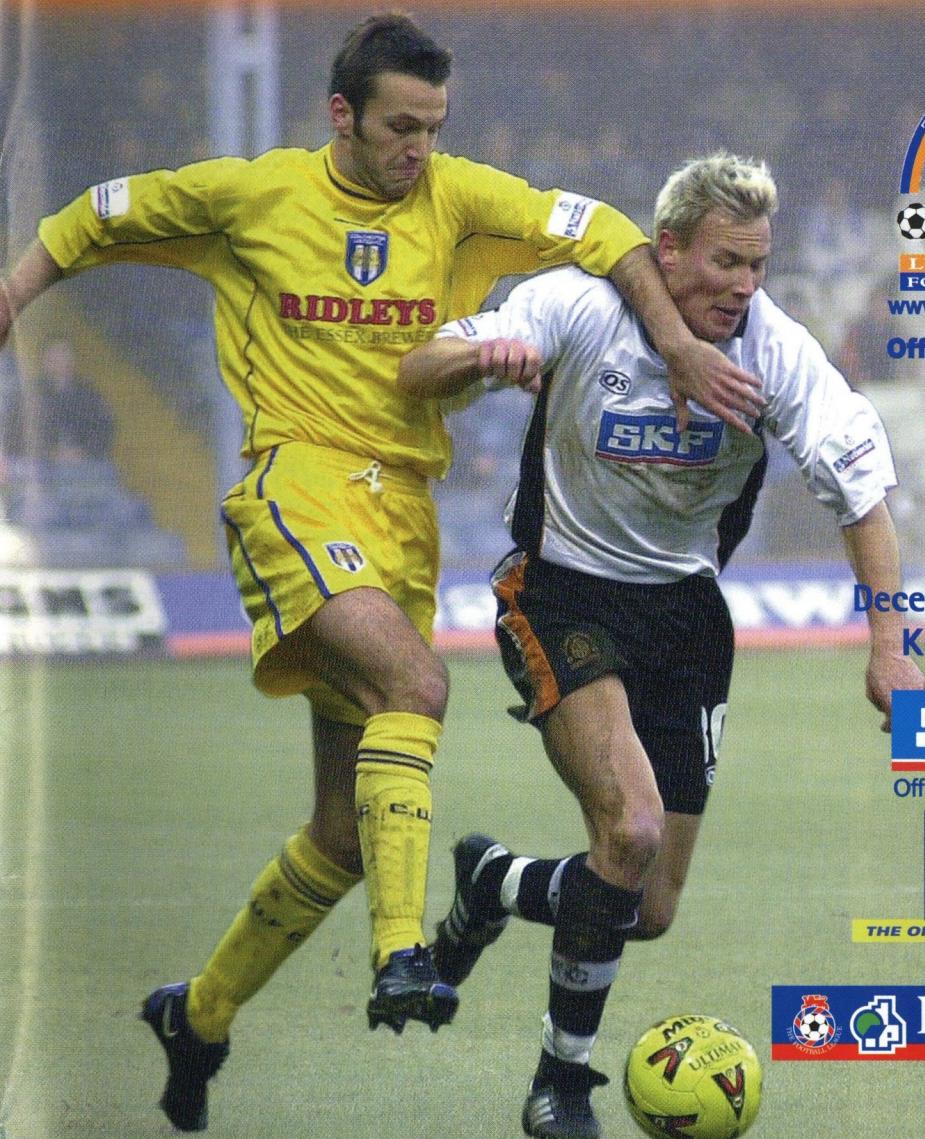


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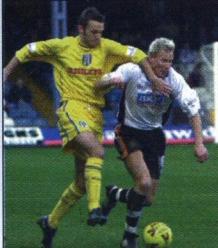
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### Front Cover



BREAKING THROUGH - Petri Helin tries to get the Town attack moving against Colchester.

# Inside

HOLIDAY printing arrangements have prevented us being as up to date as we like to be with this column, and as we went to press we were hoping to have news of at least one new player. Lil Fuccillo is chasing to strengthen his squad.

Before Christmas he was well down the line with moves for a midfielder and a striker, but was suffering considerable frustration as hundreds of phone calls failed to produce the goods.

As always, clubs with decent players available are unwilling to move too quickly to let them go as a busy spell approaches, while the manager's desk is piled high with circulars offering all sorts of players who are available.

Other clubs have received something similar from the Town, with the manager having taken stock of what he has inherited, and deciding that he can release five or six who are felt to be surplus to requirements. His circular does not name names, and while the boss wants to create room for newcomers he also wants to help find new clubs for the men he is prepared to let go.

The board is willing to spend money on transfer fees, but the manager also has to keep within a wages budget, which is a tricky balancing act. Lee Nogan did himself a potential favour with his performance, not to mention his goal, in the cup replay against Darlington. He had come to the Town effectively on trial, accepting a one-month contract after



A tie-up between the Town and the Luton Belles, a ladies football club, has just been announced - see the article on page 37 - and to mark the occasion Belles players and officials were guests of the club at the game against Colchester. Their young stars included Nicole Emmanuel, 14, who had good reason to lead the cheering. She received a personal trophy from Town chairman Mike Watson-Challis to mark her achievement in being the first Luton Belles player to score 100 goals for the club. It took her only three seasons, playing for the Belles under-15 and under-16 sides.

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# Forward

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the staff of Luton Town Football Club  
wish all supporters a very happy Christmas,  
and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.  
We thank you for supporting our efforts through  
2000, and look forward to success in 2001.

leaving Darlington. The deal expired on Saturday, but the manager was planning to have a chat with him about extending it. Nogan was brought in as cover, and got his chance because Mark Stein is suspended after being sent off at Peterborough in the LDV Vans trophy, and Peter Thomson and Stuart Douglas are out of action through injuries.

Adrian Whitbread, meanwhile, has taken his loan from Portsmouth into a second month, and having made a big impression with coaches, players and fans, looks set to extend it further when the time comes. He is a free agent, but at 29 he will want to think carefully about any permanent move. But he is willing to take a cut in pay to achieve a move which gives him a realistic chance of regular first-team football.

THE league fixture list has had to be changed because of the Town's FA Cup success. The third round tie at home to QPR will be played on January 6, with the Second Division visit to Notts County postponed to a date to be arranged. Ticket details for the QPR match can be found on page 10 of this magazine.

WE owe an apology to a good servant of Luton Town, who was surprised to read in a previous matchday magazine that our new physio, sports therapist Bruce Sewell, had been working part-time for the club for a year as physio to the youth team. We should have said that Mr Sewell had worked with the School of Excellence youngsters. The youth team physio was Mr John Smith, who gave sterling service before retiring. We put on record our appreciation of his efforts for the club.

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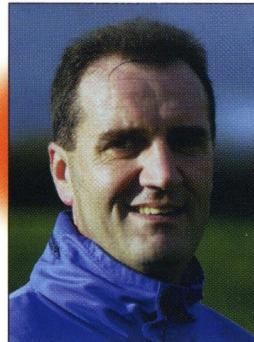
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## The Manager Lil Fuccillo

IT IS a pleasure today to offer the traditional good wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year, and to give a special welcome to supporters of both teams, and to my old pal Barry Fry. He and I are good friends, but I am still very keen to see him go home disappointed after today's game.

These notes had to be written before the game at Reading, but my hope for that was that we would take into it the confidence that was returning to the team in the Darlington cup-tie. The result was well-deserved, and reward for the work the players put into the game. The difference between that match and the previous one, against Colchester, was that we put chances away, which was my main demand after we wasted so many three days earlier.

In most of the games since I have been manager, we have done well in creating chances, and that has been a plus point. The minus one was that we did not take as many as we should have done. But the biggest headache for a manager is if his team is not making scoring opportunities. Like many managers, I want to bring in a 20-goals-a-season striker, and I hope to have some success on that in the very near future.

I think we have made some progress since my first game in charge, and the FA Cup offers a pleasant distraction. Mind you, I wish the games against Rushden and Darlington had been league fixtures – just look at what seven more points would do for us in the Second Division! We have got to start looking for regular returns along those lines – seven points out of nine – and most important of all we have to get into a good long run of winning many more games than we lose.

Overall, I think the picture is a little rosier than it was a month or so ago, and I am enjoying the job, and as keen as everyone in the club to get us moving up the league table. I have also been devoting some thought and time to the longer-term, a project I began when I came in to join the scouting staff.

I am re-structuring that side of our activities, par-

ticularly in our contacts with local football at schoolboy level. We need to service our youth team with the best young players possible, and with Dean Rastrick's enthusiastic support we are improving our network of contacts. If there is a good young schoolboy player within 25 miles of Luton I want to be sure we will be the club he joins. Too many boys have been leaving this patch for Aston Villa, Arsenal and elsewhere when they should be coming to their local club. I want us to build up relationships with schools and youth clubs to the point where if they get a good young player they ring us first to tip us off. Our biggest advantage over the "glamour clubs" is that we can point to our current squad and tell the lads "Look at Liam George, for instance... Be like him – come to your local club and if you are good enough you have every chance of playing league football. And if you get better you can one day go on to the Premiership and earn a mint."

