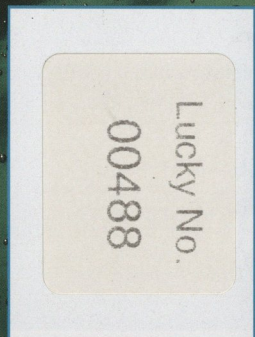
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By Victoria Reynolds

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**The Non League Team of the Season** will be awarded a trophy and a cheque for £500. The award will be presented to the non-league team who achieves the best run throughout the F.A Cup. Last season's winners were Hereford United.

**The Last Man Award** and a cheque for £8000 will be presented to the last non-exempt team in the competition. Last season the award was shared by Worthing, Whyteleafe, Oxford City, Chelmsford City and Eastwood Town.

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### Nationwide Manager of the Month: November 2000

**Gary Megson, Bruce Rioch and Alan Cork - managers of West Bromwich Albion, Wigan Athletic and Cardiff City respectively - have won the Nationwide Manager of the Month awards for November.**

Cardiff boss Alan Cork, who steered the Bluebirds to the three league wins and a brilliant cup victory over Second Division Bristol Rovers, commented: "We have got a lot of young lads in the side at the moment and they have responded magnificently".

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### It's a Strange Fact

Including all Nationwide League goals up to Sunday 2nd December 2000, it is a strange fact that the average number of goals scored in each division is exactly the same, namely 2.6 goals per game.

### No Peace for the Goalmouth

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For anyone who knows a Middlesbrough fan getting football banned may seem to be an excellent idea at the moment. The "Will he....Won't he?" saga of 'El-Tel' seemed to hang around for an eternity but this week he finally decided that the North East was the place for him, although he was straight back South after the press conference. Did it or has it turned into a farce? Your manager of 6 years standing takes a side step to accommodate another coach for six months then will, by all accounts, be back as the big cheese, does it make sense? All the backroom staff will stay, at the moment

Boro have got more coaches than National Express!!! Attendance's have started to fall, it was so bad the other week when I was there that I went to talk to the person next to me and I shouted,

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The world of football seems to be in a bizarre state at the mo. At Chelsea a coach who can't speak the lingo and then fires some of his staff who can. Leeds pay £18M for Ferdinand then they get stuffed by Leicester, David Beckham on the TV showing the world that he is a good guy, "Princess", Collymore out clubbing in Birmingham, Vinny Jones on 'This Is Your Life' but thankfully we can all rest easy in our beds knowing that Man U are still the wealthiest club in the world.

Just before I go, a couple of stocking fillers for you this Christmas.....

Sunderland have brought out their '100 Greatest Goals' Vid, looks good. While Middlesbrough have brought out '100 Greatest Throw-Ins' Vid, the only drawback....it's in black and white!!!!

**John Foster - TFM**

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All homes games to be played at Feethams

# What ever happened to John Downie & Barry Hawkes

**Much travelled inside-forward John Downie was an experienced member of Dick Duckworth's squad at Feethams.**

Initially with Lanark ATC, he signed professional for Bradford PA in December 1944 and was 'Bevin Boy' at Castleford Colliery. He topped their goalscoring charts in 1947/48 and moved to Manchester United for a record £18,000 in March 1949, starring in their 1951/52 League Championship success. Sold to Luton Town for £10,000 in August 1953, he scored 12 times in 26 second Division games for today's visitors prior to joining Hull City in July 1954.

He moved to King's Lynn in July 1955, then had a spell with Wisbech Town and featured in their 1957/58 FA Cup run. Returning to Football League action with Mansfield Town in October 1958, he joined Darlington in May 1959 and scored twice in 15 Fourth Division outings for the Quakers prior to joining Hyde United in July 1960. He subsequently played for Mossley, Stalybridge Celtic and Halifax Town reserves, then ran two newsagents in Bradford until retiring in July 1985 and is now a keen member of West Bradford Golf Club.

**Versatile inside-forward Barry Hawkes played alongside Bobby Baxter in Darlington's attack.**

A former Huddersfield Town amateur, he had spells with Shotton Colliery and Murton prior to joining his older brother Ken at Luton Town on a two months trial in September 1955. Following national service in the infantry based in Germany, he made his league debut for Luton at home to Manchester United in April 1959 and gained further first-team opportunities prior to that season's FA Cup Final. His brother played at Wembley and is now a Luton season-ticket holder.

Barry featured in the hatters' 1959/60 relegation battle and made eight First Division appearances for today's visitors before moving to Darlington on a free transfer in June 1960. Scoring three goals in 13 League outings while at Feethams, he joined Hartlepool United in July 1961 and played alongside his brother again at Bedford Town and St. Neots Town while employed as a progress chaser at Vauxhall Motors. He subsequently played for Horden CW while as a sales rep for Tudor Crisps and has settled in Peterlee, now a self employed electronic cash registers salesman.

