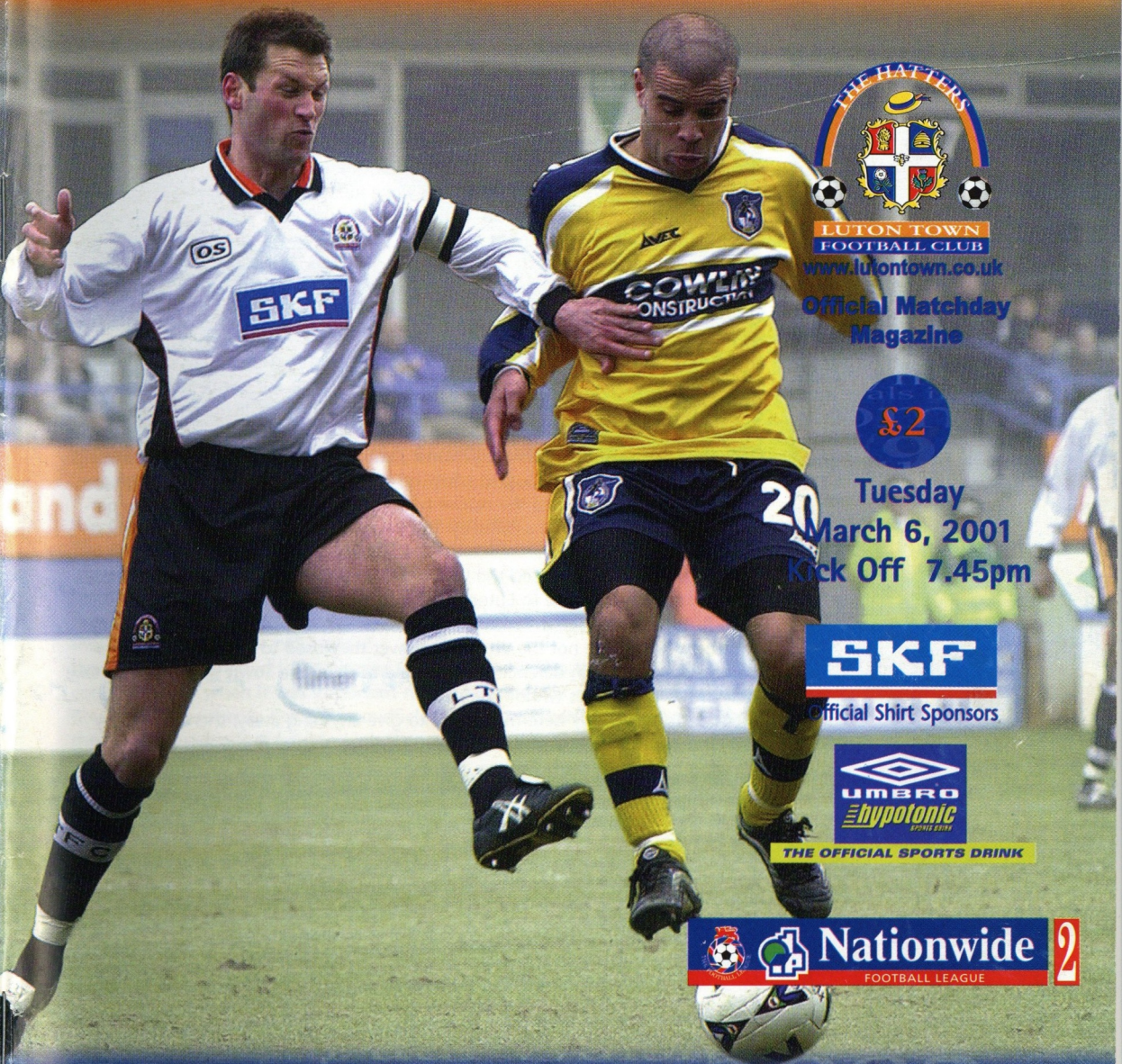


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BATTLING: Saturday's game with Bristol Rovers turned out to be a tough match, and Paul McLaren, back in midfield, typified the Town's spirit as he competed with visiting midfielder Marcus Bignot.

Action Replay

Luton Town 0 Bristol Rovers 0

IT WAS not terribly pretty, but the point the Town ground out on Saturday prevented one of their relegation rivals extending the gap between the two clubs, and the second clean sheet in six games since Joe Kinnear's arrival was a welcome change - our first at home in the league since the 0-0 with Walsall in September, and only our fifth in 32 league matches.

Suspensions and injuries restricted team selection, underlining why the manager wants to bring in extra players, although he made the point again that he was not just looking for bodies, but for men who are sure to go straight into the first team.

It was a pleasant occasion for Nathan Abbey, recalled in goal because Mark Ovendale was injured. Julian Watts was back in defence, for the first time since new year's day, enabling Paul McLaren to move up into midfield to replace suspended Matthew Spring.

Defences of both sides were too good for not very impressive attacks, but Abbey made saves when he had to, and when he was caught out midway through the second half Watts came to the rescue by flinging his body, at considerable personal risk, into the path of a drive by Steve Foster which might have brought a goal.

For Abbey Saturday redressed the balance after he suffered a bit of a nightmare the last time Rovers came to Luton, and won 4-1.

Jason Roberts and Jamie Cureton were the visiting scorers that day, and having sold them Rovers are not the attacking power they used to be. But the visitors worked like demons in defence and midfield to deny the Town space, and to take their run to five games without defeat.

With the Town equally determined not to give anything away, there were only two clear chances in the whole of the 90 minutes. Watts, unmarked to meet a left wing cross from Liam George, put the ball into the crowd six minutes after the interval, and on 68 minutes a left wing corner routine by Rovers ended with Scott Jones heading home from close range, with the goal disallowed by an off-side flag.

Otherwise the only scares for either goalkeeper came when McLaren clipped an early shot onto the top of the bar, and Nathan Ellington had a shot deflected to suffer the same fate.

Garry Thompson, in his first game since being confirmed as manager of Rovers following the sacking of Ian Holloway, was content with the draw, but unable to agree with the decision that chalked off Jones's goal. The view from both camps

ALL supporters are invited to an open meeting to be held on Tuesday March 20 (7.30) at the Kent Social and Sports Club, Luton, to hear proposals for disposing of the money still held by FLAG, the Fans of Luton Action Group which was formed 18 months ago when the club was going into receivership.

There was huge public support for FLAG, and the original idea was that it could lead the way in a take-over to put the club into local community ownership. In the event, that never happened, and FLAG is now ready to spend the donations it received. Kevin Thoburn and Dean Rastrick, the Town's Football in the Community Officer and Youth Development Officer respectively, will be in attendance. No tickets will be needed for admission - just turn up on the night.



Airborne duel: Richard Dryden on top against Ansah Owusu.

was that the referee did not have a brilliant match.

The Rovers manager claimed: "We did exceptionally well, and played some great football, and this is not a team that is at the bottom of the table - it's a team that is going places.

"We deserved to win - we were the only one that looked like scoring, and I thought we moved the ball better."

Joe Kinnear said he had to be pleased to see a patched-up team do the best it could on a day when it was important not to lose. He was concerned that Rovers were quicker to the ball in midfield, and he admired their workrate. But the Town, he added, did a good job themselves to earn their point.

Match Details

Luton Town: Abbey, Boyce, Watts, Dryden, Taylor, Helin, McLaren (Stirling 80 mins), Rowland, Locke, George, Stein (Douglas 66 mins). Unused subs Thomson, Fotiadis, Ward.

Booked: No-one, although Rovers thought McLaren should have been, for a late tackle that accidentally put Simon Bryant out of the game.

Bristol Rovers: Culkin, Wilson, Foster, Jones, Challis, Bignot, Plummer, Bryant (Astafjevs 39 mins), McKeever, Ellington, Owusu (Ellis 84 mins). Unused subs Richards, Hogg, Clarke.

Booked: Challis, 7 mins, foul on Petri Helin; Nathan Ellington, 48 mins, foul on Matthew Taylor; Steve Foster, 60 mins, foul on Liam George.

Referee: Paul Danson, Leicestershire

Attendance: 7,405, including 788 supporting Bristol Rovers.



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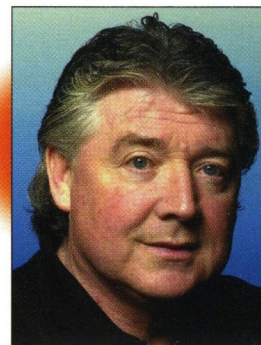
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The Manager

Joe Kinnear

I SAID in my notes for Saturday's programme that I expected the Bristol Rovers game to be tight, and so it proved. In the end I was pleased to see the team scrap for a point, because it was very important for us not to be beaten. Obviously a win would have been more to my liking, but I could not grumble about the result.

I was certainly pleased with our attitude. It was, as I expected, one of those game where we had to tough it out. It was always going to be a match where one goal either way would settle it, with very few clear-cut scoring chances created.

The clean sheet was very welcome: if you get your defence right you are half way there, and I thought our team showed commendable willingness to battle it out.

Give Bristol Rovers credit - in midfield, particularly, they were very useful, and we did well to hold them in that department. We had to defend hard, and dig in to get something out of a game we might easily have lost.

I was not disheartened that we did not win because I felt the players did the best they could, which is all any manager could ask. If we did not create as many scoring chances as usual, that was down to good play by Bristol Rovers, rather than our own shortcomings in terms of effort and commitment.

I think the game also underlined the lack of depth in our resources, with Matthew Spring and Lee Mansell both ruled out through suspension. We missed them, but of course they are available to me this evening, and could well play a part in the game.

After half a dozen matches in charge, I now have a fair idea of what needs to be done to give this football club a better than evens chance of pulling away from the relegation

zone. It is no criticism of the players we have to say that our squad needs to be stronger. The board have given me the freedom to do what is necessary, but I will not waste money, and players I am trying to bring in will all be ready-made for first-team football. I want, in particular, to have a larger squad of genuine first team players. Our subs bench needs to be stronger. Bristol Rovers are not a wealthy team, but as you may have noticed their first substitute was an international, and a very handy player to say the least.

