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Front Cover



The hero returns: Stuart Douglas came back after injury against QPR, scoring five minutes after going on as a sub. Chris Plummer is the Rangers man in close attendance as Stuart controls the ball on his chest.

Inside

Forward

WITH at least one team change forced on him this evening, after Petri Helin joined the injury list, Town boss Lil Fuccillo can thank SKY TV for preventing a second. Matthew Taylor, sent off at Bournemouth 13 days ago, has to serve a two-game suspension as punishment. Bans come into effect two weeks after the offences that lead to them, so if the Wycombe game had remained as on the original list, and played tomorrow, the wingback would have missed the match. SKY TV's decision to televise the match live, which entailed the switch to this evening, leaves Taylor free to play against Wycombe, but ruled out of Wednesday's FA Cup replay at Loftus Road and Saturday's trip to Peterborough.

Speaking of the replay, the club apologises to supporters for incorrect information about ticket prices which was published in last week's matchday magazine. QPR got it wrong, but the correct details are on page 10 today.

While mixtures of delight and despair were erupting among rival supporters over the last-minute penalty offence which saved QPR's blushes, the man who converted the award had considerable sympathy for Lee Nogan over his involuntary handball.

It was all the more painful for us to see Gavin Peacock play so well for Rangers after going on as a second-half sub, to make one goal and then net the late penalty equaliser. We thought he had done enough cup damage to us already - Peacock was the man who scored both Chelsea goals in the 2-0 1994 semi-final defeat at Wembley.

He remembered that cup run on Saturday and was asked if he was as surprised as everyone else by the gift penalty.

"I certainly was, but it's the sort of thing that can happen," he said. "I remember during the 1994 cup run I did just the same at Oxford. To this day I don't know why I did it. It's something you cannot explain. Luckily for me, Oxford missed the penalty, and we won the game..."

For what it's worth, he and Rangers manager Gerry Francis expect another hard tussle in the replay on Wednesday. "There will be more pressure on us," said Francis. "We are the home side, and there is pressure on teams expected to beat sides from lower divisions. I thought Luton played exceptionally well, especially in the first half. Our dressing room at half time was not a nice place to be when I said my piece!"

Peacock said: "Luton will come to Loftus Road with nothing to lose, but I always fancy us on our own turf."

In the First Division, where Rangers are bottom but one, their home record reads three wins, seven draws and three defeats.

Open Invitation

DIRECTOR Yvonne Fletcher, the fans rep in the boardroom, will be holding another open meeting for supporters on Wednesday week, January 24, to talk about boardroom matters, and to answer questions from the floor. It kicks off in the Eric Morecambe Lounge - entrance from Maple Road - at 7.30pm, and unlike the two previous meetings, you do not

need to obtain tickets in advance. Just turn up on the night, but it might be a good idea not to be late, because it will be first come, first served, and accommodation is limited.

Marathon Man

AS WE have reported in previous issues, the Town's representative in the Flora London Marathon in April will be a lady for the first time, Lynda Smith, from Loftus Close, Luton. She is well into her training regime, and we will soon be printing details of how you can back her efforts in the football section of the race by offering donations to her sponsorship charities.

We now know that another keen Town fan will be in the race, and we wish every good luck to John Bartlett, from 124 Westminster Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes.

He has been a Hatters supporter for 32 years, and is a season ticket holder along with his elder son.

He has been awarded a gold bond place in the marathon, and will run to raise money for VICTA, Visually Impaired Children Taking Action. It is a national charity based at Milton Keynes, and we are pleased to pass on his plea for sponsorship support. If you would like to help, please contact Mr Bartlett direct.

Value For Money

THE LATEST issue of Programme Monthly and Football Collectable, the specialist magazine for devotees of football programmes, came out this week, and we were pleased to read their critique of our offering. They called our matchday magazine "another substantial issue from Kenilworth Road, from a club who have never been afraid to think big when it comes to match programmes."

They added: "Luton's ambitions have been overtaken by better-resourced clubs, and limited by their own sales, but their programme remains a well-rounded account of club affairs, and includes plenty to read, presented in a pleasant standard design. A good solid value for money programme."

Programme Monthly has a circulation of 2,500 world-wide, and the subscription price is £2.30, including postage, per issue. For more information the publishers can be contacted at 46, Milton Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 1TL or by e-mail at progm@hotmail.com.

We have also received a plea from a collector wanting an old programme. L. Naylor, from Melton Mowbray, is trying to obtain a programme from the Leicester City v Luton Town game played in September 1981. We're not sure why - the Town won 2-1 with Steve White scoring twice after Steve Lynex had put the Foxes ahead. Mr Naylor will be pleased to talk business on 01664 812360 any day after 3.30.

Brian Swain



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The Manager Lil Fuccillo

AFTER the excitement of Saturday's cup-tie, we get back to the more important need to collect league points tonight, and I hope we draw the right lessons from the QPR match.

I was delighted with our performance overall, but gutted by the sting in the tail which robbed us of a 3-2 victory we deserved. Enough has already been said and written about the penalty, and nothing can change things now.

What we do know is this: we were more than a match for a First Division side, and unlucky not to beat them at the first attempt. That knowledge should give us confidence in our fight to stay in the Second Division, and supporters must also have seen that we are capable of better results than we have achieved so far in the league.

I have confidence in our squad to turn things round, despite another blow this week with the loss of Petri Helin. I have been in touch with a couple of clubs about a replacement, but it is not easy to get deals done.

On the question of our chances of climbing away from the relegation zone, let me tell you this. I have worked for a lot of clubs in recent years. At a couple of them I saw how things were, and knew they were going to struggle. You can read the signs when you are inside the club.

Here, I have a completely different feeling, reinforced by the QPR performance. We have enough about us to win games, but it takes a lot of work, and self-belief. We must strive to do better over 90 minutes, and to learn to be mean and horrible when the opposition enjoys the good spell that every team has in every match.

It was very encouraging to see that aspect of the cup-tie performance. I wonder how many supporters watched QPR get their second goal to make it 2-2 and thought, "Oh no, here we go again..." For once, for the first time since I

took over, we did not fold up after the disappointment of losing a lead, and weathered the short storm before going ahead again.

Incidentally the second Rangers goal was off-side, because Mark Ovendale was well off his line and only Stuart Fraser was between Peter Crouch and the goal. I am able to tell you that because we have the benefit of the video, which was not available to the assistant referee. It just shows we did not have the best of luck, so perhaps we are due some shortly!

However, I believe you make your own luck, in life and in football, and this evening we must be ready to build on the good things from Saturday's game.

We have watched Wycombe several times, and I like the way their play their football. They are having a better season than us, thanks mainly to a much better defensive record - we have conceded almost twice as many goals as they have.

I am told that Wycombe have never beaten us in a league game, but that will be motivation for them as well as for us, so I don't think that particular statistic has any bearing on tonight's match.

My pre-match chat in the dressing room will be simple: Look at the job you did against QPR. Do at least as well, better if possible, and we will be all right. Be more determined in every area of the pitch, be ruthless in defending and attacking alike, and most important of all, don't give the ball away. Simple, really, isn't it?!

We need to treat every match until the end of the season as though it were a big cup-tie. Results in this busy month of January will play a part in shaping our future, but we know we cannot afford to keep losing at home. A win tonight will put us, perhaps only briefly, up one place in the table, and it would be a nice psychological boost to know we can do that.

Lil Fuccillo

The Hatters roll-call 2000-2001

Appearances (as sub in brackets)

Goals

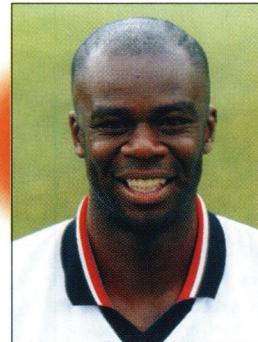
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Nathan Abbey	12	0	3	0	15	0	0	0	0
James Ayres	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rocky Baptiste	0(3)	0	0	0	0(3)	0	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	20	4	2(1)	0	26(1)	1	0	0	1
Dean Brennan	2(7)	1(1)	0	0	3(8)	0	0	0	0
Friedrich Breitenfelder	1(3)	0	0	0	1(3)	0	0	0	0
Stuart Douglas	3	0	0(1)	0	3(1)	2	0	1	3
Andrew Fotiadis	10(4)	1	2	1	14(4)	2	0	1	3
Stuart Fraser	9(5)	4	3	1	17(5)	0	0	0	0
Liam George	18(3)	3(1)	4	0	25(4)	3	0	2	5
Petri Helin	9	0	3	1	13	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)	2(1)	1	18(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	2	0(1)	8(1)	1	0	1	2
Mark Ovendale	12	4	1	1	18	0	0	0	0
Andre Scarlett	5(3)	2	0	0	7(3)	0	1	0	1
Matthew Spring	22	4	4	1	31	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(1)	0	1(2)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Taylor	24	4	4	1	33	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	3	0	10	0	0	0	0

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Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson

I'll be there cheering the lads on, wishing I was playing, and hoping that we win, then beat Arsenal so that we are still in the cup when I am fit again!

Some of the younger lads would have preferred to play at Highbury, for a rare experience of appearing on one of the world's most famous football stages. Me, I am glad we will be at home if we win the replay - I don't think mighty Arsenal will relish the prospect of playing on our ground, and I am sure we would have a better chance against them here than at Highbury.

The dressing room mood was a little sombre for a time on Saturday evening, but then we started to think more deeply about the game, and realised there were a lot of good things we could take from it. For a start, there were spells in which we played Rangers off the park, and they knew it, which was why their manager changed his team at the interval.

Having been second best for so long, QPR must have been lifted when they scored twice in quick succession to level matters, but watching from the stand I felt that was probably the end of their good spell. I even told supporters around me not to worry, because the boss would send on Dougie and he would score the winner... and I thought my crystal ball was spot-on when the third goal duly arrived!

