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**A warm welcome to everyone
for today's game against Luton
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I hope that everyone was pleased with last week's performance against Macclesfield Town, when we came out as convincing winners. It was good to see three goals in the net and I hope that we will perform well again today when we have a break in the normal League programme for our First Round in the Cup.

All professional footballers look forward to the First Round of the FA Cup, and we are lucky to be drawn at home. However, it will be a tough game as Luton are in the top three of our Division so it will be good if we can play well and get a victory to take us through to the next round.



Hopefully it will be a good crowd today who will get behind the team and help us get the positive result we want. I will be looking for consistency from the players, which has not been achieved as yet.

I would like to welcome Joe Kinnear to Roots Hall today, and also give a special hello to Mick Harford who I played with in my days at Bristol City. I know Mick is a tremendous character, both on and off the field, so Luton will definitely be fired up by him this afternoon. We need to play at our best to get the victory we want over our opponents.

Finally I would like to extend my welcome to today's sponsors, Rendezvous Casino, and hope they have an enjoyable afternoon and bring us some luck.

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Average Attendances

2000 4000 6000 8000 10000

Records	Club	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000
Highest Gate	Bristol Rovers					7,289
10,755	Carlisle					3,046
Hull	Cheltenham					3,713
v Plymouth	Darlington					4,127
Lowest Gate	Exeter					3,534
1,356	Halifax					2,073
Macclesfield v	Hartlepool					3,507
Hartlepool	Hull					9,776
Highest	Kidderminster					2,823
Agg Score	Orient					4,830
Luton5	Lincoln					3,185
Darlington2	Luton					6,588
Macclesfield4	Macclesfield					1,987
Scunthorpe3	Mansfield					4,402
Biggest	Oxford					6,156
Home Win	Plymouth					5,063
Darlington4	Rochdale					3,420
Exeter0	Rushden					4,313
Hull4	Scunthorpe					3,431
York0	Shrewsbury					3,652
Luton5	Southend					3,913
Torquay1	Swansea					3,747
Mansfield4	Torquay					2,478
Macclesfield0	York					2,768
Shrewsbury4						
Kidderminster0						
Hull5						
Cheltenham1						
Hartlepool4						
Hull0						
Biggest						
Away Win						
Exeter0						
Scunthorpe4						
Consec. Wins						
Plymouth5						
Games						
Unbeaten						
Plymouth15						
Consec. Defeats						
Rushden, Orient,						
Darlington4						
Winless Run						
Bristol Rovers,						
Halifax10						

Goals - When Scored

0-15 16-30 31-45 46-60 61-75 76-90

Club	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
BR	0	2	4	0	2	6
CU	2	3	4	3	0	3
CT	2	3	4	2	8	5
Da	1	3	4	2	8	4
EC	5	4	5	1	3	2
HT	1	4	2	1	1	3
HU	1	0	6	3	4	6
HC	2	5	3	8	4	10
KI	1	2	1	4	3	4
LO	2	3	4	6	3	7
LC	1	3	2	3	5	5
LT	3	4	9	6	9	8
MT	2	1	3	2	2	2
MT	4	6	5	4	4	7
OU	5	1	0	6	4	1
PA	4	5	5	4	5	4
Ro	4	5	3	4	6	7
RD	1	6	4	1	4	4
SU	6	5	5	3	5	5
ST	6	1	5	1	8	7
SU	4	1	2	5	2	8
SC	4	6	4	2	2	6
TU	3	2	2	2	2	4
YC	3	1	5	4	3	7

Form Guide: Home & Away

Home Form most recent results to left Away Form

Club	Home Form	most recent results to left	Away Form
LLDD	Bristol Rovers	DLLDL	
LDWWD	Carlisle	DDLLL	
DDDDW	Cheltenham	LDDWL	
WLDDW	Darlington	LDLLD	
WWWD	Exeter	LDLWL	
DLDD	Halifax	LDLLL	
WWLWW	Hartlepool	LWLLL	
WDWWW	Hull	LLWDD	
WWDLD	Kidderminster	WLLWD	
LWLLL	Orient	LDWLD	
WDWLW	Lincoln	DLWLD	
WWLWW	Luton	LWWLW	
DLDD	Macclesfield	LLWDL	
WWLWW	Mansfield	WLWLD	
DDLDW	Oxford	LWLDD	
WWWWW	Plymouth	DWWDD	
WDDWW	Rochdale	WLWWL	
WWLWW	Rushden	DWDDD	
WWLWD	Scunthorpe	WDWDD	
WDLWD	Shrewsbury	LLWLD	
WWLWL	Southend	LLLLL	
DWLLD	Swansea	WLLWL	
LWWWD	Torquay	LLLWL	
LWWLD	York	DLLWD	

