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## Front Cover



Tripping the light fantastic: Lee Mansell leads the celebrations after his goal against Swansea on a day when the Town led the visitors a merry dance. See pages 24/5 and 36/7.

# Inside Forward

THE NEWS some of us have awaited for 50 years or more finally became fact this week: a first crucial step towards finding a new home for Luton Town has been taken. Chairman Mike Watson-Challis has bought a 55-acre green field site near junction 10 of the M1 to be the new location of a football stadium fit for the 21st century.

The land is on your left as you drive off the M1 and down the spur road towards Luton, and is the same site which David Kohler wanted to acquire, but which the Luton Hoo estate refused to sell at that time. It was reported that Luton Borough Council was unhappy about that, and was ready to consider a compulsory purchase order if necessary.

Mr Watson-Challis said that negotiations to buy the site had started very soon after he took control of the club, last June.

Kenilworth Road has been in use since 1905, and some of us were very young when we first heard of plans to replace the old stadium. Fifty years ago, we thought the new ground would be at Skimpot, on a sports field which was owned by Laporte's and which was later used as a training facility by the Town. It never happened - a Tesco superstore now takes up most of that area, with Beds FA's offices behind it.

Over the years Stockwood, Lewsey Farm, The Brache, Sundon Springs and even a misguided consideration of Milton Keynes were all marked out as likely new homes. There was also a time when plans were being formulated to redevelop Kenilworth Road. A lot of houses adjacent to the ground were purchased, but nothing came of that idea save for the improvements made at the top of Kenilworth Road when old terraced houses were knocked down to make way for the apron area and new turnstiles. The new ground project still has some way to go, but Luton Borough Council, owners of the Kenilworth Road stadium, and keen to regenerate the Bury Park area, is backing the scheme in principle, and a planning application is being prepared by the club's architects.

The Town chairman said the purchase of the land was the first step in protecting the long-term future of the club, and he was delighted Luton Town would remain in Luton. He added: "Along with the club's projects directors, Eric Hood and John Mitchell, I will work exhaustively over the coming months to secure appropriate planning permission. I believe our dream and vision can become a reality, and begin a new era for the town.

"Coupled with the recent appointment of Joe Kinnear, it demonstrates our long-term commitment to once again make the club a major force in football.

"We will need to work with, and have the support and understanding, of many other people, and trust that our efforts to build a brighter future for the club will become a catalyst for other regenerative opportunities.

"The town of Luton, despite recent events, has promising times ahead, and if we all work together we can build a better future, and become a model for others to follow."

THE chairman has a very important "fixture" later this month. He has agreed to be the guest of honour at a meeting of the Luton Town Supporters Club, at the Eric Morecambe Suite on March 29, to meet fans and to listen to their points of view and questions.

Before that, two old favourites are coming back as LTSC guests on March 15 - Gary Waddock and Iain Dowie, now working together at Queens Park Rangers.

As usual, because accommodation is limited, admission to both meetings is by ticket only, costing £2 for LTSC members, £5 for others. Tickets can be obtained from the Supporters Club kiosk in Kenilworth Road today, or from the club shop at other times, although the chairman's meeting tickets are restricted to LTSC members for the next two weeks. Any left will go on general sale on March 17.

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

ON behalf of the board of directors I want to offer a public welcome today to our new manager, Joe Kinnear, to thank him for what has been done so far since he joined us, and to wish him the very best of luck in his future endeavours for us.

Like all supporters, the directors were concerned about our prospects after the first five months of the season, and were determined to do everything possible to improve our situation.

We drew up a list of six household names who might give the leadership needed on the playing side, and we were delighted when our first choice, Joe Kinnear, accepted the responsibility.

We have been very impressed by all that he has said and done since he came into the club, and he has our backing to take us forward, hopefully back into the First Division before too long.

Joe made an immediate impact on the team, lifted confidence, and enthused the board with his vision of what can be achieved here. His ambition for Luton Town is the same as ours, and, I am sure, yours.

As a board, we have put our footballing future in Joe's hands. Please give him your support as well. And, if you can, please encourage your friends to come to football at Kenilworth Road. We need every supporter we can get. Directors are investing in the future of Luton Town by making money available to the manager to strengthen the squad. Our players have responded to the demands he has made on them.

The board has confidence in Joe Kinnear, in his football philosophy, and in his ability to get us moving again as we try to restore our fortunes. Within Kenilworth Road everyone is united in that ambition. With backing from our local community, and hopefully with bigger attendances at matches, I am sure we have a much brighter future today than seemed possible just a few weeks ago.

Support recently has been excellent - it was a good attendance by Luton supporters for the Swansea game, and I was delighted to see and hear the marvellous travelling support at Swindon. Thank you all.

*Mike Watson-Challis,*  
Chairman.

THE easing of the injury crisis has proved well-timed this week. Paul McLaren and Julian Watts have both returned to full-time training after their lay-offs, and Joe Kinnear is well pleased to have them available, because Matthew Spring and Lee Mansell are ruled out today through suspension, one-match bans for collecting five yellow cards. Gavin McGowan, back on the injured list after playing for the reserves, is suspended for one game next Saturday.

CONGRATULATIONS and commiserations were due this week over three international call-ups for Town players. Petri Helin won his 19th cap for Finland in their 1-0 victory in Luxembourg on Wednesday, but there was disappointment for Liam George and Andrew Fotiadis.

George was recalled to the Irish under-21 squad to meet Denmark U-21s on Tuesday but the game was cancelled because of heavy snow in Dublin. Fotiadis was selected for a Cyprus squad, but had to withdraw after being injured at Swindon.

KENILWORTH Road will stage international football later this month - a women's friendly between England and Spain on Thursday March 22 (7.45pm). "We are always looking to promote football at all levels, and pleased to have this opportunity to support the women's game," said the Town chairman, Mike Watson-Challis. Free tickets are available to schoolchildren - see Cherry Newbery's column on page 9.

*Brian Swain*



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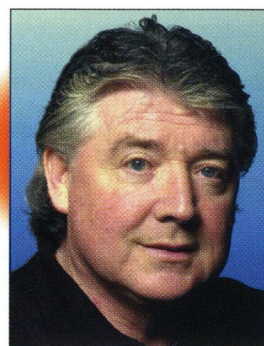
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## The Manager Joe Kinnear

A COUPLE of decent results, against Swansea and

Swindon, have set us up nicely to push on with the fight to climb higher up the league table. And before I say anything else, I want to offer a very big thank-you to supporters. I appreciated your wonderful reception at my first home game, against Swansea, and I could hardly believe the fantastic turn-out for the away games. I was delighted with that, and of course with the Swindon result.

Your vocal backing for the team can make a difference, and while there is still a long way to go and much work to be done, there is a feeling of confidence around the place, on and off the field.

We came unstuck at Walsall, where conditions did not suit our style of play, but to be honest if I had to lose one of my first four games, and win the other four, that is the one I would have chosen. How much more difficult things would be if we had lost to Swansea! We have enough games left to achieve this season's objective, but I know there will be games with more tension in them than we have suffered recently. Today, for instance, both teams have great need of the points. Bristol Rovers looked a handy side when I saw them win at Bournemouth on Tuesday, and that was their second victory in four days so they will have a bit more self-belief today than they had a week or two ago.

It goes without saying it is important for us to beat them. Against teams like Bristol Rovers, I would cheerfully settle for a 1-0. There will be games where we have to tough it out, especially against other teams down at the lower end of the table.

But at least we have given ourselves a fighting chance of staying in this division, which would give me time to work on the longer-term plans. I was delighted to hear this

week's news about land being acquired for a new ground, and my ambition is to build a stronger side, with new recruits and the best of our current good players, capable of mounting a serious promotion challenge next season, and to see us playing well at a higher level in the new stadium.

But we must not be carried away by a short burst of good results. The league table shows we have done very little so far beyond building a platform from which all things are possible.

It will be a dog-fight for some time to come, with plenty of work to be done. Real champions live in the present. You can't sit back waiting for your ship to come home - you have got to make it happen. For us, it means dedication, hard work, and continued belief in ourselves.

Our away results recently have shown we are capable of scoring goals and winning games, and I trust the Swansea victory has gone a long way to burying the home game hoodoo. Four wins out of five is a great run, and now we must cash in by keeping it going. It means players giving 110 per cent, which is the least we need to get out of trouble. Talent is not enough - sheer hard work is vital, too. The players understand that, and their response to my demands has been tremendous, both in training and adapting to my ideas and tactics. It's nice to see them going about their business smiling, knowing they can hold their heads high when they are out and about. They are proud of Luton, and I hope Luton will have good reason to be proud of its football club, now and for a very long time to come.

I hope that we are building a new and stronger relationship with our supporters, and with the town.

Enjoy your football.

*Joe Kinnear*

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## The Hatters roll-call 2000-2001

Appearances (as sub in brackets)

Goals

	League	WC	FAC	LDV	Total	League	WC	FAC	Total
Nathan Abbey	12	0	3	0	15	0	0	0	0
James Ayres	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rocky Baptiste	0(3)	0	0	0	0(3)	0	0	0	0
Emmerson Boyce	27	4	2(1)	0	33(1)	3	0	0	3
Dean Brennan	2(7)	1(1)	0	0	3(8)	0	0	0	0
Friedrich Breitenfelder	2(3)	0	0	0	2(3)	0	0	0	0
Stuart Douglas	9	0	1(1)	0	10(1)	4	0	1	5
Richard Dryden	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Andrew Fotiadis	12(8)	1	3	1	17(8)	3	0	1	4
Stuart Fraser	10(5)	4	4	1	19(5)	0	0	0	0
Liam George	24(4)	3(1)	4	0	31(5)	5	0	2	7
Petri Helin	14	0	3	1	18	1	0	0	1
Peter Holmes	12(6)	2(1)	1	0	15(7)	1	0	0	1
Marvin Johnson	6	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	0
Tresor Kandal	6(7)	2(1)	0	0	8(8)	3	1	0	4
Kent Karlsen	4(1)	0	2	1	7(1)	0	0	0	0
Adam Locke	16(6)	1(1)	2(1)	1	20(8)	2	0	0	2
Lee Mansell	5(1)	0	1	0	6(1)	3	0	1	4
Gavin McGowan	5(1)	0	1	0	6(1)	0	0	0	0
Paul McLaren	20	4	3	1	28	1	0	1	2
Lee Nogan	7	0	3	0(1)	9(1)	1	0	1	2
Mark Ovendale	16	4	2	1	26	0	0	0	0
Keith Rowland	5	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	2
Andre Scarlett	5(4)	2	0(1)	0	7(5)	0	1	0	1
Matthew Spring	29	4	5	1	39	4(2p)	0	0	4(2p)
Mark Stein	16(4)	3	1(1)	0(1)	20(6)	3	1	0	4
Jude Stirling	5(2)	0	0(2)	0	5(4)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Taylor	30	4	4	1	39	0	0	0	0
Peter Thomson	4(7)	1(1)	1(1)	1	7(9)	2	0	0	2
Julian Watts	21	4	3	0	28	2	0	0	2
Adrian Whitbread	9	0	4	0	13	0	0	0	0



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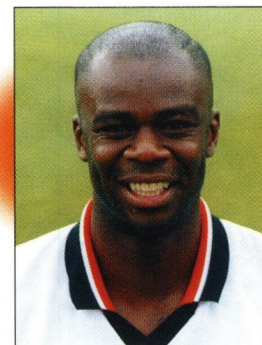


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## Captain's Log

### Marvin Johnson

THERE won't be many happier men than me around Kenilworth

Road today. I'm back in business, playing again, and ready to answer the call if and when it comes to reclaim my place in the first team.

To be honest, I do not expect to be in today's starting line-up, for various reasons. The major one is that the lads have done pretty well without me, and I have been delighted about that.

It was just before Christmas when I last played in the Football League, at Reading, and at the time of writing I have had only one reserve team appearance since completing my recovery, at Colchester on Monday.

Julian Watts and I were both making comebacks, and we came off the field feeling well pleased. We had played reasonably well, and, best of all, neither of us felt any adverse reaction after that first 90 minutes of action.

There is, however, a big gulf between reserve football and the Second Division. Watsy has not been out as long as me, and could well be in line for a place in the squad this afternoon. I would love to be included as well, but to be realistic, after such a long lay-off I need more fitness work, and more football, after only two weeks of full training. It is good to know that my neck injury is completely cured. Previously, when I played games, it stiffened up the following day, but thankfully that has not been the case this week. I can now admit that sometimes I worried a little about the length of time it was taking, but I never let it get me down. I am an optimist by nature, and usually cheerful, but all professional footballers know that it takes only a moment to finish a career.

You never know when it is going to be your last game, which was something I thought about this week when I was looking forward to today's match. In recent years we have not done too well against Bristol Rovers, but results become unimportant when you remember that a couple of years ago Julian James played for us at the Memorial Ground, and broke his leg, and at 28 his career was over.

