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Front Cover



Liam George in action during our
3-1 victory at the Britannia Stadium,
Stoke, when he was man of the
match.

Inside

THE TOWN'S draw at Darlington on Saturday has added another fixture and some frustration to various departments at Kenilworth Road, not least in the matter of producing matchday magazines! Having had four consecutive away games, and nothing at Kenilworth Road for a month, today begins a run of four home games out of the next five.

The replay against Darlington will be on Tuesday (7.45) - see page 10 for details about tickets. A victory will give us a home tie in the third round against First Division strugglers QPR on January 6, and will mean the postponement of our game against Notts County. Kick-off times over the holiday period are all 3pm except for a 1pm start against Peterborough on Boxing Day.



Adrian Whitbread



Lee Nogan

Two new players have come into the club since this column last appeared. Adrian Whitbread, 29, is an experienced defender from Portsmouth. He has just accepted a second month on his loan deal, having been told by Steve Claridge that he can leave Pompey on a free transfer.

Whitbread began his career at Leyton Orient, and went to Swindon Town for £500,000 in 1993, and within a year a £650,000 fee took him into the Premiership at West Ham. He enjoyed a loan spell at Portsmouth which led to him going to Fratton Park on a permanent deal in the autumn of 1996.

The other new recruit was striker Lee Nogan, 31, brother of Kurt who used to play for us. Released by Darlington, he is approaching the end of a month-long trial contract, with a decision about his future due to be taken shortly.

We also have a new physio after Clive Goodyear's departure to Cardiff, and the club was delighted to attract a man with considerable

Forward

qualifications. Bruce Sewell, 31, is an all-round sportsman, qualified football coach and has an honours degree in sports therapy and sports science. A banker at one time, he got into football as a coach to youngsters at Arsenal's School of Excellence, and began his physio career as a part-time masseur at Highbury. Holder of FA and UEFA coaching qualifications, he also worked in the USA, South East Asia and Australasia, and was also medical officer at the Centre of Excellence at Barnet College, working with elite swimmers and athletes. While at the University of North London, Sewell was a noted footballer, winning international caps representing the English and British Universities. He went on to play for Gravesend and Northfleet FC.

Having run his own sports injury clinic, he had a year as a part-time employee here, as physio for the youth squad, so the club had a very good idea of his capabilities when he was hired full-time.

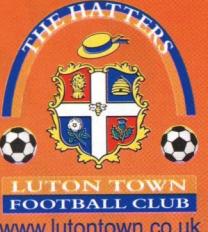
Also joining us, at present on a part-time basis, to be reserve team coach, is former Birmingham City player Kevin Broadhurst. His playing career was cut short at the age of 26 by injuries. He made his league debut at 17, and marked the occasion by scoring against Norwich. "I played anywhere to get into the team, and had 11 years at St. Andrew's," he recalled. "I also had 13 operations on my knees, and that finished me after 200 games. I was chosen for the England under-21 team, but the game was snowed off, and I was never picked again."

After a spell in business management, Broadhurst, now 41, went into coaching and scouting, and was at Northampton until last month, when there was a surprise parting of the ways. He had known Lil Fuccillo for years, from the days when the Town boss and Barry Fry were at Birmingham, and Fuccillo moved swiftly to hire Broadhurst when he heard about what had happened at Sixfields.

"I have always felt I was lucky to be involved in football," said the new reserve team coach. "I didn't need to be asked twice when Lil got in touch, and I hope I can help bring a bit of success back to this club."

NEW DATE: The Second Division game at Oldham, postponed in October because of a waterlogged pitch, has been rearranged for Tuesday January 23, kick-off 7.45pm.

Brian Swain



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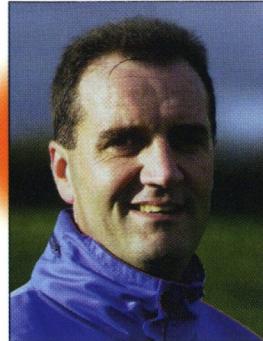
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The Manager Lil Fuccillo

WELCOME back to Kenilworth Road – and if you are thinking about time too, so are we after four consecutive away games!

I have been reasonably happy with what has been achieved since we last played here, but there is still a lot to do. My main job is to stabilise the club, and improve the team and results, and to that end we have had some success. I was pleased to bring in Adrian

Whitbread, not just for his experience and playing ability, but for the leadership he gives. He has improved the backbone of the team, the key to building a good side.

There have been frustrations – after doing well to nick the cup win over Rushden and Diamonds we were well below par at Port Vale. The game at Stoke was a delight, and our first away win of the season was well deserved. I wanted to win the LDV Trophy game at Peterborough, but in view of other priorities that result was not too important. And the game cost us, because Petri Helin was injured and missed the Darlington match.

We avoided a potential banana skin at Darlington. I felt that in the first 45 minutes we could have given more. We seemed to be so obsessed with not conceding that we did not threaten them too often, and a few sharp words were spoken at the interval.

We knew we could do better, and we did. Our passing and crossing of the ball improved, but the strikers must be hungrier for goals. We should have won and can do so on Tuesday, but only if we are on top form..

The weather has caused frustration on various counts. We have struggled to find usable grass training surfaces after the heavy rain, and a spate of match postponements has been counter-productive. We are looking at players, but games in which I have been interested have been called off.

On the subject of training, we have changed things a little, particularly to build up players'

confidence. There is a hunger for success among our players, and I have been pleased with their professionalism. They have responded to our demands to give 100 per cent, and work hard. Those qualities are vital in any team. Just look at how hard Manchester United work for themselves and each other. Genuine effort and physical fitness can open all sorts of doors. We have treated players like adults, and they have reacted well to changes we have introduced.

It is a case of so far, so good, with much more to be done. I am working to bring in a new attacker. The man is available once his club gets in the player they are seeking. At the time of writing there was still a chance we could do the deal in time for today's game. I would like to sort it out quickly, with a busy Christmas and New Year programme coming up, and Mark Stein not endearing himself to us by being suspended for three games following his red card at Peterborough.

I am looking forward to this afternoon's game, my first in the league at home since I became manager. Our home performances so far have left a lot to be desired, especially against Bristol City and Wrexham. It was mortifying the way we allowed Wrexham to win after we had been three up. That was inexcusable.

We must fight harder at home to make our ground fortress Kenilworth. Players take responsibility collectively, and with a bit more bite all round we should be capable of getting a result today.

I have seen Colchester two or three times this season, and they are a fair side. But if we hit form we should be able to win. In my days as a player we always fancied our chances at Kenilworth Road, and there is no reason why that confidence should not be brought back. And finally today, thanks to all the supporters who followed us on the away games – you were fabulous, and deserve a good performance and result today.

Lil Fuccillo

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The Hatters roll-call 2000-2001

Appearances (as sub in brackets)

Goals

	League	WC	FAC	LDV	Total	League	WC	FAC	Total
Nathan Abbey	9	0	2	0	11	0	0	0	0
James Ayres	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rocky Baptiste	0(2)	0	0	0	0(2)	0	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	18	4	1	0	23	0	0	0	0
Dean Brennan	2(7)	1(1)	0	0	3(8)	0	0	0	0
Friedrich Breitenfelder	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0	0	0	0
Stuart Douglas	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	2
Andrew Fotiadis	6(3)	1	0	1	8(3)	1	0	0	1
Stuart Fraser	6(4)	4	2	1	13(5)	0	0	0	0
Liam George	16(3)	3(1)	2	0	21(4)	3	0	1	4
Petri Helin	4	0	1	1	6	1	0	0	1
Peter Holmes	8(6)	2(1)	0	0	10(7)	0	0	0	0
Marvin Johnson	4	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	6(4)	2(1)	0	0	8(5)	3	1	0	4
Kent Karlsen	3(1)	0	1	1	5(1)	0	0	0	0
Adam Locke	10(3)	1(1)	1	1	13(4)	0	0	0	0
Gavin McGowan	4(1)	0	0	0	4(1)	0	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	17	4	2	1	24	1	0	0	1
Lee Nogan	1	0	0	0(1)	1(1)	0	0	0	0
Mark Ovendale	10	4	0	1	15	0	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	5(1)	2	0	0	7(1)	0	1	0	1
Matthew Spring	17	4	2	1	24	2p	0	0	2p
Mark Stein	16(1)	3	1	0(1)	20(2)	3	1	0	4
Jude Stirling	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Matthew Taylor	19	4	2	1	26	0	0	0	0
Peter Thomson	3(3)	1(1)	1(1)	1	6(5)	2	0	0	2
Julian Watts	18	4	2	0	24	2	0	0	2
Adrian Whitbread	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0

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Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson

I EXPECT supporters are pleased to be back at Kenilworth

Road this afternoon for the first time in a month. I know the players are, and for me there is the extra pleasure of having got back into the side again after my injury. Hopefully, this afternoon sees me playing my third game in a row, my longest run of the season.

I still get the odd twinge in my neck the day after games, but I am fully match fit, and glad to be involved. I must say I enjoyed my first game back, at Stoke, and we were all very satisfied to get that good result after letting ourselves down so badly at Port Vale. We could not work out why so many were off form at Vale, but in the days afterwards there was an extra determination about the place that we would prove we were better than that, at Stoke's expense. We did, and on the day we were worthy winners. Even when Stoke pulled it back to 1-1 we felt we would go on to win the game.

That result gave us a lift - we needed it after caving in at Vale Park! - and I am glad to say that despite our poor league position there is now a nice air of confidence about the place. We believe we can rise up the league table.

We have welcomed in two new players, Lee Nogan and Adrian Whitbread, and as a fellow defender I have already found it easy to slot in alongside Adrian. He has played consistently well since he got here, and I am glad he has agreed a second month on his loan. He knows the game, talks a lot through matches, and gives advice and encouragement which other professionals accept happily because he knows what he is talking about. He is also good to have around off the field.