I don't know if there will be a new face in the team tonight, but this much you can be sure of: we are in for another tough game, and once more it is likely to be a scrap. Hopefully, we will create more chances than we did on Saturday, and take one or two. We have the talent within the club to score goals, but they will only come if we work hard, as individuals and as a team. We have done that so far since I came here, and I am still confident we can get out of trouble.

I thought the supporters were very good again on Saturday, both in terms of numbers and in the understanding of what was happening on the pitch. Good vocal backing is invaluable, and so far it has been tremendous, and I am appreciative of that.

We need more of the same this evening, and more of the determination we showed on Saturday, plus a little more luck in our attacking. Cambridge have not had the easiest of seasons, and having just changed their manager we can be sure they will be up for the game tonight. So will we, and I hope it is a result we can enjoy.

And thank you yet again for your wonderful support. Cheers - long may it continue...

Joe Kinnear

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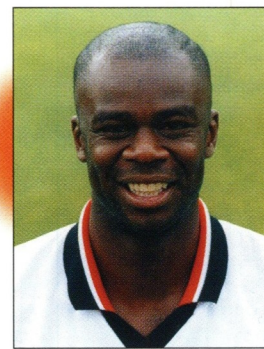
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The Hatters roll-call 2000-2001

Appearances (as sub in brackets)

Goals

	League	WC	FAC	LDV	Total	League	WC	FAC	Total
Nathan Abbey	13	0	3	0	16	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	28	4	2(1)	0	34(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(1)	0	1(1)	0	10(2)	4	0	1	5
Richard Dryden	6	0	0	0	6	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	25(4)	3(1)	4	0	32(5)	5	0	2	7
Petri Helin	15	0	3	1	19	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 Kandol	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	17(6)	1(1)	2(1)	1	21(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	21	4	3	1	29	1	0	1	2
Lee Nogan	7	0	3	0(1)	10(1)	1	0	1	2
Mark Ovendale	19	4	2	1	26	0	0	0	0
Keith Rowland	6	0	0	0	6	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	17(4)	3	1(1)	0(1)	21(6)	3	1	0	4
Jude Stirling	5(3)	0	0(2)	0	5(5)	0	0	0	0
Matthew Taylor	31	4	4	1	40	0	0	0	0
Peter Thomson	4(7)	1(1)	1(1)	1	7(9)	2	0	0	2
Julian Watts	22	4	3	0	29	2	0	0	2
Adrian Whitbread	9	0	4	0	13	0	0	0	0



Captain's Log

Marvin Johnson

I WILL be in the stand again this evening, cheering for

the lads, and hoping to see us go one better then we did against Bristol Rovers on Saturday. That was a very tough game, and I was pleased to see us come out of it with a point because in many ways Rovers were the better team on the day. Four or five weeks ago, that was the sort of game we would have lost.

We gave Wattsy a bit of stick for missing our best chance, but I was pleased for him, because I thought he had an excellent game after his long lay-off. He looked comfortable in everything he did, and made a very important block late on when we might have conceded a goal.

I know supporters want to see victories, especially at home, but it was important for us not to lose to Bristol Rovers, to prevent them from moving further away from us in the league table.

The same goes for tonight. Cambridge are higher in the table, but this is the sort of game we need to win. It might well be a bit harder for us because Cambridge have just got a new manager - quite often that gives teams a lift as players react to a new man in charge.

We have seen it here at Kenilworth Road, and it has been noticeable that the crowds have also got a lift since our new gaffer came in. I thought the supporters were first class on Saturday. They were watching their team struggle at times, but I felt an air of understanding about the place. You could see that our lads were trying, that they were playing a very useful team - another one with a new manager! - and it was pretty hard work for the lads.

It was one of those days when you accept that you can't win them all, in which case you have to do everything you can to avoid losing. That point might turn out to be very valuable when

the final league table is compiled at the end of the season.

Our position is much more promising than it was four or five weeks ago. Then, I was looking at the table, and hoping that other teams would fail to give us a fighting chance of getting out of trouble. Now, it is in our own hands.

Naturally I wish I was playing tonight, but I know that I am not match fit yet, after just one reserves game since my neck injury. I am delighted to report that there has been no adverse reaction and I hope to be playing for the reserves at Norwich on Thursday. I can promise you, the anticipation is no less than when I am in the first team, because I am desperate to be involved in the league action as soon as possible.

Tonight though, I will sit and watch, and enjoy meeting some old friends I know there will be a warm welcome for John Dreyer, Scott Oakes, David Preece and John Taylor, as well as a determination to send them home pointless.

With the exception of this game, I particularly hope that Scott Oakes does well. He was a bit of a super-star when he left here nearly five years ago, and the world was at his feet when he signed for Sheffield Wednesday.

Then came a horrific knee injury, a cruciate problem which sometimes ends players' careers. Scott had to endure two horrible years, and it is to his great credit that he is getting his career moving again with Cambridge. He has lots of natural ability, and is probably one of the most gifted players I have seen in my time at Luton. It's good to see him back in football, and I hope he enjoys lots of good times and good results after we have heard the final whistle tonight. By then, I hope I and the rest of the Luton supporters are cheering another good result.

Marvin Johnson



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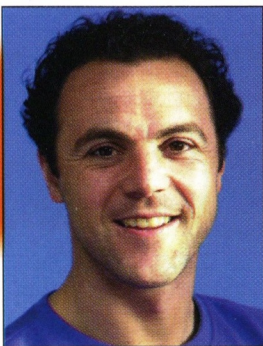
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Treatment Room

Bruce Sewell

PAUL McLaren and Julian Watts took hefty whacks during

Saturday's game against Bristol Rovers, but I don't think either will turn out to be serious enough to keep them out of contention for this evening's game.

In McLaren's case it was probably a mixture of discomfort - he was kicked on the thigh, and was also getting very tired. It was only his second game after being out through injury since before Christmas, and this one was in midfield, where he had to work a lot harder than he had to in his first game back, when he played in central defence at Swindon.

By Sunday he was a bit stiff, but not in any pain, and the signs were that he would be ready to play this evening, if selected. But he will play only if he is 100 per cent fit, and the fact that we have Matthew Spring and Lee Mansell available again after suspension means there is no pressure to play anyone who is not completely fit.

Watts had what you might call a ball injury: he

went down in considerable discomfort after stopping a very hard shot at very close range. He was in desperate pain for a short time, but shook it off, and was able to get through the rest of the game, and I was delighted to see how well he did after his long lay-off. Again I expect him to be available for this evening.

I am not so sure about Mark Ovendale. He missed Saturday's match after injuring a shoulder when he fell awkwardly during training. He has had a scan which confirms it is not anything serious, but we were planning to have a good look at him yesterday before taking any decision about when he could come back into the team.

Our only other senior players in the treatment room are long-term cases, and for Stuart Fraser, with a broken leg, and Kent Karlsen, with a knee ligament problem, it is a case of being patient, and doing what they can to try to maintain general fitness. Fortunately, they are both good workers and prepared to do whatever is necessary to speed their recovery.

Bruce Sewell



Club Secretary

Cherry Newbery

ALTHOUGH winter seems to have done its best to delay

spring, we are already working on arrangements for next summer, and for the programme of matches which will be played before the new Nationwide League kicks off on August 11.

Joe Kinnear has a tremendous list of football names in his contact book, and that is being used to draw up a list of pre-season friendlies. I will give more information on those when details are available, but in the meantime you can put one date in your diary - we will be at home to Norwich City on August 4, kick-off 3pm. Further details will be announced later.

There are, of course, many other events before then, and I would like to remind all supporters of the arrangements for the annual presentation evening on Sunday April 29. This year, for the first time, it is to be a joint venture between the Football Club and the Luton Town Supporters Club. A lot of hard work has already been put in to make it a special night out, and BBC football commentator John Motson has agreed to be the main speaker. The function will be at the Riverside Suite, at Vauxhall Recreation Centre, on Sunday April 29, and tickets are now on sale through the club shop, ticket office or at the Luton Town Supporters Club kiosk in Kenilworth Road on match days. Prices are £12 for members of the Supporters Club, and £15 for others, and as usual the most popular guests will be the manager and our players.

They have another date for a meeting with supporters after the season ends. Following the great success of our open day last May, we are holding another, on Sunday May 13.

Last year we were blessed with a fine summer's day, and around 2,500 supporters came to meet players and other staff and to look around the ground and join in a wide variety of games and competitions.

I hope the weather is kind again, and this time we will organise things so that we can offer more tours of the stadium.

They were one of the most popular features of last year's open day, as supporters took the chance to have a look behind the scenes. Goodness knows how many snapshots were taken of young fans sitting proudly in the dressing room beneath the shirt of their favourite players!

The players joined in enthusiastically, and I am sure they will do so again, and it means that supporters can have a chat with their favourites, and have their pictures taken with them.

There will be lots of children's games, competitions, a raffle for Luton Town FC prizes, and football inflatables, and I will give you more information as it becomes available. Admission will be £1 for adults, but free for children accompanied by adults.

Finally today, back to this week's football: can I please make a plea to our supporters planning to attend the game at Millwall on Saturday. A big crowd is expected, for a match between two teams playing well, and with Millwall currently top of the table. We have always enjoyed our visits to the New Den, where we have a good record, but please be aware that increasing attendances have helped to create major car parking difficulties in the area. Our advice is to go by coach, either with the Bobbers Travel Club or Town on Tour. Details are on page 10.

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Town on Tour will depart at 11.30 and their fares are £8.50 for members of Luton Town Supporters Club, £7.50 concessions members, and £9.50 for others. Their kiosk will take bookings today, and seats can also be reserved at the club shop.

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Mark especially would like to see Luton win tonight - his brother-in-law is David Preece, the Cambridge coach, who wants a victory over his old club.

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PRINTING deadlines for this page mean that we are unable to announce the latest winner in our popular Golden Gamble, but we can be pretty confident that one supporter went home happy with his visit to watch us take on Bristol Rovers.

Our 50-50 lottery has seen prizes grow in recent weeks, and as we went into Saturday's match 19 previous prizes had totalled £8,755, an average of £461 each. Not bad for a modest stake of just £1!

As usual Golden Gamble sellers will be in all

areas of the ground this evening, and one lucky purchaser will collect a handful of cash for a minimum outlay of a pound.