I'm 32, and still going strong, and hopefully there

are a few more league games left in me yet. But for now I am just enjoying the pleasure of being involved fully in the day to day work, and to be playing again is a huge relief, and a delight.

It has also been a great pleasure to be around a club where confidence is high again, after the recent good run. Even when things were going badly the dressing room spirit was good, but too many poor results can sap the morale, and I felt there were too many times when we were fearful of home games.

Hopefully, that is all behind us now. I have said in this column previously that I knew the good run that all teams enjoy at some stage in the season could not be far away, and I am well pleased to be proved right.

Joe Kinnear has got things moving, and good results bring a buzz not only to the club, but to the whole town.

Maybe when I am 100 per cent match fit again I will find it hard to get back into the team. If that happens, I would be a little disappointed for myself, because I always want to play, but I would be pleased for the club. It is important for Luton Town to do well, and to safeguard our place in this division as soon as possible, and that matters much more than any one player's ambitions.

After the excellent show against Swansea, perhaps we have now found the right formula for home games. We have already lost more than enough on our own pitch, and good home results between now and the end of the season are absolutely vital. I think we can do the job, and I also think it helps that so many of our remaining games are here at Kenilworth Road, and several of them are, like today's match, six-pointers.

The dressing room view of the defeat at Walsall was that we didn't play particularly well on the night, against one of the Second Division's top teams, and it was much more important to beat Swindon, and add to their problems while easing ours. The lads did it with some style, and although Bristol Rovers are also showing signs of reviving after a bad spell, I think we are capable of doing the business today.

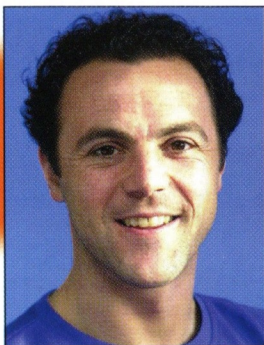
*Marvin Johnson*

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# Treatment Room

Bruce Sewell

A COUPLE of reserve games have confirmed good news from the

treatment room, with Paul McLaren, Marvin Johnson and Julian Watts all coming through their first 90 minutes of competitive football after injuries.

The skipper gives his own report elsewhere in today's magazine, but we are all delighted to see him fully recovered from his neck problem, but he will have to be a little patient because I do not think he is yet fully match fit for league action.

McLaren, of course, was able to return to the first team at Swindon, and looked very comfortable, with no sign of his knee injury, while Watts played alongside Johnson in the reserves this week, and has recovered from his hamstring strain. They are all back in full training.

All our players are conscientious about working on fitness, and in these three cases rehabilitation work has proved its value. The knack is to stay as generally fit as possible, by choosing the right

exercises.

That has been the case this week for Andrew Fotiadis, who had to be subbed early in the game at Swindon after a painful injury - he took a hard painful blow from a knee in the groin. For a time he couldn't lift his leg at the hip, and I was concerned about possible damage to nerves and blood vessels, so the club doctor had a look at him to confirm my verdict that it was not a serious injury.

The treatment was to rest that area of his body for a day or so, but to exercise others, and it worked. He was able to resume training on Thursday, and should be available for selection today.

Three new "customers" this week were Gavin McGowan, with a twisted ankle, Jude Stirling, who was kicked on the ankle during the reserve game on Monday, and Andre Scarlett, who has a neck strain. Thankfully, none of them has a serious problem.

*Bruce Sewell*

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# Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

I AM sure all supporters, like me, were delighted to

hear the good news announced this week that we have at last acquired land on which we plan to build our new home for Luton Town. It was a real boost to all of us at Kenilworth Road, with something positive achieved after so much talk over the years. We are now looking forward to seeing the new stadium plans being announced, and hopefully being put into effect quickly.

With the team playing so well, there is an air of confidence and optimism about the club, and a feeling that we are on the verge of better times.

We face a hectic fixture list between now and the end of the season, with several games at home to teams who are battling with us to safeguard their futures. One of them is Oxford United, who are here in a fortnight, and may I draw your attention to our Mother's Day offer for that game - buy a ticket in advance and you can get one for your Mum for just £1. Please see page 11 for details.

We are also planning a Mums and Junior Hatters penalty shoot-out competition, and are looking for volunteers. Details of that are in the Junior Hatters column on page 33.

As a club we are committed to supporting football at all levels, and our ground has been chosen to host a women's friendly international on Thursday March 22 (7.45pm) between England and Spain. We are delighted that the Football Association chose us for this game, because several other clubs were interested in putting it on, and I hope plenty of supporters will come to the game to cheer on the girls.

The Football Association is offering free

tickets for schools parties, for boys and girls of any age - if you want one of those, ask your teacher!

On the night of the game, admission will be £3 for everyone, except for children under 16 who will be allowed in free provided they are accompanied by an adult.

Another game to be played at Kenilworth Road will be for one of the big schools football prizes - we will be staging the final of the Schools FA Wix Trophy on May 9. I will give further details when they become available.

Our youth team embarked on a new phase of its Football League Youth Alliance programme today, and full details of their Southern Section Merit Division fixtures will appear in Tuesday's programme. Plymouth were the visitors today and our next game will be away to Cardiff on March 17. Where teams have long journeys to make - we also have to travel to Swansea next month - kick-off times will move from 11 am to 12 noon. As usual, full details will be in the appropriate matchday magazines.

Finally today, a big thank-you to supporters for their very generous response to the India Earthquake Appeal. A bucket collection in the ground at the Swansea match produced a magnificent total of £580.98. Thank you all very much, and please can I ask you to be generous again this afternoon for another charity appeal, this time one much closer to home.

Volunteers will be asking you to support a collection for the Pasque Hospice, which provides a vital service to South Bedfordshire, and I am sure we can count on Luton Town supporters being generous again.

*Cherry Newbery*

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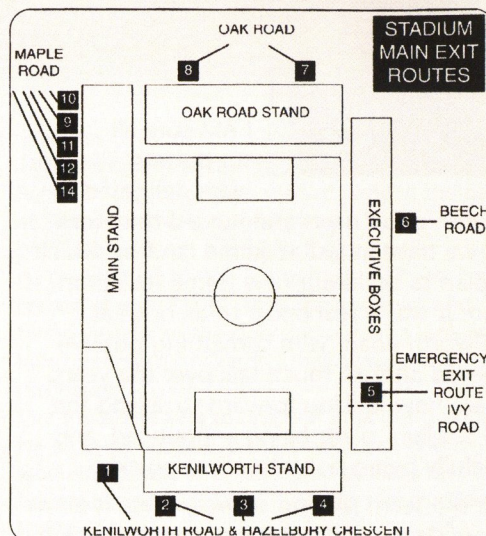


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Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.



# Ticket News



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## Luton Town v Cambridge Utd

Tuesday March 6, 2001, kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices  
Cash turnstiles will be open on the night, subject to availability.



## Millwall v Luton Town

Saturday March 10, 2001, kick-off 3pm

This match is pay on the day only for Luton supporters  
Prices: Adults £13, senior citizens £7, juniors £5



## Luton Town v Oxford Utd

Saturday March 17, 2001, kick-off 3pm

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## Brentford v Luton Town

Friday March 23, 2001, kick-off 7.45pm

This match is ALL TICKET for Luton supporters, with none available on the day.  
Prices: Seats - Adults £15, senior citizens and juniors £12  
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## Peterborough v Luton Town

Tuesday March 27, 2001, kick-off 7.45pm

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He is sure to remember his "debut" because being commercial mascot is a VIP treat for any youngster. He gets a tour of the ground, a meeting with the players in the dressing room, and a kick-about with them on the pitch before the game starts.

Steven goes to St. George's Lower School, and his hobbies are computer games and playing football. From what he has gathered from his dad so far, he thinks his choice of favourite player rests between Stuart Douglas, Adam Locke and Matthew Taylor.

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*John Bailey*

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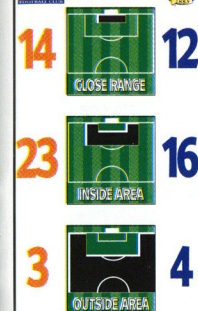
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### Where



### How



### Top League Scorers



40 in 31 games Team Goals 32 in 29 games  
1.29 goals Ratio per Game 1.1 goals

5 in 28 games Player's Goals 9 in 25 games  
0.18 goals Ratio per Game 0.36 goals

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

7  
3  
5  
2  
0

### IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

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

0 (0pts) Games Won -> Drawn 1 (2pts)  
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Lost 1 (3pts)  
1 (1pts) Games Drawn -> Lost 4 (4pts)  
1 Number of points gained 9

### SCORING SEQUENCES

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

### CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

2 Games 1  
3 Games 1  
4 Games 3  
9 games Maximum Dry Spell 10 games

### Hatters' Results

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

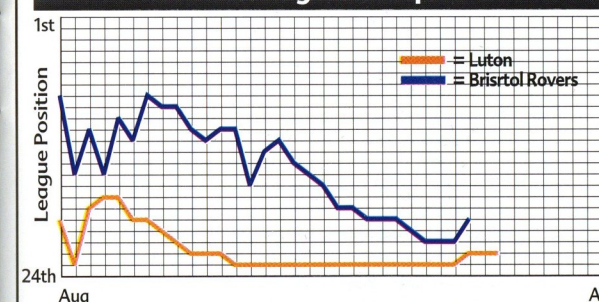
shows the number of results for each scoreline.  
eg. Luton have won 4 games 3-1

### Pirates' Results

BRISTOL ROVERS GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	6	2	1					
1	4	3	2	1				
2	1	2	2		1			
3	2	1	1					
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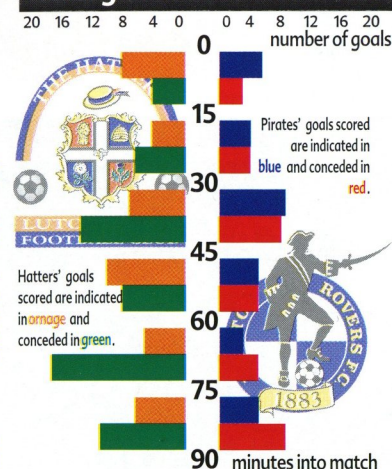
eg. Pirates have drawn 6 games 0-0  
and drawn 3 games 1-1

### Seasonal Progress Comparison



# Stats&Facts

### When goals scored & conceded



### Average time of Scoring / Conceding

87 mins All Goals for 80 mins  
90 mins Home Goals For 124 mins  
84 mins Away Goals For 63 mins  
46 mins All Goals Against 70 mins  
49 mins Home Goals Against 66 mins  
43 mins Away Goals Against 74 mins

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

### Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Hatters : WLLLLWWLW F 19 A 19 Pts 15  
Pirates : LLSDLLDDWW F 8 A 14 Pts 10  
Form Guide shows last 10 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

### Bristol Rovers' Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	2	3	1	Saunders	16	5,933
91/92	2	4	3	White	11	5,876
92/93	1	3	2	Taylor	14	5,752
93/94	2	1	1	Taylor	22	5,288
94/95	2	3	1	Miller	16	5,173
95/96	2	1	2	Stewart	21	5,279
96/97	2	1	1	Beadle	12	5,630
97/98	2	3	1	Hayles	23	6,413
98/99	2	5	1	Cureton	25	6,263
99/00	2	1	2	Cureton/Roberts	22	8,402

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## Bristol Rovers



### Bristol Rovers F.C. 2000-2001



#### GARRY THOMPSON - CARETAKER MANAGER

Garry is the latest recruit to the backroom staff, having joined the club from Northampton in January 1999. His playing career took in nine clubs including Coventry, West Bromwich Albion, Sheffield Wednesday and Q.P.R., where he was a team mate of Ian Holloway and Gary Penrice. He spent some

3 years assisting Ian Atkins at Northampton prior to joining Rovers, where, in addition to his coaching duties, he has a responsibility for looking after the reserve team.

Garry is currently our Caretaker Manager following the recent dismissal of Ian Holloway.

#### NO.1 - NICK CULKIN - GOALKEEPER

Born: York, 6 July 1978

Height: 6' 2" Weight: 13st 9lbs

Joined York City, his hometown club, as a youngster, but signed for Manchester Utd when just 17, without having played a first team game for them.

Played for United's 'A' and 'B' sides and graduated through to the reserves, whilst learning his trade from the likes of Peter Schmeichel and Raymond Van der Gouw. Made a very brief substitute appearance against Arsenal at the beginning of last season and played 4 games for Hull City during a loan spell with them.

Joined Rovers on 1 July this year in a one year loan deal and is expected to challenge strongly for the right to be our first choice 'keeper.

An imposing figure who commands his area well, he is an

excellent shot stopper and hopes that his year with us will be a springboard to furthering his career prospects at Old Trafford.