That's a hobby horse I shall come back to in the future, but for now the focus is on collecting league points, and winning more consistently. It would be nice to put one over my old boss and long-time friend this afternoon. I learned a lot from Barry Fry, and I know that no manager works harder than he does. The number of games he watches is phenomenal, and possible only because he has a supportive wife Kirsty. He deserves success, because he is dedicated to his profession. I hope he has to be a sporting loser this afternoon, as we strive to pull ourselves up from the lower reaches of the table. The boys are rallying, but we cannot afford to meander along winning one here and one there. We have suffered enough home defeats already to fill this season's quota.

We want to enjoy a happy Christmas. The only way it will be truly happy for us is if everyone in the ground shares the responsibility for helping Luton Town towards safety. I will ensure the players work hard to that end. If you can give your support, I am sure that will help.

*Lil Fuccillo*

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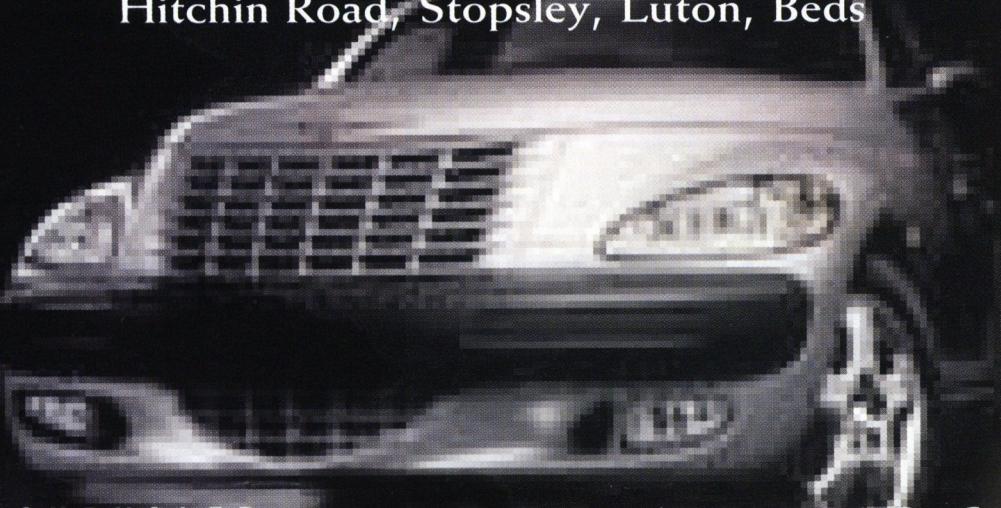
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Appearances (as sub in brackets)

Goals

	League	WC	FAC	LDV	Total	League	WC	FAC	Total
Nathan Abbey	10	0	3	0	13	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(1)	0	23(1)	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	1	1	9(4)	1	0	0	1
Stuart Fraser	6(4)	4	2	1	13(5)	0	0	0	0
Liam George	17(3)	3(1)	3	0	23(4)	3	0	1	4
Petri Helin	5	0	2	1	8	1	0	0	1
Peter Holmes	8(6)	2(1)	0	0	10(7)	0	0	0	0
Marvin Johnson	5	0	2	0	7	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)	1	14(5)	0	0	0	0
Gavin McGowan	4(1)	0	0	0	4(1)	0	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	18	4	3	1	26	1	0	1	2
Lee Nogan	2	0	1	0(1)	3(1)	0	0	1	1
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	3	1	26	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	3	1	28	0	0	0	0
Peter Thomson	3(3)	1(1)	1(1)	1	6(5)	2	0	0	2
Julian Watts	19	4	3	0	26	2	0	0	2
Adrian Whitbread	3	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0

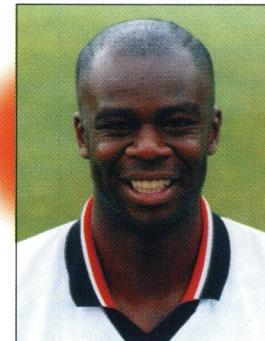
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# Captain's Log

## Marvin Johnson

WE HAD our Christmas party after the Darlington cup replay, and as you might imagine it was a pretty happy affair, a brief moment of celebrations before we started concentrating again on the very serious job ahead of us.

I thought we deserved to beat Darlington for our performances over both games, and we were well pleased that the general view in the dressing room and among the coaches had been proved correct - our belief was that despite the defeat by Colchester we would win more than we lose if we maintained the overall form we showed in that game.

The extra touch, of course, was to get goals, and it was good to see Lee Nogan collect his first for us. I suppose it was almost inevitable that it would be against the club that let him go a few weeks earlier. And what about Paul McLaren's effort? It was a tremendous strike, and hopefully there will be plenty more to come. Considering his ability - good feet and a powerful shot - I reckon he should be capable of getting anything up to ten goals a season.

It has been interesting to see Lee Nogan in action, and I can't help comparing him with his brother Kurt, who used to play for us. They are similar in many ways, but I think Lee probably has more about him in terms of his all-round game than Kurt, who was an out and out goalscorer when he was here. Lee contributes a lot by his actions off the ball, as well as on it, and against Darlington he worked as hard as anyone to help us gain domination of the match.

He also has that priceless commodity that makes any good player better - experience. Adrian Whitbread has brought in more of the same, and perhaps that is the major factor in our recent improvement in form. We have an awful lot still to do, but I think we are in better shape now than we were six weeks ago.

The manager has tinkered with the formation a little, using an extra man in midfield in most matches. We had been struggling in that department too often early in the season, but the boss has got us into a pattern where we are tighter in the middle, with the defence receiving better support.

That has to be the priority as we seek the results we need, but it was good to see that for the Darlington game the formation was changed a little bit more. We played with three strikers, Liam George floating behind Nogan and Andrew Fotiadis, with Macca and Matthew Spring getting up in support when needed. It worked well, but we also realise that if it does not come off playing three at the front can be a gamble.

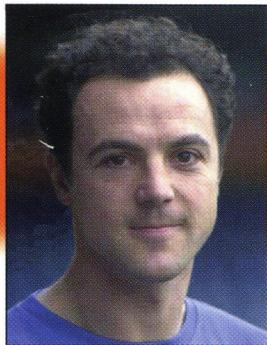
The boss is canny enough to know how to approach each game, and indeed how to change things during a match if necessary, and we all understand what he is trying to do.

Top of the list of objectives is to win consistently, and I still think we are good enough to get out of trouble in the league. Today's game comes in the middle of a very important period for us, with Christmas and the New Year traditionally a time that plays a major part in success or failure.

After two draws and one defeat at the hands of Peterborough this season, it is about time we gave ourselves a Christmas present of three points in the fourth meeting. I will be pleased to see old friends back at Kenilworth Road - David Oldfield, Wayne Turner and Paul Showler - but equally delighted if we send them home pointless!

More importantly, we want to send our supporters home feeling good. Like you, we want to enjoy a Happy Christmas, and a good win today would go a long way towards achieving that.

Marvin Johnson



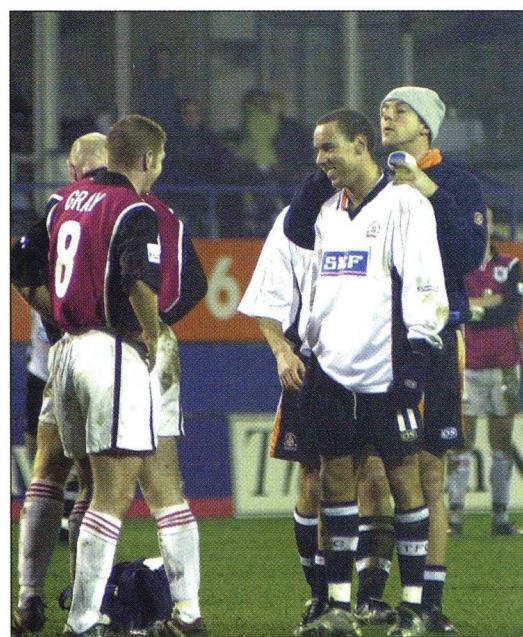
# Treatment Room

## Bruce Sewell

THIS column had to be written before we went to Reading, but as we were preparing for that match I was hopeful that we would begin our holiday games with almost a full squad of senior players fit and available to the manager.

We collected a few aches and pains from the Darlington FA Cup replay, but nothing too threatening. The three who suffered most were Julian Watts, Liam George and Matthew Spring, and the only one to give me serious worry was Watts. He went down and asked for treatment during the cup game, and was replaced by Emmerson Boyce.

Experience was important in that incident: Watts felt a little hamstring problem, knew immediately what it was, and did the right thing in asking for treatment straight away.



