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Welcome to tonight's game against high flying Luton Town, a side that I have watched this season in my capacity as chief scout at Hull City. I am certain that it will be a very difficult game for us, but having said that, I will prepare my team in a positive manner and with an attacking approach to win this game.

In the games so far since taking over as manager I cannot fault the effort and commitment from my players, as shown in Saturdays draw against Bristol Rovers. We created good chances particularly in the first half and as the game went on we showed our resilience in defence with a determination not to concede a goal. Obviously I am aware of the situation on the goal-scoring front, as are my players. I am trying to put that right on the training ground, encouraging forward play. I am sure we can solve this problem and hopefully can put this right tonight.

It has been a hectic nine days in charge, but in this time I have seen our youth team win in the F.A. Youth Cup and our reserves coming back to draw 2-2 against Wigan. I have assessed and looked at all the fit professionals and I will take some time to analyse the group thoroughly, but, so far, I am pleased with the standard throughout.

Enjoy the Game

Alan Little

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Today's Visitors Luton Town



Emmerson Boyce. Born Aylesbury, 24.9.79

One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and made the breakthrough to the League squad at the age of 19 midway through the 1999/2000 season after occasional appearances following a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999.

Dean Brennan. Born 17.6.80, Dublin

Previous Luton boss Ricky Hill had worked as a youth coach at Sheffield Wednesday before re-joining Luton for a brief and unsuccessful spell as manager in the summer of 2000, and one of his first actions was to go back to Hillsborough for a midfielder he admired. Luton record to the start of this season: 11 appearances.

Ahmet Brkovic. Born Dubrovnik, Croatia, 23.9.74

Believing a move would be good for his career, the midfield playmaker refused new terms at Leyton Orient in the summer of 2001, to join Luton on a Bosman free transfer. Orient had signed him on a free from HNK Dubrovnik in the autumn of 1999, and he was a regular in their league squad last season.

Chris Coyne. Born Brisbane, 20.12.78

The centre-half was playing for Perth Soccer Club when he was selected for the Australian under-17 squad for the 1994 youth World Cup, and came to the notice of Harry Redknapp, then manager of West Ham. An invitation to report to Upton park for trials led to Coyne signing for the Hammers as a teenager.

Dean Crowe. Born Stockport, 6.6.79 (Loan)

Manager Joe Kinnear moved swiftly to sign Crowe on loan from Stoke City in late September when an injury crisis decimated the Hatters squad. The striker made an immediate impact: he scored on his debut, at Plymouth, then added another goal in his second Luton game.

Stuart Douglas. Born Enfield, 9.4.78

A striker with excellent pace, Douglas was a 17-year-old trainee when he scored on his league debut for Luton against Oldham in 1995, but a series of injuries delayed his progress before he won a regular place in Luton's league side in the 1998/99 season.

Richard Dryden. Born Stroud, 14.6.69

Vastley experienced, the defender has played at all levels of professional football, and accepted his second Luton contract at the end of last season. He had been recruited on a free transfer from Southampton in February 2001. Bristol Rovers gave Dryden his start in football, as a trainee, but after a handful of games he was allowed to move on to Exeter for £10,000. Luton record to the start of this season: 20 appearances.

Carl Emberson. Born Epsom, 13.7.73

Wanting two players to compete for the first team goalkeeper's spot, Joe Kinnear moved swiftly in the summer of 2001 to persuade Emberson to choose Luton instead of Plymouth, who were also interested, when his contract at Walsall ended. His career began at Millwall as a trainee, but he made his name in a seven-year spell at Colchester before going to the Bescot Stadium in the summer of 1999. There he was in the squad which won promotion to Division One, and Kinnear hopes he will enjoy similar success at Luton.

Adrian Forbes. Born Ealing 23.1.79

After considerable First Division experience, and with an England youth cap to his credit, Forbes was a surprise inclusion on Norwich City's list of players available for transfer in the summer of 2001, and Luton boss Joe Kinnear was delighted to pay £75,000 for a right winger to add much-needed width to his attacking formation.

Andrew Fotiadis. Born Hitchin, 6.9.77.

A local discovery, Fotiadis chose to stay at school to gain GCSE A-levels before being a full-time soccer professional. Luton record to the start of this season: 112 appearances, 13 goals.

Stuart Fraser. Born Edinburgh 9.1.80

Stylish defender and former skipper of the Luton youth team who was given his league debut against Carlisle, in a 3-2 win, on the final day of the 1997/98 season. Within a year he was established as a regular member of the Luton squad and the Scottish under-21 team, until he suffered a broken leg playing for Luton at Queens Park Rangers in January 2001. Luton record to the start of this season: 63 appearances, 1 goal.

Liam George. Born Luton, 2.2.79

Quick, and with tricky footwork, the striker came through the ranks after joining Luton as a schoolboy, and became a regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European youth championships final in the summer of 1998. George had made his league debut in September 1997, but suffered a broken leg soon afterwards and was out of football for nearly a year. Luton record to the start of this season: 118 appearances, 25 goals.

Carl Griffiths. Born Welshpool, 15.7.71

An impressive scoring record - a goal in every 2.5 starts for seven previous clubs - led to Carl Griffiths becoming a major summer target for Luton after relegation from the Second Division, and they got their man when they signed him from Leyton Orient for a fee reported to be £65,000. His earlier moves had totted up to well over £1 million, starting with a £500,000 transfer from Shrewsbury to Manchester City.

Ian Hillier. Born Neath, 26.12.79 (Loan)

No-one was more surprised than the Welsh under-21 international himself when he made his league debut for Luton in the second game of this season. The day before he was training with Spurs, where he was captain of the reserves, and waiting impatiently for the chance to break

into the Premiership team. Luton boss Joe Kinnear had Hillier's name on a list of players to watch, and when a crop of injuries decimated his defence he approached Glenn Hoddle to try to buy the young right back.

Peter Holmes. Born Bishop Auckland, 18.11.80

This season is probably a make-or-break campaign for a midfielder who once seemed destined for soccer stardom. He is a product of the FA's School of Excellence, in the same year as Michael Owen. Sheffield Wednesday were his first club, but relegation from the Premiership in May 2000 left them desperate to cut the pay-roll and Luton signed the two-footed midfielder for a nominal fee a few months later. Luton record to the start of this season: 22 appearances, 1 goal.

Steve Howard. Born Durham, 10.5.76

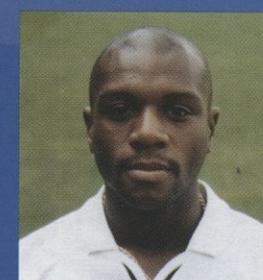
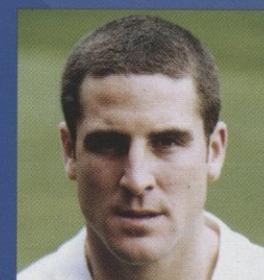
Joe Kinnear swooped on deadline day in March 2001 to prise the tall striker away from Northampton for a bargain fee of £50,000. The price was down to the Bosman effect - Howard had cost the Cobblers a then record club fee of £120,000 when they recruited him from Hartlepool two years previously. At Sixfields his height and power as a target man, and a scoring rate of a goal every four games, helped Northampton to win promotion to Division Two. Luton record to the start of this season: 12 appearances, 3 goals.

Paul Hughes. Born Hammersmith 19.4.76

A promising career that began at Chelsea was painfully and cruelly interrupted after the gifted midfielder earned the admiration of, among others, Glenn Hoddle, the former England boss. Hughes worked his way up at Stamford Bridge from trainee to Premiership, and Joe Kinnear was one of several managers who marked him out as an outstanding prospect. Hughes learned his trade under Hoddle's management, and gained experience on loan to Stockport, Norwich and Crewe.

Marvin Johnson. Born Wembley, 29.10.68.

Longest-serving player at Kenilworth Road, Johnson is arguably the most popular member of the Kenilworth Road staff with his colleagues and with the fans. Always cheerful, even when recovering from injury setbacks, the defender is in his 14th season as a first-team regular at Luton, his only club, and skipper of the team he joined as a schoolboy. He is desperate to enjoy this season - a serious neck injury restricted him to only 11 games last year as Luton suffered relegation. Luton record to the start of



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Good Evening and a warm welcome to all here at The Shay.

It is a pleasure to welcome Luton Town to The Shay and in particular Joe Kinnear who has chosen to return to Football management despite his previous illness. A brave step back into the world of Football but it just goes to prove that the limelight of football is indeed a strong attraction.

Yet again another appeal goes out to the business community of Halifax for volunteers to become a member of our board here at Halifax Town to assist our three members in attempting to operate the club in a positive manner.

This appeal for support, I know, is becoming repetitive but the cry for help will carry on until hopefully we can succeed in strengthening the Board.

Let us enjoy the game tonight, will our team to secure that elusive goal and carrying on supporting them through this lean patch.

