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Front Cover



Double celebration: Adam Locke
and Andrew Fotiadis, who both
scored at Bournemouth, celebrate
Fotiadis's opener.

Inside

TOWN manager Lil Fuccillo was anxiously waiting yesterday for news of strikers Liam George and Stuart Douglas after their planned appearances for the reserves at Norwich on Thursday evening to prove that they are fit again after injury.

If they are it will be welcome good news after a rash of injuries hit the club this week - see the physio's report on page 8 today. While he hoped to be able to consider Douglas and George for recalls to the squad, the manager knew that he would be without two defensive stalwarts, Marvin Johnson and Julian Watts, and it looks as though 18-year-old Jude Stirling will get the chance he craves to prove himself at senior level by making his FA Cup debut.

Despite giving away a couple of penalties for handball, Stirling has done a job when called on, and his manager believes he is ready for today's challenge.

Paul McLaren, Emmerson Boyce, Mark Stein and Peter Thomson were all ruled out, which added to the pressure on the boss to find reinforcements for his squad.

He very nearly signed an experienced defender this week, but pulled out of the deal with a mixture of shock and dismay, complaining about "nonsense" wages. "The player is over 30, with a middling First Division club, and surplus to their requirements. He is very unlikely to get back into their league squad, and the manager said I could have him on loan. I then discovered that his wages, for playing reserve team football, are £5,500 per week. It's utter nonsense! A realistic figure would be £1,500 a week at most. As a loan signing he has the right to safeguard his salary, but I was certainly not going to pay out that sort of money, so the deal was off."

Also off, for the time being at least, is a move to bring in Aston Villa striker Richard Walker. Villa are not ready to release him yet, and even if they are the Town are likely to face competition for his services, on loan or for a permanent move. "I just don't know what the prospects will be on that one," said the boss.

He has also been talking to a Premiership club about one of their fringe players who is getting frustrated at failing to make the breakthrough to first team football.

Word is that he and his manager are talking about his future, and the Town manager said: "I think he might be on the market in a week or two, probably at a price between £150,000 and £200,000. If that is so, I would be interested, but once again there might be a problem with his wages."

"I am determined that we should maintain a sensible wages policy in this club. It's a matter of good housekeeping, and living within our means. I have been told that money is available for players, but I am determined to spend it wisely."

Up to six players could be leaving soon, to reduce the wages bill, but in

Forward

all cases they are men under contract, so it will be a case of negotiating their terms of release. Having got that job done, said the manager, he expects to have a little more freedom to bring in new players. He is also demanding greater enthusiasm from some already here, with an implied criticism that some cry off matches for not very good reasons.

"It's not until you finish playing that you realise how lucky you are to be a footballer," said the ex-player turned manager. "I know what it is like to suffer broken legs, but I am sure that I was keener to play when I had less serious injuries than some are nowadays."

"We have a big job to do, and if we all pull together we can achieve our ambition, with our Second Division status safeguarded. But it will mean that sometimes men must be prepared to play through pain for the good of the club."

"I wish everyone was like Stuart Douglas - he has been champing at the bit, desperate to get back, since the first day he was injured. We need that sort of determination from everybody, and anyone not prepared to give it will not last long."

"We are in a transitional period, and some players here are not good enough. I don't think we have enough genuine first-teamers. But at least it means that players get a chance here at Luton, and it is up to them to take it."

CHARITY APPEAL

IS THERE anyone out there with a spare programme or two from last season? If so, Tony Rampton, who has embarked on a massive programme hunt for charity, would love to hear from you. He has set himself the task of collecting every one of the 2,036 programmes published last season for Premiership and Nationwide matches. After a year of hard work he has only 11 more to track down, two of them from Town home games, against Brentford and Wigan.

The full collection is to be auctioned with proceeds going to Children in Need, and if you can help him Mr Rampton can be contacted at 01722 336231 extension 228.

CALLING ALL RANGERS

IF THERE are any local supporters of QPR, they might like to know about the QPR Loyal Supporters Association, which has members all over the country. They invite Rangers fans to join, via membership secretary Steve Russell, at 91, Eastcote Lane, South Harrow, HA2 8RN.



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The Manager Lil Fuccillo

AFTER the holiday disappointments in the league the FA Cup gives us a distraction today, and I hope it will be a welcome one. We have done well in the cup so far, but I would gladly swap those results for league points, because safeguarding our status is the number one priority.

The formbook says we don't have much chance this afternoon, against opposition from a division higher than ourselves, but we can go into the game in a relaxed frame of mind, which should help us. I also think we are capable of winning - but only if we are at the top of our form, and able to produce it for just about every one of the 90 minutes, instead of in shorter spells, which has been one of our problems this season.

I am afraid that in our final game of the year at Kenilworth Road we were second best to Wigan, who showed why they are favourites for promotion.

They did a very good professional job, while we did not show enough against a team who always looked stronger. Wigan have invested heavily to try to achieve their ambition, and if you looked at the two benches that told you something about the gulf between the clubs: their subs have attracted around £3million in transfer fees. Ours, by comparison, were one veteran striker and four with very little Football League experience.

The game underlined our need for a target man - Simon Haworth showed why Wigan paid £800,000 for him, and I suspect if he had been on our side instead of theirs we would have won the game. My search for an extra striker continues!

On the day, I thought Wigan looked a division higher than us, and it was no disgrace to lose to them. But it was hugely disappointing as we missed the chance of giving ourselves the boost of moving out of the bottom two.

It was more disappointing to pass up another chance to do that at Bournemouth. We got it right tactically at Dean Court, but our inexperience was painfully obvious, conceding a free kick and then a penalty, and conceding a decisive late

goal from a corner which should have been cleared.

I was unhappy about their first goal, with the fourth official not allowing us to get our sub on quickly when it was obvious Julian Watts was not going to play any further part in the game. Perhaps it was significant that Bournemouth's big target man, Steve Fletcher, should get the goal. Nevertheless, we showed good spirit and attitude to hit back, and we had enough chances to win the game. We should have well and truly plucked the Cherries after hitting them with the rapid two-goal burst just before the interval. Bournemouth were on the rack at that stage, and we should have scored at least once more, perhaps twice. We ought to have been more ruthless.

We didn't want the half-time whistle to blow, and it was very disappointing to concede late goals and come home with nothing. Bournemouth pinned us back a bit in the second half, but we ought to have been able to deal with their long-ball game. Naive defending cost us at least one point.

It was another match in which we heard nice things said about the way we played our football, but what consolation is that when you are losing? I believe in the "Luton style" but even more I believe in putting out sides that can win games, and to be honest I would rather see us play badly and win.

Today we can forget about our league worries for a few hours, and it will be good to welcome back Iain Dowie and Tim Breacker. Like us QPR are not having the best of seasons, and they too have a chronic injury list.

We are looking forward to the game. I respect the quality within the Rangers side, but we want to win, for various reasons. A confidence booster would be very welcome, and entry into the fourth round could also bring in extra revenue, to give us a stronger hand in the transfer market. But what I most certainly do not want is a good cup run at the expense of league survival.

But there is a bit of magic about the FA Cup, and we would like to enjoy it a little longer yet.

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(3)	0	0	0	1(3)	0	0	0	0
Stuart Douglas	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	2
Andrew Fotiadis	10(4)	1	1	1	13(4)	2	0	0	2
Stuart Fraser	9(5)	4	2	1	16(5)	0	0	0	0
Liam George	18(3)	3(1)	3	0	24(4)	3	0	1	4
Petri Helin	9	0	2	1	12	1	0	0	1
Peter Holmes	11(6)	2(1)	0	0	13(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	14(4)	1(1)	1(1)	1	17(6)	1	0	0	1
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	6	0	1	0(1)	7(1)	1	0	1	2
Mark Ovendale	12	4	0	1	17	0	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	5(3)	2	0	0	7(3)	0	1	0	1
Matthew Spring	22	4	3	1	30	3(2p)	0	0	3(2p)
Mark Stein	16(2)	3	1	0(1)	20(3)	3	1	0	4
Jude Stirling	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Taylor	24	4	3	1	32	0	0	0	0
Peter Thomson	3(4)	1(1)	1(1)	1	6(6)	2	0	0	2
Julian Watts	21	4	3	0	28	2	0	0	2
Adrian Whitbread	7	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	0

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Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson

WITH no league points at stake this afternoon, I hope the

lads will go into the game feeling relaxed and free of all pressure, and who knows, perhaps we will cause a bit of an upset and go through into the next round of the cup.

I wish I could be playing, but I will have to settle for a seat in the stand again, because my neck injury is responding to treatment very slowly. At present I cannot even train fully, so I have to be patient. I have had my fair share of injuries over the years, but this one is all the more frustrating because I would dearly love to be out there on the park, doing my bit for the team.

After the victory over Peterborough I was hoping to see three more points in the bag from the Wigan game, but it wasn't to be, and on the day you could not begrudge Bruce Rioch's team their success. I felt we were a touch unlucky. We matched Wigan in many ways, except the one that matters most - we had plenty of the game, but they stuck away two chances.

They were a well-organised team and all their players looked confident and comfortable on the ball, which is the mark of a good side. I thought their first goal was top class, an expert volley by Simon Haworth.

I went home from the game feeling sorry for the lads, but also thinking that Wigan are near-certainties for promotion. We gave them a good game, but they had a little more quality and experience than we could muster, as they should after the money spent to bring their squad together.

There were different problems to be faced at Bournemouth, never one of our luckiest grounds, and it was a real choker to finish up with nothing after being in front at the interval.

It was another reminder that we have to stick at our jobs professionally for the whole 90 minutes. I still think that we are not doing that often enough - at our best we can take care of most teams in the Second Division, and the demand

for the rest of the season is that we play at our best more consistently, and for far longer in each match.