*A bemused-looking Liam George looks as though he is in stitches as he gets first aid after a whack on the head from a Darlington player. The striker soon was - four were inserted by the club doctor.*

It was a potential problem, and we made a safety first decision to sub him as a precaution. The doctor and I came to the conclusion that the quick reaction had been right, and certainly the injury was not as bad as it might have been. The player came in for ice bag treatment and stretching exercises, and had every chance of being available for selection for the following game.

Liam George received an unpleasant gash after a clash of heads, and needed four stitches, but it was no real problem for him.

Matthew Spring also took a blow to the head, near his ear, which is the weakest point of the skull. It left him with a very severe headache, and as a precaution he went to hospital for a check-up. The verdict was that no serious damage had been done, and he was able to train as normal afterwards.

Our two long-term injured strikers are having to accept a frustrating Christmas. Peter Thomson had a scan to try to discover the exact cause of his foot injury, and the results of that will determine where we go from here.

Stuart Douglas is on the way back, training again after his hamstring problems, and we are hoping he will be able to make a comeback shortly, probably in a reserve game, to work on his match fitness.

The other treatment room "customers" in the run-up to Christmas were three youth team players, all of whom are making steady progress. Marcus Jeffrey, recovering from a leg injury sustained in a game six weeks ago, is back in light training, and John Carroll, who has had a foot injury, will step up his training routine within the next few days.

Dean Mortara, who has a cruciate ligament problem, is working hard to get over it, and has started running again, but will have to take it very carefully. He is to see a specialist again in the near future for an expert surgeon's view on progress so far, and at this stage we cannot give him a firm target date for a return to competitive football.

Bruce Sewell

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# Club Secretary

## Cherry Newbery

THE FA Cup success over Darlington means, of course, that our Second Division game at Notts County on January 6 has been postponed because on that day we will be entertaining Queens Park Rangers in the third round.

As it happens, Notts County are also still in the cup - they will be away to Wimbledon - and with the holiday period intervening I do not expect to be able to sort out a new date for the league fixture until after January 6.

On the subject of the third round game, if it is drawn the replay will be at Loftus Road on Wednesday January 17, kick-off 8pm, and we will publicise ticket arrangements in the matchday magazine on January 6.

The extra home game will of course mean more busy times for the ticket office, and you might like to know that we now have another facility for supporters wishing to buy match tickets.

The updating of our computer systems means that we can now offer tickets via e-mail. You can place your orders by contacting [ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk) and then collect tickets in person when it is convenient, or if you prefer we can post them. But please note that orders for tickets must be placed at least 24 hours before the match.

Speaking of cup-ties, our youth team now knows that its next hurdle in the FA Youth Cup will be a home tie with Manchester City. They beat Fulham 5-1 in a replay last week, and again the holiday period has made it difficult to make arrangements for the match, but I anticipate it will go ahead early in January.

We also have a Bedfordshire Premier Cup match to organise. We were drawn against Dunstable, and were due to play there in November, but storms damaged the floodlights at Creasey Park, and Bedfordshire FA have decided to give Dunstable more time to get the repairs done before sorting out a new date.

You may have seen that we gained an honourable mention in the national press with our offer to Vauxhall employees for free tickets to matches, and it was nice to discover that the gesture was appreciated. I have received a lot of letters and phone calls from people affected, thanking the club for its thoughtful gesture.

Perhaps the season of goodwill has something to do with it, and certainly supporters were in generous mood at the Colchester game when a bucket collection was taken for the Mayor of Luton's Christmas appeal. It produced a wonderful response, £524, which is the most we have ever raised for the local charity. Thank you all, very much.

There was also a good turn-out for the Club's annual Christmas Carol Service, and I would like to thank all who helped to make that an enjoyable occasion. Once more it was a sign of the friendliness that runs throughout this football club, and long may it continue.

I hope all supporters are having a very good Christmas, and that we have an even better New Year. Thanks for your support throughout 2000, and please keep coming in 2001 - and bring a friend or two as well if you can!

Cherry Newbery

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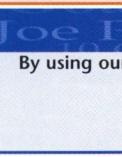
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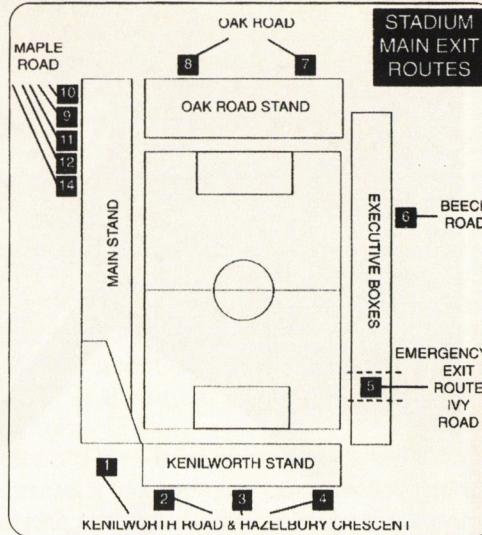
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They were the day's lucky Golden Gamble jackpot winners, and on their behalf Mr. Arthurs, from Wetherne Link, Leagrave, collected £470.

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*John Bailey*

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# Today's Visitors

## Peterborough United



### Peterborough United F.C.

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**Middle row:** Gordon Ogbourne (Kit manager), Niall Inman, Dean Hooper, Richard Forsyth, David Farrell, Andy Edwards, Phil Chappell, David Oldfield, Richard Scott, Howard Forinton, Adam Drury, Paul Showler (Physiotherapist).

**Front row:** Grant Haley, Matthew Gill, Gareth Jelleyman, Andy Clarke, Barry Fry (Manager), Peter Boizot (Chairman), Wayne Turner (Assistant Manager), Francis Green, Tony Shields, Daniel French, Matthew Hann.



#### BARRY FRY - MANAGER

Barry Fry enjoyed success with each of the Football League clubs he has previously managed and has now finally returned to the promotion trail with Peterborough United. One of football's most flamboyant and animated characters, Barry managed to weave his magic and achieve success after three disappointing previous seasons at London Road.

Barry's own football career started in 1960 when he was signed by Manchester United fol-

lowing a glittering run as a schoolboy including England representation and a goal scoring display in front of a Wembley full house against Scotland. After four years at Old Trafford without making it into the senior squad, spells followed with Bolton Wanderers, Luton Town and Leyton Orient before he dropped into non-league soccer with Gravesend and Northfleet. After brief return to Leyton Orient, Barry played with several non-league clubs including Romford, Bedford Town, Stevenage Borough and Dunstable Town, gaining his first managerial experience with the latter and steering them to promotion in his debut campaign as player-manager.

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#### NO 1 - MARK TYLER - GOALKEEPER

DOB: 2/4/77

Norwich born, he came through the ranks at Posh and showed promise in his first full season, earning a call up to the England Under 20 squad prior to the Toulon Tournament where he played one game. He was the only Division Three player to represent the Nationwide League against Italy's Serie B three seasons ago.

#### NO 2 - DEAN HOOPER - DEFENCE

DOB: 13/4/71

Arrived at London Road after signing a two year deal for an undisclosed fee from Kingstonian on 6th August 1998, the club where he gained England Semi-Professional international honours. Started his career with Swindon Town and had a month loan stint at Posh in the 1995-96 season. Has proved to be a bargain buy with his tenacious and attacking qualities, signed a two year extension to his contract in June 1999.

#### NO 3 - ADAM DRURY - DEFENCE

DOB: 29/8/78

A cultured left back with precision in the tackle and one of the most consistent performers at London Road in recent years. Enjoyed yet another immaculate season but was forced to leave the hallowed Wembley turf after suffering concussion in the first half of the Play-off final. Came to prominence three seasons ago, pocketing the 'Player of the Year' award after some stunning displays.

#### NO 4 - RICHARD SCOTT - MIDFIELD

DOB: 29/9/74

A controlled and dominant player who spiced up the Posh midfield following his arrival from Shrewsbury Town during the 1998-99 close season following a couple of impressive campaigns at the Gay Meadow. Played out the final weeks of last season in the right back spot in place of injured Dean Hooper. Began his career with Birmingham City, making 12 senior appearances before moving to Shrewsbury. With a habit of scoring vital goals he has a tireless work rate and is a real asset with his complete style of play.



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**NO 5 - SIMON REA - DEFENCE**

DOB: 20/09/76

Initially bought in as cover in both defensive and attacking areas, he seized proved his worth at the centre of defence from March 2000 when Matthew Wicks was sidelined for 10 weeks. Marked the end of the campaign with a faultless display on the hallowed Wembley turf, and is favourite to play along side skipper Andy Edwards this time around.

**NO 6 - ANDY EDWARDS - DEFENCE**

DOB: 13/9/71

Club captain labelled 'Mr. Consistency' by Barry Fry last season after making 52 faultless appearances in the heart of the back line. Skippered the side at Wembley and led by example throughout a campaign that saw Posh tighten up in defence. Has been a steady rock since arriving at London Road from Birmingham City during the 1996-97 season when Posh were leaking goals at an alarming rate.