There is a good spirit among the lads, although you may not be surprised that Peter Thomson took a bit of ribbing for missing a late chance at Darlington last week. He agreed he should have scored, but he is not the first striker who has done brilliantly to get into the right place at the right time, and then failed with the final touch. Getting there is the first priority, and his two goals at Stoke were both real gems.

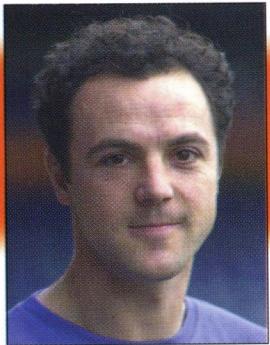
He too has settled in well, and while there have been a few little changes here and there since the new manager took over, things have gone pretty smoothly. We like the boss's method when he is deciding who is in and who is out of the team. He tells us why he has made the decision, and the last word is always the same - if you want to come and see me, the door is always open.

Like Ricky Hill, the gaffer has a lot of playing experience, and that seems to have an effect on management style. He knows how we players feel, and that gives him our respect.

Today we want to do a job for him, as well as for ourselves and the supporters, and while we want to beat Colchester there will be a warm welcome for their former Luton men, Alan White, Aaron Skelton, Gavin Johnson and Brian Owen, the physio.

Whitey is suspended, but intends to come to the game, and our thoughts have been with him and his family this week. Before kick-off at Darlington players and crowd stood for a minute's silence in tribute to Stephen White, a Darlington coach, who had died suddenly at the age of 26. He was Alan's brother, and our hearts go out to Alan and his parents. A tragedy like that puts mere football results into perspective.

Marvin Johnson



Treatment Room

Bruce Sewell

AS A sports therapist, I am delighted to have joined Luton Town to follow in the footsteps of Clive Goodyear, and thankfully my first month here has not been too busy in the treatment room. I have found everyone friendly and welcoming, although I knew I was joining a good club, having been youth team physio on a part-time basis for more than a year.

When the vacancy arose to go full-time, my application went in rapidly - there are only 92 league jobs like this one, and I am honoured to have one of them.

So far as injuries are concerned, three first-team players have been on the treatment table recently. Marvin Johnson has just about got over his neck injury, and while he still occasionally feels some after-effects the day after games, it does



GETTING DOWN TO WORK: New physio Bruce Sewell attends to Daryl Murphy during an FA Youth Cup-tie at Kenilworth Road.

Bruce Sewell

not affect him during matches. Stuart Douglas is working hard to get over the hamstring problems that have plagued him on and off since pre-season, and while he is making good progress, I do not think he has much chance of figuring in the squad over the Christmas and New Year programme. I have been impressed by his professionalism and attitude - a positive approach can go a long way towards recovery. He is on a rehabilitation programme, with exercises to maintain his overall fitness, massage and ultra-sound and interferential treatment. He is also able to do some training with the ball, ballistic work involving short and sharp activity. It adds up to a lot of hard work for him, and obviously much less enjoyable than playing, but he has thrown himself into it willingly, and I hope he will be fit again by early January.

Petri Helin has a similar attitude as he works to get over a strain in the groin region, at the top of his right thigh. We think he collected it when he over-stretched during the game at Peterborough - he was all right during the game, but acute soreness set in an hour and a half later. He is doing well, and should be available again before too long.

Our only other fitness worries have been a few cases of sickness in the camp, affecting Emmerson Boyce, Mark Stein and Tresor Kandol, but they are not a major problem.



Club Secretary

Cherry Newberry

AFTER so many away fixtures it is a pleasure to welcome supporters back to football at Kenilworth Road, and I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and successful New Year.

In that context, may I ask you to be as generous as usual this afternoon for the traditional bucket collection in the ground for the Mayor of Luton's Christmas appeal. It is very much a local charity, raising money to help the elderly have a good Christmas.

I am pleased to report another generous response in memory of our long-serving gateman Con Dorgan, whose death was reported in the last matchday magazine. At the family's request, donations were made to Kidney Research, and Mrs Dorgan tells me she was very impressed by the number of donations received. She asks us to pass on her thanks to all who contributed.

We stage our FA Cup replay with Darlington on Tuesday, and the prize for the winners will be a home tie with Queens Park Rangers in the third round.

Full details about tickets against QPR, if we get through, will be in Tuesday's matchday magazine, but you might like to know the important points today. The third round is due to be played on January 6, kick-off 3pm, and if we are involved tickets for the game will go on sale immediately after Tuesday's replay.

Normal match day prices will apply, and season ticket holders will have their seats held for them until the close of business on Saturday December 30. Cup voucher F will apply. All other seats will be available for purchase after the Darlington game.

The ticket office will be open that day from 9.30am until 10pm. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday opening hours will be

10am to 4pm, and on Saturday, December 23, 10am till 2pm. We will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but then open again, for normal match day hours, on Boxing Day. Our match that day, against Peterborough, will kick off at 1pm.

Looking ahead to 2001, our Second Division match at Oldham, postponed because of rain in October, has now been re-arranged for Tuesday January 23.

Please don't forget our other traditional "fixture" on Wednesday evening - the annual club Christmas Carol Service at Luton parish Church, starting at 7.30pm. Players and staff will be there, and we extend a warm invitation to all supporters to join us.

Finally, today, we are joining various organisations in a new scheme to remind people of the need to take care on the roads, and remember that drinking and driving do not mix.

The club is backing the local "I'll be Des" campaign over the Christmas holiday. Luton Borough Council is also throwing its weight behind the Portman Group's project, and it has received widespread support locally.

The idea is that groups of revellers should elect one of their party to be the designated driver - Des - who will refrain from drinking alcohol, and thus be able to drive the others home safely. Some publicans are giving free non-alcoholic drinks to the volunteers prepared to be Des.

The "I'll be Des" campaign was launched at the Town hall earlier this month, and we as a club are delighted to lend our support to it, and wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

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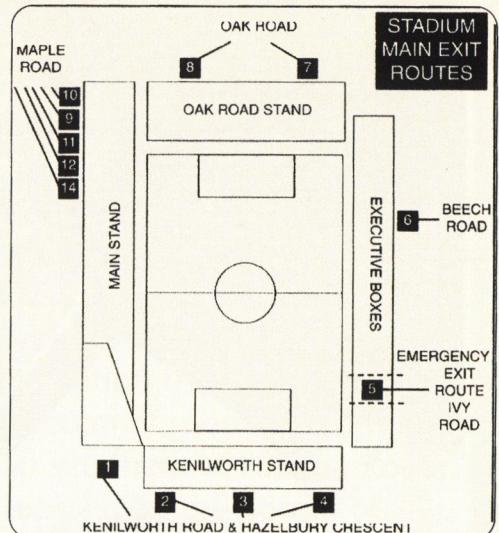
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John Bailey

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John Bailey

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Goalscoring Head 2 Head

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Where

7 5
CLOSE RANGE

11 10
INSIDE AREA

2 3
OUTSIDE AREA

How

4 2
HEADERS

4 3
VOLLEYS

0 1
FREE KICKS

2 1
PENALTIES

0 0
OWN GOALS

10 11
SHOTS

Top League Scorers

11 Liam George (Luton Town) vs Karl Duguid (Colchester United) 7

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

3 in 19 games Player's Goals 4 in 18 games Ratio per Game 0.16 goals 0.22 goals

Games Scored In 4
Games Scored 1st Goal 2
Games Scored 1 Goal 4
Games Scored 2 Goals 0
Games Scored 3 Goals 0

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS
(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Drawn 1 (2pts)
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Lost 0 (0pts)
1 (1pts) Games Drawn -> Lost 1 (1pts)
Number of points gained 3

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

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING
2 Games 1
0 3 Games 1
4 4 Games 2
8 games Maximum Dry Spell 6 games

Hatters' Results

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

COLCHESTER GOALS							
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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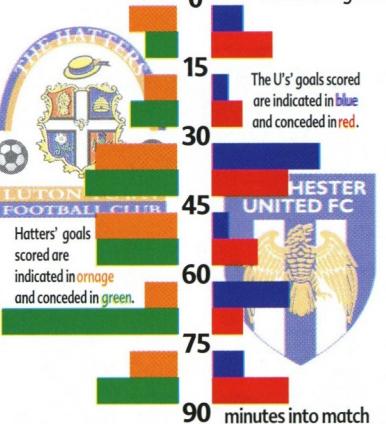
OPPOSITION GOALS
shows the number of results for each scoreline.
e.g. Luton have drawn 3 games 1-1

eg. Colchester have lost 2 games 0-2 and won 1 game 3-1

Stats & Facts

When goals scored & conceded

12 10 8 6 4 2 0 0 2 4 6 8 10 12
number of goals



Face2Face

Last Season
At Kenilworth Road ...3-2
At Layer Road0-3

This Season
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. Defeats2

The U's Season records:

Home Win ...2-0 Cambridge

2-0 Notts County, 3-1 Bournemouth

Away Win...2-0 Swansea

Home Defeat...0-2 Walsall

.....0-2 Northampton

Away Defeat...1-3 Wigan, ...1-3 Port Vale, 1-3 POSH

Consec. Wins.....2

Consec. Defeats4

Average time of Scoring / Conceding

86 mins All Goals for 100 mins
90 mins Home Goals For 90 mins

82 mins Away Goals For 116 mins

52 mins All Goals Against 86 mins

54 mins Home Goals Against 99 mins

50 mins Away Goals Against 74 mins

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

F 14 A 19 Pts 9

F 9 A 12 Pts 13

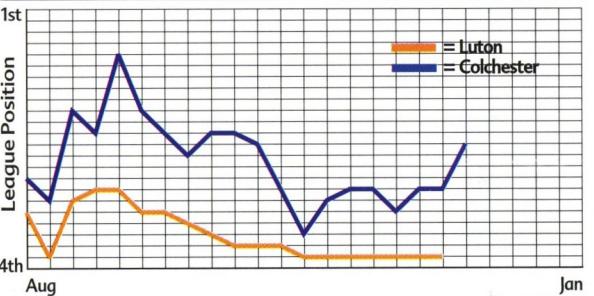
Form Guide shows last 10 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

Colchester's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

DIV FAC WC LS Gls Ave Att

90/91	Conf	2	0	Walsh	17	3,003
91/92	Conf	1	0	McDonough	25	3,509
92/93	3	2	1	McDonough/McGavin	9	3,778
93/94	3	1	1	Browns	11	2,859
94/95	3	3	1	Whitton	10	3,280
95/96	3	1	1	Adcock	12	3,273
96/97	3	1	2	Adcock	11	3,254
97/98	3	2	1	Skelton/Sole/Abrahams/Gregory N	7	3,146
98/99	2	1	1	Gregory D	11	4,479
99/00	2	1	1	McGavin	16	3,782

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Back row, left to right: Lomana Tresor Lua Lua (now at Newcastle), Thomas Pinault, Andy Walker, Simon Brown, Alan White, David Gregory.

