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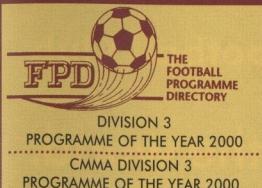
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**Front Cover: David Savage
 pictured at Stoke City last weekend**

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KEVIN WILSON

The Views Of The Manager



Good afternoon and welcome back to Sixfields for our second successive home local derby. Luton Town are our visitors and a warm welcome to everyone connected with the Hatters. It's been a season of struggle so far for the Hatters, but at this time of the season they will be scrapping for every point to try and stay in the Division so we know we will have to be at our best to claim the points.

This is my first chance to welcome Lee Canoville to Sixfields, although he is now half way through his month on loan here. Lee is a good athlete. He's 6ft plus and works hard with good pace. It's a big compliment to us that Arsenal trust us with their younger players. They respected the way we helped Liam Chilvers and they were keen for Lee to come here. He can play in a number of positions, and he gives us good options. I take it as a real compliment that Arsenal are prepared to let us help with the development of their younger players and it shows what high regard they hold us in.

Our last home game was the local derby with Peterborough

United and it was great to see more than 7,000 in the ground. I would like to thank all of you who attended and supported Claret Day 2 and those of you who really got behind us. It was a good game, and in the end I think a point was a fair result. We had a number of chances, and we came very close to snatching a win right at the death when Marco Gabbiadini's shot hit the post, but Peterborough also had their chances and with everything considered, I think we would all have settled for 4 points from the 2 games against the Posh. Marco Gabbiadini came back in to the starting line up for the last home game because I felt the time was right to bring him back in to the line up. He has worked very hard since he has been here and his attitude has been first class. Over the last few weeks, we have seen the real Marco as he has begun to find top form again. He can twist and turn defenders and cause problems for anyone. As we all know, he is a quality finisher and it says a lot for him that he has been patient and knuckled down before getting his chance over the last couple of weeks. As I said at the Media Conference when we announced the signing of Marco, Jamie Forrester and Chris Hargreaves last summer, we have 3 quality strikers on our books with Steve Howard, and I would pick whatever combination of the 3 suited us best at any one time.

That is the way it has been and the way it will be over the last 17 games.

As I said to the players after last week's draw at Stoke, it was an excellent performance and a good result, but we need to start turning our draws in to wins and our one points in to three. We have been very hard to beat recently but we maybe need to rediscover that killer instinct that we had earlier in the season. Our performance at the Britannia was excellent and I felt we deserved all 3 points. Stoke had not been beaten in 10 games but we went there and passed them off the pitch.

As has been well reported over the last 10 days or so, I have placed Richard Green on the transfer list. This is not something I have done lightly, and is absolutely no reflection on Richard or his performances. Unfortunately, I will not be in a position to offer Richard a contract for next season, so I think it's only right and proper that we make that clear now rather than keep everyone hanging on. By making this announcement now, it gives Richard every opportunity to get himself fixed up for next season now, rather than in the summer when it could be more difficult. Richard has done very well for us. He arrived here just over a year ago and has hardly missed a game through injury. He came in at a crucial stage last season when we lost Lee Howey to injury and his performances were a key factor in us gaining promotion. He will still be involved until he does leave, but I think this is the right, open and honest way to do things and I am being as fair as

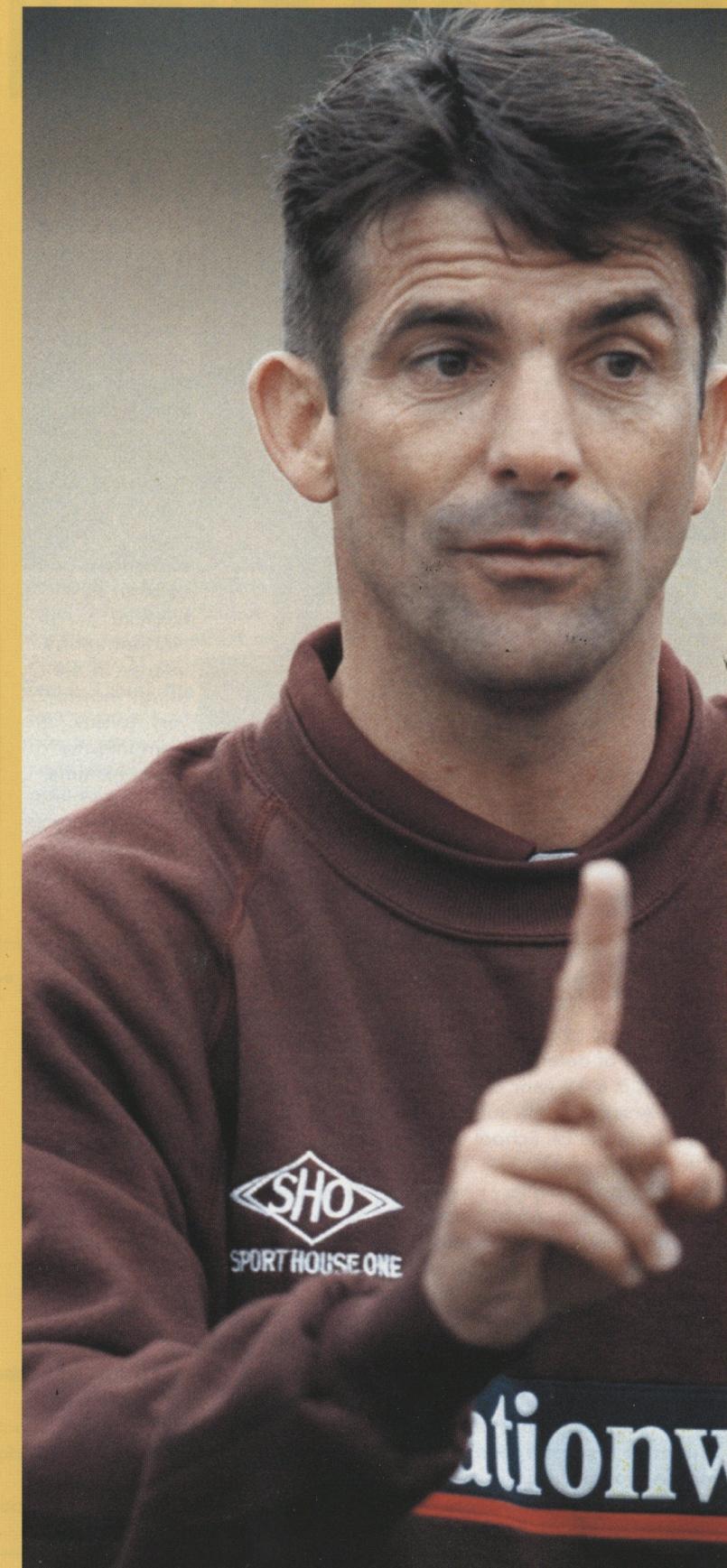
possible to the player. He showed what a great pro he is with a superb performance at Stoke last weekend. I brought him back in to the side because I wanted to match Stoke man for man over the pitch and we changed our system. Richard was superb at the back, and I know that whenever selected, he will continue to give his all for the cause.

As you know, Tuesday night's game with Swansea was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch. Pete Walton attended early on Tuesday morning to call the game off. The decision was made in good time to stop Swansea travelling although I must say I have never seen conditions as wet as they were here on Tuesday.

I hope that Roy Hunter may be back in action for the reserves by the end of the month. It's been a frustrating time for Roy, but the time is right now for him to push on. The plan is for him to build his fitness in the reserves and to try and get a couple of first team games under his belt before the end of the season.

Many thanks to today's sponsors, Chalky Whites, JSB Associates, English Partnerships, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Gibbs and Dandy. Your support is appreciated by everyone at Northampton Town Football Club.

Finally, a warm welcome to the Mayor of Northampton, Cllr Dr Vivienne Dams who is attending today's game with her son, who I understand is a big Cobblers fan. I hope you both enjoy the game.



Hear after match reaction from

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FROM THE INSIDE



The Latest From Sixfields



be available up to and including the home game with Wigan Athletic on Saturday February 24. He said, "I hope I can do as well here as Liam Chilvers. I wanted first team experience and as soon as I knew of Northampton's interest in me things moved very quickly. Liam told me about his time at Northampton, how well he was treated and what a good set up it is here.

Since arriving I've been very impressed with the club. I hope to do well for Northampton over the next month and we'll take it from there."

Cobblers boss Kevin Wilson said, "Lee is a good athlete. He's 6ft plus and works hard with good pace. It's a big compliment to us that Arsenal trust us with their younger players. They respected the way we helped Liam and they were keen for Lee to come here. He can play in a number of positions, and he gives us good options.

Meanwhile, 20 year old former Sheffield Wednesday left full back Kevin Nicholson has joined the club on a non contract basis. Kevin Wilson said, "Kevin is here on a non contract basis but more

with a view for next season. He's done well in some reserve games for us but we are starting to shape our squad for next season and while he will spend the rest of this season playing for Forest Green in the Nationwide Conference, we will have first call over him if we need him."



Northampton Town have signed Arsenal utility man Lee Canoville on a month's loan. Canoville, who can play at right back, in the centre of defence or in midfield, is a 19 year old who joined Arsenal in the summer of 1997 from the FA School at Lilleshall.

Ealing born Canoville represented England at under 16 level and made his first team debut for Arsenal in this season's Worthington Cup tie at Ipswich. He has been a regular in Arsenal's reserve side this season, and played in their recent game against Nottingham Forest reserves, where Brazilian Edu made his first appearance in English football. Canoville, who has been allocated squad number 2, will

himself up elsewhere. It will be easier for him now than in the summer. He has done a terrific job for us but I am looking to the future and for younger players of the likes of Richard Hope to take their chance. Richard Green will still be involved in the squad until he leaves because he has done very well here. There's been no fall out or disagreement behind the scenes. I like to do things right here and to be fair, open and honest with people and I think making this decision now rather than later on is being fair with Richard."



We have recently of course passed the anniversary of the deaths of Martin Aldridge, Gail

Ashwell and Nigel Birkert. They, like many other absent friends, will never be forgotten by Northampton Town Football Club.

Midfielder Roy Hunter has been set a target date of the 21 or 28 February for reserve team



football by Kevin Wilson. Wilson said, "I hope Roy will be playing for the reserves either on February 21 or the following week. I think the time is right for Roy to be set a target and I want him to have 5 or 6 games in the reserves and then he might be able to get a couple of first team games under his belt before the end of the season. There's no rush with Roy, he's another one

I've got in mind for next season and my main concern is his long term welfare. I'm also hoping Lee Howey will be playing reserve team football within 4 weeks. They're both influential players and we've missed them."

The Worthington Cup is changing in format from next season. Gone are the two leg ties over rounds 1 and 2, and instead the competition will be on a one off match knock out basis with extra time and penalties on the night to settle games right through to the semi final stage, which will retain their current two legged status.

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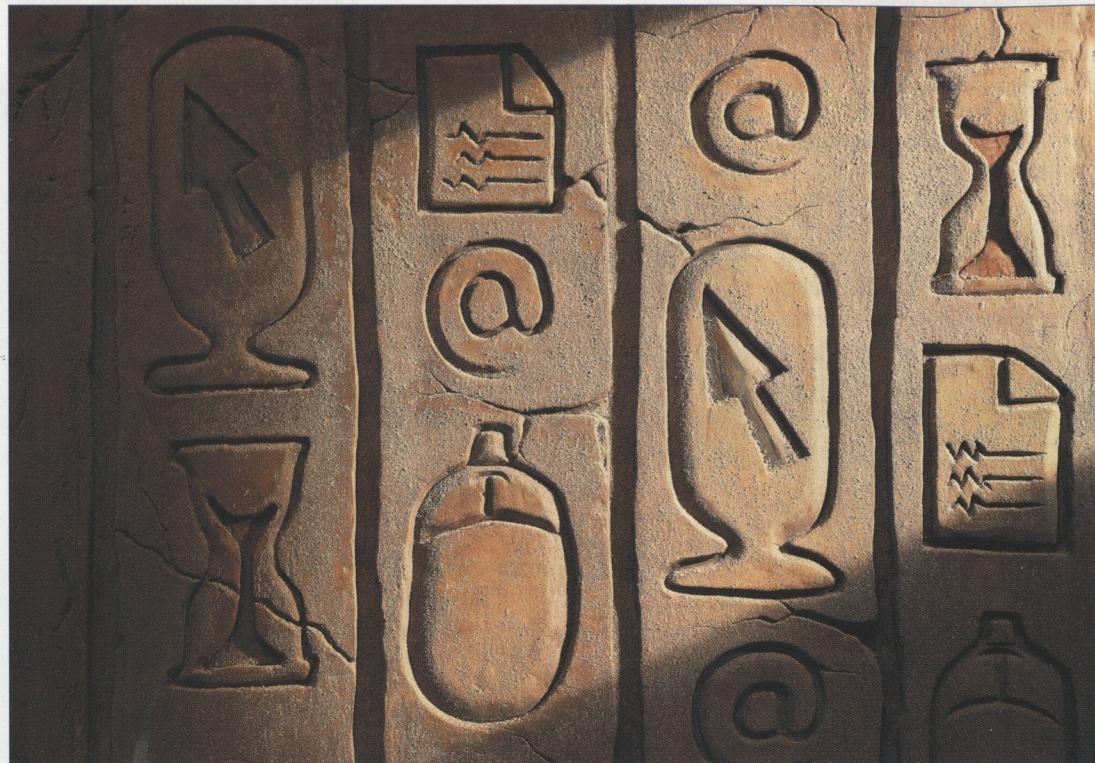
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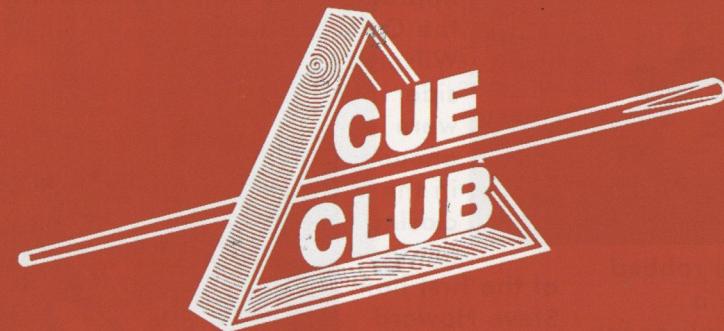
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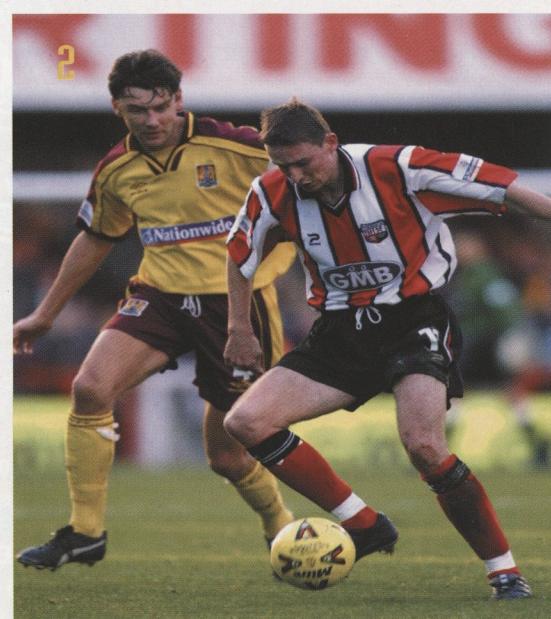
Brentford v N T F C



