

# Luton Town



# Luton Town V Darlington

**AXA FA Cup, second round replay**

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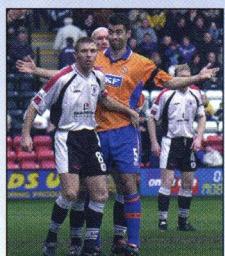
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**Front Cover**



What's going on ref? Julian Watts, waiting for a corner, is not impressed at being the Luton sandwich between two Darlington defenders at Feethams.

# Action Replay Luton Town 0 Colchester 3 (HT 0-1)

AFTER another home defeat on Saturday, Town fans will be expecting to see Darlington suffer the backlash this evening. Both managers agreed that the result against Colchester was a little unreal, and did not reflect the way the game went. The difference was simple: Colchester took chances better than we did.

Goalkeeper Andy Woodman had to be their man of the match, and enjoyed a slice of luck when a thundering drive by Matthew Taylor came back off a post when it might have pulled back the score to 2-1 with half an hour to play.

With Petri Helin returning from injury, and Lee Nogan replacing injured Peter Thomson, the Town looked bright in the opening stages, with Liam George's trickery threatening to unlock a defence that had kept clean sheets in its previous three league games, but conceded five at Yeovil in the FA Cup.

Alas, the threat failed to turn into goals, with the visitors lucky to escape when George lost his footing in the penalty area as he tried to complete a run from Matthew Spring's through ball with a telling shot. His slip led to a miskick, and Colchester were grateful to clear. Nathan Abbey had to make a very good save to keep out a drive by Barry Conlon, with Karl Duguid wastefully smashing the rebound wide from an angle, and the Town hit back with Woodman saving Helin's low drive with his legs.

The Town were getting on top, until they were caught out by losing possession in midfield in the 28th minute. Conlon charged through, and as the Town backed off buried his shot.

A quick second-half reply was needed, but instead David Gregory doubled Colchester's lead two minutes after the break.

To their credit the Town found renewed enthusiasm to take the game to Colchester, with Andrew Fotiadis sent on as a sub to be an extra attacker alongside Nogan, with George floating around just behind them.

The Town piled on pressure, with Woodman making a double save from George and Nogan on 58 minutes. That, said visiting boss Steve Whitton, was the turning point for him, the moment when he felt confident his team would win.

He must have suffered a slight twinge three minutes later, when Taylor's drive came back off the inside of a post and sub Simon Clark cleared off the line in the scramble that followed. Woodman had to be alert again to keep out a low drive by Paul McLaren, but after so much promise and so little delivery, the Town were finished off when they were caught stretched by the final goal, whacked in from distance by Thomas Pinault four minutes after he had gone on as a sub. He was the third sub used by Colchester. The first was needed when

defender Joe Dunne collided with Taylor, and was left with a badly cut face. Fears that he had a fractured jaw were dispelled at Luton and Dunstable Hospital, and it was ironic that the reshuffle forced by his injury led to former Town player Aaron Skelton moving from centre-back to right back, from where he delivered the cross that brought Colchester their second goal. Visiting boss Whitton had sympathy for Lil Fuccillo's view that the result was a touch unreal. "It was a great result for us, but we rode our luck a bit, and 3-0 was probably flattering. A scoreline like that makes it sound as though you have steam-rollered the opposition, but we did not, and Luton put us under pressure in the second half. The double save was important because if they had got a goal then, things might have turned out differently."

The Town manager said: "I thought we were playing reasonably well until Colchester took the lead. Then in the second half we did enough to get back into the game. We changed things when we sent on Andrew Fotiadis, and that looked like working for ten or 15 minutes, but it seems we have a hoodoo at home. We had enough chances to score, and just needed one goal to spark a revival, but it didn't come."

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Abbey, Johnson, Whitbread, Watts, Locke (Fotiadis 56 mins), Taylor, McLaren, Spring, Helin, George, Nogan. Unused subs: Scarlett, Holmes, Fraser, Ovendale.

**Booked:** Julian Watts, 49 mins, foul on Karl Duguid; Andrew Fotiadis, 70 mins, foul on Simon Clark.

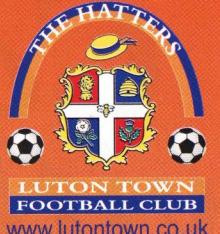
**Colchester Utd:** Woodman, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Skelton, Dunne (Clark 33 mins), Stockwell (Pinault 72 mins), Keeble, Gregory, Dozzell (McGavin 60 mins), Conlon, Duguid. Unused subs: Morgan, Brown.

**Booked:** David Gregory, 3 mins, foul on Paul McLaren; Karl Duguid, 64 mins, foul on Matthew Taylor.

**The goals:** 0-1 27 mins - Barry Conlon shot after strong run down the middle, with the Town caught stretched; 0-2 47 mins - David Gregory expert glancing header from diagonal right wing cross by former Town player Aaron Skelton; 0-3 76 mins - long range drive by Thomas Pinault, going in off a post while the Town were chasing the game.

**Referee:** Mike Pike, Cumbria.

**Attendance:** 4,791, including 309 visiting supporters.



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## The Manager Lil Fuccillo

THE different atmosphere that an FA Cup match generates will

be more than welcome at Kenilworth Road tonight, and you can be certain that there will be two teams doing everything in their power to get the right result.

Defeat against Colchester was a terrible disappointment, and so was the attendance, our smallest for a Saturday game this season. I appreciate that there are other attractions at this time of the year, but after the decent results at Stoke and Darlington, and in our first home game for a month, I thought more supporters might have turned up. In the event, those who were in the ground had every right to be as disappointed as we were with the outcome, but I would like to ask the die-hards to give us a bit more in noise and encouragement. We have a wonderful away following, and it would be great if the passion they produce could be replicated in home games.

Colchester taught us some very harsh lessons, the main one being the need to convert scoring chances. I was happy with the way things were going for the first 25 minutes or so, when it looked as though a goal must come. Liam George and Petri Helin both got in for chances that might have given us the all-important first goal. But then we were guilty of dreadful defending to allow Colchester to take the lead, and that gave them a lift.

They were difficult to break down, with just one forward and five across midfield, but we did find our way through them often enough to give us encouragement. We spoiled it all by not scoring, although I still cannot understand how Matthew Taylor's second-half drive could come back into play instead of going into the net off the inside of the post.

I had a bit of a go at the players after the game. Our defence gave Colchester much too much respect, while the midfield gave the ball away too easily, and the forwards were not hungry enough. Creating decent chances is only half

the requirement - one or two should have been taken. It was galling because tactically we got it just about right, but let ourselves down with our finishing.

That was something that figured prominently in our training yesterday, and having had the inquest on what went wrong on Saturday it was immediately a matter of looking to the future, and being more determined to get it right, starting this evening.

We will have to be professional, and my main demand will be that we get the ball to our forwards' feet quickly and accurately. We must play at a quicker tempo. And we must cut down on the defensive mistakes - if we don't Darlington are as likely to punish them as Colchester were. If we get our movement and passing right we should have enough about us to win tonight's game. But Darlington come with no pressure on them, because few outside their own camp would expect to see them win this replay.

But they can play good football, as we saw in the first meeting, and don't forget that Darlington very nearly gained promotion last season, and will be keen to prove a point this evening.

They are a capable side, and we know it might well be a bit of a battle tonight. We need to show the character to do whatever is necessary, and to do it well enough to wipe out memories of Saturday.

Our players want to win, as I do, but that desire has to be translated into a real hunger, a willingness to give blood for the cause, metaphorically speaking.

In some ways, this game could be the new start to our season that we need. It would be nice to have QPR here in the next round, but, much more importantly, a good cup run could also build confidence, a renewed self-belief, and, hopefully, set us up to turn the tide over Christmas and the New Year.

I hope we do the job tonight, and that we give you the supporters a display that will get you shouting your heads off.

