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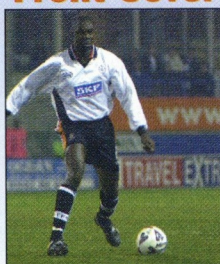
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## Front Cover



Frustrated: Club captain Marvin Johnson re-established himself in the team after injury, but his delight has been cut short after he was hurt again at Reading, and misses today's game. But he is still shouting for the team - read his column on page 7 today.

# Inside

MANAGER Lil Fuccillo hopes to announce within the next few days the arrival of another player to strengthen his squad. But first, several others will suffer the disappointment of being told that they are no longer required at Kenilworth Road. Rocky Baptiste, 28, signed from non-league soccer in October, was in negotiations with the boss this week with a view to his contract being ended by amicable agreement. Other fringe players are also taking in the bad news, with the boss keen to help them get fixed up elsewhere if possible.

The idea is to get enough names off the payroll to enable at least two new men to come in, with the first choice, as the manager says in his column on page 5, a target man to play in attack. He has given up hope of signing 27-year-old Gareth Taylor, a former England under-21 international, from Manchester City. Joe Royle was prepared to talk business, but the player was not keen.

The Town boss has now turned to Aston Villa's 23-year-old six-footer Richard Walker. He has had Premiership experience - his first-ever goal at that level was against Watford last season - but has slipped down the pecking order since. He was already behind Dion Dublin and Darius Vassell, and Villa have just signed another striker who is obviously going straight into their first team squad. The Town manager hopes that the arrival at Villa Park of Columbian international Juan Pablo Angel for over £8million will improve his chances of attracting Walker to Kenilworth Road.

## The Second Division

IF THE bottom two clubs win this afternoon, the Town will move up a notch in the league table. While we entertain Wigan, Oxford United are at home to Port Vale, who are currently two points ahead of us.

The Boxing Day victory over Peterborough brought the safety gap down to five points, thanks to other results being reasonably kind.

Not one of the struggling teams managed 100 per cent records from the first two of the four holiday fixtures. Oldham, 20th at the start of the month, were the only team in the bottom six to avoid defeat, with a draw at Brentford and a 2-1 home win over Wigan.

Swansea kept pace with us, losing at Wycombe but then winning at home to Walsall, and we drew closer to the other strugglers. Bristol Rovers collected one point, losing the local derby away to Bristol City but then drawing at home to Reading on Boxing Day. That left them still without a home win so far this season. Our other rivals drew blanks, God bless them, with Oxford, Port Vale and Swindon losing both holiday games so far.

### Nationwide Division Two Table

	HOME					AWAY					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A		
Millwall	23	8	1	2	26 6	7	2	3	22 15	48	
Walsall	23	9	3	0	28 10	4	2	5	13 15	44	
Rotherham	23	6	3	3	23 15	7	2	2	16 11	44	
Wigan	23	9	2	0	17 7	2	8	2	14 13	43	
Reading	22	9	1	1	36 10	3	2	6	12 18	39	
Bristol City	23	5	3	4	24 15	5	4	2	13 8	37	
Stoke	22	5	2	3	16 10	5	5	2	20 15	37	
Northampton	22	4	3	3	12 11	6	1	5	14 14	34	
Wycombe	23	7	1	3	18 12	2	5	5	10 33	33	
Wrexham	23	5	2	5	13 15	4	3	4	20 30	32	
Notts County	22	4	3	3	16 15	5	1	6	9 18	31	
Colchester	23	5	3	4	14 12	3	3	5	11 17	30	
Brentford	21	4	5	2	13 16	3	4	3	13 17	30	
Bournemouth	22	3	4	4	12 10	4	3	4	22 17	28	
Cambridge	23	5	4	3	20 13	2	3	6	12 21	28	
Peterborough	23	6	2	3	17 12	2	2	8	10 19	28	
Bury	22	5	3	3	12 13	3	1	7	9 17	28	
Oldham	22	5	2	4	15 14	2	4	5	11 20	27	
Bristol Rov	22	0	6	4	8 15	5	3	4	20 13	24	
Swindon	23	3	4	5	16 23	3	1	7	7 19	23	
Swansea	22	3	4	4	12 11	2	3	6	11 19	22	
Port Vale	21	4	4	4	18 12	1	1	7	4 17	20	
Luton Town	22	3	1	7	12 20	1	5	5	12 22	18	
Oxford Utd	23	2	2	8	11 17	1	0	10	14 34	11	

# Forward



**ONE FOR THE SCRAPBOOK:** Peter Holmes returned to the team on Boxing Day, and became a Christmas cracker, making the Town's first goal against Peterborough, and scoring the second, his first goal in league football. See pages 42 and 43 for a match report and more pictures.

The board have made money available, but Lil Fuccillo's plan is to sign Walker on loan, giving the player and the club time to size up the situation and each other, before talking about a possible permanent move.

The Town are also keeping tabs on a 26-year-old defender who is attracting interest as a Third Division player who looks capable of doing well at a higher level.

The boss is making no rash promises about his plans being fulfilled - "I've lost count of the phone calls I have made to try to get players in," he said. "What surprises me is how many won't come on loan if only to be in the shop window. As a player I always wanted first team football. Today, there are a lot of players who don't seem to care, and are content to pick up their pay packets while meandering along in the reserves."

One player most definitely not in that category is Adrian Whitbread, who has impressed everyone with his determination to prove his worth. He will be released from Portsmouth at the end of the season, and is playing to earn a contract before that happens. He has agreed to extend his loan to the Town into a second month, and striker Lee Nogan has also accepted another month-long contract following his release by Darlington.

For today's game the Town will have Brian Stein available again after a three-match suspension for his red card at Peterborough in the LDV Vans fixture, and Peter Thomson was close to being fit again after his foot injury.

But Paul McLaren is unlikely to return after a knee injury, and he will be suspended for next Saturday's FA Cup game against QPR after becoming the first Town player to collect five bookings this season. He gets a one-match ban, which looks like being served while he would have been unavailable anyway. Julian Watts might be back this afternoon, but Marvin Johnson, Liam George and Stuart Douglas all have little chance of returning from injury.



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# SKF



## The Manager Lil Fuccillo

AS THE old year ends to make way for the new, I would love to

know what lies in store for us in the next 12 months. I know what my objectives are, starting with better results for Luton Town, league position safeguarded as soon as possible, and then work on the wider scheme of things.

If you think that sounds a touch fanciful, I have good cause to know that life can often bring surprises. Twelve months ago I was happily enjoying my football as a freelance scout, checking on players and assessing matches for Peterborough, Bury, Reading and Walsall before going full time with Manchester City.

I would probably be doing the same today but for the surprising sequence of events of the past three months. I was well pleased when I was asked to come back as a scout. To be appointed assistant manager was a surprise, and to find myself manager was amazing.

I always felt I would come back to Luton one day, but could never have guessed how things would turn out. The job to be done is a real challenge, but hopefully we have laid foundations to give us a happy new year. The main concern is to get some sort of consistency in results. Since my first game, the record reads win, lose, win, lose, draw, lose, win, lose and win. Not bad - but nowhere near good enough if we are to make up the lee-way between us and safety.

I am confident it can be done, and am working to get the squad I want, with some players leaving the club shortly to make way for new ones, starting with a target men striker. Defensively, we have been giving away too many goals, some of them from suicidal decisions and actions. Offensively, we have not taken enough of our chances.

Both points were underlined in our two holiday games so far. At Reading we were not as bad as 4-1 sounds, but results don't lie. We did not capitalise on a bright start, when we were the better attacking side, and paid heavily for sloppy defending against a pair of strikers who cost £1million. Equally worrying was our lack of mental strength and the failure to push on after getting back into

the game when we pulled a goal back.

You know you will have spells when you will come under pressure, and it needs a fierce determination to keep the opposition out. "Over my dead body," should be the motto.

Against Peterborough we got the points we deserved, but made very hard work of it. I was delighted with the early goals I asked for, but then very upset when we didn't go on to finish them off in the first 30 minutes or so, when we were looking very bright. Again, more determination in taking chances was needed, and after a silly penalty raised Peterborough spirits for the last half hour, we so nearly threw it away. In the end I was pleased with the team for getting a win we desperately needed, but it should have been more comprehensive and more comfortable.

A look at the league table shows the task ahead. We need to win every one of our remaining home games, but we know that won't happen - even Manchester United can't do that this season! But we have got to win most of them, and pick up points away as well.

The sequence of results so far is a start, but it has got to be turned into something like win, win, draw, win, win, draw... and so on!

It is possible for us to move out of the bottom two this afternoon, and to do that by beating Wigan would be a real confidence booster. I was a boy here when Bruce Rioch was a big star, and it is a pleasure to welcome him back to Kenilworth Road.

I am surprised that Wigan are still in this division after the money they have spent on players. Like all the best teams they have a good front pairing in Simon Haworth and Andy Liddell, a £950,000 investment designed to gain Wigan promotion. I think they might achieve their objective this season. Ours first aim may be more limited, but more important to Luton Town.

Whatever is in store in 2001, I do not intend to be manager of a relegated club. The town and supporters deserve better than that, and I promise we will put every possible ounce of effort into making it a happy new year for all of us.

*Lil Fuccillo*

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## The Hatters roll-call 2000-2001

Appearances (as sub in brackets)

Goals

	League	WC	FAC	LDV	Total	League	WC	FAC	Total
Nathan Abbey	12	0	3	0	15	0	0	0	0
James Ayres	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rocky Baptiste	0(3)	0	0	0	0(3)	0	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	20	4	1(1)	0	25(1)	1	0	0	1
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	8(4)	1	1	1	11(4)	1	0	0	1
Stuart Fraser	7(5)	4	2	1	14(5)	0	0	0	0
Liam George	18(3)	3(1)	3	0	24(4)	3	0	1	4
Petri Helin	7	0	2	1	10	1	0	0	1
Peter Holmes	9(6)	2(1)	0	0	11(7)	1	0	0	1
Marvin Johnson	6	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	0
Tresor Kandol	6(5)	2(1)	0	0	8(6)	3	1	0	4
Kent Karlsen	3(1)	0	1	1	5(1)	0	0	0	0
Adam Locke	12(4)	1(1)	1(1)	1	15(6)	0	0	0	0
Gavin McGowan	4(1)	0	0	0	4(1)	0	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	19	4	3	1	27	1	0	1	2
Lee Nogan	4	0	1	0(1)	5(1)	1	0	1	2
Mark Ovendale	10	4	0	1	15	0	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	5(2)	2	0	0	7(2)	0	1	0	1
Matthew Spring	20	4	3	1	28	3(2p)	0	0	3(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	22	4	3	1	30	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	5	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	0

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## Captain's Log

### Marvin Johnson

LIKE every other Luton Town supporter in the ground on Boxing Day,

I sat with the nerves tingling a little as I watched us get the three points we needed against Peterborough. I am sidelined again with a neck injury which refuses to go away, and I would have loved to be in the team instead of being a spectator.