Our picture shows the winner at the Swansea match, Joel Hanley from High Road, Willesden, who collected £595. The size of the jackpot depends on ticket sales - half the Golden Gamble income makes up the prize, and the other half goes to club funds, so we are very grateful to everyone for supporting an important fund-raising

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Goalscoring Head 2 Head

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

Where



How



40 in 31 games 1.29 goals Team Goals 42 in 33 games 1.27 goals

5 in 28 games 0.18 goals Player's Goals 11 in 29 games 0.38 goals

Games Scored In
Games Scored 1st Goal 9
Games Scored 1 Goal 2
Games Scored 2 Goals 7
Games Scored 3 Goals 2

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Drawn 3 (6pts)
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Lost 0 (0pts)
1 (1pts) Games Drawn -> Lost 2 (2pts)
Number of points gained 8

SCORING SEQUENCES

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

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

2 Games 3
3 Games 3
4 Games 1
9 games Maximum Dry Spell 5 games

Hatters' Results

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

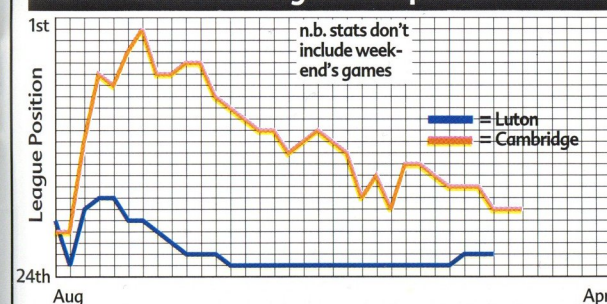
shows the number of results for each scoreline.
eg. Luton have won 4 games 3-1

The U's' Results

CAMBRIDGE GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	4	1	1	1	1	1

eg. Cambridge have won 4 games 1-0 and drawn 4 games 1-1

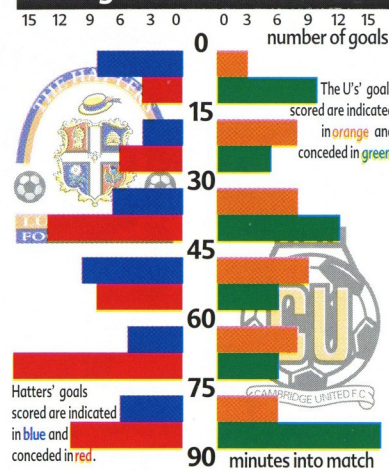
Seasonal Progress Comparison



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When goals scored & conceded



Average time of Scoring / Conceding

70 mins	All Goals for	71 mins
70 mins	Home Goals For	65 mins
70 mins	Away Goals For	77 mins
47 mins	All Goals Against	54 mins
47 mins	Home Goals Against	76 mins
48 mins	Away Goals Against	43 mins

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

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Hatters	: WLLLLWWLW	F 19 A 19 Pts 15
The U's	: LWSLLWLLLL	F 10 A 21 Pts 7

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

Cambridge's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave	Att
90/91	3	QF	1	Dublin	17	5,503	
91/92	2	4	2	Dublin	15	7,082	
92/93	1	3	QF	Claridge	7	5,551	
93/94	2	2	2	Butler	21	3,686	
94/95	2	3	1	Corazzin	15	3,443	
95/96	3	1	1	Butler/Corazzin	10	2,767	
96/97	3	2	1	Hyde/Kyd/McGleish	7	3,363	
97/98	3	2	1	Kyd	11	2,899	
98/99	3	2	3	Butler/Taylor	17	4,587	
99/00	2	5	1	Benjamin	20	4,404	

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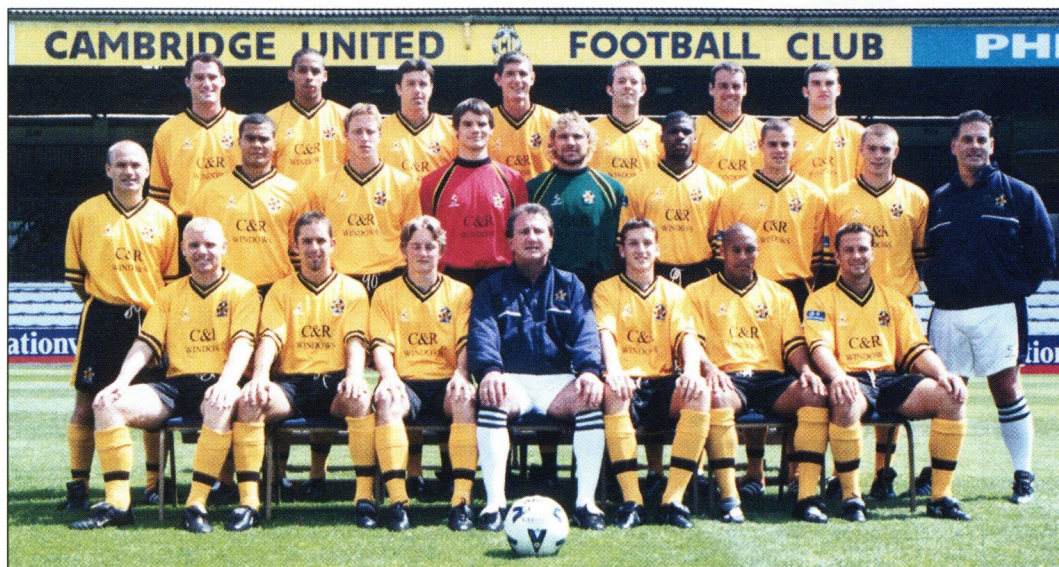
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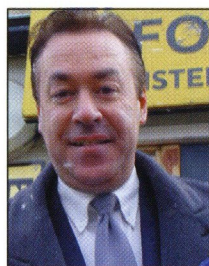


Cambridge United F.C. 2000-2001

Back Row (left-right): Andrew Duncan, Marc Joseph, John Dreyer, John Taylor, Ian Ashbee, Paul Wanless, Martin McNeil.

Middle Row (left-right): David Preece, John Hansen, Neil Mackenzie, Shaun Marshall, Lionel Perez, Zema Abbey, Dan Chillingworth, Mark Gibson, Ken Steggles (Physio).

Front Row (left-right): Neil Mustoe, Alex Russell, Tom Youngs, Roy McFarland, Adam Tann, Nathan Lamey, Tom Cowan.



JOHN BECK - MANAGER

Appointed as new manager of The U's earlier this week, after the departure of Roy McFarland. It is his second time as boss at The Abbey having previously taken United to the Third Division title the first time round.

NO.13 - SHAUN MARSHALL - GOALKEEPER

Promising young goalkeeper who was a product of our successful youth policy. After first being spotted by the Club at the age of eight, Shaun made one appearance for the first team whilst still a trainee and has made good progress ever since. Initially selected following injuries to the 'first choice' keepers, commanding performances over the last couple of sea-

sons have merited selection in his own right.

NO.1 - LIONEL PEREZ - GOALKEEPER

The flamboyant Frenchman became an instant hero at the Abbey when he was signed for last season's run in following an injury to Shaun Marshall, keeping four clean sheets in the last nine games, and contributing massively to The U's survival. United clinched his services during the close season in a deal, United Boss Roy McFarland described as the best signing of his career.

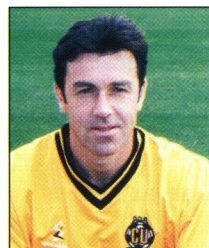
NO.12 - TOM COWAN - DEFENDER

A crowd favourite at both Huddersfield and Burnley, Cowan returned to The Abbey Stadium on a permanent basis in the summer, after impressing whilst on loan towards the end of the last campaign. A determined left-back with the added weapon of a lethal long-throw, Cowan will be hoping the move South

will bring him a change of luck after injuries dogged his time at Burnley.

NO.4 - ANDY DUNCAN - DEFENDER

Central defender signed for £20,000 from Manchester United in April 1998 following a successful three-month loan spell at The Abbey. A solid, consistent player who settled into the heart of the United defence and relished the opportunity of League football. His positional awareness, composure and strength have shown that his transfer fee was money well spent.



NO.20 - JOHN DREYER - DEFENDER

This vastly experienced defender arrived in the summer from Bradford City to end Roy McFarland's long search for an influential head at the back. Dreyer featured 14 times in the Yorkshire sides Premiership campaign last season and, although primarily a centre-half, he has played equally well at left-back and in midfield during a distinguished career at Clubs including Luton Town - for whom he played over 200 times - Stoke City and Oxford United.

NO.5 - MARC JOSEPH - DEFENDER

A classy central defender, who is also quick enough to be a more than capable right back, Joseph proved equally adept when pressed into the left back slot towards the end of the last campaign. A product of the Club's Youth Scheme, who possesses a prodigious long throw, he has attracted the interest of Premier League Clubs.

NO.24 - STEVE MCANESPIE - DEFENDER

Originally a midfielder with a devastating free-kick, former Scottish Youth International McAnespie cost Bolton £900,000 in 1995 and was signed by Kevin Keegan for Fulham for £100,000. His career stalled in West London, and he was snapped-up on a free transfer in August 2000 after impressing in a trial spell during which he featured at right back.

NO.25 - MARTIN MCNEIL - DEFENDER

Now in his third season as a professional, McNeil is quietly becoming a very accomplished defender after initially finding himself unexpectedly drafted into First Team action. Another product of the Youth Scheme, McNeil is proud of his Scottish birthright, despite his Norfolk accent.

NO.21 - ADAM TANN - DEFENDER

A young defender who is equally comfortable at right back or in the heart of the back four, Tann won inter-

national honours when making his England Under 18 debut against Switzerland in September 1999. A highly promising player, Tann is another product of the Cambridge United Youth Scheme.

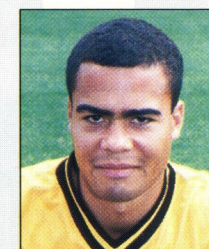


NO.3 - IAN ASHBE - DEFENDER / MIDFIELDER

Became Roy McFarland's first signing when he joined the Club in December 1996 from Derby County, making his debut later that month at Torquay. A strong, versatile player, Ashbee never lets anyone down whether selected in his preferred midfield role or almost anywhere across the back four, where he has proved equally at home.