*Lil Fuccillo*

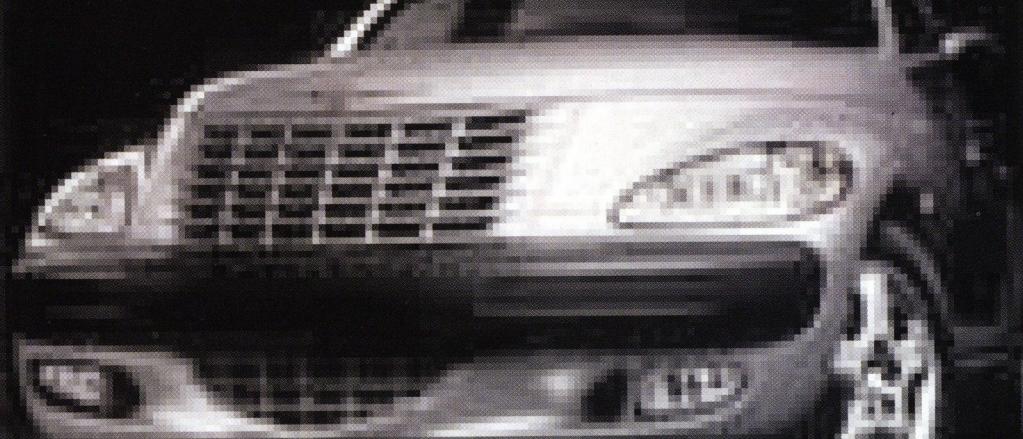
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Appearances (as sub in brackets)

Goals

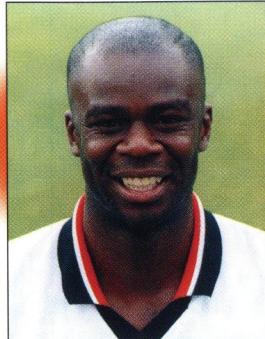
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Nathan Abbey	10	0	2	0	12	0	0	0	0
James Ayres	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rocky Baptiste	0(2)	0	0	0	0(2)	0	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	18	4	1	0	23	0	0	0	0
Dean Brennan	2(7)	1(1)	0	0	3(8)	0	0	0	0
Friedrich Breitenfelder	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0	0	0	0
Stuart Douglas	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	2
Andrew Fotiadis	6(4)	1	0	1	8(4)	1	0	0	1
Stuart Fraser	6(4)	4	2	1	13(5)	0	0	0	0
Liam George	17(3)	3(1)	2	0	22(4)	3	0	1	4
Petri Helin	5	0	1	1	7	1	0	0	1
Peter Holmes	8(6)	2(1)	0	0	10(7)	0	0	0	0
Marvin Johnson	5	0	1	0	6	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	11(3)	1(1)	1	1	14(4)	0	0	0	0
Gavin McGowan	4(1)	0	0	0	4(1)	0	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	18	4	2	1	25	1	0	0	1
Lee Nogan	2	0	0	0(1)	2(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	18	4	2	1	25	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	20	4	2	1	27	0	0	0	0
Peter Thomson	3(3)	1(1)	1(1)	1	6(5)	2	0	0	2
Julian Watts	19	4	2	0	25	2	0	0	2
Adrian Whitbread	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0

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# Captain's Log

## Marvin Johnson

AFTER Saturday's bad result - but not entirely a bad

performance - the dressing room feeling tonight is that we owe it to ourselves and the fans to go all out for an FA Cup victory.

After the match at Darlington, we know it will not be easy. In the cup you can forget about differences in divisions. FA Cup folklore is littered with wonderful memories of teams who beat the formbook odds, and this season has been no exception. Ask Colchester, who were thumped 5-1 at Yeovil. Or Stoke, beaten by non-league Nuneaton Borough. We had problems of our own in getting past Rushden and Diamonds in the first round, and Darlington were a bit of a handful up there ten days ago.

On that occasion either team could have snatched victory. We were grateful for Nathan Abbey's good work, while equally I am sure Darlington were pleased that we did not steal a late winner.

On the day there was not a lot to choose between the sides, but we feel we have enough about us to get a good result.

We were a little deflated on Saturday night after the Colchester game, but not completely down and out. I think everyone realises that the performance was better than a 3-0 reverse sounds. We suffered because Colchester tucked away three chances, while we had as many and failed to convert one. They were a decent side, but we should have had at least one goal before they scored. And even when we were two down in the second half we felt we could get something out of the game.

The fact that we failed to hit back was very disappointing, and as usual my view is that it was not a matter of picking out individuals responsible for defeat. You can blame strikers

for not scoring, defenders for conceding goals, midfielders for not giving better support. But the whole team takes blame for failure and praise for success.

Confidence is always a fragile commodity, but ours should not be hammered by Saturday's result. We have to take positive thoughts from the game, starting with the fact that we probably did better in terms of creating scoring chances than we have done at home for some time.

If we continue to do that the goals will come, and there is no reason why Darlington should not be made to pay tonight for the frustration we suffered on Saturday.

They will come to Luton with nothing to lose, but we fancy our chances of winning, although I think it will be a tight game.

We would like to earn a home tie in the third round against QPR, and when I heard the draw I was happy with that. They are beatable, if we hit form.

Some of the younger lads were hoping for a glamour match - a trip to somewhere like Old Trafford, Anfield or Highbury. I have told them they are right to look forward to going there one day - I remember it well when I was their age and Luton Town were in the First Division!

I also know you have to earn the right to be on that big-club circuit, which means doing well this evening against Darlington. I have no worries about a cup run being a distraction - if we can make progress it means we are winning, and that in turn can build up confidence which can be carried over into the league programme.

It won't be easy tonight, but we will give everything - like you, we want to see a winning team at Kenilworth Road.

Marvin Johnson



## Treatment Room

### Bruce Sewell

ONE item of good news we needed after Saturday's

home defeat was that our injury list had not grown longer.

Paul McLaren got a kick on an ankle in the first few minutes against Colchester, but treatment with an ice pack after the game ensured it would not be a major problem, and Liam George also had the cold treatment for a knock on the thigh. There is nothing to worry about for either of them, and I am pretty confident they will be fit for this evening's game.

The afternoon's worst moment was when Colchester's Joe Dunne went flying in to Matthew Taylor and came off worst. It was a complete accident, with Matthew unable to avoid Dunne's flat-out challenge, but the facial injury Dunne suffered looked horrible, as bad as anything I have seen on a football field for a long time.

Our club doctor was on the pitch rapidly, and our biggest worry was not the huge, wide gash, but the possibility that the player might have a fractured jaw. We arranged for him to go straight to hospital, and we were relieved to hear later that X-rays showed there was no break. The cut was much too wide to be stitched in our treatment room, but the job was done at the Luton and Dunstable, and it was good to hear that Dunne was able to travel home with his team-mates.

I suspect the defender may carry the scar for the rest of his life, and my guess is that he will need plastic surgery.

So far as our squad is concerned, we have two strikers still under treatment, Stuart Douglas and Peter Thomson.

Stuart is probably closer to a return. The doctor is very happy with his progress after

his hamstring problems, and the player is feeling confident in himself, which is always a good sign. I hope he will be able to return to full training within a few days, and if it goes well there is a chance he might be considered for the reserve game at Norwich on January 4. But that date is only pencilled in at the moment - we will want to see how he goes in training for a week or so before we can be certain about his return to competitive football.

Peter Thomson was booked in for a scan yesterday as we try to get to grips with the injury to his right foot. I think it might be a nerve problem, a kind of neuralgia from an inflamed nerve. He does not feel any pain in normal walking, but it cuts in when he jogs or runs. Hopefully the scan will pinpoint the problem exactly, and we can then decide on the best course of treatment. Until we have a more positive diagnosis it is impossible to set a target date for the player's return to training.

The only other work for me in the past week or so has been to help players get over an unwelcome bug that has hit some of them, causing sickness and discomfort. Emmerson Boyce has come through his dose and was back in training yesterday. Tresor Kandol had to be sent home last Thursday when he went down with it, but should have made a full recovery by today, and the same goes for Mark Stein.

Youth team players Dean Mortara, John Carroll and Scott Ward were the others affected, but we managed to keep all the victims separate from the rest of the squad to prevent it spreading further, and hopefully the problem will be completely cleared up within a few days.

Bruce Sewell

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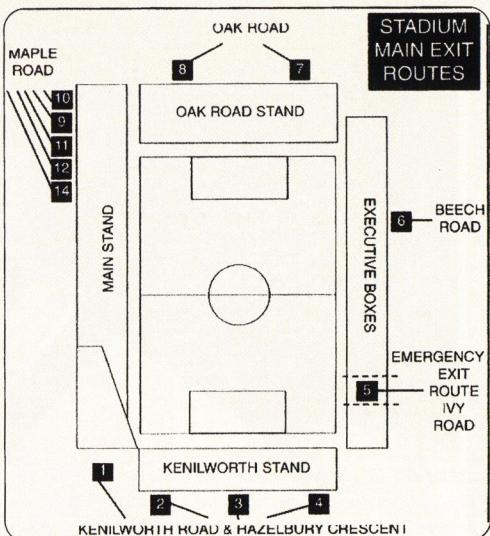
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OUR popular Golden Gamble lottery is running again this evening, which means that one lucky supporter will go home with a very welcome Christmas bonus - a handful of cash.

Printing schedules made it impossible to announce the winner from Saturday's match with Colchester, but we will publish details in a later edition of the matchday magazine.

At the previous home game Bob Cowley, from Worthington Road, Dunstable was the £445 jackpot winner.

Half the Golden Gamble income goes into the prize fund, and the other half to the club, so every ticket sold helps the Town.

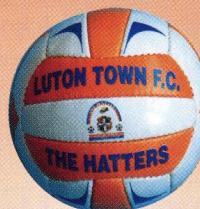
Mr Cowley was the 12th winner of the season, and they have shared £5,490, an average of £457 each.