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1959/60	15	(6)	1	34 (6)



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<b>Luton Town</b>				
1958/59	3			(6)
1959/60	5	1		(2)
Total	8	1		(8)
<b>Darlington</b>				
1960/61	11	(3)	1	12 (3)
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by Leigh Edwards

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	HOME					AWAY					pts	
	p	w	d	l	f	a	w	d	l	f		a
<b>Chesterfield</b>	20	8	1	1	26	8	5	5	0	19	11	45
<b>Brighton</b>	20	9	1	1	29	9	4	2	3	8	7	42
<b>Rochdale</b>	19	4	5	1	14	11	6	1	2	14	5	36
<b>Leyton Orient</b>	20	8	2	0	18	8	2	4	4	12	17	36
<b>Cardiff</b>	19	6	4	0	22	10	3	4	2	16	13	35
<b>Cheltenham</b>	20	5	2	3	16	12	5	2	3	11	8	34
<b>Scunthorpe</b>	20	7	2	2	20	5	2	2	5	7	11	31
<b>Hull</b>	20	4	4	2	10	8	3	5	2	9	8	30
<b>Southend</b>	20	5	3	2	13	8	2	5	3	10	14	29
<b>Kidderminster</b>	19	5	3	3	13	12	2	4	2	9	10	28
<b>Barnet</b>	20	4	5	1	22	12	3	1	6	12	16	28
<b>Hartlepool</b>	20	5	3	2	14	11	2	2	6	13	19	27
<b>Blackpool</b>	20	4	2	4	16	17	3	2	5	10	17	25
<b>Darlington</b>	20	5	2	3	11	8	1	3	6	7	13	23
<b>Macclesfield</b>	20	3	4	2	7	6	2	4	5	18	23	23
<b>Lincoln City</b>	19	5	3	2	16	11	0	4	5	11	17	22
<b>Mansfield</b>	20	4	3	1	17	11	1	4	7	12	27	22
<b>York</b>	20	5	2	3	11	10	1	2	7	9	21	22
<b>Shrewsbury</b>	19	4	2	2	13	11	2	1	8	5	19	21
<b>Plymouth</b>	17	4	0	3	9	5	1	4	5	11	19	19
<b>Exeter</b>	20	2	3	5	8	12	2	4	4	9	13	19
<b>Torquay</b>	20	4	4	3	18	18	0	1	8	7	23	17
<b>Halifax</b>	20	1	4	5	11	16	2	2	6	10	18	15
<b>Carlisle</b>	20	1	4	5	13	18	2	0	8	8	18	13

Date	Opposition	V	FT	HT	Atten	Pts	Pos
Sat 12th Aug	Rochdale	A	1-1	1-0	3,255	1	14
Sat 19th Aug	Exeter City	H	1-1	1-0	4,056	2	14
Tues 22nd Aug	Nottingham Forest (WC1.1)	H	2-2	1-1		-	-
Sat 26th Aug	Southend United	A	2-0	0-0	3,444	5	8
Tues 29th Aug	Plymouth Argyle	H	1-0	1-0	4,415	8	5
Sat 2nd Sept	York City	H	1-1	1-1	5,170	9	5
Weds 6th Sept	Nottingham Forest (WC1.2)	A	2-1	0-1	6,530	-	-
Sat 9th Sept	Shrewsbury Town	A	0-1	0-1	2,597	9	
Tues 12th Sept	Cheltenham Town	A	0-1	0-1	2,368	9	12
Sat 16th Sept	Barnet	H	1-0	1-0	3,929	12	8
Tues 19th Sept	Bradford City (WC2.1)	H	0-1	0-1	5,392	-	-
Fri 22nd Sept	Macclesfield Town	A	1-1	1-1	2,389	13	8
Mon 25th Sept	Bradford City (WC2.2)	A	2-7	0-4	4,751	-	-
Sat 30th Sept	Carlisle United	H	1-0	0-0	4,316	16	5
Sat 7th Oct	Hartlepool United	A	1-2	0-1	3,265	16	6
Sat 14th Oct	Torquay United	H	2-0	1-0	3,518	19	7
Tues 17th Oct	Kidderminster Harriers	H	1-2	0-1	3,713	19	9
Sat 21st Oct	Scunthorpe United	A	1-1	1-1	3,298	20	8
Tues 24th Oct	Cardiff City	A	0-2	0-1	5,440	20	11
Sat 28th Oct	Brighton and Hove Albion	H	1-2	1-1	3637	20	14
Sat 4th Nov	Hull City	A	0-2	0-1	5344	20	15
Sat 11th Nov	Halifax Town	H	0-1	0-1	3288	20	17
Sat 18th Nov	AFC Sudbury	H	6-1	1-1	2462	-	-
Sat 25th Nov	Blackpool	A	1-2	0-1	3683	20	18
Sat 2nd Dec	Mansfield Town	H	2-1	1-1	3067	23	14
Sat 9th Dec	Luton Town (FA cup2)	H					
Sat 13th Dec	York City (LDV)	A					
Sat 16th Dec	Leyton Orient	A					
Sat 23rd Dec	Lincoln City	H					
Tues 26th Dec	Chesterfield	A					
Sat 30th Dec	Exeter City	A					
Mon 1st Jan	Rochdale	H					
Sat 6th Jan	Southend United	H					
Sat 13th Jan	Plymouth Argyle	A					
Sat 20th Jan	Chesterfield	H					
Sat 27th Jan	Lincoln City	A					
Sat 3rd Feb	York City	A					
Sat 10th Feb	Shrewsbury Town	H					
Sat 17th Feb	Barnet	A					
Tues 20th Feb	Cheltenham Town	H					
Sat 24th Feb	Macclesfield Town	H					
Sat 3rd Mar	Carlisle United	A					
Tues 6th Mar	Torquay United	A					
Sat 10th Mar	Hartlepool United	H					
Sat 17th Mar	Kidderminster Harriers	A					
Sat 24th Mar	Scunthorpe United	H					
Sat 31st Mar	Leyton Orient	H					
Sat 7th Apr	Mansfield Town	A					
Sat 14th Apr	Cardiff City	H					
Mon 16th Apr	Brighton and Hove Albion	A					
Sat 21st Apr	Hull City	H					
Sat 28th Apr	Halifax Town	A					
Sat 5th May	Blackpool	H					