**NO 7 - DAVID FARRELL - MIDFIELD**

DOB: 11/11/71

Fired Posh into the Play-off final after claiming his first hat-trick for the club in the return semi-final meeting with Barnet at London Road. Can turn a game

with a flash of brilliance on his day, and is able to play on either flank where his blistering pace and abundance of tricks terrorise opposing defenders. Was in sparkling form for the majority of last season when he made 36 appearances and scored some magnificent solo goals.

**NO 8 - DAVID OLDFIELD - MIDFIELD**

DOB: 30/05/68

Australia-born player who started his career with Luton Town before joining Manchester City for £600,000 in 1989. He made a £150,000 move to Leicester City the following year before re-joining Luton for the same fee in 1995. A move to Stoke City on a free transfer in the summer of 1998 followed, and he was released by the Potters to join Posh on deadline day, 23rd March 2000, signing a two and a half year contract and making his debut in a 1-1 draw away to leaders Rotherham United two days later.

**NO 9 - ANDY CLARKE - STRIKER**

DOB: 22/7/67

Scored the only goal in Peterborough United's 1-0 Wembley victory over Darlington in last season's Play-off final. A long time target of Barry Fry who

finally landed his man in May 1999 from Premiership Wimbledon, Andy finished the campaign as Posh's top scorer with 17 League strikes in 38 appearances. He started his professional career under Fry with the then non-league Barnet. Gained Conference 'Player of the Year' and England non-league honours before joining the Dons for £350,000 in the 1991-92 season making 227 senior appearances and scoring 23 goals. Last term he won the Posh 'Player of the Season' accolade by a landslide.

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DOB: 09/05/71

Has played more than 300 senior games in a career spanning 10 different clubs, his most successful spells coming at Lincoln City (21 goals in 76 league games) and Nottingham Forest (14 goals in 76 league appearances). Has given Posh a much needed aerial threat and his decisive goals in crunch games helped the team gain promotion.

**NO 11 - JON CULLEN - MIDFIELD**

DOB: 10/01/73

Experienced midfield operator signed for a small fee from Sheffield United at the end of February 2000 after a frustrating couple of years at Brammall Lane, following a big money move from Hartlepool United when first team opportunities never materialised. Began his career with Doncaster Rovers and then had a spell in non-league soccer with Morpeth Town before returning to the league scene with Hartlepool.

**NO 12 - MATTHEW GILL - MIDFIELD**

DOB: 08/11/80

A regular starter until November 1998 when knee and ankle ligament injury problems saw him lose his place. Skippered the Under 18s in their 1997-98 Times FA Youth Cup run and featured in Combination Reserve team action in a season where he made over 40 appearances in all competitions at three different levels. Comfortable in possession with an excellent range of passing and can play anywhere across the park including centre back.

**NO 13 - DANIEL CONNOR - GOALKEEPER**

DOB: 31/1/81

Injury to Mark Tyler and Bart Griemink catapulted him into the first team for two consecutive matches the season before last. Will play the 2000-2001 campaign as the club's number two goalkeeper following Griemink's move to Swindon Town.

**NO 14 - FRANCIS GREEN - STRIKER**

DOB: 25/4/80

Growing in confidence with every season he showed more glimpses of exciting potential in 19 league outings last term. A pacey and powerful striker who forced his way into the Posh reckoning towards the end of season 1997-98 and is prepared to bide his time for a regular

start in the side. Another to have joined Posh from the non-league scene.

**NO 15 - DANIEL MURRAY - DEFENCE**

DOB: 16/05/82

Was handed his first taste of senior action last season at the tender age of 17, a week after pledging his London Road future by signing a five-year contract. Hailed by Barry Fry as 'the best player on the pitch' at Macclesfield Town in March 2000 where he first donned a senior shirt in place of the injured skipper Andy Edwards.

**NO 17 - LEON MCKENZIE - STRIKER**

DOB: 17/05/78

Lightening quick striker who was captured by Fry for an undisclosed fee on a four-year deal from Crystal Palace in October 2000. Made his name at London

Road during two highly successful loan spells in August and November 1998 where he netted eight times in 15 appearances. Two of those strikes were on his debut outing when he inspired Posh to 3-1 victory over Cardiff City at Ninian Park.

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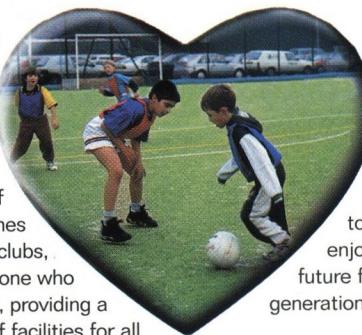
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Swindon	.....	531
Sunderland (WC)	.....	1,366
Millwall	.....	1,389
Brentford	.....	695
Wrexham	.....	352
Bristol City	.....	1,396
Rushden (FAC)	.....	1,736
Colchester	.....	309
Total:	.....	10,832
Average:	.....	833

### 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

WE OFFER another little prize this afternoon in our popular Town Trivia quiz, when one lucky supporter will be given the chance to win. Today's managers, Barry Fry and Lil Fuccillo, are old friends in football, and have worked together in the past, including at Peterborough. Today's Town Teaser is about their careers.

Tuesday's question was about our goal-scorer at Darlington in a cup tie in 1975, and the answer was Ronnie Futcher.

The PA announcer will pose another question this afternoon, so listen out for your chance to have a go, and if you don't already know the answer, you can find it elsewhere in this magazine.

## Today's Question

Which was the big-city Midlands club where Barry Fry was manager, with Lil Fuccillo as his coach?

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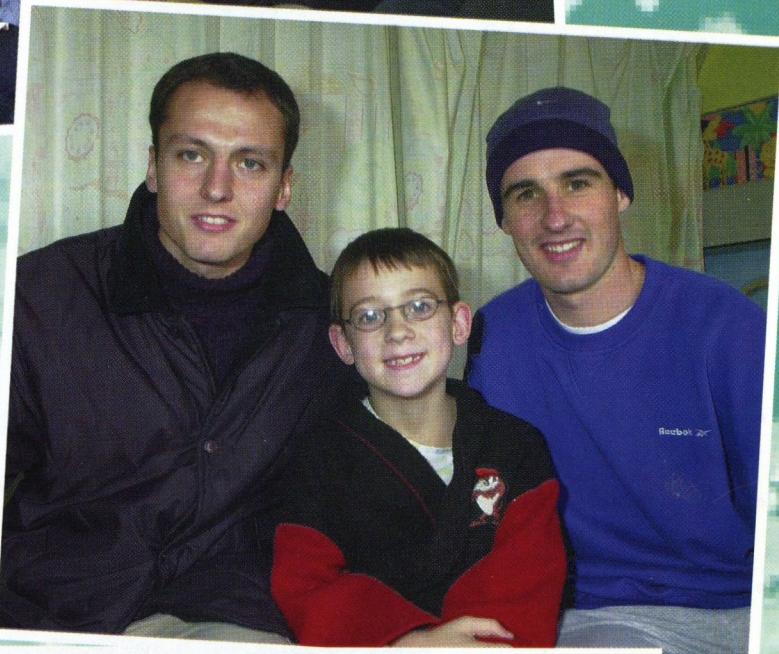
## Christmas Greetings From Luton Town FC

Worries about football results were put into perspective when the Town players made their annual Christmas visit to the children's ward at Luton and Dunstable Hospital to distribute presents from the club.

Gareth Owen was there with his camera, to catch a flavour of an occasion which brought a lot of happiness to the youngsters in Ward 24.

The children were all remarkably cheerful in face of adversity, and those in the pictures are Scott Penney, Isan Khan, Amy George, Hayley Spokes, baby Bess Waggott and Donna Evans.

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# Blast from the Past

## Roger Wash

### Brave Hatters fall at the final fence

As Christmas 1974 approached, with the Town back in the old Division One for the first time since 1960, instant relegation seemed a fore-gone certainty. In the days of only two points for a win only nine had been gleaned from 21 games and the Hatters seemed destined for a lowest ever tally in the top flight.

Manager Harry Haslam had tried many combinations to try and bring about a winning formula, to little avail, but had recently blooded teenagers Steve Buckley and Paul Futcher into the side and their youthful enthusiasm certainly raised a few eyebrows amongst the watching press corps.

Paul Futcher had been signed from Chester during the close season, along with his twin brother Ron, for a then record fee for a teenager while Buckley had been signed for rather less money from non-league Burton Albion. Both players were in the side for the home clash with eventual champions Derby on 21st December 1974 and acquitted themselves well as the game went into its final ten minutes scoreless.

Recent signing from Liverpool, Peter Spiring, chased a ball into the Derby box and was upended by Colin Todd. Jim Ryan netted the resultant spot-kick and suddenly the gloom lifted a little from Kenilworth Road. Spiring broke his toe in the clash with Todd and another teenager came off the bench as substitute for his debut. Welcome, Lil Fuccillo to the Football League!