Golden Gamble sellers are on duty in all parts of the ground tonight. The lucky number is pulled out of the drum at half time, and the prize is paid out immediately.



Commercial mascot Joshua Corkhill, aged 7 attends St Mary's Roman Catholic School in Dunstable. He is a keen footballer and plays for St Mary's School in the Dunstable Lower School League. He has been to Luton Town on several occasions and they have always won! Lets hope his luck continues tonight. His favourite player is Liam George, and he is looking forward to some exciting cup action this evening with his mum and dad and sisters Stephanie and Lisa-Marie.

*John Bailey*



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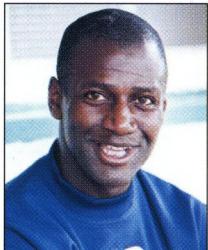


# Tonight's Visitors

## Darlington



**Darlington F.C.**



### GARY BENNETT - MANAGER

Manchester born defender who started out with his home side Manchester City, Gary is very experienced at all levels of the game, has had successful spells with Sunderland, Scarborough and Cardiff City, Gary joined Darlington close season 1998 and his vast experience is proving to be of great importance.

### NO 1 - ANDY COLLETT - GOALKEEPER

D.O.B 28.10.73

Andy made his debut for Darlington opening game of the last season by keeping a clean sheet away to Halifax Town. Started out his footballing career with his home side Middlesbrough before moving to Bristol Rovers in 1994 where he spent the

next 4 seasons. This confident brave keeper will be looking to keep the No 1 spot for the new season with the Quakers.

### NO 2 - MARK KILTY - DEFENDER

Young professional has been retained for a second year after coming up successfully through Darlington FC Youth Policy. Has already featured in the Darlington side last season, and is now hoping to clinch a regular spot.

### NO 3 - PAUL HECKINGBOTTOM - DEFENDER

D.O.B 17.07.77

Attacking left back who started his footballing career with Sunderland, joined Darlington FC two seasons ago, Has now become a great asset to the Quakers and is destined to play at the highest level. A vital member of Darlington's side during last season's promotion chase.



### NO 4 - CRAIG LIDDLE - DEFENDER

D.O.B 21.10.71

After completing a very successful loan period during season 1998-99 signed permanently from Premiership neighbours Middlesbrough February 1998. Craig is a very consistent dependable performer who has proven an excellent signing and has formed a formidable partnership with his fellow central defender.

### NO 5 - ADAM REED - DEFENDER

D.O.B 18.02.75

Returned to his local side Darlington after a spell with Premiership giants Blackburn Rovers, where he had previously signed in 1996. Adam unable to gain a regular place in the Blackburn Rovers side rejoined Darlington in July 1998, unfortunately was hindered with injury at the beginning of last season, once recovered Adam is another very important member to the Darlington squad.



### NO 6 - NEIL ASPIN - DEFENDER

D.O.B 12.04.65.

A seasoned professional signed from Port Vale July 1999 after a loyal 10 year service with the "Valiants". Neil started his long successful football career with Leeds United. This will be experienced defenders second season with the Quakers.



### NO 7 - GARY HIMSWORTH - DEFENDER

D.O.B 19.12.69

A very skilful utility player who signed before transfer deadline season 1998-99, Gary is cur-

rently spending his second term with Darlington. After being at York City and Scarborough.

### NO 8 - MARTIN GRAY(CAPTAIN) - MIDFIELD

D.O.B 18.08.71

Tenacious midfield player started his career with Sunderland before a couple of loan periods with Fulham and Aldershot, was transferred permanently to Oxford joined Darlington during close season 1999. Leads by example and will surely play a big part in the Darlington midfield this season.

### NO 10 - JESPER HJORTH - FORWARD

D.O.B 03.04.75

Danish striker came over, was initially on a non contract form one month, and after making a instant impression has signed for Darlington up until the end of the season 2000-2001 has already made his mark on the score sheet for the Quakers.



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**NO 11 - BRIAN ATKINSON - MIDFIELD**

D.O.B 19.01.71

Dynamic central midfielder has made over 200 appearances for Sunderland. Signed for Darlington August 1996 after being pursued by other North East Clubs, a strong solid player whom is a vital member of the Darlington squad.

**NO 12 - KEVIN KYLE - FORWARD**

D.O.B 07.06.81

The always improving Striker on loan from Sunderland is said to be the long term replacement for Niall Quinn when he returns to Sunderland. Has quickly impressed home fans with his strength on the ball and his eye for goal.

**NO 14 - PAUL CAMPBELL - MIDFIELD**

D.O.B 29.01.80

Attacking midfield player with enormous potential. Entering his third year as a professional with Darlington FC, a product of the Darlington Youth Policy. Last season gained first team experience for the Quakers, and this season will be another player hoping to achieve a regular place.

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**NO 15 - ADAM MARSH - FORWARD**

D.O.B 20.02.82

Young striker signed mid-season from Worksop Town said to be a great prospect for the future. We hope to see him in the starting line up soon.

**NO 16 - STEVEN WALKLATE**

Singed from Premiership neighbours Middlesbrough, was with Darlings very successful reserve side last season whilst on a non-contract. However this season as been awarded a professional contact with the hope again to become a first team regular.

**NO 17 - STUART ELLIOTT - DEFENDER**

D.O.B 28.08.77

Signed for the Quakers close season 2000-2001, from Newcastle United where he commenced his playing career as a trainee, has had many loan Clubs including most recently Stockport County, AFC Bournemouth. Wrexham, has made a very impressive start with the Quakers.

**NO 18 - GLENN NAYLOR - UTILITY**

D.O.B 11.08.72

Signed from York City, October 1995, a versatile player who has this pre-season already started scoring goals.

**NO 19 - PHIL BRUMWELL - DEFENCE/MIDFIELD**

D.O.B 08.08.75

The only member of Darlington's 1996 Wembley play-off side still at Feethams, this versatile player fulfilled a utility role throughout the 1999-2000 season, coming in to fill various positions in defence and midfield. A local boy who relishes playing for his home-town club, Phil always produces committed displays whenever he is called upon and had completed five years' Quakers service when he was released during the summer.

**NO 21 - RICHARD HODGSON - MIDFIELD/ATTACK**

D.O.B 1.10.79

Out of favour at Nottingham Forest, Richard, a midfielder, had a trial at Scunthorpe in January 2000 and impressed enough in the reserves for United to sign him on non-contract terms in early March. Thrown into the first team for a relegation six-pointer against Cambridge. Joined Darlington in August 2000 has quickly impressed with surging runs and is linking up well with the rest of the team.

**NO 23 - JORDAN TAIT - DEFENDER**

D.O.B 27.9.79

This young left back joined Oldham on a free transfer in August 1999 and made his debut in senior football when he came on from the subs' bench for the last 20 minutes of the Worthington Cup tie with Stockport a couple of days later. He made one further appearance as a substitute but found his way blocked by the in-form Andy Holt. Yet to feature as a regular first

team player with Darlington, the young Jordan hopes to keep improving and keep competition for places high.

**NO 25 - GARRY WILLIAMSON - FORWARD**

Gary started the season well with his Debut at Rochdale, and played a handful of games before the inform Naylor and loan striker Kyle force him to the sidelines. Garry will continue to improve his game and challenge for a first team place.

**NO 28 - KEITH FINCH - GOALKEEPER**

D.O.B 6.5.82

Darlington's young reserve goalkeeper was suddenly thrust into the limelight in the FA Cup tie with Southport last October. First-choice keeper Andy Collett was injured and Keith made his first-team debut in the second half. Keith continues to improve and will undoubtedly become a valued member of the first team squad.

**NO 30 - FRANK VAN DER GEES - GOALKEEPER**

This tall Dutch goalkeeper signed for Darlington in August 2000 from Heracles made his impact on the Darlington side when Andy Collett was injured. The now on form Collett restricts Frank to the sidelines.



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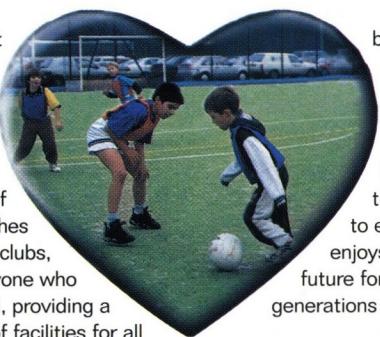
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# Action Replay

Darlington 0 Luton Town 0

BOTH sides meeting again this evening will know that they might have already booked their place in the third round of the FA Cup, so perhaps the draw was about right in a tight game at Feethams. Darlington will point to some good saves by Nathan Abbey, while the Town will recall chances that should have been put away against hard-working Third Division opposition.

Promotion prospects a couple of months ago, Darlington were in no mood to add to their recent depressing home run, which had seen three defeats in their last four, and they were uncompromising in their endeavours to show they could match a Second Division side.