There are enough points to play for between now and May for us to move up the table, but we need to concentrate on our jobs, work hard, and give every ounce of effort possible.

I only wish I was able to play my part this afternoon, because I think this cup-tie is one we can win, despite the difference in status between us and QPR.

We have had some tremendous games against Rangers over the years, but today the pressure is on them rather than us. If they win, it will be no more than is expected of a First Division side playing Second Division opposition.

But anything can happen in a one-off cup game, and underdogs have been known to become top dogs for 90 minutes. I think we can win. I hope we do - I want the lads to keep the cup run going as long as possible so that I have a chance of getting fit again and having a taste of FA Cup action myself!

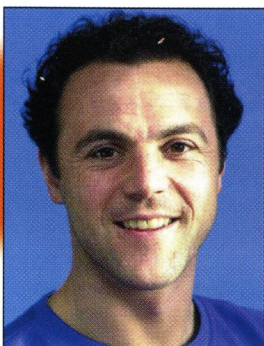
I hope to be meeting old friends, and will give a warm welcome to Iain Dowie, Tim Breacker and Gary Waddock. They have all had good careers, and gave Luton good service.

Iain Dowie is a perfect example of what can be achieved if you are determined enough, and prepared to work for what you want. He came to us as a non-league forward from Hendon, and when he first joined us we thought he was a rough diamond in football terms. He soon changed our minds - he was dedicated to his profession, grateful for the chance to be a full-time footballer, and worked on his game to such good effect that he won 49 caps for Northern Ireland. He is an example to all young players of what is possible if your attitude and application is right.

Ours will have to be this afternoon if we are to enjoy another cup success.

Marvin Johnson

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Treatment Room

Bruce Sewell

THE HOLIDAY brought very little rest for the medical

staff, with the treatment room being busier this week than it has ever been since I was appointed.

But at least some of the news is encouraging, with Stuart Douglas and Liam George both on the verge of returning to fitness. At the time of writing, they were pencilled in for comeback games with the reserves at Norwich on Thursday, for some or all of that game, depending on how things went. Hopefully both were able to prove that they could be considered for this afternoon's game.

Both have worked hard to regain fitness, and Douglas has had the benefit of a full week's training, with George able to rejoin the first team squad sessions in midweek.

Stuart Fraser is all right after a scare at Bournemouth, when we decided to sub him after he felt a groin strain. The decision was a sensible precaution, and has paid off because he will be available for selection today.

Unfortunately Julian Watts will not make it this

afternoon. Before going to Bournemouth he had a knee injury after a collision with Mark Ovendale, but more serious was the hamstring pull he sustained at Dean Court. He and I both knew immediately what the problem was. I thought he might be doubtful for Monday's game, but he was determined to soldier on, and it was bad luck to pick up another injury. However, he is a quick healer and a hard worker, and while he will not be ready to play today, I hope he will not be out of action for too long.

Five other players have to suffer the frustration of being ruled out by injuries.

Marvin Johnson has seen a specialist about his neck problem, and is undergoing treatment for it, and I think it will be a couple of weeks or so before we can judge how long it will take him to return to training. He is doing some light work, but is banned from heading a ball.

Emmerson Boyce has had cauterisation to get over a nosebleed difficulty, and a specialist thinks he is on the way back. He was looking much happier on Thursday, after that verdict, but will have to wait a week or two for final clearance to resume full training.

Mark Stein is suffering with a knee injury, and was having a scan on Thursday. When we get the results of that, and the specialist's report, we will have a better idea of how long he will be out.

Paul McLaren is also facing a spell on the inactive list, although he would have missed today's game anyway, through suspension. He has a small tear in a medial knee ligament and will be out of football for a few weeks, while we wait for the fibres to heal.

There was much better news for Peter Thomson, who has got over his foot injury, and was able to resume full training this week. The specialist's advice, which we always take, is that he needs a week or two to regain full fitness.

Bruce Sewell



No worries: Andrew Fotiadis needed a little treatment during the game at Bournemouth, but rapidly made a full recovery from a minor knock.



Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

IN WISHING everyone a happy New Year, I must start today with a

very, very big thank-you on behalf of everyone in the club to the stalwart supporters who answered the call and worked extremely hard on the pitch to get it playable for the Wigan game.

It was back-breaking work, but done with a will, and without those helpers we would not have had a football match. Thank you all very much for another illustration of the depth of support we have in Luton. Our groundsman was particularly grateful for your help.

I would also like to thank those who answered another call for help, during the Boxing Day game. One of the assistant referees was taken ill, and unable to continue after half time, with the result that the fourth official took over his duties. The PA request for qualified referees was answered by a dozen volunteers, and I thank all of them, particularly Pat McGirl, who took over as the reserve official.

Games are coming thick and fast now, and can I remind you that our youth team meets Manchester City in the fourth round of the FA Youth Cup on Tuesday week, January 16. Kick-off will be at 7pm, and admission will be £3 for adults and £1 for

junior and senior citizens. We will be opening only the main stand and enclosure for this game, with admission via Kenilworth Road. If the tie goes to a replay, it will be at Maine Road on Monday January 22.

Our reserves were due to be away to Wycombe Wanderers in the Avon Combination on Tuesday afternoon, but that match has been postponed, with now new date yet arranged, because Wycombe have an LDV Vans Trophy fixture.

We are, of course, at home to Wycombe in the Nationwide League on Friday, and can I remind you that kick-off will be at 7.45pm, our traditional time, and not 8pm, which is often kick-off times for other games shown live by Sky TV.

Incidentally, if you have a specific seat you like to occupy for games, may I ask you to book early. We have had some supporters disappointed because their preferred seat was not available when they went to book it. It has to be a matter of first come, first served, which is why we always advise the obvious - book early to avoid disappointment.

Our offer of free seats for Vauxhall Motors employees was well received, with 2,000 tickets claimed, and it is gratifying to hear many of those say that they will be back as paying supporters at future matches.

We apologise to supporters in the Kenilworth stand for the Wigan match, when we were unable to provide our usual hot drinks service. It was because we had suffered burst pipes from the freeze-up, but repairs have been carried out and we should be back to normal this afternoon.

Finally today, we have a few vacancies for various match-day jobs, and if you can help us please give me a call on Luton 411622, or contact me by e-mail: the address is clubsec@lutontown.co.uk.

Cherry Newbery



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Hatters Chatter

Fans pitch in

FOOTBALL took a hammering from the weather on the last playing day of the old year - but not at Kenilworth Road, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Town staff and supporters. About 40 fans answered the call to help ground staff shift a couple of inches of snow off the pitch on the morning of the game, and their hard work paid off because the match with Wigan was never in doubt.



WINNING TEAM - the fns who pitched in to make sure our last game of the old year went ahead.

The official pitch inspection 90 minutes before

kick-off turned out to be a formality, with referee Graham Laws full of praise for the work done to beat the frost, and delighted to find that the turf was soft enough to take a stud. Both managers and teams were well pleased with state of the pitch.

Good planning and preparation helped the Town buck the trend on a day when 26 of the 45 - game scheduled Premiership and Nationwide League programme was frozen off, including a London derby at West Ham, where the pitch has underoil heating.

Work to safeguard the Wigan match began the minute the final whistle blew after the Boxing Day game against Peterborough. Richard Bird and his team worked quickly to flatten the divots, roll the pitch, and then cover it with tarpaulins. The snow that was forecast duly arrived, but had a beneficial effect in adding to the covers' insulation of a surface which was clear of frost.

The fans answered the call to report with their shovels, put their backs into clearing the snow to the sides of the pitch, and when the covers were unrolled the surface was near-perfect.

The club expresses its very grateful thanks to all who helped. Without the efforts of our supporters, the game would probably have been called off.



UNROLL THE CARPET: The last section of the covers comes up..

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If today's match is drawn the replay will be at Loftus Road on Wednesday week, January 17, kick-off 8pm

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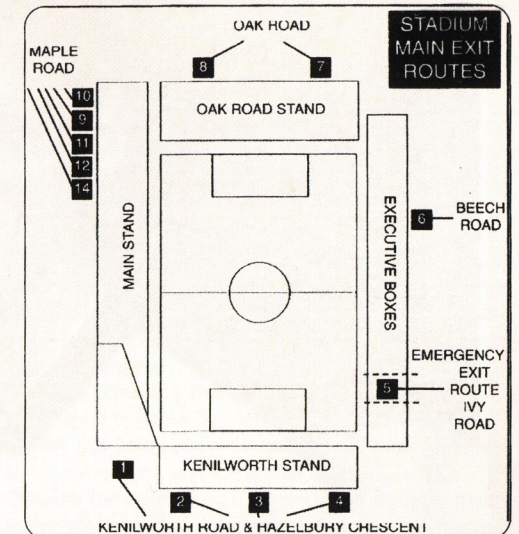
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The company is a Luton-based market research group, with its headquarters in Alma Street, and with satellite offices in Reading and Watford, but Critical's Derek Farr stresses that when it comes to football Luton Town is the club he and the company have always supported.

As a telephone-based research company, they employ many staff locally in their central Luton offices, and are always on the look-out for people wanting to train as telephone interviewers.

Over the years Critical have sponsored many games here, and have also been involved with youth football, and Derek's traditional new year greetings are to wish the club all the best in 2001.

A similar wish comes from our other match sponsors, DAP Consulting, from Bishop's Stortford. As you might guess, they have strong Luton connections. The company's partners are David and Pauline Cain, and David spent the first 21 years of his life in Luton. He was for a long time a genuine fanatic, never miss-

ing a match home or away, and remembers with fondness the triumphant 1967/68 season when we won the Fourth Division Championship. Pauline and their son Jeremy are now committed Hatters fans. David is a chartered accountant and DAP Consulting acts as a specialist adviser to governments on all kinds of infrastructure projects, such as roads and hospitals. Our other match sponsors are Glassbar Ltd, of Luton, who service the licensing trade, hotels and the leisure sector with glassware, bar sundries, catering equipment and cleaning chemicals.