You get a different view from the stand, and I understood the manager's viewpoint afterwards, with some criticism as well as praise, despite the result. There was a possibility - and no more - that we could have been deprived of two points after putting in so much effort to get all three.

The early goals were just what we needed, and after 20 minutes or so I felt comfortable and confident that we would win. I also heard supporters worrying after we let Peterborough nick a goal just before the break. The day we let Wrexham overturn a three-goal lead is still painfully fresh in the memory, but to be fair I thought they were a better team than we allowed Peterborough to be. Against Wrexham we were second best over the 90 minutes, but that was certainly not the case on Tuesday.

Sure, I was on the edge of my seat for the closing stages, after it went to 3-2, but I agree with Peterborough's manager that overall we deserved the points.

We might easily have gone 4-2 up to finish it off, and I felt for Andrew Fotiadis, who did so much excellent work without getting the goals he deserved. I like the way he is playing at present, and the way he makes chances it can only be a matter of time before the goals go in for him. When a striker is having a blank run it is easy to take the easy way out and hide during games, but Foti is not like that, and all credit to him.

Both teams were under strength because of injuries, but as you might guess I have taken a little stick from the lads who enjoy winning while I am ruled out! I don't mind that, because like the rest of us I desperately want to see us get out of trouble.

We have played some decent football in spells in recent games, but have suffered for not producing it over the whole 90 minutes of games. On

Tuesday it was Peterborough's turn to suffer, and while the result looks close, I think we were much the better team.

We needed the good result after the disappointment at Reading, which was an unhappy afternoon in several ways - for me, Paul McLaren and Liam George, who all got injured, and for the team. The performance was not as bad as a 4-1 defeat sounds, but we knew it was not good enough. As always, it was one of those "if only" days. We would have settled much better if we had converted one or two of the early chances we created. We might also have got back into it after Lee Nogan reduced the arrears if only we had been able to defend better against Reading's million-pound front two.

When you look at the set-up at the Madejski Stadium, and the money they have invested in players, you can see why Reading are among the favourites for promotion this season.

We face a similar challenge this afternoon, and we do not need telling that we must play well to have a chance of beating Wigan. It will be nice for Bruce Rioch to come back as a manager, and I don't doubt he will have his team all fired up as they come into the game just one point off the top two.

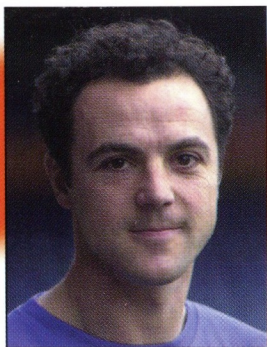
I suspect Wigan fans will look at our home record and fancy their chances. We too need to look at those statistics and remind ourselves how important it is for us to continue where we left off on Boxing Day to put another improvement on our Kenilworth Road sequence. We must also be mindful that we must play well, at a good tempo, for all of the game. Hopefully, if we get a good early start again, we can do the job, and I will be shouting my head off from the stands.

In wishing all supporters a very happy new year, I would like to express the thanks of all of us for the backing we have received. Even at Reading, when we gave you so little to cheer about, we heard you from first whistle to last, and the roars that accompanied the Boxing Day action played an important part in the victory we all wanted. Let's hope we have reason to roar the lads on to another good result this afternoon.

*Marvin Johnson*

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# Treatment Room

Bruce Sewell

THERE IS a mixture of news from the treatment room

today, with some players close to full fitness again, but others facing a period out of competitive football.

We picked up three injuries at Reading, resulting in the team against Peterborough being denied the services of Marvin Johnson, Paul McLaren and Liam George. and I very much doubt if any of them will be close to a return today.

Johnson suffered what seems to be a recurrence of his neck injury, and was due to have another scan yesterday. That follows a scan a week or two ago, and when we get the results it will show us whether his condition has deteriorated. The injury is a prolapsed disc near his neck, which affects his shoulder. Until we have more information we have decided that he should do no training, purely as a precaution, and the scan results might also enable us to give the player a forecast of how long he will be under treatment before he plays again. He has little or no chance of being considered for today's game.

Liam George is also unlikely to figure in the team after being unlucky with injuries to his right thigh. There are two areas causing him pain, at least one of which was caused by a kick. The second area of bruising was caused at Reading, where he had to be substituted, and for some days he was unable to run properly. He is coming on well, and doing rehabilitation work, but might well need more time to regain full fitness.

Paul McLaren is another who has had a scan, and at the time of writing results were awaited to assess the seriousness of his knee injury. It looks like a slight rupture or tear in a ligament, potentially tricky to diagnose. We can be more positive about the required treatment when the scan results are to hand, but he knows that it is possible he will be on the

injured list for a week or two, maybe more. There is better news of Julian Watts, whose hamstring injury kept him out of the team at Reading and on Boxing Day. It is clearing up, although when he trained the day before the Reading game he felt some soreness, and had to ease off. However, he was going well this week, and I was able to put him through his paces on a five-mile run - on the treadmill in the gym, which was somewhat more comfortable than if we had sent him out across Dallow hills! I was expecting him to join in a full training session yesterday, and he might have a chance of being available for selection today.

Peter Thomson is also getting close, and is now able to run without pain after treatment for his foot injury, while Stuart Douglas is also doing very well after his troublesome hamstring problems.

He is a model professional in the way he has coped with the injury and treatment requirements, and is very keen to be involved again as soon as possible. You might have noticed that on Boxing Day he went out with the rest of the players before kick-off to warm up for a game he was not playing in. His target is to return with the reserves at Norwich on Thursday, and if he gets through that without adverse reaction he could well be in with a chance of being involved in the cup-tie against QPR next Saturday.

A bit of illness struck the camp in midweek, after the Peterborough match, with Stuart Fraser and Emmerson Boyce both feeling unwell the day afterwards. It was a flu-type bug that affected Fraser, while Boyce has had some difficulty with his breathing after cauterisation to cure a tendency to suffer nose-bleeds. The club doctor has had a good look at them both, and the verdict is that they are minor problems, and nothing to worry about.

*Bruce Sewell*

# Hatters Chatter

Century Club's Gift



WHEN Clive Goodyear signed off as physio last month, he made a point of mentioning in his last matchday magazine column the generosity he and the club receive from fans.

Specialist equipment for the treatment room is expensive, and continually in need of updating as modern developments see ever-improving medical gear comes into service.

Our picture illustrates the point. It was taken in the Century Club, and the piece of equipment on show is the latest to be bought by our supporters there for the physio's room.

It is called an interferential, for pain relief. It costs several thousand pounds, and the Century Club, who meet on matchdays underneath the main stand, raised the money for it.

They hold raffles and other fund-raising exercises throughout the season, and donate the proceeds to the club. On this occasion they asked Clive what he needed within their budget, and then delivered. New physio Bruce Sewell and the Town players are now feeling the benefit.

The Century Club has been going strong for over 20 years, born out of the old vice-presidents club set up by Harry Haslam as one of the ways of staving off bankruptcy in 1975.

It became the Century Club when it offered membership to 100 fans, for £100 a year. Those were the days! Inflation over 25 years has seen the subs rise on a par with match tickets, and the old idea of 100 members has had to be pared down a little because of modern health and safety requirements.

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Saturday January 6, 2001, kick-off 3pm.

See page opposite for details.



### Luton Town v Wycombe Wdrs

Friday January 12, 2001, kick-off 7.45pm

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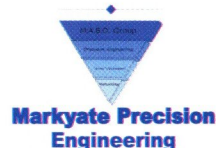
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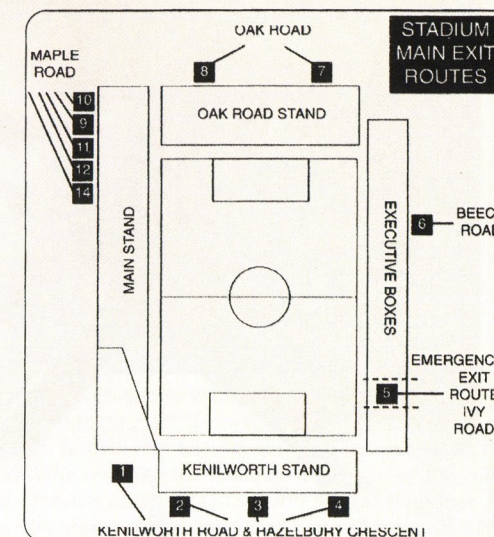
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He comes to games with his father and brother Jamie, and today they will see him play his part in the pre-match formalities, running out onto the pitch with his favourite team for the kick-about and toss of the coin. But there is much more to being mascot than that public aspect of the treat. Christian will meet his heroes at close quarters in the dressing room - including, his favourite player Matthew Spring - and have a look at what goes on behind the scenes on a match day.

There will of course be a free match programme, complete with this write-up, and various other little treats, including souvenir photographs of the day. As well as following Luton Town, Christian likes motor cycle racing, and he also plays football, for Crawley Rams.

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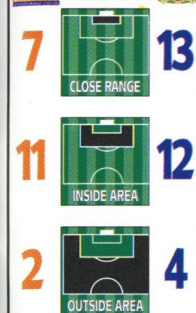
## Goalscoring Head 2 Head

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

## Stats&Facts

supplied by FIS stats don't include Christmas games

### Where



### How



**Top League Scorers**

**11** Liam George (Luton Town) vs **9** Simon Haworth (Wigan Athletic)

20 in 20 games Team Goals 29 in 21 games  
1 goals Ratio per Game 1.38 goals

3 in 20 games Player's Goals 7 in 11 games  
0.15 goals Ratio per Game 0.64 goals

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

5  
4  
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1

Hatters' goals scored are indicated in orange and conceded in green.

### IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)

0 (0pts)	Games Won -> Drawn	2 (4pts)
0 (0pts)	Games Won -> Lost	1 (3pts)
1 (1pts)	Games Drawn -> Lost	1 (1pts)
1	Number of points gained	8

### SCORING SEQUENCES

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

**CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING**

1	2 Games	2
1	3 Games	0
3	4 Games	0
8 games	Maximum Dry Spell	2 games

### Hatters' Results

LUTON TOWN GOALS

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	2	1						
1	2	3	2					
2	1	2						
3	3	1	1					
4	1		1					
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shows the number of results for each scoreline.  
eg. Luton have won 2 games 3-1

### Latics' Results

WIGAN GOALS

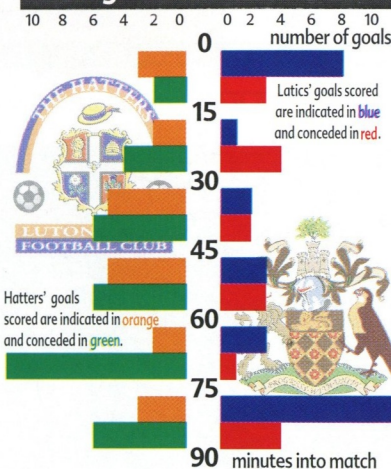
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eg. Wigan have won 4 games 1-0 and won 2 games 3-1

### Seasonal Progress Comparison



### When goals scored & conceded



### Average time of Scoring / Conceding

90 mins	All Goals for	65 mins
100 mins	Home Goals For	56 mins
82 mins	Away Goals For	76 mins
50 mins	All Goals Against	111 mins
50 mins	Home Goals Against	150 mins
50 mins	Away Goals Against	90 mins

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

### Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Hatters	: LLDWLSLLWL	F 11 A 19 Pts 8
Latics	: DWWWSWWSSW	F 13 A 6 Pts 22

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

### Wigan Athletic's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	3	3	1	Griffiths/Page	12	2,883
91/92	2	3	2	Worthington	15	2,848
92/93	2	2	2	Griffiths	13	2,592
93/94	3	3	1	Lyons	11	1,897
94/95	3	2	2	Lyons	15	1,748
95/96	3	3	1	Diaz	10	2,856
96/97	3	1	1	Jones	31	3,899
97/98	2	3	1	Lowe	16	3,968
98/99	2	2	2	Barlow	19	4,250
99/00	2	3	2	Barlow	18	7,007

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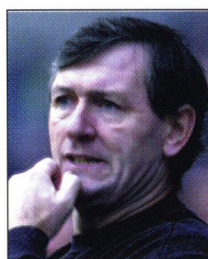


# Today's Visitors

## Wigan Athletic



### Wigan Athletic F.C.



#### BRUCE RIOCH - MANAGER

Bruce was appointed as Manager in June 2000. Won 24 Scottish International caps before starting his managerial career at Torquay. Went on to manage Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton, Arsenal and Norwich before moving to the JJB. Recently won the Manager of the Month award for November.

#### NO 1 - ROY CARROLL - GOALKEEPER

A then club record £350,000 was paid to Hull City to secure the services of this outstanding young keeper. The usual first choice in goal for his country Northern Ireland he is the most capped player in the clubs history.

#### NO 13 - DEREK STILLIE - GOALKEEPER

Scottish goalkeeper who signed from Aberdeen at the start of the 1999-2000 season. Made 18 appearances last season and produced some quality displays notably in the two play off matches against Millwall that were enough to earn him a new improved contract at the start of this season.

#### NO 5 - STUART BALMER - DEFENDER

A £200,000 capture from Charlton Athletic in September 98, Falkirk born Stuart made over 200 appearances at the Valley and helped the London Club gain promotion to the Premier League. He is a consistently solid performer at the heart of the defence.

#### NO 2 - CARL BRADSHAW - DEFENDER

As captain in 1999 he lifted the Auto Windscreens Shield at Wembley. Carl is a very

versatile player who signed for the club in October 97. Previous Clubs include Norwich City and both the Sheffield Clubs. His favoured position is right back though he can play in midfield, and famously played in goal for 35 minutes when Roy Carroll was stretchered off against Wycombe a game which Wigan went on to win.

#### NO 6 - ARJAN DE ZEEUW - DEFENDER

Experienced Dutch Centre Half who joined the club in July 99 from Barnsley. He helped them to promotion to the Premier League where he remained a regular in the starting line-up. Scored three goals last season and was controversially denied a fourth at Wembley when his goal bound header crossed the line but was not allowed. Won the players' player of the year award last season and is the current team captain.

#### NO17 - HUGH DICKSON - DEFENDER

Promising young Irish centre back who joined the Club in August 2000 after impressing with his displays for Glentoran last season, where he played in the Irish Cup Final.

#### NO14 - SCOTT GREEN - DEFENDER

Scott signed for Wigan in June 1997 from nearby Bolton Wanderers for a £300,000 fee and went on to score on his Wigan Athletic league debut. A versatile performer he has played at right back, right wing back, central defence centre forward and midfield. He signed a new three-year contract in July 2000.

#### NO15 - GARETH GRIFFITHS - DEFENDER

Signed from Port Vale in the summer of 98 on a free transfer under the Bosman ruling. A tall Central Defender he will always give 100% for the cause. Scored with a bullet header recently against Rotherham.

#### NO4 - PAT MCGIBBON - DEFENDER

Pat is a Northern Ireland International who signed from Manchester United in July 1997 in a deal that finally cost Wigan £380,000. Famously scored the goal against Colchester in 1997 that secured Wigan's promotion to Division Two, and got the last ever League goal at Springfield Park.. Signed a new two-year deal in July 2000.

#### NO 28 - FRANCIS MCMAHON - DEFENDER

Left sided first year professional from Rainhill who has yet to make a senior first team appearance.

#### NO 24 - PAUL MITCHELL - DEFENDER

Manchester born Paul is a first year professional who made his debut as a substitute in the A.W.S win over Burnley in December 1999.. He is a good footballing centre half who looks to have a bright future in the game.

#### NO 11 - GINO PADULA - DEFENDER

The Argentinean born left back was signed in July 2000 on a free transfer under the Bosman ruling. Played in Division One last season with Walsall and won the Saddlers player of the year award.

#### NO 3 - KEVIN SHARP - DEFENDER

Signed from Leeds United in November 95 for a then record £100,000. Canadian born Kevin is the regular choice at left back having made over 160 appearances for the club.

#### NO 19 - STEFAN BIDSTRUP - MIDFIELDER

Danish Midfielder who signed from Lyngby in November 2000 for an undisclosed fee. Stefan has a tremendous work-rate in the centre of the park and scored on his first start for Latics in the FA Cup victory over Dorchester Town.

#### NO 18 - IAN KILFORD - MIDFIELDER

Bristol born Ian came to Wigan from Nottingham Forest in 1993 and is the clubs longest serving player. A tireless worker, he signed a new two-year deal at the start of this season, he is a pacey player with an eye for a goal who can play in a variety of positions, preferring central midfield.



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**NO 16 - ROBERTO MARTINEZ - MIDFIELDER**

Signed from Spanish Second Division side CF Balaguer in 1995, Roberto was Latics top scorer in his first season in England with thirteen goals. Twice named in the PFA Division

Three team he is the only one of Wigan's three amigos still at the club.

**NO 21 - BRIAN MCLAUGHLIN - MIDFIELDER**

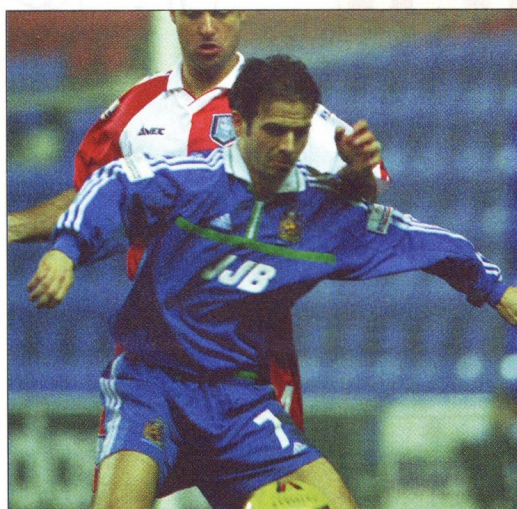
Scottish left winger who signed on a free transfer from Dundee United in the summer of 1999. Spent most of his career with Glasgow Celtic and was unable to break into the Latics first team last term. This season he has been a regular in the starting line up.

**NO 34 - ALAN MCLOUGHLIN - MIDFIELDER**

Irish International midfielder who signed from Portsmouth for a fee of £260,000 in December 99. Scored after just 52 seconds of his third game for Latics in the 2-0 victory over Gillingham.

**NO 23 - ANDREW MORRIS - MIDFIELDER**

First year professional who made his debut as a substitute in the AutoWindscreens Shield win over Burnley last term. During extra time he scored the winning golden goal to cap a tremendous night for him.



**NO 8 - KEVIN NICHOLLS - MIDFIELDER**

Promising young midfielder signed in June 99 from Charlton Athletic in a deal which could net the addicks up to £600,000. Kevin captained the England Under 18's side and came through the ranks at the Valley.

**NO 32 - NEIL REDFEARN - MIDFIELDER**

The much-travelled midfielder signed for Latics in March 2000 from Premiership side Bradford City. Made an impressive start to his Wigan career with six goals in his first ten games.

**NO 22 - DARREN SHERIDAN - MIDFIELDER**

Combative central midfielder whom Director of Football John Benson when at Barnsley originally signed from non-league Winsford United. Spent his whole professional league career with the Tykes making over twenty appearances in the Premier League before joining Wigan in July 99. Scored the goal against Millwall that took Wigan to the play-off final, one of three last season.

**NO 10 - LEE ASHCROFT - FORWARD**

The former Preston North End and West Bromwich Albion striker signed from Grimsby Town just before the start of this season. Scored twice at Brentford recently.



**NO 9 - SIMON HAWORTH - FORWARD**

At £600,000 Simon is the club's record signing arriving from Coventry in October 98. Capped 5 times for the full Welsh squad, he also became a regular in the U21 team. Started his career with Cardiff City for whom he once scored the winner against Wigan. Scored Latics first ever goal at the JJB Stadium, and followed this up with the first ever hat-trick at the Stadium against Colchester this season. 19 goals last term.

**NO 7 - ANDY LIDDELL - FORWARD**

Hard-working striker signed from Barnsley for a bargain £375,000 in October 1998. Spent his whole career at Oakwell and was part of the side that took Barnsley to the Premier League. Won 11 Scottish U21 caps, his father Gary was a professional with Grimsby Town in the 1970's. Andy won the 1999-2000 player of the year award, voted for by the fans.

**NO 12 - NEIL ROBERTS - FORWARD**

Latics first signing of the millennium came on February 18th 2000 when Neil signed in a

£450,000 deal from Wrexham. Capped for Wales at U21 and Full level, Neil is an exciting young prospect who netted his first for Latics at Bournemouth on the final day of last season.