The Town, by contrast, could not repeat the fine form that had accounted for Stoke a week earlier, and were grateful that Abbey was once more on top of his game.

Darlington's Martin Gray had to be watched closely as he threatened to boss midfield, but Adam Locke and Paul McLaren were major reasons for blunting Gray's threat.

The defence was dependable, but the attack could not find the final touch to convert the few chances that either side was allowed to create.

Liam George put a couple of early half-chances wide before Abbey made his first important contribution when Kevin Kyle's through-ball by-passed Julian Watts. Richard Hodgson brought a good save out of the goalkeeper, and there was an action replay involving the same two players after the Town had been caught square by another pass down the middle.

But the Town also had their moments, with Locke ruled offside when he netted after swapping passes with George, and Matthew Taylor also having a "goal" ruled out when Stuart Fraser, replacing injured Petri Helin, was adjudged to have fouled the goalkeeper.

The closest either side came after that was when Brian Atkinson engineered a move from midfield which ended with Kevin Kyle curling a shot onto the top of the bar and into the crowd.

Back came the Town with a rapid move starting with Abbey, and carried on by George and Peter Thomson. It ended with McLaren steaming in for a drive which was saved.

By then, just before the interval, it was clear that we were watching two sides who were pretty evenly matched, and one goal would do it.

The Town looked the more likely to succeed in the second half, but failed to put the finishing touch to some promising moves. Abbey had to make another excellent save at full length to keep out a cracking 25-yarder by Gary Himsworth, but the travelling fans went home saying "If only" after two decent chances were created for Thomson. He had to stretch for the first, shooting just wide on the volley after McLaren put him through, but an even better chance was created five minutes from time. Taylor's cross found the striker in space close to goal, but he put the header over the bar, and Darlington had escaped to earn their replay. Over the 90 minutes, it was hard to deny them their second chance. We can be sure they will give us a run for our money again tonight, even if Town fans at Feethams will also feel that we should be capable of completing the job at the second attempt.

### Match Details

**Luton Town:** Abbey, Whitbread, Watts, Johnson, Locke, Fraser, Taylor, McLaren, Spring, George, Thomson. Subs, all unused: Stein, Karlsen, Stirling, Nogan, Ovendale.

**Booked:** Marvin Johnson, 63 mins, foul on Martin Gray.

**Darlington:** Collett, Liddle, Reed, Aspin, Himsworth, Gray (Walklate 90 mins), Atkinson, Kyle, Naylor, Hodgson (Brumwell 66 mins), Butler (Elliott 75 mins). Unused subs: Kilty, Van der Geest.

**Booked:** Neil Aspin, 55 mins, foul on Stuart Fraser; Kevin Kyle, 66 mins, dissent; Glenn Naylor, 89 mins, foul on Nathan Abbey; Martin Gray, 90 mins, foul on Matthew Taylor.

**Referee:** John Brandwood.

**Attendance:** 3,641, including 527 shouting for the Town.

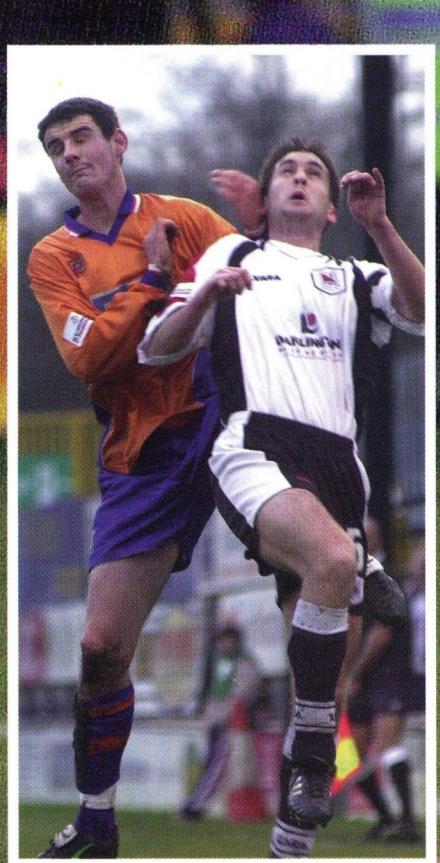
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# Photo Action

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**MAIN PICTURE:** Paul McLaren, a driving force in midfield, tries to find a way through to goal, with Darlington's Neil Aspin and Brian Atkinson equally determined that he should not pass.

**ABOVE:** Peter Thomson's header flies too high, and a late winner is denied to the man who scored two excellent goals at Stoke a week earlier.

**BELLOW:** Marvin Johnson is another Town man facing two determined opponents, Aspin and Atkinson again.

**FAR LEFT:** Matthew Spring gets upfield, to put pressure on Darlington's Adam Reed.

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# Hatters Chatter

## Our prize stewards

SUPPORTERS may have seen a pleasant ceremony at Kenilworth Road on Saturday when the Football League marked out Luton Town as a good example of how football should organise safety measures at games. It is a tribute to how our match day stewards go about their clubs, and the Town were delighted to entertain guests from the League to mark the occasion of the presentation of an FSQ award.

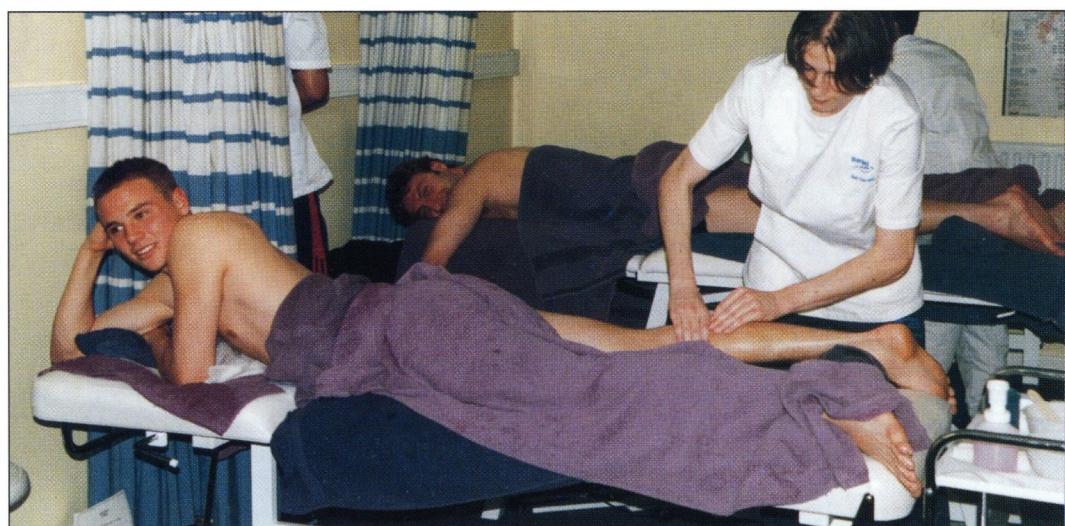
It stands for the Football Stewarding Qualification, a new award created jointly by the Football League, the Football Association, and the FA Premier League.

It is designed to measure how effectively stewards' training is carried out by clubs, and the initiative has been developed in consultation with the Football Licensing Authority and the Football Safety Officers' Association. Financial support has come from the Football Foundation.

The FSQ scheme was launched last September, when clubs were given details of the criteria they would need to satisfy to qualify for it. Clubs are visited by a national verification manager appointed by the football authorities, and the award is given only to those clubs whose arrangements for the training and assessment of stewards meets the stringent standards demanded.

Chris Whalley, the Football League's head of stadia and safety, said: "This is an important step forward in our efforts to improve the standards of stewarding in English football. We are promoting the highest professional standards in stewards' training, contributing to an even safer environment for spectators at all football grounds.

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OUR brave lads will suffer anything to be fully fit for football, as our picture of Matthew Taylor shows! He is seen enjoying "treatment" when the squad was lucky enough to have massages at the Health and Fitness Suite at Barnfield College's New Bedford Road centre. The club puts on record its sincere thanks to the College management and staff

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# Blast from the Past

## Roger Wash

### Clashes with the Quakers

We welcome Darlington to Kenilworth Road for only the third time in our respective histories in a competitive game and for the first time since our Division Four championship winning season of 1967/68.

Our first clash, however, took place at Kenilworth Road on Easter Saturday 1966 with both sides struggling to win promotion from the football basement. The Town had seen a three game winning run come to an end the previous day following a 2-2 draw at the home of another promotion contender, Colchester, but were able to put out an unchanged team for the visit of the Quakers.

Darlington enjoyed the luxury of not playing on Good Friday and made use of the day off by travelling to Layer Road to watch the Town in action. They therefore arrived at Kenilworth Road fresh after a three game winning run of their own and fully aware of the strengths and weaknesses of the Hatters side.