I hope that having played so well in that game, we carry it into the league and to the replay. We all know that preserving our league status is more important than a cup run, but we quite fancy both.

Perhaps it ought not to be so, but for young players a big cup-tie often gives them an extra lift, a bit more spring in the step, and an adrenaline boost in the game. The fact that we will play Arsenal if we win the replay will probably add to that on Wednesday at Loftus Road, where the pressure will be on Rangers far more than on us.

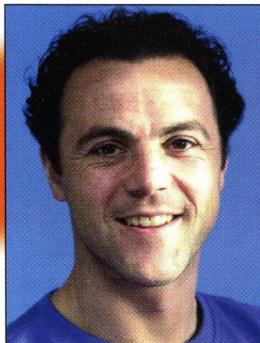
We have got to earn that fourth round tie, of course, and not much has been said about the replay this week, because we are aware that we have to concentrate on gathering league points, and improving our miserable home record. If we face Wycombe with the same attitude and determination we had in the cup-tie, we will be all right.

And I hope that once more young players will get a bit of a lift about tonight's game, just as they did last Saturday. It's nice to know you are going to perform in front of a much bigger audience than usual, live on TV, and that should motivate players who yearn to be in the spotlight regularly.

What we must take from the past week is the knowledge that we can be a very good footballing side, as Rangers discovered, and that we need fear no-one, especially in this division.

We usually do well against Wycombe, and long may it continue!

Marvin Johnson



Treatment Room

Bruce Sewell

WE HAVE suffered another injury blow this week, with Petri Helin currently back home in Finland after receiving a serious foot injury during the game with Queens Park Rangers. He was in considerable pain and discomfort when he had to be taken off the pitch, and I am afraid it will be some weeks, a month at least, before we see him playing football again.

He had been playing with a sore heel for some while, but was happy to put up with that. But in the cup-tie he was kicked on the underside of his right foot, and he knew immediately it was serious, having suffered something similar earlier in his career.

He has gone back home for treatment under the care of the Finnish national football team's doctor, who knows him well. A scan has disclosed that Helin has a tear in tissue inside his foot, not too dissimilar to a ligament problem. We allowed him to go home to give him a lift and get him back into comfortably familiar surroundings, but it will be no holiday for him. He is having one-to-one treatment from an expert medical man who has considerable experience of dealing with sports injuries.

The player will return to Luton in the middle of next week, and faces up to a month of treatment and therapy, and as with so many injuries, time will be the biggest healer. I know that he is like the rest of our playing staff in his readiness to do what work he can to regain fitness, and he is very clued up about what will have to be done. My guess is that we will not have him available for matches again until late next month or March.

The only other knock we collected in the cup-tie was to Andrew Fotiadis, who felt increasing pain from a groin strain during the match when he too was substituted.

It felt very tender early this week, but treatment seemed to be working well by

Wednesday, when he was able to rejoin the first team training session. I will be keeping a close eye on his progress, but the signs were promising about his availability for this evening's game.

Our other "customers" in the treatment room are all making progress. Mark Stein has had a scan to check on his knee injury, and while it is still causing him some discomfort the scan shows there is nothing to worry about. He is running well, and was back in training by mid-week, but was still not 100 per cent and a decision on whether or not he can play this evening was not going to be taken until yesterday at the earliest.

Julian Watts is still unavailable after his hamstring injury from the match at Bournemouth. He is desperate to get back into the team, but although he is coming on well he needs more time for the injury to heal. I doubt he will be ready for Wednesday's cup replay at QPR, but perhaps, if things go well, we might consider a return for him at Peterborough in eight days' time.

Paul McLaren is choked about missing tonight's match against his home town club, but his knee ligament injury needs at least two more weeks of treatment. He is working well to maintain the strength in his muscles and to keep up his general fitness, but by the time he is ready to play again his match fitness might be in some doubt, necessitating an outing in the reserves before a return to Second Division league duty.

Finally, Marvin Johnson is still having to be very patient as we work on his neck injury. He is due to see the surgeon again within the next few days for another check on his progress, and once we have the consultant's report we will decide the next phase of his treatment.

Bruce Sewell

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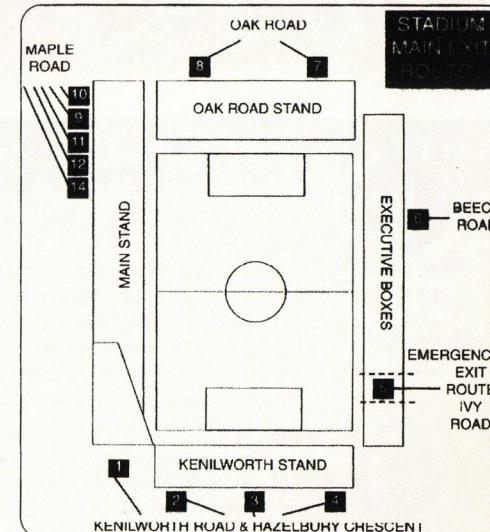
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We apologise for any inconvenience caused to our supporters.

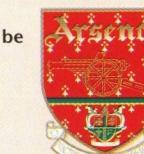
Tickets will be on sale until 4pm on Tuesday January 16, subject to availability.

Any remaining tickets will be on sale on the night at QPR, with a £1 increase on the adult price.



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Tuesday, January 23, 2001, kick-off 7.45pm

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Luton Town v Reading

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Hatters Away

AN extra trip joins the fixtures list on Wednesday, with the FA Cup replay at Loftus Road (8pm). Parking around that area of London is very difficult, but the Bobbers Travel Club and Town on Tour will both be running coach services to the match.

The Bobbers start from Cranfield at 4.15, with various pick-up points en route to Luton, where departure time is 5.15. The fare is £7 for adults, £6 for senior and junior citizens. You can book at the Bobbers kiosk tonight, or by phone to Paul Deason on 01234 750996.

Town on Tour sell through the Luton Town Supporters Club kiosk, or through the club shop, and their fare will be £7 for members, £6 for concessions and £8 for others. They leave Maple Road at 5.15.

If you fancy trusting the trains, two tube stations are convenient, White City (Central Line) and Shepherds Bush (Hammersmith & City line).

DIY travellers

There are various routes to Loftus Road if you want to drive, and our man prefers not to use the shortest in miles, through Watford and Harrow to Shepherds Bush. He uses the motorways.

Go south on the M1, then take the M25 west, before turning left on the M.40 towards west London. This becomes the A40, which is subject to heavy traffic congestion at all times of the day. Fourteen miles after leaving the M25 go off the A40 where it is signposted to Harlesden A404. At the T junction turn right, signposted to Shepherds Bush, and you will see the big BBC White City complex beside the road. Take a right after passing the BBC, into South Africa Road and the ground is ahead of you, on the left. Give yourself plenty of time to find a parking spot - it's not easy!

Mileage from Luton: 38.

A week tomorrow we go back to Peterborough, for the third time this season, an easy journey to a ground with ample parking.

Town on Tour will leave at 12.30, charging £9.50 for LTSC adult members, £8.50 for senior and junior members, and £10.50 for non members.

The Bobbers service will depart Cranfield at 11.15 and Luton an hour later, with fares £7 for adults and £6 for concessions.

DIY travellers

The best route is north up the A1, reached by leaving Luton on the A505 east, through Hitchin and then to

Baldock to take the A1. A couple of miles beyond Norman Cross junction turn off right on the A1139, which is signposted to Peterborough. This road becomes the Fletton Parkway, which you leave at junction 3 to follow signs towards the city centre. Follow those signs until you run onto the Nene Parkway, and then follow the signs towards Woodston Industry until you find yourself in Shrewsbury Avenue. At the next T-junction turn right onto Oundle Road, and at the next roundabout turn right into London Road and the ground is on your left.

Mileage from Luton: 61

London Road



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We make our second attempt to play at Oldham on Tuesday week, January 23, after the wash-out in October. Town on Tour will leave Maple Road at 2pm, picking up at Milton Keynes Coachway 20 minutes later. Their fare is £14.50 for members of LTSC, £12 for concessions, or £16 for passengers who are not in the supporters club. The Bobbers will set off from Cranfield at 1pm, with departure from Kenilworth Road at 2. The fare is £13 adults, £11 for children and pensioners.

DIY travellers

THERE is a choice of route to Oldham, and with the M6 becoming ever more congested, our advice is to take the slightly longer route, up the M1 and over the Pennines. The alternative is taking M1 and M6 north, and in Lancashire, after crossing the Thelwall viaduct, take M60 and M62 east, towards Leeds.

Our man will drive up M1 into Yorkshire, to join the M62 heading west.

Either way, leave M62 at junction 20 to follow the signs towards Oldham, and after half a mile, where the road divides, keep to the right, signposted towards Manchester east. After another mile and a half, join the A627, signposted to Oldham and Ashton. At the first roundabout take the second exit, and you will see the ground, and its car park, on your left.

Mileage: Around 200 via M1 and M6, about 220 via M1 and M62.

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A RECORD Golden Gamble jackpot has turned into a real mystery. The prize at the QPR cup-tie rose to £615, but for the first time we can remember, it was not claimed at the match. Paul McLaren drew out the winning ticket, and the wad of cash was there waiting to be handed over. We still have it, so if you or anyone you know holds Golden Gamble ticket No. 11905 from the QPR game - we think it was sold in the main stand area - please get in touch with our com-



cial department as soon as possible. Another jackpot will be on offer this evening, and once again it will be won by a ticket costing only £1. The club is grateful for the support the lottery receives, because the income is split 50-50 between the club and the prize fund. Our missing winner will be the 17th to cash in this season, with a total of £7,750 paid out, an average of £456 each. Our picture is by way of an apology to the Christmas and New Year winners, after we published an incorrect caption in the QPR matchday magazine.

The photograph was of Andy White, of Benson Close, Bramingham Park, Luton who won £415 at the Wigan game. Today's photo shows the Boxing Day winner, Jonathan Siegler, from Lyndhurst Gardens, Swiss Cottage, who collected his £485 winnings from Adrian Whitbread.