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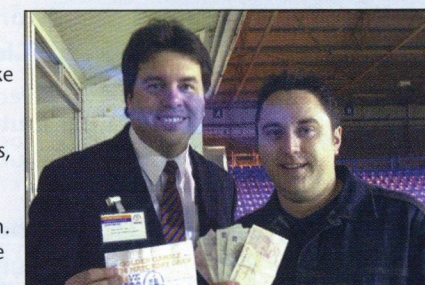
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in the graphics below, Hatters' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in orange and Rangers' to the right and scored in blue

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Stats compiled by Football Information Services

Where



How



Top League Scorers

10	Mark Stein (Luton Town) vs	28
26 in 24 games	Peter Crouch (Queens Park Rangers)	27 in 25 games
1.08 goals	Ratio per Game	1.08 goals
3 in 18 games	Player's Goals	7 in 23 games
0.17 goals	Ratio per Game	0.3 goals
3	Games Scored In	6
3	Games Scored 1st Goal	3
3	Games Scored 1 Goal	5
0	Games Scored 2 Goals	1
0	Games Scored 3 Goals	0

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

0 (0pts)	Games Won -> Drawn	2 (4pts)
0 (0pts)	Games Won -> Lost	0 (0pts)
0 (0pts)	Games Drawn -> Lost	2 (2pts)
0	Number of points gained	6

SCORING SEQUENCES

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

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

2	2 Games	2
1	3 Games	0
2	4 Games	3
8 games	Maximum Dry Spell	6 games

Hatters' Results

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

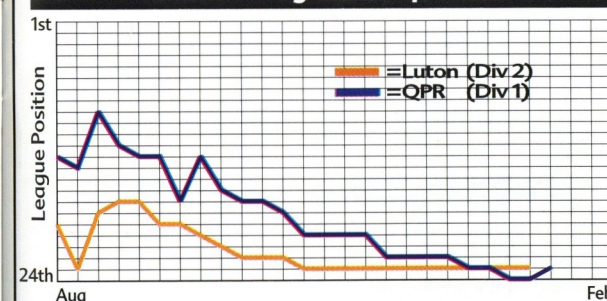
shows the number of results for each scoreline.
eg. Luton have won 3 games 1-1

Rangers' Results

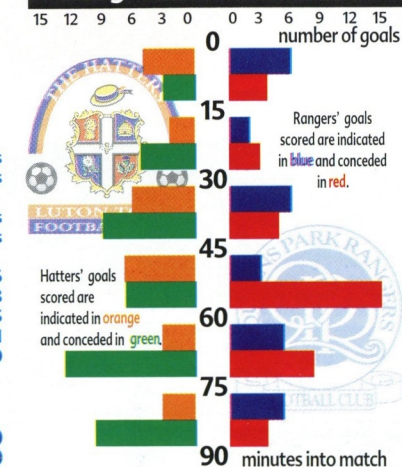
RANGERS' GOALS										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
0	4	2								
1	1	6	1							
2	2	3								
3	3	1								
4	4	1								
5		1								
6										
7										

eg. QPR have drawn 6 games 1-1 and drawn 4 games 0-0

Seasonal Progress Comparison



When goals scored & conceded



Average time of Scoring / Conceding

83 mins	All Goals for	83 mins
90 mins	Home Goals For	84 mins
77 mins	Away Goals For	83 mins
46 mins	All Goals Against	58 mins
49 mins	Home Goals Against	84 mins
43 mins	Away Goals Against	43 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	: L S L L W L L W L L	F 13 A 26 Pts 7
Rangers	: S S S S L D W D L S	F 12 A 15 Pts 10

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

Queens Park Rangers' Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave	Att
90/91	1	3	4	Wegerle	18	13,491	
91/92	1	3	3	Ferdinand	10	13,678	
92/93	P	4	4	Ferdinand	20	14,969	
93/94	P	3	4	Ferdinand	16	14,133	
94/95	P	QF	3	Ferdinand	24	14,600	
95/96	P	4	4	Dichio	10	15,672	
96/97	1	5	2	Spencer	17	12,554	
97/98	1	3	1	Sheron	11	13,083	
98/99	1	3	2	Peacock/Gallen/Sheron	8	11,793	
99/00	1	4	1	Kiwomya	13	12,589	

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Queens Park Rangers



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IAN BARACLOUGH

DOB - 4/12/70

Former Leicester City Trainee who signed professional for his home town club in December 1988. Ian made only two appearances for the Foxes before he joined Grimsby Town on a free transfer in August 1991 having previously spent a period on loan there. One year later Ian moved on to Lincoln City

where he spent two further seasons before signing for Mansfield Town in June 1994. Notts County signed him for 150,000 in October 1995 and Rangers snapped him up for 50,000 in March 1998.

TIM BREACKER

DOB - 2/7/65

Signed on a free transfer from West Ham United in February 1999 after he had spent eight years at the Hammers during which time he made 280 appearances for the club. Tim began his career at Luton Town where he progressed through the youth ranks before signing professional for the club in May 1983. He went on to make 254 appearances for Luton and was a member of the club's Littlewoods Cup winning team of 1988 which defeated Arsenal 3-2 in the final, before he was transferred to West Ham for £600,000 in October 1990. Tim also won two England Under 21 Caps

during his time with Luton. Made his debut for Rangers whilst initially on loan at Loftus Road against Grimsby Town in October 1998.

PAUL BRUCE

DOB - 18/2/78

Former Trainee who signed professional in July 1996. In the past has been a member of the England Under 19 squad. Paul made his debut for Rangers as a substitute in an FA Cup Third Round Replay match at Middlesbrough in January 1998 and scored his first goal for the club against the same opposition in a league match two months later.

CLARKE CARLISLE

DOB - 14/10/79

Highly promising defender signed in May 2000 from Blackpool for an initial fee of £250,000 which could rise subject to appearances. Clark came through the YTS system at Blackpool and made his debut for them in September 1997 against Wrexham.

KARL CONNOLLY

DOB - 9/2/70

Signed on a 'Bosman' from Wrexham in May 2000 after spending the previous nine years of his career at the Racecourse Ground where he was undoubtedly one of the fans favourites

JERMAINE DARLINGTON

DOB - 11/4/74

Signed from Aylesbury United for an initial fee of £25,000 in March 1999. Made his debut for Rangers against WBA in April 1999 and his impressive performances since have made him a regular in the team. Primarily a defender, Jermaine is at his most exciting coming forward where he his pace and crossing ability have made him a valuable member of the attack as well.

IAIN DOWIE

DOB - 9/1/65

Began his career in the non League ranks playing for St Albans City, Hertford Town, Cheshunt and Hendon before Luton Town snapped him up for 30,000 in December 1988. Made his League debut in January 1989 when he appeared as a substitute against Charlton Athletic. Iain is an experienced Northern Ireland International who made his debut for his country in March 1990 against Norway, he has since won over 40 caps for his country. Iain made his debut for Rangers in January 1998 at Stockport County and scored his first goal for the club in a 1-1 draw at West Bromwich Albion in February 1998. His appearances in the team are rare these days as he has assumed the role of Assistant Manager.

RICHARD GRAHAM

DOB - 5/8/79

Signed professional on his seventeenth birthday having previously been a Trainee with the club. A regular member of the Northern Ireland Under 21 squad, he made his debut for the First Team when coming on as a substitute against Wolves at Molineux in September 1998.

LEE HARPER

DOB - 30/10/71

Goalkeeper signed in July 1997 from Arsenal for an initial fee of 125,000 which could rise to 250,000 subject to appearances. Signed by Arsenal from Sittingbourne in June 1994 for 150,000 but made only one senior appearance for the Gunners. His impressive performances recently have now made him the regular first choice 'keeper at Loftus Road.

ANTTI HEINOLA

DOB - 20/3/73

Finnish International defender signed in January 1998 from Dutch second division side SC Heracles in a deal worth 100,000. Antti began his career in his native country playing six seasons with HJK Helsinki before moving to Holland to play for Emmen. After one season there he signed for SC Heracles. Antti has won 15 Under 21 caps and 10 full caps for his country. He made his debut for Rangers in January 1998 when he came on as a substitute against Nottingham Forest at Loftus Road.

LEON JEANNE

DOB - 17/11/80

Has represented Wales at Under 16 and Under 18 level and made his First Team debut for Rangers when he came on as a substitute against Watford in February 1999. Leon has since won Wales Under 21 honours and scored for his country in a UEFA Under 21 EURO 2000 qualifying match in Italy in June 1999.

CHRIS KIWOMYA

DOB - 2/12/69

Joined Rangers on a free transfer in August 1998 having been released by Arsenal. Chris began his career as a Trainee at Ipswich Town before turning professional for them in March 1987. He made his League debut in September 1988 against Bradford City and went on to score 51 goals in 225 appearances for the East Anglian Club before joining Arsenal in January 1995 for £1,550,000. Made his debut for Rangers as a substitute in August 1998 against Bury and despite missing a fair amount of the rest of that season through injury returned to the side in time to score a last day of the season hat-trick in a 6-0 win over Crystal Palace. In 1999/2000 finished as joint top scorer with 14 goals in all competitions.

SAMMY KOEJOE

DOB - 2/12/69

Dutch striker signed from SV Saltzburg in November 1999 for £250,000. Made his debut when he came on as a substitute against Huddersfield Town in December 1999 and scored his first goal for Rangers in a 3-1 victory against Ipswich Town in April 2000.

GEORGE KULCSAR

DOB - 12/8/67

Although born in Hungary he was brought up in Australia and represented them in the 1983 World Youth Cup. He spent a period playing in Belgium for Royal Antwerp before joining Bradford City. Made his Rangers debut against his old side, Bradford, at Loftus Road in December 1997 and scored his first goal for the club on the final day of the 1998/99 season against Crystal Palace.