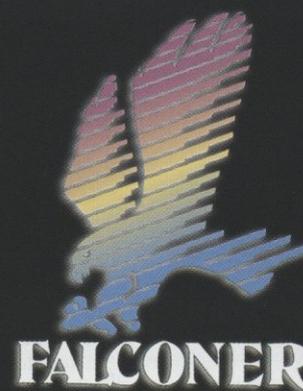
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Exciting times ahead for Halifax AFC - together we can turn our dreams into reality

Good evening to you all, particularly those of you who have travelled up the M1 from Hatterland for this evening's match. I lived in Luton for 4 years while gaining academic qualifications from the then College of Technology (now University), so I became well versed in the delights of Greene King Abbot Ale amongst other things. The nightlife I found disappointing, but seeing as though it was a quarter of a century ago I'll assume things have now changed for the better! And yes, I did follow Luton Town, even to some away games, when players like Don Givens and Viv Busby were strutting their stuff.

Welcome then to The Shay, where hopefully work has now recommenced on the East Stand. This is of course but one example of the state of flux we currently find ourselves in, with a new Board Structure and various backroom changes continuing at a rare pace. At least one aspect would appear to have now been sorted, that of course being the appointment of Alan Little as Team Manager. Good luck in your new job Alan, and let's hope you have the steady influence we are so obviously in need of.

Things are now moving on the Youth development initiative; the first 'brainstorming' meeting having taken place on Thursday 11th October 2001. We are left in no doubt as to the size of the task ahead, but hopefully we are equal to the challenge. A discussion document is currently being circulated to all interested parties, but it is not too late to get involved if you have any experiences or suggestions, which may

bring about an increase in the number of junior Halifax Town supporters.

'Freddy's Fright Night' on Halloween may well start the ball rolling in this respect, so get your fancy dress stuff sorted out and come along. Details have been published here twice already, so sufficient to say that if you want any further info, contact any Supporters Club committee member.

Thanks to Andrew Hodgson for bringing some ancient pictures of Town fans doing a spot of painting around the ground (prior to the FA Cup match with Manchester City in 1980 I believe) along to the recent fixture with Scunthorpe United. It is always a good laugh seeing what our fans looked like twenty odd years ago. If anyone else has something similar stuck in their album, dig it out and bring it along – unless of course it features myself.

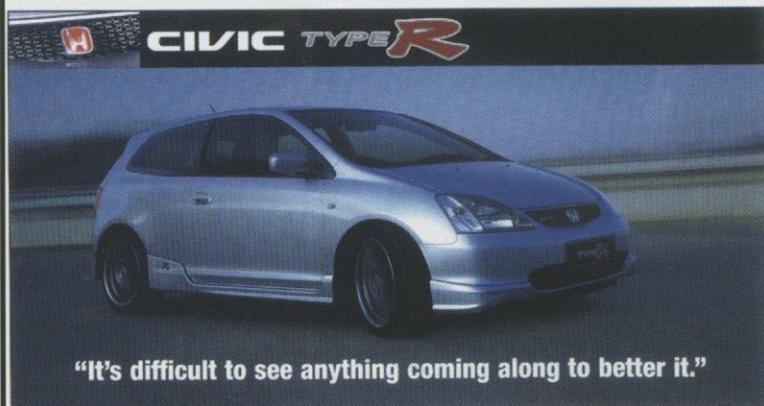
Some of our fans have today been filmed for an imminent version of the Chrysalis TV 'On the Road' programme, so don't be surprised if you see a few familiar faces smirking from your television set and spoiling your viewing.

The next supporters club meeting is scheduled for 1st November; more details when known. No bucket collection to report on tonight, as work commitments prevented my usual appearance prior to the Scunthorpe United match. Just give me double tonight, and all will be OK!

See you soon.

Kit Walton

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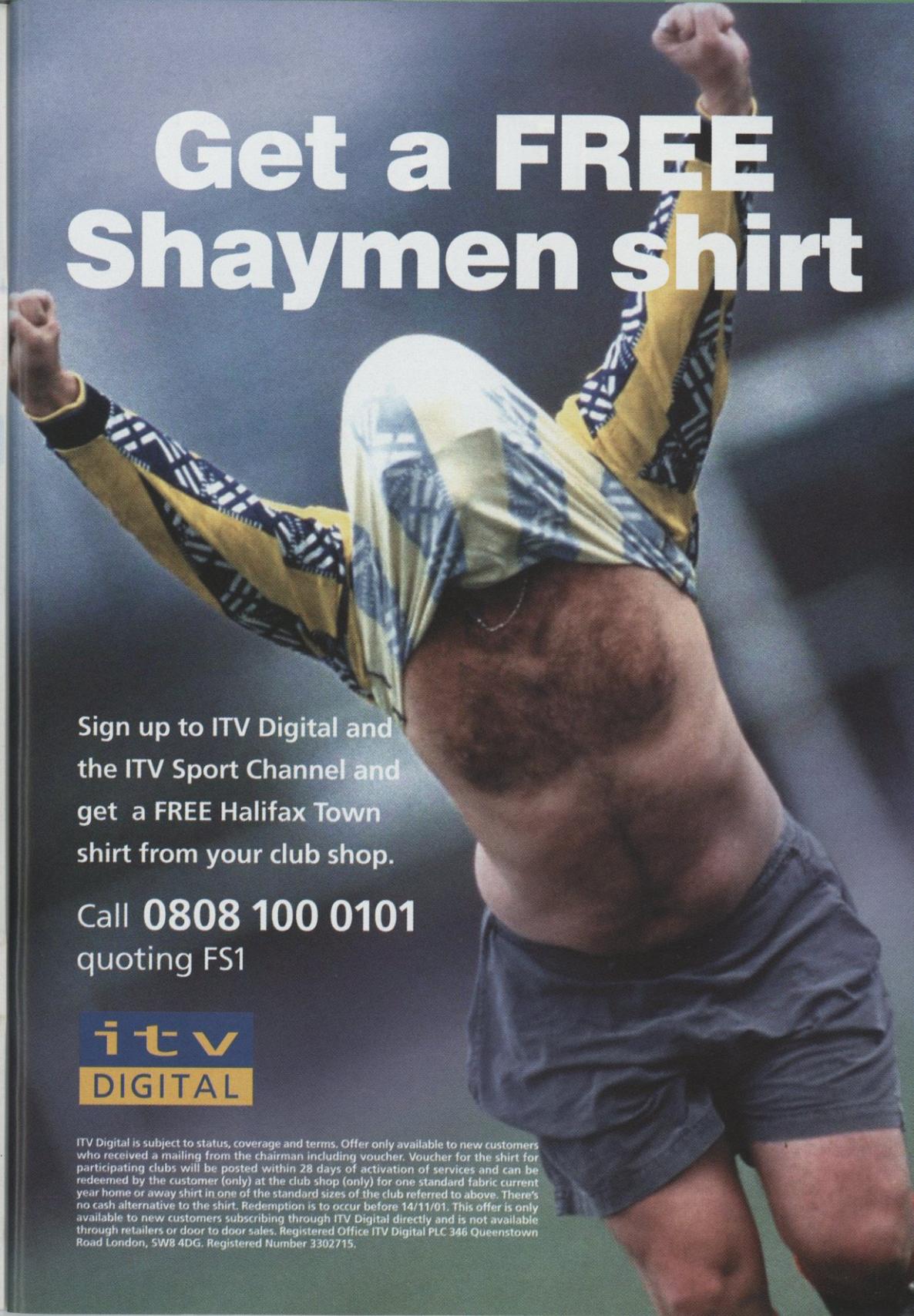


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My Shout

Who can forget the sight of David Pleat auditioning for the part of Red Rum, jumping imaginary fences across the football pitch on Match Of The Day. One of the classic pieces of television history and also one of the most celebrated times in the history of Luton Town, today's opponents.



They have made their journey to The Shay from land of Lorraine Chase. Where is she now? Maybe the travelling fans can tell us.

So Mrs Beckham calls her husband Golden Balls. Wouldn't it be funny if he actually did have Golden Balls. With his boundless energy in covering every blade of grass on the pitch, when he runs he would sound like those plastic clackers every kid used to have in the seventies. My wrist was always bandaged when I had one of those toys. Mind you, I was in my early teens, that is my excuse and I am sticking to it.

But what about other nicknames that footballers have had down the years. Remember Norman 'Bite Yer Legs' Hunter, Ron 'Chopper' Harris, Brian 'Pop' Robson? Where did 'Pop' come from. It didn't exactly put the fear of God into people that name did it. Mind you, it was in keeping with some of the other nicknames of the time. What about Tony 'fizzy orange' Woodcock and Mark 'Tizer' Hateley. But who on earth gave Ray Wilkins the name 'Butch'? Obviously it was a member of Village People. Do you remember Butch doing a sun-dance in Mexico 1986 when he got sent-off for throwing the ball at the referee? By the way, there is no truth in the rumour that the nickname of the Chinese national side's captain is Prawn Balls. That belongs to Mark Fish.

You can't fail to notice the different hair styles the England captain is having. It is like a different style for each match. When he gets his century of caps it will be Haircut 100. But don't tell Nick Heyward. Seriously though, you have to take your hat off to him. In 1998 he was ready to be strung up by everyone for getting himself sent off against Argentina. Now he is a God (apparently). He has gone from Zero to Hero in three years. Good luck to him.