The Kenilworth Road pitch was an absolute mudbath and aided by the uncompromising defending of Darlington players such as Ray Yeoman and Joe Jacques, who we had winced at here before, the match swiftly degenerated into a kicking contest with no quarter given. Thirty-four free-kicks were awarded for fouls and it is amazing that only one player, Darlington's John Peverell, was booked and only the Town's Gordon Riddick had to leave the field injured. Those were the days when men were men and pansies were flowers! That the Town were able to extend their winning run at Kenilworth Road to eight games was due to the bravery of centre-forward John O'Rourke who took a terrible buffeting but managed to provide the cross that set up Ray Whittaker after 23 minutes and then flick home a free-kick just after the hour mark.

The return took place at Feethams three weeks

later with Darlington, not letting their Kenilworth Road set-back get them down, now sitting proudly at the top of the table with the Town managing to hang on to their coat tails. A crowd of 11,155 gathered to see this 'four pointer' including a fair number from Luton some of whom had left the previous evening such was the road system in those days. Unfortunately neither side managed to rise to the occasion and a solitary goal from Bobby Cummins, who was once a Luton target in his days at Newcastle, just after half-time settled the issue. For once Luton centre-half, Matt Woods, was badly positioned and a Barry Hutchinson cross was headed firmly home past ex-Quaker Colin Tinsley in the Luton goal. The Town, minus the injured O'Rourke, were unable to fight back.

Darlington managed to win promotion that season while the Town missed out at the death but the Quakers stay in Division Three was short lived as they came straight back down to re-join the Hatters for the 1967/68 campaign. The first meeting during that season was over almost as soon as it had begun due to a water-logged pitch. The game, in late October 1967, could have extended the Town's winning run to five, but with 9,415 in Kenilworth Road the referee abandoned play after just seven minutes of farce. Questions were obviously asked by the press as to why he had started the game when it was patently obvious that with standing water on the pitch and the rain bucketing down it would not finish. The Luton supporters were, however, remarkably good tempered and only seven letters of complaint were received by the club!

The game was eventually re-arranged for the following February just a few days after a 2-0 victory at Brentford had lifted the Town to the top of the table for the first time that season-



*Goalmouth action at Darlington in 1968. Rodney Green looks on as Quakers goalkeeper, Tony Moor, pushes the ball around the post.*

position that we would hold for the remainder of the campaign.

The victory over Brentford had been followed up with a 4-2 home hammering of Lincoln and a happy crowd of 13,948 turned up at Kenilworth Road hoping for more of the same. In truth the game was over after six minutes after Bruce Riach picked up a clearance from goalkeeper Tony Read on the half-way line, turned and then sped 60 yards up the field beating four defenders on the way before slamming the ball past a bemused Tony Moor in the Darlington goal. The Quakers were then rarely able to get out of their own half and a mixture of feet, head, other parts of the anatomy together with brilliant saves by Moor kept the scoreline down until Keith Allen fired in number two just before the interval.

With the job done, play became aimless in the second period until just before the end when the game was livened up by two goals from John Moore. Firstly he burst in from the left and crashed home a left foot shot from the narrowest of angles. Two minutes later his happiness was dampened somewhat when he

deflected a fierce cross from Harry Kirk into his own net. (Sorry John!). The return took place a month later with the Town now beginning to build up a lead at the top of the table. A crowd of 4,336 gathered at a wet Feethams to see a Town side weakened by injuries to Ray Whittaker, Fred Jardine, Alan Slough and Graham French still manage to put out a side that attacked from the start.

Bruce Riach gave the Town the lead in the 11th minute when he smacked in a free-kick while the Darlington wall was adjusting itself and then, along with the other Luton forwards, proceeded to pepper Moor with shots which whizzed off the greasy surface.

Darlington came out in the second half determined to push the Town back and playing with far more passion soon levelled the scoring. A clever crossfield ball from Brian Keeble found Jimmy O'Neill who immediately centred for namesake Les to sweep home.

The Quaker's lead lasted just ten minutes before another free-kick was flashed across goal by Riach past a dazed Moor, who had been injured in an earlier clash, to Rodney Green who slid in at the far post to hit the ball into the roof of the net. The win opened up the lead at the top still further and a few short weeks later the Town were celebrating the championship.

The final clash against the Quakers took place early in the 1975/76 season in the second round of the Football League Cup. A Feethams crowd of 6,601, the best since 1972, whipped up a true cup-tie atmosphere and the Town, just relegated from the old Division One, were on the back foot from the start.

The storm seemed to have been finally weathered when Ron Fletcher hit home an opportunist goal after 42 minutes but this seemed to sting the home side into even more frenzied attacking and two efforts from Stan Webb in the space of six second half minutes settled the tie and sent the embarrassed Town slinking back to Bedfordshire.

*Roger Wash*

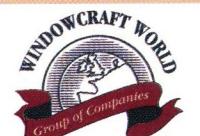
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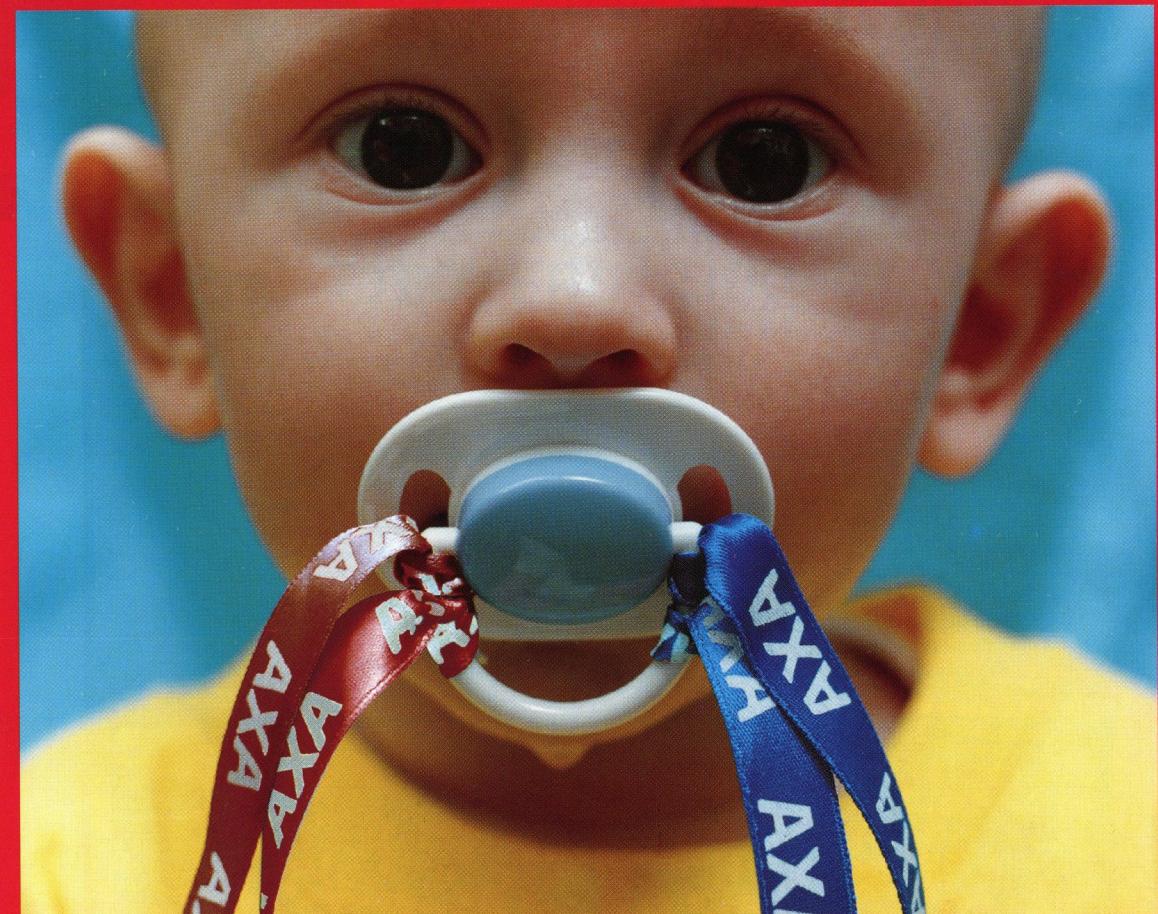
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FOR many supporters last week's game at Darlington was their first chance to see the Town play a competitive match at Feethams, and 527, our biggest following since our visit to Oxford two months ago, made the long journey. Apart from a pre-season 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