#### NO.2 - DAVID PRITCHARD - DEFENDER

Born: Wolverhampton, 27 May 1972

Height: 5' 8" Weight: 12st 5lbs

Dave joined Rovers for a £20,000 fee, from Telford United, in February 1994. Prior to that, he was with West Bromwich Albion, for whom he made five league appearances. He quickly became a firm favourite with Rovers fans and made the right back position his own. During the 1997/98 season, demonstrated his versatility by playing a number of games in the left back berth and his form won him a Welsh International "B" cap. Although he hails from Wolverhampton, Dave qualifies to play for Wales through his Welsh grandfather.

#### NO.3 - TREVOR CHALLIS - DEFENDER

Born: Paddington, 23 October 1975

Height: 5' 8" Weight: 11st 13lbs

Trevor has an impressive footballing pedigree, having spent two years with Arsenal as a youngster before signing forms for Q.P.R. His impressive, though brief run in the first team in 1995/96 earned him a call up for the England U-21 side for the Toulon tournament in May 1996 and he won two caps, playing against Angola and Portugal.

A former colleague of Ian Holloway at Q.P.R., Trevor signed for us in July 1998. Essentially a tough tackling left back who reads the game well, he has been one of our most consistent players during the last two years. In 1998/99, he scooped all of the club's Player of the Year Awards and skippered the side on a number of occasions.

#### NO.4 - STEPHEN FOSTER - DEFENDER

Born: Mansfield, 3 December 1974

Height: 6' 2" Weight: 12st 8lbs

Joined his hometown club, Mansfield, as a schoolboy and signed a pro contract for them after two years as a trainee. Made the first of his five league appearances for The Stags, against Scunthorpe in August 1993. He left Mansfield to team up with his former boss, George Foster, at Telford and gained a reputation as one of the finest central defenders in Conference Football. Signed for Woking for a fee of £9,000 in October 1996. His final appearance for them was at Wembley the following May, as he finished on the winning side in the FA Umbro Trophy.

Three days later, he signed for Rovers and, at the start of the 1997/98 campaign, found himself playing in an unaccustomed left back role.

An uncompromising defender who distributes the ball well and has the ability to read the game. Steve, who has now made over 100 league appearances for the club, looks set to be a permanent fixture in Rovers defensive line up again this time around.

#### NO.5 - ANDY THOMSON - DEFENDER

Born: Swindon, 28 March 1974

Height: 6' 3" Weight: 14st 7lbs

Swindon born Andy joined his hometown club straight from school and signed his first pro contract on completion of his time as a trainee. Made his first team debut in Swindon's last game in the Premiership at the end of the 1993/94 season and made over 20 appearances the following season.

Moved to Portsmouth, for a £75,000 fee in December 1995 and was a first team regular in his three years at Fratton Park. He signed for Rovers on January 15 1999 and made his debut the following day, in an astonishing 6-0 win against Reading at the Madejski Stadium and kept his first team spot until the end of the season.

#### NO.6 - MARK FORAN - DEFENDER

Born: Aldershot, 30 October 1973

Height: 6' 4" Weight: 14st 3lbs

Signed for Rovers the day before the start of the current season and was one of seven players to make his league debut for the club against AFC Bournemouth.

A central defender who is tall and very competitive, Mark wins aerial battles at both ends of the pitch and seems set to add a new dimension to Rovers defensive play during the current campaign.

#### NO.7 - RONNIE MAUGÉ - MIDFIELD

Born: Islington, 10 March 1969

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 12st 7lbs

Although he began his career as a trainee with Charlton, it was another London club Fulham, that gave Ronnie his first taste of league football. He has since made over 100 league appearances for Bury, and more recently, Plymouth Argyle. Following his release by Argyle, he signed for Rovers on 1 July 1999.

Ronnie made his debut for Rovers in the opening league game of last season, a 0-0 draw against Brentford. His battling displays quickly made him a firm favourite with the fans and his form in the first half of the season helped Rovers maintain a position near the top of the league.

#### NO.8 - DAVID HILLIER - MIDFIELD

Born: Blackheath, 19 December 1969

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 11st 12lbs

David graduated through the ranks at Highbury and broke into Arsenal's first team during 1990/91, when he featured in 16 league games and ended the season with a First Division Championship medal. In 1996, after 8 years and 104 league appearances for The Gunners, he moved to Portsmouth for a fee of £250,000.

Eventually followed former Pompey team mates Andy Thomson and Robbie Pethick to The Memorial Stadium, in February 1998 and impressed in his 13 appearances before the end of the season.

A stylish midfield player, able to put his foot on the ball and create space both for himself and his colleagues, he is also an excellent passer of the ball.

#### NO.9 - MARK WALTERS - MIDFIELD

Born: Birmingham, 2 June 1964

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 12st 8lbs

Mark joined Rovers, from Swindon, on 16th November 1999 and made his debut the following Saturday when coming on as a second half substitute against Chesterfield.

He began his career with Aston Villa and moved to Glasgow Rangers for a £500,000 fee in 1987. Whilst in Scotland, he won Premiership medals in 1989, 1990 and 1991 and picked up Scottish League Cup medals in 1989 and 1991.

Liverpool paid £1.25m to secure his signature in 1991 and whilst at Anfield he won an FA Cup winners medal in 1992 and made 94 league appearances, more than half of which were as substitute.

Mark is a very modest man, but he is both skilful and speedy, a player who can go both ways and is an excellent crosser of the ball. Has the ability to play in a number of positions and his experience makes him an invaluable member of the squad.

#### NO.10 - JUSTIN RICHARDS - FORWARD

Born: Sandwell, 16.10.80

Height: 6' 0" Weight: 11st 10lbs

Justin joined WBA as a 15 year old and graduated through the ranks before being offered a professional contract. He made his debut for the 'Baggies' in March '99 when going on as a substitute in a home match against Ipswich. A change of Manager since then has restricted his appearances and he was playing mainly reserve and youth team football prior to signing for Rovers on 19 January.

A tall striker with pace and an abundance of talent, he will be coached by Rovers former strikers Garry Thompson and Gary Penrice in the hope that he will become the next in a long line of strikers who have benefited from being at the club and gone on to bigger and better things.



#### NO.11 - ANSAH OWUSU - FORWARD

Born: Hackney, 22 November 1979

Height: 5' 11" Weight: 11st 2lbs

Joined Rovers in a one month loan deal on 9th February and made his debut against Notts County the following day.

Has been with Wimbledon since the age of twelve and is highly

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rated by The Dons current management team. As part of his development programme, Ansah spent three months on loan at Raith Rovers in 1999/2000, where he scored three goals in ten league appearances. He has pace, the ability to turn defenders and has an eye for goal and it is hoped that his loan spell will benefit both Rovers and Wimbledon.

#### NO.14 - MARTIN CAMERON - FORWARD

Born: Dunfermline, 16 June 1978  
Height: 6' 1" Weight: 13st 12lbs  
Joined Alloa Athletic as an eighteen year old and went on to score 48 goals in 78 starts as well as making a further 33 appearances from the bench.  
His scoring record attracted the attention of a number of clubs during the summer, but Rovers stepped in with a bid of £100,000 and he signed for Rovers on 1 July.  
The target man has always had ambitions of becoming a full time pro and will be keen to make an impression during his first season in English football.



#### NO.15 - VITALIJS ASTAFJEVS - MIDFIELD

Born: Riga 3 April 1971  
Height: 5'11" Weight: 12st 8lb  
Rovers had to fight to secure the signature of the most capped player in Latvian history. Astafjevs, who is the current skipper of his national side, was originally refused a work permit. However, the Department of Employment eventually granted a permit and he made his league debut when coming on as a substitute against Wrexham in January.  
Started his first game for Rovers the following week and ended the campaign with 16 appearances and 2 goals to his name. A creative left sided midfielder with an eye for goal, he is expected to be a key figure in the managers plans this season.

#### NO.16 - MICKY EVANS - FORWARD

Born: Plymouth, 1 January 1973  
Height: 6' 1" Weight: 13st 4lbs  
Joined Rovers on a one month loan, from West Bromwich Albion on 18 August and scored on his debut, against Peterborough, two days later. Just before the end of his loan period, Rovers made a bid of £250,000 to secure his signature of a permanent basis and the striker was delighted to sign a three year contract.  
Began his career with his hometown club, Plymouth Argyle, and scored 38 goals in 163 league appearances for the Pilgrims before joining Southampton for £750,000 in March 1997.  
A strong, hard running forward who leads the line well and whose unselfish style of play often creating scoring opportunities for his team mates.

#### NO.17 - MARCUS ANDREASSON - DEFENDER

Born: Liberia, 13 July 1978  
Height: 6' 4" Weight: 14 st 8lbs  
Although only 22 years of age, Marcus is already in his second spell with the club.  
Whilst poring over the lists of players available during the summer of 1998, Rovers management team were impressed by the C.V. of Marcus, a 6'4" central defender from Sweden, and he was invited over for a one week trial.  
He arrived in Bristol on his 20th birthday and by the end of the week, had made such an impression that he was offered a two year professional contract.  
However, his first season was marred by a number of injuries and he made only 5 appearances. He featured in just 1 game at the beginning of the season before a surprise move back to Sweden, where he linked up with Kalmar F.F.  
Equally surprising was his move back to Rovers on transfer deadline day, though he was welcomed back by all concerned, as a bright future in the game is predicted for this strong, pacy defender.

#### NO.18 - NATHAN ELLINGTON - FORWARD

Born: Bradford, 2 July 1981  
Height: 5' 10" Weight: 12st 10lbs  
A number of Premiership clubs expressed an interest in signing Nathan from Ryman League side Walton and Hersham, before manager Ian Holloway persuaded the then 17 year old to sign for us in February 1999. A highly rated striker who topped the scoring charts for the non-league sides trophy winning youth team in 1997/98, Nathan is also an accomplished athlete, having competed in the high jump, long jump and 100 and 200 metre events as a junior.  
Rated, by his manager, as a very exciting young prospect and his pace and strength caused a number of defenders problems last season. A player who is willing to learn, he is expected to make further progress during this season.

#### NO.19 - SIMON BRYANT - MIDFIELD

Born: Bristol, 22 November 1982  
Height: 5' 10" Weight: 13st 2lbs  
Simon, a central midfielder, has been associated with Rovers since he was eight years old. He left school in July 1999 and was taken on a three year scholarship.  
Came on as a substitute in our First Round Worthington Cup Tie (Second leg) against Luton and three days later, became the second youngest player in the Club's history to make his league debut. He kept his place in the side for the next two games and his performances displayed a maturity beyond his years.  
A midfielder player who is strong in the tackle and distributes the ball well, this local youngster appears to have a bright future in the game ahead of him.

#### NO.20 - MARCUS BIGNOT - DEFENDER

Born: Birmingham, 22 August 1974  
Height: 5'7" Weight: 11st 2lbs  
Failed to make the grade with Birmingham, his hometown club, Marcus joined Telford, where he was a team mate of David Pritchard and Steve Foster, before moving to Kidderminster Harriers. Crewe Alexandra paid £100,000 to secure his signature in September 1997.  
Joined Rovers on a two year contract, on 3 August 2000, he quickly established himself as a regular member of the squad and has already captained the side in the absence of the injured Andy Thomson..

#### NO.21 - LEWIS HOGG - MIDFIELD

Born: Bristol, 13 September 1982  
Height: 5' 9" Weight: 10st 10lbs  
Lewis, another young midfielder, has been associated with Rovers since he was ten years old. On leaving school he was taken on a three year scholarship and signed a pro contract on his 17th birthday.  
Having made his debut as a substitute in the opening match of the season, he has made the right midfield spot his own and turned in some outstanding performances as well as scoring his first league goals in a 6-2 victory at Brentford.

#### NO.22 - STEPHEN ROSE - DEFENDER

Born: Salford, 23 November 1980  
Height: 5' 11" Weight: 10st 10lbs  
Signed a one year contract for Rovers on 22 August 2000, having been at Old Trafford for 10 years where he graduated through the ranks and was offered a one year pro contract in

July 1999.

The young defender, who is equally at home in the centre of defence or in either full back position, felt it was time for a move in order to gain experience of first team football.

#### NO.23 - CLINTON ELLIS - FORWARD

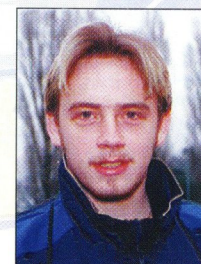
Born: Brent, 7 July 1977  
Height: 5' 6" Weight: 11st 10lbs  
Joined Chelsea as a youngster and also spent two years at the National School in Lilleshall. However, things didn't work out for him at Stamford Bridge and he drifted out of the game for a while.  
Began playing local football and was invited down to train with Rovers towards the end of 1999. Having worked hard during the summer and in pre-season, Clinton was offered a one year pro contract and he has since made his league debut, when, coming on as a substitute against Peterborough, and made his first start in the Worthington Cup tie against Plymouth.