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## Town Teaser

IT'S a welcome back to Kenilworth Road today for another old Luton Town favourite, and he is the subject of our Town Teaser this afternoon.

Just for fun - and this is not the subject of our prize competition - you might like to test your knowledge on naming the six former Town players who are now managers in the Second Division. If you know that, you will know the answer to today's Town trivia question

At the Boxing Day game the question was about where Barry Fry and Lil Fuccillo worked together in the Midlands as a manager and assistant, and the answer was Birmingham City

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

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# Photo Action

## Luton Town 2 Darlington 0



**MAIN PICTURE:** We're on our way - Lee Nogan has struck the first blow to dump his old club out of the FA Cup, and takes the applause of the Kenilworth Road crowd.

**LEFT:** Well done, skipper - Paul McLaren's drive has finished off the opposition, and the delight shows as Adrian Whitbread, Matthew Taylor and Andrew Fotiadis are first to offer their congratulations.

**ABOVE:** Straining every muscle - Matthew Taylor jumps to it.

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# Hatters Abroad

OUR supporters are a well-travelled lot, and the name of Luton is also to be found all over the world, as today's photograph shows.

The Lutonian Belle bridal boutique is in Sarnia, Ontario, and as you might guess is run by a family who moved home across the Atlantic from Luton.

Caz Mears, from Brook Street, Luton, a season ticket holder in the Kenilworth Stand, sent us the picture. A Town supporter since 1957, when she was a schoolgirl, she is the lady proudly wearing her Hatters shirt, on the right of the picture after a holiday trip to Canada.

On the left is Viv Summerlin, who now lives in Canada. She and her husband were both keen Luton Town fans before leaving for a new life in 1987.

Next to Viv are Karen Hills and her father Brian. Karen, who used to be in the Luton Girls Choir, is the owner of the boutique, and responsible for its name providing a reminder of her home town. Pride of place on her display inside the shop, reports Caz after her holiday trip to Canada, is a Luton Town straw hat.

If you look carefully you might be able to see that Brian Hills is wearing a Luton Town baseball cap. He too is a life-long Town fan. He worked for SKF in Luton for nearly a quarter of a century, leaving for a new life in Canada eight years ago. "Every game we play he still listens for our results," reports Caz.



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.

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# Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

## Good start leads to record win

Many changes took part at Kenilworth Road during the summer of 1933 for, despite having reached the F.A.Cup quarter-finals for the first time in their history the previous season, a fairly low Division Three placing had caused much rumbling of discontent behind the scenes. With crowds dipping to just over 2,000 something had to be done and following a lively Annual General Meeting a complete re-shuffle of the board took place with Charles Jeyes replacing Ernest Gibbs as Chairman and two directors leaving with two new faces being drafted in. The new Chairman's first duty was to warn manager Harold Wightman that another poor league showing would not be tolerated.

Wightman took on board this threat to his position and decided on a major cull of his playing staff retaining only ten from the previous campaign. He then decided that the new recruits on the playing side should be experienced with the majority of his new signings having played in the top flight at some time in their career. George Martin, who had played alongside Dixie Dean at Everton, and who was later to manage the Hatters on two occasions was the most famous of the new signings but Bill Pease from Middlesbrough had played for England a few seasons before.

The new season kicked off with a game at near neighbours Northampton, with the Town running out victors away from home for the first time since the previous Boxing Day. The 3-2 win was a personal triumph for centre-forward, Tom Tait, who bagged all three Luton goals to add to the 43 he had already scored in the clubs colours in only 69 starts since signing from Bolton two years previously.

The first home game came two days later on Bank Holiday Monday with relegated Charlton the visitors. A crowd of 11,904 turned out to see Tait on target again in a 2-1 victory, with that other prolific marksman, Andy Rennie, net-

ting the other. This game marked the return to the side of full-back Tom Mackey who, after reporting for pre-season training, returned home to apparently join the Police Force! The supposed internal dispute was eventually sorted out, thus enabling Mackey to resume his illustrious Town career which continued in a coaching capacity once his playing days were over. The second home game of the season, played on a Saturday, was to prove an attendance barometer as far as the directors were concerned. They were more than pleased when 10,745 filed through the turnstiles to see if the good start could be maintained at the expense of Torquay United.

The supporters were disappointed to hear that Tait had suffered a leg injury during training and was unable to play. His place was taken by Tom Bell whose first professional club was Torquay. Coincidentally, Torquay included Albert Hutchinson who started his career with the Hatters.

The game began very evenly with both sides having difficulty in controlling the bouncing ball, but gradually the Town got on top and it came as no real surprise when Rennie opened the scoring after 20 minutes with a tap-in, following unselfish play by Bell.

The Hatters were denied a penalty ten minutes later when Torquay's Don Welsh blatantly handled a shot from Martin but soon after Rennie was on the spot to hit home number two after a strike from Bell rebounded off the bar.

The rest of the half was all Luton, with the unlucky Bell heading against a post and shots from Rennie and skipper Fred Kean being brilliantly saved by Percy Maggs in the Torquay goal.

The Torquay players came out for the second half determined to play with a vengeance, having had a good talking to during the interval. They soon reduced the arrears when Welsh



*The Hatters line-up during the 1933-34 campaign.*

*Back row (left to right); McGinnigle, Pakes (trainer), Mackey, Harford, Reece, Fraser.  
Front row (left to right); Pease, Martin, Bell, Kean, Rennie, Hutchinson.*

scored direct from a free kick after Martin had upended George Stabb on the edge of the box. For a time, Torquay had the upper hand, but when Welsh punched away a cross from Martin in the area, the referee was alive to the offence this time, and Kean made no mistake from the resultant penalty.

It was now the Town's turn to force the issue and soon after, Bell got the goal his unselfish play deserved, when he headed home a cross from Pease. Two minutes later, George Pearson set up a simple chance for Rennie and, straight from the restart, Bell took the ball past two defenders and the goalkeeper to literally walk it into the net. This devastating spell of play had therefore resulted in four goals in only five minutes.

The Hatters were now rampant and five minutes later Martin, despite being fouled by Torquay's Lew Tapp, managed to get his shot in as Maggs advanced for goal number seven and the same player cleverly backheeled number eight after a hard cross from Pearson had rebounded off a defender.

Despite all the heavy pressure, Torquay still tried to make a game of it and managed to break upfield and, with the Luton defence scattered, Hutchinson headed home a long cross to reduce the deficit a shade. The Hatters were soon back on top, however, and with the final minutes ticking away Pease scored the goal his good play deserved before Rennie knocked in his fourth and the Town's tenth.

This amazing 10-2 win was obviously a record for the Town at the time and everyone thought it would stand forever but the exploits of a certain Joe Payne, a couple of years later, knocked that on the head. But that is another story!

**Luton:** Mittell, Kingham, Mackey, Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser, Pease, Martin, Bell, Rennie, Pearson.

**Torquay:** Maggs, Fowler, Tapp, Lievesley, Welsh, Pickersgill, Steele, Harker, Stabb, Hutchinson, Ryder.

*Roger Wash*

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at 4 pm to 5.00 pm  
School Years 4 to 8  
at 5pm to 6pm

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School Years 4 to 8  
at 5pm to 6pm

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**THURSDAYS**  
Manshead Upper School  
School Years 1 to 3  
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School Years 4 to 8  
at 7pm to 8pm

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School Years 3 to 4  
at 5 pm to 6pm

#### HARLINGTON

**THURSDAYS**  
Harlington Upper School  
School Years 1 to 3  
at 6pm to 7pm

School Years 4 to 8  
at 7pm to 8pm

#### BEDFORD

**MONDAYS**  
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at 4pm to 5pm

School Years 3 to 4  
at 5pm to 6pm

#### TUESDAYS

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## Community & Schools Football Programme



### McDonald's under 9's and 10's Indoor 6-a-side Football Tournament

**Saturday 23rd December 2000**

**Luton Regional Sports Centre, Stopsley, LUTON**

Last Saturday we held our annual indoor tournament up at the Regional Sports Centre for all of our local youth teams. This year we held the tournament in partnership with our Youth Development Programme and all of the boys taking part were closely looked at with a view to joining our Centres of Excellence coaching programme.

In all 24 teams took part and today on the pitch both of the finals are due to be played. These notes were written prior to the tournament so good luck today to all of the teams who have made both the under 9 and 10 finals.

Pictured are last seasons finalists from Houghton Conquest F.C. and Icknield Youth F.C.

#### Teams taking part were:

Crawley Rams City - Bushmead Juniors - Icknield Youth - Caddington Youth - Leighton United - Houghton Regis Youth - Leighton Town - Dunstable Colts - St Joseph's Youth - Lancot lower - Vauxhall - Leighton Corinthians - Sacred Heart - Hadrian Lower - Ramsey Manor



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Yes 20,000 is the incredible number of local schoolchildren who have received free coaching from the Hatters since our School Visits project began in January 1999, almost two years ago.

During that time we have visited over 100 individual schools covering over 70,000 miles throughout Beds, Herts and Bucks. Our total number of visits has just passed the 650 mark.

All in all that's an awful lot of footballs that have been kicked, thrown, headed and occasionally passed by an awful lot of children - all with Luton Town Football Club.

Much of the schemes popularity goes down to the quality of our full time Football Development Officers, Ben Smith and Simon King and the coaching they deliver. We doubt there are two more in demand coaches than these two at any Club in the Country - shame they can't play!

And of course what can we say about our sponsors NTL. Well quite simply guys - we could not have done it without you, your support has been fantastic. Special mention should go to both Richard Pettifer and Andy Jones in particular for their support. As a Club having NTL involved with our Community scheme has been of immeasurable importance - without them this scheme would not exist.