James Hunt, Steve Howard and Forrester ended with the Cobblers top scorer sidefooting wide at the far post. Andy Scott was just wide of the target for Brentford on 8 minutes while after 11 minutes Keith Welch saved a 25 yard drive from Rowlands. James Hunt hit the target from 25 yards on the quarter of an hour mark, while on the half hour mark Chris Hargreaves shot wide of the goal on the angle after some good approach work from the Cobblers. Kevin Wilson's side were ahead in the closing minute

The Cobblers were robbed of an away win by a stoppage time equaliser for the second time in the space of 5 days on their trip to West London to take on the Bees of Brentford.

Top scorer Jamie Forrester was declared fit to return, while Marco Gabbiadini was on the bench. A flowing 3 man move after just 3 minutes involving



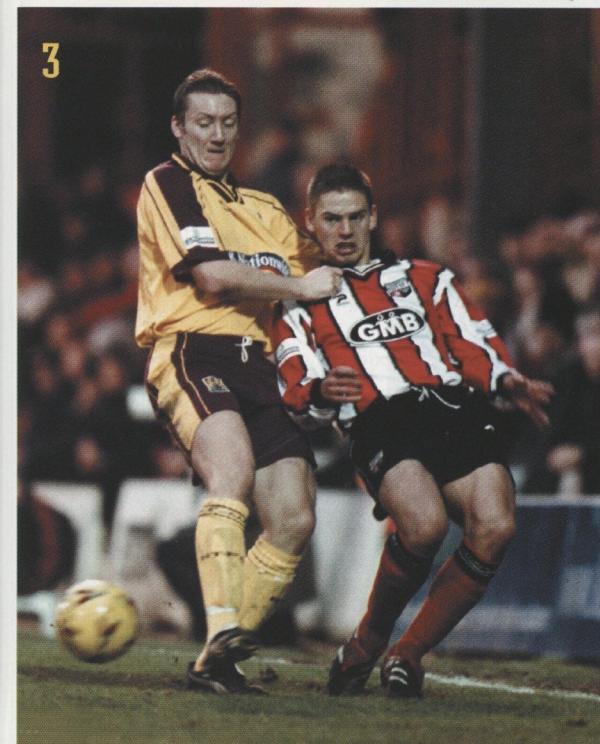
of the first half. Steve Howard released Jamie Forrester, only for the former Leeds man to be pulled down in the area by the Brentford keeper, who received a yellow card for his troubles.

David Savage converted the penalty for his third goal in the last 6 games.

The Cobblers continued to press in the second half, with John Hodge shooting just wide with a low drive from 20 yards, while Bees substitute Lloyd Owusu headed over on 79 minutes. Michael Dobson's right wing cross hit the unfortunate Liam Chilvers and was hacked away off the line by Keith Welch, before Richard Green's header from John Hodge's free kick was blocked by the legs of the Bees keeper. The Bees equaliser arrived with just 20 seconds of the 4 minutes injury time remaining, when sub Lloyd Owusu fired home.

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	Goals (min)	Assists (min)	Bookings	Substituted	Shots on target	Shots off target
Brentford						
17 Olafur Gottskalksson			59			
4 Robert Quinn			1			
6 Scott Marshall			72	1		
7 Paul Evans						
8 Gavin Mahon						
10 Scott Partridge						
11 Andy Scott					3	
12 Martin Rowlands					1	3
15 Ivar Ingimarsson						
19 Paul Gibbs			84			
25 Michael Dobson	90					
subs						
9 Lloyd Owusu	90		59	1	1	
20 Kevin O'Connor			84			
26 Mark Williams				72		
31 Paul Smith						
32 Jay Lovett						

	Goals (min)	Assists (min)	Bookings	Substituted	Shots on target	Shots off target
Northampton Town						
1 Keith Welch						
2 Liam Chilvers			1			
4 Ian Sampson			1			
6 Duncan Spedding			1			
7 David Savage	45					
8 James Hunt			2	1		
9 Steve Howard						
14 John Hodge						1
18 Jamie Forrester	45	80	1	2		
20 Chris Hargreaves			1			
21 Richard Green						1
subs						
10 Marco Gabbiadini						80
15 Adam Sollitt						
16 Garry Hughes						
17 Richard Hope						
24 Ryan Thompson						

Picture 1: Chris Hargreaves on the ball

Picture 2: Ian Sampson tracks a Brentford striker

Picture 3: Steve Howard applies some pressure



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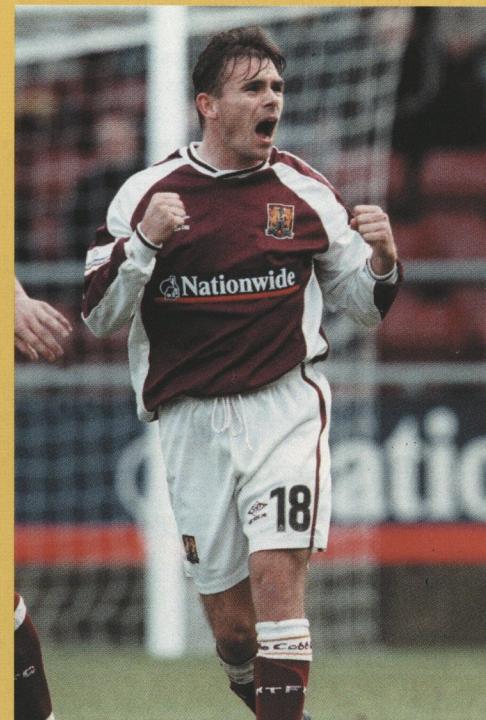
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IN OPPOSITION

Spotlight On Our Opponents



A DECADE or so after mixing with this country's football elite, Luton Town had to cope with all sorts of difficulties in the last few years, including almost going out of existence. Their participation in the 1999/2000 season was in doubt until a few hours before it kicked off. For Hatters supporters that summer was a mixture of gripping fear, nagging worry, and eventually huge relief as disputes in the boardroom led to the club being put into receivership. It was not until 15 hours before the season's first league match that Luton knew for sure they would still be in the Football League. Eventually, new ownership stabilised things, and Luton had a reasonable season, finishing 13th in the Second Division.

But then came another summer of change. Another new owner took over, with Mike Watson-Challis returning to the club where he had been a director in Luton's glory years, a decade when they flourished in the old First Division, now the Premiership. He and his new colleagues on the board were determined to make a fresh start, and they began it by recruiting a new manager, Ricky Hill, who had been a hugely gifted and popular player in the 70s and 80s. Hill brought in a new assistant, Chris Ramsey, and together they are plotting a revival of fortunes for a club which once competed with the best, and would have been in Europe but for the UEFA ban following the Heysel Stadium disaster. Their hopes came to nothing, and with Luton languishing close to the bottom of the Second Division by November, both left the club, to be replaced by two former players already on the staff, Lil Fuccillo and John Moore. Luton went into the 1990s as a top club - they had ten glorious years in what is now the Premiership, and won the Littlewoods Cup by beating Arsenal in the 1988 final. But then came a decline, with a club in an antiquated stadium unable to compete with the big-money outfits. Missing the first season of the Premiership was bad enough, through relegation just before it was set up. Further relegation, to Division Two, was another blow. The summer of 1999 saw receivers force through unwelcome player sales, and restrict recruitment of new ones, but Luton got through the campaign without flirting with the relegation that was forecast in many quarters. And now, with a new board and management team in place, and plans taking shape for a new stadium, the supporters hope that at long last the Hatters really are set to move ahead again.

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GOALKEEPERS



NATHAN ABBEY is a goalkeeper who has battled defiantly to keep his career going at Kenilworth Road. He joined Luton as a YTS boy after being spotted in local schoolboy football, but a succession of

good goalkeepers left Nathan as a near-permanent understudy. He nearly accepted a free transfer move to Holland in the summer of 1999, but decided to stay on, and was rewarded with the No.1 shirt after the sale of Kelvin Davis. The arrival of a new board of directors at Kenilworth Road early last summer enabled Ricky Hill to break a mould that had been set over the previous three years. Then, with continuing financial problems, including a spell in receivership, Luton had been unable to buy players, while selling talent worth more than £3million. That changed when Mike Watson-Challis became the chairman, and made cash available. The new manager moved swiftly to secure 26-year-old goalkeeper MARK OVENDALE from Bournemouth for a substantial fee. Previously with Wisbech, Northampton and Barry Town, he was immediately given the No. 1 shirt in Luton's squad-number list for this season.

DEFENDERS

One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, EMMERSON BOYCE was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and made the breakthrough to the League squad last season after occasional appearances following a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. Stylish defender and former skipper of the Luton youth team, STUART FRASER was given his league debut against Carlisle, in a 3-2 win, on the final day of the 1997/98 season and within a year was established as a regular member of the Luton squad.

Longest-serving player at Kenilworth Road, MARVIN JOHNSON is arguably the most popular member of the Kenilworth Road staff with his colleagues and with the fans. Always cheerful, even when recovering from injury setbacks, the defender is in his 13th season as a first-team regular at Luton, his only club, and skipper of the team he joined as a schoolboy. Looking for strength in the spine of his team, Ricky Hill went to Scandinavia for a centre-half who had served a solid apprenticeship in the Norwegian Premier League. An under-

21 international, KENT KARLSEN's five years with Vaalerenga brought considerable success, including a Norwegian FA Cup winner's medal. Keen to try his luck in England, Karlsen

went to Luton in the autumn for trials and training, and his ability as a dominating centre-half rapidly persuaded the Luton boss to offer the Norwegian terms before rival clubs moved in. A defender fighting for a Premiership place against very stiff competition at Arsenal, GAVIN McGOWAN signed for Luton for the third time in June 1998. The first two were loan deals, one in March 1997 ending prematurely through injury. He re-joined Luton on loan again for three months, at the start of the 1997/8 season, but they could not afford a transfer fee to make the move permanent. But he was back a year later when Arsenal gave him a free transfer.

When Luton were in receivership in the summer of 1999, players had to be sold or given away to save money, while severe restrictions were imposed on new recruits. So once more Luton had to look at the young talent coming up through the ranks, and wing-back MATTHEW TAYLOR, though still only 17, was given his chance, and immediately settled to become a regular in the team. Keen to get his career moving again after falling out of favour at Bristol City, JULIAN WATTS played a major part in Luton's

recovery from receivership restrictions last season, after joining on a free transfer. Rotherham gave the defender his first taste of league football, and he also played for Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester before going to Ashton Gate in 1998.