Middle row: Andy Hunt (Youth Team Physio), Paul Dyer (Chief Scout), Aaron Skelton, Gavin Johnson, Ross Johnson, Jason Dozzell, Andy Arnott, Karl Duguid, Chris Keeble, Joe Dunne, Simon Clark, Mick Stockwell, Brian Owen (Physio), Micky Cook (Director of Youth).

Front row: Sponsor, Steve McGavin, Joe Keith, Geraint Williams (Assistant Manager), Steve Whitton (Manager), Tony Lock, Craig Farley, Sponsor, Sponsor.



STEVE WHITTON - MANAGER

Steve Whitton's successful playing career included service with Coventry, Birmingham, Sheffield Wednesday, Ipswich Town and Colchester United, but some of his greatest days

were with his boyhood heroes, West Ham United - he was born at East Ham.

The 40-year-old finished playing at Colchester after moving to Essex from Ipswich in 1994. Injury forced him out of the game in early 1998 and led him to concentrate on the managerial front as assistant to Steve Wignall.

Following Wignall's departure he stayed on as assistant to Mick Wadsworth and helped to guide the U's to two Wembley appearances,

including the 1998 play-off-final, where they gained promotion to Division Two. In January 1999, Wignall left the club and Whitton had a brief spell as caretaker-manager before the arrival of Mick Wadsworth, but Wadsworth was not at the helm for long, and after his resignation two weeks into last season, Whitton took over and did well to guide his side to the safety of mid-table comfort.

SIMON BROWN - GOALKEEPER

The big Chelmsford-born goalkeeper was signed from Tottenham in the summer of 1999 at the age of 23. He failed to make the first team at White Hart Lane, but made a league debut while on loan to Lincoln City, and established himself at Layer Road last season, making 41 appearances.

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ANDY WALKER - GOALKEEPER

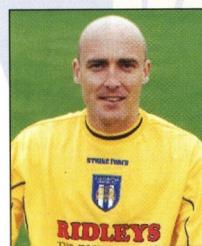
The six-footer from Bexley became Colchester's youngest-ever first team keeper when given a debut at the age of 17 in May last year, and shows bags of potential. Added four more first-team appearances last season including one as a substitute.

JOE DUNN - DEFENDER

A big crowd favourite at Layer Road who was surprisingly released in 1999 by then manager Mick Wadsworth, but was brought back last December by Steve Whitton after a spell with Dover. The Dublin-born defender won Republic of Ireland honours at schools, youth and under-21 levels and began his league career at Gillingham. After 131 appearances in nearly six years at Priestfield, he moved to Colchester in March 1996, and has now topped 100 appearances for Colchester.

JOE KEITH - DEFENDER

The talented young full-back was signed from West Ham in the summer of 1999, and despite having no first team experience he went straight into the U's side and showed remarkable consistency, missing only one of the season's 50 first-team games.



GAVIN JOHNSON - DEFENDER

One of three former Luton men in the Colchester squad, the left-sided defender returned to his native East Anglia last season after a spell in Scotland. He had experience at the top level with Ipswich, before joining Luton, Wigan and Dunfermline. He now has well over 200 league appearances behind him, and won divisional championship medals with Ipswich and Wigan.

ROSS JOHNSON - DEFENDER

The tall central defender spent more than five years with his home town club Brighton, chalking up more than 100 appearances, before joining Colchester on loan in January this year. An impressive start persuaded Steve Whitton to offer him a contract.

SIMON CLARK - DEFENDER

The central defender was recruited from Leyton Orient in July to offset the departure to Cardiff of former Luton defender David Greene. Born in Boston, Clark came into league football in 1994 when he joined Peterborough from Stevenage. After more than 100 games for Posh he signed for Orient in 1997 for £20,000 and was a regular at Brisbane Road before his move to Colchester.

ALAN WHITE - DEFENDER

The central defender is enjoying his second spell at Colchester, having joined from Luton each time. He impressed during a month's loan mid-way through last season, and was snapped up when he was given a free last summer. He made nearly 100 first-team appearances for Luton after Lennie Lawrence bought him for £40,000 three years ago, from Middlesbrough, where Lawrence had previously been manager.



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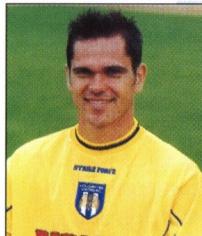


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**AARON SKELTON - DEFENDER**

Luton should know what to expect from a player who had to battle back from a series of injuries to make his mark at Layer Road.

Hertfordshire-born, he became a junior pro at Kenilworth Road eight years ago, but after breaking through to the Town's league squad he was beset by injuries, and was allowed to leave on a free transfer to join Colchester in the summer of 1997. He has been used mostly in defence, but can also play in midfield.

SCOTT FITZGERALD - DEFENDER

The former Irish under-21 international defender started with Wimbledon, making 125 appearances before joining Sheffield Utd in 1995. A year later he went to Millwall, and player around 100 games for the Lions before Steve Whitton recruited him for Colchester at the age of 31 a couple of months ago.

DAVID GREGORY - MIDFIELDER

Dependable and versatile, the 30-year-old midfielder's goal output dried up last season following two years as leading scorer, but he remained an invaluable member of the side. He

had eight years at Ipswich, including a loan spell at Hereford, before a short stay at Peterborough. Colchester recruited him five years ago, and he has been a regular ever since.

CHRIS KEEBLE - MIDFIELDER

Signed from Ipswich just before last season's deadline, the young attacking midfielder is the son of Colchester legend Vic Keeble, a goalscorer who also starred for Newcastle and West Ham in the fifties. Having languished in the reserves at Ipswich, Keeble made an instant impact at Layer Road, with a spectacular diving header against Cambridge on his home debut sealing a win that dispelled relegation fears.

ANDY ARNOTT - MIDFIELDER

A versatile midfielder whose progress has been hampered by injury following his arrival from Brighton just over a year ago. He made nearly 100 appearances for Gillingham before joining Orient in 1996, and had an unproductive spell at Fulham followed by a single season at Brighton.

MICK STOCKWELL - MIDFIELDER

Colchester were delighted to capture the midfield ace from Ipswich in the summer. Now 35, he still has irrepressible energy and

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enthusiasm, after 18 years at Portman Road during which he made more than 600 first team appearances for Ipswich.

THOMAS PINAULT - MIDFIELDER

One of several foreign players recruited by previous manager Mick Wadsworth, the Frenchman signed in the summer of 1999 and has his eye on a regular midfield place after a slow start to his Layer Road career - he made his debut as a sub in August 1999, but then had to wait eight months for his full debut.

JASON DOZZELL - MIDFIELDER

A vastly experienced attacker and midfielder who has been scoring goals since he was a teenager at Ipswich, and now has more than 100 to his credit. A fee of £1.9m took him to Tottenham in 1993 after 418 appearances for Ipswich. After four seasons he returned to Portman Road, and then moved to Northampton for a year before signing for Colchester in 1998.

**STEVE MCGAVIN - STRIKER**

Voted player of the year by supporters last season, the striker was the club's leading scorer, with 16 goals in his 14th season. He started at Ipswich in 1987, but was released to go non-league until Colchester paid £10,000 top Sudbury Town for him in 1992. Impressive performances and spectacular goals led to Birmingham signing him for £150,000 two years later, before going to Wycombe for a similar fee after only a year at St. Andrew's. He spent four years at Wycombe, then went to Southend before being welcomed back to Colchester last autumn.

KARL DUGUID - STRIKER

The players' player of the year last term, the speedy front-runner has also served the club at wing-back. Born in Hitchin, the 22-year-old bagged a dozen goals last year, and established himself in attack after several seasons as a regular on the bench.

TONY LOCK - STRIKER

Direct and skilful, the striker has served the club well for most of the past six years, after making his debut in September 1994. He has since clocked up 102 appearances, 59 of them as a sub, and is another player who made a welcome return to Layer Road - despite being a favourite with supporters, he was released last year by Mick Wadsworth, then brought back when the new management team was in place.

BARRY CONLON - STRIKER

After losing on-loan striker Keith Scott with a knee injury, United signed the big York striker on a month's loan in November. The target man started his career at QPR, and has also played for Manchester City, Plymouth and Southend before a £100,000 move to York in the summer of last year. He was City's leading scorer with 11 goals last season.

KELECHI OPORA - STRIKER

Born in Nigeria, the six-foot striker, 19 this month, has made 20 first team appearances, mostly as a sub, and seems set to make a realistic challenge for a regular place in United's league side.