#### NO.25 - DWAYNE PLUMMER - MIDFIELD

Born: Bristol 12 May 1978  
Was spotted by Bristol City as a youngster and after graduating through the ranks at Ashton Gate, went on to make some 20 league appearances for the club.  
Lost his way a little bit, though, and joined Conference side Stevenage Borough. Things didn't work out there and he dropped down into the Ryman League with Chesham United.  
Rovers boss Ian Holloway had long been an admirer of the talented midfielder player and stepped in to offer Dwayne a one year pro contract in September 2000.

#### NO.28 - MARK SMITH - DEFENDER

Born: Bristol, 13 September 1979  
Height: 5' 11" Weight: 13st 3lbs  
One of a number of talented youngsters to have graduated through the ranks at the club in recent seasons. Mark's consistent displays as a central defender in the youth and reserve teams led to him being offered a one year pro contract in the summer of 1998. He had already made his senior debut by then, having played in an Auto Windscreens Tie against Cambridge. Made his league debut in August 1998 and his impressive performances in the first team during the first half of the season led to him being offered a new three year deal.



#### NO.33 - MARK MCKEEVER - FORWARD

Born: Derry  
Height: 5'8" Weight: 10st 2lbs  
Joined Rovers for the first time, on loan, in December 1998 and made quite an impression in his seven appearances. Eventually made his debut for Wednesday against Chelsea, in April 1999.

Mark, who began his career with Peterborough, welcomed the chance to return to the Memorial Stadium for a second loan spell and made his second debut for the club in a 0-0 draw with Notts County on 10 February this year. An Irish U-21 International Mark is a pacy left winger, who likes to run at defenders and who is adept at set pieces.

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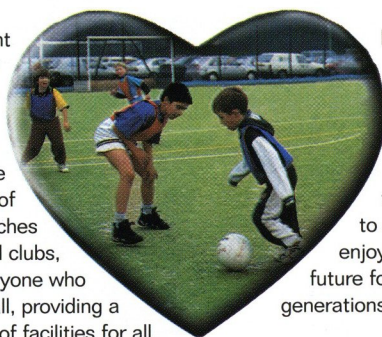
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THE Town's recent revival has seen a sharp increase in support travelling to away games. Nearly a thousand managed to get to Walsall for a mid-week evening match, and the turn-out at Swindon was remarkable – "wonderful to see and hear," in the words of chairman Mike Watson-Challis.

### Visitors to Luton

Notts Co	.606
Peterborough (WC)	.360
Bournemouth	.539
Northampton	.1,240
Walsall	.313
Swindon	.531
Sunderland (WC)	.1,366
Millwall	.1,389
Brentford	.695
Wrexham	.352
Bristol City	.1,396
Rushden (FAC)	.1,736
Colchester	.309
Darlington (FAC)	.221
Peterborough	.918
Wigan	.261
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Wycombe	.402
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Wigan	.640
Wycombe	.1,266
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Bournemouth	.446
QPR (FAC)	.2,586
Oldham	.153
Northampton	.1,250
Notts County	.646
Walsall	.965
Swindon	.1,512
	.17,097
	.777

Total: 14,946  
 Average: .787

## TOWN TEASER

IF YOU know your Town Trivia, you might have a chance to win a little prize this afternoon.

The PA announcer will pose another Town teaser before kick-off, so listen to him for your chance to have a go. And if you don't know the answer, it can be found elsewhere in this magazine. The question at the Swansea game was about the Town player who became an international Welsh striker before Joe Kinnear signed him for Wimbledon. The answer, of course, was John Hartson.

### Today's Question

David Pleat signed a former schoolboy international for the Town from Bristol Rovers, to lead the attack alongside Brian Stein in the side that went on to win the 1982 Second Division championship. Who is he?

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# Photo Action

Luton Town 5 Swansea City 3



**MAIN PICTURE:** How's about that? Lee Mansell celebrates after his spectacular overhead kick put the Town ahead.

**ABOVE:** Stuart Douglas rising to the occasion as Swansea are put under more pressure

**LEFT:** Swansea's Matthias Verschave gets a touch shirty as Emmerson Boyce keeps him at bay.

See pages 36 and 37 for a report and more pictures.

A report and pictures from the victory at Swindon will be in Tuesday evening's matchday magazine.

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# Hatters Chatter In Off The Post

A NUMBER of requests for help have come in recently, and although some were covered in the matchday magazines for games which were postponed, we thought it was right to give the first item in particularly an airing before a wider audience.

Terry "Mick" Rankin, from 71 Mount Road, Marsden, West Yorkshire, saw our game against Wycombe on TV and it revived memories from when he was a young man. He said:

“ I joined the Royal Navy in 1955, and in the late fifties befriended a fellow sailor, a man from Luton called Bert Harley. He was a Luton Town fanatic, and used to invite me home for week-ends, ensuring that our visits coincided with the Town's home games. How I used to love those visits to Kenilworth Road!

I lost touch with Bert in the early sixties, and have exhausted all avenues in trying to trace him. Watching the game against Wycombe, I wondered if Bert still lived in Luton, for if he did I am sure he would still be supporting his beloved Luton Town.

So could I appeal through the medium of your match programme to enquire if anybody knows the whereabouts of my old friend? If so, could you please pass on my address? And may I take this opportunity of wishing Luton Town FC all the very best. ”

If anyone can help, you can contact Mr Rankin direct, but if you could let the editor know as well it would be appreciated, and perhaps we can fix it for the two old pals to come to Kenilworth Road together again.

WE HAVE had other requests for help, and if supporters wish to answer requests, please do so direct to the correspondents concerned. Matthew Ashton, from Shrewsbury Town FC,

(Gay Meadow, Shrewsbury SY2 6AB) is searching for a video tape of a game at Kenilworth Road which the matchday magazine editor remembers all too clearly. Shrewsbury are putting together a video of the history of their club and one of its stars will be goalkeeper Bob Wardle. He turned in the best goalkeeping display many of us will ever see, to give the Shrews a 0-0 draw at Kenilworth Road in April 1980. The match was shown on the Sunday afternoon ITV regional soccer programmes, but Anglia no longer have the tape. If any supporter has footage of the game, Mr Ashton will be delighted.

## Programmes Wanted

REQUESTS for programmes have also come in. One has only an e-mail address - bad\_boy\_mark@thefreeinternet.co.uk is looking for three from January 1962 all involving FA Cup matches between the Town and Ipswich - a third round game at Portman Road on January 6, the replay on January 10 at Kenilworth Road, and the second replay, at Highbury, on January 15. Peter Morgan, from 78 Linley Road, Southam, Warwickshire CV47 0J2 is trying to find the only programme missing from his Coventry City collection dating from 1961 to today. The programme in question was the Luton v Coventry League Cup second round tie at Kenilworth Road on September 25, 1963. If you can help he would appreciate a phone call at 01926 813583.

Geoffrey Trieb, of 43 Fraser Road, Perivale, Greenford is a Fulham Programme Collectors Club member, and is trying to fill in the gaps among his away programmes. and is missing three from games at Kenilworth Road - on March 26 1948, January 1 1947, and October 13 1945. His home phone number is 020 8998 1273.

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# Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

## O'Rourke sinks the Pirates

When the Town were relegated in 1963 back to the old Division Three for the first time since 1937, most supporters were anticipating a quick return due to the goalscoring exploits of a young Welshman, Ron Davies.

Davies, who had been picked up for a song from Chester in October 1962, had bagged an amazing 21 goals from only 29 starts in a struggling side and it was hoped that scoring would prove even simpler in a lower division. Unfortunately, after only three games of the 1963/64 campaign a £35,000 bid from Norwich was, seemingly, too good to turn down and the Town's high hopes were immediately shattered. At a stroke, the season was destined to be one of struggle as a toothless attack and an ageing defence and mid-field failed miserably on the field. Following the departure of Davies it was to be another nine games before victory was tasted, a narrow 1-0 home win over Port Vale, and in a six day spell at the end of October a 1-4 defeat at Kenilworth Road to Bristol City was followed by a 4-1 win against Southend and then a 1-5 reversal in the return with City. The Town even contrived to turn a 3-0 lead against Q.P.R in to a 4-4 draw during this depressing period.

As Christmas approached the Hatters languished in the relegation places at the foot of the table and looked odds on for the quickest drop from Division One to Division Four in football history having been in the top flight as recently as 1960.

The signing of an 18 year old from Chelsea on a free transfer just before Christmas caused hardly a ripple around Kenilworth

Road but by the end of the season scouts were flocking to Luton to see a goalscoring sensation to rival the now forgotten Ron Davies.

John O'Rourke had started his career at Arsenal where he had won England Youth caps but a subsequent move to Chelsea had seen him still fail to make the breakthrough so the transfer to Luton was seen as his last throw of the dice in his attempt to make the grade.

He made his league debut in a 2-1 home victory over Reading on 21st December 1963, the Town's first win for almost two months, but had to wait another three games before getting off the mark during the 2-3 reversal against Barnsley at Kenilworth Road.

The Luton faithful finally began to sit up and take notice when the young striker bagged an amazing four goals during a 6-2 humbling of Brentford at Griffin Park in February, the Town's first away win in 27 attempts in a run stretching back to October 1962!

Despite all this the Hatters still contrived to lose more than they won and as Easter approached relegation continued to be a distinct possibility as the team failed to escape from the clutches of the bottom four positions.

On Easter Saturday the Hatters were down to play a Bristol Rovers side that was making a late bid to regain the Division Two spot they had lost two years previously. A run of five straight away wins had unfortunately come to an end with a 0-1 defeat at Bournemouth on Good Friday. The Town had enjoyed an extra few hours recovery



*Master striker, John O'Rourke.*

time having drawn at Notts County on the Thursday evening.

In an incredible start the Town put paid to Rovers faltering promotion aspirations and enhanced their own efforts at avoiding the drop by scoring twice in the opening four minutes. Firstly O'Rourke netted with his head from a corner, swiftly followed by a speculative shot from the edge of the area which was fumbled by the Pirates goalkeeper Bernard Hall.

Rovers quickly pulled a goal back when prolific marksman, Alfie Biggs, sent in a terrific drive from 30 yards but the two goal buffer was restored seven minutes from the interval following another blunder from Hall. A free-kick for the Town was clearly signalled as indirect by the referee and when Gordon Turner's miss-hit chip over the defensive wall sailed towards Hall he instinctively dived for it and managed to push it into the net.

The second half was end to end stuff and

after Turner headed against the bar Biggs pulled a goal back from the spot following a foul by John Bramwell. A vital win was secured, however, when Ray Whittaker, who had played alongside O'Rourke for the England Youth side, set up his pal for his hat-trick goal.

This game marked the turning point for the Town as by the time of the return with Rovers two weeks later a further two wins had been secured with O'Rourke on the mark in each.

The game at Eastville had already been postponed twice, due to F.A.Cup commitments followed by a waterlogged pitch, and the Hatters were glad to be playing Rovers when their promotion hopes had disappeared rather than when they were in the middle of their mid-season run. The Pirates slumped to their sixth defeat in seven games as the Town won their fourth game in a row to finally push themselves out of the bottom four.

Two close range opportunist efforts from O'Rourke sandwiched around a Bobby Jones strike earned both points in a game where Rovers exerted all the pressure leaving the Town to break away to good effect.

Although the Town were now out of the relegation positions they were not safe and still had four games to play. The Rovers win was followed up with a hard earned 1-1 draw at Colchester and a narrow 1-0 victory at Oldham.

A win over promotion chasing Watford at Kenilworth Road in the penultimate game would ensure safety and a crowd of 19,799 turned up to see O'Rourke knock two goals past Hornets goalkeeper Pat Jennings in the final eight minutes to secure a glorious 2-1 win.

O'Rourke netted the Town's goal in the 1-1 draw at Q.P.R on the final day leaving Luton supporters to reflect on where the Hatters would have been without his 22 goals from 23 games!