● APPEARANCE, 1<sup>1</sup> GOAL SCORED, ●<sub>abc</sub> SUBSTITUTE.

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YORK CITY v DARLINGTON  
WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER  
KICK OFF 7.45

	Standing	Popular Stand	Main	Family
ADULTS	5.00	6.00	8.00	5.50
CONCESSIONS	2.00	3.00	4.00	2.00

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## Stephen White

It is with deep regret that we learnt of the death last weekend of Stephen White the Darlington Football Clubs Centre of Excellence U14's coach. Stephen was only 26 years of age.

Stephen joined the Club in the early 90's as a trainee in the Football in the Community department. Initially a shy modest young man the coaching he undertook with children and special needs groups greatly improved his self confidence. Through hard work he gained his coaching qualifications and such was his ability that during the close season he was invited to coach in the United States for the last five years.

Stephen joined the Centre of Excellence staff at the Club on its formation and was responsible for the Under 14 and Under 15 groups and they will sorely miss his expertise and friendship. Recently Stephen passed his UEFA 'B' qualification and his coaching abilities have been consistently excellent and a credit to Darlington Football Club.

The Chairman, Directors and staff extend their sincere condolences to Stephen's family and friends and our thoughts are particularly with Stephen's parents Fred and Jenny and his brother Alan.

**Stuart Gibson** Youth Team Coach



## DARLINGTON GAIN STEWARDING AWARD

**Last season, The Football League, The Football Association and the FA Premier League joined forces to launch a new award called the Football Stewarding Qualification.**

Darlington is the latest club to achieve this accolade and the award will be presented at this afternoon's game.

The Football Stewarding Qualification is designed to measure how effectively stewards' training has been carried out at clubs. The initiative has been developed in consultation with the Football Licensing Authority and the Football Safety Officers' Association, with financial support provided by the Football Foundation.

The Football Stewarding Qualification Scheme was launched in September 1999, when clubs were presented with details of the criteria they would need to satisfy in order to qualify for the award. Applying clubs are visited by a National Verification Manager appointed by the football authorities and the award is given to those clubs whose arrangements for the training and assessment of their stewards meet the criteria laid down.

Football League Security Advisor, Jack Crawford, who will present the award to Darlington said:

"This is an important step forward in our efforts to improve the standards of stewarding in English football. The football authorities are promoting the highest professional standards in stewards' training, contributing to an even safer environment for spectators at all our football grounds. Everyone involved at Darlington can be proud of the standards they have set at Feethams."

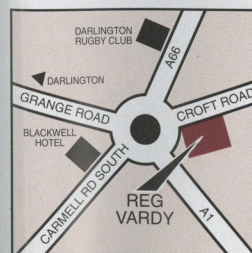
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## Luton Town

- 1 COLLETT
- 2 KILTY
- 3 HECKINGBOTTOM
- 4 C. LIDDLE
- 5 REED
- 6 ASPIN
- 7 HIMSWORTH
- 8 GRAY
- 10 HJORTH
- 11 ATKINSON
- 12 KYLE
- 14 CAMPBELL
- 15 MARSH
- 16 WALKLATE
- 17 ELLIOTT
- 18 NAYLOR
- 19 BRUMWELL
- 21 HODGSON
- 22 BUTLER
- 23 TAIT
- 25 WILLIAMSON
- 28 FINCH
- 30 VAN DER GEEST

- 1 Ovendale (GK)
- 2 McGowan
- 4 Spring
- 5 Watts
- 6 Johnson
- 7 Thomson
- 8 McLaren
- 9 Douglas
- 10 Stein
- 11 George
- 12 Locke
- 13 Fraser
- 14 Fotiadis
- 15 Taylor
- 16 Abbey (GK)
- 17 Boyce
- 18 Kandol
- 19 Ayres
- 20 Holmes
- 21 Scarlett
- 22 Dean Brennan
- 23 Stirling
- 24 Ward (GK)
- 25 Standen
- 26 Breitenfelder
- 28 Baptiste
- 29 Karlson
- 30 Helin
- 31 Nogan
- 40 Whitbread



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