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Hatters Chatter

FANS ON THE MOVE

FOR many supporters last week's game at Darlington was their first chance to see the Town play a competitive match at Feethams, and 527, our biggest following since our visit to Oxford two months ago, made the long journey. Apart from a pre-season friendly, it was our first visit since we were beaten 2-1 in the League Cup in September 1975, in front of a capacity crowd of 6,601, nearly twice as many as for last week's match. The 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
Rushden (FAC)	.....	1,736
Total:	.....	10,523
Average:	.....	877

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
Port Vale	.....	420
Stoke	.....	499
Peterborough	.....	290
Darlington	.....	527
	.....	8,529
	.....	609

Town Teaser

THERE have been several players who have appeared for both Luton Town and Colchester in recent years, and one is the subject of today's Town Teaser quiz, which offers a little prize to one lucky supporter at every match. At our last home game the question was about a striker who had scored twice against Rushden & Diamonds in pre-season, and the answer was Mark Stein.

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

Today's Question

A centre-half went from Kenilworth Road to Layer Road on a month's loan just over 12 months ago, and then joined Colchester United permanently last summer. Who is he?

COME AND JOIN US!

The chairman, directors and staff invite all Luton Town supporters to join us at the Luton Parish Church of St Mary on Wednesday December 20 for the Club's fourth annual Christmas Carol Service, starting at 7.30pm.

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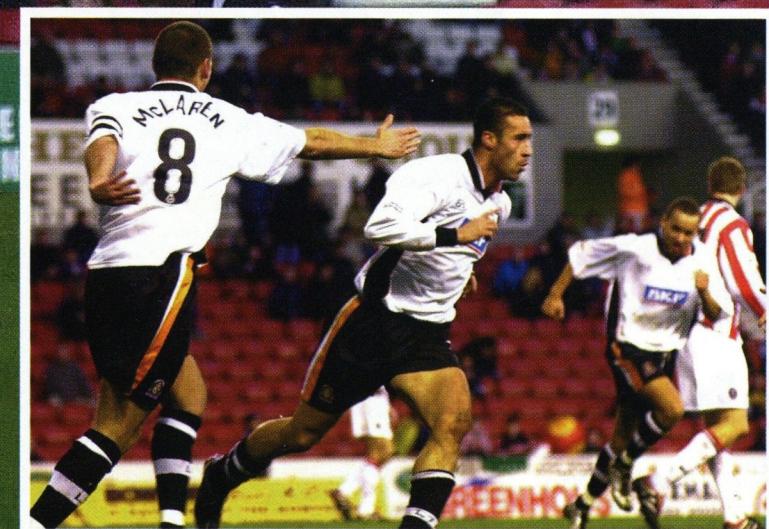
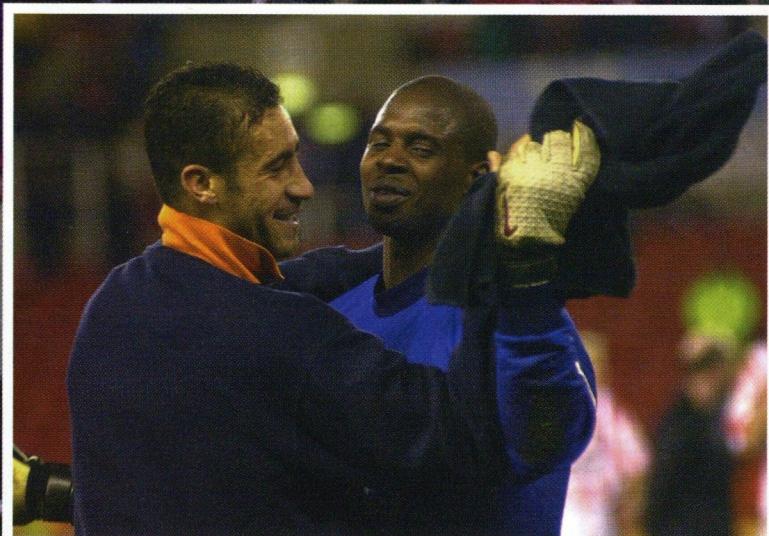


Photo Action

Stoke City 1 Luton Town 3

THE season's first away win, upsetting the form book, was achieved with considerable style at Stoke, and the main picture captures the scene after Paul McLaren set us on the way, with a cracking strike from outside the box. Adrian Whitbread, Adam Locke and Marvin Johnson are the men keen to celebrate Macca's Magic Moment.

TOP LEFT: At the double - Liam George and Peter Thomson, in action on a day when both were in fine form, underlined by Thomson's two goals.

ABOVE: Happy heroes at the double - Peter Thomson walks off the pitch at Stoke with goalkeeper Nathan Abbey, who turned in another impressive performance.

BELOW: Paul McLaren leads the rush to congratulate Thomson after his first goal for the Town, which put us 2-1 ahead.

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Hatters Away

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Town on Tour is part of Luton Town Supporters Club, and offers discounts to all LTSC members for travel with a touch of luxury included. Their service will leave Maple Road at 12.30 and fares are £8.50 for Supporters Club members, with £1 off for members who are under 16 or over 65. Non-members can travel for £9.50 - but if you join the Supporters Club there and then you will qualify immediately for the cheaper price.

The Bobbers offer a service for outlying villages as well as for Luton. Their coaches will leave Cranfield at 11 am, picking up at various points before a 12 noon departure from the ground. Fares are £8.50 for adults, and £6.50 for junior and senior citizens.

Bookings for both services can be made at the two organisation's kiosks in Kenilworth Road, before or after today's match. Or you can book for the Bobbers by phone call to Paul Deason on 01234 750996. Town on Tour bookings are

also taken during the week at the club shop in Kenilworth Road.

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Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

The Hatters of fifty years ago

The 1950/51 campaign did not get off to a very good start for the Town for, after an encouraging opening day 2-0 win over Brentford at Kenilworth Road, it was to be another twelve games before victory was tasted again.

Quite obviously the major problem facing manager Dally Duncan was an acute shortage of firepower up front and in a bid to change things around a number of players were tried in the forward positions, to accompany old warhorse George Stobbart, with little joy. Defeats such as a 1-6 battering at Barnsley and a lacklustre forward line did not endear themselves with the home fans and crowds dropped by an average of 5,000 on the previous season. Something obviously needed to be done and Duncan, using his knowledge of Scotland, set his eyes on the free-scoring St Mirren forward Willie Davie and Glasgow Celtic utility player Pat McAuley. Paisley born Davie was attracting scouts from many Division One sides but Duncan felt he was one step ahead in the chase. McAuley was, however, a different kettle of fish altogether with most clubs seeming to give him a wide berth.

McAuley was effectively on strike at Celtic after holding out for more money or a transfer. Celtic did not wish to break their 'unofficial' wage structure nor did they wish the player to leave Parkhead such was his amazing talent. Hailed as the finest natural footballer to wear a Celtic shirt the team was effectively being built around him until his disagreements with the board. 'Snake-hipped, a football artist with delightful footwork and great intelligence and a true craftsman were some of the comments made by the Scottish press at the time and Luton supporters felt that Duncan was on a

hiding to nothing in his attempts to entice him to Kenilworth Road.

On Wednesday 13th December 1950 Duncan left Luton on the night train for Glasgow and the following morning signed Davie and opened negotiations for McAuley. The talks broke down, so back came Duncan on the night train to Luton from where he went straight to Reading with the youth team. While he was at Elm Park, he learnt that Celtic were prepared to re-open negotiations, so off to Glasgow he went again, signing McAuley on the Saturday morning and coming back that evening, hearing on the way (fifty years ago today) that the Town had lost 0-1 at Brentford. These two signings immediately turned things around with two wins and two draws recorded from the next four games which included a league double against Swansea over Christmas. Suddenly the forthcoming plum F.A.Cup third round home pairing with Portsmouth could not come quickly enough.

Pompey, who had won the league championship over the previous two seasons were at the peak of their powers with a settled side that had played together, virtually unchanged, since the end of the War. They were expected to make short work of the Hatters but, such was the surge of optimism around Kenilworth Road in the short space of one month, the Luton supporters felt that Portsmouth's perceived over confidence would be punished by the new look side.

As it turned out, over confidence did not come into it as Pompey were completely outplayed in a 2-0 defeat which to everyone, apart from the Luton faithful, was the shock of the day. With rain falling on an already heavy pitch, the crowd of 21,631 went into raptures as the

Town tore into the Portsmouth defence, but had only one goal to show for their efforts at half-time, after Davie hit home a superb through ball from Stobbart in the 25th minute. It would have been no injustice had the Town been three up at the interval but the scoreline took on a more realistic look three minutes into the second period when South African Willie Havenga smacked in a cross from Alec Glover.

Portsmouth came more into the game after that but with skipper Syd Owen controlling dangerous Duggie Reid and goalkeeper Bernard Streten pulling off a couple of typically spectacular saves, the Town held on for a place in the next round.

The round four opponents were to be Bristol Rovers of Division Three (South) and this time the Hatters were favourites. A near record crowd of 26,586 rolled up at Kenilworth Road to witness the slaughter but now the boot was completely on the other foot.

Rovers played the type of football that the Town had displayed in the previous round and although Charlie Watkins gave Luton the lead in the 13th minute, against the run of play, there was only going to be one winner.

Shots from all ranges and angles rained in on Streten, who was eventually beaten in the 30th minute when he could only punch out a fierce shot straight to the feet of Vic Lambden, who was left with an empty net to aim at. The inevitable Rovers' winner then came early in the second half when George Petherbridge dribbled past two Luton defenders and beat Streten as he advanced.

The optimistic air that had spread like wildfire around the streets of Luton since just before Christmas immediately evaporated as the sup



*The Town line up before a 0-3 defeat at Birmingham in November 1950, hastening the signing of fresh blood.
Back row (left to right); Pemberton, Morton, Cooke, Hughes, Lake, Watkins.
Front row (left to right); Havenga, Shanks, Whent, Owen, Taylor, Wyldes.*

porters realised, in the cold light of day, that a relegation struggle was all that they could look forward to.

Following the cup defeat the Town players went six games before picking up a win bonus but crucially won three games in succession in late March, two of which were against fellow strugglers at the foot of the table. The Town eventually finished up with 32 points which, in a normal season, would have seen them relegated but fortunately the teams below them had an even more woeful time.