*Roger Wash*

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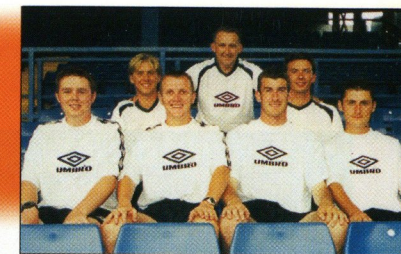
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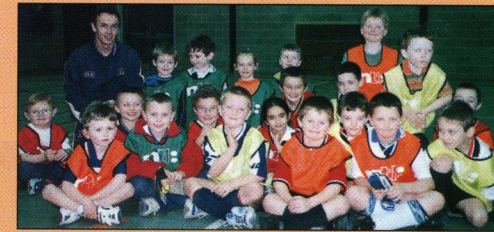
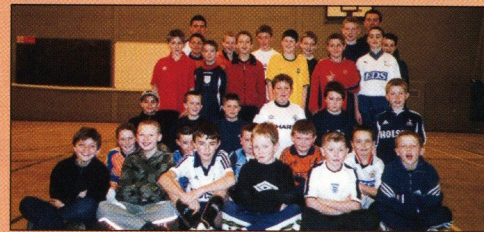
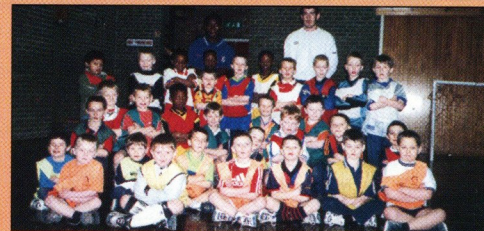
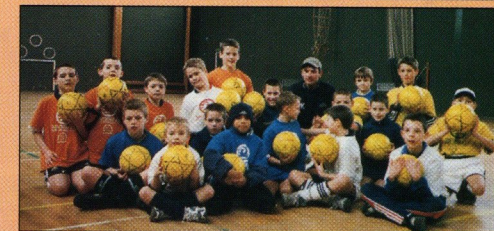
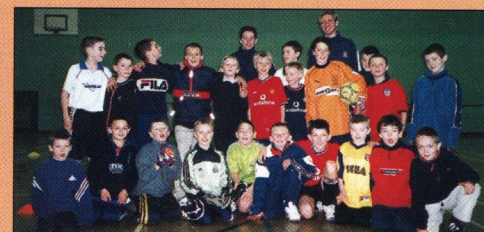
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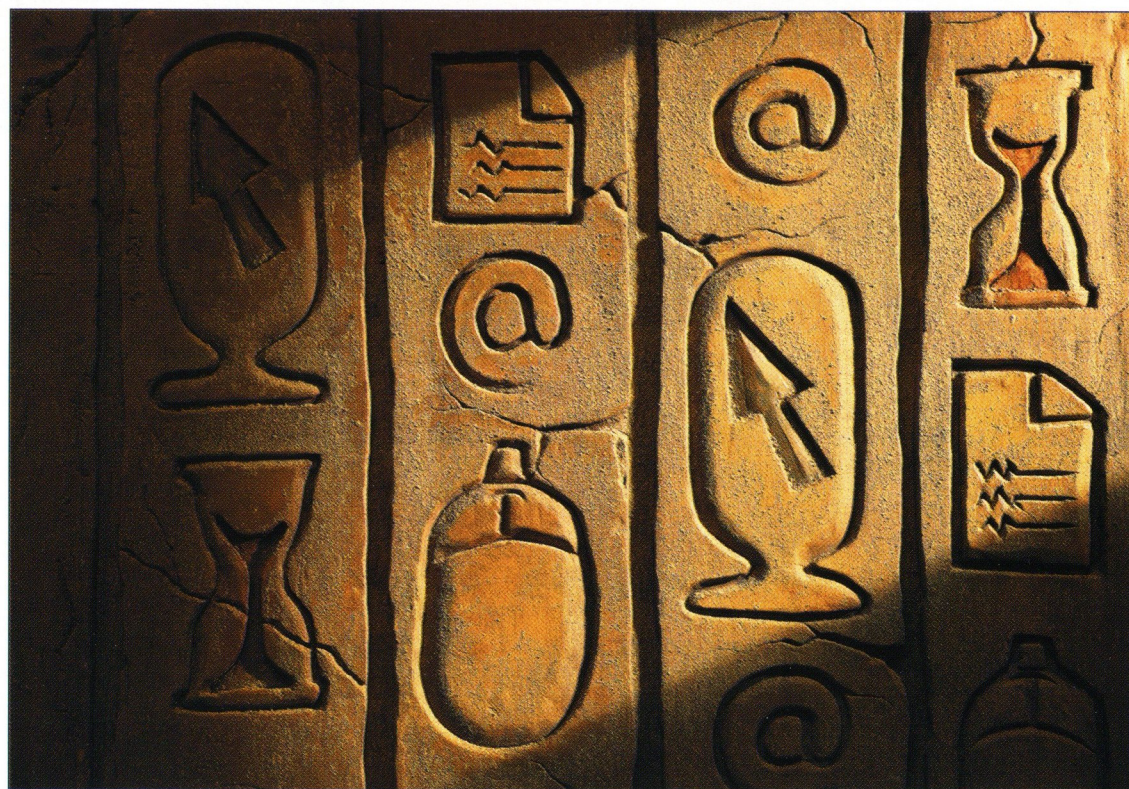
With the Easter school holidays only five weeks away our plans for more courses are well advanced but in the meantime details of all of our weekly sessions are detailed opposite. I know many of you here today already attend but newcomers are always welcome - we're indoors all the way up to Easter.







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# Junior Hatters

We had a cracking day out at Swindon, with the match result completing a very enjoyable day. Swindon and the Young Robins were very good hosts, and they allowed us to send a mascot on alongside theirs, so the trip was especially memorable for ten-year-old Kevin Dumbleton, from Pottery Close, Luton.

His name was picked out of the hat during the coach journey to Swindon, and he thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We will tell you more about his day out, and print a picture, in Tuesday's matchday magazine. Today we give a very warm welcome to John Lock and the Young Pirates from Bristol Rovers. It is a pleasure to repay their hospitality because they are always very generous to us when we visit them. We were all getting together this morning to go to Cineworld for a film show before lunch and the match.

We are now taking bookings for our next football trip, to Millwall on Saturday. Tickets are £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for guests, and you might be

well advised to get into the club shop as quickly as possible if you want to go. Recent results have brought a surge in interest for away trips - the coach to Swindon was sold out, and some had to be turned away.

## Hot-shots wanted

IT'S Mother's Day in a couple of weeks, and the Junior Hatters, like the football club, are planning to offer mums an unusual treat at the Oxford game. Any supporter can buy a ticket for his or her mother for just £1, and what we want to know is this: are there any Junior Hatters, with Mums, brave enough to go face to face with Happy Harry? We are putting on a penalty shoot-out competition at half-time for any Mother/Junior Hatter combination, with a small prize on offer. If you are interested you can put your name down at the Junior Hatters headquarters, at the club shop, in person, or in writing, or you can e-mail your application to [clubshop@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:clubshop@lutontown.co.uk). Harry will pick five Mums and Junior Hatters to take part in the shoot-out, and will notify the lucky participants.



LIAM Spuls, 7, from Halfway Avenue, Luton, was the lucky Junior Hatter chosen to be mascot at our last home game, and is pictured with the skippers and officials just before the kick-off against Swansea.

## Today's Mascot



NINE-year-old Stuart Atha, today's Junior Hatters mascot, is following a family tradition in supporting Luton, even though he now lives at Farnborough, in Hampshire. His dad, Nigel, has been a lifelong Town fan, and stayed loyal despite moving from Letchworth to Hampshire some years ago.

He and Stuart usually watch games from the Kenilworth, but today Stuart

will be at the centre of things, meeting the players in the dressing room, and joining in the pre-match formalities. Stuart will doubtless be particularly pleased to chat to Matthew Spring, his favourite player.

A pupil at Cove Manor Junior School, Stuart plays football for Farnborough Town Raiders, and his other hobbies are cricket, rugby and playing drums.

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# Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

PROFESSIONAL footballers often lead a nomadic life, moving from club to club, and even these days, country to country. Sometimes, however, a player hits on a town that suits him, and decides to settle down there. Such a player was Ken Hawkes, who came down from the north-east in October 1951 to sign for Luton and, half a century later, is still here, one of our most regular supporters.

Over the past couple of years the Leicester-based firm of J. F. Sporting Collectibles have produced several excellent football sets, in the style of the old bubble-gum cards, and I was delighted to see, in their sixth series of "Footballers of the 1950s", which came out earlier this year, that they included Ken Hawkes along with a couple of other Hatters, Roy Davies and John Kilgannon.

Born at Easington, County Durham, in May 1933, Ken first came to prominence as a tough-tackling left back with Shotton Colliery Welfare. He came to Luton for a mid-week trial, and was so impressive that he was in the reserves the following Saturday after accepting professional terms. National Service soon followed for the 18-year-old, and when this was completed he found that Luton were very well served in the full-back department, with the likes of Bud Aherne, Seamus Dunne and Les Jones ahead of him in the pecking order. Ken had to wait more than six years for his league debut, which came in a 5-1 home victory over West Bromwich on December 14, 1957. By this time Aherne was coming towards the end of his long career, and Jones had just been sold to Aston Villa, so the path was clear for Ken to make a name for himself.

Once in possession of the No. 3 shirt, he made it his own for the rest of that season, turning in some assured performances as Luton finished a creditable eighth in the old First Division - a record that was to stand until John Moore took us a notch higher in 1987.

In the 1958/59 season things went even better for Ken and the Town, as they crowned a magnificent FA Cup run by booking a Wembley place against Nottingham Forest in the final. Ken was virtually ever-present that season, and according to the venerable Eric Pugh, Sports Editor of the Luton News at the time, Ken was "one of those wholehearted types who gave his very best for the whole of every 90 minutes."

Unfortunately the cup final turned out to be a bit of a nightmare. The Luton directors, in their wisdom, decided not to send the Town party away to a hotel before the big game. So at midnight before the final, Ken was still turning folk away from his door as they frantically tried to obtain cup final tickets. Having trounced Forest in the league a few weeks previously, the Town lost at Wembley, and following their post-match banquet at the Piccadilly Hotel, the party arose too late for breakfast, and had to eat at a nearby Lyon's Corner House!

The following season proved disappointing for the Town. They finished bottom of the league, and Ken lost his place to Alan Daniel for a spell. Before this he had on several occasions played behind his younger brother Barry, who spent a brief period at Luton as a winger.

Ken made only a handful more league appearances before being released in the summer of 1961 to join League newcomers Peterborough United. In total, Ken made exactly 100 league and cup appearances for Luton, scoring one goal, which came in a 2-2 draw at Portsmouth in October 1958. Now, he and his wife are regulars in the Century Club, and we hope he continues to cheer for the Town for many years to come. These cards are easily obtained at present - they cost 75p each from J. F. Sporting Collectibles, at PO Box 5362, Blaby, Leicester, LE8 4ZN.

*Alan Robinson*

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# Action Replay

## Luton Town 5 Swansea 3 (HT 2-1)

FIVE home debuts, five goals, and a five-star performance marked the start of what we all hope will be a new era at Kenilworth Road as the Town inched out of the bottom two of the Second Division in a six-pointer against last season's Third Division champions.

It was the third consecutive win under Joe Kinnear, who was given a rapturous reception before and after a thrilling game, his first at home. Two other home debut men played major parts in a vital victory - Lee Mansell with two goals, and Keith Rowland, also with a goal as well as a steadying influence on the left of midfield.

In a makeshift defence Jude Stirling and Richard Dryden were starting Kenilworth Road games for the first time, and while the manager was not too happy about the rearguard's performance, he won't mind them conceding three goals every match if there are five knocked in at the other end.

The game was crucial for both sides, with the losers destined to drop further away from the safety mark, and for all the misgivings about the Town's defending, visiting boss John Hollins had much more to worry about.

"You can't give the opposition a two-goal start in the first ten minutes and expect to win," he said. In the dressing room he had been far more brutal in his condemnation of Swansea's performance.

Their only real threat came from bustling Venezuelan striker Giovanni Savarese, who went home with the match ball after his first-ever hat-trick in this country.

The Town players were surprised by his impressive performance - he spent a couple of weeks here on trial in August and no-one on playing or coaching staff guessed that he was capable of scoring goals so frequently. His treble made it 14 for the season so far, not bad in a struggling team.

Muscle, pace and bullish determination was his trademark, while the Town settled for a very satisfying mix of trickery by Liam George, constant pressurising by Stuart Douglas, and excellent support from midfield.

Mental strength was also looking much more effective.

Not long ago Swansea's reply to the Town's two-goal opening burst might have produced panic, or at the very least excessive anxiety.

Instead, there was a self-belief, and at 2-1 after 45 minutes Kinnear told his men to keep their first-half shape and pattern, and more goals would come.

"We will have to brush up our defending, but we have good attacking strengths. Before games I look for possible weaknesses in the opposition, and I felt that if we could get at Swansea early it would get us and the fans going, and that is what happened. In attack we had too much pace for the Swansea defence - their big men at the back were tailor-made for our smaller, quick players."

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Ovendale, Boyce, Stirling, Dryden, Taylor, Helin, Mansell, Spring, Rowland (Locke 89 mins), Douglas (Fotiadis 65 mins), George. Unused subs Thomson, Breitenfelder, Abbey.

**Booked:** : Lee Mansell, 24 mins, foul on Lee Jenkins.

**Swansea City:** Freestone, Bound, O'Leary, Price (Cusack 55 mins), de-Vulgt, Roberts, Lacey, Romo, Jenkins (Fabiano HT), Savarese, Verschave

**Booked:** Nicolas Fabiano, 84 mins, for dissent.

**The Goals:** 1-0 2 mins - Lee Mansell overhead kick after high cross by Lam George; 2-0 8 mins - Stuart Douglas far post volley from corner by Matthew Spring; 2-1 18 mins - Giovanni Savarese unmarked header to meet a free kick by David Romo; 3-1 50 mins - Mansell cross-shot, with Keith Rowland ducking underneath it to sell a dummy to the defence; 3-2 64 mins - Savarese from the rebound after Mark Ovendale parried a shot by Matthias Verschave; 4-2 69 mins - Keith Rowland shot after Freestone blocked his first drive; 4-3 78 mins - Savarese close range shot after a corner was not completely cleared; 5-3 81 mins - Liam George turn and drive into the bottom corner from a pass by Petri Helin.