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**RICHARD LANGLEY**

DOB - 27/12/79

Former Trainee who signed professional in December 1996. Richard made his first team debut in October 1998 when he appeared as a substitute against Swindon Town, he went on to score his first goal for Rangers on his home debut against Barnsley three days later.

His confident displays in the midfield made him a first team regular during 1999/2000 and he will be looking to build on his fast growing reputation this season.

TERRY MCFLYNN

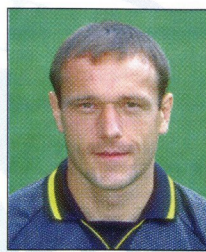
DOB - 27/3/81

Former Trainee who signed professional in April 1998. Yet to make any senior appearances but has represented Northern Ireland at both Under 16 and Under 18 level. A hard working midfielder Terry deserved to be included in the first team squad on a couple of occasions during 1999/2000 although he has not managed a place in the final playing squad yet.

DANNY MADDIX

DOB - 11/10/67

Rangers acquired Danny on a free transfer from Tottenham in July 1987 and the central defender has since gone on to play over 300 games for the club since he made his debut at Sheffield Wednesday in November 1987. Regarded as one of the best man markers in the game, Danny achieved International recognition for Jamaica in May 1998 winning caps against Macedonia and Iran.

**LUDEK MIKLOSKO**

DOB - 9/12/61

Signed on Christmas Day 1998 for £75,000 from West Ham United. Made his debut for Rangers whilst initially on loan at Loftus Road in October 1998 against Grimsby Town. Ludek has won 44 caps as goalkeeper for the Czechoslovakian National side. A great example to all young 'keepers with his professionalism and attitude.

STEVE MORROW

DOB - 2/7/70

Northern Ireland International signed in March 1997 from Arsenal for £500,000. Steve began his career in the youth ranks at Highbury and actually made his International debut before appearing in Arsenal's First Team when he came on as a substitute against Uruguay in May 1990 in Belfast. He made his League debut whilst on loan at Reading in January 1991 and spent further periods on loan at Watford, Reading (again) and Barnet before he returned to make his debut for Arsenal. Equally at home in defence or midfield. Scored on his debut for Rangers in a 1-2 defeat at Bolton in April 1997.

PAUL MURRAY

DOB - 31/8/76

Highly rated midfielder signed from Carlisle in May 1996 for an initial fee of £300,000 which may rise to 750,000 subject to domestic and international appearances. Made his debut for Rangers at Nottingham Forest in the last match of the 1995/96 season and scored his first goal for the club in September 1996 in a 1-1 draw with Swindon Town.

**GAVIN PEACOCK**

DOB - 18/11/67

Made his debut for Rangers in November 1986 against Sheffield Wednesday at Loftus Road but less than a year later joined Gillingham for £40,000. Two years later he moved on to Bournemouth for £250,000 before Newcastle United snapped him up for £275,000 in November 1990. Gavin enjoyed

great success at St James Park as a striker, netting 47 times in 117 appearances before he returned to London to sign for Chelsea in a deal worth £1.25M in August 1993. Gavin returned to Loftus Road in December 1996.

MARK PERRY

DOB - 19/10/78

Former Trainee who signed professional on his seventeenth birthday. Made his debut for Rangers in September 1996 at Barnsley where he also scored the second goal in a 3-1 victory. Versatile defender who can also play in midfield. Broke into the side at right back towards the end of last season and looked comfortable and composed.

CHRIS PLUMMER

DOB - 12/10/76

Former Trainee who signed professional in July 1994. He made his debut for Rangers in the last match of the 1995/96 season as a second half substitute against Nottingham Forest. Chris represented the England Under 21 side on four occasions in the 1996 Toulon Tournament.

KARL READY

DOB - 14/8/72

Former Trainee who has now established himself as a first team regular after turning professional in August 1990 and making his league debut in October 1991. Karl has also represented Wales at Under 21, 'B' and full level, making his full debut for his country in February 1997 in a friendly international against the Republic of Ireland.

**MATTHEW ROSE**

DOB - 24/9/75

Signed from Arsenal in May 1997 for a fee of £500,000. Has been capped twice at England Under 21 level playing against Georgia in November 1996 and later Italy. He made his debut for Rangers in the opening match of the 1997/98 season against Ipswich Town. Happy

in either central defence, midfield or at right wing back he has matured into a very accomplished player who looks comfortable in possession and reads the game very well.

KEITH ROWLAND

DOB - 1/9/71

Northern Ireland International full back who came to Rangers as part of the deal that saw Trevor Sinclair move to West Ham. Began his career at Bournemouth where he progressed through the youth ranks to sign professional in October 1989. Keith made his debut for Rangers in January

1998 at Stockport County and scored his first goal for the club at Tranmere in February 1999.

TONY SCULLY

DOB - 12/6/76

Rangers signed Tony from Manchester City for 155,000 in March 1998. He began his career at Crystal Palace where he signed professional in December 1993 after winning Republic of Ireland Schoolboy and Youth honours. Tony has since gone on to win eight caps for the Under 21 side. Made his Rangers debut in March 1998 at Stoke City.

**STUART WARDLEY**

DOB - 10/9/74

Signed from Saffron Walden for £15,000 in July 1999 after impressing during the club's pre-season tour of the West Country. Despite being signed as a central defender Stuart made an immediate impact on the team in midfield when he was introduced to the team in

September 2000. In only his second full appearance he scored twice against Port Vale, he then continued with his goalscoring exploits throughout the season, finally ending up with 14 goals to his credit. Voted the Club's Player of the Year for 1999/2000.

ROSS WEARE

DOB - 19/3/77

Striker signed from East Ham for an initial fee of £7,500 in March 1999. Made his Rangers debut in November 1999 when he came on as a substitute at Loftus Road in the 2-1 victory over Walsall.

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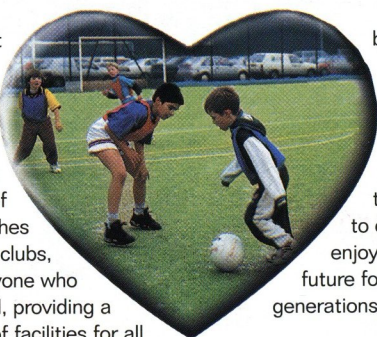
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Hatters Chatter

FANS ON THE MOVE

THE combination of holidays, very bad weather in the north of the country, and difficult travelling conditions played their part in reducing the number of supporters who came from Wigan for the Boxing Day game, the lowest away following for a league match so far this season. They brought more than twice as many last season, for a match played on Easter Monday. The Town following at Dean Court is, for the time being, an estimate by AFC Bournemouth, who did not have an accurate figure available as we went to press.

Visitors to Luton

Notts Co	.606
Peterborough (WC)	.360
Bournemouth	.539
Northampton	.1,240
Walsall	.313
Swindon	.531
Sunderland (WC)	.1,366
Millwall	.1,389
Brentford	.695
Wrexham	.352
Bristol City	.1,396
Rushden (FAC)	.1,736
Colchester	.309
Darlington (FAC)	.221
Peterborough	.918
Wigan	.261
Total:	.12,232
Average:	.764

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
Reading	.1,010
*Bournemouth	.400
	.9,939
	.621

*Estimate by AFC Bournemouth - exact figure to be announced later

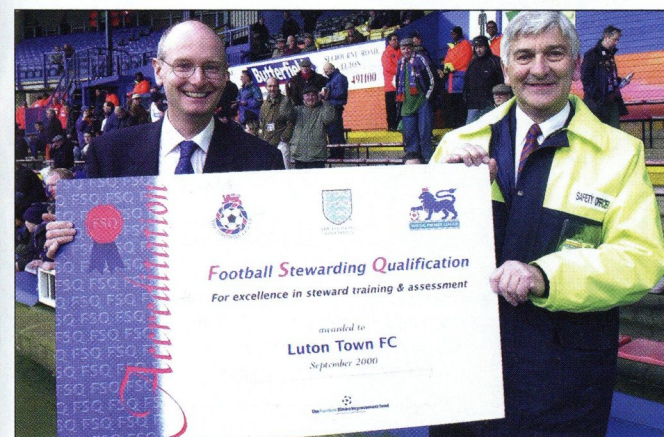
Town Teaser

WE HAVE had a run of former Luton Town personalities coming back to Kenilworth Road recently, and there are likely to be one or two more here today with QPR, which is the subject of the Town Teaser, our fun quiz for those who know their Hatters trivia. The Wigan game Town Teaser was about about the guest returning to the club where he began his career, and the answer was visiting manager Bruce Rioch.

The PA announcer will pose another Town teaser before kick-off this afternoon, and if you don't already know the answer, you can find it elsewhere in this magazine.

Today's Question

Who is the defender who began his career at Kenilworth Road before moving to West Ham, and then to QPR two years ago?



CONGRATULATIONS: Chris Whalley, who is the stadia, safety and support-liaison officer of the Football League, came to Kenilworth Road to mark the club's achievement in reaching the high standards set by the League for stewards' training and efficiency at games. Mr Whalley presented a Football Stewarding Qualification certificate to Geoff Lovell, the club's safety officer.

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MAIN PICTURE: Livewire striker Andrew Fotiadis goes for goal at Dean Court, leaving the cover floundering in one of many Town attacks in the New Year's Day game.

LEFT: A moment to enjoy for Adam Locke, celebrating his first goal of the season to give the Town the lead just before the interval.

ABOVE: Midfield strike support - Matthew Spring fires in a shot which rose inches too high.
See page 39 for more action pictures from the game.