I see the Jasper Carrott look-a-like, Trevor Francis, has

finally left Birmingham City. He is the guy who scored the winning goal in one of the European Cup Finals that Nottingham Forest won. Great achievement. If, like me, you are a bit of a couch potato, you'll watch a fair bit of sport on the box. Trevor Francis always seems to be on there, either commentating on matches, in the studio giving analysis, or grabbing any interview he can. At last years golf Open Championship, Steve Rider was in the on-course studio. He was giving the viewers a run down of the leader board. He then announced a very special guest had come to the studio. Guess who it was. Yes, it was Trevor Francis. Anywhere a television sporting event is, he'll be there. No wonder Birmingham City never got promoted, they never knew the tactics as their manager was always on TV and never training them.

I see Tommy Taylor followed the yellow brick road and left Brisbane Road. Looks like the Wizard Of Odd didn't work. Or did it? I think other Managers should be wary because Hallowe'en is here shortly. I like 31st October because it's the one night of the year when the wife gets to go out with the girls.

Ian Wilkinson



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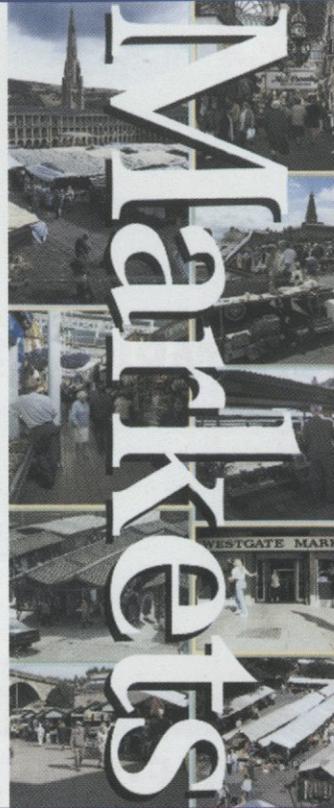
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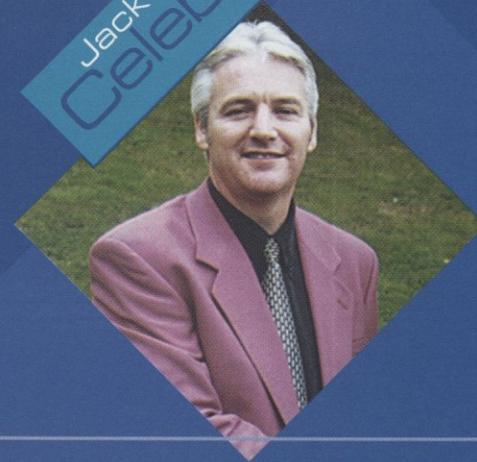


The 'silver fox' was a popular figure at The Shay in the 1980's and played many games alongside our new Manager Alan Little. Barry was voted Halifax Town Player of the Year in 1983-84 and scored 14 goals in that season alone including four goals in the match against Rochdale on April 23rd. This was the first 4 goal haul by a Shayman since Des Frost in 1951 which was quite an achievement.

Barry has always kept a keen interest in local football ever since beginning his career at Bradford City and now he is joint Manager of Bradford Park Avenue Under 19's in the Northern Youth Alliance.

Please give Barry a warm reception this evening.

Jack Haymer.

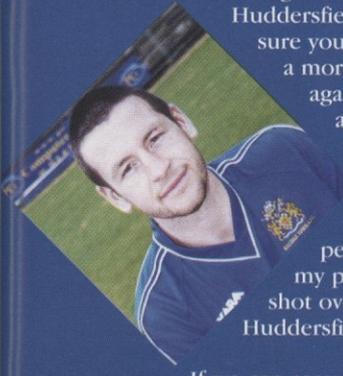


Jack Haymer
 Celebrity Guest

Captains Column by Paul Stoneman

Good evening and welcome to tonight's game against Luton Town.

I am writing these notes prior to the Bristol Rovers game and just after the Huddersfield game. Firstly I am sure you'll agree that we put up a more than satisfactory show against Huddersfield Town and matched them for 120 minutes, creating a few good chances along the way. Unfortunately in the penalty shoot-out I fluffed my penalty and Grant Smith shot over thus giving Huddersfield the win.



If we can carry that sort of commitment

and effort into the league games against Bristol and Luton tonight I am sure we are good enough to take maximum points and end our little goal drought we are in at the moment.

In training the Gaffer has introduced some new skill games to the lads and one boy stood out amongst the group (Gary Jones - what a shambles). On the same day as the skill games Jonesy was actually seen giving Paul Harsley a £1 coin, this is a feat that may never be seen again, a strange day in the life of Gary Jones.

Back to tonight, I hope you enjoy the game and hopefully we can take all three points on offer.

Paul Stoneman
 Captain

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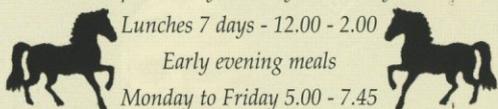
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Tonight's column is a little different. No League action to report, so we are turning our attention to the LDV Vans Trophy. Although much-maligned as being a non-event of a competition, it still provides the chance of a day out at the magnificent Millennium Stadium.

Unfortunately, sides from the Third Division had a pretty bad round with many eliminated, and many now able to use the age-old adage 'Leaves us to concentrate on the League!'

The Shaymen performed well above the expected standard in the West Yorkshire derby with Huddersfield Town at the McAlpine Stadium. The Terriers failed to breach Halifax's defence as two hours of football ended in a 0-0 stalemate. Huddersfield started brightly, with Chris Holland and Andy Booth both going close, but as the game wore on the visitors dealt calmly with the pressure put upon them. The penalty shoot-out which ensued saw Paul Stoneman and Grant Smith miss crucial spot-kicks for the Shaymen, but the whole side left Huddersfield with their heads held high.

Concentrating on the Third Division sides who managed to progress past Round One, a second half revival saw Darlington with through 2-1 over Macclesfield Town at Feethams. Lee Glover put the Silkmen ahead as early as the 5th minute from the spot, after he had been brought down by Alex Jeannin. The visitors proceeded to dominate much of the first half, but it was a different story after the interval. Phil Brumwell's 58th minute equaliser gave the Quakers hope, and victory was wrapped up when Town defender David Ridler put through his own goal late on. High-flying Rochdale continued their impressive form with a comfortable 2-0 win over Southport at Spotland.

The Conference side failed to trouble their more illustrious hosts,

although 'Dale struggled to make the scoreline more telling as chances became few and far between as the match wore on. Clive Platt broke the deadlock on 37 minutes, getting on the end of a Sean McAuley cross to give Rochdale the lead. Southport defended resolutely but posed little threat to the home defence, and 'Dale wrapped up the win when Gary Jones converted a late penalty after McCourt had been fouled in the box.

Peter Beagrie rolled back the years with a vintage performance as Scunthorpe United crushed local rivals Lincoln City 3-1 at Glanford Park. The visiting Imps dominated the early exchanges, but the Iron took the lead shortly before the interval through Steve Torpey. Goals from Beagrie and Lincoln's Dave Cameron then cancelled each other out. It was left for Beagrie to cap a virtuoso performance by beating half the Lincoln defence before drilling home a powerful shot on 76 minutes to seal victory.

Southend United were the best performers from the Third Division on the night as the thumped Stevenage Borough 4-1 at Broadhall Way. The game was over by half-time as goals from Tesfaye Bramble, Mark Rawle and Carl Hutchings put the Shrimpers into an unassailable 3-0 lead. Stevenage pulled a goal back through their new signing from Rushden & Diamonds, Jean-Michel Sigere, but Daniel Webb clinched a fine win for Southend with his goal six minutes from time.

Cheltenham cruised into Round Two with a hard-earned 2-1 win over in-form Plymouth Argyle at Whaddon Road. The Pilgrims matched the theme of the evening by dominating early on, only to lose the game. French striker David Friio shot them in front on 16 minutes, but Argyle failed to capitalise on their early advantage. Town improved after the break and Jamie Victory equalised before Julian Alsop clinched the win on 63 minutes.



by Mark Ward

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Paul Harsley

Personal File

Full Name:	Paul Harsley
Date & Place of Birth:	29/05/78, Scunthorpe United
Star Sign:	Gemini
Marital Status:	Single
Present Home Town:	Scunthorpe
Height:	5ft 8
Weight:	11 stone 6
Right or left foot:	Right

Football File

Former Clubs:	Grimsby Town, Scunthorpe United
Debut for Shaymen:	Lincoln City (A)
Nickname in club:	Don't have one
Tip for Div 3 Champions:	Luton.
Tip for Div 3 leading scorer:	Greenacre
Fav team supported as child:	Everton
Superstitions prior to game?:	None.
What would you have liked to become if not a footballer:	Entrepreneur .
Which Manager from the past would you have loved to play for:	Kevin Keegan
Who is your all time favourite sportsperson:	Jimmy White

Should football have its own National Stadium more central than Wembley/Cardiff:
Yes - in Midlands .

Should match officials be sponsored by Specsavers: Yes.

Realistically where will Town finish in the League:
Hopefully upwards off mid table.