Of the two mid-season signings Davie was the more successful with his eight goals from 22 starts helping the Town to avoid the drop. He was controversially transferred to Huddersfield the following season for a then record £23,000 and enjoyed a reasonably fruitful career at Leeds Road. McAuley, however, failed to live up to his early promise and drifted out of the Football League to join Kettering before sadly dying at the early age of 49.

Roger Wash

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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.

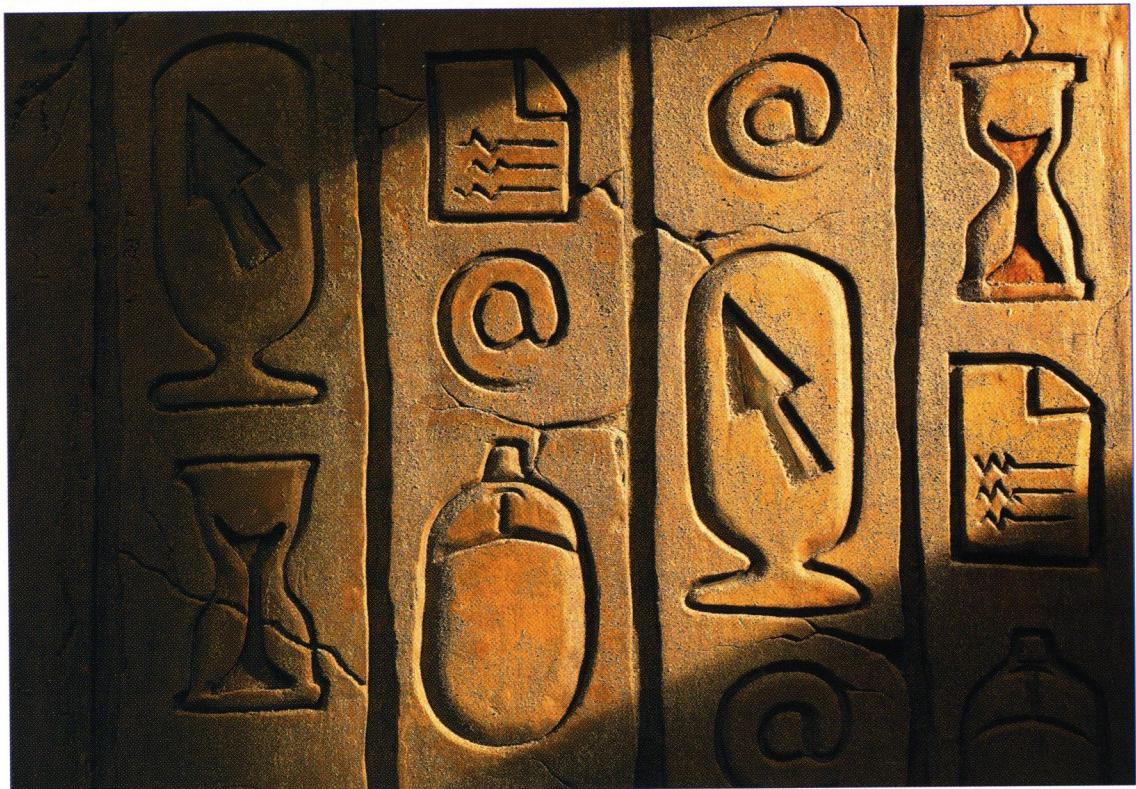
The Schools Visit Project is jointly funded by NTL and Sportsmatch and aims to provide curriculum time PE and football coaching in schools to youngsters of all abilities. We're well on our way to reaching a total of some 20,000 youngsters who will have benefited from the scheme over the last couple of 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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THERE has been plenty going on for Junior Hatters since our last game at Kenilworth Road. Our trip to Stoke was well-supported, and we had a great day out. Stoke were very good hosts, and of course it became just about perfect when the team won 3-1.

Stoke invited us to provide a mascot, and the choice was made by lucky dip on the coach. Molly Adair, 6, from Park Meadow Close, Barton, was chosen, and is pictured with the official group in the centre circle before kick-off.

Our next away trips will be to Reading on December 23, and to Bournemouth on January 1. Seats on the coaches can be booked now in the club shop, at £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for guests.

Our main event this time of the year is the Christmas Party, and it was a huge success again. We hope to have more space to publish pictures from it in Tuesday's match programme.



TWELVE-year-old David Loader, from Houghton Regis, was the Junior Hatters mascot for our last home game, and is pictured with all the other important people as the ref prepares for the toss-up in the centre circle. The other young Town fan is Liam Roberts, from Linslade, who was the commercial mascot, a present from his parents as he celebrated his sixth birthday on the day of the Rushden and Diamonds game.

Today's Mascot



THE luck of the draw worked to perfection when Sinead Doherty's name was pulled out of the computerised hat to be this afternoon's Junior Hatters mascot. Today happens to be her 13th birthday.

Her whole family are Luton Town supporters, and she comes to games with her mum and dad, uncles and

brothers. They have had a busy week: Sinead lived in Fairford Avenue, Luton, when she was picked out to be mascot, but the family moved yesterday, so she now comes from The Close, Limbury.

Sinead attends Cardinal Newman School, and her hobbies are her computer, watching TV, bowling, and music.

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Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

NEW boss Lil Fuccillo is the latest in a long line of Town managers who also played for the club and have also been afforded the honour of appearing "on the cards."

In Lil's case, as well as featuring on several "Stickers" series, he was the only Luton representative in Topps mammoth set of 396 footballers issued in 1979, the last of this company's offerings of football cards.

On this card he is given his full name of Pasquale - pity the publishers spelled it incorrectly! - but he had been known as Lil ever since his school days in Bedford, having been born there to Italian parents in May 1956. After shinng in local football he joined the Town straight from school and made his first senior appearance on December 21, 1974, when he went on as a sub a few minutes before the end of the home victory over the eventual champions, Derby County, in the old First Division. A late penalty by Jimmy Ryan was the only goal. That, of course, was our single season at the top flight in the 70s. Lil had to wait 14 months for his full debut, at York, and marked the occasion with a goal in a 3-2 victory.

Over the next couple of seasons Fuccillo blossomed as a regular in midfield. His cultured left foot was responsible for setting up many sweeping moves, often from his own half, and he packed a powerful shot. He was ever-present in 1976-77 and again the following season, during which David Pleat took charge in January 1978.

Early in the following campaign Lil's form was attracting the big clubs, but disaster struck exactly 22 years ago today, at Brighton. An awful late challenge by Paul Clarke left the midfielder with a badly broken leg, and his season was over. Hatters fans never forgave Clarke, and when he came to Kenilworth Road for the return in April a bottle of tomato ketchup was emptied over his head when

he emerged from the tunnel. Worse was to follow for Lil, because in a come-back practice match at Hitchin the following September he broke the same leg again, which meant more months of misery and frustration. Some thought he would never play again, but on December 13, 1980, he made a triumphant return, marking his "second debut" with a goal in an exciting 4-2 victory over Preston at Kenilworth Road. His lengthy spell out of senior football took its toll, and he figured in only four more games that season, but he made a significant contribution to the following campaign, 1981-82, which saw the Town clinch the Second Division title to return to soccer's elite.

However, competition for midfield places was fierce, and after a contractual dispute Lil was allowed to leave to join Tulsa Roughnecks in the USA. In total he had clocked up 180 first-team outings and scored 27 goals in his Kenilworth Road career. Lil came back to this country to play for Southend before joining Peterborough, and had two good years there before ending his playing career at Cambridge in 1988.

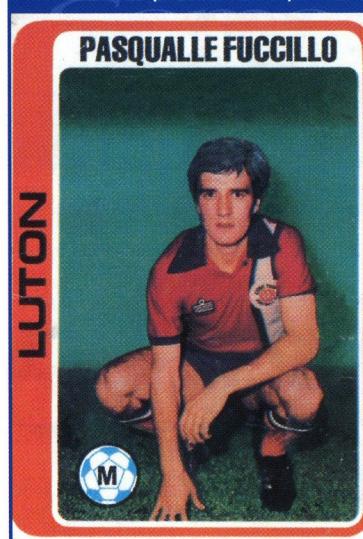
He took up coaching, and returned to Peterborough, where he worked as assistant manager to former Town defender Chris

Turner, before having a spell in the managerial hot-seat himself. He is still much loved at Posh, for taking the club to its highest-ever league finish, tenth in Division One. Lil later worked as assistant to Barry Fry at Birmingham and then back at Peterborough. As a great admirer of his skill and competitive spirit, I hope Lil has an enjoyable and successful career back here where it all began.

This particular card, number 332 in the series, can still be obtained fairly easily from the growing number of soccer card dealers, and should cost no more than 75pence.

Alan Robinson

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Hatters Chatter - our marathon lady

THE CLUB is breaking with tradition in next April's Flora London Marathon when, for the first time, our colours will be carried by a woman, 42-year-old Mrs Lynda Smith, from Loftus Close, Leagrave. She is not only a keen Town supporter, but is also a worker for the club on match days, as one of the staff in the Joe Payne Lounge.

We now know there will be at least two other Luton Town supporters in the race. Les Miller, who has represented us in the past, and Ian Stacey, who was among this year's applicants, have been lucky in the public ballot for places among the field of over 30,000.

Our thanks are due to all who volunteered to run for the Town in the football section, particularly the others who made the final shortlist - Mr. Stacey, of Milton Road, Luton; Mr Miller, of The Elms, Kempston; Dave Suttle, of Humber Road, Blackheath; and Adrian Shotbolt, of Shakespeare Road, Luton.

They were all able to put up good cases for representing the club, and we are only sorry that there was only one place open to us.

As well as working at Kenilworth Road on match days, as do her husband and eldest son, Lynda Smith holds down a full-time job as an admin assistant supporting the assistant director of the local education authority.

She has been keen on running for ten years, and is a member of Stopsley Striders Running Club. Having found 10k races no problem - she did the Great North Run with her running partner Debra Currington - she has set her sights on a marathon.