Another jackpot is on offer this evening, and the winner is invited to collect the bundle of readies during the interval.

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Where

11	6
12	14
3	5

How

8	4
4	3
0	3
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12	13

Hatters' Results

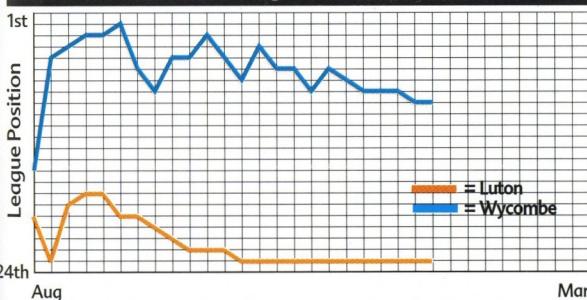
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WYCOMBE GOALS						
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shows the number of results for each scoreline.
eg. Luton have drawn 3 games 1-1

eg. Wycombe have drawn 4 games 0-0
and won 3 games 3-1

Seasonal Progress Comparison

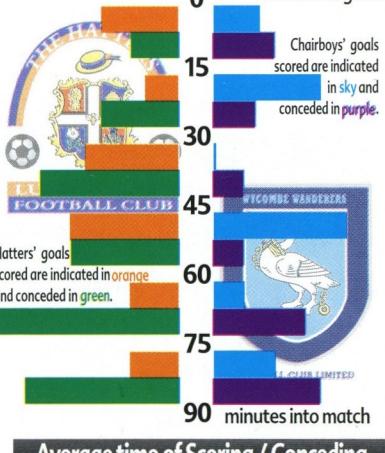


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At Adams Park.....1-0

This Season

Home Win...3-1 Brentford

Away Win.....3-1 Stoke

Home Defeat...0-3 Bristol City

.....0-3 Colchester

Away Defeat...0-4 Swans ea

Consec. Wins.....0

Consec. Defeats.....0

Chairboys' Season records:

Home Win.4 games by 2 goals

Away Win.....2-1 Millwall

.....1-0 Port Vale

Home Defeat...0-3 Bournemouth

Away Defeat.0-2 Reading

.....0-2 Oldham

Consec. Wins.....3

Consec. Defeats.....2

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

Average time of Scoring / Conceding

83 mins	All Goals for	86 mins
90 mins	Home Goals For	55 mins
77 mins	Away Goals For	167 mins
46 mins	All Goals Against	90 mins
49 mins	Home Goals Against	83 mins
43 mins	Away Goals Against	98 mins

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

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Hatters : LSLLWLLWL

F 13 A 26 Pts 7

Chairboys : DLSWDLLWL

F 9 A 13 Pts 10

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Wycombe's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	Conf	2	-	West	34
91/92	Conf	1	-	Scott	22
92/93	Conf	2	-	Scott	26
93/94	3	3	2	Scott	10
94/95	2	3	1	Garner/Regis	9
95/96	2	1	2	De Souza	18
96/97	2	3	2	Carroll	9
97/98	2	1	1	Stallard	17
98/99	2	2	2	Devine	9
99/00	2	2	2	Devine	23

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Middle Row: (L to R) Mark Rogers, Roger Johnson, Paul McCarthy, Keith Ryan, Martin Taylor, Mark Westhead, Mark Osborn, Jamie Bates, Matt Brady, Danny Senda, Peter Holsgrave.

Front Row: (L to R) Terry Evans (Youth Team Physio), Dave Jones (Chief Physio), Martyn Lee, Ben Townsend, Dannie Bulman, Terry Gibson (Assistant Manager), Lawrie Sanchez (Manager), Jermaine McSporan, Michael Simpson, Chris Vinnicombe, Gary Goodchild (Youth Team Manager), Adrian Cole (Youth Development Officer).



LAWRIE SANCHEZ - MANAGER

Started his career at Reading playing in the Third and Fourth Divisions. Moved to Wimbledon for £30,000 just before Christmas 1984 when Dave Bassett was Manager. In the 10 seasons at Wimbledon he played 317 games and scored 35 goals. Had a knack of scoring vital goals, got the winner against

Huddersfield that took the Dons into the First Division (now Premiership) and the winner against Liverpool in the 1988 F.A.Cup Final. Went to Swindon for a short period before managing Sligo Rovers. Took Sligo into Europe in the Cup Winners Cup before losing to F C Bruges. Lawrie was enticed back to Wimbledon by Joe Kinnear to manage the Dons reserve side. He won the Football Combination in his second year in charge, the only time Wimbledon have won the competition. He was appointed first team Coach in 1997-98. He played for N. Ireland. His Mother was from Belfast and his Father from Ecuador. Lawrie is 41 years of age and was

appointed Manager of Wycombe Wanderers on 5th February 1999.

In his first full season in charge, 1999-2000, Lawrie Sanchez guided the Blues to twelfth place in Division Two. A remarkable achievement undertaken with the same squad that had kept Wanderers up the previous season.



MARTIN TAYLOR - GOALKEEPER

Born Tamworth 9.12.66 Started his career with Mile Oak Rovers and after two seasons joined Derby County, where he made a total of 140 league and cup appearances. He made his debut for Wycombe, whilst on loan from Derby County, at a home match Vs Shrewsbury on the 29th March 1997. Kept 18 clean sheets last season and has now made over 150 appearances. Signed a new 2 year contract in April 2000. Won the 'Player of the Season' award for 1999-2000.

MARK WESTHEAD - GOALKEEPER

Born Blackpool - 19.7.75.

Goalkeeper who signed for Bolton Wanderers at 17. Went on loan to a number of clubs before being released at end of 97-98 season. Signed for Wycombe from a goalkeeping course at Bisham Abbey in July 1998. Made first team debut at Burnley on 12th September 1998. Had been out with a nasty hamstring injury since September, now back on the bench as under study to Martin Taylor.

MARK OSBORN - GOALKEEPER

Born Bletchley 19.6.81

Highly promising young goalkeeper now a full time pro signed from the YT ranks. Made his Football League debut against Cambridge United on 9th October 1999. Had a loan spell with Marlow of the Ryman's League for a month in January 2000, and then spent a month with Hampton & Richmond in September 2000.

JAMIE BATES - DEFENDER

Born Croydon 24.2.68

Joined Wycombe from Brentford on a free transfer just before transfer deadline March 99. Strong central defender who played over 500 games for the Bees making his debut in 1986. Can play in any of the defensive positions, ankle injury collected at Colchester in early January had kept him for three months. Returned to the side in the 2-1 win at Chesterfield on 8th April, 2000. Has been in great form this season with a good contribution of goals.

ALAN BEETON - DEFENDER

Born Watford - 4.10.78.

Signed from the YTS in the 1996/97 Season. Alan made his debut Sept 97. A regular towards the end of season 1998-99 and finished really well. Has signed a new two-year contract. Had a season of mixed fortunes after coming back from a viral form of meningitis and ankle injury, both hindering his chances of a permanent place in the side during 1999-2000.

JASON COUSINS - DEFENDER

Born 4/10/70 Hayes.

A summer 1991 signing from Brentford where he spent four seasons making a total of 28 appearances. Scored the first goal in the 1993 FA Trophy Final and was included in the 1992-93 Conference Team of the Year and the 1993-94 PFA Division Three Team of the Year. Voted Supporters' Player of the Year in 1994, Jason has made over 380 appearances for the Club. Now starting his tenth season at Wycombe. He picked up the 'Supporters Player of the Year' award for the second time in season, 98-99, despite missing the final six weeks through injury.



PAUL McCARTHY - DEFENDER

Born 4/8/71 Cork, Southern Ireland.

Joined from Brighton & Hove Albion for £100,00. He has 10 under 21's Caps for the Republic of Ireland. A strong central defender who missed the last part of season 98-99 through injury. Started last

season in fine form but was side lined with an ankle injury that kept him out for two months. Returned to the side at Preston in January 2000, suffered further niggling injuries right to the end of the season.

MARK ROGERS - DEFENDER

Born Guelph, Canada 3.11.78

Arrived from Canada in July 1998. Fought his way into the side after good displays in the Avon Combination reserve side. Injuries to other defenders also enabled Mark to become a regular fixture in the back four. His displays have been noted by the Canadian Team Manager. Can play defence or mid field. Made his Football League debut at Oldham 2nd November 1999 and continued to impress for the remainder of last season. Selected for Canada v Panama in Winnipeg to become the first Full International for Wanderers.

CHRIS VINNICOMBE - DEFENDER

Born 20.10.70 Exeter

Started as YTS at Exeter City, before moving to Glasgow Rangers for £150,000 in November 1989. Did not make too many appearances for Rangers before being transferred to Burnley for £200,000 in May 1994. A good left sided defender he made over 90 appearances for Burnley before joining Wycombe on a free transfer in the summer of 1998. Was a regular choice at left back last season and became one of the most consistent performers in the team.

BEN TOWNSEND - DEFENDER

Born 8.10.81 Reading

Came through the club's YTS route, has made a number of appearances in the first team at right back. Debut at Cambridge in the last game of season 1999-2000.



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MATT BRADY - MIDFIELD

Born 27.10.77

A 21 year old wide left player signed on a free from Boreham Wood in December 1999. Started as a YT with Barnet before moving to Boreham Wood. Made his Football League debut from the subs bench against Chesterfield on 3rd January 2000.

Scored in consecutive games at Preston and Wrexham and has a real eye for goal.

**STEVE BROWN - MIDFIELD**

Born 6/7/66, Northampton. Joined in February 1994 from

Northampton Town, where he was team captain, for a fee of £40,000 when Martin O'Neill was manager. Made over 200 appearances for the Cobblers and 240 League appearances for Wycombe scoring 20 goals. Signed a new 2 year contract in June 98.

DANNIE BULMAN - MIDFIELD

Born Ashford, Middx – 24.1.79.