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Hatters Abroad

WE WERE tempted to trot out a very old joke with today's picture from overseas - who's the guy with Andy Finch? Yes, it really is super-star and celebrated rock singer Sting, and we take Andy's word for it that the photograph was taken in Australia.

"I know it's not so much a famous location as a famous face," said Andy, from Lambs Close, Dunstable. If you travel to away games with Town on Tour, you might well recognise Andy, because he is the ToT co-ordinator for the Luton Town Supporters Club.

The picture was taken outside the Capitol Theatre in Sydney a few weeks ago. "The purpose of my trip to Oz was specifically to see Sting play in concert, and do a few of the touristy bits you have to do when in these places. Unfortunately I didn't have my Luton top on when we checked out the Opera House, and when you do the Sydney Bridge climb you have to wear a special protective overall, so the opportunity of showing off the LTFC colours from the summit of the bridge couldn't happen.

"Sting is my musical hero, and has been for 20 years. If I am not wending my way up and down the motorways with Town on Tour I am probably away in some foreign country to see Sting in concert.

"I have seen him perform in 16 different countries. I like to see famous places around the world, and tie in visits to see my main man in concert.

"I told Sting that all my Luton Town friends had been urging me to get a picture with him while I am wearing my Town top so that I could get it into the matchday magazine. He was happy to oblige - not bad for a Newcastle fan to have his photo taken with a staunch Luton fan, especially as the last meeting between the two clubs ended in us dumping Newcastle out of the FA Cup on our way to the 1994 semi-final!"



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

Cup clashes with the Rangers

Today's match against Q.P.R. will be the ninth pairing of the two clubs in the F.A.Cup over the years, but amazingly the first four games took place in consecutive seasons between 1899 and 1903. Football League Division Two side Luton had comfortably accounted for Lowestoft and Watford in season 1899/00 before being drawn against Q.P.R. at home in the final qualifying round. It seemed a formality to see off Southern League Rangers but we were held to a 1-1 draw with Tommy McInnes saving our faces with a late equaliser.

In the replay, at Kensal Rise Athletic Ground, we were swamped 1-4 and it was perhaps this game that made us realise that the Southern League was not such a bad place to be with the improving quality of the clubs involved coupled with the shorter travelling distances.

In the event it was Southern League fare for the Town the following season, following the decision to move back amongst old friends, and in the midst of a disappointing campaign a good F.A.Cup run would have made a welcome break. After wins against Kings Lynn away 4-1 and the Civil Service at home 9-1 we were drawn against Q.P.R. in the fifth qualifying round.

This time a 3,500 Dunstable Road crowd saw us make no mistake as goals from Jack Durrant and James Dempsey gave the Town a comfortable 3-0 win. Our cup dreams did not last long, however, as Bristol Rovers knocked us out in the next round. The mind boggles as to how the Cup draw was made in those far off days as in season 1901/02 we were to meet Lowestoft, Watford and Q.P.R. again! Aspley Guise and Bedford Queens were hammered at home before narrow wins at Lowestoft and Watford saw us drawn at home to Q.P.R., again in the fifth qualifying round.

Durrant was on the mark again, ably assisted by John Brown as we ran out 2-0 victors. As in the previous campaign the win against Rangers effectively ended our cup run as we lost to Arsenal in the next round after a replay.

Season 1902/03 saw the Town again occupy a mid-table position and before the cup draw was

made bets were being taken as to whether we would be drawn against Q.P.R., Lowestoft or Watford. Those picking Watford were unlucky as we were drawn away to Q.P.R. in the third qualifying round, winning 3-0, and then beating Lowestoft 5-1 at Dunstable Road at the next stage with two rare Bob Hawkes goals setting us on our way.

We actually won through to the first round proper that season before losing 0-3 to old adversaries Millwall at the Den.

The balls and bag must have been changed that close season as it was not until 1929/30 that we met Q.P.R. again and on that occasion, despite two goals from Jimmy Yardley, we were beaten 2-3 at Kenilworth Road in our first cup outing of the season.

The next meeting came almost twenty years later in 1947/48 when the Town, by then a Division Two side, were paired to play at Loftus Road in a fifth round tie against Division Three (South) champions elect Rangers.

In the third round we had a difficult tie in travelling away to Plymouth but the 34,689 crowd were silenced by a fourth minute goal from Bobby Brennan. Plymouth equalised but a goal from Hugh Billington, just before, and another from Brennan, just after the interval, put the Town in an excellent position. Plymouth pulled a goal back but immediately afterwards Billington notched his second to earn us a comfortable win.

The Town squeezed through 3-2 at home to Coventry in the next round before a crowd of 23,982 and were then drawn to play at Loftus Road against a Rangers side riding on the crest of a wave.

The gates were closed at 1.30 on a then record crowd of 30,564 who saw Rangers win through in style 3-1 with goals from Billy McEwan, Danny Boxhall and Cyril Hatton. The Town's solitary reply was from future Ranger, Billy Waugh.

There was another long gap before the two sides again clashed in the competition but then, with memories going back to the turn of the century,



Mick Harford heads home the Town's equaliser at Loftus Road in February 1988.

they were destined to meet in consecutive seasons. In 1986/87 the Town were drawn against League and F.A.Cup double holders Liverpool in the third round where, at a snowy Kenilworth Road, the two sides battled out a 0-0 draw. The replay had to be called off at the eleventh hour due to the Town's inability to get to Merseyside through the snowy wastes of the rest of the country.

When the game eventually took place the Town not only had to face the best team in the country but also a spiteful home crowd and a scornful press. That they managed to fight out another 0-0 draw after extra time showed tremendous fighting spirit with the reward a return to Kenilworth Road for a second replay, on the toss of a coin.

Two days after the first replay the teams did battle again but this time the Town made no mistake and hammered the Reds 3-0 to set up a fourth round tie against a patiently waiting Q.P.R. on the following Saturday.

As this was the Town's fourth game in eight days quite naturally tiredness had set in and in truth Rangers should have won the match at the first time of asking. They had to wait until seven minutes from time to make the breakthrough, however, after Rob Johnson fouled John Byrne in the box leaving Terry Fenwick to net from the spot.

Summoning up one last effort the Town managed an equaliser with only two minutes left after Mike Newell was upended by Gary Bannister leaving

Mick Harford to smash the ball home from the resultant penalty.

Both the Town and Rangers played on an artificial surface at the time with the Town always seeming to hold the upper hand. This proud record finally went at the tenth attempt when Rangers won through 2-1 in the replay. Goals from Fenwick and Byrne had secured a comfortable lead for the home side but after a Harford header reduced the arrears Rangers were made to suffer a jittery final half-hour.

The final game in the series took place at the fifth round stage in the following campaign. We were attempting to reach Wembley on three fronts (Simod Cup, Littlewoods Cup and F.A.Cup) and were full of confidence when making the short trip to Loftus Road.

A fierce volley from Warren Neill on the hour, however, knocked the Town back a peg or two but Harford, so often the saviour, headed the leveller to bring the tie back to Kenilworth Road.

The replay was a dour affair with Rangers sitting back in defence hoping for a goal on the break. The deadlock was broken after 58 minutes when Neill, under pressure from Harford lobbed his goalkeeper, David Seaman, for a peach of an own goal to add to the one that had gifted three league points to the Town at Kenilworth Road the previous season!

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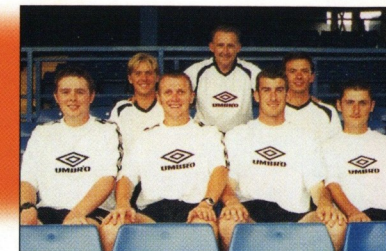
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Junior Hatters

OUR first trip of the year, to Bournemouth, was not quite up to the standard of previous visits to Dean Court, because of bad weather before the day. We had our smallest Junior Hatters following for some time, and although the welcome from the Young Cherries was as warm as ever, we were unable to play the scheduled football match against them because they could not raise a team, a lot of their members having cried off when the New Year's Eve weather on the south coast was atrocious.

We still managed to have a good day out - except for the Town's result of course - and with no official opposition to play at football we organised a game amongst ourselves.

We are awaiting confirmation of a Junior Hatters trip to Peterborough in a fortnight's time, and hope to be able to give details in Friday's matchday magazine.

Our Saturday Club resumed operations today after the Christmas and New Year break. We start at 12 noon at Dallow School, play football indoors or out, depending on the weather, and enjoy a sausage and chips lunch, with a drink. And all for the bargain price of £5 for Junior Hatters who are season ticket holders, or £9 to include a match ticket. To book, or to find out more about Junior Hatters membership, please contact the club shop in Kenilworth Road.



VIP PARTY: There were two mascots at the Peterborough game, and pictured with the skippers and match officials are Fabio Buonpane, from Manton Drive, Luton, representing the Junior Hatters, and ten-year-old Liam Gargan, of Winchester Gardens, who was the commercial mascot.

Above right is the similar scene before the Wigan match kicked off, when Sam Ryman-Tubb was the lucky Junior Hatter whose name was picked out to be mascot. The Commercial mascot was Christian Breeds of Beanley Close, Luton.

Today's Mascot

THE Joseph family clock up the miles to support Luton to the dressing room before going onto the pitch Town - they live in Portsmouth but still follow their home Town club, 13 yrs after they moved to the south coast. Today the journey has been even more worthwhile than usual because Laura Joseph, who will be 11 in ten days' time, has been chosen to be the Junior Hatters Mascot.



The family live in Newcomen Road, Portsmouth, and we suspect Laura's brother Kris, 13, might be a touch jealous of his little sister today as she enjoys a pre-match visit

to the dressing room before going onto the pitch with the players for the kick-about and toss of the coin. David and Lynn Joseph, her mum and dad, will also be here to see Laura's big day. The Josephs watch games from the Kenilworth stand, and Laura's other hobby is art. Her favourite player is Matthew Taylor.