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## Christmas Party Special

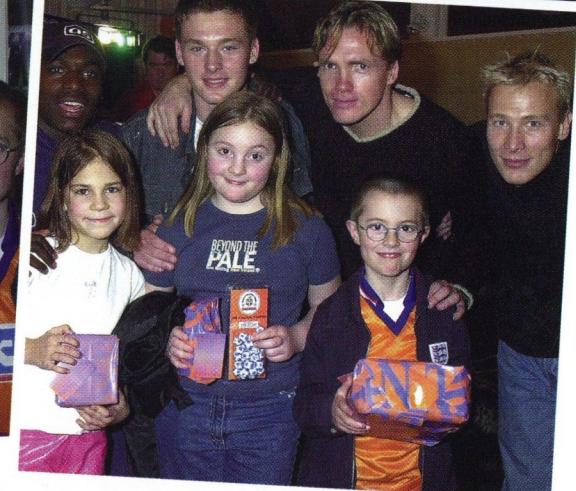
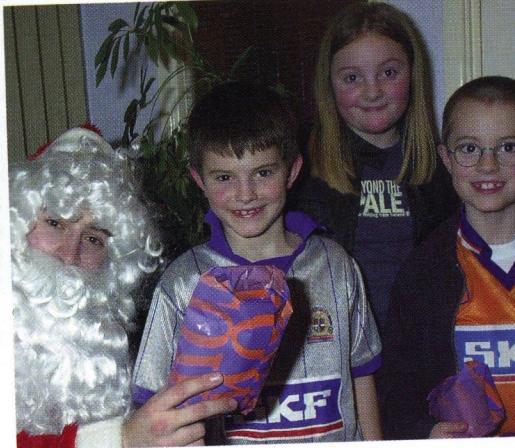
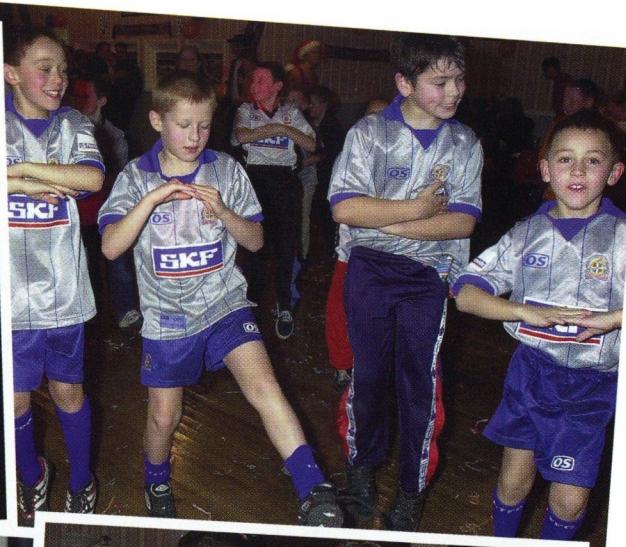
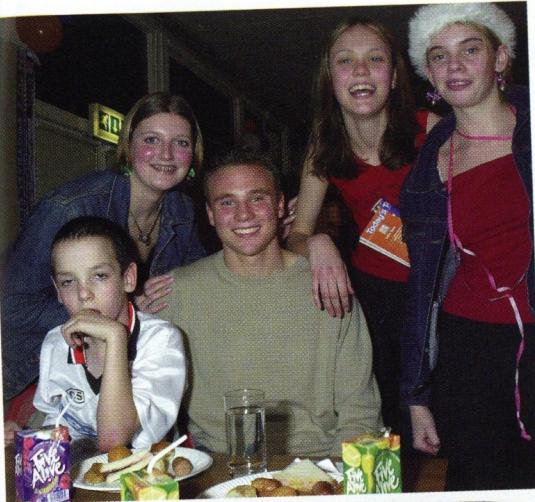
IT IS always one of our highlights of the season, but by popular vote this year's Junior Hatters Christmas Party really was something special. Happy Harry and Father Christmas both turned up, and even more popular visitors were the Town players and manager and coaches.

We were particularly impressed by Jude Stirling, and his demonstration of his ability as a rap star. He brought the house down. There were presents for everyone, and as you can see from the photographs all the players had their fans. We had games and competitions, and even the boys showed that they could be budding Billy Elliotts, although it was not quite ballet!

Our thanks to everyone from Luton Town who helped to make it a night to remember for our young supporters.



mission 2 Cup Macdonald. If you would like to join the Junior Hatters, call the Club Shop on: 01582 411622



### Tonight's Mascot



HAVING celebrated his 11th birthday last week, Mark Glendenning receives another surprise birthday present this evening - he is our Junior Hatters mascot, which makes him a VIP visitor to the dressing room before the game. He will enjoy meeting the Town players, especially Liam George, who is his favourite.

Mark lives at Eastfield Close, Stopsley, and goes to Putteridge School. As well as football he likes tae-kwondo. He comes to matches with his dad.

WE WILL be meeting old friends and new at matches in the next couple of weeks. Our next away trips will be to Reading on December 23, and to Bournemouth on January 1, and both clubs are laying on entertainment for us. Seats on the coaches can be booked now in the club shop, at £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for guests.

For our final match of this year, we are entertaining our counterparts from Wigan, and they are hoping to get here early enough to join us for a ten-pin bowling match.

If you are not already a Junior Hatter, but would like to take part in our events, including our popular Saturday Club on home match days, ask for details at the club shop.

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# Hatters Abroad

OUR picture this evening is a little different from the usual Hatters Abroad feature - it is of a young lady who supports us from afar, thanks to the kindness of Town fan Terry Dove, of Julius Gardens, Luton. The football, as you might guess, is significant. The lady is Jody Jakel, who runs a bar called Jody's Sport Stop in St. Louis, USA. She and Terry have a mutual friend in America, Sandy Murphy, who is very active in raising money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in America. The charity fund-raising is co-ordinated through Jody's bar.

Last month Terry went over to see them, having asked if there was anything he could do to help their good cause. Knowing he was a keen soccer fan, Sandy suggested an English football would be a welcome donation for auction.

Terry takes up the story: "I decided that not any ball would do, so I asked Luton Town if I could get a signed football from the club. It was done via Paul McLaren, who gave me a football signed by all the players and staff.

"It caused quite a lot of interest from the regulars in the bar when it was given to Jody. Many wanted to know if it was a genuine soccer ball, and who were Luton Town, and why were they called the Hatters.

"Jody was well pleased, and instead of putting it into the auction she has given it pride of place in the bar, along with all the other sporting memorabilia she has collected.

"She has a collection of baseballs and bats signed by some of the top players from St. Louis, as well as signed shirts and balls from American football, hockey and items from Nascar racing.

"She was so pleased with the ball that she phoned a friend, Big Daddy, a famous American DJ who broadcasts from New Orleans, and also helps out with raising funds for MS, and it was broadcast that Luton Town from England had donated a real English soccer ball to go on display in the bar. It causes a lot of interest, and there are now a lot of Americans who know about Luton Town, even if they are never likely to visit Kenilworth Road."

THIS page is open to all Luton Town fans, and the matchday magazine will be pleased to consider for publication photographs from anywhere in the world. All we ask is that the Hatters colours are well to the fore. So if you have an interesting snap of Town kit in far-off places, please send it, with a few details, to the matchday magazine editor at Luton Town FC. Please enclose a stamped envelope if you want the photographs back, but please be aware that with the best will in the world they do sometimes go astray.

We are also interested in hearing about our very young fans sporting the Town's colours for our occasional "Mini Hatters" series.

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# Hatters Away

THE Christmas and New Year fixture list has been kind to supporters who like to see the Town home and away, with relatively easy journeys involved, to Reading on Saturday and Bournemouth on January 1.

As usual two coach services are on offer, one run by Town on Tour, an offshoot of the Luton Town Supporters Club, and the other by the long-established Bobbers Travel Club. Town on Tour offers discounts to LTSC members.

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

Town on Tour 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.

For the New Year's Day game at Bournemouth Town on Tour departure time is 11.30am, and the fare is £12 for adult members of LTSC and £10 for junior and senior citizens. Non-members can travel for £13.50. The Bobbers start from Cranfield at 9.30am, leaving Luton an hour later. Their fares are £11 for adults and £9 for concessions.

Bookings for both services can be made at the two organisation's kiosks in Kenilworth Road, before or after today's match. You can also 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. Passengers can use stewarded car parking at Maple Road, £3 for members of the Bobbers or LTSC, £4 for others.

## DIY travellers

IF YOU want to drive to Reading the journey is quite simple. Leave Luton on the M1 south, then make a right turn onto the M25 west.

Near Heathrow leave M25 to join the M4. Leave M4 at junction 11, and turn right, following the A33, signposted to Reading. Keep to the left hand lane, resisting any temptation to take the right fork. Go straight ahead at the first roundabout, and left at the next. The route to the Madejski Stadium is signposted, and it has a big car park.

**Mileage from Luton: 64.**

Madejski Stadium



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YOU can drive to Bournemouth from Luton in not much over two hours if the motorways are running smoothly, and Dean Court can be reached

Dean Court



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without having to touch the traffic-clogged roads around the centre of Bournemouth. Leave Luton on the M1 south, then make a right turn onto the M25 west. Just beyond Heathrow leave M25 to join the M3. Follow that to near Southampton where you join the M27 west. That road becomes the A31 and at Ashley Heath, 23.2 miles from the M3 turn-off, turn left onto the A338 towards Christchurch. After 7.7 miles, turn left on the A3049 towards Boscombe, and then immediately turn left at a roundabout and the ground is ahead of you, and there is ample parking.