Fuccillo did not take over from Spiring for the Boxing Day game at league leaders Ipswich but instead Haslam chose the marginally more experienced Ron Futcher to partner Jim Husband up front. As expected the Town came under incessant pressure in this top versus bottom clash but with back passes galore and a ten man defence Graham Horn in the

Luton goal was well protected.

As so often happens in this type of game the Town broke out of defence in the final minute and a long cross from John Aston was met with a lovely header from Ron Futcher and with it both points. The locals were not happy at the final whistle and lobbed hundreds of cushions on to the pitch, more in frustration at their own team's shortcomings rather than the mean spirited tactics of the Town.

Two days later Ron Futcher followed up his strike at Ipswich with an amazing hat-trick on his home debut against Wolves with his third coming five minutes from time and clinching a valuable 3-2 victory making it three wins on the trot.

A point at home to fellow strugglers, Chelsea, in early January finally pushed the Town off bottom spot and now the light at the end of the tunnel could be spotted but there was still a lot of hard work to do if relegation was to be avoided. Only one win bonus was picked up from the next seven games with the Hatters desperately unlucky not to make it more as single goal defeats and draws that should have been victories seeming to indicate that we were not destined to clear the drop zone.

Then, just as we had given up hope, came the stroke of luck that gave us fresh impetus in the relegation battle. The game at Carlisle seemed to be petering out to a dull 1-1 draw when, with two minutes to go, Ron Futcher from way out on the right wing floated over a long cross which completely deceived ex-Hatter, Alan Ross, in the Carlisle goal, and went into the net off the far post.

Fired up by this lucky win the players could not wait for the visit of the mighty Leeds the following Saturday. Leeds, the previous season's champions, had fought their way through to the European Cup final where they were due to



*Luton goalkeeper, Keith Barber, gathers the ball cleanly during the 2-5 defeat at Wolves over Easter 1975.*

play Bayern Munich. Before this, however, they had to travel to little Luton, be handed two points on a plate, then saunter back to Yorkshire.

What they did not expect was an absolute bombardment that left them 0-2 down after only twelve minutes much to the delight of the packed Kenilworth Road crowd of 23,048.

Although Leeds managed to get back into their stride a little, they could not find their way past a resolute Luton defence and their consolation goal, from Joe Jordan, came far too late to set the panic bells ringing.

Arsenal were steamrollered at Kenilworth Road three days later in front of another noisy, appreciative crowd and the 2-0 victory signalled a run of three wins in eleven days leaving the relegation issue wide open again.

In this strange season just as you pulled yourself up by the bootstraps then you were knocked back again, and so it proved with three defeats in a row over Easter, traditionally a footballing graveyard for the Town.

We all travelled to Derby on Easter Saturday fully expecting a continuance of our winning run or a point at the very least. We were not, however, prepared for a 0-5 thrashing in a totally demoralising performance. Roger Davies, the Ram's lanky centre-forward, scored all five and missed as many again in what could easily have been a record defeat. I do

not recall the Derby goalkeeper having a save to make such was the one-sided nature of the contest.

Worse was to follow with a 2-1 lead at Wolves two days later turning into a 2-5 defeat and a 1-2 reversal at Tottenham the following Saturday with the Spurs winner just before the end coming from a miles offside Alfie Conn. Paul Futcher also thought it was offside and was dismissed for making his feelings known to the referee in rather colourful language apparently!

Just as the Town were at their lowest ebb came another twist to this topsy-turvy season in the shape of three straight victories. Firstly championship chasing Everton were seen off 2-1 at Kenilworth Road followed up with a 3-0 home victory over Leicester which featured that often repeated 30 yard own goal from Keith Weller. A 4-1 win at Birmingham on the penultimate Saturday of the season set up a grandstand finish with the Town needing to beat Manchester City at Kenilworth Road at the same time hoping that Tottenham would fail to pick up anything from their final two games.

In a brave final flurry the Town could not manage to find a winner in a 1-1 draw with City but as Spurs had lost to Arsenal it all hinged on the North London side taking one point from their final home game to be played a couple of days after the normal season had ended.

Their opponents were to be Leeds and a good many Luton supporters travelled to White Hart Lane fully convinced that a poor Spurs side would be no match for the European Cup finalists.

Over 25 years on I still cannot fathom how Spurs overwhelmed Leeds 4-2 leaving the Town relegated after one season back in the top flight but perhaps one day the full story will come out!

*Roger Wash*

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Beaudesert Lower, Leighton Buzzard

Mary Bassett Lower, Leighton Buzzard

Heathfields Lower, Caddington

Moorfields Prep, Luton

Willowfields Lower, Caddington

Pinchmill Lower, Bedford

Someries Junior, Luton

Emerson Valley, Milton Keynes

Leedon Lower, Leighton Buzzard

Harpden Prep, Harpenden

Edlesborough Combined

Ramridge Juniors, Luton

St Josephs Junior, Luton

Oughtonhead Junior, Hitchin

Ashcroft High, Luton

Bushmead Primary, Luton

Gilbert Inglefield, Leighton Buzzard

Sundon Park Junior, Luton

Icknield Junior, Luton

Sacred Heart Junior, Luton

Stopsley Junior, Luton

Icknield Infants, Luton

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**Dunstable**  
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Sacred Heart Infants, Luton

Oughtonhead Infants, Hitchin

Stopsley Infants, Luton

Thomas Whitehead, Houghton Regis

Leighton Middle, Leighton Buzzard

Streetfield Middle, Dunstable

St Martin de Porres Junior, Luton

Robert Bruce Middle, Bedford

Ashton St Peter, Dunstable

Harlington Lower, Harlington

Hawthorne Lower, Houghton Regis

Whipperley Infants, Luton

Dovery Down, Leighton Buzzard

Warden Hill Infants, Luton

Bramingham Primary, Luton

Clipstone Brook, Leighton Buzzard

Southfields Lower, Houghton Regis

Ashton Middle, Dunstable

Warden Hill Juniors, Luton

St Margaret's Junior, Luton

Hadrian Lower, Dunstable

St Georges Lower, Leighton Buzzard

Beechwood Junior, Luton

Brewers Hill Middle, Dunstable

Redborne Upper, Ampthill

Shefford Middle, Shefford

Maulden Lower, Maulden

Totternhoe Lower, Totternhoe

St Martin de Porres Infant, Luton

Five Oaks Middle, Caddington

Ferrars Junior, Luton

Soutcote Lower, Leighton Buzzard

Lancot Lower, Dunstable

Wood End Junior, Harpenden

Chantry Infants, Luton

Cottesloe Lower, Cottesloe

Slip End Junior, Caddington

Pirton Hill Infants, Luton

Cottesloe Upper, Cottesloe

Foxdell Junior, Luton

Arnold Middle, Barton

Church End Lower, Barton

Cardinal Newman, Luton

Kings Houghton Middle, Houghton Regis

Northfields Upper, Dunstable

Maidenhall Junior, Luton

Greenfields Lower, Dunstable

Denbigh Junior, Luton

Flitwick Lower, Flitwick

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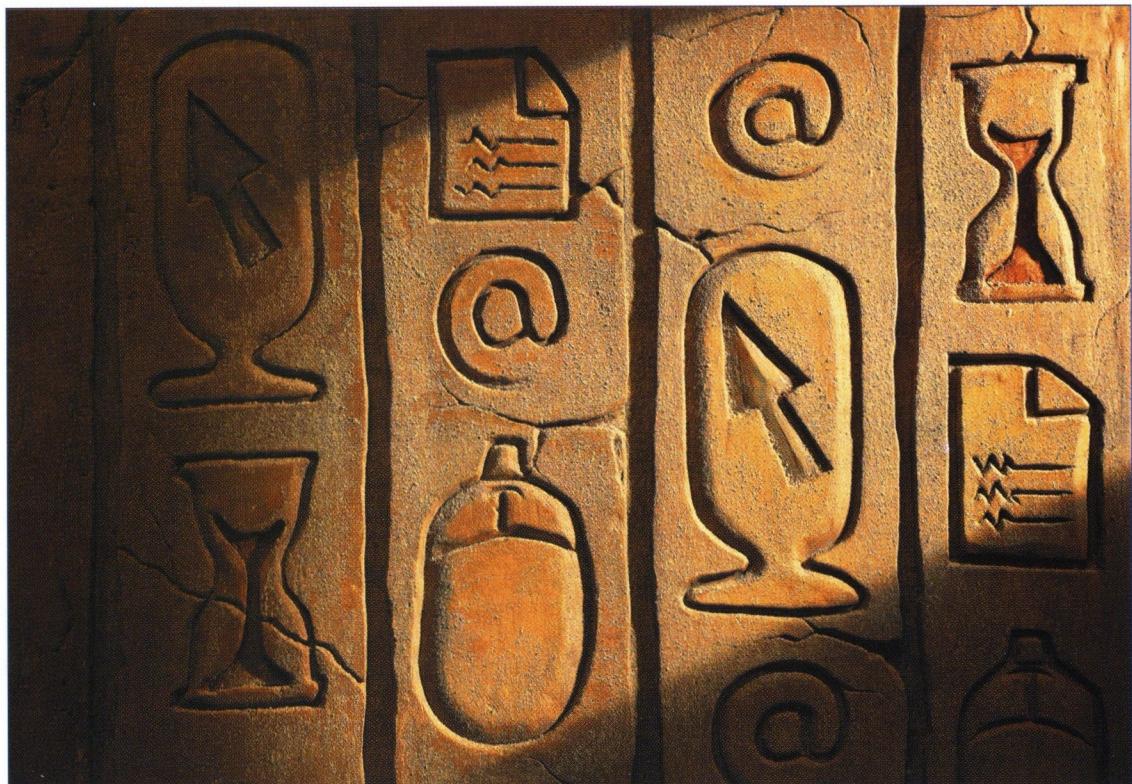
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IT WAS a birthday to remember for Sinead Doherty, pictured with the skippers and match officials before the game against Colchester, when she was the Junior Hatters mascot. Sinead, from The Close, Limbury, was 13 on the day of the game.