**Referee:** Anthony Bates, Staffordshire

**Attendance:** 7,085 including only 336 from Swansea



THE OPENER: Lee Mansell gets airborne for an overhead kick to put the Town ahead.

GET IN: Stuart Douglas volleys in the second goal, from a corner by Matthew Spring



ON THE WAY: Keith Rowland on the run that led to him netting the fourth.

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# Action Replay

Walsall 3 Luton Town 1 (HT 2-0)

ONE freak and one unlucky slip cost the Town their first defeat under Joe Kinnear's management, leaving him to complain bitterly about the "cow patch" pitch which played a major part in the night's events at the Bescot Stadium.

The awful surface, full of bumps, humps and holes, and with sand and grass in a 50/50 mix, was much better suited to the sort of direct football promotion contenders Walsall chose to play.

"You couldn't pass on that surface, and to be fair to Walsall they handled it better than we did," he said. "I am not saying we should have won, but I am not complaining about our players' efforts. Perhaps four games in ten days caught up with us, after so much effort in the previous three."

Walsall boss Ray Graydon said he had watched the Town thump Notts County a week earlier, and knew that if his side did not get down to hard work, they would go the same way.

Injuries piled on the problems for the Town, and at the interval we were wondering why they had been so ineffective in a first half Walsall dominated. We had seen Lee Mansell limp off after only 19 minutes, with a thigh injury. Liam George was kicked after only five minutes, and tried to play on with a long gash in his calf. And Stuart Douglas was hampered by the recurrence of a hamstring problem, so he, like George, could not come out for the second half.

Two down at the interval, the Town improved considerably after the break, and Petri Helin went close to scoring after 51 minutes. He flung himself at a far post cross by Keith Rowland, but his header was well saved by Jimmy Walker.

Three minutes later a surging assault down the right flank by Jude Stirling ended with a tremendous cross on the run, and as Walsall half-cleared the danger Matthew Spring struck from the edge of the box to pull it back to 2-1. For ten minutes or so the Town's recent confidence surged back into their game, and they drove forward with purpose and style. But they could not find an equaliser, and a sucker punch in the 67th minute dealt them the night's final cruel blow.

Walsall's opening goal, by Jorge Leitao, was a decent enough effort, although the Town's defending from a long throw was in question. Their second was a bad joke, with Tom Bennett's 30-yard drive looking easy to save. The ball was hit low, with not too much power, but on a pitch taking spin it hit a divot just as Mark Ovendale went down to make the simple save, and bounced over the anguished keeper's body into the net. It was Richard Dryden's turn to suffer anguish for the killer goal. Ovendale banged a clearance upfield, and as the Town defence followed it towards the centre circle Tony Barras headed the ball back towards the Town goal. Darren Byfield chased optimistically, and was free when Dryden got his feet all tangled up on a beach area of pitch, fell over, and the Walsall sub went on to convert the chance expertly.

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Ovendale, Boyce, Stirling, Dryden, Taylor, Helin, Mansell (Locke 19 mins), Spring, Rowland, Douglas (Thomson HT), George (Fotiadis HT). Unused subs Breitenfelder, Abbey.

**Booked:** Keith Rowland, 52 mins, dissent.

**Walsall:** Walker, Aranalde, Roper, Barras, Brightwell, Bennett (Ekelund 73 mins), Keates, Hall (Wrack 79 mins), Matias, Angell, Leitao (Byfield 55 mins). Unused subs Emberson, Gadsby.

**Booked:** Ian Brightwell, 52 mins, foul on Andrew Fotiadis.

**The goals:** 1-0 12 mins - Jorge Leitao, overhead kick after a long throw by Ian Brightwell led to a shot by Paul Hall being parried; 2-0 35 mins - Tom Bennett, hopeful 30-yarder which jumped off a bump over a goalkeeper who would otherwise have made an easy save; 2-1 54 mins - Matthew Spring, low drive from the edge of the box through a crowd of players after Walsall struggled to clear Jude Stirling's cross; 3-1 67 mins - Darren Byfield, good finish after being let in by a defence pushing up and Richard Dryden, the last man, tripping up.

**Referee:** Neal Barry.

**Attendance:** 4,816, including 965 Hatters fans.

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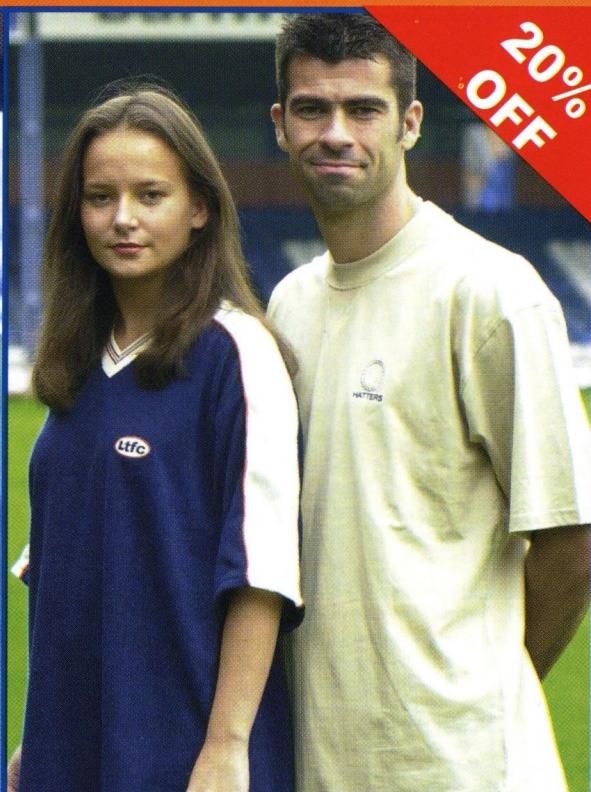
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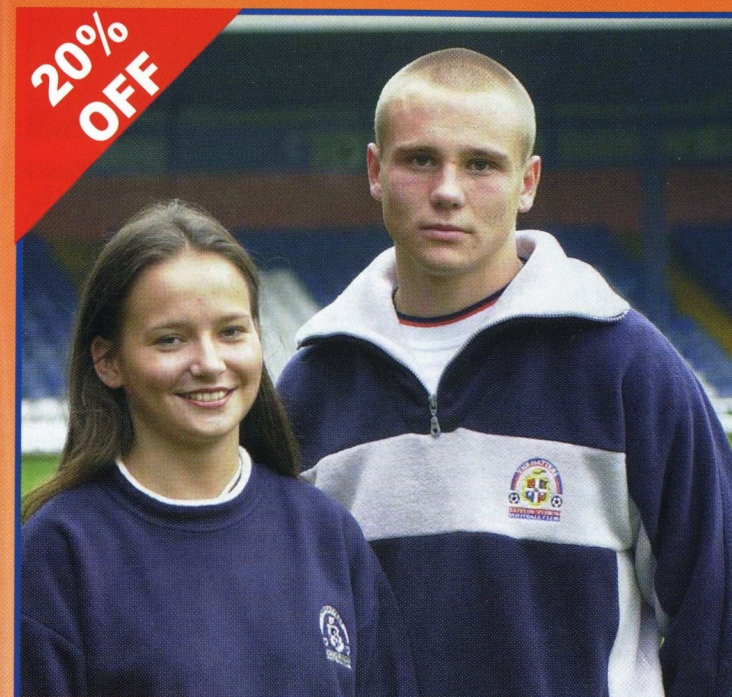
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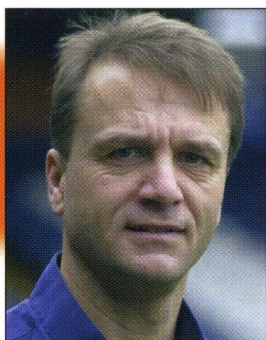
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# The Reserves

## Kevan Broadhurst



Luton Town 0  
Cambridge Utd 2

WE should have got a draw against a visiting team including Scott Oakes and David Preece, but our performance was bitty, good in parts, but not consistent enough. We had plenty of pressure in the first half, without finding the final touch, and perhaps we were rusty after a month without a game.

Their keeper had only one save to make, from a volley by Dean Brennan, and that was disappointing - we got into good areas, but wasted opportunities.

Late on Peter Holmes hit the bar with a free kick, which

would have made it 1-1, and the clinching goal came after we were down to ten men, Gavin McGowan going off with an ankle injury after we had used all three subs.

The good news was that Paul McLaren played his first game since December, and got through 70 minutes comfortably enough to be able to return to the league side at Swindon.

**Luton Town:** Abbey, Standen, McGowan, McLaren (Osborn 70 mins), Breitenfelder, Dogbe, Brennan (Murphy 70 mins), Holmes, Scarlett, Thomson (Kandol HT), Stein.

### Colchester Utd 1 Luton Town 1

A MUCH better performance at Layer Road on Monday should have brought a victory because we dominated much of the game. We fielded a strong team, with Marvin Johnson and Julian Watts in defence, returning after injury and both completing 90 minutes.

We made plenty of scoring chances, and played some good stuff, but some were missed and some were saved.

A long ball caught us pushing up to enable Colchester to take the lead after 35 minutes, and the equaliser was no more than we deserved. It came after 70 minutes, with Watts going up for a corner to the far post and heading towards goal. The ball might well have gone in, but Mark Stein made sure, poaching the close-range chance expertly. We probably benefited from having had a game the week before after a long lay-off, and certainly we played at a good tempo.

**Luton Town:** Abbey, Scarlett, Brennan (Dogbe HT), Stirling, Watts, Johnson, Standen (Murphy HT), Breitenfelder, Holmes, Thomson (Baptiste 70 mins), Stein.

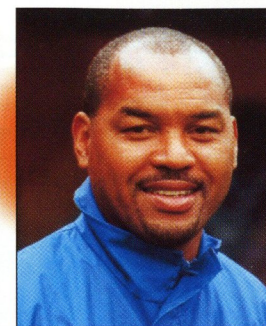
WE WERE due to play Dunstable at Creasey Park on Thursday in the Beds Premier Cup, and hope to have a report in Tuesday's matchday magazine. We are away to Norwich in the Avon Insurance Combination next Thursday (7.30).

### Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures

AUG	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich	15	12	3	0	47	13	39
Fulham	16	12	2	2	40	11	38
QPR	15	10	2	3	24	9	32
Reading	16	10	2	4	25	13	32
Oxford	18	9	2	7	28	27	29
Swindon	16	8	4	4	28	19	28
Millwall	14	6	4	4	15	10	22
Cambridge	14	6	4	4	17	20	22
Gillingham	10	6	1	3	16	11	19
Portsmouth	12	5	4	3	15	14	19
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>
Crystal Palace	13	5	3	5	18	20	18
Brentford	13	4	6	3	16	18	18
Brighton	11	5	1	5	28	26	16
Bournemouth	14	3	5	6	17	27	14
Bristol Rovers	11	4	1	6	14	20	13
Bristol City	12	2	5	5	11	16	11
Southend	13	2	5	6	15	23	11
Peterborough	14	3	2	9	12	21	11
Wycombe	11	3	2	6	10	24	11
Cheltenham	13	3	2	8	13	30	11
Colchester	13	2	3	8	13	22	9
Northampton	11	3	0	8	10	21	9
Barnet	12	2	2	8	14	25	8
Leyton Orient	12	1	2	9	11	22	5

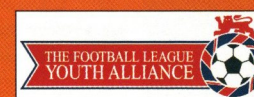
WED 10	WYCOMBE	A	0-1
MON 15	BRIGHTON	H	Postponed
WED 24	BOURNEMOUTH	A	2-1 George, Stein
MON 29	BRISTOL ROV	H*	Postponed
FEB			
MON 12	CHELTHAM	H*	Postponed
WED 21	CAMBRIDGE UTD (LC)	H	0-2
MON 26	COLCHESTER	A	1-1 Stein
MAR			
THURS 1	DUNSTABLE (BPC)	A	
THURS 8	NORWICH CITY	A	7.30pm
WED 14	SOUTHEND	H	2pm
MON 19	PETERBOROUGH	A	2pm
MON 26	BRENTFORD	H*	7pm
APRIL			
WED 4	NORTHAMPTON	A	2pm
TUES 10	QPR	A	2pm
WED 18	C. PALACE	H	2pm

\*To be played at Baldock Town.