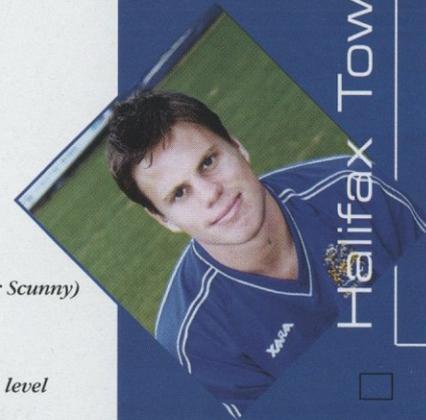
Where would you like to be in 10 years time:
On my yacht in Monte Carlo .

Media File

Favourite TV Programme:	Royle Family.
Worst TV Programme:	Songs of Praise.
Best Film:	Snatch.
Favourite Newspaper:	The Sun
Favourite Politician:	Don't have one.
Favourite Actor/Actress:	Robert De Niro.
Favourite comedian:	Lee Evans,
Favourite Footballer:	Steven Gerrard.

Heroes & Villains

Best goal ever seen:	<i>Maradona Argentina v England 1986 World Cup</i>
Worst mistake ever seen:	<i>Ronnie Rosenthal biting the bar (open goal)</i>
My most embarrassing moment:	<i>Scoring an own goal</i>
My biggest thrill:	<i>Playing at Wembley (play-offs for Scunny)</i>
Most difficult opponent:	<i>None</i>
Best advice I got:	<i>Always try to improve</i>
Saddest moment:	<i>Nothing yet</i>
Ambition:	<i>To go on and play at the highest level</i>



Player Profile

Halifax Town A.F.C.



Paul Harsley

Name: Paul Harsley
 Height: 5ft 10
 Weight: 11.03
 Born: Scunthorpe
 DOB: 29/05/78
 Source: Trainee

SEASON	CLUB	APPEARANCES	GOALS
1996-97	Grimsby Town	0	0
1997-98	Scunthorpe Utd	15	1
1998-99	Scunthorpe Utd	34	0
1999-00	Scunthorpe Utd	46	3
2000-01	Scunthorpe Utd	33	1
2001-02	Halifax Town	13	3

Player Profile

Halifax Town A.F.C.

Football in the Community



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to our visitors from Luton Town for this afternoon's fixture at The Shay.

Leading on from last week we are half way through the Penalty Shoot-Outs, which are taking place at the schools we have been coaching at

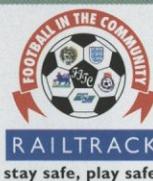
this term. All have proved to be successful.

Also we have been invited, along with Alan Little, to present a 'Football Association Charter Standard for Quality - North of England Primary School, Regional Award 2001' to Ling Bob Junior and Infant School, which we are delighted to accept. We will also be presenting signed footballs and a signed shirt to pupils who took part in our sponsored Penalty Shoot-Out.

We are now preparing for our October Half Term Soccer Course, which is also proving to be successful, although there are still places available. For further information please contact our office on 01422 366544 or mobile 07968 981138.

Yours in sport

Billy Legg
FITC Officer



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Brian Clough was clearly wrong when he said it only takes a second to score a goal. By my watch, and even allowing for the time zone in which Sir Alex's timepiece resides, the Shaymen have had 37,860 such opportunities in which they have failed to hit the onion bag. The barren spell of 631 minutes equates to seven full games.

absence of funds to bring players in. Encouraging therefore has been the way the boss has spoken about Halifax' forgotten talent Ian Fitzpatrick, the one player who really does have the ability to turn a game when on song. Who can forget his stunning winner at Torquay last season, which gained The Shaymen their first victory of the campaign? Maybe Fitz will be given a chance to shine.

The statistics show just what a difficult task Alan Little has....

Even Graham Mitchell's penalty at the McAlpine cannot be counted as the moment Town broke their duck. But how unlucky the side were not to at least sneak through on spot kicks after holding higher opposition for 120 minutes in which the woodwork denied Gary Jones from grabbing a second goal of the season.

The statistics show what a difficult task Alan Little has. Up to the Huddersfield clash the Shaymen had used 20 of their 24-man squad, which suggests that every combination up front has been exhausted in the hunt for a goal. Consistency is the key and when you consider that only four players have started all 15 games to date then it's not hard to see why the team is struggling. It's not hard to see why the fans don't turn up when they are being served a goal every third game. Waiting for Goaldot you might say.

Little knows he has to extract the marrow from the existing personnel in the

Now looking back at the records it would appear that Town went the first eight games of the 1990-91 season without scoring, before blasting Carlisle 3-0 away after 730 minutes of goalless football.

Let's hope this is all academic and that, just as at the time of writing, the statistic remains unchallenged. But if The Shaymen have failed to breach the opponent's net after the visits of The Pirates and then take any longer than 10 minutes to score tonight against The Hatters, then that infamous record will have been passed and once again it will be left to Brunton Park for Town to jolt the videprinter into action.

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Sat 22nd Sept	York City	0-1
Sat 29th Sept	In Service Training	
Sat 6th Oct	Hartlepool United	0-2
Sat 13th Oct	Bradford City	2-1
Mon 15th Oct	Shrewsbury Town	2-0
Sat 20th Oct	Scarborough	0-0
Sat 27th Oct	Doncaster Rovers	A
Sat 3rd Nov	York City	AY All Cup
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Sat 17th Nov	Scunthorpe United	H
Sat 24th Nov	York City	A
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Sat 8th Dec	In Service Training	
Sat 15th Dec	Hartlepool United	H
Sat 12th Jan	Scarborough	A
Sat 19th Jan	Hull City	A
Sat 26th Jan	Doncaster Rovers	H
Sat 2nd Feb	Darlington	A
Sat 9th Feb	Bradford City	H
Sat 16th Feb	Grimsbey Town	A
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Saturday 13th October 2001

Bradford City	2
Halifax Town	1

Halifax Town youth team started to string a few passes together in the early period of the game against a strong Bradford side. A few early chances went astray by Craig Smith and Gary Birchall. Bradford seemed to get stronger as the game went on and we were giving the ball away too much.

Just before the break we conceded a soft goal. In the second period we started up on top and again created a couple of decent chances but were punished after trying to play off-side on the half way line. We pushed forward after this, Andy Tait having a good chance after good work by Andy Farrell. Our persistence paid off with a goal from Craig Smith after a great run and cross by Andy Farrell.

Unfortunately we ran out of time but overall a lot better performance than in previous weeks.

Team: Ryan Poole, Chad Harris, Andy Tait, Nathan Winder, Nicky Heinemann, Peter Myers, Gary Birchall, Jimmy Clamp, Gareth Lewins, Craig Smith, Andy Farrell.

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Good afternoon and welcome to this A-Z series of Town's opposition. The aim is to pick out a few memories of matches with our opponents. The series doesn't claim to list every opposing team but will hopefully be informative and interesting.



Hebden Bridge

Town won 3-2 away in the 2nd qualifying round of the 1912-13 FA Cup.

Hednesford Town

Hednesford's first ever Conference game was against Town

on the opening day of the 1995-96 season, they won 3-0.

Town's only win in eight was a 1-0 home win in March 1996, courtesy of a Gary Brooke goal.

Hereford United

In March 1976 a last minute John Overton goal earned bottom of the table Town a shock 2-1 away win at the league leaders and eventual third division champions. BBC Radio 2 had a reporter there.

Town's seventy two existence as a Football League club ended on May 8th 1993 as a 1-0 defeat here relegated them to the Conference. Ironically ex Town man Derek Hall scored the winner. He didn't drink his pint in the Weavers afterwards.

A second half hat trick from Geoff Horsfield gave Town a 3-0 conference home win in November 1997.

Horsforth

Town's first ever FA Cup opponents. A Fred Pentland hat trick and a Judd Wild goal gave Town a 4-2 away win in the first qualifying round of the 1912-13 competition.

Huddersfield Town

Having beaten the Terriers for the first time ever at Football League level in November 1974 by 2 goals to 1, Town repeated the feat at Leeds Road in February 1975. David Gwyther scoring in both games. Bobby Scaife's spectacular winner at Leeds Road was one to treasure. Town also gained a memorable 2-1 home win on Boxing Day 1979, scorers Micky Kennedy and Peter Burke, but lost the return 5-0. Town were unlucky to lose a first round Littlewood's Cup tie 5-3 over two legs in 1986-87, after pulling back a 3-1 first leg deficit.

Town's first appearance at the McAlpine Stadium came in this seasons LDV Trophy first round. Town, in a borrowed Huddersfield Town kit of red shirts and dark shorts traditionally numbered from 1-11, played well in preventing their division higher neighbours from scoring and could well have provided a cup shock had Gary Jones shot not hit the woodwork, before the Terriers won the penalty shootout. The performance certainly showed good character to build on for the rest of the season.

In February 1933, Luton Town provided the opposition for what was, at the time, the biggest game in Town's history. Town's journey to the FA Cup 5th Round was the furthest they had ever progressed and a record crowd of over 29,000 came to cheer on the team. The game was played in blizzard conditions and Town's hopes must have been raised when Freddie Tunstall scored, only for the goal to be disallowed for offside. It opened the scoring for Luton before the game was halted for a twenty-five stoppage. Having been defending facing the blizzard The Shaymen must have been hopeful of turning the game round, but a second goal from Nelson meant that it was The Hatters who progressed to the quarter finals.