MIDFIELDERS

The lanky midfielder FRIEDRICH BREITENFELDER was one of many hopefuls who presented themselves for trials at Kenilworth Road before this season kicked off. He impressed in trial games, and the award of a contract ended a major problem for him, because he was out of work and with no hope of being recompensed by an employer who had gone out of business. He started with Rapid Vienna as a 15-year-old schoolboy, and moved up through the ranks to win an occasional place in their first team. At 18 he moved on to Casino Bregenz, before another Austrian club signed him. It turned out to be an unlucky move, because FCM St Polten went broke in March 2000, leaving all their players out of work, but free agents, and Luton came to the rescue with a one-year contract. After several years of penny-pinching caused by continual trading losses, Luton had only 19 full-time professionals on the books when Ricky Hill became manager, and he moved swiftly to strengthen the club at all levels. His long coaching career included three years looking after the youth squad at Sheffield Wednesday, and Hill went back to Hillsborough for two young midfielders. DEAN BRENNAN was doubly valuable because he can also play in attack, and was delighted to join up again with Hill when Wednesday offered him a free transfer. After a patchy start to this season, then manager Ricky Hill and chairman Mike Watson-Challis agreed that a young team needed experience and expertise to stabilise matters, and after looking at a lot of players available in this country, the manager went abroad in early November to sign two Scandinavian stars, Finnish international PETRI HELIN and Norwegian Kent Karlson. Hill had been tracking Helin for months, before clinching the transfer, beating off competition from several other clubs in



England and on the Continent. They had been alerted to the midfielder's skill by his regular appearances for his country, including the winning of his 18th cap in the draw with England in the World Cup qualifying competition. Helin had also captained his club, Jokerit of Helsinki, to runners-up honours in the Finnish Premier League. As well as being with Ricky Hill in the youth squad at Sheffield Wednesday, PETER HOLMES moved to Luton as one of Hill's first signings with a better than usual pedigree. He is a product of the FA's School of Excellence, in the same year as Michael Owen. But relegation from the Premiership in May 2000 left Hillsborough desperate to cut the pay-roll. Hill took full advantage, snapping up the two-footed midfielder for a nominal fee. Well-travelled in football terms, ADAM LOCKE joined Luton on a free transfer from Bristol City to add experience to a predominantly young squad in the summer of 1999. He began as a YTS boy with Crystal Palace, his local club, but could not get into the league team at Selhurst, and moved on to Southend, Colchester and Ashton Gate before becoming a regular with Luton last season. An injury crisis at Kenilworth Road thrust young midfielder LEE MANSELL into a dramatic debut in an FA Cup-tie. He had to make the transition straight from the youth squad to the first team in January, and was an instant success. He was just 58 seconds into his debut against Queens Park Rangers, in an FA Cup third round replay, when he scored his first senior goal. He is typical of many of the boys Luton have brought through the ranks - they had looked after him since he was an 11-year-old, and signed him as a soccer scholar (previously the YTS scheme) as soon as he left school. The midfielder PAUL McLAREN was still a schoolboy when Luton realised that he had enough talent and strength to play regularly in their youth team. A YTS offer was a formality, and he was offered pro terms while still only 17. Forceful and always ready to back up attacks, he soon became a regular after a 1994 debut. Looking for experience to aid an injury-hit team fighting to draw away from the relegation zone, Luton boss Lil Fuccillo tracked former Northern Ireland international midfielder KEITH ROWLAND for several months before

FORWARDS

Having had to wait until he was 28 to break into league football, ROCKY BAPTISTE was keen to make up for lost time when he joined Luton for a nominal fee from Conference club Wealdstone in October. "He was a late developer who slipped through the net," explained the then Luton manager Ricky Hill, himself a Londoner who has maintained close contacts with football at all levels in and around the capital. Released as a teenager by Chelsea and Brentford, he settled for non-league football, and after emerging as a top striker in the Conference was delighted to accept Luton's offer of a contract until the end of the season. A striker with excellent pace, STUART DOUGLAS was a 17-year-old trainee when he scored on his league debut for Luton against Oldham in 1995, and he looked set for more than fleeting instant stardom. He was hit by a series of injuries before he could establish himself, but determination overcame all difficulties, and he won a regular place in Luton's league side in the 1998/99 season, flourishing as a marksman and also a creator of chances for his front-line colleagues. Another local discovery, ANDREW FOTIADIS chose to stay at school to gain GCSE A-levels before being a full-time soccer professional. He won England Schools caps at under-15 and under-18 level, and developed a style to delight Luton fans and worry opposing defences, as an old-fashioned centre-forward, with good physique, power, and concentrated determination to score goals. Full of pace and nimble footwork, LIAM GEORGE came through the ranks after joining Luton as a schoolboy, and became a regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European youth championships final in the summer of 1998. George had made his league debut in September 1997, but



persuading him to move from Queens Park Rangers to Kenilworth Road on a three-month loan agreement which began on January 27 this year. Capped 18 times by his country, Rowland began his career as a trainee at Bournemouth in 1989 and was sold to West Ham for £110,000 four years later. He moved across London to Loftus Road in January 1998. A competitive midfielder, MATTHEW SPRING was a driving force in the Luton side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997, and after a league debut when still only 17 he soon became a regular in Luton's Second Division team.

honours. Talent spotted by Luton playing in schoolboy football in London, TRESOR KANDOL is a lanky striker who became a YTS boy at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1997. His first team debut was in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999, against Walsall, and he made a Football League debut a month later, being on the fringe of the first team ever since. The then 18-year-old ANDRE SCARETT made an unforgettable league debut in October 1998. Because of injuries the winger was on the subs' bench against Oldham, and was sent on with 20 minutes to go, with the score at 0-0. He helped set up one goal, and then netted the clincher in a 2-0 victory. Nearly 20 years after joining Luton as a schoolboy, MARK STEIN returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer to help out his old playing pal, new manager of Luton, Ricky Hill. Stein is the only man now at Luton who was a member of the team which won the club's only major trophy, the League Cup in 1988. Brother of Brian, another noted Luton striker, Mark had four years at Luton before enjoying a career as a popular goalscorer with QPR, Oxford, Stoke, Chelsea and Bournemouth. He was poised to join Swansea as a Bosman in the summer, but rapidly agreed to go "back home" when the call came from his old mate Hill, and he became the new manager's first signing. Striker PETER THOMSON hoped to make the grade with his home town club BURY, but after 18 months as a teenager at Gigg Lane he was allowed to leave, and joined neighbouring Chorley, in the Unibond Premier League. His scoring touch there alerted ambitious rivals Lancaster, and they reaped a rapid return after recruiting him. In six months he netted 24 goals, and Lancaster cashed in when Dutch club NAC Breda offered £25,000. A broken leg interrupted Thomson's career in the Dutch Premiership, but he recovered and regular goals persuaded Luton to sign him for a reported £100,000 in September 2000.



IN OPPOSITION

Spotlight On Our Opponents



Sat Aug 12	NOTTS CO	0-1
Sat Aug 19	Wigan	1-2
Sat Aug 26	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	1-0
Mon Aug 28	Wycombe	1-1
Sat Sep 2	Rotherham	1-1
Sat Sep 9	NORTHAMPTON	0-2
Tue Sep 12	WALSALL	0-0
Sat Sep 16	Swansea	0-4
Sat Sep 23	SWINDON	2-3
Sat Sep 30	Bristol Rovers	3-3
Sun Oct 8	MILLWALL	0-1
Fri Oct 13	Cambridge	1-2
Tue Oct 17	Oxford	0-0
Sat Oct 21	BRENTFORD	3-1
Sat Oct 28	WREXHAM	3-4
Sat Nov 4	Bury	1-1
Sat Nov 11	BRISTOL CITY	0-3
Sat Nov 25	Port Vale	0-3
Sat Dec 2	Stoke	3-1
Sat Dec 16	COLCHESTER	0-3
Sat Dec 23	Reading	1-4
Tue Dec 26	PETERBOROUGH	3-2
Sat Dec 30	WIGAN	0-2
Mon Jan 1	AFC Bournemouth	2-3
Fri Jan 12	WYCOMBE	1-2
Tue Jan 23	Oldham	0-2
Sat Jan 27	READING	p-p
Sat Feb 3	ROTHERHAM	p-p
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Sat Feb 17	SWANSEA	H
Tue Feb 20	Walsall	A
Sat Feb 24	Swindon	A
Sat Mar 3	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Tue Mar 6	CAMBRIDGE	H
Sat Mar 10	Millwall	A
Sat Mar 17	OXFORD	H
Fri Mar 23	Brentford	A
Sat Jan 20	Peterborough	A
Sat Mar 31	Colchester	A
Sat Apr 7	STOKE	H
Sat Apr 14	OLDHAM	H
Mon Apr 16	Wrexham	A
Sat Apr 21	BURY	H
Sat Apr 28	Bristol City	A
Sat May 5	PORT VALE	H

DID YOU KNOW?

When Luton played a Division Three South match against Thames at their ground in the 1930's the attendance was 469, Luton's share of the gate was 1/9 d (8 pence).

During 1966, the Hatters gave a trial to an ex Manchester United and Bolton winger, his name.....Barry Fry!

In the 1950's Mike Cullen was selected for both Scotland's first and 'B' teams, before he appeared in Luton's first team.

In 1965 Luton became the first club to fall from the First to the Fourth Division in the shortest time - five seasons.

Hugh 'Midget' Moffatt, a winger was signed from Arsenal in 1925. The 5ft tall player originally joined the Gunners from Workington, but was released without playing a game, after the Arsenal Chairman Norris insisted they signed no one under 5ft 8in tall or under 11 stone.

The 11 players who represented Luton in the 1959 F.A.Cup final v Nottingham Forest were also the same 11 that appeared in the previous EIGHT F.A.Cup matches.

Viv Busby was named as substitute for a match v Q.P.R. in 1970, while his brother Martyn was the number 12 for the Rangers.

In 1955 Birmingham, Luton and Rotherham topped the Second division with 54 points. Luton won the second promotion spot with a goal average of 1.6 compared to Rotherham's 1.4.

Luton provided three players for the England v Ireland match in October 1921. Alan Mathewson and Louis Bookman for Ireland and Ernie Simms for England. At the time they were only a Division Three South side.

After their historic 12-0 victory over Bristol Rovers in 1936, Luton won just one and drew three of their last 4 games, and were beaten to the third division South championship by a point by Coventry, with whom they drew with twice.

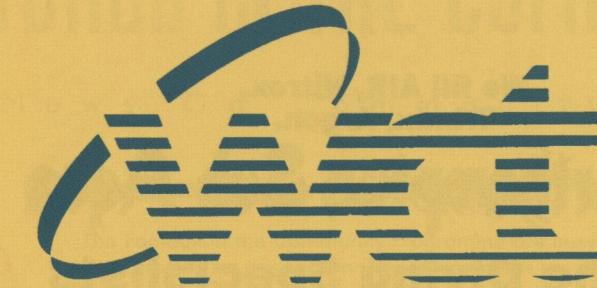
When the club was formed in 1885, their colours were blue and pink halves with caps of the same colour, which they had to wear.

In 1933 the Hatters reached round six of the F.A.Cup, losing 0-6 to Everton, yet they finished the season in 14th place, just 10 points off a re-election spot.

It was thought that when Harry Whitby accepted professional terms with Luton Town in 1890, he was the first professional player in the south of England.

Christmas Day 1926 saw Luton beat Millwall 6-0, and with the same 11 players travelled to the Den the following day, and lost 0-7!

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Adidas Community Cup for under 13 girls

The winners of these tournaments will represent Northampton in the area final at Walsall.

Other school tournaments are the;

Girls Year 6

Lower Schools year 4

All these tournaments are to be held at Millway Middle School. If any school would like further information on any of the tournaments please ring the Community Office on 0870 011 7773.

Football Courses

During half term, the Community Programme are organising three of their popular football courses at the following venues;

Duston Upper School

Moulton Community College

Sixfields

If you would like an application form please ring the Community Office on 0870 011 7773. The photograph shows children at a previous course having their picture taken with Clarence.



Indoor Football Coaching

Starting on February 26 at Duston Upper School, there is a five week indoor football course. The coaching is from 5pm to 6pm for six and seven year olds and from 6pm - 7pm for eight and ten year olds. Again, ring the Community Office for more details.

School Visits

The Football in the Community programme is busy visiting schools, teaching the children football skills in a fun way and promoting Northampton Town Football Club. Schools we have visited over Christmas include; Briar Hill Lower, Emmanuel Middle, Eastfield Lower, Creton Primary, Preston Hedges Primary, Kislingbury Primary, Gladstone Lower, Vale Mead Lower and Overstone Primary. (the photograph shows children from Overstone having their photograph with Northampton Town Manager Kevin Wilson and Community Officer Scott.)



Saturday Club and Birthday Greetings

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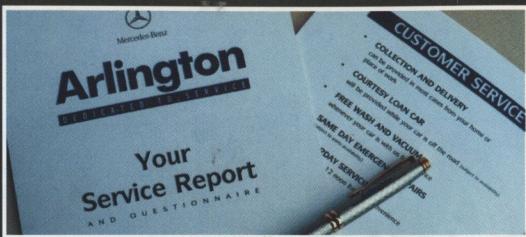
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TALKING FOOTBALL



Talking Points

ADDIS A BYE-BYE

Disgraced German coach Christophe Daum legged it abroad after failing a drugs test. ZOOfootball salutes a side who left for an away game but never came back.

'Sport for Passports' goes the motto of the select band of sporting defectors. In nations where exit visas are rare, sporting excellence is one way to book your one-way ticket out of your homeland.

As Zerihun Biabegign, Secretary of the Ethiopian Football Federation (EFF) knows, it has been a particular problem in his country.

"We have lost over 100 very talented players over the last 25 years."

Losing half of your national side during an away game is unfortunate. Losing the entire squad a couple of years later is just careless.

The East African nation, famous for drought and political unrest was once justly proud of its footballing heritage. It was a disappointment, then, when news filtered back that their team had been pummelled 5-0 in their first qualifying game for the 1994 World Cup in Morocco.

Even more depressing, was that they had walked off the field with only six players. Their problem was not poor discipline but lax security.

In order to reach Morocco's home stadium in Rabat, the Ethiopians had to fly from Addis Ababa to Rome, then on to Casablanca and then drive to the ground. Few were aware that members of the squad of 16 planned to use their night in Italy as an opportunity to escape.

"When we set out we had very good relations and very good attitudes within the team," said assistant coach Getahun Wolbegiorgies. "I was not aware of any problem."

He was not alone. The Ethiopian

Embassy had made special visa arrangements to allow the squad to spend the evening sightseeing in the 'eternal city', unaware that the Roman night provided the perfect cover for fugitives to slip away.

The following morning, a quick head count showed that three of his squad had disappeared.

"We asked everybody where the players had gone but no-one seemed to know," Wolbegiorgies said. "We left for training in Rome with the remaining squad and the team manager went looking for the three who had disappeared."

The police and the Ethiopian Embassy were informed of the absenteers but they were nowhere to be found. Nor indeed, were three other players who had mysteriously vanished between the team's training facilities and the airport.

"I couldn't believe it because all the players had prepared so well for the game," said the mystified assistant coach. "We telephoned from the airport and spoke to the President of the EFF. He told us to play the match with the remaining players."