THE Junior Hatters began the Christmas football festivities with a trip to Reading, for the Town's match there on Saturday, and will open the New Year with another visit, to our old friends at Bournemouth, on New Year's Day.

We had some vacancies for the trip when we went to press, and if you want to go please check as soon as possible with the club shop in Kenilworth Road. As usual, it has to be first come, first served. The price is £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for guests, and as that includes a match ticket it represents very good value. It is possible thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, London Luton Airport, and we would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to them.

And, of course, we wish a very happy Christmas and a successful new year to all Luton Town supporters, young and old alike, and especially to Lil Fuccillo and the players.

## Today's Mascot



NINE -year-old Fabio Buonpane usually sits in the main stand to shout for the Town, but today he has a very important part to play in the afternoon's events.

He has been chosen to be the Junior Hatters mascot, which means he meets the team before kick-off, and joins them on the pitch for the pre-match rituals, including the warm-up and kick-about.

He hopes that he will meet Stuart Douglas, because the striker, currently being out action through injury, is Fabio's favourite player.

A pupil at St. Joseph's School, Fabio comes to games with his mum and granddad, and as well as football and being a Junior Hatter he enjoys Pokeman card trading, WWF wrestling, cycling and walking.

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# Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

OVER the years Luton have figured in many thrilling Boxing Day matches, but one particular encounter has passed into Hatters folklore. Few who were at Vicarage Road for the local derby on this day in 1979 will forget how defender Kirk Stephens turned up in the opposition's goal area to head a last-minute winner for a memorable Town victory.

This popular full-back went on to figure in several series of stickers following Luton's promotion to Division One, including this offering from Panini a couple of seasons later.

David Pleat went back to his old club, Nuneaton, in 1978 to sign the Coventry-born defender who was then 23. He made his league bow in the opening fixture of the 1978-79 campaign against Oldham at Kenilworth Road. Six others were also making their debuts for the Town, who romped home 6-1 after Oldham had been ahead at the interval. Unfortunately, after a couple more outings, injury kept Stephens out of the side until January. By this time Luton's bright start had faded, and his tigerish tackling and gritty, committed displays were an important feature as the club eventually avoided relegation.

These qualities, combined with a genuine rapport with the fans, made Stephens a popular personality during his time at Luton. His shock of curly hair and wide grin also helped to endear him to the Kenilworth Road faithful. That goal at Watford, his first in the league, also helped, of course!

During that and the following season Stephens was virtually ever-present in the No. 2 jersey as Town narrowly missed promotion each time. But they made no mistake the following year, and Stephens made the transition to the First Division just as easily as when he stepped up from non-

league football.

One of the early games that season was at Liverpool, where he helped the Town gain a point in a thrilling 3-3 draw. He was one of four goalkeepers beaten that afternoon. Towards the end of the first half Jake Findlay went off injured and Stephens replaced him. There were no goalkeeper subs in those days, and the Kop, then a swaying mass of tightly-packed standing fans, took Stephens to their hearts, singing "Shakin' Stephens" to him before he stood aside for Mal Donaghy to take over in the second half.

On the last day of that season Stephens again put his battling determination into the unforgettable match at Maine Road when Raddy Antic scored four minutes from time to save the Town from relegation and send Manchester City down instead.

Stephens missed only a couple of league games in the following season, but it was to be his last at Kenilworth Road. Many fans were puzzled and upset when he was transferred to Coventry. However, he welcomed the chance to join his home town club and to be closer to the family business in which he was heavily involved.

What is certain is that Luton have rarely had such a loyal and hard-working player, who always gave 100 per cent in every one of the 248 games he played for the club. He played regularly for Coventry in his first season there, but made only two appearances the season after, and retired in 1986.

These stickers are still quite readily available for just a few pence each, and most of the Town's first team squad from that era are featured, including Trevor Aylott, Frankie Bunn, Paul Elliott, Ricky Hill, Brian Horton, Les Sealey and Brian Stein.

Alan Robinson



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## Hatters Chatter Ladies Football

ALWAYS keen on supporting the local community, especially in sport, the Town have agreed to go into partnership with another football club - the Luton Belles, a thriving club for soccer-mad girls who are winning friends and trophies to prove that it is not only a man's game.

They started three years ago, when a small group of girls aged 10 and 11 began training with what is now the AFC Luton boys under-13s.

Dave Baker, now general manager of the Belles, said: "Their natural ball skills and ability was obvious even at that stage, but there was no follow-up club for them to join and play competitively. My own daughter, Nikki, was in this position, so we decided to set up our own club.

"I am a lifelong Luton Town fan, and this is reflected in our club, with the colours being orange, blue and white, and some of our teams carrying the Hatters name. We already have links with the club as our under-13 boys squad is sponsored by the Century Club.

"The partnership with Luton Town is an exciting development for the Belles, and another step towards our ambition of rising to the National League. There is no reason why it cannot be achieved - the girls are talented enough throughout the age groups, and their dedication, and the support of their parents, has been first class."

The Belles' achievements in three short years have been remarkable. They entered the Bedfordshire Girls League in 1997, and carried off the under-12 and under-14 league championships and the league cup. The following year three squads were entered in the larger and more competitive

Milton Keynes League and the under-14s did the league and cup double, with younger teams picking up medals in four other competitions.

Within 12 months the Belles were league and cup double winners in three age groups, with the under-10, under-14 and under-15 going through the season undefeated.

Having established a pyramid structure for the club's development, those 1997 Belles are now in the Hertfordshire Girls League, ready to step up to adult football for the 2001/2002 season. They had a 100 per cent record so far this season as we went to press.

Six squads are still in the Milton Keynes League, and the under-12s, under-14s and under-16s were all unbeaten as Christmas approached.

Altogether, in their three years the Belles have won 15 trophies and been runners-up in another seven. But they welcome girls of all abilities. "We are certainly not an elitist club," said Mr Baker. "We will welcome any girls who want to play football.

"Our home is the Stockwood Park athletics stadium, which is a superb facility provided by Luton Borough Council, who have been tremendously supportive throughout our development.

"The girls are often involved in community festivals and other events promoting the sport, and a number of them have represented Luton and Bedfordshire during the national Millennium Youth Games last summer."

The Luton Belles welcome any girls, from the age of seven upwards, as new members, and if you want to know more you can contact Mr. Baker on Luton 896140.

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# Action Replay

Luton Town 2 Darlington 0 (HT 0-0)

WE HAD to wait until the last half hour for the goals, but there was no doubting the Town deserved to overcome Third Division battlers to earn a place in the third round of the FA Cup for the second consecutive season.

A year ago we were beaten by Fulham in a replay, but the prospect of facing First Division strugglers at Kenilworth Road on January 6 should not be too daunting.

To neutral eyes Darlington looked a team of triers, concentrating on battling away in defence and hoping for counter-attacking success, but their manager, Gary Bennett, was scathing about his players after the game, accusing them of lack of passion.

That ignored the old cliché that you can only play as well as the opposition lets you, and Darlington discovered that to their cost as the Town got to grips from the first minute. Paul McLaren set the tone with an early blistering 20-yarder which was finger-tipped over the bar.

Lil Fuccillo had told his men that the 3-0 home defeat against Colchester three days earlier was unrealistic, and if they continued to attack with purpose, and be sharper in the box, they would be all right.

He was spot on, although Darlington showed a lot of defiance and spirit in midfield, where it was more battle than pretty football.

At the interval the crowd were fretting again, with the Town on top but still not ahead. Andrew Fotiadis, recalled as the Town opted for a third attacker, put himself about to good effect, and was denied a goal when he netted from the rebound after McLaren's pile driver bounced off the midriff of the goalkeeper, who knew little about it. An offside flag came to Andy Collett's rescue.

Kevin Kyle forced his own keeper to a spectacular save to prevent a corking own goal from a header following a corner, and Adrian Whitbread, a commanding and calming influence, wasted a chance with a header wide after ghosting in unseen to meet Matthew Spring's free kick.