# Youth Soccer

## Brian Stein



Luton Town 0  
Gillingham 1

DESPITE the result I was pleased with most of what I saw in a Football League Youth Alliance defeat. Flu robbed us of several players, and we fielded three 15-year-olds against a stronger and more experienced side.

The age difference showed, and there were signs that some of our lads were feeling tired, but everyone acquitted themselves well.

We often use schoolboys in our team, despite the fact that it is an under-19 league, and even defeats can be useful if the boys learn from the experience.

Inevitably some mistakes were made, but the back three and midfield five all did very well. Unfortunately our attackers did not play with real conviction, and know they can do better. We did not put the visiting defence under consistent pressure, but might well have had a draw, although the 30th-minute goal that settled it was a very good strike.

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

AUG	Southend	H	2-2	Carroll, James-Barriteau
26	L. Orient	A	0-4	
SEPT				
2	Portsmouth	H	1-1	Dillon
9	Wycombe Wdrs	H	2-0	Dillon 2
16	Northampton	A	1-1	Dillon pen
23	Cambridge	H	1-2	Dillon
OCT				
7	Barnet	A	4-0	Gillman, Leary, O'Leary, Mansell
14	Brighton	H	1-2	Dillon
17	FAYC1 Lincoln Utd	A	2-2	Carroll pen, Dillon
21	Brentford	A	0-0	
28	Colchester	H	4-2	Dillon, Leary, Osborne, Jeffrey
31	FAYC1R Lincoln Utd	H	2-1	Clarke, Deeney
NOV				
4	Gillingham	A	2-3	Dillon, Mansell
11	Southend	A	2-0	Clarke, Dillon
14	FAYC2 Walsall	H	4-1	Mansell, Clarke, Osborne, Dillon
18	L. Orient	H	3-3	Leary, O'Leary, Murphy
25	Portsmouth	A	postponed	
28	FAYC3 Bournemouth	H	4-0	Osborne 2, Murphy, Dillon
DEC				
9	LC Cambridge Utd	H	2-2	Dillon, Murphy
16	Wycombe Wdrs	A	1-2	Dillon
JAN				
13	Barnet	H	3-1	Clarke 2, Leary 1
20	Cambridge	A	postponed	
27	Brighton	A	postponed	
16	FAYC4 Manchester City	H	2-3	Leary, Clarke
FEB				
3	Brentford	H	postponed	
10	Colchester	A	0-1	
14LC	Colchester	A	1-2	Carroll
17	Gillingham	H	0-1	
24	Northampton	H	3-1	Clarke, Dillon, OG

**Luton Town:** Ward, Foley (Leary 86 mins), Oaki, Everitt, Dogbe, Bruce, Osborn, Standen, Murphy, Dillon (Clarke HT, Jeffrey 85 mins), O'Leary.

WE PLAYED well in beating Northampton 3-1 at home on Saturday, with goals by Duane Clarke, Chris Dillon and an OG, and there will be a full report in Tuesday's matchday magazine. Our league season is almost over, with only postponed games to be re-arranged, and we now go into the Football League Youth Alliance Southern Section Merit Division, which will involve some teams we have not previously met. We expect to have details and our fixture list in time for publication on Tuesday.

**Appearances (as sub in brackets):** Dogbe 25, Dillon 22(2), Bruce 21(2), Mansell 21, Gillman 21, Leary 19(2), O'Leary 18(6), Osborn 18(3), Ward 16, Clarke 14(8), Deeney 14(2), Carroll 14(2), James-Barriteau 12(4), Chatfield 9, Murphy 7(1), Jeffrey 4(10), Foley 3(5), Everitt 3, Mortara 3, Nurse 2(2), Standen 2, Okai 1(9), Meike 1(1), Carter 1, Minton 1, Green 1, Howell 0(1), Koo-Boothe 0(1), Fashanu 0(1), Ramirez 0(1).

**Goals:** Dillon 15, Clarke 7, Osborne 4, Leary 4, Mansell 3, O'Leary 3, Murphy 3, Carroll 3, James-Barriteau 1, Gillman 1, Jeffrey 1, Deeney 1, OG 1

### South East Conference Under-19 section

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge Utd	16	11	3	2	33	15	36
Colchester	19	11	3	5	40	27	36
Brighton	15	10	3	2	32	16	33
Leyton Orient	17	9	5	3	43	21	32
Wycombe Wdrs	19	9	4	6	28	22	31
Portsmouth	17	6	5	6	26	26	23
Brentford	16	5	6	5	27	23	21
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>
Southend	18	5	4	9	27	43	19
Gillingham	20	3	6	11	25	47	15
Northampton	19	3	4	12	18	39	13
Barnet	16	1	4	11	16	39	7

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Bristol Rovers .6

Bristol City .....6  
Cambridge .....2

Luton .....5  
Swansea .....3

Biggest  
Home Win

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

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

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

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

Biggest  
Away Win

Brentford .....2  
Bristol Rovers .6

Peterborough 0  
Stoke .....4

Consec. Wins

Walsall  
Rotherham .....5

Games  
Unbeaten

Wigan .....18

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Bury .....5  
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Bristol Rovers,  
Cambridge .....12

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## Division 2 Ave. Attendances

	3000	6000	9000	12000	15000
Bournemouth					4,148
Brentford					4,880
Bristol City					10,437
Bristol Rovers					7,201
Bury					3,233
Cambridge					4,388
Colchester					3,532
Luton					5,720
Millwall					10,591
Northampton					5,819
Notts County					5,332
Oldham					4,575
Oxford					4,947
Peterborough					5,882
Port Vale					4,305
Reading					11,502
Rotherham					5,169
Stoke					13,796
Swansea					5,694
Swindon					5,983
Walsall					5,650
Wigan					6,726
Wrexham					3,579
Wycombe					5,295

## Biggest Wins & Losses

Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.
5-2 Bury	1-3 Colch
3-0 Oxford	2-6 B Rovers
6-2 Cambridge	0-4 Brstl City
6-2 Brentford	0-3 Stke/Mill
3-1 Oxford	0-4 Millwall
6-1 Roth'ham	2-6 Brstl City
4-0 Bristol City	1-6 Millwall
5-3 Swansea	0-4 Swansea
6-1 Colchester	2-3 3 clubs
2-0 4 Clubs	0-3 Bth/Wsl
4-1 Roth'ham	1-5 Walsall
5-1 Wrexham	0-5 Reading
3-1 Nthmptn	0-5 Millwall
4-0 Swindon	0-4 Stoke
3-0 3 clubs	0-4 Cmbdrg
5-0 Oldham	0-4 Brstl City
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4-0 Luton	1-5 Rdg/Wal
3-0 Bury	0-4 P'boro
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3-1 3 Clubs	1-3 Millwall
4-1 Bury	1-5 Oldham
3-1 3 Clubs	0-3 Bmouth

## Last 5 Home Results

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## Referees Report

	G	RC	YC	Av.Yell
Fletcher	18	1	81	4.50
Olivier	20	4	84	4.20
Hall	20	11	83	4.15
Prosser	15	4	62	4.13
Dowd	20	8	79	3.95
Mathieson	20	2	78	3.90
Knight	10	4	38	3.80
Foy	20	5	76	3.80
Ryan	15	3	56	3.73
Cooper	12	5	43	3.58
Curson	19	5	68	3.58
Hill	17	4	60	3.53
Winter	8	0	28	3.50
Jones P	11	0	38	3.45
Bates	18	0	62	3.44

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

see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	1stGl	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms	Ave	W>L	W>D	D>L	Pts	Run	Dry
Bournemouth	Defoe	13	4	9	2	0	16	0.81	1	2	2	9	10	3
Brentford	Owusu	5	1	5	0	0	20	0.25	0	2	2	6	2	6
Bristol City	Thorpe	16	3	8	1	2	29	0.55	1	2	2	9	2	5
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	9	3	5	2	0	25	0.36	1	1	4	9	3	10
Bury	Barnes	4	3	4	0	0	15	0.27	0	2	1	5	3	7
Cambridge	Youngs	11	2	7	2	0	29	0.38	0	3	2	8	3	5
Colchester	Stockwell	6	1	4	1	0	32	0.19	1	0	2	5	1	16
Luton	George	5	0	5	0	0	28	0.18	0	0	1	1	2	9
Millwall	Harris	22	7	9	2	3	32	0.69	1	4	2	13	3	3
Northampton	Forrester	16	9	12	2	0	32	0.50	1	5	5	18	5	8
Notts County	Stallard	13	7	13	0	0	29	0.45	0	5	2	12	3	4
Oldham	Corazzin	8	3	4	0	1	27	0.30	0	2	0	4	1	10
Oxford	Beauchamp	6	1	4	1	0	29	0.21	0	1	0	2	1	7
Peterborough	McKenzie	10	3	6	2	0	18	0.56	1	1	1	6	2	3
Port Vale	Naylor	8	3	4	2	0	26	0.31	0	2	0	4	2	7
Reading	Cureton	17	6	11	0	2	28	0.61	0	5	2	12	3	4
Rotherham	Robins	15	6	11	2	0	28	0.54	1	3	3	12	2	2
Stoke	Thorne	12	6	7	1	1	23	0.52	1	3	2	11	2	6
Swansea	Savarese	12	2	3	3	1	20	0.60	1	0	4	7	2	4
Swindon	Invincible	8	2	4	2	0	28	0.29	0	2	1	5	2	9
Walsall	Leitao	13	7	13	0	0	33	0.39	0	4	1	9	3	5
Wigan	Liddell	9	4	7	1	0	30	0.30	0	5	0	10	3	8
Wrexham	Faulconbridge	6	2	4	1	0	29	0.21	0	3	0	6	1	8
Wycombe	Rammell	10	3	4	3	0	20	0.50	2	2	1	11	2	4

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



## Second Division Scene Brian Swain

LOSING at home to his former club was bad enough for Andy King,

but things got worse for him and Swindon on Tuesday, thanks to today's visitors. It was bad news for us as well, as Bristol Rovers won 2-1 at Bournemouth to climb out of the Second Division's bottom four, and put Swindon there instead. It sounds like the manager of the month curse struck again at Dean Court - Sean O'Driscoll took the award for a successful January which kicked off with a 3-2 win over us. They promptly went through February without a single league win in six attempts. Presumably his directors will give him more time, having given him the job in August, but the Second Division is looking a very dodgy place for managers to earn a living. This week Bruce Rioch parted company with Wigan, a wealthy club with high expectations, but now fighting for a play-off place at most. On the same day, Cambridge, who have been on the slide recently, sacked Roy McFarland.

That makes it nine Second Division clubs who have changed managers since the season kicked off - Bournemouth, Brentford, Bristol Rovers, Cambridge,

Luton, Millwall, Oxford, Swindon and Wigan. Today's game has become all the more important for us after the Rovers success at Dean Court. We hoped for a Bournemouth win, which would have left us level on points with Rovers, but with a worse goal difference. That was because the result that finished McFarland was a 2-1 defeat at the Memorial Ground on Saturday. Rovers fans had waited a long time for that: it was their first home win of the season, and also their first league goals of this year. They had gone 12 league games without a victory, until sub Nathan Ellington got the winner on Saturday. He was rewarded with a place in the starting line-up at Bournemouth, and responded with both goals in the space of two minutes. The result at Bournemouth was also bad news for our old mate Brian Horton, because it carried Rovers ahead of Port Vale, who stayed a couple of points ahead of us by drawing 1-1 at home to Bury on Saturday. Colchester halted their slide with their first win of 2001, with a surprise 4-0 hammering of Danny Wilson's Bristol City at Layer Road, but against another promotion-chasing outfit they were beaten 3-2 at Rotherham on Tuesday.

At the moment, the relegation scrap seems to be between seven teams, with Swansea and Oxford near-certs for the drop. Swansea's mauling at Kenilworth Road kicked off a bad run - they have since lost three more on the trot, at home to Notts County and Reading and at Northampton on Tuesday. The Swans are still seeking their first league win of the year, after eight unsuccessful attempts. Much can change this afternoon and if we can win we might move out of the bottom four for the first time since mid-September.