Inevitably, with only eight outfield players, two goalkeepers (one playing as a make-shift centre back) and a 40-year-old deputy coach in midfield, Ethiopia's resistance to Morocco's attacks was fairly feeble.

They were 4-0 down at half time, at which point two of their players refused to come back on for the second half.

The remaining nine soldiered on for another 20 minutes before a fifth Moroccan goal heralded the departure of a further three players claiming untreatable injuries. The two half-time absenteers refused to return to the pitch. Ethiopia were down to six men.

It was too much for referee Rachid Medjiba who, in line

with FIFA rules dictating that a side must have at least seven players, abandoned the match.

A year later the missing men were rumoured to be working in factories around Rome and playing amateur football but Biabegign had heard nothing from them:

"We have had no further contact with these players. We don't know their whereabouts. If we knew their addresses we could contact them and pick them to play in the national team"

He could have done with their services, too, for a couple of years later, en route to another game in Morocco via Rome, most of the sixteen man African Nations Championship squad disappeared.

Manager Mailissa Baihro came to breakfast to find that 14 players, the club doctor and one of his coaches had vanished with their luggage, leaving him with a goalkeeper, a defender and four EFF officials to assemble a squad from.

"We looked around but could not find them," Baihro said despairingly.

As the reduced party flew back to Addis Ababa, in the cold of a January morning, 16 men in Ethiopian Football Federation tracksuits turned up at a Rome police station claiming they were political refugees.

A year later two were still in Rome working as shop assistants while many others had relocated to Arezzo, 160 miles north of Rome, where they were working in local factories.

Some had trials for Serie A club Perugia but, in a telling irony, had been refused work permits because they hadn't played enough international games.

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KEVIN WILSON ON CANOVILLE

"He is big, strong and is a natural athlete. I'm sure he will do well for us here."

WILSON LOOKING AHEAD TO CLASH WITH PETERBOROUGH

"It's sure to be an exciting game. Local derbies are not always about the best side, it's about who wants to win it more."

THE COBBLERS BOSS AFTER THE 0-0 DRAW WITH POSH AT SIXFIELDS

"I think a draw is a fair result. It could have gone either way, but in the end we have taken 4 points off them out of 6 so we are reasonably happy."



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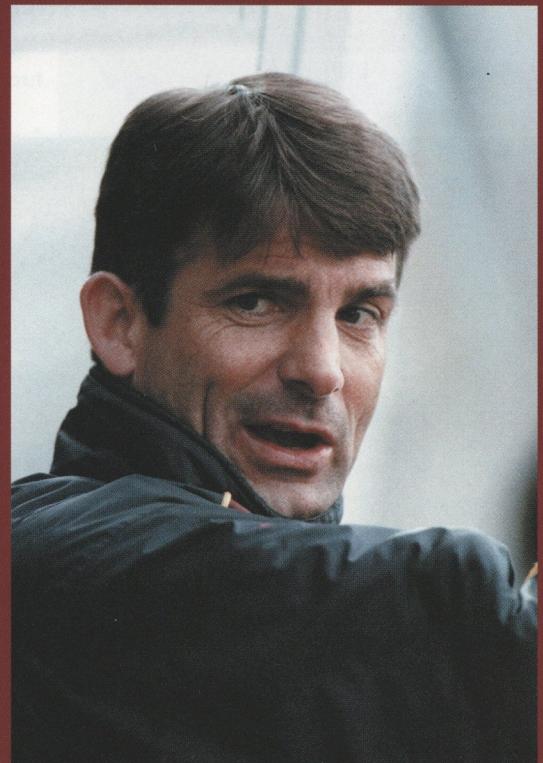
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OLD HEROES

Ian Davies Traces Former Stars



I did not have to go very far to trace this week's old star. TERRY BRANSTON was sitting, as he does for every home game, a few rows away in the West Stand.

"The day I left Northampton Town was the worst day of my footballing life. I am not ashamed to say, I shed a few tears that day. The Cobblers have always been my first love, and today, forty-one years after I made my debut, I shall be here at Sixfields as a season ticket holder."

Terry Branston was arguably the best centre-half produced by the Cobblers. A tough defender, who took no prisoners, Terry almost slipped through the clubs hands. They dithered about signing the Rugby lad, and it was not until they heard that he was training at Notts County, that they stepped in and signed him.

"They were great days", said Terry, "It was Dave Bowen's second season as manager, and was to lead to promotion with a third place finish behind Peterborough and Palace. My first game at Peterborough, was in front of a 23,000 crowd at London Road. We were three up at half-time, but lost Tommy Fowler with an injury (it was before substitutes) and Posh came back to equalise late in the game. It was another four months before I played my second game, but after that I remained in the first team - except for injury until I joined Luton in 1967. And what moments there were in those six years. Two years later we won the Third Division title, and after 11th place in Division Two, we finally reached the top flight with a 4-1 win at Bury on April 17 1965," said Terry.

"Looking back, we had little chance in the first division

without some new players, but the money just wasn't there. But we did have some good scalps. A double over the Villa, two draws against Arsenal and home wins against Newcastle, Leeds, West Ham and Sunderland, before the inevitable return to the Second Division. The following season was a disaster. All confidence was gone and we finished one off the bottom, to return to the Third Division. I still had a year of my contract to run, but I was asked to take a pay-cut. I felt I

could not do this because I had a family now and a new home, and it just wasn't on. Rather than keep my wages as they were, the club gave me a free transfer. This upset me a lot. When we were on the up and up, Bolton and Wolves had both had offers of £45,000 turned down. But if I was feeling a bit down, I was soon in the thick of it again when Luton Town signed me. I had three happy years at Kenilworth Road under a great manager, Allan Brown. We won promotion twice in the three years I was there, before I moved on to Lincoln. I ended my career there with 99 games, to make a total of 444 league appearances, said Terry. Now this youthful 63 year old is far from inactive. He referees most Sundays in local Football.

But, as he says, his heart will always be with Northampton Town.



The Cobblers - proud to be Northampton Town



DAY BY DAY

Your Sixfields Diary

Monday January 22 2001

Friday January 26 2001



The Cobblers boss waits anxiously for news on injured loan midfielder Lee Crooks who was carried off at Bristol City.

Tuesday January 23 2001

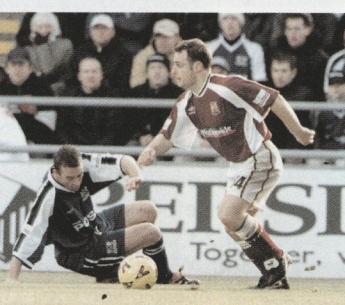
Liam Chilvers returns to Arsenal after the end of his month on loan. "He was a credit to himself and Arsenal Football Club," said a grateful Kevin Wilson.

Wednesday January 24 2001

The Cobblers reserves make the trip to Bristol Rovers for an Avon Insurance Combination. The game is postponed 50 minutes before kick off.

Thursday January 25 2001

Lee Canoville arrives on a month's loan from Arsenal, while full back Kevin Nicholson joins the club on a non-contract basis.



The Cobblers-Posh derby ends 0-0 with the impressive Marco Gabbiadini hitting the post in the last minute for the Cobblers. The Cobblers youth teams both win, the under 19s 2-1 v Portsmouth, and the under 17s 1-0 v Southend.

Sunday January 28 2001

"A point was a fair result," said Wilson reflecting on the Posh draw.

Monday January 29 2001

The first team begin a week of training ahead of the visit to Stoke City.

Tuesday January 30 2001

The reserves are beaten 3-0 by Norwich City, as boss Kevin Wilson puts defender Richard Green on the transfer list.



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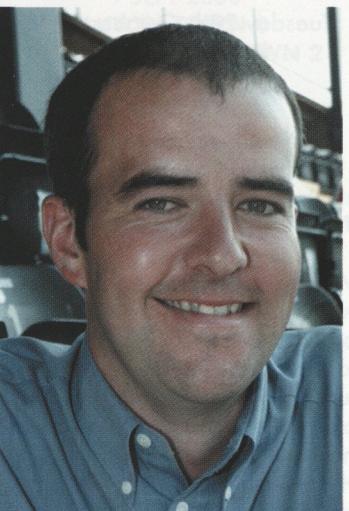
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The Chronicle & Echo



STAGING the Worthington Cup final in Cardiff next month looks like it could be a recipe for disaster. The clash between Birmingham City and Liverpool will be the first of a string of high profile football matches to be played at the stadium in the next couple of months. And if the reported crowd congestion and general chaos which greeted England's rugby fans travelling by train to the Six Nations rugby clash last weekend (train-long queues for the buffet car, no beer, no hot food) is anything to go by, we could be in for a few negative headlines following the League Cup final. The main problem is going to be that Liverpool fans travelling by train to Cardiff have to go through...you've guessed it, Birmingham! The prospect of 1,000s of Reds and Blues fans congregating at New Street and then Cardiff station before and after the game doesn't bode well, especially with the state of the train service at the current time. It's frustrating enough waiting for a train that's been delayed for what seems like three days at the best of times, never mind when your team's just lost a major cup final and the opposition fans on the platform next door are giving you a load of grief... I can remember only too well trying to catch a train from Wembley Central after the 1995 League Cup final when Liverpool beat Bolton 2-1. It was a nightmare. That was also an occasion

when everybody wanted to catch a train going in the same direction at the same time, and the station was packed - sardines would have felt claustrophobic. It was only the fact that the beaten Bolton fans accepted defeat with a smile and shrug of the shoulders that there wasn't any trouble. Let's hope whoever loses the Worthington Cup final accepts defeat as graciously...

OVER 60,000 supporters will cram into Celtic Park tomorrow lunchtime for the Old Firm clash between Glasgow giants Celtic and Rangers. For years now the Scottish game has been ridiculed south of the border. English football fans scoff at Celtic and Rangers, some even saying the pair are so bad they would be relegated from the English Premiership. But I happen to believe the opposite is true. It has often been suggested in the past that both clubs should be invited to play in the Premiership down south. I reckon it's a great idea, and I also reckon both clubs would enjoy real success.

Now I'm not saying that either Celtic or Rangers could walk into the English Premiership and make an immediate impression of course. But given time, say three or four seasons, I think both clubs would challenge Manchester United for the big prizes. Both Celtic and Rangers are massive clubs with worldwide support to match that of Alex Ferguson's men. Basically, they have got the grounds, they've got the fans, and they've got the money - the problem for the Glasgow pair is the league they play in. They are simply not able to attract the cream of the world's footballers because, to be frank, the top players don't want to go and play at places like Dunfermline, Dundee or St Mirren every other week (and they probably don't fancy the deep fried Mars Bars either!) But stick Celtic in a 'British Premiership' and it would be a different story. Martin O'Neill would be able to attract the best players to one of the best leagues in Europe and the team would grow in strength accordingly. I mean, what player wouldn't want to play in front of over 60,000 every home game, and then travel to places such as Old Trafford, Highbury, St James's Park, Anfield or Villa Park for the odd away match? And

it would be the same story for Rangers. The sad fact is that both clubs will never be able to reach their full potential playing in Scotland. Mind you, that won't stop everyone of a green and white or blue persuasion treating tomorrow's game as if it is the most important football match ever...because every old firm game is!

JAMIE Forrester will be searching for his first goal in six matches against Luton Town this afternoon. The 17-goal top-scorer hasn't rippled the net since the 2-2 draw with Wycombe Wanderers on December 30, but it is surely only a matter of time before he hits the goal trail again. Forrester did everything but score at Stoke City last weekend with a lively performance, and Town boss Kevin Wilson is convinced the former Leeds United, Scunthorpe ad Grimsby man's luck will turn. "Jamie just needs that bit of fortune, and it will come," said Wilson. "I have got no worries about that, he has got 17 goals this year and he is one of the reasons why we are in the top half." Forrester's goal in the 2-0 win at Luton Town in September saw him go on a scoring run of 11 goals in 12 games, a repeat of that little run would do very nicely...

FINALLY, two men with Cobblers connections return to Sixfields with Luton Town today. Former Town assistant boss Kevan Broadhurst is now the Hatters' reserve team boss while Richard Dryden has been signed on loan by the Kenilworth Road club. Dryden was on loan at Sixfields earlier in the season, ironically making his Cobblers debut in the 2-0 win at Luton, and he also played for Swindon Town in the Wiltshire club's 1-0 smash and grab win here in December. Broadhurst was joint manager alongside Kevin Wilson for a short while in the wake of Ian Atkins departure. He was then of course assistant to Kevin Wilson for 12 months, helping the team to promotion from division three, before his departure in November. Both Broadhurst and Dryden can expect a warm welcome from the Cobblers fans today and rightly so, but hopefully that is all they are going to get from their Sixfields return.





HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE



With Club Historian Frank Grande

Saturday 9th September 2000
Kenilworth Road
DIV 2
ATT: 6,712

LUTON TOWN (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON TOWN (1) 2
Forrester (38), Howard (60)

Northampton were having a few injury problems, and now central defender Richard Hope was on the long term injury list. Richard Dryden was signed from Southampton on loan and John Frain and Chris Hargreaves returned from injury. Luton did not parade their new £100,000 signing, Peter Thomson, from NAC Breda, and also had ex Cobblers keeper, Mark Ovendale sidelined through injury. The twin spearhead of Forrester and Howard proved too sharp for the Luton defence, Forrester netted close in from a Howard pass, and returned the compliment on the hour for the ex Hartlepool striker to open his account for the season. Luton manager Ricky Hill was to complain that "too many of our players were below par."