We also have two ball boys on duty today, James Bell, 10, from Wardown Crescent, Luton, and Christopher Kelly, 9, from Gooseberry Hill.

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HISTORY is repeating itself today, because Luton and QPR were paired in the FA Cup in four consecutive seasons between 1899 and 1902, with the Town emerging victorious on the last three of those occasions.

Since then we have met 78 times in the Football League, which still makes Rangers our most frequent opponents in this competition.

Numerous players have turned out for both clubs, with the most expensive being Roy Wegerle, who went from Kenilworth Road to Loftus Road for £1million, then a record for both clubs, just over 11 years ago.

The South African-born striker was featured, along with the rest of the Town's first team squad, in the Sun's 1989/90 Soccer Sticker collection.

Wegerle was recruited by Ray Harford for a bargain fee of £75,000 from Chelsea in the summer of 1988, soon after Luton's Littlewoods Cup triumph. He was surplus to requirements at Stamford Bridge after making only eight starts for the Blues in a season which ended in their relegation from Division One, now the Premiership.

Born in Johannesburg in March 1964, Wegerle had a brief spell with Manchester United before going to the USA for a university education. He played for Tampa Bay Rowdies in the NASL before becoming a professional at Chelsea in the summer of 1986. He made a dozen league appearances in his first season, and by co-incidence his first goal was against QPR on New Year's Day, 1987. Despite his obvious skill and pace as a front runner, Wegerle failed to hold down a regular place in a struggling side the following season, and spent a period on loan at Swindon.

After arriving at Kenilworth Road he went straight into the Town team for the opening fixture of the new campaign, a 1-0 defeat at Sheffield Wednesday, but then found himself on the bench for the next few weeks.

However, after getting back into the side for the home draw with Arsenal in late October he enjoyed

a long run as first choice in the No. 8 shirt. A few fans were frustrated by his tendency to be over-elaborate, but the majority enjoyed his undoubted talent, which was best utilised with direct running at defences down the middle.

He scored some memorable goals, both in the run to the second consecutive Littlewoods Cup final, where he appeared in the defeat against Nottingham Forest, and also in Luton's successful fight against relegation.

Wegerle continued in the same vein the following season, and began to attract the attention of other

clubs. When the bid from QPR was tabled Luton felt they could not afford to turn it down, and he went to Loftus Road after 57 first team appearances and 17 goals here.

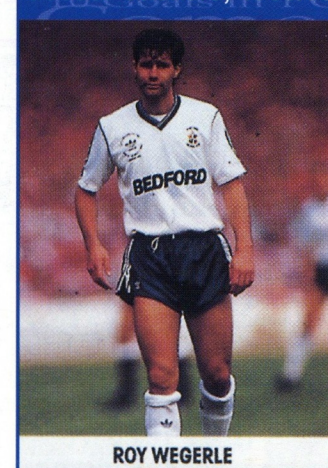
He enjoyed two good years at Rangers, scoring 18 goals in the league in 1990/91, before linking up with Harford again at big-spending Blackburn Rovers in March 1992.

After just over a year at Ewood Park - six goals in 36 outings - it was on to Coventry City, where he ended his career in this country in 1995. The previous year he had been in the USA squad for the World Cup finals held in the States, having decided to throw in his lot with his adopted country when it came to international football.

He was also in the initial squad for the 1998 tournament in France, without getting to the finals. By then he was playing in the indoor leagues which were flourishing in the USA at the time. He also played for Tampa Bay Mutiny, and is now a soccer pundit on EFTN, the US equivalent of Sky Sports Television.

Wegerle and other Town stars from the 1989/90 season appearing in the Sun's collection can, in common with most other football stickers from this era, be easily obtained from dealers such as Matchday Cards, PO Box 8, Brigg, North Lincs, for just a few pence each.

The Sun newspaper Soccer Stickers, 1989/90



ROY WEGERLE

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Action Replay

Luton Town 0 Wigan Ath 2 (HT 0-1)

ONE of the best footballing sides we have seen at Kenilworth Road this season completed the double over the Town, to underline the difference between top and bottom of the Second Division. Anyone not knowing which team was which would soon have seen the difference, said Town boss Lil Fuccillo - "We have been beaten by the better side."

It was Bruce Rioch's second happy return to Kenilworth Road as a manager, having brought a Bolton team here to win 3-0 six years ago. He later took the Wanderers into the old First Division, and few would bet on the Wigan side he has organised so well winning promotion at the end of this season. The Town were a little unlucky to lose 2-1 at Wigan in August, but the final game of the year was a different matter. The visitors were fired up for the match - an unexpected Boxing Day defeat at Oldham had ended an 18-game unbeaten run, and Rioch was determined to start the next one rapidly. Wigan had an extra quality and power about them, and a vein of confidence from back to front which enabled them to become the eighth visiting team to go home with three points.

Perhaps it was a case of money talks. Transfer fees paid by Wigan for their squad at Kenilworth Road totalled nearly £2.4million, plus unknown sums in signing-on fees for five Bosmans.

Facing a team going strong for promotion, the Town fielded a squad in which only two players, Mark Ovendale and Peter Thomson, cost fees, totalling £525,000. Ironically Ovendale took the rap for Wigan's second goal, after displacing Nathan Abbey, who was blamed for giving away a penalty against Peterborough on Boxing Day.

Wigan came to Luton to do a job, and did it perfectly, concentrating on playing it tight at the back, and breaking out with speed and menace.

They rate striker Simon Haworth a bargain at £600,000 for his front line leadership and goal-scoring expertise, and he proved it at Kenilworth Road, netting after only ten minutes to give Wigan the opportunity to settle back and frustrate the Town with deep defence.

The Town rarely threatened to break through, with Lee Nogan's drive early in the second half forcing Derek Stillie into his only serious save of the game.

Once Stefan Bidstrup made it 2-0 after 54 minutes, the Town never looked like upsetting confident and well-drilled opposition. "It was no disgrace to lose to a team like that," said a disappointed Lil Fuccillo. "On the day the better team won. But it underlined what I have been saying about wanting a target man - Haworth had an excellent game, and in many ways that was the major difference between the sides."

Match Details

Luton Town: Ovendale, Watts, Whitbread, Fraser, Helin, Spring, Locke, Taylor, Holmes (Thomson 59 mins), Fotiadis, Nogan (Stein 75 mins). Unused subs Breitenfelder, Stirling, Abbey.

Booked: No-one.

Wigan: Stillie, Balmer, Sharp, McGibbon, de Zeeuw, Sheridan, Bidstrup, Green, Ashcroft (Roberts 89 mins), Liddell, Haworth. Unused subs: Bradshaw, Griffiths, Gillespie, Redfearn.

Booked: Lee Ashcroft, 89 mins, foul on Matthew Taylor.

The goals: 0-1 10 mins - Simon Haworth, sweetly-struck volley to meet a left wing cross by Lee Ashcroft; 0-2 54 mins - Stefan Bidstrup close-range header, after the ball was palmed to him by Mark Ovendale from Darren Sheridan's near-post corner.

Referee: Graham Laws, Tyne and Wear.

Attendance: 5,322, including 261 supporting Wigan.



DOUBLE SPEARHEAD: Peter Thomson and Andrew Fotiadis in attacking action.



AGAINST THE ODDS: Lee Nogan gets in a shot, with two defenders closing him down



OUTNUMBERED: Peter Holmes is also given close attention as he looks for a route to goal.

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AFC Bournemouth 3 Luton Town 2 (HT 1-2)

EFFORT, attitude and commitment all came in for praise by the manager after the Town were involved in a pulsating start to the new year at Dean Court. But Lil Fuccillo was most unhappy about an old failing that enabled the home side to snatch a victory that looked beyond them at half-time - the inability to deal with set pieces.

It was another of those days to prove that when you are struggling little things can tip the scales against you. For instance an injury to a key defender, leaving you down to ten men who concede a goal while the sub is still off the field, looking for his shirt.

When he does get on, the sub whose only league appearance so far ended with a handball, a red card, and a penalty goal, is done for hands again to present the opposition with a spot kick equaliser with eight minutes to go. And when a scramble develops after a corner, the ball drops not to a defender, but to an 18-year-old on a hot streak. From 2-1 up on 81 minutes, the Town were 3-2 down at 86, and to complete the misfortunes Matthew Taylor was sent off for swearing at the referee. "Three deadball situations have cost us dearly," said the Town boss. "But the lads worked their socks off. We scored two great goals, and had three or four other chances but did not put them away. Everyone did a proper job except for conceding goals from corners and a free kick."

Bournemouth were the form team, having won eight of their previous nine games, and thought they were on their way when they took the lead after 37 minutes through Steve Fletcher. Julian Watts was being helped away at the time, his game finished by a hamstring injury. Jude Stirling could not go on straight away because his shirt was still in the dressing room. Miraculously, the Town produced a purple patch just before the break. Taylor crossed for Andrew Fotiadis to head the equaliser, and Bournemouth were at panic stations as the Town hit a sustained spell of majestic attacking form. In the first of four minutes of stoppage time Adam Locke scored, and before the whistle brought relief for Bournemouth Peter Holmes, Matthew Spring and Fotiadis all brought good saves from Gareth Stewart.

The interval interrupted the flow, and afterwards the Town were pushed back as Bournemouth tried to blitz Mark Ovendale's goal. It was a bludgeon job, and while the Town dealt capably with the long-ball assault, with Lee Nogan playing a withdrawn role, the defensive clearances nearly always dropped to the opposition.

The Town boss thought his team would stand strong and defiant after Taylor's header brought another excellent save from Stewart.

But Stuart Fraser became another casualty, with a groin strain, allowing Friedrich Breitenfelder his fourth taste of league football.