Joined local club Ashford Town at 15 and made first team debut at 16. Spotted by John Gregory when manager at Wycombe and played four games for reserve side. Signed at start of 98-99 season for £10,000 and made first team debut against Bristol Rovers 31st August 98. Scored equaliser coming on as sub when Rovers keeper slammed ball against his backside. Forced his way into the side last season with some excellent displays in the Avon Insurance Combination making him the most improved player in the club.

DAVE CARROLL - MIDFIELD

Born 20/9/66, Paisley.

Signed in the summer of 1988 from Ruislip Manor following a short loan spell the previous season. Started out as a Fulham youth player before joining Wembley FC. Has represented England youth (3 caps), the FA and was a FA Trophy winner in 1991 and 1993. He scored two goals in the Play-off Final against Preston 1994. He has now made over 500 appearances for Wycombe with 96 goals, 280 appearances in the Football League is a club record, and can play anywhere in midfield or up front, and last season three games at right back. Signed a new two year contract in June 98. He is the fifth longest serving player in the clubs history and is the club's leading scorer since they joined the Football League with 39 goals. Won the Official supporters 'Player of the Season' award for 1999-2000. Has not played so far this season, kept out of the side with a pelvic problem.

STEWART CASTLEDINE - MIDFIELD

Born Wandsworth – 22.1.73.

Started his career as a YT at Wimbledon and spent a two month loan at Wycombe during August and September 1995 when Alan Smith was manager. With 3 goals in 7 appearances he endeared himself to the Wanderers fans. He captained the Wimbledon reserve side to the Avon Insurance Combination Championship under Lawrie Sanchez for the first time in the club's history. At 6'1" he is a dynamo from

midfield who loves to score goals, Stewart has teamed up once more with Lawrie Sanchez and Terry Gibson having signed a three year contract in July 2000.

PAUL EMBLEN - MIDFIELD/STRIKER

Born Bromley – 3.4.76

Signed from Charlton Athletic for £60,000 after a month's loan. Spotted playing for Tonbridge before moving to Charlton start of 97-98. His first season at Charlton he won a Combination Championship medal, younger brother Neil Emblem (Wolves). Brought to Wycombe by Neil Smillie in September 1998. Scored winning goal against Wigan and followed that with the only goal of the game at Lincoln in the last match of 98-99 to keep Wanderers in Division Two. Missed most of last season owing to a broken ankle collected in November 1999 against Brentford, and then snapped his anterior cruciate ligament in his first game back against Norwich City in the Avon Insurance Combination in October 2000. Will be out for another year.

**MAURICE HARKIN - MIDFIELD/WINGER**

Born Derry - Northern Ireland 16.8.79.

Had trials with Watford, Brentford and Nottingham Forest before joining the YTS scheme at W.W.F.C. Has also made 9 appearances for Northern Ireland Youth and 8 appearances for the U 21 side. He made his debut for the Wanderers 1st Team vs Barnet (F.A.Cup 2nd Round) on the 7th of December, 1996. Very promising youngster who has attracted attention from the Premiership. Missed the whole of season 1998-99 through injury.

MARTYN LEE - MIDFIELD

Born Guildford 10.8.80

Signed a professional contract May 99 having been a YT at the club. Diminutive left sided mid fielder who made his Football League debut at Chesterfield 30 January 1999. Continued to impress in the Avon Combination side and played in the final three Nationwide League games of last season. Has made a number of first team appearances this season.

KEITH RYAN - MIDFIELD

Born 25/6/70, Northampton.

Arrived from Berkhamsted during the 1990 close season after making some reserve appearances the previous year. A central midfielder who can also play up front. He scored on his debut for Wycombe and was an FA Trophy winner in 1991 and 1993, and a Play-off winner in 1994. Keith should reach the 300 Football League appearances mark for the Club during this season. Made two successful comebacks from serious injuries. Played as a makeshift centre forward in a handful of games last season and scored 5 goals.

MICHAEL SIMPSON - MIDFIELD

Born Nottingham 28.2.74.

Signed by tribunal from Notts County in January 1997. Trainee with Notts County 1992 to 1997. Made his debut for

Wycombe vs Chesterfield on December 14th, 1996. Signed a new 2 year contract in April 99. Had his best season for the club last term with some sterling performances in the centre of midfield and has continued his form this season.

ANDREW BAIRD - STRIKER

Born East Kilbride – 18.1.79.

Striker with pace and skill joined Wycombe as YT. Broke into the first team owing to injuries to Keith Scott and Paul Read. Made debut as sub in the last home game of 97-98 against Chesterfield. Became a regular choice under Lawrie Sanchez and finished season 1998-99 with 7 goals. Missed a number of games last season with injuries but managed to score 6 goals.

SEAN DEVINE - STRIKER

Born Lewisham 6.9.72

Exciting striker who joined Wanderers from Barnet in the club's biggest transfer fee of £200,000 in April 1999. His goals helped Wycombe to Second Division survival in season 1998-99, scoring 8 in 12 games. The clubs leading scorer last season with 25 in all competitions. His 23 League goals last season created a new Football League scoring record at the club for one season, he also became the second highest Football League scorer in the club's history with 31 goals. Injury has prevented Sean from playing this season with a damaged knee.

**JERMAINE MCSPORRAN - STRIKER**

Born Manchester – 1.1.77

Signed for Wycombe from Non League Oxford City 5.11.98 on a 3 year contract. Played for Oxford City then moved to Abingdon Town before re-joining Oxford City in 1996. Played for Arsenal in the Avon Insurance Combination scored two goals. Offered trials at

West Ham, attracted lots of attention from Premier and Division One sides. Debut for Wycombe at Northampton Town on 7th November 1998. Brought attention to his game after scoring twice against Wolves at Molineux in the Worthington Cup last season, he finished with 12 goals for the season.

SAM PARKIN - STRIKER

Born Roehampton 14.3.81

Joined Wanderers on a two month loan from Chelsea on November 23rd 2000. A 19 year old 6'2" striker who was on loan at Millwall and scored four goals in five appearances. Will be at Wycombe until the middle of January 2001 where it is hoped he can reproduce his goal scoring form.

ANDY RAMMELL - STRIKER

Born Nuneaton 10.2.67

Experienced striker who joined Wanderers from Walsall 7th September 2000 for £75,000. Started his career with non league Atherstone United before moving to Manchester United for £40,000 in August 1989. A move to Barnsley for £100,000 in August 1990 resulted in six very successful seasons at Oakwell. Joined Walsall on a free in July 1998 and was a major part of their promotion season to Division One with 23 goals.

DANNY SENDA - STRIKER

Born Harrow 17.4.81

Young striker with a lot of promise. Has played for England U17 side. Made Football League debut against Oldham March 27 1999 from the subs bench. Made his first full start against Chesterfield on 3rd January 2000, scored his first Football League goal for the club at Wrexham Feb 5th 2000.

TERRY GIBSON - ASSISTANT MANAGER

Appointed on 9th February 1999. A former team mate of Lawrie Sanchez at Wimbledon and played in the Wembley winning cup final side of 1988. Terry started his career at Spur making his debut at 17, he then moved to Coventry City and became a leading goal scorer. He moved to Manchester United but was in and out of the team owing to the competition for first team places. His transfer to Wimbledon proved a good one spending six years in a very good Wimbledon side before moving onto Barnet. It was at Underhill he became involved with running the youth team while still playing first team football. He then took over the reserve side in the Capital League, then had a spell as caretaker manager before the arrival of Alan Mullery.

GARY GOODCHILD - YOUTH TEAM MANAGER

Took over the position of Youth Team Manager on July 1st 1998. He succeeded Neil Smillie who moved up to become first team Manager after the departure of John Gregory to Aston Villa. During his playing career Gary Goodchild was an England Schoolboy International before taking up an apprenticeship at Arsenal. The majority of his career has been spent in Norway playing in the Norwegian League. After he stopped playing he moved into coaching in Norway working with many of the top Internationals from that country. In his first full season in charge Gary won the Football League Youth Alliance Merit Division One Championship.

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FANS ON THE MOVE

THE away end was just about full, for the first time this season, as QPR fans came to Luton to support their team in the FA Cup. The previous highest away attendance at Kenilworth Road this season was also for a cup-tie, when Rushden & Diamonds were here.

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
QPR (FAC)	1,976
Total:	14,208
Average:	836
	9,985
	624

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	446
	9,985
	624

Town Teaser

We are offering another little prize this evening in our popular Town trivia quiz. At the Queens Park Rangers cup-tie we asked about a defender who began his career with us, and is now at QPR after a spell with West Ham, and the answer was Tim Breacker.

The PA announcer will pose another Town teaser before kick-off this evening, so listen to him before kick-off for your chance to have a go. If you don't already know the answer, you might find it elsewhere in this magazine.

Tonight's Question

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MAIN PICTURE: Well done Foti - Liam George starts the celebrations after Andrew Fotiadis put the Town ahead.

LEFT: Close combat - one of the game's key battles, with Jermaine Darlington doing his best to hold up one of Matthew Taylor's surging runs down the Town's left flank.

ABOVE: Lead regained - Stuart Douglas fires in the shot that made it 3-2. Clarke Carlisle is the defender half-hidden from view on the extreme left whose inadvertent deflection left his goalkeeper wrong-footed.

See page 39 for more action pictures from the game.

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Hatters Abroad

SOME of our youngest fans take centre-stage today as they show what the well-dressed Town supporter wears on holiday. Pictured in Protaros, Cyprus, are, left to right, Lauren Bainbridge, 11, her cousin Georgina Bainbridge, 4, and sisters Danielle Bailey, 11, and Elise Bailey, 9. Colin Bainbridge, of Freshwater Close, Luton, sent in the photograph, which was taken in August. "We were on a big family holiday," he said. "But Protaros was just like being in Luton - the new tops had just come out, and they were everywhere!"