The last time the teams met was also in an FA Cup tie here, at the third round stage in 1976-77. This time a single goal by John Aston, a 1968 European Cup winner with Manchester United was enough to win the game for Harry Haslem's team which included the Fletcher twins of whom Paul would go on to play for Town and goalkeeper Aleksic who gained a winners medal with Tottenham in 1981.

Hatters fans will be hoping for an unusual 'hat trick' today. In the last two seasons of league opposition Luton have gained promotion. A league double 1 1967-68, 2-0 at Kenilworth Road goals from Ian Buxton and John Moore and 1-0 here, courtesy of a Bruce Rioch finish, helped Luton win the fourth division championship. By 1969-70 Town had joined them in the third division, both games finishing level, Malcolm McDonald put Luton in front at home before Freddie Hill equalised, the game here finishing scoreless. Luton finished runners up and gained promotion.

That 1-1 draw in August 1969 was certainly a turning point in defender Chris Nicholl's career. He went to work that morning as a Halifax Town player, helped earn his side a point and after the final whistle was promptly transferred to Luton for £30,000. Surely one of the strangest transfers ever.

The teams first met in the league in November 1965, Luton winning 4-1 at Kenilworth Road due to goals from Moore, O'Rourke, Whitaker and Read, Balmer scoring Town's consolation. Town's only victory in this fixture coming in the last game of that 1965-66 season, 3-0 here with goals from Lee, McMillan and Westlake.

The teams met again in the first game of the 1966-67 season King and Rioch giving Luton a 2-0 home win, the game here ended in a 1-1 draw, Kevan scoring for Luton, Parkes for Town.

Much has happened to both clubs since we last met, Town have been to the Conference and back whilst Luton have played in all 4 divisions of the Football League, had a plastic pitch, banned away fans, reached the FA Cup semi finals, the Simod Cup Final and two Football League Cup finals, beating holders Arsenal 3-2 in 1988 and losing 1-0 to Nottingham Forest in 1989.

Let's hope for a good game tonight without a blizzard!

Hayes

Darren Lyons' free kick earned Town a 2-1 away win on the opening day of the 1997-98 season. The first points out of eighty seven and the first steps to the Conference Championship.

A Trip Down Memory Lane

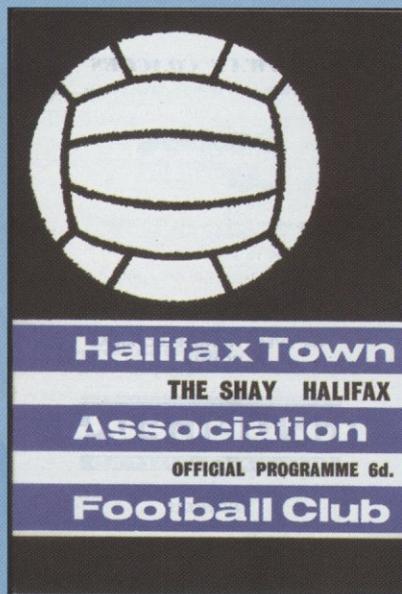
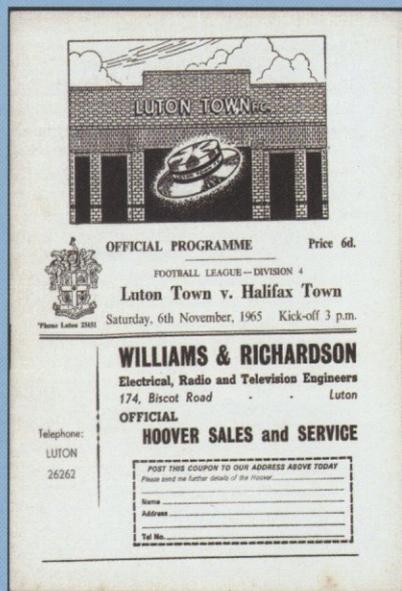
We've met before

*Luton Town 4 Moore, O'Rourke, Whittaker, Read
Halifax Town 1 Balmer 87
Division Four, 6 November, 1965.*

Only five years ago Luton were in the First Division, and as recently as 1959 were FA Cup finalists. This is the first ever league meeting of the two sides. Town are in the re-election zone, but beat Rochdale 4-1 eight days ago so manager Willie Watson names an unchanged team. Luton, relegated last season, have an impressive home record and prior to this game had scored seventeen in their last four home games. They improve that record here. John Moore gives them an early lead, and prolific goalscorer John O'Rourke, who gives young John Pickering a hard time, heads the second when Town keeper Bob Raynor fails to cut the ball out. Archie Taylor has the chance to keep Town in the game but puts wide with only Colin Tinsley to beat. At half-time, Luton's Graham French retires with concussion. Left-winger Ray Whittaker drives home the third goal, and Tony Read heads number four with Raynor again flapping. Mick Balmer nets a late consolation. Making a rare start for Luton is a certain Barry Fry, current Peterborough boss. Teams: Luton: Tinsley, Thomson, Jardine, Reid, Woods, Moore, French (Rivers), Read, O'Rourke, Fry, Whittaker. Halifax: Raynor, Russell, Brier, Smith, Pickering, Lee, Taylor, Atkins, Balmer, McMillan, Fidler. Attendance: 7,879.

*Halifax Town 3 Westlake 65, McMillan 81, Lee 85
Luton Town 0
Division Four, 16 May, 1966.*

Luton's only previous visit to the Shay was in 1933 for a blizzard-interrupted FA Cup tie which they won 2-0. Now, still with an outside chance of promotion, they have recently converted inside-forward Tony Read to goalkeeper. This game is billed as possibly Halifax's last ever, as they are in deep financial trouble. They've also been fighting re-election all season but victory over Port Vale six days ago ensured their safety. On a hard surface, Luton use rough tactics and have Dick Edwards booked for a foul on Graham Wooler. With a thrilling second half display by Town, Brian Westlake heads the first after Bill Atkins nods the ball to him off Malcolm Russell's free-kick. Wooler turns Jeff Lee's throw-in across for Eric McMillan to net his eighth of the season. Lee has an indifferent match, but sweeps home only his second goal for the club when Dennis Fidler hammers the ball low across the goalmouth. On the final whistle, scores of youngsters invade the pitch. Teams: Halifax: White, Russell, Clarke, Smith, Pickering, Lee, McMillan, Westlake, Wooler, Atkins, Fidler. Luton: Read, Thomson, Slough, Riddick, Woods, Moore, French, Reid, O'Rourke, Rioch, Whittaker (Edwards). Attendance: 2,877.



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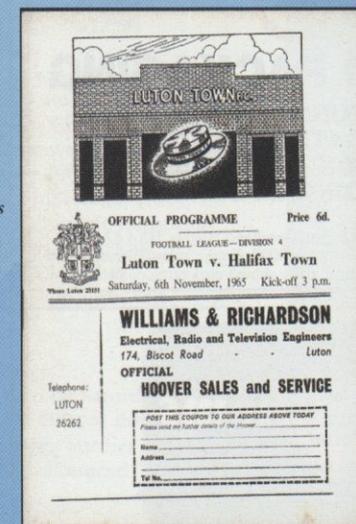
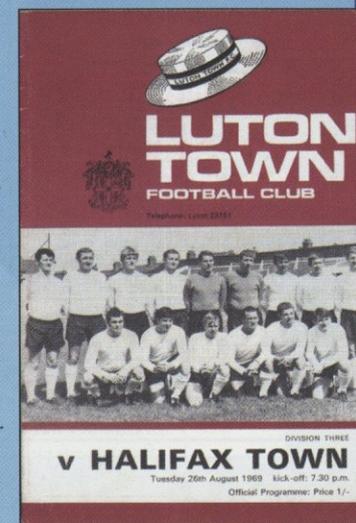
*Halifax Town 1 Parks 74
Luton Town 1 Kevan 60
Division Four, 17 December, 1966.*

Halifax are one of eight League clubs unbeaten at home. Luton have a woeful away record – just one point from eleven matches. Their manager Allan Brown recently signed Max Dougan from Leicester City and on the eve of the game, forked out £2,000 to Peterborough for former England forward Derek Kevan. He makes a goalscoring debut in a game played in atrocious conditions with constant rain making the pitch very heavy. Still, both sides provide plenty of entertainment, with Halifax having slightly more of the play. However, it's Kevan who scores first following a corner. Barry White fails to gather the ball and when it is headed back from beyond the far post, Kevan rushes the ball home, though Town claim he used a fist. Minutes later, Graham French is sent off for striking Jeff Lee, an incident seen by the linesman. Jim Smith, recently departed Derby County manager, lifts the ball out of the mud to send over the cross for John Parks to head the equaliser. Teams: Halifax: White, Russell, Bodell, Smith, Holt, Lee, Taylor, Hutchinson, Parks, Atkins, Holmes. Luton: Read, Thomson, Jardine, Slough, Dougan, Moore, French, Kevan, Riddick, Rioch, Whittaker. Attendance: 3,443.