LUTON TOWN: Abbey, Boyce, Watts, McLaren, Fraser, Taylor, Spring (Holmes), Brennan (Kandol), George, Stein, Scarlett. SNU; Lock, Stirling, Breitenfelder. **NORTHAMPTON TOWN:** Welch, Hendon, Frain, Sampson, Dryden, Hunt, Howard, Hodge (Savage), Hargreaves, Forrester (Gabbadini), Green SNU; Morrow, Hughes, Sollitt. **REFEREE:** R. Fernandez

Saturday 10th April 1999
Sixfields Stadium
DIV 2
ATT: 6,856

NORTHAMPTON TOWN (1) 1
Corazzin (34)
LUTON TOWN (0) 0

A struggling Cobblers side found a new Kevin Wilson inspired spirit in this match against Luton who were in receivership at the time and had key players out. The match was competitive but clean and the referee did not have to show a card at all during the game. The goal that won the game was somewhat bizarre - Carlo Corazzin floated a ball into the penalty area, James Hunt and his marker both went for it, but it was missed by both, Luton keeper Kelvin Davis took his eye off the ball to watch the two players, and before he realised it had passed over the goal line. Luton then put on the pressure forcing nine second half corners, and making Cobblers keeper, Billy Turley make two exceptional saves. It was the third 1-0 home win against Luton on the trot.

NORTHAMPTON: Turley, Hendon, Frain, Sampson, Howey, Hope, Peer, Wilson (Savage), Corazzin, Howard (Lee), Hunt. SNU; Spedding. **LUTON TOWN:** Davis, Willmott, Thomas, Spring, Dyche, White, Kandol (Zahan-oni), Fotiadis, Douglas, McIndoe, McGowan. SNU; Fraser, Boyce. **REFEREE:** T Jones

Tuesday 20th October 1998
Kenilworth Road
DIV. 2
ATT: 6,087

LUTON TOWN (1) 1
Alexander (20)
NORTHAMPTON TOWN (0) 0

When your luck is out, it's really out! This is what the Cobblers found at Luton. First Ian Sampson netted from a free kick, but the kick was made to be re taken and this time failed to find the back of the net. Luton scored when Graham Alexander's low shot cannoned off of Colin Hill and entered the net, the deflection sending Andy Woodman the wrong way. Further problems for the Cobblers came when new boy Dave Savage, who had twice gone close, was carried off ten minutes after the re-start with a badly twisted ankle. Centre half Dougie Hodgson completed the Cobblers misery when he went off with a head injury five minutes from time.

LUTON TOWN: Davis(K), Alexander, Thomas, Spring (White), Davis(S), Johnson, McKinnon, Evers, Douglas (Fotiadis), Gray, McIndoe. SNU; Scarlett **NORTHAMPTON:** Woodman, Gibb, Frain, Sampson, Hodgson (Freestone), Parrish, Hunt, Wilkinson, Corazzin, Savage (Heggs), Hill. SNU; Dobson. **REFEREE:** M Fletcher

IN THE NEWS



Headlines From The Past

9 SEPT 2000
LUTON TOWN 0
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 2
DIV. 2

Luc Nilis broke his leg after 4 minutes of Aston Villa's match v Ipswich...Wimbledon beat Sheffield Wednesday 5-0 at Hillsborough...Cambridge United put 6 goals past Rotherham United...60,000 watched Celtic beat Hibs 3-0 in the Scottish Prem.

10 APRIL 1999
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1
LUTON TOWN 0
DIV. 2

Brighton approach Mickey Adams, the reserve team coach at Forest to be their manager...Arsenal v Manchester United F.A. Cup Semi Final ends in stalemate, but Newcastle beat Spurs 2-0 in the other....Rangers through to the final of the Scottish Cup.

20 OCT 1998
LUTON TOWN 1
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 0
DIV. 2

Two players sent off and 14 cautioned in the Athletico Madrid v Tenerife game...Chester City face a winding up order with £350,000 owed to the inland revenue....Martin O'Neill turns down the managers job at Leeds preferring to stay at Leicester.

26 DEC 1997
LUTON TOWN 2
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 2
DIV 2

Stan Collymore, who was bailed after being charged with assaulting a girlfriend, answers his critics with two goals in Villa's 4-1 win over Spurs....Doncaster lose 0-8 at

Orient and sit on the bottom of the Third Division with just nine points.

9 SEPT. 1997
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1
LUTON TOWN 0
DIV. 2

Scotland beat Belarus 4-1.....Michael Owen is sent off while playing for the England under 18s v Yugoslavia....Top ten Scottish clubs make their intention known that they want to break away from the Scottish League...England beat Moldova 4-0 and need only a point to qualify for the World Cup Finals.

4 FEB. 1997
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1
LUTON TOWN 0
AWS

Both the Prime Minister John Major and opposition leader Tony Blair confirm their support for England's bid for the 2006 World Cup....Plymouth sack manager Neil Warnock....West Brom appoint Ray Harford as their new manager.

28 DEC. 1968
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 0
LUTON TOWN 2
DIV. 3

Scotland beat Cyprus 5-0 in Nicosia, while England and Bulgaria draw 1-1 at Wembley....Southend put 10 goals past Brentwood in the F.A.Cup, Billy Best nets 5 of them....Sir Matt Busby announces his retirement as Manchester United manager.

26 OCT. 1968
LUTON TOWN 2
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1
DIV. 3

Northern Ireland beat Turkey 4-1

in Belfast....West Ham beat Sunderland 8-0 in a Division One game, Geoff Hurst scores 6 of them....Scotland scrape a 1-0 win over Denmark in Copenhagen.....Frank Womack - ex manager of Notts County dies, aged 80.

13 SEPT 1962
LUTON TOWN 2
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1
League Cup

Barcelona and Valencia draw 1-1 in the 2nd leg of the Fairs Cup Final, Valencia won the first leg 6-2....Manchester City employ a Psychologist to help the players believe in themselves, but he is sacked when they lost 1-6 at home to West Ham!

7 JANUARY 1961
LUTON TOWN 4
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1
F.A.Cup

Southampton beat Ipswich 7-1 in the F.A.Cup...The Football league climb down on an issue of making players stay at their clubs for the length of their contracts, and avert a strike!...Jack Butler, ex manager of Torquay, Crystal Palace and Colchester dies in East London aged 66.

9 MAY 1942
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 8
LUTON TOWN 0
War time league

The Government increase entertainment tax, so minimum admission goes up to 1/4 (6 p)...Wales beat England 1-0 in front of 30,000 at Ninian Park...ex Hartlepool and Tranmere manager Jackie Carr dies aged 49,...Rangers beat Morton 1-0 in the Scottish Cup Final.



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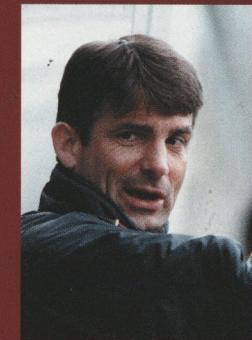
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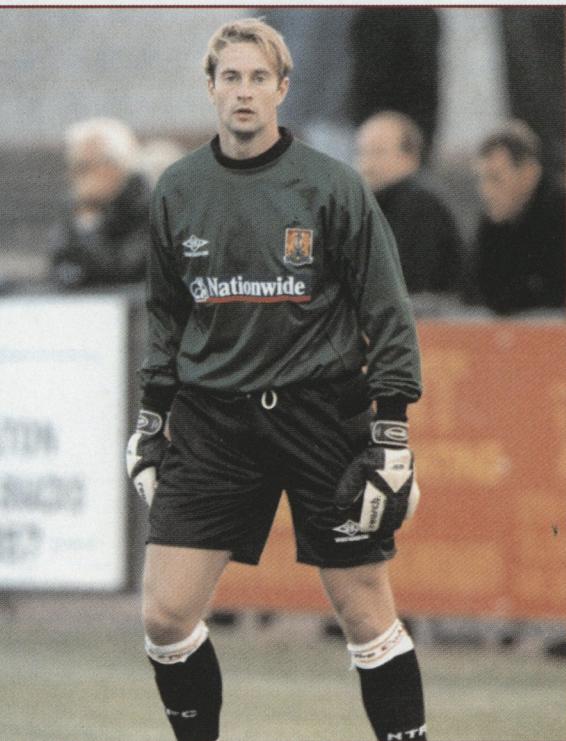
Adam Sollitt

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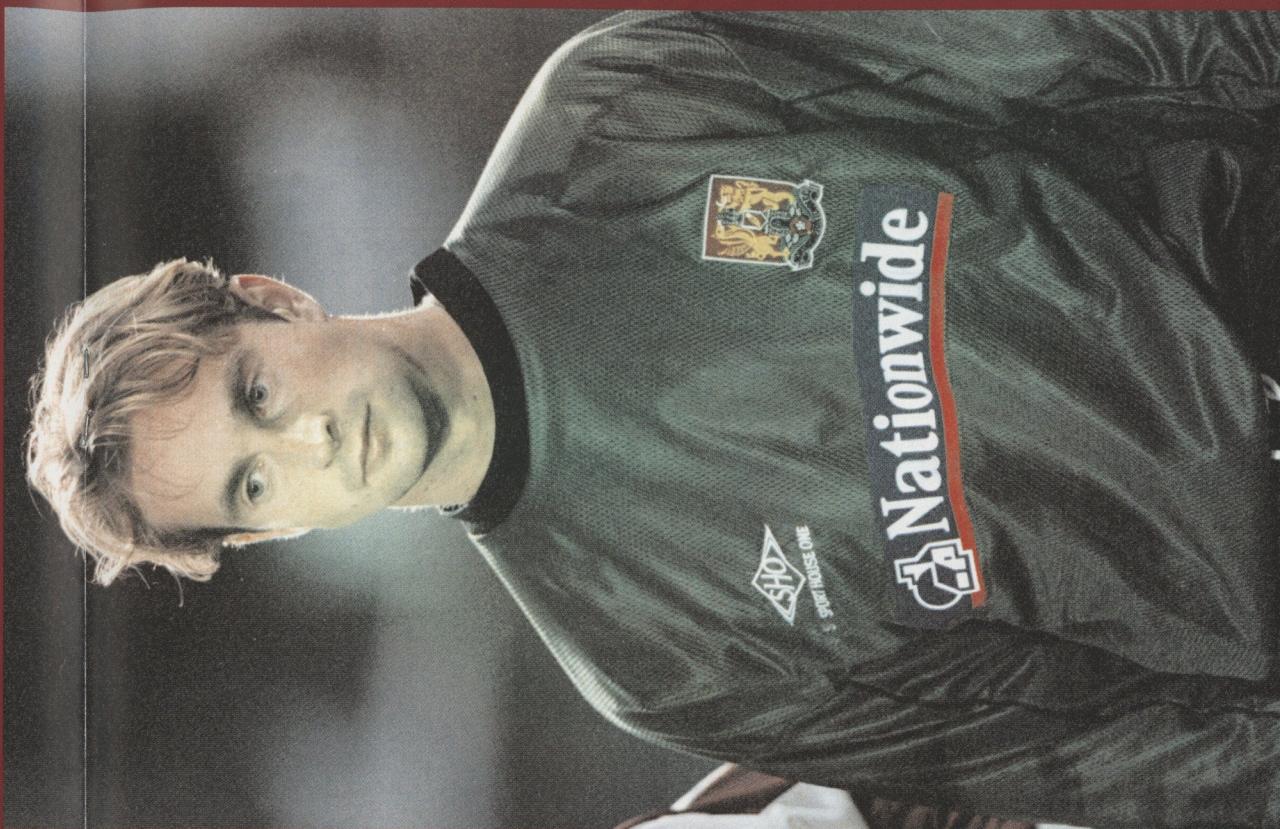
DEBUT - vs Millwall (Away) Lost 1-4, LDV Vans
Trophy, Tuesday 5th December 2000

Started his career at Barnsley as an understudy to Dave Watson and spent two years with the "Tykes" without making an appearance before joining Gainsborough Trinity on a free transfer. Joined Kettering Town on a free transfer and immediately became first choice 'keeper, whilst also earning himself caps at England Semi-professional level. Was the point of interest for several clubs last season, including Leicester City for whom he trained with for 3 days and Bristol Rovers who had a bid rejected for him towards the end of the 1999/2000 season. A great future is expected of this Sheffield born stopper, who is highly regarded as one of the best young 'keepers outside the Premier League. Joined the "Cobblers" in July 2000 for £30,000 as understudy to Keith Welch. Made his debut in the LDV Vans Trophy at Millwall earlier this season and has already turned in some excellent displays for Northampton Town. A young keeper with a big future under the expert guidance of Nigel Spink and Keith Welch.