Brian Swain

## Nationwide Division Two Table

	HOME										AWAY									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Pts
Millwall	33	11	1	4	35	11	10	4	3	32	21	68								
Rotherham	32	11	4	3	37	21	7	4	3	18	16	62								
Walsall	34	12	4	2	41	18	5	5	6	18	20	60								
Wigan	34	11	5	0	23	9	4	8	6	19	21	58								
Reading	31	11	3	2	43	16	6	3	6	17	19	57								
Stoke	32	8	5	3	22	12	6	7	3	28	20	54								
Bristol City	32	9	3	4	37	19	5	6	5	16	17	51								
*Northampton	34	7	6	4	22	19	6	4	7	17	21	49								
Notts County	32	7	4	4	26	21	7	3	7	16	25	49								
Brentford	32	7	6	3	23	21	4	6	6	14	22	45								
Oldham	33	9	4	5	28	19	2	6	7	12	24	43								
Bournemouth	32	4	6	5	20	18	6	5	5	30	24	41								
Wycombe	29	7	2	4	18	14	4	6	6	13	17	41								
Peterborough	32	9	3	4	26	20	2	5	9	14	24	41								
*Wrexham	31	6	4	5	17	18	5	4	7	25	31	41								
Bury	32	7	4	5	17	17	4	3	9	14	25	40								
Colchester	32	6	4	6	19	16	4	5	7	17	24	39								
Cambridge	33	5	6	22	19		4	3	10	20	36	35								
Bristol Rov	29	1	8	4	10	16	6	4	6	22	18	33								
Port Vale	29	6	6	4	25	16	2	2	9	8	22	32								
Swindon	31	4	6	7	22	29	4	2	8	9	21	32								
Luton Town	31	4	1	9	18	27	4	5	8	22	32	30								
Swansea	31	3	6	6	14	15	2	3	11	17	36	24								
Oxford Utd	31	3	3	11	15	24	1	0	13	17	44	15								



	Date	Opposition		Result	Scorers	League Place	Attn.	Team						
AUGUST	Sat 12	Notts County	H	3pm	0-1	-	7,059	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Johnson		
AUGUST	Sat 19	Wigan	A	3pm	1-2	Watts	6,518	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Johnson		
AUGUST	Tue 22	Peterborough WC1(1)	H	7.45pm	0-0		3,175	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser		
AUGUST	Sat 26	Bournemouth	H	3pm	1-0	Spring pen	5,221	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser		
AUGUST	Mon 28	Wycombe Wdrs	A	3pm	1-1	Kandol	6,001	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser		
SEPTEMBER	Sat 2	Rotherham Utd	A	3pm	1-1	Fotiadis	4,061	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Locke		
SEPTEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough WC1(2)	A	7.45pm	2-2	Stein, Scarlett	4,286	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser		
SEPTEMBER	Sat 9	Northampton Town	H	3pm	0-0		6,712	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser		
SEPTEMBER	Tue 12	Walsall	H	7.45pm	0-2		4,362	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Locke		
SEPTEMBER	Sat 16	Swansea City	A	3pm	0-4		6,011	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Locke		
SEPTEMBER	Tue 19	Sunderland WC2(1)	A	7.45pm	0-3		24,668	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	McLaren	Fraser		
SEPTEMBER	Sat 23	Swindon Town	H	3pm	2-3	Stein, George	4,933	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	George	Fraser		
SEPTEMBER	Tue 26	Sunderland WC2(2)	H	7.45pm	1-2	Kandol	5,262	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	George	Fraser		
SEPTEMBER	Sat 30	Bristol Rov	A	3pm	3-3	Kandol 2, George	7,901	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	George	Fraser		
OCTOBER	Sun 8	Millwall	H	12pm	0-1		5,345	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	George	McGowan		
OCTOBER	Fri 13	Cambridge Utd	A	8pm	1-2	Stein	6,191	Ovendale	Boyce	Watts	George	McGowan		
OCTOBER	Tue 17	Oxford Utd	A	7.45pm	0-0		4,537	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	George	McGowan		
OCTOBER	Sat 21	Brentford	H	3pm	3-1	Douglas 2, Spring pen	5,382	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	George	Locke		
OCTOBER	Sat 28	Wrexham	H	3pm	3-4	Stein, Watts, George	5,341	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	George	Johnson		
NOVEMBER	Sat 4	Bury	A	3pm	1-1	Helin	2,861	Abbey	Boyce	Watts	George	Karlsen		
NOVEMBER	Sat 11	Bristol City	H	3pm	0-3		6,595	Abbey	Boyce	McGowan	George	Karlsen		
NOVEMBER	Fri 17	Rushden & D FAC1	H	8pm	1-0	George	5,771	Abbey	Boyce	Fraser	Watts	Karlsen		
NOVEMBER	Sat 25	Port Vale	A	3pm	0-3		4,194	Abbey	Boyce	Whitbread	Watts	Karlsen		
DECEMBER	Sat 2	Stoke City	A	3pm	3-1	McLaren, Thomson 2	12,389	Abbey	Johnson	Whitbread	Watts	Locke		
DECEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough LDVT1	A	7.45	0-1		2,075	Ovendale	Ayres	Karlsen	Fraser	Locke		
DECEMBER	Sat 9	Darlington FAC2	A	3pm	0-0		3,641	Abbey	Johnson	Whitbread	Watts	Locke		
DECEMBER	Sat 16	Colchester Utd	H	3pm	0-3		4,791	Abbey	Johnson	Whitbread	Watts	Locke		
DECEMBER	Tue 19	Darlington FAC2R	H	7.45	2-0	Nogan, McLaren	3,563	Abbey	Johnson	Whitbread	Watts	Fotiadis		
DECEMBER	Sat 23	Reading	A	3pm	1-4	Nogan	10,771	Abbey	Johnson	Whitbread	Boyce	Fotiadis		
DECEMBER	Tue 26	Peterborough	H	1pm	3-2	Spring, Holmes, Boyce	7,374	Abbey	Boyce	Whitbread	Fraser	Holmes		
DECEMBER	Sat 30	Wigan	H	3pm	0-2		5,322	Ovendale	Watts	Whitbread	Fraser	Holmes		
JANUARY	Mon 1	Bournemouth	A	3pm	2-3	Fotiadis, Locke	5,411	Ovendale	Watts	Whitbread	Fraser	Holmes		
JANUARY	Sat 6	QPR FAC3	H	3pm	3-3	Fotiadis, George, Douglas	8,677	Ovendale	Boyce	Whitbread	Fraser	George		
JANUARY	Fri 12	Wycombe	H	7.45pm	1-2	Locke	4,551	Ovendale	Boyce	Whitbread	Fraser	George		
JANUARY	Wed 17	QPR FAC3R	A	8pm	1-2	aet Mansell	14,395	Ovendale	McGowan	Whitbread	Fraser	Karlsen		
JANUARY	Tue 23	Oldham	A	7.45pm	0-2		3,011	Ovendale	McGowan	Whitbread	Boyce	Karlsen		
FEBRUARY	Sat 10	Northampton Town	A	3pm	1-0	Douglas	6,633	Ovendale	Boyce	Stirling	Dryden	Rowland		
FEBRUARY	Tue 13	Notts County	A	7.45pm	3-1	Boyce, George, Fotiadis	4,333	Ovendale	Boyce	Stirling	Dryden	Rowland		
FEBRUARY	Sat 17	Swansea City	H	3pm	5-3	Mansell 2, Douglas, Rowland, George	7,085	Ovendale	Boyce	Stirling	Dryden	Rowland		
FEBRUARY	Tue 20	Walsall	A	7.45pm	1-3	Spring	4,816	Ovendale	Boyce	Stirling	Dryden	Rowland		
FEBRUARY	Sat 24	Swindon	A	3pm	3-1	Rowland, Boyce, Mansell	7,160	Ovendale	Boyce	McLaren	Dryden	Rowland		
MARCH	Sat 3	Bristol Rov	H	3pm										
MARCH	Tue 6	Cambridge Utd	H	7.45pm										
MARCH	Sat 10	Millwall	A	3pm										
MARCH	Sat 17	Oxford Utd	H	3pm										
MARCH	Fri 23	Brentford	A	7.45pm										
MARCH	Tue 27	Peterborough	A	7.45pm										
MARCH	Sat 31	Colchester	A	3pm										
APRIL	Tue 3	Reading	H	7.45pm										
APRIL	Sat 7	Stoke City	H	3pm										
APRIL	Sat 14	Oldham	H	3pm										
APRIL	Mon 16	Wrexham	A	3pm										
APRIL	Sat 21	Bury	H	3pm										
APRIL	Tue 24	Rotherham Utd	H	7.45										
APRIL	Sat 28	Bristol City	A	3pm										
MAY	Sat 5	Port Vale	H	3pm										

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Taylor	Holmes	Locke	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Fraser for Johnson HT, Scarlett for Locke 73, Brennan for Holmes 83. Unused: Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for Fotiadis 81. Unused: Stirling, Locke, Scarlett, Abbey.
Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for George 57, Locke for Holmes 86. Unused: Stirling, Kandol, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for George 55, Kandol for Fotiadis 76. Unused: Locke, Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Kandol for Fotiadis HT; Brennan for Holmes 65; George for Stein 81. Unused: Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes for Brennan 74; Locke for Spring 105; Kandoll for Stein 113. Unused: Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes for Spring 75; Kandol for Brennan 60. Unused: Locke, Stirling, Brietenfelder.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	Thomson	George for Brennan 52; Kandol for Thomson 72: Holmes for Scarlett 82. Unused: Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	Stirling	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George for Stein 75. Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Thomson, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George for Stein 70; Thomson for Kandol 70. Unused: Brennan, Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Locke for Spring 66; Thomson for Kandol 72. Unused: Brennan, Ayres, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	Brennan for Thomson 81. Unused: Holmes, Breitenfelder, Ayres, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Thomson	Kandol	Mc Gowan for Fraser HT; Stein for Thomson HT; Holmes for Spring 79. Unused: Brennan, Abbey
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Stein	Kandol	All unused: Brennan, Holmes, Stirling, Scarlett, Abbey.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Locke	Stein	Kandol	Holmes for Kandol HT; Brennan for McGowan 89. Unused: Fraser, Breitenfelder, Abbey.
Taylor	Fraser	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	Breitenfelder for McGowan HT; Brennan for Kandol 79. Unused: Locke, Thomson, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Douglas	Brietenfelder for Locke 18 mins; Thomson for Douglas 44 mins; Brennan for George 86 mins. Unused: Kandol, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Brietenfelder	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Fraser for McLaren 47 mins; Thomson for Fotiadis 70 mins. Unused: Brennan, Baptiste, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Stein	Douglas	Baptiste for Douglas 75 mins; Holmes for George 80 mins. Unused: McGowan, Breitenfelder, Ovendale
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Stein	Douglas	Fotiadis for Douglas 44 mins; Baptiste for Stein 74 mins. Unused: Watts, Locke, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Stein	Thomson for Stein 73 mins. Unused: McGowan, Locke, Fotiadis, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Nogan	Fotiadis for Nogan 74 mins; Fraser for Helin 77 mins. Unused: Locke, Scarlett, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Thomson	Fotiadis for Thomson 89 mins; Karlsen for George 90 mins. Unused: Fraser, Nogan, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Thomson	Stein for Thomson HT; Nogan for Fotiadis 56 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Fraser	George	Thomson	All unused: Stein, Nogan, Karlsen, Stirling, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Nogan	Fotiadis for Locke 56 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Holmes, Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Nogan	Boyce for Watts 68 mins; Locke for Spring 86 mins. Unused: Baptiste, Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	McLaren	Spring	Helin	George	Nogan	Fraser for Johnson 23 mins; Locke for McLaren 52 mins; Baptiste for George 82 mins. Unused: Scarlett, Ovendale.
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Nogan	Scarlett for Holmes 75 mins; Kandol for Nogan 76 mins. Unused: Karlsen, Stirling, Ovendale.
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Nogan	Thomson for Holmes 59 mins; Stein for Nogan 75 mins. Unused: Breitenfelder, Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Nogan	Stirling for Watts 38 mins; Breitenfelder for Fraser 74 mins; Scarlett for Fotiadis 80 mins. Unused: Baptiste, Abbey
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Helin	Fotiadis	Nogan	Douglas for Fotiadis 70 mins; Stirling for Helin 79 mins. Unused: Holmes, Kandol, Abbey.
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Breitenfelder	Thomson	Douglas	Kandol for Thomson 71 mins; Scarlett for Breitenfelder 78 mins; Stirling for Boyce 83 mins. Unused: Holmes, Ward.
Holmes	Mansell	Spring	Nogan	Fotiadis	Douglas	Stirling for Fraser 4 mins; Stein for Douglas 65 mins; Scarlett for Fotiadis 79 mins. Unused: Abbey, George
Holmes	Mansell	Spring	Nogan	Fotiadis	Douglas	Thomson for Nogan HT; George for Holmes 55 mins; Stein for Fotiadis 78 mins. Unused: Abbey, Stirling.
Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Douglas	Fotiadis for Douglas 86 mins. Unused: Abbey, Stein, Holmes, Breitenfelder
Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Douglas	Kandol for Douglas 59 mins; Fotiadis for Kandol 78 mins. Unused: Abbey, Holmes, Breitenfelder
Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Douglas	Fotiadis for Douglas 65 mins; Locke for Rowland 89 mins. Unused: Abbey, Thomson, Breitenfelder
Taylor	Mansell	Spring	Helin	George	Douglas	Locke for Mansell 19 mins; Fotiadis for George HT; Thomson for Douglas HT. Unused: Abbey, Breitenfelder.
Taylor	Locke	Spring	Helin	George	Fotiadis	Stein for Fotiadis 12 mins; Mansell for Locke 65 mins; Thomson for Stein 85 mins. Unused: Abbey, Stirling.



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