*Luton Town 1 Macdonald 5
Halifax Town 1 Hill 28
Division Three, 26 August, 1969.*

Alec Stock, who took over at Kenilworth Road in December 1968, has a good eye for a player. In the summer he signed Malcolm Macdonald from Fulham. 'Supermac' will become one of the game's most feared strikers with Newcastle, Arsenal and England. He takes only five minutes to get off the mark here, heading home John Collins' corner. Town came up from the Fourth last season and manager Alan Ball has strengthened his side by signing former England winger Freddie Hill from Bolton. Hill fires in his first Halifax goal after Phil McCarthy's long throw is only half-cleared. But making all the news is young centre-back Chris Nicholl. Stock spots his potential and immediately after the game makes Town an offer. Within an hour terms have been agreed and the following day Nicholl moves to Luton for a record £30,000 and helps his new club to promotion. He will go on to play for Aston Villa and Southampton and win 51 caps for Northern Ireland. Teams: Luton: Read, Ryan, Bannister, Keen, Slough, Moore, Collins, Macdonald, Lewis (Sheffield), Allen, French. Halifax: Smith, Wallace, Burgin, Pickering, Nicholl, Robertson, Ryden (Shawcross), Lennard, Lawther, Hill, McCarthy. Attendance: 13,759.

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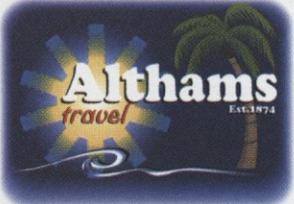


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v Luton Town



Good evening and welcome to our visitors from Luton Town for this evening's fixture. Our sponsors tonight are as follows:

Match Sponsors
Tonight's match has kindly been sponsored by B F Trading Limited of Sowerby Bridge whose director is Bob Friend, a good follower of Halifax Town AFC. B F Trading Limited are a new local business supplying quality dust sheets, tarpaulins, heavy duty rubble bags, silicones, decorators caulk and superglue. Specifically aiming to service local tradesmen with quality products at competitive prices. Please give them a try and support your local business. Many thanks again Bob for your continued support. Hope you and your guests have an enjoyable evening.

Matchball Sponsors
Tonight's matchball has been sponsored by three very keen Halifax Town followers, namely Andrew Gilchrist & Nigel & Janet Walker. All three have sponsored the matchball in the past and we would like to thank them for their continued sponsorship.

Also at the game tonight will be Nick Robinson who is recovering from an operation. Nick was down to sponsor the matchball tonight and will be keen to see the team do well.

Mascot
Tonight's mascot is Matthew Branford who is 6 years old and attends Tennyson Road school in Luton. Matthew supports Halifax and England and is favourite Halifax player is Lee Butler. This is Matthew's first time at The Shay and from everyone at Halifax Town and from your Mum and Dad we hope you enjoy this special occasion.

Sportsman's Dinner
Our next dinner will be held at Elland Cricket Club on Thursday 29th November 2001. The guest speaker will be Gordon Banks, comedian Austin Knight and MC Malcolm Lord. The cost is £27.50 per head and booking can be made by ringing Elaine on 01422 353423.

Shirt Sponsorship
We have now introduced a new type of sponsorship where a company can bring 4 guests to a match and as part of the package receive a framed Halifax Town shirt. The cost is £350 and for further details please contact either myself or John Russell on 01422 341222.

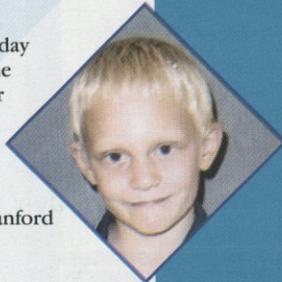
Club Shop
We have recently taken stock of the following;

New polo shirts	£19.99
T-shirts	£12.50
Umbrellas	£20.00
New club ties	£12.50

Christmas Draw
Tickets are now available to purchase for our Christmas Draw, which will be drawn on Saturday 22nd December 2001 at our home fixture versus Kidderminster Harriers. Prizes include European Weekend Holiday, Electrical appliances and Christmas Hampers. Please support this event.

Christmas Party
This will be held on Saturday 15th December 2001 at the Halifax Exchange. Further details will be announced shortly.

Mascot: Matthew Branford



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Stats Tables



Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Rochdale	14	4	3	0	12	4	5	0	2	9	7	10	30
Plymouth	14	4	0	2	11	5	4	4	0	11	5	12	28
Luton	14	4	2	1	16	7	4	1	2	14	9	14	27
Hull City	13	6	1	0	15	3	1	4	1	9	9	12	26
Mansfield	14	5	1	1	15	9	2	3	2	7	8	5	25
Shrewsbury	13	4	1	1	12	7	3	2	2	11	10	6	24
Darlington	13	4	2	1	12	3	1	2	3	7	11	5	19
Cheltenham	13	3	2	1	12	8	2	2	3	6	7	3	19
Bristol Rovers	13	3	3	1	9	8	2	1	3	4	6	-1	19
Scunthorpe	14	2	3	2	8	8	2	3	2	10	7	3	18
Leyton Orient	14	3	1	3	11	11	2	3	7	10	-3	18	
Torquay	14	4	1	2	7	7	1	2	4	5	11	-6	18
Lincoln	14	3	1	3	9	7	1	4	2	7	8	1	17
Southend	14	4	1	2	13	8	1	1	5	4	10	-1	17
York	14	3	1	3	8	8	2	1	4	11	15	-4	17
Rushden & D	14	2	3	2	8	8	1	4	2	5	6	-1	16
Macclesfield	14	1	3	3	6	9	2	3	2	5	7	-5	15
Oxford	14	2	1	4	7	9	1	4	2	6	6	-2	14
Kidderminster	14	2	4	1	3	3	1	1	5	3	12	-9	14
Halifax	14	1	5	1	2	3	2	0	5	5	14	-10	14
Swansea	14	1	3	3	9	11	2	1	4	11	15	-6	13
Carlisle	14	3	2	2	7	7	0	2	5	6	13	-7	13
Exeter	14	2	3	3	10	15	1	4	7	16	-14	13	
Hartlepool	13	2	2	2	9	6	1	1	5	4	9	-2	12



Tonight's Other Division 3 Fixtures

- Exeter City v Bristol Rovers
- Hull City v Leyton Orient
- Kidderminster Harriers v York City
- Macclesfield Town v Hartlepool United
- Mansfield Town v Torquay United
- Oxford United v Carlisle United
- Plymouth Argyle v Lincoln City
- Rochdale v Cheltenham Town
- Scunthorpe United v Southend United
- Shrewsbury Town v Rushden & Diamonds
- Swansea City v Darlington



Date	Opponents	F-A	Att	Away Supp	Pos
Sat 11 Aug	Lincoln City	2-1	3,753	601	4th
Sat 18 Aug	Exeter City	1-1	1,937	160	6th
Tue 21 Aug	Barnsley - League Cup	0-2	5,418	439	
Sat 25 Aug	Southend United	1-4	3,535	143	15th
Mon 27 Aug	Oxford United	0-2	2,271	395	15th
Sat 01 Sep	York City	0-1	2,646	413	21st
Sat 08 Sep	Macclesfield Town	0-0	1,714	391	19th
Wed 12 Sep	League Cup - 2nd Round				
Sat 15 Sep	Swansea City	2-0	3,794	50	15th
Tue 18 Sep	Mansfield Town	1-0	1,880	523	11th
Sat 22 Sep	Leyton Orient	0-0	2,021	295	10th
Tue 25 Sep	Rochdale	0-2	3,410	685	12th
Sat 29 Sep	Hull City	0-3	9,572	310	18th
Fri 05 Oct	Scunthorpe United	0-0	2,603	971	18th
Wed 10 Oct	League Cup - 3rd Round				
Sat 13 Oct	Plymouth Argyle	0-3	5,088	51	21st
Tue 16th Oct	Huddersfield Town (LDV Trophy)	0-0	3,570	503	Lost 4-3 penalties
Sat 20 Oct	Bristol Rovers	0-0	1,898	413	20th
Tue 23 Oct	Luton Town				
Sat 27 Oct	Carlisle United				
Sat 03 Nov	Darlington				
Sat 10 Nov	Rushden & Diamonds				
Sat 17 Nov	FA Cup - 1st Round				
Tue 20 Nov	Hartlepool United				
Sat 24 Nov	Torquay United				
Wed 28 Nov	League Cup - 4th Round				
Sat 01 Dec	Cheltenham Town				
Sat 08 Dec	FA Cup - 2nd Round				
Wed 12 Dec	League Cup - 5th Round				
Sat 15 Dec	Shrewsbury Town				
Sat 22 Dec	Kidderminster Harriers				
Wed 26 Dec	Macclesfield Town				
Sat 29 Dec	Oxford United				
Tue 01 Jan	York City				
Sat 05 Jan	FA Cup - 3rd Round				
Sat 05 Jan	Southend United				
Wed 09 Jan	League Cup - Semi-Final 1st Leg				
Sat 12 Jan	Exeter City				
Sat 19 Jan	Lincoln City				
Wed 23 Jan	League Cup - Semi-Final 2nd Leg				
Wed 23 Jan	Kidderminster Harriers				
Sat 26 Jan	FA Cup - 4th Round				
Sat 26 Jan	Scunthorpe United				
Sat 02 Feb	Hull City				
Sat 09 Feb	Bristol Rovers				
Sat 16 Feb	FA Cup - 5th Round				
Sat 16 Feb	Plymouth Argyle				
Sat 23 Feb	Swansea City				
Sun 24 Feb	League Cup - Final				
Tue 26 Feb	Mansfield Town				
Sat 02 Mar	Leyton Orient				
Tue 05 Mar	Rochdale				
Sat 09 Mar	FA Cup - 6th Round				
Sat 09 Mar	Shrewsbury Town				
Sat 16 Mar	Cheltenham Town				
Sat 23 Mar	Luton Town				
Sat 30 Mar	Carlisle United				
Mon 01 Apr	Darlington				
Sat 06 Apr	Hartlepool United				
Sat 13 Apr	Torquay United				
Sun 14 Apr	FA Cup - Semi-Final				
Sat 20 Apr	Rushden & Diamonds				
Sat-04 May	FA Cup - Final				