"I wore my son's Luton Town shirt in Newcastle, and came across several fans along the route," she said. "I also enjoy taking part in boxfit and circuit training sessions as part of my fitness routine.

"After watching my brother-in-law and Debra run in this year's London Marathon, I was determined to compete next year. I am delighted that I have been chosen to represent the football club, and I am very determined to complete the course."

Lynda has chosen to put her sponsorship towards cancer research, in memory of her late father, and also Keech Cottage, the local children's hospice.

Later in the season, as the event draws nearer, we will be inviting supporters to back our runner, and it goes without saying that we wish her all the best with her training, and on the big day.

The Flora London Marathon awards a trophy to the first football club runner from each of the divisions to cross the line, and one for the first female football challenge entrant.

Our man last April was Perry Glover, from Bushmead, who came sixth in Division Two. He clocked 3hrs 51mins 38secs. Lynda will be more interested in knowing that the fastest woman runner in the Football Challenge was a Linda Grave, carrying the Ipswich colours round in 3-47-52. And a couple of blokes, representing Mansfield Town and Hull City, took more than six hours to complete the 26 miles.

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FOR THE RECORD...

...since we were last at home

Luton Town 1 Rushden & Diamonds 0

A TOUCH of welcome good luck marked Lil Fuccillo's first game as manager, as the Town stole a place in the second round of the FA Cup from Conference visitors who wasted a stack of chances, and were then caught by a sucker punch as Liam George cheekily grabbed a 55th-minute winner. Mark Stein headed against the bar early in the first half, but the Town fell away after a bright start, but kept a clean sheet thanks to two Rushden efforts hitting posts, a couple of good saves by Nathan Abbey, sub-standard finishing by forwards who should have scored, and a marvellous clearance off the line by Kent Karlsen.

Luton Town: Abbey, Fraser, Watts, Karlsen, Boyce, Helin, Taylor, McLaren, Spring, George, Stein (Thomson 73 mins). Unused subs McGowan, Locke, Fotiadis, Ovendale.

Rushden & Diamonds: Turley, Mustafa, Underwood, Mills (Wormull 82 mins), Rodwell, Warburton, Peters (Setchell 90 mins), Brady, Jackson, Sigere, Burgess. Unused subs Town, Stowell, Naylor.

The goal: Liam George, 55 mins, after Rushden were caught too far upfield by Matthew Spring's ball over the top, George doing an "Ali shuffle" to flummox the keeper before firing his fourth goal of the season.

Referee: David Laws, Tyne and Wear.

Attendance: 5,771 including 1,736 visitors.

Port Vale 3 Luton Town 0

LIL Fuccillo issued an apology to the travelling supporters for the abject failure of the Town to make a fight of it in his first league game in charge, a six-pointer at Port Vale. For the first half hour the Town, with new signings Adrian Whitbread and Lee Nogan making their debuts, battled hard to suggest they might tough it out, blunt the opposing attack, and hopefully grab something on the break.

But a defender's headed goal from a corner - Port Vale's ninth flag kick in the first 34 minutes - lifted the home side and began a loss of collective form by the Town which got more embarrassing as the minutes ticked away. Vale helped themselves to two more goals in the second half and comfortably kept only their second clean sheet in the last 16 games, with the Town looking bedraggled long before the end.

Luton Town: Abbey, Whitbread, Watts, Karlsen, Boyce, Helin (Fraser 77 mins), Taylor, McLaren, Spring, George, Nogan (Fotiadis 74 mins). Unused subs Locke, Scarlett, Ovendale.

Booked: Kent Karlsen, 37 mins, and Matthew Spring, 50 mins, both for fouls.

Port Vale: Goodlad, Carragher, Tankard (Burton 62 mins), Brammer (O'Callaghan 77 mins), Walsh, Cummins, Naylor (Eyre 83 mins), Widdrington, Bridge-Wilkinson, Minton, Smith. Unused subs Delaney, Twiss.

Booked: Marc Bridge-Wilkinson, 5 minutes, dissent.

The goals: 1-0 34 mins - Michael Walsh, header from a right-wing corner; 2-0 64 mins - Tony Naylor, shooting in after collecting an under-hit headed back pass by Kent Karlsen; 3-0 70 mins - Jeff Minton, crisp strike from the edge of the box after good work and pass by Marc Bridge-Wilkinson.

Referee: Alan Kaye.

Attendance: 4,194 including 420 visitors.

See Tuesday's programme for a report and pictures from the FA Cup-tie at Darlington

Stoke City 1 Luton Town 3

THE LONG-awaited and overdue first away win of the season was accomplished with a mixture of style and determined workrate at the Britannia Stadium, against play-off contenders who might have been expected to be well up for it after being thrashed 8-0 by Liverpool in the Worthington Cup three days previously.

A super goal by Paul McLaren put the Town on their way, and the result which was richly deserved was completed by fighting back after Stoke's equaliser with two goals from Peter Thomson, his first for the Town.

His finishing was top class, but Lil Fuccillo made sure afterwards that as well as praise for the striker, there was a word for the way in which the defence and midfield had done their jobs to provide the platform for the first away win in eight months.

Marvin Johnson returned after injury to join Adrian Whitbread and Julian Watts in the most experienced back three the Town have fielded this season - average age 30, and nearly 1,000 appearances between them.

Thomson was preferred to Lee Nogan in attack, with Mark Stein still ruled out by injury, and grabbed his chance to answer the manager's call to prove what he can do.

Having seen the Town put give their worst performance for a long time a week earlier at Vale Park, it was a pleasure for the visiting fans to enjoy the first-ever win at the Britannia, and to know it was no fluke.

Luton Town: Abbey, Whitbread, Watts, Johnson, Locke, Helin, Taylor, McLaren, Spring, George (Karlsen 90 mins), Thomson (Fotiadis 89 mins). Unused subs Fraser, Nogan, Ovendale.

Booked: Paul McLaren, 35 mins, dissent and Matthew Spring, 76 mins, for a foul.

Stoke City: Muggleton, Hansson, Clarke, Mohan, Gunnarsson (Risom 68 mins), Kavanagh, Thorne, Dorigo (Thordarson 80 mins), O'Connor, Kippe, Cooke (Dadason 57 mins)

Booked: Brynjar Gunnarsson, 65 mins, foul on Liam George; James O'Connor, 66 mins, foul on Paul McLaren; Peter Thorne, 82 mins, foul on Petri Helin.

The goals: 0-1 14 mins - Paul McLaren, right foot 25-yard drive, set up by Matthew Spring's pass; 1-1 34 mins - Nicky Mohan shot after Mikael Hansson crossed low from Stoke's right; 1-2 50mins - Peter Thomson, hooking the ball in as he fell after Adrian Whitbread headed a free kick by Matthew Taylor back across the face of goal; 1-3 61 mins - Thomson again, delightful chip from an angle from Liam George's pass.

Referee: Brian Curson.

Attendance: 12,389, including 499 visitors.

Peterborough 1 Luton Town 0

IN the days when it was the Simod Cup, and through various incarnations until it became the LDV Vans Trophy this season, we enjoyed the prospect of going to Wembley if we made enough progress. This year, with the old stadium being demolished, the prize is a final at a venue still to be decided, but probably at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff. So the handful of Town fans who went to London Road were not too despondent at being robbed of that opportunity after a scrappy match played in front of a crowd of 2,075 in a ground that holds over 15,000.

Both clubs put out weakened teams, with reserves offered the chance to impress their managers. Not too many did so, and after conceding the decider nine minutes from time the unreal atmosphere became even more strained when Mark Stein got himself sent off in stoppage time, for violent conduct.

On a heavy pitch which made passing football difficult, Peterborough deserved to edge the game, creating more attacking threat than the Town. Mark Ovendale made a top-class save in the first half to keep out a header by Jon Cullen, and later denied Ritchie Hanlon, and he was unlucky with the goal, a good block falling to an attacker because no defender got there first.

Luton Town: Ovendale, Ayres, Karlsen, Fraser, Locke, Helin, Taylor, McLaren, Spring, Thomson (Stein HT), Fotiadis (Nogan 56 mins). Unused subs Scarlett, Stirling, Abbey.

Sent off: Mark Stein, 90th minute, after a clash with Ritchie Hanlon.

Peterborough: Connor, Hooper (Forsyth 44 mins), Clarke (Lee 63 mins), Cullen, Gill, Green, Murray, Hanlon, Jolleyman, Forinton (French 71 mins), Rogers. Unused subs: Oldfield, Tyler.

Booked: Gareth Jolleyman, 19 mins, foul on Matthew Spring; Howard Forinton, 57 mins, foul on Stuart Fraser.

The goal: Francis Green, 81 minutes, converting the rebound after Jon Cullen raced down the right wing and crossed for Ritchie Hanlon to fire in a shot which Mark Ovendale did well to parry.

Referee: Phil Joslin.

Attendance: 2,075, including 290 Luton die-hards

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The Reserves

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Luton Town 3 Portsmouth 0

THERE can be no grumbles about the result, which was well deserved, but our second-half display after being two up at the interval was not as good as it should have been.

Remarkably, two own goals finished off the visitors, on an unhappy return for goalkeeper Andy Petterson, who began his career at Kenilworth Road 12 years ago.

We looked bright and sharp in the first half, and our 2-0 half-time lead flattered Portsmouth. We dominated the first half, but let them get on top of us in the second. Portsmouth changed their shape and we didn't deal with it.

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Cheltenham	9	3	1	5	11	16	10
Wycombe	8	2	2	4	9	19	8
Bristol Rovers	8	2	1	5	9	15	7
Colchester	9	2	1	6	9	15	7
Northampton	8	2	0	6	7	14	6
Southend	9	0	5	4	6	14	5
Peterborough	10	1	2	7	7	16	5
Barnet	7	1	1	5	9	15	4
Leyton Orient	8	0	1	7	5	17	1

In the end the result could have been something like 6-5, but we had the edge in attack, and were well pleased with the clean sheet, with Scott Ward making two or three very good saves.