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

Safety at the death

With only three games to go at the end of the 1989/90 campaign the Town looked certain to lose the top flight place that they had clung on to since winning promotion in glorious style in 1982. With only nine points to play for and six points from the safety spot of fourth from bottom it looked a hopeless task.

The situation had not been helped with points thrown away over a disastrous Easter. Goals from Iain Dowie had secured a comfortable 2-0 half-time lead over Everton at Kenilworth Road, but then the Toffees were allowed back into the game and their eventual leveller with 13 minutes left was a foregone conclusion. On the following Monday the Town completely capitulated to Nottingham Forest at the City Ground going down 0-3 and making the home side, who had gone eight games without a victory, look like Brazil.

Manager Jim Ryan put on a brave face but probably thought, like the rest of us, that our days were numbered. Suddenly presented with the job three months before following the departure of Ray Harford, Ryan's first job was to preside over the sale of terrace hero, Mick Harford, to Derby. This coupled with the earlier sale of Roy Wegerle to Q.P.R. and a cartilage operation for record signing, Lars Elstrup, left the Town mighty short up front.

Ryan also had to contend with a jinx on centre-halves that had swept through the club leaving Graham Rodger, Julian James, Marvin Johnson, Darron McDonough and Dave Beaumont absent for large chunks of the season.

Of the three remaining games two were at home with first up previous season's champions, Arsenal. Jim Ryan had a simple message for the players telling them that they must win at all costs and hope that somehow fourth from bottom Sheffield Wednesday would slip up along the way.

Supporters would have expected the players to be jittery but they came out full of self belief and tore into the Gunners from the start and it was no surprise when Dowie fired the Town into the lead after Arsenal full-back, Nigel Winterburn, failed to control a ball in the area.

The Town's second goal came just before the hour and was set up by some brilliant play from Tim Breacker. Surging down the wing, Breacker cleverly beat Arsenal's Tony Adams before playing a wall pass with Danny Wilson and then putting in a low cross that was converted by Kingsley Black.

Although Arsenal, stung by this two goal burst, threatened briefly the Town had learnt from the disappointment of the earlier Everton game and ruthlessly killed the action.

After the players trooped off they learnt that Sheffield Wednesday had lost 0-1 at Q.P.R. and the gap at the bottom had therefore narrowed to three points.

Wednesday were due to be playing already relegated Charlton at Selhurst Park on the following Saturday while the Town were down to meet F.A. Cup finalists Crystal Palace at Kenilworth Road. Charlton manager, Lennie Lawrence, had threatened to play a team of youngsters at Wednesday but following swift objections from the Town to the Football League he confirmed that the strongest side would be played. He put his earlier threat down to frustration at the lack of fight shown by his senior squad!

Palace had just confirmed a safe spot just above Wednesday and with one eye turned towards their forthcoming trip to Wembley decided to close the game down against the Town. To be honest, it was tedious stuff but the Town players, to their credit, refused to panic and kept on trying to football their way through the packed Palace rear-guard.

We all thought that it was not going to be the Town's day when Danny Wilson hit the post with a rocket drive with the rebound falling to Jason Rees whose shot was brilliantly saved by Nigel Martyn. News started to filter through that Wednesday were leading at Selhurst Park and as the final seconds ticked away relegation stared us in the face. The breakthrough goal was timed at 89 minutes 6 seconds and came in true 'Roy of the Rovers' fashion off the shin of Iain Dowie. Wilson had started the move with an excellent cross-field pass to Rees



The players salute the 5,000 supporters who flocked to the Baseball Ground, Derby in 1990.

who hammered over a low cross that was met at the far post by Dowie who was instantly submerged by his team-mates.

The situation was now set for a final day show down. The Town were to play at Derby while Sheffield Wednesday were at home to Nottingham Forest. We had to win and Wednesday had to lose, it was as simple as that!

Throughout the week leading up to the game many thoughts went through the minds of the average Luton supporter. Would the Town be able to win at Derby having won only once away all season? The Rams were safe but they still boasted Peter Shilton, Mark Wright, Dean Saunders and a certain Mick Harford in their side who certainly did not know how to take things easy. Sheffield Wednesday had a good home record but would Forest manager, Brian Clough, allow any of his players to roll over and die.

Despite the agonising over 5,000 sleepless Luton supporters converged on the Baseball Ground on a glorious sunny day to see the Town take the lead in sensational fashion after only 66 seconds.

Ignoring all the set piece routines drummed into him, full-back Tim Breacker cracked the ball into the net from a free-kick taken fully 30 yards out. This was followed by a cool Kingsley Black finish to a Wilson cross after 18 minutes and with news filtering through that Forest were winning at Hillsborough the Baseball Ground became the place to be.

Unfortunately this feeling of euphoria was not

allowed to last as by half-time Derby had pulled back the two goal deficit through goals from Wright and Paul Williams and only brilliant goal-keeping from Alec Chamberlain prevented the Rams from moving into the lead.

We all feared that the Town would cave in but to our surprise completely dominated the second half with a brand of attacking football that had Derby on the back foot throughout. Despite all the attacking the winning goal would not come and with the minutes ticking away those on the terraces were chewing their fingernails down to the knuckle.

The winner finally came from local boy Kingsley Black with 16 minutes remaining after his shot rebounded off a wall of defenders back to him when he gratefully thumped the ball home with his 'wrong' foot.

The players then sensibly shut up shop and my abiding memory is of hard man mid-fielder, Mick Kennedy, setting off on a tremendous jinking run to nowhere in particular and eventually ending up at the corner flag where his bulk shielded the ball for a few more valuable seconds.

By the time of the final whistle we all knew that Wednesday had lost 0-3 to Forest and after the most improbable and impossible of escapes the celebrations went on long into the night.

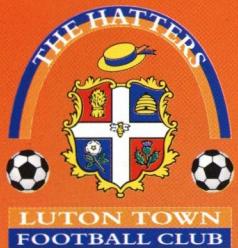
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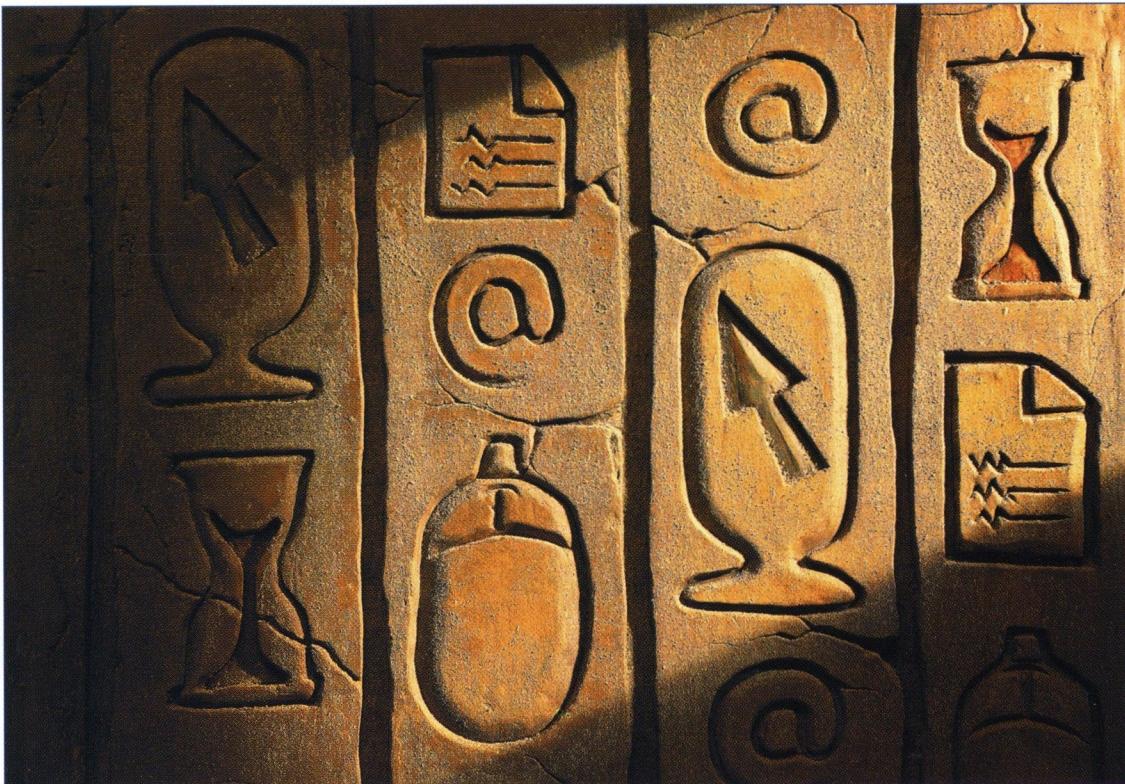
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THE Junior Hatters will be going to Peterborough next Saturday to meet our old friends there, but because pitches have been hammered by the weather we will not be able to play football with the young Posh fans. However it will be a good trip, and we will enjoy ourselves on the coach journey as well, with the usual mix of games and a quiz on the way home, with various prizes on offer.

We will be taking Happy Harry with us, and Peterborough have invited us to send a mascot out with him before kick-off. The choice will be made on the coach, so if you want to be considered book a seat and bring your Luton kit with you.

We will leave Luton at 12.30 and the price is £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for guests, and you can book at the club shop.



WE THOUGHT this picture made a nice change from our usual group shot of mascots and match officials before kick-off. Laura Joseph, Junior Hatters mascot for the QPR match, took part in those formalities, but one of the moments she enjoyed most is captured here - meeting Matthew Taylor, her favourite player.

Today's Mascot



EIGHT-year-old Yasmin Hickling, from Fallowfield, Luton, usually watches games sitting in the Kenilworth with her dad, but this evening she has an important part to play in proceedings, because she has been chosen to be the Junior Hatters mascot.

She goes to William Austin Junior School, and as well

as watching the Town she likes swimming. As mascot, she will meet the players before the game, and join them on the pitch before kick-off. She is hoping that Mark Stein is fit again and able to play, because he is her favourite.