**Mileage from Luton: 132.**

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# The Reserves

## Kevan Broadhurst



BAD weather has caused more problems for us in the past week.

Good training surfaces are almost non-existent as the ground has become saturated, and we have also lost fixtures in the Avon Insurance Combination because of unplayable fixtures. We should have been away to Colchester on Wednesday last week, but their ground was water-logged and it became our third game of the season

### Avon Insurance Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QPR	11	8	2	1	16	5	26
Norwich	10	7	3	0	32	10	24
Swindon	12	7	2	3	25	11	23
Reading	11	7	2	2	16	8	23
Oxford	12	6	2	4	21	16	20
Portsmouth	10	5	3	2	14	11	18
Fulham	9	5	2	2	17	9	17
Cambridge	10	4	3	3	13	12	15
Brentford	9	3	5	1	12	13	14
Crystal Palace	10	4	2	4	14	16	14
Brighton	7	4	1	2	22	18	13
Gillingham	8	4	1	3	10	9	13
Bournemouth	11	3	4	4	14	21	13
Millwall	9	3	3	3	8	9	12
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Bristol City	9	2	5	2	11	10	11
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

to be postponed.

At the time of writing we were hopeful that we might have played last night, against Oxford Utd on our mid-winter home ground at Baldock Town. Unless postponed matches are fixed up in the meantime, we then have a break over the holiday period, until our first game in the new year, a League Cup fixture away to Norwich City on January 4.

Our next home game is not scheduled until Monday January 15, when Brighton are due to be our opponents at Baldock.

**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, Fotiadis 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 0(1), Clarke 0(1), Newell 0(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

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

\*To be played at Baldock Town.

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# Youth Soccer

## Brian Stein

Football League  
Youth Alliance Cup

Luton Town 2 Cambridge Utd 2

WE DID fairly well to get a draw in the round robin stage of the Alliance Cup, but I thought our performance overall was OK, and no more. A very dubious penalty pegged us back after we took the lead, and our response to that was not as professional as it should have been.

Jon Chatfield had to make two good saves as Cambridge opened with bright attacking, but we came back to take a lead in the 16th minute with a very good goal: accurate passing led to Chris Dillon finishing cleanly from a pass by Stephen O'Leary. That should have settled us, but an awful penalty decision after half an hour gave Cambridge the chance to get back into the game. Steven Dogbe put in a tackle which took the ball cleanly, but the opponent went down, and the referee's decision to award a penalty surprised everyone, including the Cambridge bench.

The award was converted, and our players allowed themselves to get riled.

We might have paid a high price, because with 11 minutes to go Chatfield dithered in face of an attacker after Joe Deeney was beaten, and Cambridge went ahead. I felt for the goalkeeper - it was his only mistake of the match, and despite that unfortunate

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE South East Conference Results and fixtures

AUG					
16	Southend	H	2-2	Carroll, James-Barriteau	
26	L. Orient	A	0-4		
SEPT					
2	Portsmouth	H	1-1	Dillon	
9	Wycombe Wdrs	H	2-0	Dillon 2	
16	Northampton	A	1-1	Dillon pen	
23	Cambridge	H	1-2	Dillon	
OCT					
7	Barnet	A	4-0	Gillman,Leary,O'Leary, Mansell	
14	Brighton	H	1-2	Dillon	
17	FAYC1 Lincoln Utd	A	2-2	Carroll pen, Dillon	
21	Brentford	A	0-0		
28	Colchester	H	4-2	Dillon, Leary, Osborne, Jeffrey Clarke, Deeney	
31	FAYC1 Lincoln Utd	H	2-1		
NOV					
4	Gillingham	A	2-3	Dillon, Mansell	
11	Southend	A	2-0	Clarke, Dillon	
14	FAYC2 Walsall	H	4-1	Mansell,Clarke,Osborne,Dillon	
18	L. Orient	H	3-3	Leary, O'Leary, Murphy	
25	Portsmouth	A	postponed		
28	FYC3 Bournemouth	H	4-0	Osborne 2, Murphy, Dillon	
DEC					
2	Northampton	H	postponed		
9	LC Cambridge Utd	H	2-2	Dillon, Murphy	
16	Wycombe Wdrs	A			
JAN					
13	Barnet	H			
20	Cambridge	A			
27	Brighton	A			
FEB					
3	Brentford	H			
10	Colchester	A			
17	Gillingham	H			

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moment he had his best game since I took over the team.

The good thing was that after that reverse heads did not drop, and in the closing stages we got stronger, and the 86th-minute equaliser was well deserved. Daryl Murphy took a pass in midfield, ran 20 yards with the ball, and shot into the net from just inside the box.

The draw was a decent result in view of the overall pattern of play, but in fact we might have snatched victory, with Murphy missing a late chance. I do not criticise him for that, however - he did very well to get into the right place at the right time, and as I recall from my own career that ability is an important part of the goal-scorer's art.

**Luton Town:** Chatfield, Leary (James-Barriteau 74 mins), Dogbe, Deeney, Gillman (Clarke 81 mins), Bruce, Osborne (Okali 89 mins), Mansell, Murphy, Dillon, O'Leary.

WE NOW have a break in the Football League Youth Alliance 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.

We are also awaiting confirmation of our next FA Youth Cup tie; We will be at home to Fulham or Manchester City, but a bad weather postponement has delayed their replay.

**Appearances (as sub in brackets):** Dogbe 18, Mansell 18, Dillon 16(1), Bruce 16, Gillman 15, Leary 13(1), O'Leary 12(6), Clarke 12(4), Carroll 12(1), Deeney 12(1), Osborne 11(3), Ward 11, James-Barriteau 10(4), Chatfield 7, Jeffrey 3(8), Mortara 3, Nurse 2(2), Murphy 2, Foley 1(2), Meike 1(1), Carter 1, Minton 1, Okali 0(6), Koo-Boothe 0(1) Fashanu 0(1), Ramirez 0(1),

**Goals:** Dillon 13, Osborne 4, Mansell 3, Clarke 3, O'Leary 3, Murphy 3, Carroll 2, Leary 2, James-Barriteau 1, Gillman 1, Jeffrey 1, Deeney 1.

### South East Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge Utd	11	8	2	1	24	10	26
Colchester	14	8	2	4	29	19	26
Brighton	9	7	1	1	19	8	22
Wycombe Wdrs	12	6	3	3	21	11	21
Leyton Orient	12	4	5	3	26	18	17
Brentford	13	4	5	4	22	18	17
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>
Portsmouth	12	4	4	4	18	22	16
Southend	12	3	4	5	19	25	13
Gillingham	14	3	4	7	17	30	13
Northampton	14	1	4	9	13	33	7
Barnet	12	1	3	8	12	29	6



## F.A. Cup 1st Round Stats

Compiled by Football Information Services. Telephone: 0151-632 5679

## The Complete First Round Story

Home	Score	Away	Attendance
Aldershot	2-6	Brighton & Hove Albion	7,500
Barnet	2-1	Hampton	2,340
Barrow	0-2	Leyton Orient	3,608
Blackpool	3-1	Telford United	2,780
Bournemouth	2-0	Swansea City	3,422
Brentford	1-3	Kingstonian	3,809
Bury	1-1	Northwich Victoria	2,844
Cambridge United	2-1	Rochdale	3,142
Canvey Island	4-4	Port Vale	2,282
Cardiff City	5-1	Bristol Rovers	8,013
Carlisle United	5-1	Woking	2,647
Cheltenham	4-1	Shrewsbury Town	3,210
Chester City	1-1	Plymouth Argyle	2,393
Chesterfield	0-1	Bristol City	5,210
Dagenham & Redbridge	3-1	Hayes	1,150
Darlington	6-1	Sudbury	2,462
Forest Green Rovers	0-3	Morecambe	1,023
Gravesend	Post	Notts County	1,902
Halifax Town	0-2	Gateshead	1,118
Havant & Waterlooville	1-2	Southport	2,053
Hednesford Town	2-4	Oldham Athletic	2,831
Kettering	0-0	Hull City	3,384
Kidderminster Harriers	0-0	Burton Albion	6,907
Leigh RMI	0-3	Millwall	2,387
Lincoln City	4-0	Bracknell	5,771
Luton Town	1-0	Rushden & Diamonds	2,141
Macclesfield Town	0-1	Oxford United	3,257
Mansfield Town	1-1	Peterborough United	3,896
Northampton Town	4-0	Frickley	2,495
Radcliffe	1-4	York City	5,643
Reading	4-0	Grays	3,552
Scunthorpe United	3-1	Hartlepool United	8,437
Stoke City	0-0	Nuneaton Borough	4,406
Swindon Town	4-1	Ilkeston	4,095
Torquay United	1-1	Southend United	3,887
Walsall	4-0	Exeter City	3,883
Wigan Athletic	3-1	Dorchester	3,264
Wrexham	0-1	Rotherham United	3,566
Wycombe Wanderers	3-0	Harrow	2,681
Yeovil Town	5-1	Colchester United	4,552

## First Round Replays

Burton Albion	2-4	Kidderminster Harriers	3,760
Hull City	0-1	Kettering	3,858
Northwich Victoria	1-0	Bury	2,869
Nuneaton Borough	1-0	Stoke City	4,477
Peterborough United	4-0	Mansfield Town	4,540
Plymouth Argyle	1-2*	Chester City	3,264
Port Vale	1-2*	Canvey Island	3,566
Southend United	2-1*	Torquay United	3,877

## Round 1's Top 7 Attendances

1,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	5,000	6,000	7,000	8,000	9,000	10,000
Stoke City vs Nuneaton Borough	8,437								
Cardiff vs Bristol Rovers	8,013								
Aldershot vs Brighton	7,500								
Leigh RMI vs Millwall (at The Den)	6,907								
Luton vs Rushden & Diamonds	5,771								
Reading vs Grays	5,643								
Chesterfield vs Bristol City	5,210								
Total Atten: 169,495									
No. of Matches: 47									
Ave Att: 3,606... & a big dog!									