Peter Holmes gave us a 15th-minute lead with a very good drive from outside the box when the ball was cleared to him from a corner.

Our second was a cracking own goal: Ward punted a long clearance downfield and a defender, under pressure from Rocky Baptiste, headed the ball backwards, over Petterson and into the net.

We had to soak up some pressure in the second half, but we were on top again in the closing stages, and another defender put into his own net after a challenge by Baptiste to complete victory.

Luton Town: Ward, McGowan, Stirling, Standen, Breitenfelder, Okali, Brennan, Holmes, Scarlett, Kandol, Baptiste.

IN THE Avon Insurance Combination Cup our game at Colchester on Wednesday was washed out by a waterlogged pitch. On Monday we are due to entertain Oxford United at Baldock Town, kick-off 7pm.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Breitenfelder 8, Stirling 8, Brennan 7, Ayres 7, Scarlett 7, Standen 5(3), Abbey 4, Thomson 4, Ovendale 4, Kandol 4, Fraser 4, Baptiste 3(1), Holmes 3, Locke 3, Carter 3, McGowan 3, Glasgow 2(2), Minton 2 (1), Johnson 2, Carroll 2, Walker 2, Ward 2, Fotiadias 2, Piercwright 2, Dogbe 1(1), Downer 1(1), Mortara 1, Murffin 1, Codner 1, Tait 1, Douglas 1, Onachie 1, Okali 1, Dickie 1, Carham 1, Joynson 1, Mason 1, Showunmi 1, Rose 1, Gray 1, Pihamma 1, Mansell (1), Clarke (1), Newell (1).

Goals: Brennan 4, Thomson 4, Kandol 2, Ayres 1 pen, Scarlett 1, Holmes 1, Carter 1, OG 2

Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures

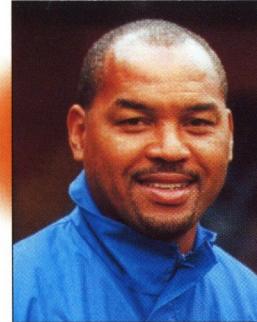
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Wed 20	Gillingham (LC)	H	1-1	Ayres pen		
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Wed 18	Gillingham	A	1-1	Brennan		
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Mon 6	Brentford	H*	Postponed			
Wed 15	Bristol City	A	0-0			
Wed 29	Swindon	A	2-4	Scarlett, Thomson		
DEC						
Mon 6	Portsmouth	H*	3-0	Holmes, OG 2		
Wed 13	Colchester (LC)	A	2pm			
Mon 18	Oxford Utd	H*	7pm			
APRIL						
Tues 3	Northampton	A	2pm			
Tues 10	QPR	A	2pm			
Wed 18	C. Palace	H	2pm			

*To be played at Baldock Town.

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Youth Soccer

Brian Stein

FA Youth Cup,
third round:
Luton Town 4 Bournemouth 0

I SUPPOSE a coach should not complain too much about a 4-0 success in a cup-tie, but I felt a little disappointed at the final whistle, because we should have won this game by an even wider margin. We were three up at the interval, and perhaps it was inevitable that we would take our foot off the pedal to some degree in the second half, having proved conclusively that we were by far the better side. We meet Fulham or Manchester City at home in the next round, for a place in the last 32, and I suspect they will give us a much harder game than the young Bournemouth team that came to Kenilworth Road.

It was a comfortable win for us, but I would have preferred to see our players tested more. Having said that, I was pleased with their attitude, and a clean sheet is always welcome, giving you a platform to build on.

Daryl Murphy, who has been awarded a contract after coming over from Ireland for trials, shot cleanly to give us a 20th-minute lead and eight minutes later Chris Dillon kept up his excellent scoring record to make it 2-0, and in many ways the game was just about over five minutes before the break when a very

good passing move ended with James Osborne netting.

The side had an air of confidence about it, which was very welcome, but we had to wait until the 78th minute for the third goal, with Osborne again the scorer.

Victory was fair reward for players who work hard in training as well as in games, and we are looking forward to testing ourselves against a bigger club in the next round.

Luton Town: Chatfield, Leary (James-Barriteau 76 mins), Carroll, Dogbe, Gillman, Bruce, Osborne, Mansell, Murphy, Dillon (Clarke 76 mins), O'Leary (Okali 84 mins).

WE drew 2-2 with Cambridge in the Football League Youth Alliance on Saturday, and a report will be in Tuesday's matchday magazine. We are awaiting details the date of our next FA Youth Cup game, having been drawn at home against Fulham or Manchester City. They drew at Maine Road, and the replay scheduled for Tuesday was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch.

We were due to be away to Wycombe Wanderers in the Alliance today, before a break in the fixtures over Christmas and the New Year, although we have a couple of matches to re-arrange after postponements, away to Portsmouth and at home to Northampton.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Dogbe 17, Mansell 17, Dillon 15(1), Gillman 14, Bruce 15, Clarke 12(3), Leary 12(1), Carroll 12(1), O'Leary 11(6), Ward 11, James-Barriteau 10(3), Osborne 10(3), Chatfield 6, Jeffrey 3(8), Mortara 3, Nurse 2(2), Murphy 2, Meike 1(1), Carter 1, Minton 1, Foley 1(2), Okali 0(5), Koo-Boothe 0(1) Fashanu 0(1), Ramirez 0(1),

Goals: Dillon 12, Osborne 4, Mansell 3, Clarke 3, O'Leary 3, Carroll 2, Leary 2, Murphy 2, James-Barriteau 1, Gillman 1, Jeffrey 1, Deeney 1.

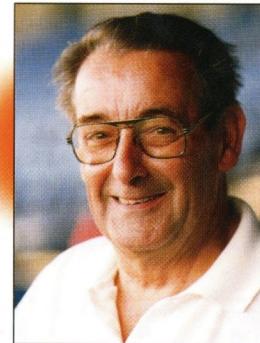
FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE South East Conference Results and fixtures

AUG			SEPT			OCT			NOV			DEC			JAN			FEB		
16	Southend	H	2-2	Carroll, James-Barriteau					4	Gillingham	A	2-3	Dillon, Mansell							
26	L. Orient	A	0-4						11	Southend	A	2-0	Mansell, Clarke, Osborne, Dillon							
									14	FAYC2 Walsall	H	4-1	Leary, O'Leary, Murphy							
									18	L. Orient	A	3-3	Leary, O'Leary, Murphy							
									25	Portsmouth	A	postponed								
									28	FYC3 Bournemouth	H	4-0	Osborne 2, Murphy, Dillon							
NOV			DEC			JAN			FEB			APRIL			MAY			JUN		
4	Gillingham	A	2-3	Dillon, Mansell					13	Barnet	H									
11	Southend	A	2-0	Clarke, Dillon					20	Cambridge	A	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
14	FAYC2 Walsall	H	4-1	Mansell, Clarke, Osborne, Dillon					27	Brighton	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18	L. Orient	A	3-3	Leary, O'Leary, Murphy					2	Northampton	H	postponed								
25	Portsmouth	A	postponed						9	Wycombe Wdrs	H	2-2	Dillon, Murphy							
28	FYC3 Bournemouth	H	4-0	Osborne 2, Murphy, Dillon					12	Colchester	A	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
NOV			DEC			JAN			FEB			APRIL			MAY			JUN		
4	Gillingham	A	2-3	Dillon, Mansell					13	Barnet	H									
11	Southend	A	2-0	Clarke, Dillon					20	Cambridge	A	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
14	FAYC2 Walsall	H	4-1	Mansell, Clarke, Osborne, Dillon					27	Brighton	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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11	Southend	A	4	4	4				20	Cambridge	A	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
14	FAYC2 Walsall	H	4-1	Mansell, Clarke, Osborne, Dillon					27	Brighton	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Hotshots - Div.2 Clubs' most prolific marksmen, inc. the difference their goals made

Club	Leading Scorer	GS	1stGl	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms	Ave	W/L	W>D	D>L	Pts	Run	Dry	PU	CS	FS	Results
Bournemouth	Defoe	5	1	3	1	0	4	1.25	0	1	0	2	4	0	27	4	4	DWLWW
Brentford	Scott	10	4	8	1	0	18	0.56	1	3	3	12	4	3	25	5	4	DLDDW
Bristol City	Thorpe	10	3	5	1	1	18	0.56	1	1	2	7	2	5	27	7	5	DDWDW
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	5	1	3	1	0	16	0.31	0	0	3	3	3	8	27	6	7	WLWLD
Bury	Littlejohn	3	2	3	0	0	19	0.16	0	1	1	3	1	6	22	7	6	LLLLL
Cambridge	Youngs	9	1	5	2	0	20	0.45	0	2	2	6	3	5	22	3	4	LLLDL
Colchester	Duguid	4	2	4	0	0	18	0.22	0	1	1	3	2	6	25	7	8	DLLLW
Luton	George	3	0	3	0	0	19	0.16	0	0	1	1	2	8	27	3	8	LDLWL
Millwall	Harris	13	5	6	2	1	19	0.68	0	3	1	7	3	3	29	8	2	DLWWL
Northampton	Forrester	12	8	8	2	0	18	0.67	1	3	4	13	5	3	22	6	6	WDWWL
Notts County	Stallard	8	5	8	0	0	16	0.50	0	4	1	9	3	3	28	5	6	LWLWL
Oldham	Corazzin	3	1	3	0	0	16	0.19	0	1	0	2	1	10	25	5	5	DLLWW
Oxford	Beauchamp	4	1	2	1	0	18	0.22	0	1	0	2	1	7	32	2	9	LLLWL
Peterborough	Clarke	5	2	5	0	0	20	0.25	0	1	1	3	2	7	22	6	6	LDLLL
Port Vale	Naylor	6	2	2	2	0	16	0.38	0	1	0	2	2	5	22	4	6	LLLWL
Reading	Butler	12	7	7	1	1	18	0.67	0	0	2	2	5	4	25	7	5	WDLWL
Rotherham	Robins	9	4	7	1	0	16	0.56	0	1	2	4	2	2	23	8	0	DWDWW
Stoke	Thorne	6	3	4	1	0	12	0.50	1	2	2	9	2	4	25	5	4	DLWDW
Swansea	Savarese	7	2	1	3	0	10	0.70	1	0	3	6	2	4	24	7	9	LLLDD
Swindon	Invincible	6	1	2	2	0	19	0.32	0	1	1	3	2	9	25	4	9	LDLLW
Walsall	Leitao	8	4	8	0	0	20	0.40	0	2	0	4	3	3	22	8	4	WWLDD
Wigan	Haworth	6	3	3	0	1	10	0.60	1	1	1	6	2	2	24	8	4	DWDDL
Wrexham	Sam	6	2	4	1	0	18	0.33	0	1	1	3	5	12	24	3	5	LWDLL
Wycombe	Rammell	6	2	4	1	0	15	0.40	0	2	1	5	2	4	24	7	9	LLDDD