He conceded a free kick on the edge of the box which led to handball by Stirling and an equalising penalty by Richard Hughes, and a winner from a corner enabled Jermain Defoe to claim a record - on loan from West Ham, he is the first man to score in eight consecutive matches for Bournemouth. Trust us to give the little bundle of energy his place in Dean Court history.

Match Details

Luton Town: Ovendale, Watts (Stirling 38 mins), Whitbread, Fraser (Breitenfelder 74 mins), Helin, Spring, Locke, Taylor, Holmes, Fotiadis (Scarlett 80 mins), Nogan. Unused subs Baptiste, Abbey.

Booked: Adam Locke, 5 mins, for playing on after the whistle.

Sent off: Matthew Taylor, 87 mins, for swearing at the referee after being pulled up for a foul on Karl Broadhurst.

Bournemouth: Stewart, Broadhurst, Howe, Tindall, Purches (O'Connor 55 mins), Elliott, Grant (Hayter HT), Hughes, Jorgenson, Defoe, Fletcher. Unused subs: Eribenne, Menetrier.

Booked: No-One.

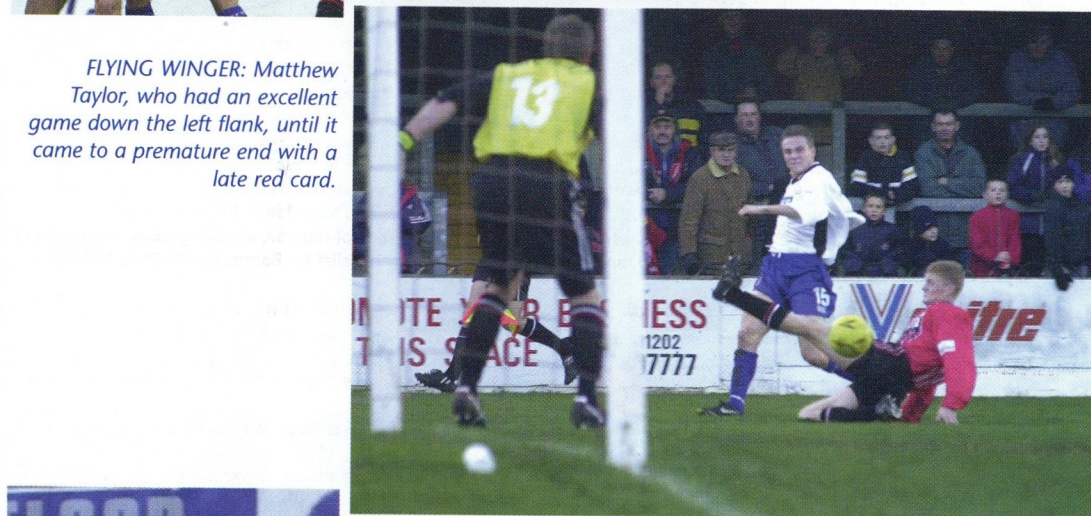
The goals: 1-0 37 mins - Steve Fletcher header from a right wing corner while the Town were reduced to ten men, as Julian Watts went off injured; 1-1 44 mins - Andrew Fotiadis header from Matthew Taylor's excellent cross; 1-2 in stoppage time - Adam Locke bursting through for a header, taking a return pass from Petri Helin; 2-2 82 mins - Richard Hughes penalty after handball by Jude Stirling; 3-2 Jermain Defoe close range gift in a scramble following an uncleared corner.

Referee: Paul Alcock, Essex.

Attendance: 5,411.



EVERYBODY UP: Adrian Whitbread rises highest for a corner, with Lee Nogan and Andrew Fotiadis in support.



FLYING WINGER: Matthew Taylor, who had an excellent game down the left flank, until it came to a premature end with a late red card.



AT FULL STRETCH: Andrew Fotiadis, who netted the Town's equaliser, in close competition with Claus Jorgenson.

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The Reserves & Youth Soccer

THE reserves and youth squads both had mid-winter breaks over Christmas and the New Year, with the Avon Combination squad due to resume at Norwich on Thursday. The youth team's fixtures were due to resume this morning, but their big game is on Tuesday week, when they play Manchester City in the FA Youth Cup at Kenilworth Road (7pm). The facts and figures for the reserves and youth squads so far this season:



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*To be played at Baldock Town.

Avon Insurance Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QPR	13	10	2	1	22	5	32
Norwich	11	8	3	0	34	10	27
Swindon	13	7	3	3	26	12	24
Reading	12	7	2	3	17	10	23
Fulham	10	6	2	2	19	10	20
Oxford	13	6	2	5	21	17	20
Portsmouth	10	5	3	2	14	11	18
Cambridge	11	5	3	3	14	12	18
Luton Town	9	4	2	3	14	11	14
Brentford	9	3	5	1	12	13	14
Crystal Palace	11	4	2	5	14	18	14
Brighton	8	4	1	3	22	19	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
Barnet	8	1	2	5	10	16	5
Southend	9	0	5	4	6	14	5
Peterborough	10	1	2	7	7	16	5
Leyton Orient	8	0	1	7	5	17	1

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, Kandol 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), Karlson 1, Boyce 1, Dillon 1, Mortara 1, Muffin 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, Kandol 2, Ayres 1 pen, Scarlett 1, Holmes 1, Carter 1, Baptiste 1, OG 2



FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE South East Conference Results

AUG					
16	Southend	H	2-2	Carroll, James-Barriteau	
26	L. Orient	A	0-4		
SEPT					
2	Portsmouth	H	1-1	Dillon	
9	Wycombe Wdrs	H	2-0	Dillon 2	
16	Northampton	A	1-1	Dillon pen	
23	Cambridge	H	1-2	Dillon	
OCT					
7	Barnet	A	4-0	Gillman, Leary, O'Leary, Mansell	
14	Brighton	H	1-2	Dillon	
17	FAYC1 Lincoln Utd	A	2-2	Carroll pen, Dillon	
21	Brentford	A	0-0		
28	Colchester	H	4-2	Dillon, Leary, Osborne, Jeffrey	
31	FAYC1R Lincoln Utd	H	2-1	Clarke, Deeney	
NOV					
4	Gillingham	A	2-3	Dillon, Mansell	
11	Southend	A	2-0	Clarke, Dillon	
14	FAYC2 Walsall	H	4-1	Mansell, Clarke, Osborne, Dillon	
18	L. Orient	H	3-3	Leary, O'Leary, Murphy	
25	Portsmouth	A	postponed		
28	FYC3 Bournemouth	H	4-0	Osborne 2, Murphy, Dillon	
DEC					
2	Northampton	H	postponed		
9	LC Cambridge Utd	H	2-2	Dillon, Murphy	
16	Wycombe Wdrs	A	1-2	Dillon	

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
Luton Town	14	4	5	5	24	22	17
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

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.

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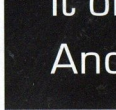
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2000-2001
Top Scorers
9 Goals



8 Goals



F.A. Cup 2nd Round Stats

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The Complete Second Round Story

Home	Score	Away	Attendance
AFC Bournemouth	3-0	Nuneaton Borough	5,835
Blackpool	0-1	Yeovil Town	3,757
Bristol City	3-1	Kettering	7,641
Canvey Island	1-2	Southend United	11,402
Cardiff City	3-1	Cheltenham Town	9,910
Chester City	3-2	Oxford United	2,798
Darlington	0-0	Luton Town	3,641
Kidderminster H.	0-2	Carlisle United	2,533
Lincoln City	0-1	Dagenham & Redbridge	2,823
Millwall	0-0	Wycombe Wanderers	7,819
Morecambe	2-1	Cambridge United	3,427
Northwich Victoria	3-3	Leyton Orient	2,703
Peterborough United	1-1	Oldham Athletic	5,662
Rotherham United	1-0	Northampton Town	4,964
Scunthorpe United	2-1	Brighton & Hove Albion	3,879
Southport	1-2	Kingstonian	3,659
Swindon Town	5-0	Gateshead	3,907
Walsall	2-1	Barnet	3,699
Wigan Athletic	1-1	Notts County	3,886
York City	2-2	Reading	2,926

First Round Replays

Leyton Orient	3-2	Northwich Vic	aet	4,028
Luton Town	2-0	Darlington		3,563
Notts County	2-1	Wigan Athletic	aet	3,349
Oldham Athletic	0-1	Peterborough United		3,404
Reading	1-3	York City		6,968
Wycombe Wanderers	2-1	Millwall		3,878

2000-2001 Second Round Figures

Home Wins	33	0-0 Draws (at 90 mins)	2
Away Wins	7	Score Draws (at 90 mins)	6
Biggest Winning Margin	5 Goals	(Swindon Town 5 Gateshead 0)	
Biggest Home Win	5-0	(Swindon Town 5 Gateshead 0)	
Biggest Away Win	2	Goal Margin	
		(Kidderminster Harriers 0-2 Carlisle United ; Reading 1-3 York City)	
Highest Scoring Match	6 Goals	(Northwich Victoria 3-3 Leyton Orient)	
Closest Winning Margin	1 Goal, after extra time		
		(Notts County 2-1 Wigan Athletic ; Leyton Orient 3-2 Northwich Victoria)	
'Extra-Time' Replays	2	(see 'Closest Winning Margin')	
Hat-Tricks	None		
Penalties (Scored)	1	(Earnshaw, Cardiff City)	
Own Goals	2	(Hughes, Northampton Town ; Simpson, Northwich Vic.)	
Yellow Cards	70	Red Cards	5
Ave. Yellows per Game	3.5		
Total Goals Scored	73		
Average Goals per Game	2.807		

Round 2's Top 5 Attendances

Canvey Island vs Southend United	11,402	
Cardiff City vs Cheltenham Town	9,910	Lowest Att: 2,533
Millwall vs Wycombe Wanderers	7,819	K.H. vs C.U.
Bristol City vs Kettering	7,641	Total Att: 119,135
Reading vs York City (Replay)	6,968	No. of Matches: 26
		Ave Att: 4,582... & a big cat!