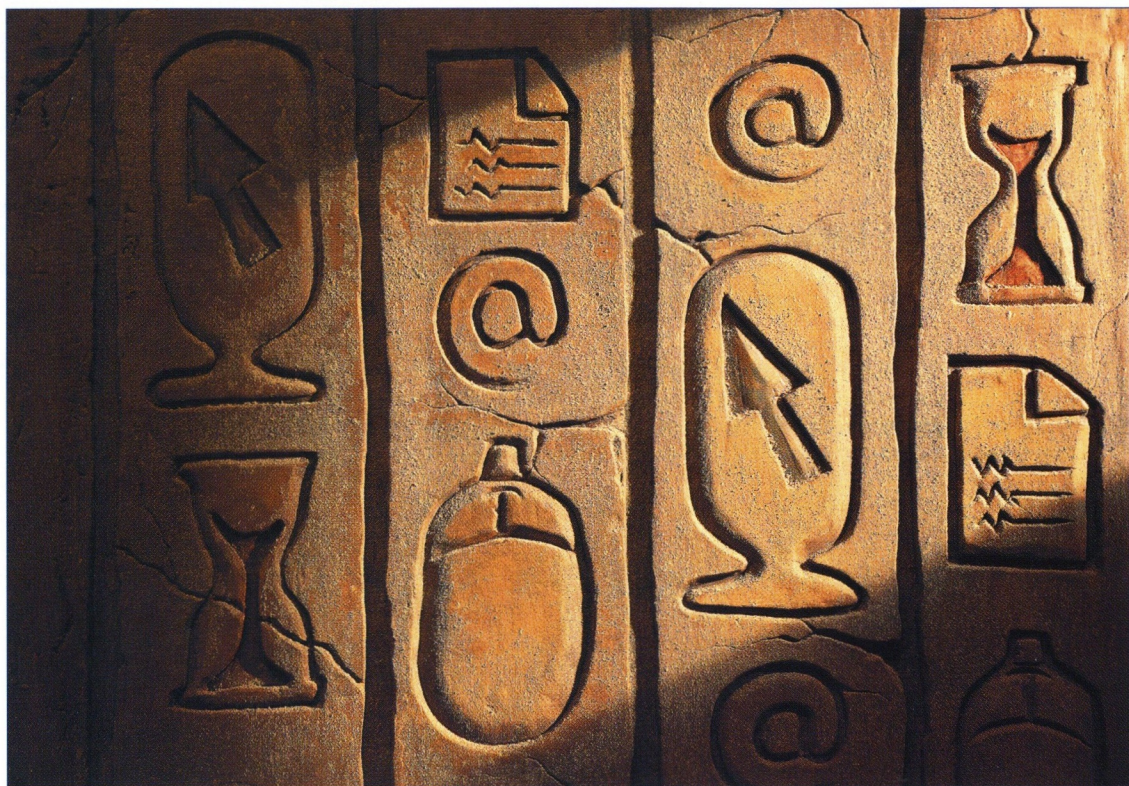
Finally, thanks to all those schools who have taken part we hope you have enjoyed the addition to your curriculum. To find out more about the Schools Visit Project simply ring the Club on 01582 411622.





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# Junior Hatters

TWO mascots enjoyed themselves at the Darlington FA Cup replay, with the result making it a perfect night out for them both. Pictured in the centre circle before kick-off are 11-year-old Mark Glendenning, who was mascot for the Junior Hatters, and Joshua Corkhill, 7, who was the commercial mascot.

THE Junior Hatters offer a warm welcome today to their friends from the Junior Latics, our counterparts at Wigan, who joined us this morning for a ten-pin bowling tournament, and a basket meal, at The Galaxy.

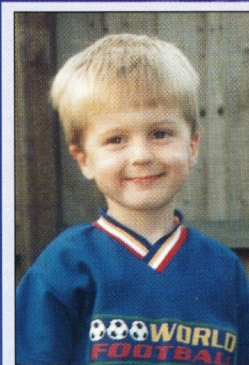
We hope they enjoy their day with us, and go home feeling they have had a good day out even if their team loses!

We were very well entertained at Reading, for the Town's match there on Saturday, and we kick off the New Year with another visit, to our old friends at Bournemouth, on New Year's Day. We had some vacancies on the coach as we went to press, and if you want to go please check as soon as possible with the club shop in Kenilworth Road - today is the last chance to book. We will leave Luton at 9.30, and play football against the young Cherries before watching the Town's match. The price is £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for guests.

Bournemouth have invited us take a mascot, and as usual the choice will be made by lucky dip during the coach journey. Junior Hatters wanting to be in the draw for that should make sure they bring their Town kit with them.



## Today's Mascot



THREE weeks before his seventh birthday, Sam Ryman-Tubb received an early present when his name was picked out of the computerised boater to be today's Junior Hatters mascot.

He comes from Evesham Close, Wellingborough, but along with his dad and brother he is a regular at Luton Town matches.

He goes to Earls Barton Infants School, and plays football for Earls Barton under-8s, and as well as football he likes drawing and swimming. Today he gets to meet all the Town players, and join in the pre-match rituals on the pitch, and with luck he will meet and talk to his favourite player, Stuart Douglas.

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## Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

THIS time of year is a busy period for footballers and supporters. Take, for instance, 80 years ago, in Luton's first season in the Third Division, when they were in action four times in eight days. Clubs played on Christmas Day, with the return fixture against the same opposition taking place on Boxing Day. However, in 1920 Boxing Day fell on a Sunday, so the away match with Southampton had to wait until the Monday. The Town then had home games with Gillingham and Bristol Rovers on the Tuesday and the following Saturday, New Year's Day.

Many of the men who turned out for the Hatters over this hectic period were featured on a mammoth series of miniature photos which were issued with Godfrey Phillips's Pinnacle brand of cigarettes. Among them were Ernie Simms, Louis Bookman and Allan Mathieson, who all figured in the following October's Ireland v England international, plus Luton's captain, Alf Tirrell, who was on card No. 763.

He was born in Desborough, Northants, on February 7, 1894, and joined Desborough Town at the start of the 1911-12 season. He moved to Peterborough a few months later, and in the following year he signed for West Ham, who were then, like Luton, in the Southern League.

He had to wait until 1914 to make his senior debut for the Hammers, but in the 1914-15 season the tall well-built full-back made half a dozen more appearances before the First World War interrupted his career.

Tirrell came to Kenilworth Road just before the 1920-21 season, when the Southern League's First Division was accepted en bloc into the Football League. He was probably glad to miss the Town's opening fixture - a 9-1 drubbing at Swindon. He was in at left back two days later in

a 2-2 home draw with Portsmouth, and was soon appointed captain. Like most full-backs of that era he was powerfully-built, weighing over 13 stone, and possessed a hefty kick, often put to good use with free kicks, from which he scored several important goals.

Luton's form was reasonable up to Christmas, when they had won eight of their 18 league games. Christmas and Boxing Day brought two 1-1 draws with Southampton before Gillingham were thumped 5-0 at Kenilworth Road.

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Mathieson and Harry Higginbotham each scored twice, with locally-born Sid Hoar getting the other goal. All three can be found in the Pinnacle series, on cards numbered 1110, 767 and 766 respectively. Unfortunately the Town did not start the New Year in the same vein, as Bristol Rovers won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road on January 1.

Tirrell then led the side to what is today's equivalent of the fifth round of the FA Cup. After beating Second Division sides Rotherham County, Birmingham and South Shields, Luton went out 3-2 in February to high-flying Preston in front of a then record Kenilworth

Road crowd of 17,754.

Over the next few seasons Tirrell maintained his consistent form, and was regarded as one of the cleanest and most sporting defenders in the Third Division. He was eventually forced to retire following an injury received at Portsmouth in September 1923, after 130 first team outings. In total there are 20 Luton players featured in this series of 2,462 subjects. Some of these can also be found in larger-size format, but these command far more than the £1 to £2 which is the current catalogue price for the miniature versions.

*Alan Robinson*

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## Hatters Chatter Boss flies the Vauxhall flag

MANAGER Lil Fuccillo has put a little business the way of Vauxhall Motors to show his support for the car company workers whose jobs are under threat. Mulling over his choice of company car - he needs comfort and reliability to cover around 45,000 miles a year watching football all over the country - he decided on a Vectra as soon as he heard the bad news.

"I go on about wanting people in Luton to support the football club," he said. "It seemed only right that I should take the chance to show that I support Vauxhall."

His choice is a silver Vectra CD 1.8 automatic, and his early impressions are good. After covering 1,000 miles in his first week, he said: "It's a lovely car, quiet and very comfortable, and easy to drive. In a job like mine, that is important. If you are going to be travelling all over the country you want to do it in comfort. You don't need a flash car, just something that is easy and pleasant to drive."

"I felt for the Vauxhall workers when I heard the news that a lot of them are facing the sack. I know what it is like to suffer like that at this time of year. When I was manager of Peterborough we lost 2-1 at Watford on Boxing Day, and I was out of work

the next day. My children were young then, and they couldn't understand why dad was at home every day and not going to work like other dads. It was a horrible experience. It made me feel useless. I hope something can be done to save Vauxhall in Luton. I have always had terrific respect for their workers. When I was a young player Harry Haslam used to take us round the Vauxhall factory to see cars being mass-produced on the track.

"He used it as a kind of threat - he was telling us that if we had a chance to make it in football we should do everything possible to make the dream come true. We had to appreciate how lucky and privileged we were, because at the Vauxhall factory we saw men working so much harder than we ever did as footballers."

"The memory has stayed with me for ever. I suppose conditions are a lot better now than they were all those years ago, but I cannot help but admire those workers who turn out cars in Luton."

"I would like to think that by buying a Vectra I have done just a little bit towards showing those workers my thoughts for them. But the decision was not just sentiment - the Vectra is a very good car, and I'm very pleased with it."



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**Football League  
Youth Alliance**  
**Wycombe Wdrs 2 Luton Town 1**

ON A hard icy surface good football was almost impossible, and our final game of the year was a difficult physical test, and despite the result I was quite pleased with the way the boys responded. Wycombe were bigger and older than us, but we competed well, and I was delighted with the attitude and hard work put in by everyone.

My only criticism is that a couple of defensive errors undid the good work after we had taken the lead on 20 minutes. James Osborne slid a good pass through to Chris Dillon, and he slotted in his 14th goal of the season after cleverly side-stepping a defender and the goalkeeper.

It was a bit of a battle after that, on a difficult pitch and against a team which included ten third-year boys while our side included one schoolboy and five 16-year-olds.

We conceded a messy equaliser five minutes before the break, from a simple long ball hoofed down the middle. Our defenders were in place to clear, but the goalkeeper called for them to leave it to him, but then knocked his clearance straight to an opponent.

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

<b>AUG</b>				
16	Southend	H	2-2 Carroll, James-Barriteau	
26	L. Orient	A	0-4	
<b>SEPT</b>				
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
<b>OCT</b>				
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
31	FAYC1R Lincoln Utd	H	2-1	Clarke, Deeney
<b>NOV</b>				
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
<b>DEC</b>				
2	Northampton	H	postponed	
9	LC Cambridge Utd	H	2-2	Dillon, Murphy
16	Wycombe Wdrs	A	1-2	Dillon
<b>JAN</b>				
13	Barnet	H		
16	Manchester City	H		
20	Cambridge	A		
27	Brighton	A		
<b>FEB</b>				
3	Brentford	H		
10	Colchester	A		
17	Gillingham	H		

# Youth Soccer

## Brian Stein

The winner came 15 minutes from time, and again it was down to a mistake by us rather than good football by the opposition, and defensive concentration is something we will have to work on.