NO.14 - LUKE GUTTRIDGE - MIDFIELDER

In his final year as a YT Scholar, Luke Guttridge was recently compared to Billy Bremner by Roy McFarland in an interview for the Club's official website. Yet to make his first team debut, he scored his first goal for the reserves at Wycombe at the end of November.



NO.9 - JOHN HANSEN - MIDFIELDER

One of the finds of last season, Hansen is a classy attacking, left-sided midfielder, who is never afraid to have a shot. Signed from Danish Club Esbjerg in February 2000 for a small fee, Hansen made three European appearances in the UEFA and Intertoto Cups whilst playing in his native Denmark.

NO.6 - NEIL MUSTOE - MIDFIELDER

A former Manchester United player signed on a free transfer from Wigan Athletic in July 1998, Mustoe has spent much of his time at The Abbey competing for a midfield slot with Ian Ashbee. A combative player who is popular with the fans, 'Muzzy' represented England Schoolboys and won an FA Youth Cup winners medal during his four and a half years at Old Trafford.

NO.28 - SCOTT OAKES - MIDFIELDER

Experienced attacking midfielder currently on extended trial with the Club. Made his debut at Swindon earlier this season.

NO.16 - DAVID PREECE - MIDFIELDER

Vastly experienced former Walsall, Luton Town and Derby County midfielder who joined the Club on September 6th 1996 after lengthy negotiations for his signature. An excellent passer of the ball, the England B International is Assistant Manager at The Abbey

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Stadium where he is very involved with coaching and scouting responsibilities. Now an infrequent starter, Preece's only goal for the Club to date, a 25-yard screamer, came in a 3-0 victory at Exeter in March two seasons ago.

NO.11 - ALEX RUSSELL - MIDFIELDER

Russell joined United in August 1998 from Rochdale, and United fans are still shaking their heads in disbelief that he was signed on a free transfer. A natural player-maker, Russell has a good eye for goal and is deadly from set pieces. Russell made a welcome return to the side in the final game of last season, after enduring a campaign dogged by injury.

NO.7 - PAUL WANLESS - MIDFIELDER

The heartbeat of the side, Wanless is a brave, powerful midfielder whose infectious enthusiasm was rewarded when Roy McFarland made him skipper. He began his career as a trainee at Oxford before a short spell at Lincoln, during which time he managed to serve under three different managers. Paul joined United in the summer of 1996 after a spell on loan at The Abbey the previous season. Last season's 'Player of the Year'.

NO.19 - STUART WILSON - MIDFIELDER

Signed just before Christmas 2000, 23 year-old midfielder Stuart Wilson was a product of the Leicester City youth policy, and was tipped as 'one for the future' by

Martin O'Neil. He made one start, but over 20 appearances from the bench for his hometown Club, netting three times.

NO.29 - JONAS AXELDAL - FORWARD

Hardworking former Malmo, Foggia and Ipswich Town striker, Jonas was the top scorer in last season's Avon Insurance Combination League for Ipswich. The Swede made an encouraging debut against Portsmouth in this season's Worthington Cup. Granted the freedom of the City of Foggia after averting a coach crash when playing for the Italian Club.

NO.27 - DAN CHILLINGWORTH - FORWARD

Former England Schoolboy International, local boy Chillingworth looked assured when making his League debut at Oldham in April last season, shortly after signing his first professional contract. One for the future, 'Chilly' in another product of the Club's Youth Development Scheme. Voted as 'Young Player of the Year' at the end of last season.

NO.10 - RITCHIE HUMPHRIES - FORWARD

Former England Under 21 International who, despite being a boyhood Sheffield United fan, began his career across the Steel City at Sheffield Wednesday. Spectacular goals at the start of his time at Hillsborough set the nation talking about Wednesday's teenage discovery, and he was recommended for an

England call-up by one of Glen Hoddle's scouts - a certain Roy McFarland! But a string of managerial changes meant that he found it difficult to fulfil the early promise and he drifted from the first team picture. Signed in February 2001, Humphries sees The Abbey Stadium as the ideal place to kick-start his career.

NO.8 - JOHN TAYLOR - FORWARD

'JT' is a legend at The Abbey, having starred in the successful U's side of the early nineties alongside Dion Dublin, returning 'home' for a second spell in January 1997 when he joined from Luton Town. Originally signed by the U's in 1988 from non-league Sudbury Town, he left The Abbey for Bristol Rovers in a player-exchange deal in March 1992. He enjoyed a successful spell with Rovers before moving on to join Bradford City and then Luton Town. A popular, jovial character he is in charge of the reserve team but still found time to be joint top League scorer two seasons ago, breaking Alan Biley's Club records for total number of League goals and overall goals in the process. Although featuring less frequently last season, he still found time

to combine his coaching role with an extended run in the side for the nail biting last few months of the campaign. During this run he further cemented his place in United's history with a hat-trick in a crucial win at Cardiff, passing the 100 career goal mark for the Club in the process.

NO.30 - DEMBA TRAORE - FORWARD

A Swedish striker in his final year as a YT Scholar, Traore has been tipped as 'one for the future' after showing well for the reserves.

NO.15 - TOM YOUNGS - FORWARD

An intelligent, creative forward player who made his League debut in September 1997 in our 4-1 win over Colchester, almost scoring with his first touch. Youngs, who had his most productive campaign to date last season, is highly thought of at the Club. This borne out by the fact that he was awarded a professional contract despite remaining at school to study for his A levels. Tom has been with us since the age of ten and has progressed right through our Youth Development Scheme.

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Swindon	.531
Sunderland (WC)	.1,366
Millwall	.1,389
Brentford	.695
Wrexham	.352
Bristol City	.1,396
Rushden (FAC)	.1,736
Colchester	.309
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Peterborough	.918
Wigan	.261
QPR (FAC)	.1,976
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Swansea	.336

Away-day Hatters

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Bristol Rovers	.333
Cambridge	.1,210
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Bury	.419
Port Vale	.420
Stoke	.499
Peterborough	.290
Darlington	.527
Reading	.1,010
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 could win a little prize this evening. The PA announcer will pose another Town teaser before kick-off, so listen to him for your chance to have a go. If you don't know the answer, it can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

The question at the Bristol Rovers game was about the player who joined us from Rovers and played a big part in our 1982 Second Division championship success - Steve White.

This Evening's Question

Plenty of players have appeared for the Hatters and for Cambridge United. Can you name the defender who went from Luton to the Abbey Stadium via Stoke and Bradford?

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Photo Action

Swindon Town 1 Luton Town 3



MAIN PICTURE: Happy Hatters - Liam George is first to congratulate Keith Rowland after he headed the equaliser at Swindon - a crucial goal, four minutes after the home side had gone ahead, and just three minutes before the interval.

ABOVE: The moment to savour, as Rowland's header puts the ball into the net.

LEFT: Lee Mansell has struck in the final minute, and once more there are a lot of very happy Hatters to enjoy the moment with him.

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

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Mini Hatters

WE receive plenty of pictures for our Hatters Abroad series, and perhaps this one should be on that page rather than this - it has come from Australia. But little Ella Howard has only just celebrated her first birthday, so she has to be counted among our very young fans.

Peter Howard, from Camperdown, in New South Wales, is the father of Ella. He wrote: "As you can see, there can be no doubt where her allegiance lies, even though we live on the other side of the world!"

"I came to Australia six years ago, but prior to that had been going to Kenilworth Road since 1978. My good friend Robert Piggott, with whom I attended many games between 1980 and 1994, and who is still a season ticket holder, sent the shirt as a present for Ella upon her arrival last November.

"I would be extremely proud, and I am sure Robert would be delighted, if this photo could be published in the matchday magazine. And it would be a great memento for Ella when she is older.

"My wife and I are hoping to return for a holiday around Easter, and we will of course be visiting Kenilworth Road. I have so many happy memories of games that I have seen from the very first - against Orient - Ricky Hill scored - to my last year, when I was lucky enough to witness the great run to the FA Cup semi-final at Wembley."



OUR other mini-Hatter is much closer to home, and certain to be attending Kenilworth Road as soon as he is old enough.

Jamie Herd is 15 months old, and proud father Jason, from Downside, Dunstable, is a regular at Town matches. So is Jamie's mum, Shelley Thompson, and they knew what had to be top of the list for Santa Claus to take to young Jamie for his first Christmas - a full Luton Town kit. "It will be the first of many," promised Jason, who is also hoping that one day young Jamie will be mascot and run out onto the pitch with the players. He was enrolled as a Junior Hatter while he was just a day old.

WE welcome contributions to this occasional series. If you have a good picture of a very young Town fan and want to see it published, please send it to the Matchday Magazine Editor at the football club. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you want it returned, but please do not send in any picture that is irreplaceable, because they do occasionally go astray despite our best efforts.

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Blast from the Past

Roger Wash

Toffees break the Hatters hearts again

Fifteen years ago this week the Hatters seemed well on course to reach the F.A.Cup semi-final for the second year running but needed to see off Everton, their conquerors in the competition in the previous campaign.

The 1985/86 cup run had started with a potential 'banana skin' game in a visit to Crystal Palace of the old Division Two. The game was postponed on the original Saturday date due to a frostbound pitch but was passed fit 24 hours later when tenants Charlton took on West Ham.

The Town's tie against Palace was re-scheduled for the following day and quite predictably the pitch cut up early on which meant that, although the Hatters were the better footballing side, they were never able to fully stamp their impression on the game.

Brian Stein headed the Town into the lead in the eighth minute from a Mitchell Thomas cross but the defence was made to look uncomfortable on several occasions before David Preece doubled the lead with five minutes to go after being set up by Mick Harford. Kevin Taylor's 25 yard free-kick a minute later for Palace was too little too late as the Luton defence closed ranks.

On the morning following the Palace tie Mick Harford was admitted to hospital for a knee operation that was reckoned to keep him out of the side for between four and six weeks. It was major surprise, therefore, when he took his place in the Town attack only 18 days later for the next step on the road to Wembley, at home to Third Division Bristol Rovers.