We also have two ball boys on duty, Christopher Johnson, 14, from Home Farm Way, Westoning, and Mark Pearson, 12, from Benson Close, Luton.

At the Peterborough game Gary Winsor, from New Road, Drayton Parslow, was a ball boy, and we were delighted to receive a letter from him this week.

"Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to be a ball boy," he wrote. "I really enjoyed myself even though it was very cold and I only touched the ball a few times. It was an amazing experience which I could never forget."

Like the mascot, ball boys and girls are chosen at random from the Junior Hatters membership list, although for safety reasons ball boys and girls must be at least ten years old. If you want to be chosen you need do no more than join the Junior Hatters.

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Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

AFTER seven years without league football the sporting public was more than ready for the 1946-47 season, even if many of the war-time rationing and restrictions were still in force. This made the winter a bleak time, even before the blizzards that came later in February and March.

Prior to that, on this corresponding weekend 54 years ago, Luton Town brought some cheer to their fans by trouncing Notts County 6-0 in the FA Cup third round. The star of the show was centre-forward Hughie Billington, who scored five of the goals, but also doing his bit, keeping a clean sheet at the other end, was goalkeeper Les Bywater. Rather surprisingly, when confectionery firm Barratt's resumed issuing football cards with their products the following season, it was Bywater, and not leading scorer Billington, who was the Town's representative in their 50-strong series. The firm had produced annual football sets during the 1930s, and this practice was to continue until 1967. Indeed, after a short break their successors, Sheffield-based Bassett's, carried on this tradition, and continued to give away soccer cards with what we now have to call candy sticks. They were sweet cigarettes in those days.

Bywater, whose first Christian name was Noel, was born in Lichfield, Staffs, on February 8, 1920. After showing promise as a schoolboy, he joined Huddersfield Town during the war. However, he found his opportunities limited there, and managed only two first-team outings in his time at Leeds Road.

During the transitional 1945-46 season, when "guesting" for other clubs was still common, Bywater came to Luton and played in a dozen or so senior games. He must have impressed, because in the following September he joined the Town on a permanent basis after the two clubs had agreed on what was said at the time to be a modest fee. At the time Luton already had two professional

keepers on the books - George Duke, who had signed in 1938, and Murdo Morrison, a Scot from Clydebank.

Duke was first choice at the start of the season, but Bywater was soon given his chance because Duke was still on Army service. After making a debut at Chesterfield in a 2-1 reverse on October 12, Bywater enjoyed a first-team run which lasted until mid-February, including four FA Cup ties. According to reports at the time he played blinders in the away matches at Burnley and West

Brom, which resulted in a 1-1 draw and a 2-1 win respectively. However, by the time of Luton's cup exit that season, also at Burnley, they had snapped up one of the leading amateur keepers in the game, Shrewsbury's Bernard Streten. Once he got into the team he performed so well that Bywater was to play only three more first-team matches for the Town.

Curiously, at the end of a season extended to the last day of May because of the winter snows, the last five games saw a goalkeeping change each time. Even Morrison got a look-in, his only appearance of the season in a 4-0 defeat at Barnsley.

What proved to be Bywater's last match for the Town was in a 3-0 triumph over Bradford Park Avenue at Kenilworth Road on May 24, in front of a crowd of 10,805.

The following season saw Streten ever-present and showing the form that would earn him an England cap and Bywater was allowed to join Rochdale in December 1947, where he played 33 more league games before going out of the game.

Not so long ago Barratt's cards from this era were relatively easy to obtain and could be found for about £1 each. Now they are becoming as sought-after as some of the pre-war cigarette cards, and I recently saw this Bywater example on a dealer's list at £10.

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Fan in the boardroom

SUPPORTERS have another chance later this month to find out at first hand the latest news from the boardroom. Yvonne Fletcher, co-opted onto the board when Mike Watson-Challis took control of the club in the summer, will be the main speaker at an open meeting on January 24 (7.30pm) in the Eric Morecambe lounge.

Former chair of Luton Town Supporters Club, and now a director of FLAG, she has been mad about football in general and Luton Town in particular since she was a ten-year-old girl, 30 years ago. "I grew up in Stanton Road, Luton, a street full of boys who used to play football, and I joined in," she said. "I loved football then, and still do. My dad took me to my first match in 1970, standing on the Kenilworth Road terrace to see the Town beat Portsmouth 2-1, and I was hooked.

"I switched to standing in the enclosure so that I could be near the tunnel and collect autographs, and a little group of us became friends then, and still are. Now we all sit in that area as season ticket holders." Yvonne became a member of the Supporters Club soon after it was founded in its present form in 1988, eventually joining the committee and then having four years in the chair.

The receivership chapter 18 months ago saw her join FLAG when various supporting groups got together to form the Fans of Luton Action Group. She gave up the LTSC chairmanship, but still serves on the committee.

When FLAG came into being, it hoped to follow the example set by supporters of AFC Bournemouth when their club was in financial trouble. It is now a community-owned club, and the fans who organised that transformation became closely linked with FLAG, offering their experience and legal help.

The first public meeting of FLAG, at a packed canteen at Vauxhall Toddington, resulted in £10,000 being donated on the night, and eventually FLAG raised £40,000. With various backers giving support, FLAG made a bid of £2.1 million for the club.

The receivers chose instead to accept the offer from Mike Watson-Challis, and a new board of directors was put in place. One of his first decisions was to offer FLAG a seat on the board.

After much consideration, FLAG accepted the offer, and a secret ballot nominated Yvonne to become the Town's first-ever supporter-director.

"In some ways it has been a little strange," she said. "There is such a wide range of activity going on day by day within a football club which fans never think about."

As sports desk manager at The Guardian, Yvonne is



used to quick actions and responses in her daily job, and has found the pace of progress through board meetings much slower, with more thought needed, particularly on long-term planning.

"We meet formally as a board every four to six weeks, but talk to each other regularly, on the phone and at games," said Yvonne. "I have been impressed by what a good balance we have on the board - no ego-trippers, but a good mix of experience. Just about every decision is made by consensus, and that unity is one of our strengths.

"I suppose that I have to prove myself twice over - as a woman in what is traditionally a man's game, and as a supporter in an environment where few fans go. It has been something of an eye-opener for me, but I have found the job very rewarding."

She is still much involved with FLAG, which has about £22,000 in the bank. With the community ownership idea kicked into touch, FLAG is now looking at how to put that money into the football club.

"We don't want it to drop into a black hole in the accounts," she said. "We want to see the money spent wisely, serving football and the community, and we hope to set up something that will run on in perpetuity, for instance something involving youth development."

Fans might have a lot of questions to ask. If so, you are invited to turn up on the night, and put them to Yvonne, to take advantage of the link between supporters and club.

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Action Replay

Luton Town 3 Queens Park Rangers 3 (HT 2-0)

A MEMORABLE cup-tie which thrilled the biggest crowd of the season gave supporters of both sides the complete range of emotions before a final cruel twist denied the Town victory, pegged back by a last-minute penalty. Lee Nogan was reported by his manager to be in tears after the needless handball that gave First Division strugglers a draw after a match of swaying fortunes in which the Town led by two goals, lost the lead, then regained it with 15 minutes to go.

Gavin Peacock was the man who came back to haunt us. His two goals for Chelsea flattened us in the 1994 semi-final at Wembley, and he was influential in giving Rangers their streaky draw this time, setting up their first goal, and netting their face-saver from the spot.

It was a marvellous cup contest, full of good things, spoiled only for home supporters by the numbing shock of the last-minute drama.

Emmerson Boyce returned in place of injured Julian Watts, and Liam George was back to play behind the front two of Nogan and Andrew Fotiadis, with Peter Holmes transferred from midfield to the bench. The attacking formation worked a treat, as the Town hit the heights in a scintillating first half. Beanpole striker Peter Crouch missed two good early chances for Rangers before they were hit by two goals in eight minutes, by George and Fotiadis.

Rangers looked demoralised, every inch First Division strugglers yet to win away from home this season. But manager Gerry Francis tore into his team during the interval, and shook it up with the introduction of two subs to field a three-man attack to counter-balance the Town's.

Peacock, now 33 and a little chubbier and slower than in his Chelsea days, evened up the midfield contest, and when Crouch netted twice in the first seven minutes of the second half we feared the worst. We remembered the Town have shown several times this season that they have to score three goals to win. Miraculously, they refused to buckle as the pendulum seemed to have swung towards Rangers, and Stuart Douglas made a hero's return after injury, knocking in that third goal five minutes after going on as sub.

"Over the 90 minutes, we deserved to win 3-2," said Lil Fuccillo. "That late penalty was a real blow - the player still can't understand why he did it, and has apologised for it."

Francis saw it a little differently, pointing out that Rangers picked themselves up for a second time after conceding the third goal, with Sammy Koejoe shooting wide from a decent chance, and Jude Stirling clearing off the line from Karl Connolly. The draw was about right, he thought. Nearly 7,000 Town supporters at the game will disagree.

Match Details

Luton Town: Ovendale, Boyce, Whitbread, Fraser, Helin (Stirling 79 mins), Spring, Locke, Taylor, George, Fotiadis (Douglas 70 mins), Nogan. Unused subs Holmes, Kandol, Abbey.

Booked: No-one

QPR: Miklosko, Darlington, Carlisle, Morrow (Peacock HT), Plummer, Baraclough, Langley, Kulcsar (Wardley HT), Connolly, Crouch, Koejoe. Unused subs Harper, Heinola, Rowland.

Booked: No-One.