2000-2001 F.A. Cup Top Scorers

1	2	3	4	5	6
Earnshaw	Cardiff City	5			
Evans	Carlisle Utd	4			
Griffiths	Leyton Orient	4			
Fletcher	Northwich Vic	3			
Ipoua	Scunthorpe Utd	3			
Milke	Northwich Vic	3			
Naylor	Darlington	3			
Vaughan	Canvey Island	3			
Whitehall	Chester City	3			

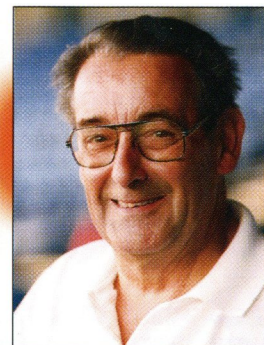
2 Goals Each:		Howe	Swindon Town
Abbott	Aldershot	Liburd	Notts County
Bates	Wycombe W	McNiven	York City
Butler	Reading	Minton	Port Vale
Cowe	Swindon Town	O'Halloran	Swindon Town
Dobie	Carlisle United	Ormerod	Blackpool
Dudley	Oldham Athletic	Patmore	Yeovil Town
Elliott	Bournemouth	Pitcher	Kingstonian
Evans	Cardiff City	Stallard	Notts County
Forrester	Northampton	Tilson	Walsall
Gray	Oxford United	Thorpe	Bristol City
Grayson	Cheltenham	Watson	Brighton & HA
Gregory	Canvey Island	Williamson	Southend Utd
Hadley	Kidderminster	Winston	Kingstonian
Hodgson	Darlington	Zamora	Brighton & HA

2000-2001 Competition Stats

Total Results so far		Goals:	
Games.....	74	Total Goals.....	224
Home Wins (inc.extra time).....	56	Total Penalties.....	10
Away Wins (inc.extra time).....	23	Total Own Goals.....	7
0-0 Draws (inc.at 90 mins).....	6	Total Hat-Tricks.....	4
Score Draws (inc.at 90 mins).....	13	Ave. Goals per game.....	3.03
Highest Attendance:	11,402.....	(Canvey Is. v Southend U.)	
Lowest Attendance:	1,023.....	(Forest Green v Morecambe)	
Total Attendance:	291,006.....	(74 Games)	
Average Attendance:	3,932.5		
Total Yellow Cards:	201.....	(74 games)	
Club with most Cautions:	Nuneaton B.	(8 Yellows, 1 Red)	
Average Yellow Cards:	2.716 per game		
Total Red Cards:	15		
Biggest Winning Margin:	5 Goals.....	(Darlington 6-1 Sudbury)	
		(Swindon Town 5-0 Gateshead)	
Biggest Home Win:	6-1.....	(Darlington vs Sudbury, Rd.1)	
Biggest Away Win:	4 Goals.....	(Aldershot 2-6 Brighton)	
Highest Scoring Match:	8 Goals.....	(Aldershot 2-6 Brighton)	
Closest Winning Margin:	1 Goal, replay, a.e.t.....	(5 games)	
'Extra Time' Replays:	5 Ties		

2000-2001 F.A. Cup Upsets

Brentford 1-3 Kingstonian	Rd1	Plymouth 1-2 Chester	Rd1
Cardiff 5-1 Bristol Rovers	Rd1	Port Vale 1-2 Canvey Island	Rd1
Halifax 0-2 Gateshead	Rd1	Blackpool 0-1 Yeovil	Rd2
Nuneaton 1-0 Stoke City	Rd1	Chester 3-2 Oxford	Rd2
Yeovil 5-1 Colchester	Rd1	Lincoln 0-1 Dagenham	Rd2
Hull 0-1 Kettering	Rd1	Morecambe 2-1 Cambridge	Rd2
Northwich 1-0 Bury	Rd1	Reading 1-3 York City	Rd2



Second Division Scene Brian Swain

ONE-TIME Town skipper and now under-pressure manager of Port Vale,

Brian Horton must have been relieved to see the results from Kenilworth Road and Dean Court which made it a miserable turn of the year for Hatters supporters. A win in either match would have lifted the Town out of the bottom two, and left Vale in 23rd place in the Second Division.

Both their games, away to Oxford and at home to Bristol Rovers, were frozen off, but Wigan and Bournemouth's successes left Vale two points above the Town, and now with three games in hand. The only consolation is that none of the strugglers did too well on the last day of the old year and the first of the new, and the Town are still only five points adrift of the safety margin.

Port Vale and Swansea are the other teams in the bottom four, with Swindon perilously close to the danger zone.

Swansea's home games, away to Colchester and at home to Brentford were postponed, and on Monday Portuguese striker Jorge Leitao did the Town a favour by netting the only goal in the last minute for Walsall against Swindon.

Bristol Rovers remain in 19th place, six points ahead

of the Town, but with two games in hand after both their new year fixtures were postponed.

FA Cup success might have a beneficial effect on our league hopes later in the season. We were due to be away to Notts County today, and that would have put us up against a team on a bit of a roll. County are unbeaten in their last eight league and cup games, and Jocky Scott has been named Second Division manager of the month. The five victories included an FA Cup success over Wigan, and an away win a week ago over league leaders Millwall. The Lions hardly helped their own cause, with Christophe Kinet red carded early in the second half. Gary Owers hit County's winner in stoppage time.

In a truncated Second Division programme today, Port Vale are at home to Oldham, while Swansea are at Wigan. Hopefully Bruce Rioch will do us a favour there as the Latics defend the division's only unbeaten home record.

Cambridge, away to Bury this afternoon, might be forgiven for looking over their shoulders at the lower reaches of the table after a thrashing at Bristol City on Monday. Tony Thorpe got a 21-minute hat-trick in a 6-2 win which left Cambridge six points above the bottom four.

Brian Swain

Nationwide Division Two Table

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Millwall	24	8	1	3	28 9	7	2	3	22	15	48
Walsall	25	10	3	0	29 10	4	3	5	13	15	48
Wigan	25	9	3	0	17 7	3	8	2	16	13	47
Rotherham	24	6	3	3	23 15	7	3	2	16	11	45
Stoke	24	6	2	3	17 10	5	6	2	22	17	41
Reading	23	9	2	1	37 11	3	2	6	12	18	40
Bristol City	25	6	3	4	30 17	5	4	3	13	9	40
Northampton	24	4	4	3	14 13	6	2	5	15	15	36
Notts County	24	4	4	3	18 17	6	1	6	12	20	35
Wycombe	24	7	1	3	18 12	2	6	5	7	12	34
Wrexham	24	5	2	5	13 15	4	4	4	20	20	33
Brentford	22	5	5	2	16 16	3	4	3	13	17	33
Bournemouth	23	4	4	4	15 12	4	3	4	22	17	31
Colchester	23	5	3	4	14 12	3	3	5	11	17	30
Peterborough	24	6	3	3	17 12	2	2	8	10	19	29
Oldham	24	5	3	4	15 14	2	5	5	11	20	29
Bury	23	5	4	3	12 13	3	1	7	9	17	29
Cambridge	24	5	4	3	20 13	2	3	7	14	27	28
Bristol Rov	22	0	6	4	8 15	5	3	4	20	13	24
Swindon	24	3	4	5	16 23	3	1	8	7	20	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	24	3	1	8	12 22	1	5	6	14	25	18
Oxford Utd	24	2	2	8	11 17	1	0	11	14	37	11

Today's Second Division Fixtures

Brentford v Northampton
Bury v Cambridge
Port Vale v Oldham
Reading v Millwall
Wigan v Swansea

SECOND DIVISION LEADING SCORERS

	League	Cups	Total
Neil Harris, Millwall	17	1	18
Jamie Forrester, Northampton	15	2	17
Tony Thorpe, Bristol City	14	3	17
Jamie Cureton, Reading	13	2	15
Andy Scott, Brentford	13	2	15
Martin Butler, Reading	12	2	14
Mark Stallard, Notts County	9	5	14
Jorge Leitao, Walsall	9	3	12
Mark Robins, Rotherham	10	2	12
Jermain Defoe, Bournemouth	10	1	11
Simon Haworth, Wigan	9	2	11
Lee Peacock, Bristol City	9	2	11
Peter Thorne, Stoke	9	2	11
Tom Youngs, Cambridge	10	1	11

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Statistics Fixtures

2000 / 2001

	Date	Opposition	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)	H 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	Tue 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 0-2		23	5,322	Ovendale Watts Whitbread Fraser Holmes
JANUARY	Mon 1	Bournemouth	A 3pm 2-3	Fotiadis, Locke	23	5,411	Ovendale Watts Whitbread Fraser Holmes
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 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				

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

Next Home Match



**Luton Town
versus
Wycombe Wanderers**

Friday January 12, 2001, kick-off 7.45 pm

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; 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	Stirling	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George for Brennan 52; Kandol for Thomson 72: Holmes for Scarlett 82. Unused: Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	Scarlett	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, 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	Fraser	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Holmes for Kandol HT; Brennan for McGowan 89. Unused: Fraser, Breitenfelder, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Douglas	Breitenfelder for McGowan HT; Brennan for Kandol 79. Unused: Locke, Thomson, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Brietenfelder	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Brietenfelder for Locke 18 mins; Thomson for Douglas 44 mins; Brennan for George 86 mins. Unused: Kandol, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Stein	Douglas	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	George	Thomson	Stein for Thomson HT; Nogan for Fotiadis 56 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	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.
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Nogan	Thomson for Holmes 59 mins; Stein for Nogan 75 mins. Unused: Breitenfelder, Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Nogan	Stirling for Watts 38 mins; Breitenfelder for Fraser 74 mins; Scarlett for Fotiadis 80 mins. Unused: Baptiste, Abbey



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