Rovers, who had beaten top flight Leicester at Eastville in the previous round, were no match for the Town on the recently installed artificial surface at Kenilworth Road and after Harford put the Hatters into the lead early on there was only going to be one winner. The final 4-0 scoreline certainly did not flatter the Hatters with Brian Stein, at his best, providing the clever foil for Harford with both ably served from midfield by Ricky Hill, celebrating his recall to the England

squad for their forthcoming game in Egypt.

The reward for the convincing victory over the Pirates was a home draw with old adversaries Arsenal and all at Kenilworth Road were rubbing their hands with glee at the prospect of record crowd receipts from a game that certainly caught the public's imagination.

Unfortunately bad blood existed between the two sets of players brought about by a very physical confrontation at Highbury in a league game a couple of weeks before.

As such the scene was set for a full blooded cup-tie with no quarter given and at the end of 90 breathless minutes the score remained level at 2-2. All the goals came in the first half with Hill

turning Arsenal defender Martin Keown prior to firing home the first before the Gunners stormed back to take the lead through future Hatter Ian Allinson and David Rocastle.

Harford levelled before the break and although the second half lacked more goals it certainly provided pulsating excitement for the crowd of 15,799 with the only sour notes an injury to Brian Stein that would keep him out for two months and a post-match tirade from Arsenal manager, Don Howe, when he accused the Town of 'bludgeoning tactics.'

The replay was delayed for over two weeks because of the icy weather and the failure of the Highbury under soil heating system. On a freezing Monday evening the two teams then battled for two hours on a ridiculously dangerous surface to reach a 0-0 stalemate. The only bright spot for the Town, who were under the cosh for most of the game, was that they won the toss of a coin to take the second replay back to Kenilworth Road. In order to prevent disruption to the quarter-finals, which were due to be played on the following Saturday, the second replay against the Gunners had to be fitted in only two days after the Highbury clash.

It was therefore remarkable that at such short notice a crowd of 13,251 turned up at Kenilworth



Both still playing today! Mark Stein is congratulated by David Preece after scoring in the F.A.Cup quarter-final against Everton in 1986.

Road to see the marathon recommence. Those inside the ground, though, were treated to a Luton performance that was as good as anything witnessed within living memory.

Arsenal were not just beaten, they were swept aside by a Hatters side where every player was at the top of his form and the 3-0 final scoreline did not due full justice to the overall superiority in every department. Mark Stein, recalled from a loan spell at Aldershot, had a tremendous game and forced Arsenal defender, David O'Leary, into conceding an own goal as well as scoring the third. The first had been hammered home on the half volley by skipper Steve Foster after being set up by Andy King who had recently returned to his home town side after an absence of nine years. Arsenal manager, Don Howe, had little excuse for his sides complete humiliation and resigned soon afterwards.

It was therefore a weary set of players that prepared for a quarter-final tie only three days later. For their fourth game in eight days the Town were to take on Everton who were current league champions and were sitting proudly at the top of Division One once more.

They did not come any more tougher than that but the Town had a score to settle as the Toffees had broken the hearts of everyone in Bedfordshire by controversially winning the previous years semi-final clash between the sides.

Again, the logistical exercise of organising an all-ticket crowd at Kenilworth Road at short notice was overcome and 15,529 were present to see the Town sweep into the lead through Harford after 21 minutes.

When Mark Stein slotted home number two, just after the hour, the Luton supporters could have been forgiven for thinking that a semi-final appearance for the second year running was on the cards. Unfortunately a mixture of tired legs and remorseless pressure from the best team in the country soon brought everyone back to reality.

Goals from Graeme Sharp and Adrian Heath levelled the scores and it was only a couple of glaring misses from the normally deadly Gary Lineker just before the end that prevented the Toffees from snatching the tie.

Unfortunately, this story does not have a happy ending as in the replay, the following Wednesday, a massive Goodison crowd of 44,264 saw Lineker make up for his earlier misses by scoring the only goal early on after outpacing both Mal Donaghy and Steve Foster. The same man also saw a penalty saved by Les Sealey but the Town made a fight of it and a shot from Ray Daniel thudded against an upright as everyone was thrown forward towards the end.

Wembley would have to wait for another couple of years!

Roger Wash

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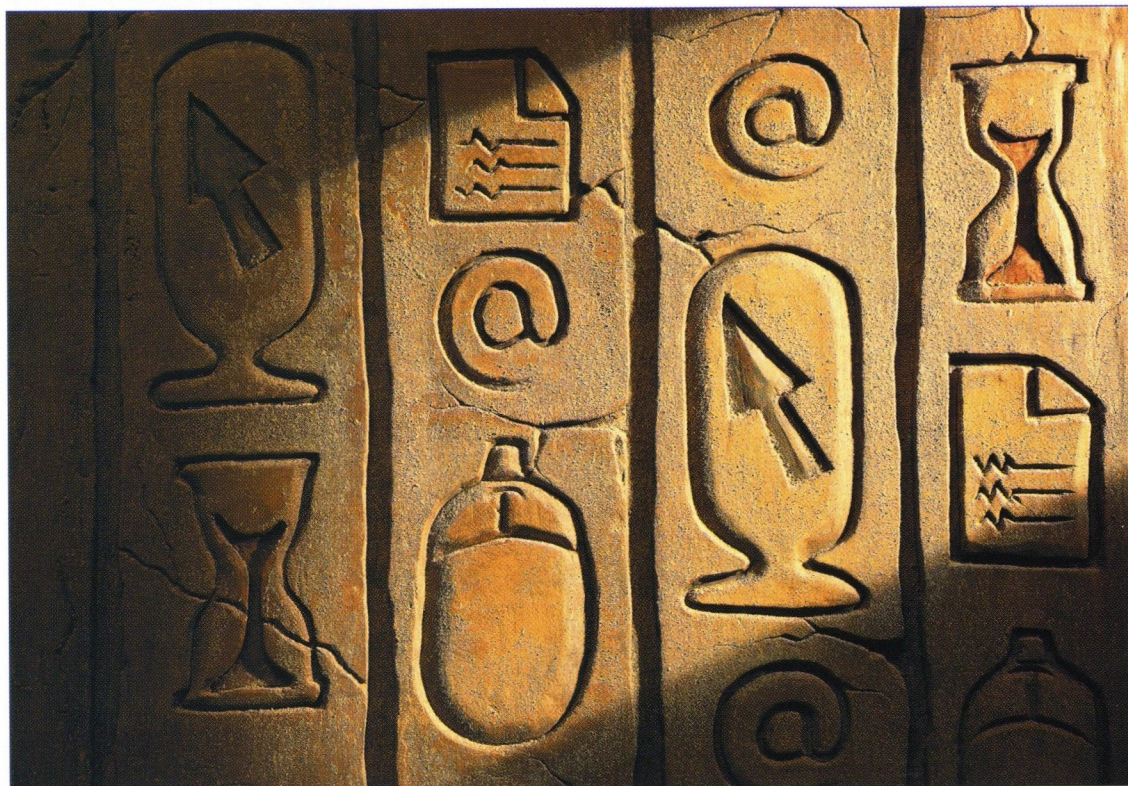
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Junior Hatters

AFTER hosting an enjoyable visit to Kenilworth Road by the Young Pirates, the Bristol Rovers version of the Junior Hatters, it is our turn to go travelling again on Saturday, with an official trip to Millwall. Thanks to financial help from our sponsors, London Luton Airport, we are able to offer a very good deal, with seats available at £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for guests. Our advice is to book early, through the club shop, because accommodation is limited. Our mascot group picture is from our trip to Swindon, when we had the perfect day out - good hospitality from the Young Robins, and, of course, a very good performance and result by the team. Swindon invited us to put on a mascot, and as usual the choice was made by lucky dip on the coach going to the match. Kevin Dumbleton, 10, from Pottery Close, Luton, had the honour, and as you can see he was able to do the job because he had brought his Town kit with him, so that he could take his place between Matthew Spring and the referee. Although Kevin said

before kick-off that his favourite player was Matthew Taylor, we understand that the youngster's allegiance might just have shifted a little towards Nathan Abbey.

As mascot, Kevin joined the players on the pitch for the pre-match warm-up and kick-about, and as the players were returning to the dressing room for the final team talk, Nathan's goalkeeping gloves caught Kevin's attention. They were a bit grubby after the work-out, and Nathan asked young Kevin if he was any good at washing goalies gloves. No sooner said than done, and after setting to with a will Kevin reckoned he had got the gloves spotless. Nathan thought so too. In fact he was so impressed he then gave the gloves to Kevin, who can still hardly believe his good luck. And from all of us at the Junior Hatters, thanks, Nathan - you made one young supporter very happy indeed.

Hot-shots wanted

IT'S Mother's Day soon, and the Junior Hatters, like the football club, are planning to offer mums an unusual treat at the Oxford game on March 17. 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. Harry will pick five Mums and Junior Hatters to take part in the shoot-out, and will notify the lucky participants.



Tonight's Mascot



A MONTH before his ninth birthday, Nicholas Hodges gets a special treat this evening, after his name was picked out of the computerised drum to be the Junior Hatters mascot.

He usually comes to games with his Dad and his brother, but tonight they will be able to cheer him, because as part of his mascot's

duties he will be on the pitch with the players before kick-off.

Nicholas lives at Barford Rise, Luton, and goes to Wigmore Primary School, and his favourite player is Stuart Douglas.

As well as supporting Luton, he enjoys using his computer and watching James Bond films.

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Hatters on Card

Alan Robinson

ALTHOUGH tonight's visitors only joined the Football League in 1970, there have been quite a few players who have turned out for Cambridge and the Town since then.

One of the most recent is defender John Dreyer, who moved to the Abbey Stadium from Premiership Bradford at the start of this season. Earlier in his career he spent six years at Kenilworth Road, and in 1992 was featured on card No. 40 of Bassett's annual football series, which were given away with their packets of candy sticks.

Alnwick-born Dreyer first came to prominence with Oxford Utd, after joining them as a 20-year-old from non-league neighbours Wallingford Town. After two seasons as a first-team regular, he came to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1988, soon after the Town's Littlewoods Cup triumph against Arsenal. Ironically, Dreyer had been in the Oxford team beaten by the Town in the semi-final. However, Oxford were relegated from the old First Division that year, and were pleased to accept Ray Harford's bid of around £140,000 for the up-and-coming defender who could play anywhere across the back four.