The goals: 1-0 27 mins - Andrew Fotiadis near-post header from left wing corner by Matthew Spring; 2-0 35 mins - Liam George hooked shot after another Spring corner was half-cleared and returned into the danger area by Emmerson Boyce and Fotiadis; 2-1 47 mins - Peter Crouch, careful shot after racing clear down the middle to capitalise on a shrewd pass by Gavin Peacock; 2-2 52 mins - Crouch again, header from a diagonal cross by Karl Connolly which looked as though it would float into the top corner anyway; 3-2 75 mins - Stuart Douglas, five minutes after going on as sub, hard angled drive from a long throw by Petri Helin, the ball taking a deflection off Clarke Carlisle; 3-3 89 mins - Gavin Peacock penalty after Lee Nogan handled a corner by Richard Langley.

Referee: Roger Furnardiz, Yorkshire.

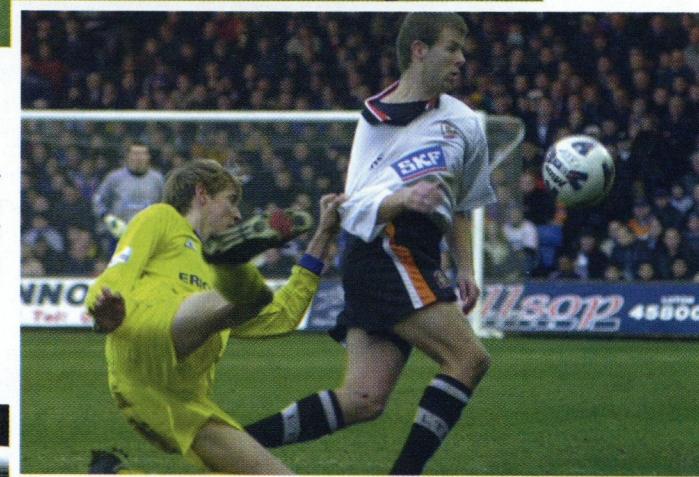
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SEEKING THE RANGE: Matthew Spring fires in a free kick, but the Rangers wall did its job



DIFFICULT CUSTOMER: Peter Crouch, 6ft 7ins tall, was quite happy to use his hands and arms as well as his legs in trying to get past Stuart Fraser.



HATTERS AHEAD: Andrew Fotiadis nods in the opening goal from a corner by Matthew Spring.

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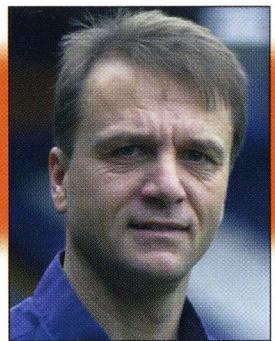


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The Reserves

Kevan Broadhurst



Norwich City 2 Luton Town 0

THE RESULT, in the Avon Insurance Combination League Cup was not the most important thing on our minds at Carrow Road, in a game mainly needed to enable Stuart Douglas and Liam George to confirm their return to fitness after injuries. Both did so, and got their rewards by scoring in the FA Cup tie against QPR a couple of days later.

Those two apart, we fielded a comparatively inexperienced team against a home side which included several with a lot of first team experience.

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

It was a good work-out, but we were second best by a long way in the first half. We started with three at the back, with wingbacks, and Norwich found it easy to cope with that, so after about 25 minutes we changed to 5-2-3, and looked better for it.

We rode our luck, and I was pleased to get to the interval with the scoreline still blank. At that stage the game was perhaps 80/20 in Norwich's favour, but we had a much better second half when it came down to 60/40 to them. I thought we might nick a draw, but ten minutes after the break James Ayres was sent off for his second yellow card, a needless case of kicking the ball away. His first had been for a foul. As often happens, the ten men responded well and we had a good spell, but we had to disrupt the pattern to take Douglas and George off so as to leave something in the tank for them for the cup-tie.

A deflected shot which Nathan Abbey let slip under his body gave Norwich the lead, and they added a good goal two minutes from time.

We didn't deserve to win the game, but I had hoped we might be able to grind out a 0-0 draw, an ability all teams must strive for when they are not in command of games. With more application we might have done that, but overall our performance was not too bad. Young Lee Mansell acquitted himself well, as did Tresor Kandol and Andre Scarlett.

Luton Town: Abbey, Scarlett, James-Barriteau (Bruce 75 mins), Stirling, Karlsen, Ayres, Breitenfelder, Mansell, Kandol, Douglas (Thomson 60 mins), George (Standen 55 mins).

WE ARE at home to Brighton on Monday, in a game to be played at Baldock, kick-off 7pm.

Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures

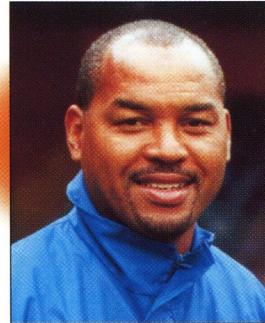
AUG							
Wed 16	Barnet	H	3-1	Brennan	2, Kandol		
Mon 21	Peterborough (LC)		2-1	Kandol, Carter			
Tues 29	Millwall	A	0-2				
SEPT							
Wed 13	L. Orient	A	postponed				
Wed 20	Gillingham (LC)	H	1-1	Ayres	pen		
OCT							
Wed 4	Fulham	H	4-1	Thomson	3, Brennan		
Wed 18	Gillingham	A	1-1	Brennan			
NOV							
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	0-2				

*To be played at Baldock Town.

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Youth Soccer

Brian Stein



AFTER the holiday break, we are back in action in

the Football League Youth Alliance tomorrow, and then face our biggest test of the season so far on Tuesday when we take on Manchester City in the FA Youth Cup fourth round at Kenilworth Road (7pm). I trust we will be in the right mood to face that challenge, but the cup-tie must be forgotten tomorrow, when we entertain Barnet in the Alliance. Kick-off at Luton RFC, Newlands Road, is at 11 am, and spectators are welcome. I hope we will have a good crowd on Tuesday night, and if you can come to the game your support will be appreciated.

I have been pleased with the efforts made by the boys since I took over as youth coach, and as usual we are a younger squad than most. We have six first-year YTS boys and six second-years, which means that for matches we have to augment the team with schoolboys. It is common for us to field four under-16s in an under-19 league. Some take to it better than others, and we are careful not to ask too much of youngsters. It all underlines the need for us to find the best young prospects, and we have three 15-year-olds coming through nicely, and looking set to become YTS players when they leave school in the summer, if they main-

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE South East Conference Results and fixtures

AUG							
16	Southend	H	2-2	Carroll, James-Barriteau			
26	L. Orient	A	0-4				
SEPT							
2	Portsmouth	H	1-1	Dillon			
9	Wycombe Wdrs	H	2-0	Dillon			
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	FAYC1 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			
JAN							
13	Barnet	H					
16	Manchester City	H					
20	Cambridge	A					
27	Brighton	A					
FEB							
3	Brentford	H					
10	Colchester	A					
17	Gillingham	H					

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge Utd	12	9	2	1	25	10	29
Colchester	15	8	3	4	31	21	27
Wycombe Wdrs	13	7	3	3	23	12	24
Brighton	10	7	2	1	21	10	23
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

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Campaign Records

Highest Gate
16,696
Bristol City vs
Bristol Rovers

Lowest Gate
1,584
Wrexham
vs Cambridge

Highest
Aggregate
Score
Brentford 2
Bristol Rovers .6

Bristol City 6
Cambridge 2

Biggest
Home Win
Cambridge 6

Rotherham 1

Reading 5

Oldham 0

Millwall 5

Oxford 0

Millwall 6

Colchester 1

Biggest
Away Win
Brentford 2

Bristol Rovers .6

Consec. Wins
Walsall 5

Games
Unbeaten
Wigan 18



Consec. Defeats
Bury 5

Winless Run
Cambridge 12



Total Games
288

Home Wins
125 43%

Away Wins
86 30%

Draws
77 27%

1-1 Draws
35 12%

0-0 Draws
24 8%

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Div.2 Results Grid

HOME GOALS							
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	24	29	16	11	8	2	
1	30	35	21	15	4	2	2
2	13	14	14	12	1	1	
3	8	6	5	4	1		
4		4					
5		1					
6							
7							
8							

for clubs below, read
across row to right
for Big Wins/Defeats
and last 5 results

Division 2 Ave. Attendances

3000 6000 9000 12000 15000

Biggest Wins & Losses

Win - vs. Defeat - vs.

Last 5 Home Results

W L D L W

Bournemouth	4,148	5-2	Bury	1-3	Colch	W L W L W
Brentford	4,719	3-0	Oxford	2-6	B Rovers	L D D W D
Bristol City	10,422	6-2	Cambridge	0-2	Nthmpn	D W L W W
Bristol Rovers	7,269	6-2	Brentford	0-3	Stoke	L D L L D
Bury	3,339	2-0	3 Clubs	0-4	Millwall	D D W D L
Cambridge	4,601	6-1	Roth'ham	2-6	Brstl City	L D D D W
Colchester	3,545	3-0	Luton	1-6	Millwall	W L D W W
Luton	5,703	3-1	Btdf/Stke	0-4	Swansea	L L L W L
Millwall	10,030	6-1	Colchester	2-3	3 clubs	W W W W L
Northampton	5,848	2-0	4 Clubs	0-3	Bth/Wsl	D L L W D
Notts County	5,191	3-2	4 Clubs	1-5	Walsall	W W W W D
Oldham	4,715	4-1	Port Vale	0-5	Reading	D L W W D
Oxford	4,818	3-1	Nthmpn	0-5	Millwall	L L L W L
Peterborough	6,142	4-0	Swindon	1-4	Millwall	W W W L D
Port Vale	4,388	3-0	3 clubs	0-4	Cmbrdge	D W L L D
Reading	11,759	5-0	Oldham	0-4	Brstl City	L W W D L
Rotherham	4,937	3-0	3 clubs	1-6	Cmbrdge	W D W W D
Stoke	13,182	4-0	Oxford	0-3	Walsall	W L L W W
Swansea	5,827	4-0	Luton	1-5	Reading	L D L D W
Swindon	5,703	3-1	Cambridge	0-4	P'boro	D D L W L
Walsall	5,956	5-1	Notts C	1-3	W y/Swa	W W W W W
Bates	6,345	3-1	Wxm/Clh	0-2	Walsall	W W D D W
Hill	3,778	4-1	Bury	1-4	Reading	L D W W W
Frankland	3,778	4-1	Bury	1-4	Reading	W L W L W
Warren	5,246	3-1	3 Clubs	0-3	Bmth	