We had a few half-chances - enough to have won the game - but on a bone-hard pitch it was one of those days when things could have gone either way. And we were not helped when Robert Gillman was injured and unable to play in the second half.

However, I cannot fault the boys for attitude and effort, and a special word of praise is due to Steven O'Leary, a 15-year-old schoolboy, who has had a very good first half of the season.

**Luton Town:** Chatfield, Leary, James-Barriteau (Clarke 85 mins), Dogbe, Gillman (Deeney HT), Bruce, Osborne (Okai 75 mins), Mansell, Murphy, Dillon, O'Leary.

AFTER a holiday break in the Football League Youth Alliance we are due to resume on January 13 with a home game against Barnet, kick-off 11 am at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, Farley Hill. Spectators are welcome and there is no charge for admission. Our next FA Youth cup tie, at home to Manchester City, will be played at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday January 16, kick off 7.00pm.

**Appearances (as sub in brackets):** Dogbe 19, Mansell 19, Dillon 17(1), Bruce 17, Gillman 16, Leary 14(1), O'Leary 13(6), Clarke 12(5), Osborne 12(3), Deeney 12(2), Carroll 12(1), James-Barriteau 11(4), Ward 11, Chatfield 8, Jeffrey 3(8), Mortara 3, Murphy 3, Nurse 2(2), Foley 1(2), Meike 1(1), Carter 1, Minton 1, Okai 0(7), Koo-Boothe 0(1), Fashanu 0(1), Ramirez 0(1).

**Goals:** Dillon 14, 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**

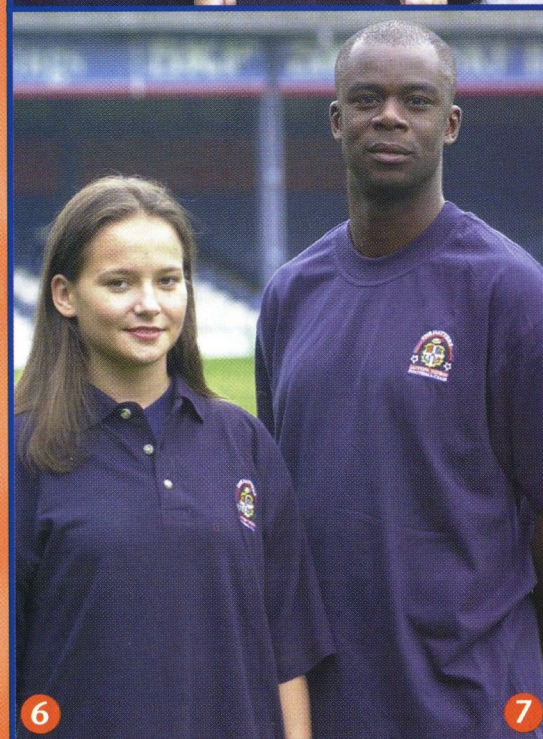
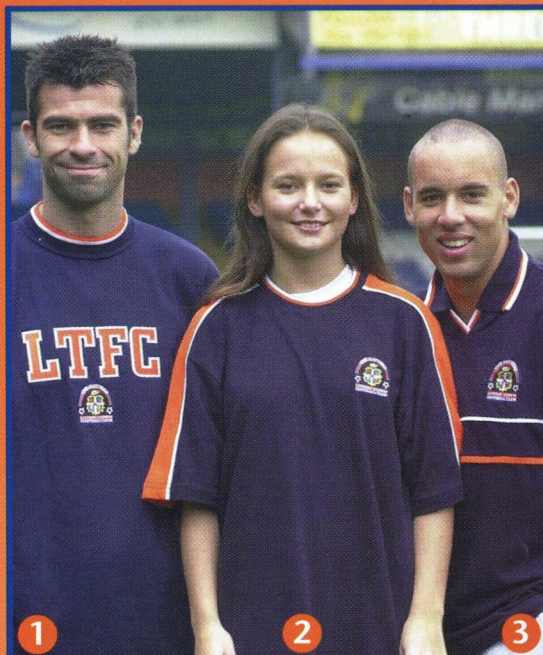
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge Utd	12	9	2	1	25	10	29
Colchester	14	8	2	4	29	19	26
Wycombe Wdrs	13	7	3	3	23	12	24
Brighton	9	7	1	1	19	8	22
Leyton Orient	13	5	5	3	31	19	20
Portsmouth	13	5	4	4	21	22	19
Brentford	14	4	6	4	23	19	18
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>
Gillingham	15	3	5	7	18	31	14
Southend	13	3	4	6	20	30	13
Northampton	15	1	4	10	13	34	7
Barnet	13	1	3	9	12	32	6

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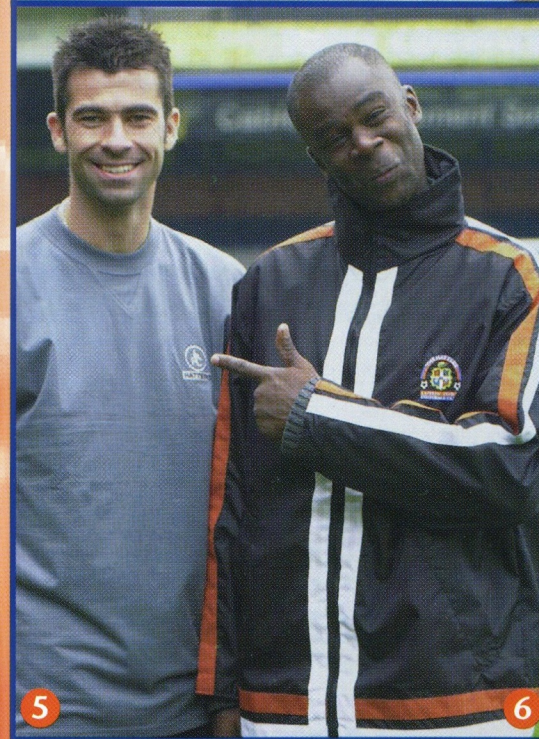
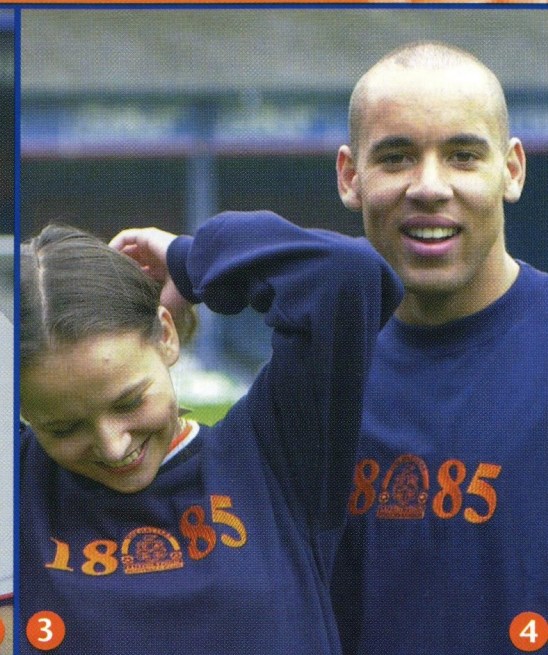
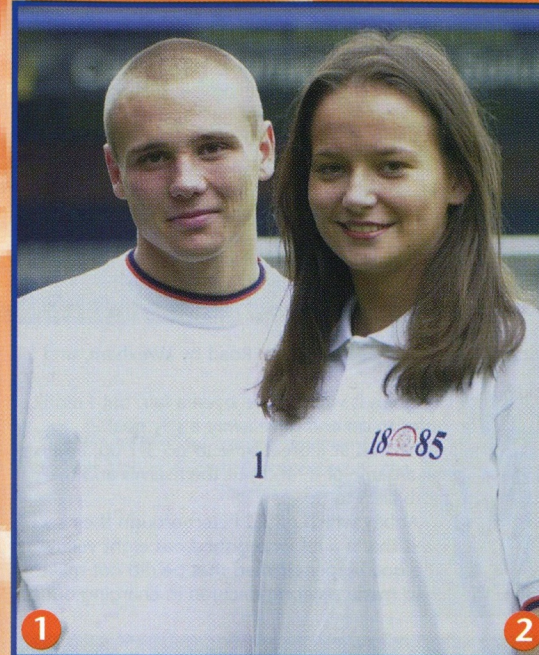


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## Luton Town 3 Peterborough 2 (HT 2-1)

NEITHER manager was too impressed by his team's efforts as the biggest crowd of the season enjoyed a cracking Boxing Day contest, with a nerve-tangling finale threatening to reduce Town fans to gibbering wrecks in the closing stages as we worried that precious points might be snatched away.

On chances created, especially in a scintillating first half-hour, the Town were worthy winners, and Barry Fry had no complaints about that.

"I am sure it was terrific entertainment for neutrals, if there were any," he said. "But I am totally disappointed with many of my players and with the three goals conceded. We were awful in the first 30 minutes - Luton slaughtered us. "We should have got back into it after scoring just before the interval, although Farrell's goal was lucky - it went through a defender's legs and unsighted the goalkeeper.

"Our last 20 minutes was OK but the game is over 90 minutes, and you can't give anyone a two-goal start. On the day Luton wanted it more than us. By the time we woke up and had a go it was too late."

Town fans know better than that, having seen a three-goal start blown away at Kenilworth Road by Wrexham, and Lil Fuccillo has not forgotten it, either.

"I was very annoyed with them at half-time," he said. "If we had got five goals it would have been a fair, but I didn't enjoy the first half because we took our foot off the pedal with 15 minutes to go and gave away a silly goal.

"At half time they got the biggest rollicking a team could have. Then we scored at a great time to go 3-1 up, and we had three great chances to finish it off. But no, Luton Town like to make a game of it, and put themselves and the fans under pressure. We did things you wouldn't expect professional footballers to do."

There were no complaints about the ref's penalty award against Nathan Abbey which gifted Peterborough their second goal to set up a nerve-jangling last 28 minutes. The boss was relieved that a ref who dished out eight yellow cards settled for that colour for Abbey, when it might have been red. The goalkeeper claimed that he did not make contact with Howard Forinton, but Fuccillo said even if he did not, he had made a wrong decision in charging out to the corner of his area to make the challenge.

And the boss's final words were of praise. "Our goals were great goals. The first half hour was good, and if we had a target man we would have scored more. Once the opposition scores self-doubt sets in but my last words to them were to say well done because we need results, no matter how we get them."