Dreyer appeared at left back in the Town's opening fixture of the 1988-89 campaign, which resulted in a 1-0 defeat at Sheffield Wednesday, but it was not until after another Littlewoods Cup final, and defeat against Nottingham Forest, that Dreyer got a proper run in the side. The Town were fighting for their First Division lives at the time, and although they maintained their status relegation dog-fights were to be the norm for Dreyer during his time here. After he won back his place that season he did not miss a league game until after the eventual fall from the top flight in May, 1992.

By then he had established himself as a classy centre-back, forming an effective partnership with veteran Trevor Peake. Before Peake's arrival from Coventry, Dreyer captained the side, and also took

responsibility for penalty kicks. He was usually successful, despite employing an unusual style which involved virtually no run-up to the ball.

Town fans warmed to his whole-hearted gutsy defending, and power in the air, and his nickname Tumble came not from any lack of ability to stay on his feet, but from the dressing room's nickname choice -Tumble Dreyer.

Relegation unfortunately did not mean an end to the seemingly endless struggle at the wrong end of the table. In 1993 the Town survived on the last

day of the season, despite a 2-1 defeat at Southend - other results mean that Cambridge and Brentford went down with Bristol Rovers.

The following season saw more relegation worries last until May, but at least we had a tremendous run in the FA Cup. Sadly, in a Wembley semi-final against Chelsea, Dreyer and his fellow defenders struggled against the aerial power of Tony Cascarino, who set up both goals in a 2-0 win. (They were scored by Gavin Peacock, who came back as a QPR player a few weeks ago to steal an FA Cup draw with a late penalty at Kenilworth Road).

Players' player of the year in 1990, and supporters player of the year in 1993, Dreyer exercised his right to take a free transfer in 1994 and joined Stoke City. Ironically, he was

sent off playing for Stoke against the Town a few months later.

He played nearly 250 first-team games for us and scored 15 goals. After a couple of years with Stoke, he moved on to Bradford, and last season he enjoyed his first taste of the Premiership, at the age of 36. He figured in Bradford's heroic last-day survival - his experiences in such situations with Luton obviously stood him in good stead!

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Action Replay

Swindon Town 1 Luton Town 3 (HT 1-1)

AFTER a midweek defeat at Walsall which was disappointing but not crucial, everyone knew that Saturday's visit to Swindon was much more important. And so did home boss Andy King, who was left deflated by the damage done to his club's survival hopes by one of his old teams.

"I can't complain. We weren't good enough to hold on to the lead, and in the second half we were second best," he said.

In a six-pointer, the Town showed the confidence of a team you might have thought was steamrolling its way to a title, rather than one fighting to escape the threat of relegation. And confidence is catching - not only do players obviously believe in themselves, the supporters are enjoying being on a roll as well, and more than 1,500 voiced their appreciation of another good team effort.

Paul McLaren was back to play in central defence after nearly two months on the injured list, and Swindon rarely got beyond him and Emerson Boyce and Richard Dryden. With Stuart Douglas injured, Andrew Fotiadis was recalled, but he limped off after only 12 minutes after a heavy collision with Steve Robinson, and Mark Stein took over before he too was subbed. Peter Thomson had only five minutes to impress, but it was enough for him to lay on the third goal.

The Town looked compact and well-organised, although Michael Reddy, on loan from Sunderland, occasionally threatened to do damage. He, like the rest of the Swindon team, faded as the Town got a grip, cancelling out Swindon's opener within four minutes just before the interval.

Swindon had been gifted the lead by a goalkeeper's error, but it failed to unsettle the Town, and it was a huge psychological blow when the equaliser was worked for and taken so quickly afterwards. The Town ran the show after the interval, leaving Joe Kinnear well pleased as Boyce and sub Lee Mansell added goals that were the least the Town deserved.

"We were the better side, and worked hard for the result," he said. "We knew it was very important to come here and get some sort of result. If Swindon had won it would have put more daylight between them and the other teams near the bottom of the table. Instead, we have ensured they are still in the mix, and we are closing the gap."

Match Details

Luton Town: Ovendale, Boyce, McLaren, Dryden, Taylor, Helin, Locke (Mansell 65 mins), Spring, Rowland, Douglas Fotiadis (Stein 12 mins, replaced by Thomson, 85), George. Unused subs Stirling, Abbey.

Booked: Keith Rowland, 14 mins, foul on Steve Robinson.

Swindon Town: Mildenhall, Heywood, Reeves, van der Linden, O'Halloran, Hewlett (Grazioli 80 mins), Robinson, Williams (Invincible 65 mins), Duke, Reddy, Alexander.

Booked: Antoine van der Linden, 75 mins, foul on Petri Helin.

The Goals: 1-0 38 mins - Gary Alexander simple header after Mark Ovendale dropped a left wing cross by Steve Robinson; 1-1 42 mins - Keith Rowland header from right wing cross by Emmerson Boyce; 1-2 70 mins - Boyce header, Rowland cross, this time from the left; 1-3 89 mins - Lee Mansell converting the rebound after Liam George sent Peter Thomson clear for a shot which was blocked by the goalkeeper.

Referee: Mark Cowburn

Attendance: 7,160 including a magnificent Town following of 1,512.



HOT-SHOT: Swindon did their best to keep Liam George quiet, without much success - he was always happy to take them on two at a time.

KILLER GOAL: Lee Mansell shoots, with Swindon goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall grounded after saving at the feet of Peter Thomson, who is on the right.



IT'S IN: Mansell turns away to begin celebrations as the ball nestles in the back of the net

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Marathon Appeal

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For the first time, our colours will be carried by a lady, 42-year-old Mrs Lynda Smith, from Loftus Close, Leagrave, and she is now well into her training routine as she prepares for her first marathon. "It's going pretty well," she said. "I am training hard, and building up the distances."

A long-time Town supporter, she also works for the club on match days, as one of the staff in the Joe Payne lounge.

She likes running for fun, and has enjoyed herself in several 10k races, including the Great North Run at Newcastle in October, completing the course in two hours and five minutes.

She is not too sure what sort of time she will achieve in the marathon. "I don't expect to win any prizes, and my main objective will be to complete the

course, and hopefully to raise a lot of money sponsorship money," she said. "If I can get round in about four and a half hours I will be satisfied." Lynda is raising money for the Keech Cottage appeal, the local children's hospice. And while she is chasing pledges from friends and workmates at the local education authority, we at Luton Town hope to boost her total.

In the past supporters have been generous to our entrants, and once again we ask for your backing. You can give any amount you like, large or small, either an amount per mile completed, or a round sum for the full distance. Pledges will be acknowledged in the matchday magazine.

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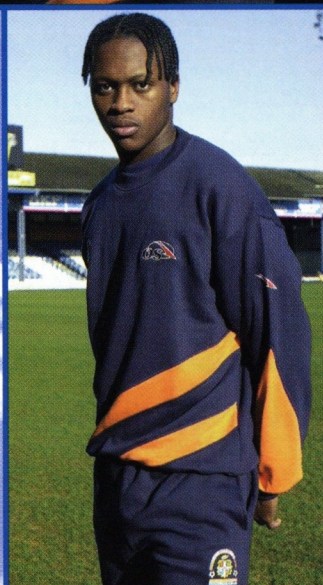
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A POTENTIALLY difficult match at Creasey Park - the pitch was freezing up while we were playing - ended with our young team acquitting themselves well. With Joe Kinnear wanting to work with a big squad to prepare for Saturday's league match against Bristol Rovers, our team included five youth squad players, plus three more who went on as subs. It was nice to see them getting a chance, and taking it. They are likely to learn more from a match like this than in the average youth team game. The South Midlands side played in the right spirit, and made us all feel very welcome. Their hospitality after the game was excellent, so we enjoyed the match and the occasion. We had the benefit of early goals to settle us down. Dean Brennan's

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Bristol City	13	2	5	6	11	18	11
Wycombe	14	3	2	9	10	33	11
Barnet	14	2	2	10	18	32	8
Leyton Orient	15	1	2	12	13	30	5

Avon Insurance Combination League Results and Fixtures

AUG	Wed 16	Barnet	H	3-1	Brennan 2, Kandol
	Mon 21	Peterborough (LC)	A	2-1	Kandol, Carter
	Tues 29	Millwall	A	0-2	
SEPT	Wed 13	L. Orient	A	postponed	
	Wed 20	Gillingham (LC)	H	1-1	Ayres pen
OCT	Wed 4	Fulham	H	4-1	Thomson 3, Brennan
	Wed 18	Gillingham	A	1-1	Brennan
NOV	Wed 1	Reading	A	0-2	
	Wed 15	Bristol City	A	0-0	
	Wed 29	Swindon	A	2-4	Scarlett, Thomson
DEC	Mon 6	Portsmouth	H*	3-0	Holmes, OG 2
	Mon 18	Oxford Utd	H*	1-0	Baptiste
JAN	Thurs 4	Norwich (LC)	A	0-2	

ball set up Tresor Kandol to score in the fifth minute with a good finish, and five minutes later Andre Scarlett punished hesitant defending and hit a shot into the corner. We tended to sit back a bit after that, and paid the price, with Dunstable scoring in the 30th minute. We half-cleared a corner but failed to be first to the second ball, and a striker hit a terrific shot into the net off the underside of the bar. With 15 minutes to go a good move ended with the home keeper blocking a shot, with Brennan quickest to react to convert the rebound, and with ten minutes to go James Osborn, who had just gone on as a sub, went through and slotted home an excellent goal. Overall, it was a very good work-out for all our players, and it was good to see how the younger ones responded - they have the example of Lee Mansell to follow to see what can be achieved in this club by the time you are 18!

Luton Town: Ward, Bruce, Breitenfelder, Dogbe, Everitt, Brennan, Standen, Holmes (Osborn 65 mins), Scarlett (Carroll 75 mins), Kandol, Murphy (Dillon 60 mins)

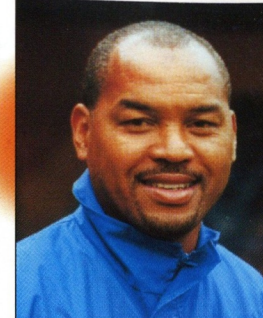
WE WILL be away to our near-neighbours Brache Sparta in the next round, with a date still to be fixed. We resume our Avon Insurance Combination programme with a visit to Norwich on Thursday, kick-off 7.30pm). The following Wednesday, March 14, we entertain Southend at Kenilworth Road (2pm).