Referees Report

G	RC	YC	Av.Yell
Prosser	11	4	52
Hall	15	9	4.47
Olivier	15	4	4.47
Knight	8	4	3.48
Fletcher	13	0	4.31
Dowd	15	8	4.20
Jordan	13	2	4.08
Foy	14	3	4.07
Cooper	10	2	3.90
Jones T	16	9	3.81
Mathieson	16	2	3.81
Bates	12	0	3.75
Hill	14	3	3.64
Frankland	16	2	3.63
Warren	13	2	3.62

Hotshots - Div.2 Clubs' most prolific marksmen, inc. the difference their goals made

see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	1st Gl	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms	Ave	W/L	W/D	D/L	Pts	Run	Dry	PU	CS	FS
Bournemouth	Defoe	10	2	6	2	0	8	1.25	1	2	0	7	8	0	27	5	4
Brentford	Scott	13	5	9	2	0	22	0.59	1	4	3	14	4	3	25	6	4
Bristol City	Thorpe	14	3	6	1	2	23	0.61	1	2	2	9	2	5	27	7	7
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	6	2	4	1	0	19	0.32	0	0	4	4	3	10	29	6	8
Bury	Barnes	4	3	4	0	0	10	0.40	0	2	1	5	3	4	22	9	8
Cambridge	Youngs	10	2	6	2	0	23	0.43	0	3	2	8	3	5	27	6	5
Colchester	Duguid	4	2	4	0	0	21	0.19	0	1	1	3	2	7	26	8	8
Luton	Kandol	3	0	1	1	0	11	0.27	0	0	2	2	1	5	27	3	10
Millwall	Harris	20	7	7	2	3	24	0.83	1	4	1	12	3	3	29	9	2
Northampton	Forrester	15	8	11	2	0	23	0.65	1	4	5	16	5	4	25	7	6
Notts County	Stallard	9	5	9	0	0	21	0.43	0	5	1	11	3	4	29	7	7
Oldham	Allott	5	3	5	0	0	21	0.24	0	1	2	4	2	7	27	8	8
Oxford	Beauchamp	5	1	3	1	0	22	0.23	0	1	0	2	1	7	34	2	10
Peterborough	McKenzie	6	2	4	1	0	12	0.50	0	1	0	2	2	3	22	8	8
Port Vale	Naylor	6	2	2	2	0	19	0.32	0	1	0	2	2	5	23	5	9
Reading	Cureton	13	3	7	0	2	21	0.62	0	3	1	7	3	4	25	7	5
Rotherham	Robins	10	5	8	1	0	20	0.50	0	1	2	4	2	2	24	11	2
Stoke	Thorne	9	4	4	1	1	17	0.53	1	3	2	11	2	4	26	7	4
Swansea	Savarese	8	2	2	3	0	13	0.62	1	0	3	6	2	4	24	7	11
Swindon	Invincible	8	2	4	2	0	23	0.35	0	2	1	5	2	9	28	4	11
Walsall	Leitao	9	5	9	0	0	25	0.36	0	3	0	6	3	5	22	10	6
Wigan	Haworth	9	5	6	0	1	16	0.56	1	2	1	8	2	2	24	11	5
Wrexham	Sam	6	2	4	1	0	19	0.32	0	1	1	3	5	13	25	5	7
Wycombe	Rammell	8	3	4	2	0	18	0.44	1	2	1	8	2	4	24	7	10

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

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Second Division Scene

Brian Swain

TWO managers will
doubtless tell their

teams in the Kenilworth

Road dressing rooms this evening to forget about the

FA Cup and concentrate on important league points.

Wycombe have a replay at Grimsby on Tuesday

evening with the winners at home to Wolves in the

fourth round, while our lads are dreaming of a crack

at the Arsenal if we can sort out QPR on Wednesday.

While the Town need league points to try to escape

the relegation trapdoor, Wycombe's target is a six-

point gap between them and the play-off places.

When defender Paul McCarthy netted Wycombe's

73rd-minute equaliser against Luton on Saturday it was Wycombe's first-ever goal in the

third round of the FA Cup. A win at Blundell Park will

put them into the fourth round for the first time in

their history. They beat Millwall after a replay in the

Statistics Fixtures

2000 / 2001

	Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers	League Place	Attnd.	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	Wymcombe 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	Karlsen
NOVEMBER	Sat 11	Bristol City	H 3pm	0-3	-	23	6,595	Abbey	McGowan	George	Karlsen	
NOVEMBER	Fri 17	Rushden & D FAC1	H 8pm	1-0	George	23	5,771	Abbey	Boyce	Fraser	Watts	Karlsen
NOVEMBER	Sat 25	Port Vale	A 3pm	0-3	-	23	4,194	Abbey	Boyce	Whitbread	Watts	Karlsen
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	Karlsen	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	Sat 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	3-3	Fotiadis, George, Douglas	23	8,677	Ovendale	Boyce	Whitbread	Fraser	George
JANUARY	Fri 12	Wycombe	H 7.45pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JANUARY	Wed 17	QPR FAC3R	A 8pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JANUARY	Sat 20	Peterborough	A 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JANUARY	Tue 23	Oldham	A 7.45pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JANUARY	Sat 27	Reading	H 3pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JANUARY	OR	Arsenal FAC4	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

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Taylor	Spring	Locke	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Holmes	Fraser	Watts	78.	Unused:	Stirling, Brennan, Abbey.
Taylor	Holmes	Locke	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Fraser	Johnson	HT, Scarlett	Locke 73, Brennan for Holmes 83.	Unused:	Stirling, Brennan, Abbey
Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan	Fraser	George	HT, Fotiadis 81.	Unused:	Stirling, Locke, Scarlett, Abbey.
Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan	Fraser	George	George 57, Locke for Holmes 86.	Unused:	Stirling, Kandol, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan	Fraser	George	George 55, Kandol for Fotiadis 76.	Unused:	Locke, Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Kandol	Fraser	Locke	Fotiadis HT; Brennan for Holmes 65; George for Stein 81.	Unused:	Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes	Fraser	Locke	Holmes for Brennan 74; Locke for Spring 105; Kandol for Stein 113.	Unused:	Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	George	Fraser	Locke	Holmes for Spring 75; Kandol for Brennan 60.	Unused:	Brietenfelder, Brietenfelder.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	Thomson	George	Fraser	Locke	George for Brennan 52; Kandol for Thomson 72; Holmes for Scarlett 82.	Unused:	Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	Stirling	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George	Fraser	Locke	George for Stein 75. Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Thomson, Abbey.		
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George	Fraser	Locke	George for Stein 70; Thomson for Kandol 70.	Unused:	Brennan, Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George	Fraser	Locke	Locke for Spring 66; Thomson for Kandol 72.	Unused:	Brennan, Ayres, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	George	Fraser	Locke	Brennan for Thomson 81.	Unused:	Holmes, Breitenfelder, Ayres, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	George	Fraser	Locke	McGowan for Fraser 47 mins; Thomson for Fotiadis 70 mins.	Unused:	Brennan, Baptiste, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Stein	Kandol	George	Fraser	Locke	All unused: Brennan, Holmes, Stirling, Scarlett, Abbey.		
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Stein	Kandol	George	Fraser	Locke	Holmes for Kandol HT; Brennan for McGowan 89.	Unused:	Fraser, Breitenfelder, Abbey.
Taylor	Fraser	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George	Fraser	Locke	Breitenfelder for McGowan HT; Brennan for Kandol 79.	Unused:	Locke, Thomson, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Douglas	George	Fraser	Locke	Brietenfelder for Locke 18 mins; Thomson for Douglas 44 mins; Brennan for George 86 mins.	Unused:	Kandol, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	George	Fraser	Locke	Fraser for McLaren 47 mins; Thomson for Fotiadis 70 mins.	Unused:	Brennan, Baptiste, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Stein	Douglas	George	Fraser	Locke	Fotiadis for Thomson 89 mins; Karlson for George 90 mins.	Unused:	Fraser, Nogan, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Stein	Fotiadis	George	Fraser	Locke	Stein for Thomson HT; Nogan for Fotiadis 56 mins.	Unused:	Scarlett, Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Fraser	Stein	Thomson	George	Fraser	Locke	All unused: Stein, Nogan, Karlson, Stirling, Ovendale.		
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Fraser	Stein	Thomson	George	Fraser	Locke	Fotiadis for Locke 56 mins.	Unused:	Scarlett, Holmes, Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Fraser	Stein	Thomson	George	Fraser	Locke	Boyce for Watts 68 mins; Locke for Spring 86 mins.	Unused:	Baptiste, Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Fraser	Stein	Thomson	George	Fraser	Locke	Fraser for Johnson 23 mins; Locke for McLaren 52 mins; Baptiste for George 82 mins.	Unused:	Scarlett, Ovendale.
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Fraser	Stein	Thomson	George	Fraser	Locke	Scarlett for Holmes 75 mins; Kandol for Nogan 76 mins.	Unused:	Karlsen, Stirling, Ovendale.
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Fraser	Stein	Thomson	George	Fraser	Locke	Thomson for Holmes 59 mins; Stein for Nogan 75 mins.	Unused:	Breitenfelder, Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Fraser	Stein	Thomson	George	Fraser	Locke	Stirling for Watts 38 mins; Breitenfelder for Fraser 74 mins; Scarlett for Fotiadis 80 mins.	Unused:	Baptiste, Abbey.
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Fraser	Stein	Thomson	George	Fraser	Locke	Douglas for Fotiadis 70 mins; Stirling for Helin 79 mins.	Unused:	Holmes, Kandol, Abbey.



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