Posh goalkeeper Mark Tyler prevented the Town going five up in the first 25 minutes, after being beaten by Matthew Spring and Peter Holmes in the first 13. Holmes was in the side as an extra midfielder in place of injured Liam George, with Stuart Fraser deputising for Marvin Johnson and Adam Locke for Paul McLaren. Holmes enjoyed a day to remember, making the opening goal and then netting his first-ever in the League.

Emmerson Boyce was rewarded for his efforts early in the second half to make it 3-1, and Andrew Fotiadis might have had a hat-trick either side of the penalty which gave Peterborough the incentive to pile on pressure in the closing stages. And five minutes of stoppage time piled on the agony for us before a huge roar greeted the welcome final whistle.

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Abbey, Boyce, Whitbread, Fraser, Helin, Spring, Locke, Taylor, Holmes (Scarlett 75 mins), Fotiadis, Nogan (Kandol 76 mins). Unused subs Karlsen, Stirling, Ovendale.

**Booked:** Emmerson Boyce, 30 mins; Nathan Abbey, 67 mins; Andre Scarlett, 77 mins; Stuart Fraser, 84 mins, all for fouls; Andrew Fotiadis, 89 minutes for playing on after being given offside.

**Peterborough:** Tyler, Hooper (Green HT), Edwards, Rogers (Jelleyman 29 mins), Drury, Gill, Forsyth, Shields, Farrell, Clarke (Forinton 62 mins), McKenzie. Unused subs Cullen, Green.

**Booked:** Gareth Jelleyman, 47 mins, foul on Andrew Fotiadis; Dave Farrell, 52 mins, foul on Petri Helin; Leon McKenzie, 84 mins, foul on Stuart Fraser.

**The goals:** 1-0, 4 mins - Matthew Spring tremendous 20-yard strike after Peter Holmes's cross from the left was half-cleared; 2-0, 13 mins - Peter Holmes, his first senior goal, sliding in bravely to meet a low cross by Matthew Taylor following a sweeping move started by Fotiadis and Spring; 2-1 40 mins - Dave Farrell angled shot through a crowd of players after the Town defence got into a tangle trying to deal with a right wing diagonal cross by Matthew Gill; 3-1 48 mins - Emmerson Boyce, deflecting a drive by Adrian Whitbread after Matthew Taylor's thundering free kick was parried by the keeper; 3-2 68 mins - Leon McKenzie penalty after Nathan Abbey brought down Howard Forinton.

**Referee:** Barry Knight, Kent.

**Attendance:** Season's highest of 7,374, including 918 visiting fans.



ON OUR WAY: Matthew Spring, captain in the absence of Marvin Johnson and Paul McLaren, has given the Town an early lead, to the delight of Adam Locke, Peter Holmes and Matthew Taylor, although Peterborough's Andy Clarke is decidedly unimpressed.



THE WINNER: Goal-scorer Emmerson Boyce and Lee Nogan enjoy the moment when the Town went 3-1 ahead.

## Reading 4 Luton Town 1 (HT 2-0)

COMMENTS by the two managers summed up an unhappy start to the Christmas holiday for the Town against promotion-chasing opposition.

"We were desperate for the points, and it showed" said Reading boss Alan Pardew. "I felt Luton were always going to struggle physically. We didn't play well, but we will take that result."

For Lil Fuccillo it was the day when he accepted that there was too much dead wood within the club, and that his first team squad needed reinforcements.

"The difference on the day was that Reading had players who could score goals, and we hadn't," he said.

There were two brief spells when the Town looked capable of taking at least a point, an early flourish that came to nothing, and a short revival when they pulled back the deficit to 2-1.

Injuries didn't help, with Julian Watts sidelined, Marvin Johnson taken off after 23 minutes shortly after Reading had gone ahead, and Paul McLaren following on the motorised stretcher early in the second half.

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Abbey, Boyce, Whitbread, Johnson (Fraser 23 mins), Helin, Spring, McLaren (Locke 52 mins), Taylor, George (Baptiste 82 mins), Fotiadis, Nogan. Unused subs Scarlett, Ovendale.

**Booked:** Paul McLaren, 38 mins, Adrian Whitbread, 66 mins, Stuart Fraser, 89 mins, all for fouls.

**Reading:** Whitehead, Robinson, Viveash, Hunter, Caskey, Butler, Hodges (Igoe 69 mins), Cureton (Rougier 89 mins), Parkinson, Smith, Newman. Unused subs Gurney, Howie.

**Booked:** No-one.

**The goals:** 1-0, 21 mins - Barry Hunter close range shot following Darren Caskey's uncleared corner; 2-0 34 mins - Jamie Cureton, from another Caskey flag kick flicked on by Neil Smith; 2-1 68 mins - Lee Nogan forcing the ball in from close range after Reading were all over the place from Matthew Spring's far post corner; 3-1, 79 mins - Cureton shot after Martin Butler blocked a clearance attempt by Matthew Taylor and had a shot which Nathan Abbey parried; 4-1, 88 mins - Cureton header, unmarked on the far post to meet a deep free kick by Caskey.

**Referee:** Steve Tomlin.

**Attendance:** 10,771, including 1,010 Town supporters.

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## The Season

For Results, read across for home teams and down for visitors

	Bournemouth	Brentford	Bristol City	Bristol Rovers	Bury	Cambridge	Colchester	Luton	Millwall	Northampton	Notts County	Oldham	Oxford	Peterborough	Port Vale	Reading	Rotherham	Stoke	Swansea	Swindon	Walsall	Wigan	Wrexham	Wycombe
Bournemouth						1-1					0-1	1-1		2-1	1-1		0-1		2-0	3-0		0-0	1-2	
Brentford	3-2			2-6			1-0		1-1					1-0			0-3		0-0		2-1	2-2		0-0
Bristol City	3-3	1-2		4-1			1-1			4-0		0-2		2-1			1-1	1-2		0-1		1-1		
Bristol Rovers	1-1							3-3	1-2	0-1		0-2		1-1			1-1	0-3			0-0			
Bury	2-5			1-0			0-0	1-1		1-0		1-1			2-0	0-2					2-0		1-4	
Cambridge		1-1	1-0	0-3	0-1			2-1		1-2				0-0	4-0		6-1	1-1	3-3					
Colchester	3-1			2-1		2-0				0-2	2-0	1-1					0-1	0-1			0-2		1-1	0-0
Luton	1-0	3-1	0-3			0-3		0-1	0-2	0-1										2-3	0-0		3-4	
Millwall			1-1		4-0	3-1				0-1			5-0						1-0		2-0		1-0	1-2
Northampton	0-3	1-1								1-0	2-1						0-1	2-2		0-1			2-2	
Notts County		2-2		1-1	1-0	0-1			3-4							3-2			0-1	3-2		2-2		
Oldham			0-0			1-3			0-1		0-1		3-2	1-4	4-1				1-1	1-0				2-0
Oxford		0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1		0-0		3-1	2-3			0-1								0-2	3-4	
Peterborough				2-2	1-1		3-1	3-0	1-4		1-0				2-0	1-0			0-2	4-0			1-0	
Port Vale		1-1	1-2				3-1	3-0	1-1	2-2			3-0			0-1				3-0				0-1
Reading		4-0				3-0	0-1				5-0	4-3					3-3	5-1	2-0			4-1	2-0	
Rotherham				1-2				1-1	3-2		3-0	3-1	3-0		1-3				4-2		2-3	1-1		1-0
Stoke	2-1							1-3	3-2		0-1	0-1	4-0	3-0			1-1							0-0
Swansea			2-2	0-0	0-2		0-2	4-0				1-2		0-1				2-1		0-0		0-0		
Swindon				1-3		3-1	0-0		0-2			2-1					2-1	0-3			1-4	2-2	2-2	1-1
Walsall		1-1	0-0							3-0	5-1	3-2	3-2	1-1	2-1	1-1		3-0				2-0		
Wigan					1-0	2-1	3-1	2-1	1-0	2-1		3-1		1-0										2-1
Wrexham		2-1	0-2	1-0		2-2					3-1						1-3	1-2	1-0		0-1	1-3		0-0
Wycombe	0-3		1-2	0-1	2-1			1-1		1-0	3-1		3-1	2-0							3-1			

## When Goals Scored

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
AFC Bournemouth	4	5	4	5	5	8
Brentford	3	3	1	3	3	9
Bristol City	5	4	7	3	10	5
Bristol Rovers	4	3	7	4	3	3
Bury	1	0	3	6	3	6
Cambridge Utd	2	6	6	6	5	5
Colchester Utd	2	2	7	2	5	3
Luton Town	3	2	5	5	2	3
Millwall	8	4	8	4	6	10
Northampton T.	3	4	5	2	4	4
Notts County	2	2	5	4	1	10
Oldham Athl.	4	3	3	2	6	5
Oxford Utd	3	3	5	2	4	5
Peterborough Utd	0	6	4	2	5	7
Port Vale	3	3	2	2	8	4
Reading	7	5	4	11	7	8
Rotherham Utd	7	5	6	8	3	8
Stoke City	9	8	4	2	1	9
Swansea City	2	2	2	3	3	7
Swindon Town	2	6	4	3	1	5
Walsall	7	4	5	5	8	8
Wigan Athletic	8	1	2	3	3	12
Wrexham	6	4	0	6	5	11
Wycombe W.	2	5	0	8	2	4

## League Scorers

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
Jermaine Defoe	6							
Andy Scott	10							
Tony Thorpe	10							
Nathan Ellington	5							
Adrian Littlejohn	3							
Tom Youngs	9							
Karl Duguid	4							
Mark Stein	3							
Neil Harris	13							
Jamie Forrester	12							
Mark Stallard	9							
Carlo Corazzin	3							
Joey Beauchamp	4							
Andy Clarke	5							
Martin Naylor	6							
Martin Butler	12							
Mark Robins	9							
Peter Thorne	9							
Giovanni Savarese	7							
Danny Invinibile	7							
Jorge Leitao	8							
Simon Haworth	7							
Hector Sam	6							
Andy Rammell	6							

## League Form - last 5

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	last gme on right
Bristol City	4	1	1	15	5	13	WWDWLW
Rotherham	4	1	1	12	5	13	WDWWLW
Bournemouth	4	0	2	11	4	12	LLWWWW
Notts County	4	0	2	10	12	12	WWLWLW
Wigan	3	3	0	9	6	12	DWWDDW
Millwall	4	0	2	8	5	12	LWWLWL
Oldham	3	2	1	8	5	11	WDWLWD
Stoke	3	1	2	11	7	10	WDLWLW
Peterborough	3	1	2	9	6	10	WLWLWD
Walsall	3	1	2	8	6	10	LWDWWL
Colchester	3	1	2	7	5	10	LLWDWW
Reading	3	0	3	12	9	9	WWLLWL
Brentford	2	2	2	8	10	8	WDLDWL
Port Vale	2	2	2	8	6	8	DWDWLL
Wrexham	2	2	2	7	7	8	LDLWLW
Swindon	2	2	2	6	11	8	DDLWW
Oxford	2	0	4	12	13	6	LLWLLW
Wycombe	1	2	3	5	9	5	LDWDL
Bristol Rovers	1	2	3	2	6	5	WDLDL
Cambridge	0	4	2	7	11	4	DLDDL
Luton	1	1	4	7	15	4	LDLLWL
Swansea	0	4	2	7	10	4	DDLDDL
Northampton	1	1	4	5	12	4	WDLWL
Bury	0	2	4	4	11	2	LLDLL



## The Reserves

### Kevan Broadhurst



Luton Town 1  
Oxford Utd 0

A GOOD goal in stoppage time by Rocky Baptiste gave us the result our hard work deserved, in a game when our side included three youth team players, with three more going on as subs. Oxford were a decent side, and several of their men had played league football, and on a difficult bobbly pitch the match was a hard, aggressive encounter, with both sides giving 100 per cent.