Started
Subs Not Used
Substituted for

- Lee Butler
- Paul Harsley
- Dominic Ludden
- Andrew Woodward
- Chris Clarke
- Paul Stopeman
- Craig Middleton
- Neil Redfeam
- Steve Kerrigan
- Gary Jones
- Craig Midgley
- Mark Jules
- Craig Mawson
- Steve Swales
- Graham Mitchell
- Matthew Clarke
- Alan Reilly
- Ian Fitzpatrick
- Robert Herbert
- Steven Djekseywicz
- Jamie Wood
- Peter Crookes
- Peter Wright
- Craig Strzish
- Grant Smith
- Nathan Winder

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Average Attendances

	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000
Bristol Rovers	7,576				
Carlisle	3,102				
Cheltenham	3,363				
Darlington	4,089				
Exeter	3,524				
Halifax	2,046				
Hartlepool	3,594				
Hull	9,805				
Kidderminster	2,831				
Orient	4,932				
Lincoln	2,999				
Luton	6,540				
Macclesfield	2,014				
Mansfield	4,226				
Oxford	6,073				
Plymouth	4,702				
Rochdale	3,489				
Rushden	4,285				
Scunthorpe	3,510				
Shrewsbury	3,722				
Southend	4,048				
Swansea	3,834				
Torquay	2,525				
York	2,781				

Goals - When Scored

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
BR	0	2	4	0	2	5
CU	2	3	3	2	0	3
CT	1	3	2	2	6	4
Da	1	2	4	2	6	4
EC	5	4	2	1	3	2
HT	0	3	2	1	1	0
HU	1	0	3	3	4	2
HC	1	3	2	8	4	6
Ki	0	1	0	2	1	2
LO	2	3	2	3	2	6
LC	1	1	2	3	4	5
LT	3	3	7	5	7	5
MT	2	1	3	2	2	1
MT	3	4	5	3	2	5
OU	5	1	0	4	3	0
PA	3	4	4	3	4	4
Ro	4	5	3	1	4	4
RD	1	5	1	1	2	3
SU	4	4	4	1	4	1
ST	5	1	5	1	6	5
SU	1	1	2	5	1	7
SC	4	6	4	0	1	5
TU	2	1	2	1	2	4
YC	2	1	4	3	3	6

Form Guide: Home & Away

Home Form	most recent results to left	Away Form
LDDWD	Bristol Rovers	DLWLL
WWDWL	Carlisle	LLLLD
WWWDL	Cheltenham	DWLWL
LDWWD	Darlington	LLDLW
WDDLW	Exeter	LWLLW
DDDWD	Halifax	LLLWL
WWDLL	Hartlepool	LLLDL
WWWWW	Hull	DDLDD
DLDDD	Kidderminster	LWDL
LLLWW	Orient	WDLW
WLWLD	Lincoln	WLDDL
LWWD	Luton	WLWWD
LLDDW	Macclesfield	WDLWD
LWVWW	Mansfield	WLDLD
LDWLW	Oxford	LDDLD
WWWL	Plymouth	WDDWD
DWWDW	Rochdale	WVLLW
DWWDL	Rushden	DDLL
LWDDW	Scunthorpe	WDDDL
DWWW	Shrewsbury	WLDLD
WLWDL	Southend	LLLLW
LLDLW	Swansea	LWLDL
WWDWL	Torquay	WLDD
WDLW	York	LWDL

Records

Highest Gate 10,755 Hull
 v Plymouth
 Lowest Gate 1,556 Macclesfield v Darlington
 Highest Agg Score Luton.....5
 Darlington.....2
 Macclesfield.....4
 Scunthorpe.....3
 Biggest Home Win Darlington.....4
 Exeter.....0
 Hull.....4
 York.....0
 Luton.....5
 Torquay.....1
 Mansfield.....4
 Macclesfield.....0
 Shrewsbury.....4
 Kidderminster.....0
 Biggest Away Win Exeter.....0
 Scunthorpe.....4
 Consec. Wins Rochdale, Orient.....4
 Games Unbeaten Plymouth.....11
 Consec. Defeats Rushden, Orient 4
 Winless Run Kidderminster 8
 Total Games 165
 Home Wins 72.....43%
 Away Wins 44.....27%
 Draws 49.....30%

Clubs' top scorer & the points their goals have won

see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms/Gls/Gm	Pts	Run	
Shrewsbury	Luke Rodgers	12	7	1	1	13	0.92	9	4
Mansfield	Chris Greenacre	8	8	0	0	14	0.57	8	4
York	Michael Proctor	5	3	1	0	14	0.36	8	1
Hull	Gary Alexander	8	4	2	0	13	0.62	7	2
Carlisle	Ritchie Foran	5	5	0	0	10	0.50	6	3
Macclesfield	Lee Glover	7	5	1	0	14	0.50	5	2
Torquay	David Graham	3	3	0	0	14	0.21	5	1
Luton	Carl Griffiths	7	4	0	1	10	0.70	4	2
Cheltenham	Julian Alsop	5	1	2	0	11	0.45	4	1
Plymouth	David Friio	4	4	0	0	12	0.33	4	1
Darlington	Barry Conlon	4	4	0	0	13	0.31	4	1
Rochdale	Clive Platt	4	2	1	0	14	0.29	4	2
Bristol Rovers	Kevin Gall	3	3	0	0	13	0.23	4	2
Halifax	Paul Harsley	3	1	1	0	14	0.21	4	1
Southend	Kevin Maher	3	1	1	0	14	0.21	4	1
Exeter	Chris Roberts	5	3	1	0	13	0.38	3	2
Lincoln	Lee Thorpe	5	3	1	0	12	0.42	2	1
Orient	Scott Houghton	4	4	0	0	11	0.36	2	1
Swansea	Jonathan Coates	3	1	1	0	13	0.23	2	1
Kidderminster	Tony Bird	2	2	0	0	13	0.15	2	2
Oxford	Martin Thomas	2	2	0	0	13	0.15	2	1
Scunthorpe	Martin Carruthers	5	3	1	0	13	0.38	1	1
Rushden	Duane Darby	4	0	2	0	7	0.57	0	2
Hartlepool	Mark Tinkler	4	4	0	0	13	0.31	0	2

Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats

Club	Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.	PU	CS	FS
Bristol Rov	3-2 Luton	1-3 Orient	24	4	5
Carlisle	2-1 York	1-3 Hartlepool	29	4	5
Cheltenham	3-1 Exeter	2-3 Mansfield	23	4	2
Darlington	4-0 Exeter	2-5 Luton	19	5	3
Exeter	3-2 Oxf, York	0-4 Scun, Dar	28	2	4
Halifax	2-0 Swansea	1-4 Southend	19	6	9
Hartlepool	3-0 York	0-2 Ornt, Linc	23	2	6
Hull	4-0 York	2-4 Mansfield	22	6	3
Kidderminster	1-0 vs 3 clubs	0-4 Shrvsby	22	6	8
Orient	3-1 Bristol Rov	0-3 Darlington	27	4	3
Lincoln	3-0 Swansea	1-3 York	19	5	2
Luton	5-1 Torquay	2-3 Bristol R	26	3	1
Macclesfield	2-0 Oxf, Bstl R	0-4 Mansfield	21	6	8
Mansfield	4-0 Macclesfld	0-3 Plymouth	18	4	4
Oxford	2-0 Hfx, Sthnd	0-2 Maccsld	22	4	6
Plymouth	3-0 Hfx, Mnfld	1-2 Rochdale	19	7	4
Rochdale	3-1 Mansfield	1-3 Hull	23	6	2
Rushden	2-1 Hartlepool	2-3 Plym, Oxf	28	7	6
Scunthorpe	4-0 Exeter	0-2 Luton	22	6	5
Shrewsbury	4-0 Kidmnmstr	1-3 Hart, Scun	20	5	1
Southend	4-1 Halifax	0-2 Lutn, Oxf	22	4	5
Swansea	4-2 Exeter	0-3 Lincoln	21	2	5
Torquay	2-1 vs 4 clubs	1-5 Luton	30	3	7
York	3-0 Torquay	0-4 Hull	24	3	4

Numbers

Key: GS=Goals Scored; Sc1=Games Scored 1 Goal; Sc2=Games Scored 2 Goals; HT=Hat-Tricks; Each club's leading league scorer and avg. goals per game (Gls/Gm). Next column shows taking off their goals, how many Points (Pts) lost. Last figure show best scoring Run in consecutive games.