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Adam is born in Sheffield	22-Jun-77	Denis Howell, Minister for Sport, compliments fans of West Ham and Liverpool for their behaviour abroad
Adam gains a Unibond League Challenge Cup Runners Up medal for Gainsborough	29-Apr-98	Attilio Lombardo steps down as Manager of Crystal Palace
His debut for Kettering v Telford	18-Aug-98	Steve Bull hits a hat trick against Barnet bringing his total number of goals for Wolves to 304.
He appears in the FA Trophy final for Kettering, but they lose 3-2	13-May-00	Barnsley beat Birmingham 4-0 in first leg of Div One Play Offs
He signs for Northampton Town	25-Jul-00	Billio of Dundee scores the first goal of the new season against Motherwell
His Cobblers debut v Millwall in the LDV Vans Trophy	05-Dec-00	Leeds beat Lazio 1-0, while Arsenal surrender a 2-0 lead to draw 2-2 with Bayern Munich in the Champions League



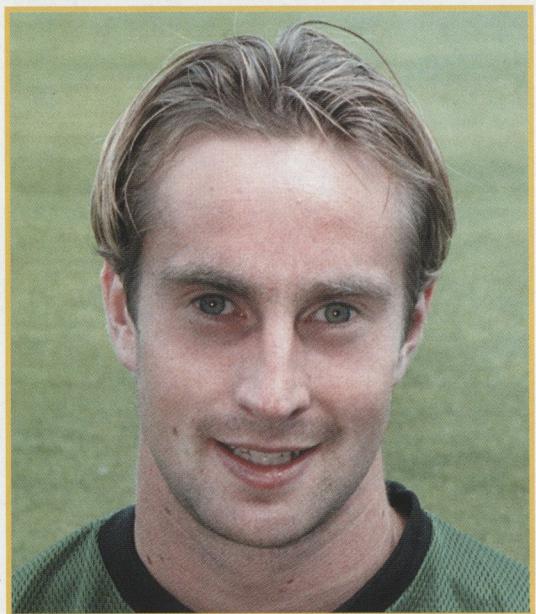




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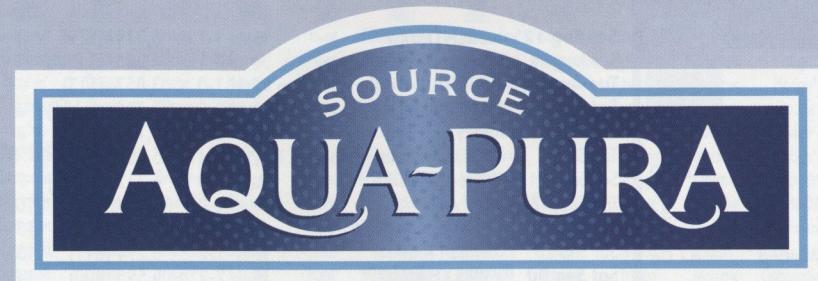
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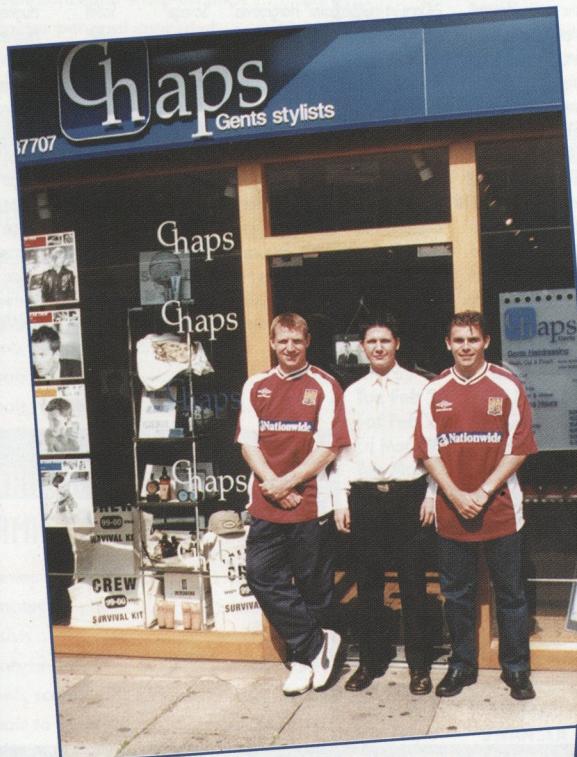
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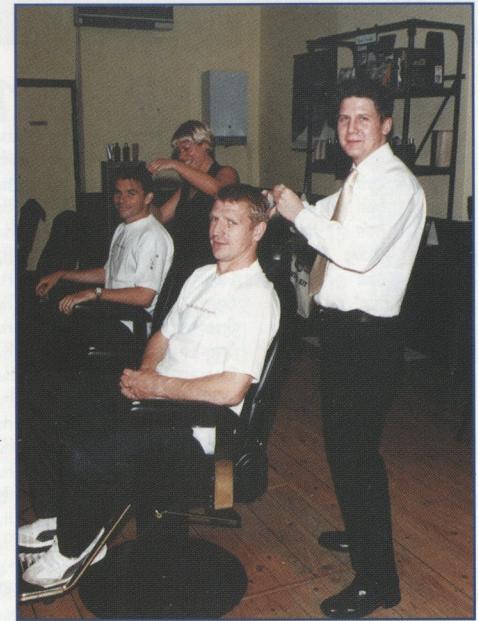
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Nationwide Division 2 Table

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Millwall	29	19	3	7	61	29	60	32
Walsall	30	16	8	6	51	30	56	21
Wigan	30	14	12	4	40	27	54	13
Rotherham	28	14	8	6	45	34	50	11
Stoke	28	13	10	5	43	28	49	15
Reading	27	14	5	8	54	33	47	21
Bristol C	28	13	8	7	49	28	47	21
Northampton	29	11	9	9	33	33	42	0
Notts Co	27	12	6	9	37	40	42	-3
Bournemouth	27	10	9	8	44	33	39	11
Brentford	28	9	12	7	31	38	39	-7
Wycombe	27	10	8	9	27	27	38	0
Oldham	30	9	10	11	33	39	37	-6
Wrexham	26	9	8	9	36	38	35	-2
Colchester	27	9	8	10	29	33	35	-4
Cambridge	29	9	8	12	39	45	35	-6
Peterborough	28	9	7	12	34	37	34	-3
Bury	28	9	5	14	24	38	32	-14
Swindon	27	7	6	14	27	45	27	-18
Bristol R	25	5	10	10	28	32	25	-4
Port Vale	25	6	6	13	26	32	24	-6
Swansea	26	5	8	13	27	42	23	-15
Luton	26	4	6	16	27	51	18	-24
Oxford	27	4	2	21	29	60	14	-31

TODAY

Brentford v Reading
Bristol Rovers v Notts County
Colchester United v Wigan Athletic
Oldham Athletic v Wrexham
Oxford United v Wycombe Wanderers
Peterborough United v Stoke City
Port Vale v AFC Bournemouth
Rotherham United v Cambridge United
Swansea City v Millwall
Swindon Town v Bristol City
Walsall v Bury



APPEARANCES

Player Records

Player	Birthplace	Date of Birth	2000/2001			NTFC			CAREER		
			Apps	Sub	Goals	Apps	Sub	Goals	Apps	Sub	Goals
Lee Canoville	Ealing	14/03/81	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Lee Crooks	Wakefield	14/01/78	3	0	0	3	0	0	66	24	2
Barry Ferguson	Dublin	07/09/79	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0
Jamie Forrester	Bradford	01/11/74	30	1	17	39	2	23	208	31	78
John Frain	Birmingham	08/10/68	12	0	1	178	1	6	505	10	32
Marco Gabbiadini	Nottingham	20/01/68	21	11	5	21	11	5	586	73	240
James Gould	Rushden	15/01/82	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
Richard Green	Wolverhampton	22/11/67	31	0	0	52	0	2	467	26	27
Chris Hargreaves	Cleethorpes	12/05/72	30	1	0	30	1	0	245	72	21
John Hodge	Skelmersdale	01/04/69	17	7	1	22	10	1	305	111	42
Richard Hope	Stockton	22/06/78	17	3	0	51	9	0	117	11	1
Steve Howard	Durham	10/05/76	24	8	7	71	17	17	207	44	50
Lee Howey	Sunderland	01/04/69	0	0	0	50	0	6	123	42	18
Garry Hughes	Birmingham	19/11/79	16	5	1	18	7	1	18	7	1
James Hunt	Derby	17/12/76	32	0	1	118	28	4	135	35	6
Roy Hunter	Salburn	29/10/73	0	0	0	140	24	16	147	30	17
Andy Morrow	Northern Ireland	05/10/80	1	2	0	3	6	0	3	6	0
Ian Sampson	Wakefield	14/11/68	30	0	2	316	3	26	331	10	27
David Savage	Dublin	30/07/73	27	6	3	95	15	13	218	45	24
Adam Sollitt	Sheffield	22/06/77	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0
Duncan Spedding	Frimley	07/09/77	15	4	0	82	16	2	86	19	2
Ryan Thompson	London	24/06/82	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Keith Welch	Bolton	03/10/68	31	0	0	73	0	0	630	0	0
Kevin Wilson	Banbury	18/04/61	0	5	0	14	20	2	634	93	199



AT OTHER LEVELS

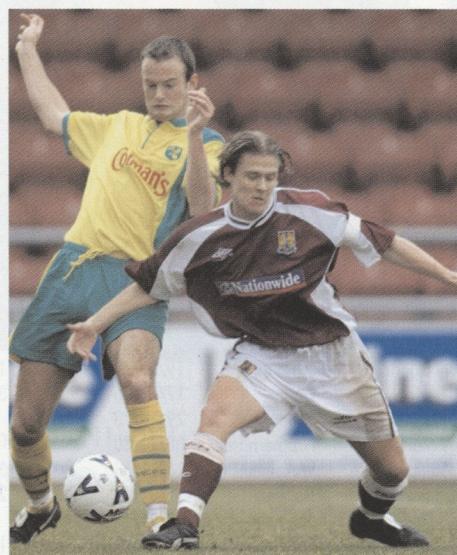
News From The Reserve Team



Northampton Town's reserve side were beaten 3-0 by Avon Insurance Combination leaders Norwich City at Sixfields recently. Despite a bright first half performance from the Cobblers including a free kick that hit a post, the visitors took the lead on 43 minutes when Steen Nedergaard curled home a direct free kick from the edge of the penalty area beyond youth team goalkeeper James Stirling. City doubled their

lead when Danny Bloomfield pounced on an individual mistake seconds after the restart before Paul Hayes completed the scoring when he fired home from the edge of the penalty area. Coach Russell Slade said, "The first half performance was as good as anything in the reserves this season. We hit the post, and apart from one free kick, they did not cause us any problems. The game was over as a contest in the first 10 seconds of the second half, and that disappointed me because it put us on the back foot and you can't really judge trialists in that situation."

team v Norwich City; Stirling, trialist (sub 45 Nash), Nicholson, trialist (sub 74 Champelovier), Ferguson, trialist, Hughes (sub 60 R Thompson), trialist, R Thompson, Morrow, trialist.



	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Norwich	15	12	3	0	47	13	39	34
Fulham	14	10	2	2	29	10	32	19
QPR	14	10	2	2	24	8	32	16
Reading	14	9	2	3	23	12	29	11
Oxford	16	9	2	5	25	18	29	7
Swindon	15	8	4	3	28	13	28	15
Portsmouth	12	5	4	3	15	14	19	1
Cambridge	13	5	4	4	17	18	19	-1
Luton	11	5	2	4	18	13	17	5
Brighton	10	5	1	4	28	24	16	4
Millwall	12	4	4	4	11	10	16	1
Brentford	12	3	6	3	15	18	15	-3
Crystal Palace	12	4	3	5	16	20	15	-4
Bournemouth	13	3	5	5	17	25	14	-8
Gillingham	8	4	1	3	10	9	13	1
Bristol City	10	2	5	3	11	12	11	-1
Southend	12	2	5	5	14	21	11	-7
Wycombe	10	3	2	5	10	22	11	-12
Cheltenham	13	3	2	8	13	30	11	-17
Bristol Rovers	9	3	1	5	11	16	10	-5
Northampton	11	3	0	8	10	21	9	-11
Colchester	11	2	2	7	11	19	8	-8
Barnet	10	1	2	7	10	20	5	-10
Peterborough	12	1	2	9	8	19	5	-11
Leyton Orient	11	0	2	9	8	22	2	-14

2000

Wed 30th August 2000

Leyton Orient

a 1-0

Wed 20th September 2000

Fulham

a 2-3

Wed 27th September 2000

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Tue 3rd October 2000

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a 2-1

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Wed 24th January 2001

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Tue 30th January 2001

NORWICH CITY

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Tue 13th February 2001

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Tue 13th March 2001

PETERBOROUGH UNITED

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Wed 28th March 2001

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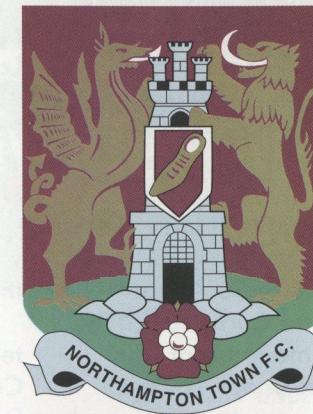


Matchday Entertainment

Good afternoon and welcome back to Sixfields from everyone at Radio Cobblers. As usual, we'll be on air this afternoon in the build up to the game with your messages, requests and the latest team news from Pete Smith who will be pitchside at around 2.40pm.

Please keep your dedications and requests coming to us c/o the Media Office at the club, or pay us a visit at the official site (www.ntfc.co.uk). But for now, settle back and enjoy the music as you prepare to cheer on the Cobblers in this latest local derby.

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AT OTHER LEVELS



News From The Youth Team



the game with a superb individual goal from Danny Lowe. Overall, I felt we were worth our win, with excellent performances from the back 4 plus goalkeeper, while Danny Lowe also deserves a mention for his second half display."

Completing the double, the under 17s won 1-0 away from home at Southend United, and Curtis said, "The side was made up of a number of under 16s and trialist players. It was a good performance from a young side. We played 4-4-2 and Southend never really put us under a great deal of pressure. James Storey scored the winning goal to cap a good team performance.

Special mention must also go to Jed Ainge who turned in an excellent performance in a new position of right back and Mark Spooner at centre half."

Meanwhile, Northampton Town's Youth team were beaten 1-0 by Port Vale in the Midland Youth Cup at Wellingborough School 10 days ago. The match was moved to Wellingborough after a number of pre-Christmas postponements at Sixfields because of wet weather, but Vale's win means the Cobblers interest in this year's competition ended at the Quarter Final stage.