## Round 1 Top Scorers

1	2	3	4
Evans	Carlisle Utd	4	
Earnshaw	Cardiff City	3	
Ipoua	Scunthorpe Utd	3	

2 Goals Each:			
Abbott	Aldershot	Minton	Port Vale
Bates	Wycombe W	Ormerod	Blackpool
Forrester	Northampton	Patmore	Yeovil Town
Grayson	Cheltenham	Vaughan	Canvey Island
Gregory	Canvey Island	Watson	Brighton & H.A.
Hadley	Kidderminster	Williamson	Southend Utd
Hodgson	Darlington	Winston	Kingstonian

## 2000-2001 First Round Figures

Home Wins	23	0-0 Draws (at 90 mins)	4
Away Wins	16	Score Draws (at 90 mins)	7
<b>Biggest Winning Margin</b>	<b>5 Goals</b> (Darlington 6 Sudbury 1)		
<b>Biggest Home Win</b>	<b>6-1</b> (Darlington 6 Sudbury 1)		
<b>Biggest Away Win</b>	<b>4 Goal Margin</b> (Aldershot 2 Brighton 6)		
<b>Highest Scoring Match</b>	<b>8 Goals</b> (Aldershot 2 Brighton 6)		
<b>Lowest Scoring Tie</b>	<b>1 Goal: 0-0 1st Game, 1-0 Replay</b> (Hull City vs Kettering ; Stoke City vs Nuneaton Borough)		
<b>Closest Winning Margin</b>	<b>1 Goal, aet</b> (Plymouth 1 Chester C.2 ; Port Vale 1 Canvey Island 2 ; Southend United 2 Torquay United 1)		
<b>'Extra-Time' Replays</b>	<b>3</b> (see 'Closest Winning Margin')		
<b>Hat-Tricks</b>	<b>4</b> (Evans, Carlisle ; Earnshaw, Cardiff ; Ipoua, Scunthorpe ; Naylor, Darlington)		
<b>Total Goals Scored</b>	<b>146</b>		
<b>Average Goals per Game:</b>	<b>3.106</b>		

## Penalties

## Red Cards

Two:	Beesley	Chester	Bere	Bracknell
Watson	Brighton	Branston	Rotherham	Forest Gr'n
One:		Clifford	Ilkeston	Cardiff
Abbott	Aldershot	Gunnarsson	Stoke	Dorchester
Ford	Torquay Utd	Hawke	Halifax T	Hayes
Greenacre	Mansfield	Hambley	Havant	
Harris	Millwall	Leadbitter	Plymouth	
Simpson	Wycombe	Pitman	Woking	
Vaughan	Canvey Isl.	Richards	Barnet	
Way	Yeovil	Talbot	Hampton	

## Own Goals

Bookings	Total	Matches	Ave Yellows
	131	47	2.787

## 2000-2001 Top Scorers (Teams)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Brighton	6					
Canvey Island	6					
Darlington	6					
Cardiff City	5					
Carlisle United	5					
Peterborough Utd	5					
Cheltenham T						
Yeovil Town	5					
Kidderminster H						

Lincoln City ; Northampton T ; Oldham Athletic	
Port Vale ; Reading ; Swindon Town ; Walsall ; York City	

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ONThe FA Cup and  
Second Division Scene  
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BOTH teams come into this evening's match hoping to do better than on Saturday. While we were going down to Colchester, Darlington made the long trip to London to meet Division Three promotion contenders Leyton Orient, losing to the only goal seven minutes from time.

That left Darlington 17th in Division Three, with an away record showing one win, at Southend in August, three draws and seven defeats. They have lost the last four on their travels, with the trip to Orient preceded by defeats at Blackpool, Hull and Cardiff.

The Quakers will have to make at least one change from the side that played against us ten days ago, midfielder Thomas Butler, a 19-year-old Republic of Ireland youth international, having returned to Sunderland after being on loan at Feethams.

As he went back to Wearside, Darlington signed another Irish youth international, David McMahon, on loan from Newcastle until the end of the season. Lil Fuccillo, meanwhile, has been frustrated in his attempts to bring in a new attacker, and once more this evening he is denied the services of injured Peter Thomson and suspended Mark Stein.

Both will also miss Saturday's trip to Reading, where we face a team going well in the Second Division,

despite a 3-2 reverse at Notts County on Saturday. Danny Allsopp did most of the damage, with two goals for County, the club he chose in preference to the Town when he was released on loan by Manchester City.

Reading have an impressive record in their magnificent Madejski Stadium, eight wins, one draw and just one defeat. Colchester are the only away team to win at Reading, a single goal by Gavin Johnson doing the business a month ago. Stoke earned a 3-3 draw way back in August, but a succession of other teams have been hammered - Reading hit five against Oldham and Swansea, and four against Brentford and Wrexham. The other teams sent home pointless were Swindon, Wycombe, Oxford and Cambridge.

Reading's top marksmen are two players who cost a total of £1million - Martin Butler, formerly with Cambridge, leads their charts with 12 goals, and Jamie Cureton, a £250,000 buy from Bristol Rovers, has ten.

Like us, Reading have an FA Cup replay tonight, entertaining York City after a 2-2 draw at Bootham Crescent ten days ago.

Our problem is that after Saturday's matches, the gap between us and the current safety line in the Second Division has stretched to eight points. Swindon remain one place above us after losing at Bournemouth, but Andy King's Swindon inched out of the bottom four at the expense of Brian Horton's Port Vale.

Swindon chalked up their second consecutive league win with a creditable 2-1 home success over promotion contenders Rotherham, while Port Vale were undone by a late goal against Bristol City. It was 1-1 with two minutes to go, before Lee Peacock, who scored for City at Kenilworth Road last month, converted a penalty, his second goal of the game.

Oldham, who drew 1-1 at Bury, and Bristol Rovers, beaten 3-0 at home by Stoke, are the other teams eight points ahead of us.

Rovers have the distinction of being the only side in the whole of the Nationwide Football League without a single home win this season.

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## Tonight's other FA Cup replays

Oldham v Peterborough

Reading v York

Wycombe v Millwall

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## Town Teaser

TONIGHT'S Town Trivia question offers another prize to one lucky supporter. On Saturday the question was about a defender who left us to join Colchester in the summer, and the answer was Alan White.

## Tonight's question

When we played at Darlington ten days ago, it was our first cup match there for 25 years. In 1975 we lost 2-1 in the League Cup. Who scored our goal?



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## Luton Town



Manager: Lil Fuccillo

NATHAN ABBEY

16

PETRI HELIN

30

JULIAN WATTS

5

MARVIN JOHNSON

6

ADAM LOCKE

12

ADRIAN WHITBREAD

40

MATTHEW TAYLOR

15

PAUL McLAREN

12

MATTHEW SPRING

4

LIAM GEORGE

11

LEE NOGAN

31

Substitutes

ANDREW FOTIADIS

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STUART FRASER

13

ANDRE SCARLETT

21

PETER HOLMES

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MARK OVENDALE

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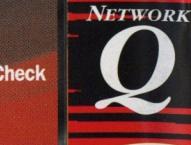
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### Assistants:

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R. P. Griggs (yellow and red flag)

### Fourth Official:

G. Young



Manager: Gary Bennett

ANDY COLLETT

CRAIG LIDDLE

ADAM REED

NEIL ASPIN

GARY HIMSWORTH

MARTIN GRAY

BRIAN ATKINSON

KEVIN KYLE

GLENN NAYLOR

RICHARD HODGSON

THOMAS BUTLER

Substitutes

MARK KILTY

STEVEN WALKLATE

STUART ELLIOTT

PHILIP BRUMWELL

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