Darlington's only real threat in the first half was a 25-yarder by Stuart Elliott which Nathan Abbey saved at full stretch. The Town kept to their game plan after the interval, and eventually got two of the several goals they might have scored. The crucial opener was a delight for Lee Nogan, who left Darlington a month earlier after falling out with a controversial chairman. He got in among the defenders to head his first Luton goal after Spring's diagonal free kick was returned into the danger area by Whitbread's head. In view of the hard work he put in, Nogan deserved his goal, and the chance of a new contract offer which resulted.

For the first time Darlington seemed to accept their fate, which was probably what upset their manager, and if the Town had been sharper there could have been two or three more goals. Fotiadis deserved one for his efforts, but the closest he came was with a drive which hit the bar.

But McLaren, revelling in the demands of captaincy, and always willing to have a pop from distance, finished it off 12 minutes from time with a thundering drive which was a goal from the moment it left his foot.

"Comfortable and deserving winners," was the Town boss's summing up of the team and its performance. He added: "I hope the lads will gain confidence from it, and can carry that on into the league."

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Abbey, Whitbread, Watts (Boyce 68 mins), Johnson, Helin, McLaren, Spring (Locke 86 mins), Taylor, George, Fotiadis, Nogan. Unused subs: Baptiste, Fraser, Ovendale.

**Booked:** No-one.

**Darlington:** Collett, Liddle (Brumwell 74 mins), Reed, Aspin, Heckingbottom, Elliott, Himsworth (Hodgson 63 mins), Gray, Atkinson, Kyle (Hjorth HT), Naylor. Unused subs: Kilty, Van der Geest.

**Booked:** Paul Heckingbottom, 44 mins, foul on Andrew Fotiadis; Martin Gray, foul on Liam George, 61 mins.

**The goals:** Lee Nogan header, 60 minutes, after Adrian Whitbread headed back a free kick by Matthew Spring; Paul McLaren, 78 minutes, screaming drive from just outside the penalty area.

**Referee:** John Brandwood, Staffordshire.

**Attendance:** 3,563, including 221 following Darlington, the lowest away following of the season so far.

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# Christmas Past

## Roger Wash

A fact missed by most people here this afternoon is that Christmas day has not always been an occasion for sitting comatose in front of the television watching the Queen's Speech and yet another re-run of Mary Poppins.

Up until the late 1950's it was mainly regarded, the country over, as one of the most important days in the football calendar.

Although a bit before my time, the accepted practice was for the women of the house to prepare the Christmas dinner while their menfolk toddled off to watch festive football before returning home exhausted, ready to be fed. (All letters on this subject can be addressed to Mr B Swain-Programme editor!).

Looking back through the record books it was accepted practice for home and away games to be played against the same side on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. In those pre-computer days though, the fixture compilers often got it wrong with the result that both teams used to be travelling on a train together on Christmas night from some far-flung outpost of the country.

Upon entering the Football League Division Three in 1920, the Town had to face Southampton twice over the festivities, but luckily Boxing Day fell on a Sunday that year so there was a chance for the players to travel at their leisure between the two fixtures. As both games ended 1-1 the players probably wished they could have agreed the results beforehand and therefore enjoy an extended break.

Our first 'double header' took place two years later when we played Q.P.R. on consecutive days. We lost 0-4 in West London

on Christmas Day, then won the return 1-0 at Kenilworth Road after making only one change to the side.

The most amazing pair of games during this decade came about in 1926. A hat-trick from Sid Reid set us on our way to a 6-0 home win over Millwall but, on the following day, we lost 0-7 at the Den with the same side and by all accounts we were lucky to get nil!

Probably our longest trip of the season was saved for the Christmas period in 1930 when the fixture planners, in their wisdom, paired us with Torquay. We won convincingly here 3-1 on Christmas Day but, not surprisingly, both sides put on a jaded performance 24 hours later in the return and 'fought' out a 1-1 draw.

Throughout the remainder of that decade 'local derbies' at places such as Cardiff, Bournemouth, Brighton and Barnsley were played on a home and away basis over the Christmas period, and from reading the match reports it would appear that no-one complained and travelling long distances at an awkward time was accepted as a fact of life. The supporters obviously loved it, however, and turned out in their droves. One surprising fact is that it took until 1935 before either the Town or one of their opponents achieved the double over the Christmas period. The sequence was finally broken when we won 3-0 at Notts County on Christmas Day and followed it up with a solitary Fred Roberts goal in front of a then record Kenilworth Road League attendance of 18,100. We achieved the 'double' again, this time over Nottingham Forest, in 1938 and then over Leeds in 1947.

Attendance records were broken all over the country two years after that, but the



*Action from the Kenilworth Road leg of the last 'double header' to be played over the Christmas period. The Town forwards put pressure on the Manchester United defence on Boxing Day 1957.*

Town played their Christmas fixtures against Southampton- two clubs with small ground capacities- and although the crowds appear large in today's climate, 18,765 at Kenilworth Road and 26,878 at the Dell, they were no more than normal at the time.

We then settled into a spell of playing West Ham over the Christmas period, although 'local' games against Swansea and Leeds did spring up to test the resolve of any travelling supporters.

By the mid-1950's, crowds for the Christmas Day fixture were beginning to dwindle due, in the main, to a cut back in public transport services on that day. Our final Christmas Day fixture took place in 1957, and the game has rather poignant memories for many people as it was against the 'Busby Babes' only a matter of weeks before the Munich disaster.

The Town travelled to Manchester where the United officials were worried about the size of the crowd. The attendance of 39,444 was, however, still 10,000 higher than any other crowd that day!

We could have done without the fixture as key first teamers Bob Morton, Syd Owen

and Gordon Turner were all absent through injury, which meant a debut for Dave Pacey and first outings of the campaign for Terry Kelly and Tony Gregory.

The previous season's league title holders were awarded a dubious penalty in the 19th minute when John Groves seemed to win the ball fairly in a tussle with Bobby Charlton. The referee, however, thought otherwise and Duncan Edwards slammed home the resultant spot-kick.

We went two down just before the interval when Tommy Taylor deflected a Charlton shot past the now injured Ron Baynham in the Luton goal, and the scoring was completed in the 70th minute when Charlton tapped the ball home from close range after a mix-up in the Town defence.

It seems quaint to hear that the two sets of players travelled back to Luton by train together that evening ready for the return the following day. The return finished 2-2, incidentally, thanks to a last minute equaliser from Allan Brown, in front of a bumper crowd of 26,478, to save our proud record of never being beaten twice by the same side in Christmas and Boxing Day clashes.

*Roger Wash*

## Campaign Records

Highest Gate  
16,022  
Reading vs Oxford

Lowest Gate  
1,584  
Wrexham vs Cambridge

Highest Aggregate Score  
Brentford ..... 2  
Bristol Rovers .6

Biggest Home Win  
Cambridge ..... 6

Rotherham ..... 1

Reading ..... 5

Oldham ..... 0

Millwall ..... 5

Oxford ..... 0

Biggest Away Win  
Brentford ..... 2

Bristol Rovers .6

Consec. Wins  
Walsall ..... 5

Games Unbeaten  
Wigan ..... 17

Consec. Defeats  
Bury ..... 5

Winless Run  
Cambridge ..... 11

Total Games  
245

Home Wins  
104 ..... 42%

Away Wins  
77 ..... 31%

Draws  
64 ..... 27%

1-1 Draws  
31 ..... 13%

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18 ..... 7%

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3000 6000 9000 12000 15000

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	G	RC	YC	Av.Yell
Prosser	11	4	52	4.73
Hall	14	7	63	4.50
Fletcher	10	0	43	4.30
Olivier	13	3	55	4.23
Jordan	11	2	45	4.09
Dowd	14	8	57	4.07
Winter	6	0	24	4.00
Bates	10	0	40	4.00
Foy	12	2	48	4.00
Cooper	8	2	31	3.88
Hill	12	3	45	3.75
Knight	7	4	26	3.71
Jones T	14	8	52	3.71
Walsall				