Two weeks ago, the under 19 side recorded an excellent 2-1 victory over their Portsmouth counterparts. Director of Youth Development Paul Curtis takes up the story;

"We began the match with a 4-4-2 formation and kept things very tight in the first half. Portsmouth kept the ball well in the first period but never really caused us many problems or hurt us. At half time, we changed formation to 4-3-3 to try and create more openings and for the first 20 minutes of the second half we dominated the game. We hit the post in this passage of play and also took the lead when Danny Lowe sent in a superb cross for trialist Victor Fayenuwo to score. Portsmouth came back in to the game for the next 15 minutes and equalised, before we got back on top in the last 10 minutes and won

Last weekend, the under 19s recorded their 2nd successive victory with a 3-1 success over Barnet, with goals from Neil Champelovier, Michael Laws, Danny Lowe. The under 17s drew 2-2 with Portsmouth.

UNDER 19S

v PORTSMOUTH (W2-1)
(Fayenuwo, Lowe)

team; Stirling, Nash, Meade, Colgan (sub White 80), Laws, Daly, Champelovier (sub Faulds 75), Cavill, Thompson, Fayenuwo (sub Georcelin 70), Lowe.

UNDER 17S

v SOUTHERN (W1-0) (Storey)

team; Bunn, Ainge, McGowan, Dyer, Spooner, Julian, Toulemain, Gardiner (sub Chambers 70), MacGregor (sub Dixon 75), Storey, Tinsley (sub Alman 88).



UNDER 19 FIXTURES

Sat 19 Aug	Brentford	Away	0-3	Sat 19 Aug	Brentford	Home	3-1
Sat 26 Aug	Brighton	Home	0-2	Sat 26 Aug	Brighton	Away	2-2
Sat 2 Sep	Colchester	Away	0-3	Sat 2 Sep	Gillingham	Home	1-0
Sat 9 Sep	Cambridge	Away	1-2	Sat 9 Sep	Cambridge	Home	0-1
Sat 16 Sep	Luton Town	Home	1-1	Sat 16 Sep	Barnet	Away	3-4
Sat 23 Sep	Gillingham	Home	2-2	Sat 23 Sep	Colchester	Away	2-1
Sat 7 Oct	Wycombe	Away	0-4	Sat 7 Oct	Wycombe	Home	4-4
Sat 14 Oct	Portsmouth	Away	0-2	Sat 14 Oct	Southend	Home	2-0
Sat 21 Oct	Barnet	Home	2-2	Sat 21 Oct	Portsmouth	Away	1-2
Sat 28 Oct	Leyton Orient	Away	1-2	Sat 28 Oct	Leyton Orient	Home	2-1
Sat 11 Nov	Brentford	Home	2-2	Sat 11 Nov	Brentford	Away	1-2
Sat 18 Nov	Brighton	Away	2-5	Sat 18 Nov	Brighton	Home	1-1
Sat 9 Dec	Southend	Home	1-0	Sat 25 Nov	Colchester	Home	1-3
Sat 16 Dec	Cambridge	Home	0-1	Sat 16 Dec	Cambridge	Away	0-1
Sat 13 Jan	Wycombe	Home	0-1	Sat 13 Jan	Wycombe	Away	0-4
Sat 20 Jan	Gillingham	Away	p-p	Sat 27 Jan	Southend	Away	1-0
Sat 27 Jan	Portsmouth	Home	2-1	Sat 3 Feb	Portsmouth	Home	2-2
Sat 3 Feb	Barnet	Away	3-2	Sat 10 Feb	Leyton Orient	Away	11
Sat 10 Feb	Leyton Orient	Home	11 W	Sat 24 Feb	Gillingham	Away	12
Sat 17 Feb	Southend United	Away	11	Sat 3 Mar	Barnet	Home	11 W
Sat 24 Feb	Luton Town	Away	11	Sat 10 Mar	Colchester	Home	11 M

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season, our beloved match officials could well be running out bedecked in requests for you the fan, to use Specsavers - for clearer vision!! Talk about the wheel turning full circle. Mind you, there must be some great suggestions as to the products that certain individuals could promote on their kit - but I'll leave that to you.

Already this FIFA decision has caused problems in some countries, with the Mexican FA allegedly organising a blanket sponsorship deal for their officials in order to avoid individual refs setting up their own deals. (Isn't this restraint of trade?). We eagerly await details of the sponsorship deals our own match officials obtain - but let's hope they don't take as long as those negotiations for the LDV Vans Trophy!

Taking the natural progression of the marketing world, I expect name changes will be next to tarnish the international game. We already have it in our national game - remember it's not the FA Cup or League Cup but the AXA FA Cup or The Worthington Cup. So how long will it be before we are hearing international results such as 'Wendys USA 2 Sainsburys England 3'? Sounds strange doesn't it? An England away win!

And who will win the first McDonalds World Cup?

Incidentally, our own Football Association has stated that the England shirt will not carry adverts (not the done thing) - which must be most disappointing for Longleat Safari Park as they could actually have put three lions on the shirt.

Yet the latest selling of the game has recently seen FIFA endorse the use of international shirts for promoting products and, wait for it, referees shirts will be allowed to carry adverts! As from next

And I thought the penning of twenty-four columns a season was a problem!

Personally, I think that the idea of match officials and

international teams running around suggesting that we purchase packets of particular brands of breakfast cereal is on a par with playing cricket in multi coloured clothing. But maybe I'm a moaning old traditionalist - unlike the Doog who can rightly be called visionary. Twenty-five years on I wonder what he thinks about this latest sponsorship opportunity?

A brief welcome to today's visitors Luton Town. Our cup defeats in both 1960/61 and 1961/62 are just about forgotten by Cobblers supporters now - although the Hatters banning of away fans and the plastic pitch experiment is still fresh in the memory of many football fans. Perhaps we were fortunate to be in the fourth division at the time!!

Finally, the recent programme for the game versus Bristol City, contained details of Christmas cards that football clubs send to one another. As a result of this, I have received an article from a 1973 publication concerning a gent by the name of Frank Perryman, then President of Hartlepool F.C. It transpires that Mr Perryman was responsible for writing their seasonal cards - and had been for the previous twenty-three years. Amazingly in each card Perryman wrote a quote from the works of Shakespeare that was appropriate for the recipient club!! As he himself writes, 'the cards are a little different but always popular; although it is getting difficult to use quotations that I haven't used before.'

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JSB Print Solutions have now been established for over 16 years, the company was originally founded and traded as JSB Business Forms, and based in the centre of Northampton, they have been able to follow the fortunes of the Cobblers at close hand. However, 2 years ago, the refocused company re-invented itself to acknowledge the needs of its ever increasing client base and is now "JSB Print Solutions." As a result, of the name change, the company has seen a dramatic rise in sales that reflects the wide and varied products they are able to offer, ranging from labels to tickets to cheques to continuous forms, books, pads and sets plus many aspects of security print. A major influence in this rise in sales has been the acquisition of several blue-chip National accounts which has allowed JSB to ease into becoming one of the country's leading distributors of printed matter. They have also been appointed a partner to BBF Communis (formerly Bowater Business Forms) after many years as a supplier of their fine product range. The high standard specification quality of finished products and excellent value for money that they are able to offer is second to none in today's market place, and with this in mind, please do not hesitate to contact them for a more

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English Partnerships is a national force delivering development at the local level. In Northampton, English Partnerships is working closely with Northampton Borough Council to bring forward a major development scheme focused on residential growth almost on the Cobblers doorstep. Hopefully the success of this scheme on the football pitch will help create future generations of Cobblers supporters.

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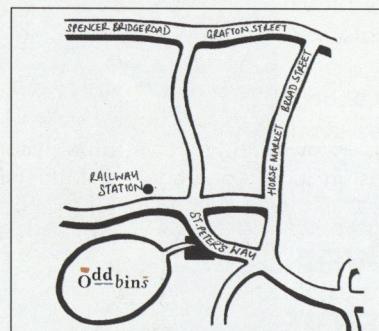
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MOST APPEARANCES

9. LEONARD HAMMOND

BORN: Rugby, 12 September 1901

DIED: Rugby, 24 June 1983

POSITION: GOALKEEPER

HONOURS: None

RECORD

SEASON	APPEARANCES
1924-25	3
1925-26	45
1926-27	45
1927-28	45
1928-29	39
1929-30	45
1930-31	40
1931-32	45
1932-33	19
	326

MOST GOALS

9. TOMMY WELLS

BORN: Nunhead

POSITION: OUTSIDE LEFT

HONOURS: Div 3 South Knock Out Cup
Runners Up

RECORD

SEASON	GOALS
1926-27	2
1927-28	15
1928-29	9
1929-30	10
1930-31	10
1931-32	12
1932-33	7
1933-34	17
1934-35	4
	86

CLUBS: Rugby Town, NORTHAMPTON TOWN, NOTTS COUNTY, Nuneaton, Rugby Town

LINKS

The two players appeared together for 7 seasons.

CAREER

Len soon won himself a first team spot and earned some rave reviews with his performances between the posts. Once he was established as first choice keeper, injury was the only thing that kept him out of the side. When Bill Cave arrived, Len moved to Notts County in Division 2, but his career at Meadow Lane was cut short after an argument with the Manager over the standard of football in the two Divisions.

DID YOU KNOW?

Len's son, also called Len, appeared in goal for the Cobblers reserves just after WW2.

CLUBS: ARSENAL, NORTHAMPTON, SWINDON, LEYTON ORIENT

LINKS

Both players joined and left the club on free transfers.

CAREER

Tommy was never considered a goal scorer, but he weighed in with an average of 9 goals a season, and even helped himself to 3 hat tricks in his 9 season stay. 10 of Tommy's goals came in cup competitions, including one against Huddersfield Town in the Cobblers biggest giantkilling act in their history. Despite playing for two other league sides, he never re-discovered his goalscoring form.

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Stoke v Wigan

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Wrexham
vs Cambridge

Highest
Aggregate
Score

Brentford2
Bristol Rovers .6
Bristol City6
Cambridge2

Biggest
Home Win

Cambridge....6
Rotherham....1

Reading.....5
Oldham.....0

Millwall.....5
Oxford.....0

Millwall.....6
Colchester.....1

Biggest
Away Win

Brentford2
Bristol Rovers .6

Consec. Wins

Walsall.....5
Games

Unbeaten

Wigan18

Consec. Defeats

Bury.....5
Winless Run

Cambridge ...12

Total Games

331

Home Wins

145.....44%

Away Wins

95.....29%

Draws

91.....27%

1-1 Draws

41.....12%

0-0 Draws

28.....8%

Average gate

6,228

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Div.2 Results Grid

	HOME GOALS							Division 2 Ave. Attendances					Biggest Wins & Losses		Last 5 Home Results			
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3000	6000	9000	12000	15000	Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.		
Bournemouth															4,168	5-2 Bury	1-3 Colch	WWLWD
Brentford															4,719	3-0 Oxford	2-6 B Rovers	LDWD
Bristol City															10,499	6-2 Cambridge	0-2 Nthmpn	LWWW
Bristol Rovers															7,238	6-2 Brentford	0-3 Stoke/Mill	DLDD
Bury															3,227	2-0 3 Clubs	0-4 Millwall	WDLLW
Cambridge															4,410	6-1 Roth'ham	2-6 Brstl City	DWDL
Colchester															3,620	3-0 Luton	1-6 Millwall	LDWL
Luton															5,614	3-1 Btfd/Stke	0-4 Swansea	LLWL
Millwall															10,614	6-1 Colchester	2-3 3 clubs	WLWLW
Northampton															5,887	2-0 4 Clubs	0-3 Bth/Wsl	LWDWD
Notts County															5,333	4-1 Roth'ham	1-5 Walsall	WWDDW
Oldham															4,576	4-1 Port Vale	0-5 Reading	WDDW
Oxford															4,861	3-1 Nthmpn	0-5 Millwall	LWLWL
Peterborough															5,977	4-0 Swindon	1-4 Millwall	WWLDW
Port Vale															4,388	3-0 3 clubs	0-4 Cmbrdge	DWLL
Reading															11,580	5-0 Oldham	0-4 Brstl City	WDLWW
Rotherham															4,996	3-0 3 clubs	1-6 Cmbrdge	WWDDW
Stoke															13,240	4-0 Oxford	0-3 Walsall	WDWW
Swansea															5,782	4-0 Luton	1-5 Rdg/Wal	DLDWD
Swindon															5,612	3-0 Bury	0-4 P'bo'r'ó	LWLLW
Walsall															5,806	5-1 Nts/C/Swa	1-3 Wy/Swa	WWWW
Wigan															6,690	3-1 3 Clubs	1-3 Millwall	DDWW
Wrexham															3,657	4-1 Bury	1-4 Reading	WWWDD
Wycombe															5,295	3-1 3 Clubs	0-3 Bmouth	WLWDL

Referees Report

G	RC	YC	Av.Yell
Hall	17	10	78
Prosser	14	4	62
Olivier	17	4	73
Knight	9	4	37
Fletcher	14	1	57
Foy	18	4	71
Cooper	11	5	43
Dowd	17	8	66
Mathieson	18	2	68
Jordan	16	2	60
Jones T	17	9	62
Bates	14	0	51
Ryan	14	3	50
Riley	7	2	25
Hill	15	4	53
Warren	14	2	49