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Breitenfelder 14, Stirling 13, Scarlett 13, Brennan 12, Standen 10(5), Abbey 9, Ayres 8, Kandol 7(2), Thomson 7(1), Holmes 7, Ovendale 5, McGowan 5, Dogbe 4(3), Baptiste 4(2), Fraser 4, Mansell 3(1), Carroll 3, Stein 3, Johnson 3, Ward 3, Karlens 3, Douglas 3, Locke 3, Carter 3, Glasgow 2(2), Minton 2(1), James-Barriteau 2(1), George 2, Walker 2, Fotiadis 2, Piercwright 2, Bruce 1(3), Murphy 1(3), Dillon 1(2), Osborn 1(2), Downer 1(1), Watts 1, Boyce 1, McLaren 1, Everitt 1, Mortara 1, Muffin 1, Codner 1, Tait 1, Onachie 1, Okai 1, Dickie 1, Carham 1, Joynson 1, Mason 1, Showunmi 1, Rose 1, Gray 1, Pihamma 1, Saker 1, Clarke 0(1), Carroll 0(1), Newell 0(1), Essandoh 0(1).

Goals: Brennan 5, Thomson 4, Kandol 3, Stein 2, Ayres 1 pen, Scarlett 2, Holmes 1, Carter 1, Baptiste 1, George 1, Osborn 1, OG 2

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	
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FEB				
Mon 12	Cheltenham	H*	Postponed	
Wed 21	Cambridge Utd (LC)	H	0-2	
Mon 26	Colchester	A	1-1	Stein
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MAR				
Thurs 1	Dunstable (BPC)	A	4-1	Brennan, Kandol, Scarlett, Osborn
Thurs 8	Norwich City	A	7.30pm	
Wed 14	Southend	H	2pm	
Mon 19	Peterborough	A	2pm	
Mon 26	Brentford	H*	7pm	
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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 3
Northampton 1**

AFTER being beaten by the odd goal in our four previous games, our attackers had been losing confidence, but they rediscovered it against Northampton, and we were deserving winners in the Football League Youth Alliance.

The whole team played well, and the attackers took to heart my demand that they work harder. We had more of the game than Northampton, and might have scored more goals. My only criticism was that we took our foot off the pedal after going three up early in the second half, and not only allowed Northampton to have more of the game, but also conceded a silly goal with 15 minutes to go. Overall, however, the team did well, and once more our schoolboys acquitted themselves well. Duane Clarke gave us the lead in the 20th minute, going round the goalkeeper to score at the end of a good move, and an own goal made it 2-0 on 38 minutes. John Carroll tried to set up Chris Dillon, and a defender's attempt to beat him to the ball saw him put it into his own net. Dillon did get onto the score-sheet, four minutes into the second half.

Luton Town: Ward, Leary (Howell 75 mins), Carroll,

Dogbe (Bruce HT), Deeney, Gillman, Osborn, Foley, Dillon, Clarke (Jeffrey 80 mins), O'Leary.

WE HAVE now embarked on the second half of the Football League Youth Alliance season, playing in a new league for us, the Southern Section Merit Division.

At the time of writing we had no fixture for Saturday, but we are away to Cardiff on March 17. We will continue to use Luton Rugby Club's ground for home matches, which will normally kick off at 11 am, but for the visits of Swansea and Cardiff, games will start at 12 noon to make it easier for the visitors to get here.

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

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE South East Conference Results and fixtures

AUG	16	Southend	H	2-2	Carroll, James-Barriteau
	26	L. Orient	A	0-4	
SEPT	2	Portsmouth	H	1-1	Dillon
	9	Wycombe Wdrs	H	2-0	Dillon 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

FL YOUTH ALLIANCE MERIT DIVISION Southern Section, Divisone One Results and Fixtures

MARCH	3	Plymouth	H	
	17	Cardiff City	A	
	31	Portsmouth	H	
APRIL	14	Swansea City	A	
	21	Wycombe Wdrs	H	
MAY	5	Brentford	A	

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
Luton Town	16	5	5	6	27	24	20
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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22,133

Stoke v Port Vale

Lowest Gate

1,584

Wrexham

vs Cambridge

Highest

Aggregate

Score

Brentford2

Bristol Rovers .6

Bristol City6

Cambridge2

Luton5

Swansea3

Biggest

Home Win

Cambridge6

Rotherham1

Reading5

Oldham0

Millwall5

Oxford0

Millwall6

Colchester1

Biggest

Away Win

Brentford2

Bristol Rovers .6

Peterborough 0

Stoke4

Consec. Wins

Walsall

Rotherham5

Games

Unbeaten

Wigan18

Consec. Defeats

Bury, Swansea 5

Winless Run

Bristol Rovers,

Cambridge12

Total Games

393

Home Wins

17545%

Away Wins

11128%

Draws

10727%

Nationwide2Stats

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Div.2 Results Grid

HOME GOALS									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	35	36	17	9	2				
1	41	48	31	22	5	4	2		
2	18	19	19	15	3	1			
3	8	8	6	5	1	1			
AWAY GOALS									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	35	36	17	9	2				
1	41	48	31	22	5	4	2		
2	18	19	19	15	3	1			
3	8	8	6	5	1	1			

for clubs below, read
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and last 5 results

Division 2 Ave. Attendances

	3000	6000	9000	12000	15000
Bournemouth					4,166
Brentford					4,880
Bristol City					10,393
Bristol Rovers					7,201
Bury					3,246
Cambridge					4,351
Colchester					3,532
Luton					5,832
Millwall					10,653
Northampton					5,819
Notts County					5,378
Oldham					4,575
Oxford					4,947
Peterborough					5,882
Port Vale					4,305
Reading					11,597
Rotherham					5,169
Stoke					13,674
Swansea					5,694
Swindon					5,983
Walsall					5,650
Wigan					6,717
Wrexham					3,539
Wycombe					5,262

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
3-0 Swansea	0-4 Millwall
6-1 Roth'am	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 3 clubs
4-1 Roth'am	1-5 Walsall
5-1 Wrexham	0-5 Reading
3-1 Nrthmptn	0-5 Millwall
4-0 Swindon	0-4 Stoke
5-0 Oldham	0-4 Brstl City
3-0 4 clubs	1-6 Cmbidge
4-0 Oxfid/Stke	0-3 Walsall
4-0 Luton	1-5 Rdg/Wal
3-0 Bury	0-4 P'boro
5-1 Nts C/Swa	1-3 Wy/Swa
3-1 3 Clubs	1-3 Millwall
4-1 Bury	1-5 Oldham
3-1 3 Clubs	0-3 Bmouth

Last 5 Home Results

WDDLW	WDLWW	WWWWWD	LDDDW	LLWWW	DLLLW	WLLDW	WLWWD	DLDWW	WWLWW	WWWLW	WLLDL	DWLWW	LDWWD	LWWDW	WWWWW	WWDDW	WDDL	LWDDL	WDLWL	WDDDD	WDDWW	LWDDL
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Referees Report

	C	RC	YC	Av. Yell
Fletcher	18	1	81	4.50
Olivier	20	4	84	4.20
Prosser	16	6	67	4.19
Hall	21	11	87	4.14
Mathieson	20	2	78	3.90
Foy	20	5	76	3.80
Dowd	21	8	79	3.76
Ryan	16	4	59	3.69
Cooper	13	5	47	3.62
Curson	19	5	68	3.58
Winter	8	0	28	3.50
Knight	11	4	38	3.45
Jones P	11	0	38	3.45

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

see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	1st Gl	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms	Ave	W>L	W:D	D:L	Pts	Run	Dry
Bournemouth	Defoe	13	4	9	2	0	17	0.76	1	2	2	9	10	3
Brentford	Owusu	5	1	5	0	0	21	0.24	0	2	2	6	2	6
Bristol City	Thorpe	16	3	8	1	2	30	0.53	1	2	2	9	2	5
Bristol Rovers	Ellington	9	3	5	2	0	26	0.35	1	1	4	9	3	10
Bury	Reid	4	1	2	1	0	30	0.13	0	0	0	0	2	16
Cambridge	Youngs	11	2	7	2	0	29	0.38	0	3	2	8	3	5
Colchester	Stockwell	6	1	4	1	0	33	0.18	1	0	2	5	1	16
Luton	George	5	0	5	0	0	29	0.17	0	0	1	1	2	9
Millwall	Harris	22	7	9	2	3	33	0.67	1	4	2	13	3	3
Northampton	Forrester	16	9	12	2	0	33	0.48	1	5	5	18	5	8
Notts County	Stallard	13	7	13	0	0	30	0.43	0	5	2	12	3	4
Oldham	Corazzini	8	3	4	0	1	28	0.29	0	2	0	4	1	10
Oxford	Beauchamp	6	1	4	1	0	30	0.20	0	1	0	2	1	7
Peterborough	McKenzie	10	3	6	2	0	19	0.53	1	1	1	6	2	3
Port Vale	Naylor	8	3	4	2	0	27	0.30	0	2	0	4	2	7
Reading	Cureton	17	6	11	0	2	29	0.59	0	5	2	12	3	4
Rotherham	Robins	15	6	11	2	0	29	0.52	1	3	3	12	2	2
Stoke	Thorne	14	6	7	2	1	24	0.58	1	4	2	13	3	6
Swansea	Savarese	12	2	3	3	1	21	0.57	1	0	4	7	2	4
Swindon	Invincible	8	2	4	2	0	29	0.28	0	2	1	5	2	9
Walsall	Leitao	13	7	13	0	0	34	0.38	0	4	1	9	3	5
Wigan	Liddell	9	4	7	1	0	31	0.29	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=Hat-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

Numbers

PU	CS	FS
30	8	4
27	9	10
30	9	9
32	10	14
27	10	10
32	8	9
27	10	11
30	5	12
30	15	5
30	9	11
32	12	8
27	10	11
38	3	13
25	11	11
25	7	10
28	13	6
26	13	3
26	17	5
28	8	15
32	7	13
22	11	7
30	14	10
26	7	8
28	8	13

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Second Division Scene Brian Swain

IT WAS a case of some good news, some not so good after the

Town's home draw on Saturday. Oxford and Swansea stayed well adrift at the bottom, but Swindon, Port Vale and Cambridge, the teams we are chasing to try to get out of trouble, all picked up points. Swindon recovered from losing to the Town a week earlier by earning a 0-0 draw at Wigan, who had just parted company with manager Bruce Rioch. Port Vale had an even better result, winning 1-0 at Wycombe. Their third away win of the season was courtesy of ex-Watford striker Steve Brooker, who netted his fourth goal since Brian Horton signed him.. They were in the bottom four a month ago when they lost at Reading but have crept up to 19th with three wins and two draws since then. Bury are another team who have set an example we might like to follow: in the middle of last month a run of six games without a win saw them drop to 18th place, but they are now unbeaten in their last six following Saturday's win over Swansea, and have moved up to 14th.