## 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
Bournemouth	Defoe	6	1	4	1	0	5	1.20	0	1	0	2	5	0	27	5	4	
Brentford	Scott	10	4	8	1	0	19	0.53	1	3	3	12	4	3	25	5	4	
Bristol City	Thorpe	10	3	5	1	1	19	0.53	1	1	2	7	2	5	27	7	5	
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	5	1	3	1	0	17	0.29	0	0	3	3	9	9	28	6	8	
Bury	Littlejohn	3	2	3	0	0	20	0.15	0	1	1	3	1	6	22	7	6	
Cambridge	Youngs	9	1	5	2	0	21	0.43	0	2	2	6	3	5	22	4	5	
Colchester	Duguid	4	2	4	0	0	19	0.21	0	1	1	3	2	6	25	8	8	
Luton	George	3	0	3	0	0	20	0.15	0	0	1	1	2	8	27	3	9	
Millwall	Harris	13	5	6	2	1	20	0.65	0	3	1	7	3	3	29	9	2	
Northampton	Forrester	12	8	8	2	0	19	0.63	1	3	4	13	5	4	23	6	6	
Notts County	Stallard	9	5	9	0	0	17	0.53	0	5	1	11	3	3	28	5	6	
Oldham	Corazzin	3	1	3	0	0	17	0.18	0	1	0	2	1	10	26	5	5	
Oxford	Beauchamp	4	1	2	1	0	19	0.21	0	1	0	2	1	7	33	2	9	
Peterborough	Clarke	5	2	5	0	0	21	0.24	0	1	1	3	2	7	22	7	7	
Port Vale	Naylor	6	2	2	2	0	17	0.35	0	1	0	2	2	5	22	4	6	
Reading	Butler	12	7	7	1	1	19	0.63	0	0	2	2	5	5	25	7	5	
Rotherham	Robins	9	4	7	1	0	17	0.53	0	1	2	4	2	2	23	8	0	
Stoke	Thorne	9	4	4	1	1	13	0.69	1	3	2	11	2	4	26	6	4	
Swansea	Savarese	7	2	1	3	0	10	0.70	1	0	3	6	2	4	24	7	10	
Swindon	Invincible	7	1	3	2	0	20	0.35	0	2	1	5	2	9	26	4	9	
Walsall	Leitao	8	4	8	0	0	21	0.38	0	2	0	4	3	3	22	8	5	
Wigan	Haworth	7	4	4	0	1	11	0.64	1	2	1	8	2	2	24	8	4	
Wrexham	Sam	6	2	4	1	0	18	0.33	0	1	1	3	5	12	25	3	5	
Wycombe	Rammell	6	2	4	1	0	16	0.38	0	2	1	5	2	4	24	7	9	

Key: GS=Goals Scored; 1stGl=Goals Scored 1st Goal; Sc1=Goals Scored 1 Goal; Sc2=Goals Scored 2 Goals; HT=Hat-Tricks; Each club's leading scorer and their goals per game (Ave). Next 3 columns show taking off their goals, how many wins change from Win to Loss (W/L), Win to Draw (W/D), Draw to Loss (D/L) and Points (Pts) lost. Last 2 figures show best scoring (run) and longest dry spell in consecutive games. NUMBERS: PU=Players Used CS=Clean Sheets FS=Games Failed to Score

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# Second Division Scene

Brian Swain

LIKE us, today's visitors have an FA Cup tie to look forward to in a couple of weeks, with Peterborough relishing a trip to Stamford Bridge on the day we entertain Queens Park Rangers.

They earned the money-spinning tie by winning 1-0 at Boundary Park, where they had to battle hard after being a touch lucky to earn the replay with a 1-1 draw at London Road - their equaliser from Jason Lee came in the third minute of injury time in the first meeting. At Oldham goalkeeper Mark Tyler, a target for Charlton, was man of the match as Peterborough snatched a first-half goal through Richard Forsyth, a free transfer from Blackpool last summer, and denied Oldham any way back.

This is our fourth meeting of the season with Barry Fry's men, after playing them in the Worthington Cup and the LDV Vans Trophy, and they come with an away record only marginally better than our home results - on the road Posh have managed two wins, two draws, and seven defeats. They also drew 0-0 at Kenilworth Road in August, in the first leg of the Worthington Cup first round.

The league victories came at Oxford, 1-0 on the first day of the season, and by 4-1 at Oldham a fortnight later.

After that they suffered a run of four consecutive away defeats, at Stoke, Wigan, Wycombe and

## Nationwide Division Two Table

Not including Saturday's games																		
HOME									AWAY									
	P	W	D	L	F	A			P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Millwall	21	7	1	2	20	5			21	6	2	3	20	14	42			
Wigan	21	9	1	0	16	6			21	8	1	13	11	42				
Walsall	21	8	3	0	25	9			21	4	2	4	12	12	41			
Rotherham	21	6	2	3	23	15			21	6	2	2	14	11	40			
Reading	20	8	1	1	32	9			20	8	1	6	10	16	35			
Peterborough	21	4	3	4	21	13			21	4	3	2	10	15	27			
Northampton	20	3	3	3	10	11			20	3	3	3	10	11	28			
Colchester	21	4	3	4	11	10			21	4	3	4	10	11	27			
Notts County	20	3	3	3	15	15			20	3	3	5	12	13	27			
Brentford	19	4	4	2	12	15			19	4	4	2	12	15	27			
Bournemouth	20	3	4	3	11	8			20	3	4	3	10	2				

# Statistics Fixtures

# 2000/2001

	Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers	League Place	Attnd.	Team	Watts	McLaren	Johnson
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 Karlson
NOVEMBER	Sat 11	Bristol City	H 3pm	0-3	-	23	6,595	Abbey Boyce	McGowan	George Karlson
NOVEMBER	Fri 17	Rushden & D FAC1	H 8pm	1-0	George	23	5,771	Abbey Boyce	Fraser	Watts Karlson
NOVEMBER	Sat 25	Port Vale	A 3pm	0-3	-	23	4,194	Abbey Boyce	Whitbread	Watts Karlson
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	Karlson	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	0-3	-	23	4,791	Abbey Johnson	Whitbread	Watts Locke
DECEMBER	Tue 19	Darlington FAC2R	H 7.45	2-0	Nogan, McLaren	23	3,563	Abbey Johnson	Whitbread	Watts Fotiadis
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	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 Trn	A 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEBRUARY	Sat 17	Swansea City OR FA Cup 5	H 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEBRUARY	Tue 20	Walsall	A 7.45pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEBRUARY	Sat 24	Swindon	A 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH	Sat 3	Bristol Rov	H 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH	Tue 6	Cambridge Utd	H 7.45pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH	Sat 10	Millwall OR FA Cup 6	A 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH	Sat 17	Oxford Utd	H 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH	Sat 24	Brentford	A 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH	Sat 31	Colchester	A 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	Sat 7	Stoke City OR FA Cup S-F	H 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	Sat 14	Oldham	H 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	Mon 16	Wrexham	A 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	Sat 21	Bury	H 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	Sat 28	Bristol City	A 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAY	Sat 5	Port Vale	H 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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	George for Brennan 52; Kandol for Thomson 72; Holmes for Scarlett 82. Unused: Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	Stirling	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George for Stein 75. Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Thomson, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George for Stein 70; Thomson for Kandol 70. Unused: Brennan, Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Locke for Spring 66; Thomson for Kandol 72. Unused: Brennan, Ayres, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	Brennan for Thomson 81. Unused: Holmes, Brietenfelder, Ayres, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	Mc Gowan for Fraser HT; Stein for Thomson HT; Holmes for Spring 79. Unused: Brennan, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Stein	Kandol	All unused: Brennan, Holmes, Stirling, Scarlett, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Stein	Kandol	Holmes for Kandol HT; Brennan for McGowan 89. Unused: Fraser, Brietenfelder, Abbey.
Taylor	Fraser	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Brietenfelder for McGowan HT; Brennan for Kandol 79. Unused: Locke, Thomson, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Douglas	Brietenfelder for Locke 18 mins; Thomson for Douglas 44 mins; Brennan for George 86 mins. Unused: Kandol, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Fraser for McLaren 47 mins; Thomson for Fotiadis 70 mins. Unused: Brennan, Baptiste, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Stein	Douglas	Baptiste for Douglas 75 mins; Holmes for George 80 mins. Unused: McGowan, Brietenfelder, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Stein	Douglas	Fotiadis for Douglas 44 mins; Baptiste for Stein 74 mins. Unused: Watts, Locke, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Stein	Thomson for Stein 73 mins. Unused: McGowan, Locke, Fotiadis, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Nogan	Fotiadis for Nogan 74 mins; Fraser for Helin 77 mins. Unused: Locke, Scarlett, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Thomson	Fotiadis for Thomson 89 mins; Karlson for George 90 mins. Unused: Fraser, Nogan, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Thomson	Stein for Thomson HT; Nogan for Fotiadis 56 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Fraser	George	Thomson	All unused: Stein, Nogan, Karlson, Stirling, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Nogan	Fotiadis for Locke 56 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Holmes, Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Nogan	Boyce for Watts 68 mins; Locke for Spring 86 mins. Unused: Baptiste, Fraser, Ovendale.

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JULIAN WATTS	5
MARVIN JOHNSON	6
ADRIAN WHITBREAD	40
MATTHEW TAYLOR	15
PAUL McLAREN	12
MATTHEW SPRING	4
LIAM GEORGE	11
ANDREW FOTIADIS	14
LEE NOGAN	31
Substitutes	
ADAM LOCKE	12
STUART FRASER	13
ROCKY BAPTISTE	28
EMMERSON BOYCE	17
MARK OVENDALE	1
Changes	

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R. P. Griggs (yellow and red flag)

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S. W. Tincknell



Manager: Barry Fry

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8	DAVID OLDFIELD
12	MATTHEW GILL
10	JASON LEE
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