Key: **GS**=Goals Scored; **1st GI**=Games Scored 1st Goal; **Sc1**=Games Scored 1 Goal; **Sc2**=Games Scored 2 Goals; **HT**=Hat-Tricks; Each club's leading league scorer and their goals per game (Ave). Next 3 columns show taking off their goals, how many games changed from Win to Loss (WNL), Win to Draw (WND), Draw to Win (DW), 1 Points (P1), and 0 Points (P0). Last 2 rows show best scoring run, and longest dry spell in consecutive games. **NUMBERS**: **PL**=Players Used; **CS**=Clean Sheets; **FS**=Games Failed to Score



2nd Division

Brian Swain

DEFENDER Alan White, who left Luton to join Colchester in the

summer, was a spectator at Feethams on Saturday as his home town club took on the Town in the FA Cup. And, perhaps thankfully for us, he will be a spectator again this afternoon, suspended after collecting his first five bookings of the season.

Players returning to their old clubs often pull out that little bit extra, and the league table shows how important it is for us today to improve our home record. A victory will still leave us bottom but one, with the current gap between us and the safety mark five points. Lil Fuccillo is confident it can be done, but sees today's match against mid-table opposition as one we must not

lose. While we were scrapping in the cup last week Colchester had a day off, having been knocked out in the first round at Yeovil, where the Conference leaders won 5-1. A good start to the season - one defeat in their first five league games - saw Colchester in fifth place in early September, but then they sold their young star, Lomana Tresor Lua Lua to Newcastle for £2.25million, and have found the going tough since then. They were down to 19th place in early November, but have now risen back up to 14th after taking seven points from their last three league matches. Their away record shows victories at Swansea in early season, and at Reading in their most

Nationwide Division Two Table												
	HOME						AWAY					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Walsall	20	8	3	0	25	9	4	2	3	12	10	41
Rotherham	20	6	2	3	23	15	6	2	1	13	9	40
Millwall	20	6	1	2	18	5	6	2	3	20	14	39
Wigan	20	8	1	0	14	5	2	8	1	13	11	39
Reading	19	8	1	1	32	9	3	1	5	8	13	35
Bristol City	20	4	3	4	21	13	4	4	1	11	5	31
Stoke	19	4	2	3	14	9	4	4	2	16	14	30
Wycombe	20	6	1	3	16	11	2	5	3	4	7	30
Northampton	19	3	3	3	10	11	5	1	4	11	10	28
*Peterborough	20	6	2	2	16	10	2	1	7	8	16	27
Wrexham	20	3	2	5	10	14	4	3	3	20	19	26
Brentford	18	4	4	2	12	15	2	4	2	9	13	26
*Cambridge	20	4	3	3	19	13	2	3	5	11	18	24
Colchester	20	4	3	4	11	10	2	3	4	7	11	24
Bury	19	4	2	3	10	12	3	1	6	8	15	24
Notts County	19	2	3	3	12	13	5	0	5	9	18	24
Bristol Rov	19	0	5	3	6	10	5	3	3	18	10	23
Bournemouth	19	2	4	3	9	8	3	3	4	20	16	22
Oldham	19	4	2	4	13	13	2	2	5	9	18	22
Port Vale	18	4	4	2	17	8	1	1	6	4	16	20
Swindon	20	2	4	4	12	19	3	1	6	7	18	20
Swansea	19	2	4	4	9	10	2	3	4	10	15	19
Luton Town	19	2	1	6	9	15	1	5	4	11	18	15
Oxford Utd	20	1	2	7	7	14	1	0	9	12	31	8

* Not including Cambridge v Peterborough last night

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Statistics Fixtures

2000 / 2001

	Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers	League Place	Attn.	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	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	Karslen
NOVEMBER	Sat 11	Bristol City	H	3pm 0-3	-	23	6,595	Abbey	Boyce	McGowan	George	Karslen
NOVEMBER	Fri 17	Rushden & D FAC1	H	8pm 1-0	George	23	5,771	Abbey	Boyce	Fraser	Watts	Karslen
NOVEMBER	Sat 25	Port Vale	A	3pm 0-3	-	23	4,194	Abbey	Boyce	Whitbread	Watts	Karslen
DECEMBER	Sat 2	Stoke City	A	3pm 3-1	McLaren, Thomson 2	23	12,389	Abbey	Johnson	Whitbread	Watts	Locke
DECEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough LDVT1	A	7.45 0-1	-	23	2,075	Ovendale	Ayres	Karslen	Fraser	Locke
DECEMBER	Sat 9	Darlington FAC2	A	3pm 0-0	-	23	3,641	Abbey	Johnson	Whitbread	Watts	Locke
DECEMBER	Sat 16	Colchester Utd	H	3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DECEMBER	Tue 19	Darlington FAC2R	H	7.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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	A	3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JANUARY		OR QPR FAC3	H	3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JANUARY	Fri 12	Wycombe	H	7.45pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JANUARY	Sat 20	Peterborough	A	3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JANUARY	Tue 23	Oldham	A	7.45pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MARCH	Sat 24	Darlington	A	3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MARCH	Sat 31	Colchester	A	3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
APRIL	Sat 3	Bristol Rov	H	3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
APRIL	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										



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Taylor	Holmes	Locke	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Fraser	for Johnson	HT, Scarlett	for Locke	73,	Brennan for Holmes 83. Unused: Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan	for Fotiadis	81.	Unused: Stirling, Locke, Scarlett, Abbey.		
Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan	for George	57,	Locke for Holmes 86.	Unused: Stirling, Kandol, Abbey.	
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan	for George	55,	Kandol for Fotiadis 76.	Unused: Locke, Stirling, Abbey.	
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Kandol	for Fotiadis	HT;	Brennan for Holmes 65;	George for Stein 81.	Unused: Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes	for Brennan	74;	Locke for Spring 105;	Kandol for Stein 113.	Unused: Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes	for Spring	75;	Kandol for Brennan 60.	Unused: Locke, Stirling, Brietenfelder.	
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	Thomson	Holmes	for George	52;	Kandol for Thomson 72;	Holmes for Scarlett 82.	Unused: Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	Stirling	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Karlen	for Stein	75.	Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Thomson, Abbey.	George for Stein 75.	Unused: Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Karlen	for Stein	70;	Thomson for Kandol 70.	Unused: Brennan, Stirling, Abbey.	
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Karlen	for Stein	66;	Thomson for Kandol 72.	Unused: Brennan, Ayres, Abbey.	
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	Karlen	for Thomson	81.	Unused: Holmes, Breitenfelder, Ayres, Abbey.	McGowan for Fraser HT;	Stein for Thomson HT; Holmes for Spring 79.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	Karlen	for Thomson	89.	Unused: Brennan, Holmes, Stirling, Scarlett, Abbey.	All unused:	Brennan, Holmes, Stirling, Scarlett, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Stein	Kandol	Karlen	for Kandol	HT;	Brennan for McGowan 89.	Unused:	Fraser, Breitenfelder, Abbey.
Taylor	Fraser	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Karlen	for McGowan	79.	Unused:	Fraser, Breitenfelder, Abbey.	Breitenfelder for McGowan HT;
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Douglas	Karlen	for Kandol	18 mins;	Thomson for Douglas 44 mins;	Unused:	Brietenfelder for Locke 18 mins;
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Karlen	for Kandol	70 mins.	Thomson for Douglas 44 mins;	Unused:	Brietenfelder for Locke 18 mins;
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Douglas	Karlen	for Kandol	70 mins.	Thomson for Douglas 44 mins;	Unused:	Brietenfelder for Locke 18 mins;
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Colchester United



Today's Officials

Referee:

Mike Pike

Assistants:

S. C. E. Head (red flag)

G. J. Lewis (yellow and red flag)

Fourth Official:

R. G. James

Manager: Lil Fuccillo

NATHAN ABBEY

16

STUART FRASER

13

JULIAN WATTS

5

MARVIN JOHNSON

6

ADAM LOCKE

12

ADRIAN WHITBREAD

40

MATTHEW TAYLOR

15

PAUL McLAREN

12

MATTHEW SPRING

4

LIAM GEORGE

11

PETER THOMSON

7

Substitutes

MARK STEIN

10

KENT KARLSEN

29

JUDE STIRLING

23

LEE NOGAN

31

MARK OVENDALE

1

Changes



Manager: Steve Whittton

ANDY WOODMAN

4

GAVIN JOHNSON

26

SCOTT FITZGERALD

18

AARON SKELTON

2

JOE DUNN

20

MICKY STOCKWELL

14

CHRIS KEEBLE

8

DAVID GREGORY

10

STEVE McGAVIN

28

BARRY CONLON

7

KARL DUGUID

Substitutes

17

TONY LOCK

3

JOE KEITH

21

ADAM TANNER

27

DEAN MORGAN

1

SIMON BROWN

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