I thought we earned victory through our determination and work ethic, and the only criticism would be that we should have scored more.

Emmerson Boyce was making his comeback after being ill, and was part of a back four which gave Oxford no real sight of goal. That was a disappointment for Mark Ovendale - obviously he was pleased to be on a winning side, but he did not have a save to make to remind us of what he can do.

It was not a pretty match, but the best openings were all created by us, and Kent Karlens was unlucky late on with a header from a ball played in by Dean Standen which brought an outstanding save from the Oxford goalkeeper. We had played 92 minutes when the winner came with almost the last kick of the match, with an excellent strike by Baptiste giving him his first goal for the club.

Everyone in the side did well, but a special word of praise goes to the youth players, Standen, Lee Mansell and Chris Dillon for the way they adapted to Combination football, as did the three youth team subs.

**Luton Town:** Ovendale, Brietenfelder, Karlens, Boyce (Bruce 55 mins), Stirling, McGowan, Mansell, Standen (James-Barriteau 80 mins), Brennan, Dillon (Murphy 70 mins), Baptiste.

AFTER the Christmas break, our Avon Insurance Combination fixtures resume with a League Cup game at Norwich on Thursday, and we have no home game until we take on Brighton on Baldock Town's ground on Monday January 15, kick-off 7pm.

## Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures

AUG					
Wed 16	Barnet	H	3-1	Brennan 2, Kandal	
Mon 21	Peterborough (LC)	A	2-1	Kandal, Carter	
Tues 29	Millwall	A	0-2		
SEPT					
Wed 13	L. Orient	A		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	
Mon 18	Oxford Utd	H*	1-0	Baptiste	
JAN					
Thurs 4	Norwich (LC)	A	7.30pm		

**Appearances (as sub in brackets):** Breitenfelder 9, Stirling 9, Brennan 8, Ayres 7, Scarlett 7, Standen 6(3), Ovendale 5, Baptiste 4(1), Abbey 4, Thomson 4, Kandal 4, Fraser 4, McGowan 4, Locke 3, Holmes 3, Carter 3, Glasgow 2(2), Minton 2 (1), Johnson 2, Carroll 2, Walker 2, Ward 2, Fotiadis 2, Piercewright 2, Mansell 1(1), Dogbe 1(1), Downer 1(1), Karlens 1, Boyce 1, Dillon 1, Mortara 1, Murfin 1, Codner 1, Tait 1, Douglas 1, Onachie 1, Okai 1, Dickie 1, Carham 1, Joynson 1, Mason 1, Showunmi 1, Rose 1, Gray 1, Pihamma 1, James-Barriteau 0(1), Bruce 0(1), Murphy 0(1), Clarke 0(1), Newell 0(1).

**Goals:** Brennan 4, Thomson 4, Kandal 2, Ayres 1 pen, Scarlett 1, Holmes 1, Carter 1, Baptiste 1, OG 2

## Avon Insurance Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QPR	12	10	2	1	22	5	32
Norwich	11	8	3	0	34	10	27
Swindon	12	7	2	3	25	11	23
Reading	11	7	2	2	16	8	23
Oxford	13	6	2	5	21	17	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
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>
Brentford	9	3	5	1	12	13	14
Crystal Palace	11	4	2	5	14	18	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
Bristol City	9	2	5	2	11	10	11
Cheltenham	10	3	1	6	11	20	10
Wycombe	8	2	2	4	9	19	8
Bristol Rovers	8	2	1	5	9	15	7
Colchester	10	2	1	7	9	17	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

Tue 9	Wycombe	A	2pm
Mon 15	Brighton	H*	7pm
Wed 24	Bournemouth	A	2pm
Mon 29	Bristol Rov	H*	7pm
<b>FEB</b>			
Mon 12	Cheltenham	H*	7pm
Mon 26	Colchester	A	2pm
Wed 21	Cambridge Utd (LC)	H	2pm
<b>MAR</b>			
Thurs 8	Norwich City	A	7.30pm
Wed 14	Southend	H	2pm
Mon 19	Peterborough	A	2pm
Wed 28	Cambridge Utd	H	2pm
<b>APRIL</b>			
Tues 3	Northampton	A	2pm
Tues 10	QPR	A	2pm
Wed 18	C. Palace	H	2pm
<b>MAY</b>			
Wed 2	Colchester (LC)	A	7.30pm
*To be played at Baldock Town.			



# Statistics Fixtures

# 2000 / 2001

	Date	Opposition	H	A	Result	Scorers	League Place	Attd.	Team
AUGUST	Sat 12	Notts County	H	3pm	0-1		-	7,059	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Johnson
AUGUST	Sat 19	Wigan	A	3pm	1-2	Watts	-	6,518	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Johnson
AUGUST	Tue 22	Peterborough WC1(1)	H	7.45pm	0-0		-	3,175	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
AUGUST	Sat 26	Bournemouth	H	3pm	1-0	Spring pen	18	5,221	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
AUGUST	Mon 28	Wycombe Wdrs	A	3pm	1-1	Kandol	17	6,001	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 2	Rotherham Utd	A	3pm	1-1	Fotiadis	17	4,061	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough WC1(2)	A	7.45pm	2-2	Stein, Scarlett	17	4,286	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 9	Northampton Town	H	3pm	0-2		19	6,712	Abbey Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Tue 12	Walsall	H	7.45pm	0-0		19	4,362	Abbey Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Sat 16	Swansea City	A	3pm	0-4		20	6,011	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Tue 19	Sunderland WC2(1)	A	7.45pm	0-3		20	24,668	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 23	Swindon Town	H	3pm	2-3	Stein, George	21	4,933	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Tue 26	Sunderland WC2(2)	H	7.45pm	1-2	Kandol	21	5,262	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 30	Bristol Rov	A	3pm	3-3	Kandol 2, George	22	7,901	Ovendale Boyce Watts George Fraser
OCTOBER	Sun 8	Millwall	H	12pm	0-1		22	5,345	Ovendale Boyce Watts George McGowan
OCTOBER	Fri 13	Cambridge Utd	A	8pm	1-2	Stein	23	6,191	Ovendale Boyce Watts George McGowan
OCTOBER	Tue 17	Oxford Utd	A	7.45pm	0-0		23	4,537	Abbey Boyce Watts George McGowan
OCTOBER	Sat 21	Brentford	H	3pm	3-1	Douglas 2, Spring pen	23	5,382	Abbey Boyce Watts George Locke
OCTOBER	Sat 28	Wrexham	H	3pm	3-4	Stein, Watts, George	23	5,341	Abbey Boyce Watts George Johnson
NOVEMBER	Sat 4	Bury	A	3pm	1-1	Helin	23	2,861	Abbey Boyce Watts George 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	1-4	Nogan	23	10,771	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Boyce Fotiadis
DECEMBER	Tue 26	Peterborough	H	1pm	3-2	Spring, Holmes, Boyce	23	7,374	Abbey Boyce Whitbread Fraser Holmes
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 Tn	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 5-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					

The FA Cup final is on May 12  
To be arranged: Notts County A

## Today's other 2nd Division fixtures

Bristol Rovers v Peterborough  
Cambridge v Bournemouth  
Millwall v Notts County  
Northampton v Wycombe  
Oldham v Walsall  
Oxford v Port Vale  
Rotherham v Colchester  
Stoke v Bristol City  
Swansea v Brentford  
Swindon v Reading  
Wrexham v Bury

## Substitutes

Taylor	Spring	Locke,	George,	Stein	Fotiadis	Holmes for Locke 57, Fraser for Watts 78. Unused: Stirling, Brennan, Abbey.
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; Kandoll 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	Locke for Spring 66; Thomson for Kandol 72. Unused: Brennan, Ayres, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	Brennan for Thomson 81. Unused: Holmes, Breitenfelder, 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, Breitenfelder, Abbey.
Taylor	Fraser	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Breitenfelder 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	Brietenfelder	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, Breitenfelder, 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.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Nogan	Fraser for Johnson 23 mins; Locke for McLaren 52 mins; Baptiste for George 82 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Ovendale.
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Nogan	Scarlett for Holmes 75 mins; Kandol for Nogan 76 mins. Unused: Karlson, Stirling, Ovendale.



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NATHAN ABBEY 16

PETRI HELIN 30

EMMERSON BOYCE 17

STUART FRASER 13

ADRIAN WHITBREAD 40

MATTHEW TAYLOR 15

ADAM LOCKE 12

MATTHEW SPRING 4

PETER HOLMES 20

ANDREW FOTIADIS 14

LEE NOGAN 31

Substitutes

KENT KARLSEN 29

MARK STEIN 10

ANDRE SCARLETT 21

JUDE STIRLING 23

MARK OVENDALE 1

Changes

## Today's Officials

Referee:

Graham Laws, Tyne and Wear

Assistants:

S. P. Rubery (red flag)

S. W. Tinchnell (yellow and red flag)

Fourth Official:

M. Ives



Manager: Bruce Rioch

1 ROY CARROLL

2 CARL BRADSHAW

3 KEVIN SHARP

4 PAT McGIBBON

6 ARJAN DE ZEEUW

29 KEITH GILLESPIE

19 STEFAN BIDSTRUP

16 ROBERTO MARTINEZ

10 LEE ASHCROFT

7 ANDY LIDDELL

9 SIMON HAWORTH

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18 IAN KILFORD

12 NEIL ROBERTS

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