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	Numbers	Last 5 Away Results	
Bournemouth	Defoe	12	4	8	2	0	12	1.00	1	2	1	8	10	2	29	7	4	WWDWW
Brentford	Owusu	4	1	4	0	0	16	0.25	0	2	2	6	2	6	27	9	8	DLWLD
Bristol City	Thorpe	15	3	7	1	2	25	0.60	1	2	2	9	2	5	28	8	7	WWLLD
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	6	2	4	1	0	21	0.29	0	0	4	4	3	10	30	7	11	LDLL
Bury	Barnes	4	3	4	0	0	14	0.29	0	2	1	5	3	6	24	9	10	LLLLL
Cambridge	Youngs	11	2	7	2	0	27	0.41	0	3	2	8	3	5	29	7	7	LLLWW
Colchester	Stockwell	5	1	3	1	0	27	0.19	1	0	2	5	1	16	27	9	9	WLDWD
Luton	George	3	0	3	0	0	23	0.13	0	0	1	1	2	8	28	3	11	LWLL
Millwall	Harris	21	7	8	2	3	28	0.75	1	4	1	12	3	3	30	11	3	WLWW
Northampton	Forrester	15	8	11	2	0	27	0.56	1	4	5	16	5	5	26	8	8	WDDLD
Notts County	Stallard	11	6	11	0	0	24	0.46	0	5	2	12	3	4	30	8	7	WLDWD
Oldham	Allott	7	3	5	1	0	25	0.28	0	1	2	4	2	7	27	10	9	DDDDL
Oxford	Beauchamp	5	1	3	1	0	25	0.20	0	1	0	2	1	7	37	2	11	WLLLL
Peterborough	McKenzie	8	3	6	1	0	15	0.53	0	1	1	3	2	3	24	9	9	DLDD
Port Vale	Naylor	6	2	2	2	0	22	0.27	0	1	0	2	2	7	24	6	10	LLWLL
Reading	Cureton	14	4	8	0	2	24	0.58	0	4	1	9	3	4	26	10	6	WLLDD
Rotherham	Robins	12	6	10	1	0	24	0.50	0	2	3	7	2	2	26	11	2	LWDD
Stoke	Thorne	10	4	5	1	1	21	0.48	1	3	2	11	2	6	27	10	5	LLWW
Swansea	Savarese	9	2	3	3	0	16	0.56	1	0	4	7	2	4	24	7	11	LLLLL
Swindon	Invincible	8	2	4	2	0	26	0.31	0	2	1	5	2	9	32	5	12	LWLLD
Walsall	Leitao	12	6	12	0	0	29	0.41	0	4	1	9	3	5	22	11	6	LDLWD
Wigan	Haworth	9	5	6	0	1	18	0.50	1	2	1	8	2	4	26	11	6	DLWLL
Wrexham	Sam	6	2	4	1	0	19	0.32	0	1	1	3	5	13	25	5	7	DLLLD
Wycombe	Rammell	10	3	4	3	0	20	0.50	2	2	1	11	2	4	25	8	12	DLDDW

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CONNECTIONS

With Leigh Edwards

Goals from Jamie Forrester and Steve Howard gave Northampton Town a 2-0 Second Division win at Luton five months ago, the Cobblers first ever league win at Kenilworth Road. Carlo Corazzin scored as Northampton triumphed 1-0 on Luton's last league visit to Sixfields on 10 April 1999. Luton's last league victory at Northampton was 2-0 in December 1968 with two goals from Bruce Rioch.

EVER PRESENT

One time Luton Town striker Ian Benjamin was ever present in Northampton Town's 1986/87 Fourth Division title triumph. Moving to Northampton from Peterborough United on a free transfer in August 1984, he was leading marksman in two consecutive seasons and netted 58 goals in 150 league games prior to joining Cambridge United in October 1987. He joined Luton from Southend in November 1992 and scored twice in 13 league outings for today's opponents before moving to Brentford in September 1993.

TITLE TRIUMPH

Former Luton Town centre forward Alec Ashworth was leading marksman in Northampton's 1962/63

Third Division title triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Everton in October 1960, he netted 20 goals in 63 league games for Luton prior to joining Northampton in July 1962. He scored 25 times in 30 Third Division outings for the Cobblers before moving to Preston NE in June 1963. One time Hatters Terry Branston, Billy Hails, John Reid and Ray Smith also featured in Northampton's 1962/63 Third Division title campaign.

MUCH TRAVELED

Much travelled striker Bob Hatton played for Northampton and Luton during his career. Moving to Northampton from Bolton Wanderers for £30,000 in October 1968, he netted seven goals in 33 Third Division games prior to joining Carlisle United for £15,000 in July 1969. He joined Luton from Blackpool for £50,000 in July 1978 and scored 29 times in 82 league outings for today's visitors before being sold to Sheffield United for £50,000 in July 1980. Ex Luton striker Tony Adcock had two spells at Northampton.

PROMOTION WINNER

Former Northampton Town central defender John Moore was an influential figure in

Luton's 1967/68 and 1969/70 promotion successes. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Motherwell in May 1965, he netted 13 goals in 274 league games for Luton before joining Northampton in August 1974. He made 14 Fourth Division appearances for the Cobblers prior to joining Milton Keynes in July 1975 and has since served Luton as both coach and Manager. Ex Northampton defender Steve Litt featured in Luton's 1973/74 promotion campaign.

IN SAFE KEEPING

Former Luton Town goalkeeper Alan Starling starred in Northampton's 1975/76 promotion success. Signing professional for Luton in April 1969, he featured in their 1969/70 promotion campaign and made seven league appearances prior to joining Northampton in June 1971. He was ever present in 1973/74 and played 238 league games before moving to Huddersfield Town in March 1977. The likes of Sean Farrell, Godfrey Ingram, Damian Matthew, Bert Mitchell, Gordon Riddick, Harry Walden and Paul Wilkinson have also played for both clubs since the war.



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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



News From The Younger Ages

A fortnight ago, we met West Bromwich Albion at 4 age groups. As we wrote previously, these game are often a good yardstick to measure our progress by as West Brom are regarded as one of the leading Centre of Excellence sides and they teach their players to pass the ball around very well.

The under 15s were at home to their Baggies counterparts and recorded a comprehensive win in a very competitive game. We controlled the game from start to finish with the highlight of the game being a superb display from Jermain Dixon in a new position wide on the right hand side. He did well throughout the whole game while other notable performances came from Marcus Benson, Stuart Johnson and Mark Hackett, who won every ball at the back with an immaculate display. The under 14s were narrowly beaten by a very controversial winning goal. There certainly seemed to be a foul in the build up but the goal stood. That cannot take away from a creditable performance and there was no disgrace in losing to a useful West Brom side. The game was fairly even and most

observers thought a draw would have been a fair result. The under 13 side were involved in an exciting draw, with all 3 of our goals coming from headers. We were well in charge of the game, but the squad became stretched

after losing a number of players through injury and our momentum was interrupted as players were forced to play in unfamiliar positions. Although West Brom came back strongly, we still went close to snatching a winner at the death of an exciting draw. The under 12s meanwhile turned in an excellent display to claim a draw. We were controversially robbed of a win by a disputed penalty but the performance continued the trend of recent good performances.

Finally, I would like to introduce Charlie Brewster, who has joined our Youth Development Department as our Youth Recruitment Officer (for ages 7-12) and heads our northern region scouting network that runs from the north of Northampton to Kettering, Wellingborough, Corby, Market Harborough and Rugby. Charlie joins us after working for the Youth Department at Peterborough United and we are sure he will prove an excellent addition to the team here.

Pictured below are the Northampton Town under 12 side.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



News From The Younger Ages

		U15	U14	U13	U12
11-Feb	Walsall	A	H	A	H
18-Feb	Shrewsbury	H	A	H	A
25-Feb	Oxford Utd	A	H	A	H
04-Mar	Notts Co	H	A	H	A
18-Mar	Luton Town	A	H	A	H
25-Mar	Cambridge	H	A	H	A
01-Apr	Port Vale	A	H	A	H

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The Views Of The Skipper



Good afternoon and welcome back to Sixfields for another local derby. This time, our visitors are from Luton Town, who while they might be struggling at the wrong end of the table, will still be scrapping for points to try and ensure their safety and they will present us with stern test.

Two weeks ago, of course, we scrapped out a nil-nil draw with Peterborough United. From a personal point of view, I was delighted to get through the game without a problem. It was my first start since the beginning of December and although I naturally felt tired, I was relieved to have got through and hopefully I will stay free of injury for the rest of the season.



It was a case of a point gained at Stoke last weekend, although maybe our performance deserved the full 3 points. Stoke took the lead with their first real shot at goal, and although some may say our equaliser was fortuitous with the keeper letting the ball slip under his body, I thought it was the least we deserved. We dominated most of the game and created most of the chances. Not many sides will go to Stoke and create the sort of chances we did. We passed the ball well and hopefully this result will give us a good platform for the last 15 games or so.

It's always frustrating when a match is called off, and that was the case against Swansea on Tuesday. We were looking to build on the point at Stoke with a good performance and hopefully 3 points to keep us in touch with the top 6. As it is, we'll have to wait a while before we meet Swansea for the first time this season and turn our attention to Luton this afternoon.

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ACTION REPLAY



NTFC v Bury

The Cobblers kept up the pressure on the sides above them with a hard fought 2-1 victory over Andy Preece's Bury side at Sixfields on a cold January afternoon.

With Chris Hargreaves suspended, boss Kevin Wilson included Richard Hope for his first start of the year 2001.

The Cobblers were ahead within 2 minutes. A throw out from goalkeeper Keith Welch set winger John Hodge clear and Hodge ran almost the entire length of the pitch before firing home a left footed drive for his first goal of the season and his first for the club. Bury came back strongly and Chris Swailes headed wide on 17 minutes, before defender Steve Redmond fired over the bar from 25 yards. The visitors did pull level 10



minutes before the break, when a game of head tennis in the Cobblers box ended with Chris Swailes finding the corner of the net with Keith Welch beaten. The final action of the first half saw visiting striker Baichung Bhutia's 20 yard volley kicked off the line by James Hunt, who had kept his position from a corner.

The Cobblers changed formation at half time and pushed forward looking for the elusive second goal. Hunt's header was saved by Kenny on 50 minutes, before Steve Howard headed wide from a John Hodge cross with 15 minutes to go. That signalled the arrival off the bench of Marco Gabbiadini, and he made an instant impact with his 5th goal of the season 11 minutes from time.



Ian Sampson's long free kick caused confusion in the Bury box and Gabbiadini drove home from 18 yards. He nearly doubled the lead with 4 minutes to go, but his curling shot from the edge of the box was tipped away by Kenny.



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MATCH STATS

Northampton Town

	Goals (min)	Assists (min)	Bookings	Substituted	Shots on target	Shots off target
1 Keith Welch		2				
2 Liam Chilvers						
4 Ian Sampson		79				
6 Duncan Spedding						
7 David Savage						
8 James Hunt			1			
9 Steve Howard					1	3
14 John Hodge	2					
18 Jamie Forrester						
20 Chris Hargreaves						
21 Richard Green						76
subs						
10 Marco Gabbiadini	79				76	2 1
15 Adam Sollitt						
16 Garry Hughes						
17 Richard Hope						
24 Ryan Thompson						

Bury

	Goals (min)	Assists (min)	Bookings	Substituted	Shots on target	Shots off target
13 Paddy Kenny						
4 Nick Daws			1		2	
5 Sam Collins			88	1		
6 Chris Swailes	35		1	2		
7 Chris Billy						
9 Paul Barnes						
10 Adrian Littlejohn						
11 Paul Reid						
15 Baichung Bhutia						1
17 Steve Redmond						
26 Chris Armstrong						
subs						
18 Andy Preece						85
20 Nicky Hill						
23 Jason Jarrett						88
24 Danny Swailes						
28 Lee Unsworth						

Picture 1: Marco Gabbiadini shoots for goal

Picture 2: Ian Sampson on the attack

Picture 3: John Hodge challenges Adrian Littlejohn

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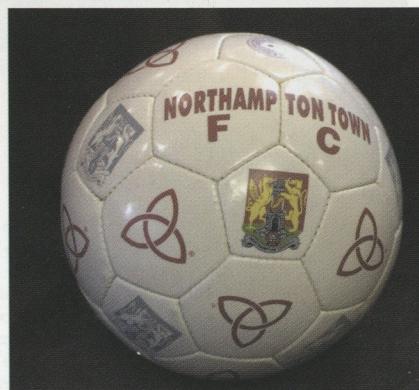


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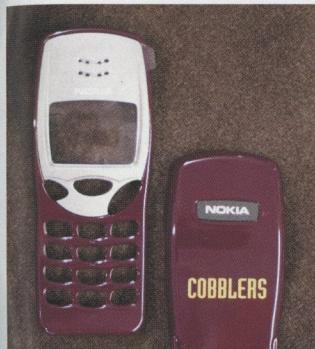
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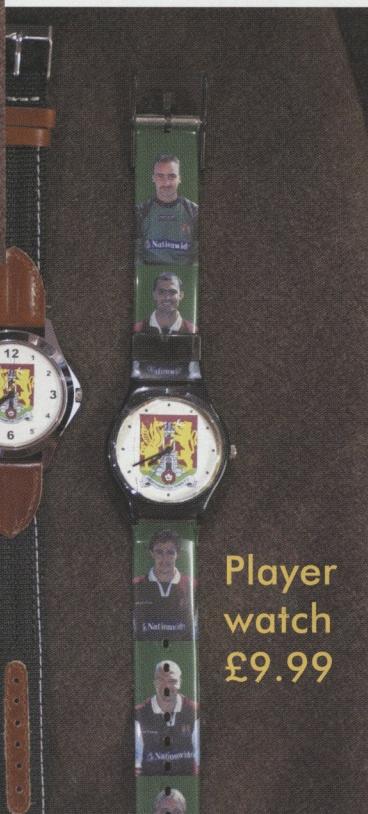
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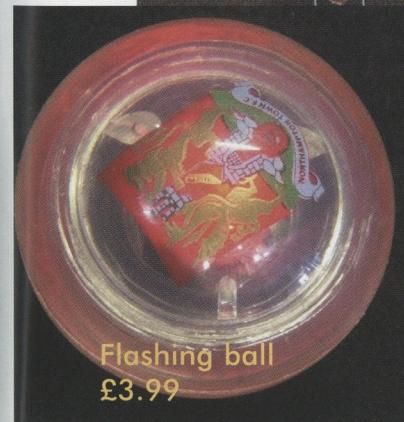


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OUR NEXT AWAY GAME

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