Nationwide Division Two Table

	HOME					AWAY					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A		
Millwall	34	11	2	4	35 11	10	4	3	32 21	69	
Rotherham	33	11	4	3	37 21	7	4	4	18 18	62	
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Reading	32	12	3	2	45 16	6	3	6	17 19	60	
Walsall	35	12	4	2	41 18	5	5	7	18 22	60	
Wigan	35	11	6	0	23 9	4	8	6	19 21	59	
Stoke	33	9	5	3	25 13	6	7	3	28 20	57	
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Bristol City	33	9	4	4	37 19	5	6	5	16 17	52	
Notts County	33	8	4	4	28 21	7	3	7	16 25	52	
Northampton	35	7	6	4	22 19	6	4	8	17 24	49	
Brentford	33	7	6	3	23 21	4	6	7	14 24	45	
Bournemouth	33	5	6	5	22 18	6	5	6	30 24	44	
Wrexham	32	7	4	5	20 18	5	4	7	25 31	44	
Oldham	34	9	4	5	28 19	2	6	8	12 26	43	
Bury	33	8	4	5	20 17	4	3	9	14 25	43	
Peterborough	33	9	3	4	26 20	2	6	9	14 24	42	
Wycombe	30	7	2	5	18 15	4	6	6	13 17	41	
Colchester	33	6	4	6	19 16	4	5	8	18 27	39	
Cambridge	34	6	5	6	24 19	4	3	10	20 36	38	
Port Vale	30	6	6	4	25 16	3	2	9	9 22	35	
Bristol Rov	30	1	8	4	10 16	6	5	6	22 18	34	
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Swindon	32	4	6	7	22 29	4	3	8	9 21	33	
Luton Town	32	4	2	9	18 27	4	5	8	22 32	31	
Swansea	32	3	6	6	14 15	2	3	12	17 39	24	
Oxford Utd	32	3	3	11	15 24	1	1	13	17 44	16	

Brian Swain

Tonight's Other Second Division Fixtures

Bristol City v Walsall
Bury v Millwall
Northampton v Bristol Rovers
Peterborough v Brentford
Swindon v Oldham
Wigan v Notts County
Wrexham v Oxford
Wycombe v Reading

There are 12 Football League referees called John.
But not often.

Statistics Fixtures

2000 / 2001

	Date	Opposition	Result	Scorers	League Place	Attd.	Team
AUGUST	Sat 12	Notts County	H 3pm	0-1	-	7,059	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Johnson
AUGUST	Sat 19	Wigan	A 3pm	1-2	-	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	18	5,221	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
AUGUST	Mon 28	Wycombe Wdrs	A 3pm	1-1	17	6,001	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 2	Rotherham Utd	A 3pm	1-1	17	4,061	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough WC1(2)	A 7.45pm	2-2	17	4,286	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 9	Northampton Town	H 3pm	0-2	19	6,712	Abbey Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Tue 12	Walsall	H 7.45pm	0-0	19	4,362	Abbey Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Sat 16	Swansea City	A 3pm	0-4	20	6,011	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Locke
SEPTEMBER	Tue 19	Sunderland WC2(1)	A 7.45pm	0-3	20	24,668	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 23	Swindon Town	H 3pm	2-3	21	4,933	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Tue 26	Sunderland WC2(2)	H 7.45pm	1-2	21	5,262	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
SEPTEMBER	Sat 30	Bristol Rov	A 3pm	3-3	22	7,901	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren Fraser
OCTOBER	Sun 8	Millwall	H 12pm	0-1	22	5,345	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren McGowan
OCTOBER	Fri 13	Cambridge Utd	A 8pm	1-2	23	6,191	Ovendale Boyce Watts McLaren McGowan
OCTOBER	Tue 17	Oxford Utd	A 7.45pm	0-0	23	4,537	Abbey Boyce Watts McLaren McGowan
OCTOBER	Sat 21	Brentford	H 3pm	3-1	23	5,382	Abbey Boyce Watts McLaren Johnson
OCTOBER	Sat 28	Wrexham	H 3pm	3-4	23	5,341	Abbey Boyce Watts McLaren Johnson
NOVEMBER	Sat 4	Bury	A 3pm	1-1	23	2,861	Abbey Boyce Watts McLaren Johnson
NOVEMBER	Sat 11	Bristol City	H 3pm	0-3	23	6,595	Abbey Boyce McLaren Johnson
NOVEMBER	Fri 17	Rushden & D FAC1	H 8pm	1-0	23	5,771	Abbey Boyce McLaren Johnson
NOVEMBER	Sat 25	Port Vale	A 3pm	0-3	23	4,194	Abbey Boyce Whitbread Watts McLaren Johnson
DECEMBER	Sat 2	Stoke City	A 3pm	3-1	23	12,389	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Watts McLaren Johnson
DECEMBER	Tue 5	Peterborough LDVT1	A 7.45	0-1	23	2,075	Ovendale Ayres Karlsen Fraser McLaren Johnson
DECEMBER	Sat 9	Darlington FAC2	A 3pm	0-0	23	3,641	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Watts McLaren Johnson
DECEMBER	Sat 16	Colchester Utd	H 3pm	0-3	23	4,791	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Watts McLaren Johnson
DECEMBER	Tue 19	Darlington FAC2R	H 7.45	2-0	23	3,563	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Watts McLaren Johnson
DECEMBER	Tue 23	Reading	A 3pm	1-4	23	10,771	Abbey Johnson Whitbread Boyce McLaren Johnson
DECEMBER	Tue 26	Peterborough	H 1pm	3-2	23	7,374	Abbey Boyce Whitbread Fraser McLaren Johnson
DECEMBER	Sat 30	Wigan	H 3pm	0-2	23	5,322	Ovendale Watts Whitbread Fraser McLaren Johnson
JANUARY	Mon 1	Bournemouth	A 3pm	2-3	23	5,411	Ovendale Watts Whitbread Fraser McLaren Johnson
JANUARY	Sat 6	QPR FAC3	H 3pm	3-3	23	8,677	Ovendale Boyce Whitbread Fraser McLaren Johnson
JANUARY	Fri 12	Wycombe	H 7.45pm	1-2	23	4,551	Ovendale Boyce Whitbread Fraser McLaren Johnson
JANUARY	Wed 17	QPR FAC3R	A 8pm	1-2aet	23	14,395	Ovendale McGowan Whitbread Fraser McLaren Johnson
JANUARY	Tue 23	Oldham	A 7.45pm	0-2	23	3,011	Ovendale McGowan Whitbread Boyce McLaren Johnson
FEBRUARY	Sat 10	Northampton Town	A 3pm	1-0	23	6,633	Ovendale Boyce Stirling Dryden Rowland
FEBRUARY	Tue 13	Notts County	A 7.45pm	3-1	23	4,333	Ovendale Boyce Stirling Dryden Rowland
FEBRUARY	Sat 17	Swansea City	H 3pm	5-3	22	7,085	Ovendale Boyce Stirling Dryden Rowland
FEBRUARY	Tue 20	Walsall	A 7.45pm	1-3	22	4,816	Ovendale Boyce Stirling Dryden Rowland
FEBRUARY	Sat 24	Swindon	A 3pm	3-1	22	7,160	Ovendale Boyce McLaren Dryden Rowland
MARCH	Sat 3	Bristol Rov	H 3pm	0-0	22	7,405	Abbey Boyce Watts Dryden Rowland
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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Saturday, March 17, 2001, kick-off 3pm

						Substitutes
Taylor	Spring	Locke,	George,	Stein	Fotiadis	Holmes for Locke 57, Fraser for Watts 78. Unused: Stirling, Brennan, Abbey.
Taylor	Holmes	Locke	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Fraser for Johnson HT, Scarlett for Locke 73, Brennan for Holmes 83. Unused: Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for Fotiadis 81. Unused: Stirling, Locke, Scarlett, Abbey.
Taylor	Holmes	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for George 57, Locke for Holmes 86. Unused: Stirling, Kandol, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	George	Stein	Fotiadis	Brennan for George 55, Kandol for Fotiadis 76. Unused: Locke, Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Fotiadis	Kandol for Fotiadis HT; Brennan for Holmes 65; George for Stein 81. Unused: Stirling, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes for Brennan 74; Locke for Spring 105; Kandoll for Stein 113. Unused: Stirling, Abbey
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	George	Holmes for Spring 75; Kandol for Brennan 60. Unused: Locke, Stirling, Brietenfelder.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Brennan	Stein	Thomson	George for Brennan 52; Kandol for Thomson 72: Holmes for Scarlett 82. Unused: Fraser, Ovendale.
Taylor	Stirling	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	George for Stein 75. Unused: Fraser, Scarlett, Thomson, Abbey.
Taylor	Scarlett	Spring	Holmes	Stein	Kandol	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	Breitenfelder	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.
Taylor	McLaren	Locke	Helin	George	Stein.	Douglas for Stein 66 mins; Stirling for McLaren 80 mins. Unused: Fotiadis, Thomson, Ward



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33

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15

MATTHEW SPRING

4

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8

KEITH ROWLAND

39

LIAM GEORGE

11

STUART DOUGLAS

9

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32

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10

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14

ADAM LOCKE

12

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24

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1

12

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5

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14

LUKE GUTTRIDGE

4

ANDY DUNCAN

25

MARTIN McNEIL

20

JOHN DREYER

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