NUMBERS: PU = Players Used CS = Clean Sheets FS = Games Failed to Score

Goals Info:



Where

Close Range
 Inside Area
 Outside Area

How

Shots.....4
 Headers.....1
 Volleys.....1
 Penalties.....1
 Free Kicks.....0
 O.G.s.....0

Scorers

Harsley.....3
 Swales.....1
 Redfearn.....1
 Midgley.....1
 Jones.....1

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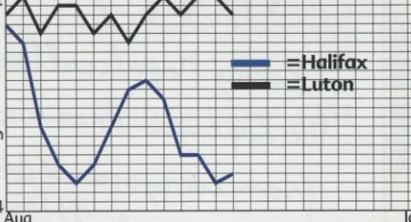
Highest Gate 2,603
 vs Scunthorpe
 Lowest Gate 1,714
 vs Macclesfield
 Average Gate 2,046
 Players Used 19
 Clean Sheets 6
 Failed to Score 9
 Consec. Wins 2 games
 Consec. Defeats 3 games

Shaymen's Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
D	Bristol Rovers	H	8th
L	Plymouth	A	5th
D	Scunthorpe	H	10th
L	Hull	A	6th
L	Rochdale	A	6th
D	Orient	H	9th
W	Mansfield	H	2nd
W	Swansea	A	13th
D	Macclesfield	H	16th
L	York	A	9th

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Seasonal Progress Comparison



Hatters' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
L	Rochdale	H	2nd
W	Scunthorpe	A	9th
W	Darlington	H	6th
L	Plymouth	A	7th
W	Orient	A	9th
W	Torquay	H	18th
S	Lincoln	H	19th
W	York	A	10th
S	Oxford	H	11th
L	Exeter	A	24th

Goals Info:



Where

Close Range
 Inside Area
 Outside Area

How

Shots.....14
 Headers.....10
 Volleys.....5
 Penalties.....1
 Free Kicks.....0
 O.G.s.....0

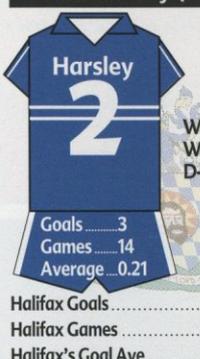
Top Scorers

Griffiths.....7
 Taylor.....4
 Howard.....3
 Valois.....3
 Nicholls.....2
 Hughes.....2
 Crowe.....2

2001-2002

Highest Gate 7,696
 vs Rochdale
 Lowest Gate 5,066
 vs Lincoln
 Average Gate 6,540
 Players Used 26
 Clean Sheets 3
 Failed to Score 1
 Consec. Wins 2 games
 Consec. Defeats none

When Goals have been Scored



When Goals have been Conceded



Paul Harsley (Halifax)

2 games	Total Games Scored In	5 games
1 game	Games Scored 1 Goal	4 games
1 game	Games Scored 2 Goals	0 games
0 games	Hat-tricks	1 game
W->L.....0 (Opts)	Season's Results and (loss of points) without the two goalscorers goals	W->L.....0 (Opts)
W->D.....2 (4pts)		W->D.....2 (4pts)
D->L.....0 (Opts)		D->L.....0 (Opts)
1 game	Maximum scoring run	2 games
7 games	Maximum Dry Spell	2 games
2	Shot	1
0	Header	5
1	Volleyed Shot	1
0	Penalty	0
0	Direct free Kick	0

Carl Griffiths (Luton)

5 games	Total Games Scored In	5 games
4 games	Games Scored 1 Goal	4 games
0 games	Games Scored 2 Goals	0 games
1 game	Hat-tricks	1 game
W->L.....0 (Opts)	Season's Results and (loss of points) without the two goalscorers goals	W->L.....0 (Opts)
W->D.....2 (4pts)		W->D.....2 (4pts)
D->L.....0 (Opts)		D->L.....0 (Opts)
2 games	Maximum scoring run	2 games
2 games	Maximum Dry Spell	2 games
1	Shot	1
5	Header	5
1	Volleyed Shot	1
0	Penalty	0
0	Direct free Kick	0

Luton Town's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record



2001-2002

Top Sc	Ave Att
Harford 12	9,711
Gray 19	8,213
Dixon 9	7,878
Marshall 11	7,350
Cntchw/Mrsll 9	7,223
Thorpe 28	6,294
Thorpe 14	5,879
Douglas 9	5,527
George 14	5,658
George 7	5,754

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20/10/01	Bristol Rovers	O'Hara & Co	Shaymen Down South	
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Wednesday 17th October 2001

Wigan Athletic 2 Halifax Town 2

Last Wednesday our reserve team travelled to Wigan Athletic who had the likes of Paul Dalglish, Andy Liddell and a certain Paul Mitchell playing for them.

I started the game with a 4-3-3 formation but in the first half we gave away 2 silly goals owing to a couple of basic mistakes of our own doing which we need to eradicate. Although we were 2-0 down at half time I did not feel this was a true reflection of the half and thought it was very much against the run of play.

With Craig Smith replacing Steven Oleksewycz at the interval we switched to 4-4-2, which seemed to have the desired effect as we played some good football and the tempo was also good.

Ian Fitzpatrick pulled a goal back for us

and Jamie Wood converted a penalty to level the scores and I thought we could go on and win the game as we showed a good attitude and were the better team on the day.

Peter Crookes pulled off some good saves at important times and this was the second week on the trot that we have come from two goals down to level, which I was very pleased about.

Team: Peter Crookes, Robert Herbert, Alan Reilly, Nathan Winder, Nicky Heinemann, Craig Midgley, Steve Swales, Peter Wright, Jamie Wood, Steven Oleksewycz, Ian Fitzpatrick.

Subs: Gary Birchall, Gary Woodcock, Peter Myers, Andy Farrell, Craig Smith.





The appointment of Joe Kinnear as Hatters' boss last season heralded publicity unlike that received since the League Cup triumph of 1988. Since reaching this peak and a highest-ever finish of 7th in the top flight the season before, the side from Kenilworth Road have experienced an astonishing fall from grace. With Kinnear arriving too late to prevent relegation from Division Two, the Hatters are now attempting to bounce back at the first attempt.

With Kinnear at the helm, there are no problems in attracting support. The official club site at WWW.LUTONTOWN.CO.UK reports that the forthcoming home game against fellow pacesetters Rochdale will be a sell out for home fans. Saturday's game matches first against second and is a mouth-watering prospect.

The official site offers a detailed preview of a 'six-pointer' that will be played in front of a 'noisy full house'. The game will provide a good yardstick as to how far The Hatters have progressed under new management however on the pitch, the official site cites the absence of the prolific Carl Griffiths as a major blow. Injury will prevent the former Leyton Orient striker of an opportunity to improve his current goal ratio of 0.64 goals per game. Two goals in every three games to you and I, which is an impressive return.

The unofficial Hatters' site at WWW.LUTONTOWNMAD.CO.UK puts the situation on the pitch into some perspective. Comparisons are drawn between the recent health problems of Liverpool boss Gerard Houllier and those experienced by Kinnear during his time in charge of Wimbledon. Kinnear is quoted as saying 'My advice would be to take time out and give himself a chance to look at things, and evaluate his life.' Football is far more important than being only a game to many of us.

However when such situations arise, a couple of defeats pale into insignificance – let's all hope Gerard makes a full and speedy return to full health.

With The Hatters riding high in Division Three, it would be easy to think the fans will be content with the situation. From the message board on the same site, the story according to 'anonymous' is slightly different – 'With all the deadwood we still have left would it be possible to hold a charity bonfire'. You obviously can't please all of the people all of the time.

Another unofficial site at WWW.LUTONFC.COM has the mandatory pop at the local rivals. In the case of The Hatters, this can only mean the team named W*****d. They are so hated their full name cannot emanate from the keyboard of your average Luton fan! Why do Watford fans plant potatoes round the edge of Vicarage Road? So they have something to lift at the end of the season. A Watford fan and a Luton fan are walking along the street outside and suddenly the Luton Fan says 'Ooh, look at the dead bird'. The Watford fans looks up to the sky and says 'Where?'. Did you hear the Post Office just recalled their latest stamps? They had pictures of Watford players on them and people couldn't figure out which side to spit on. It's unlikely you'll ever hear 'Candle in the Wind' at Kenilworth road by the sound of it.

The plethora of Hatters sites, including WWW.FLAG.ORG.UK, WWW.HATTERNET.COM and the boards at WWW.TEAMTALK.COM show that Luton Town are not lacking in support. If the attempt to rebuild and to achieve new heights to match those of the 1980's is to be successful, every ounce of this support will be needed as The Hatters begin a new chapter in their history.

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