Clubs' top scorer & the points their goals have won

see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms	Gls/Gm	Pts	Run
York	Michael Proctor	7	5	1	0	18	0.39	11	2
Hull	Gary Alexander	12	8	2	0	17	0.71	10	5
Mansfield	Chris Greenacre	12	10	1	0	17	0.71	10	4
Shrewsbury	Luke Rodgers	13	8	1	1	18	0.72	9	4
Carlisle	Ritchie Foran	6	6	0	0	13	0.46	7	3
Torquay	David Graham	4	4	0	0	18	0.22	7	1
Plymouth	David Frio	6	6	0	0	16	0.38	6	2
Cheltenham	Julian Alsop	7	3	2	0	16	0.44	5	2
Macclesfield	Lee Glover	7	5	1	0	18	0.39	5	2
Exeter	Chris Roberts	6	4	1	0	17	0.35	5	2
Luton	Carl Griffiths	7	4	0	1	10	0.70	4	2
Darlington	Barry Conlon	4	4	0	0	18	0.22	4	1
Halifax	Paul Harsley	4	2	1	0	18	0.22	4	1
Bristol Rovers	Kevin Gall	3	3	0	0	18	0.17	4	2
Rochdale	Kevin Townson	7	3	2	0	16	0.44	3	3
Swansea	Mamady Sidibe	4	2	1	0	10	0.40	3	1
Scunthorpe	Martin Carruthers	8	6	1	0	17	0.47	2	2
Lincoln	Lee Thorpe	5	3	1	0	12	0.42	2	1
Oxford	Jamie Brooks	5	3	1	0	12	0.42	2	1
Orient	Jeff Minton	5	5	0	0	17	0.29	2	3
Southend	Mark Rawle	4	2	1	0	12	0.33	2	1
Hartlepool	Gordon Watson	7	4	0	1	11	0.64	1	2
Rushden	Duane Darby	5	1	2	0	11	0.45	0	2
Kidderminster	Drewe Broughton	3	1	1	0	14	0.21	0	1

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.

Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats

Club	Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.
Bristol Rov	3-2 Luton	1-3 Orient
Carlisle	2-1 York	1-3 Hartlepool
Cheltenham	3-1 Exeter	1-5 Hull
Darlington	4-0 Exeter	2-5 Luton
Exeter	3-2 Oxford, York	0-4 Scun, Darl
Halifax	2-0 Swansea	1-4 Southend
Hartlepool	4-0 Hull	0-2 Omt, Linc
Hull	5-1 Cheltenham	0-4 Hartlepool
Kidderminster	4-1 York	0-4 Shrewsbury
Orient	4-2 Rochdale	1-4 Scunthorpe
Lincoln	3-0 Swansea	1-3 York
Luton	5-1 Torquay	1-4 Mansfield
Macclesfield	2-0 Oxford, Bstl R	0-4 Mansfield
Mansfield	4-0 Macclesfield	0-3 Plymouth
Oxford	2-0 Hfx, Stnd	0-2 Maccsld
Plymouth	3-0 Hfx, Mntld	1-2 Rochdale
Rochdale	3-1 Mansfield	2-4 Orient
Rushden	3-1 Mansfield	2-3 Plym, Oxf
Scunthorpe	4-0 Exeter	0-2 Luton
Shrewsbury	4-0 Kidderminster	1-3 Hart, Scun
Southend	4-1 Halifax	0-2 vs 3 clubs
Swansea	4-2 Exeter	0-3 Linc, Lutn
Torquay	2-1 vs 5 clubs	1-5 Luton
York	3-0 Torquay	0-4 Hull

Numbers

Club	PU	CS	FS
Bristol Rov	26	5	9
Carlisle	31	5	7
Cheltenham	23	6	4
Darlington	25	6	6
Exeter	28	4	6
Halifax	19	7	10
Hartlepool	24	5	8
Hull	23	7	4
Kidderminster	26	7	9
Orient	28	4	3
Lincoln	20	6	4
Luton	30	5	1
Macclesfield	23	6	11
Mansfield	21	6	4
Oxford	23	5	7
Plymouth	19	10	5
Rochdale	25	8	2
Rushden	30	9	7
Scunthorpe	25	8	5
Shrewsbury	21	6	3
Southend	22	6	6
Swansea	27	4	7
Torquay	32	3	9
York	26	4	5

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

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Visitors' History

AN UNSUCCESSFUL battle against relegation last season completed an unwelcome new chapter to the long history of Luton Town - the wheel had turned full circle for the second time. A quarter of a century ago they proudly boasted that they were the first club in the country to sink from the top division to the bottom, then back all the way up again. Now their supporters are hoping that history can repeat itself, after the Hatters once more find themselves in the lowest division of the Football League.

The club has had to cope with all sorts of difficulties in the last few years, including almost going out of existence when they were in receivership in the summer of 1999.

They survived, and a year later an old friend returned as the new owner and chairman - Mike Watson-Challis, who had been a director in Luton's glory years, for a decade when they flourished in the old First Division, now the Premiership. He and his new colleagues on the board were determined to make a fresh start, but results in the first half of the 2000/01 season were a big disappointment. Former players Ricky Hill and then Lil Fuccillo were brought back to be managers, with limited success, with the result that in mid-season Luton were firmly stuck in the relegation zone and the board looked for proven experience. They chose Joe Kinnear, best known for keeping Wimbledon in the Premiership against all the odds - no ground of their own, little money and small crowds. Kinnear's brief was to try to regain former glories for the Hatters. Results did improve, but even Kinnear could not prevent Luton's tumble back to where they came from 33 years previously, then called the Fourth Division.

Luton went into the 1990s as a top club - they had ten glorious years in what is now the Premiership, and won the Littlewoods Cup by beating Arsenal in the 1988 final. But then came a decline, with a club in an antiquated stadium unable to compete with the big-money outfits. They missed the first season of the Premiership, through relegation just as it was set up in 1992, and the decline continued, with a drop into the Second Division in 1996.

Previous boards of directors took plenty of stick from fans as the Hatters slumped - the club sold at least £1million worth of talent every year, without bringing in adequate replacements. But now, with a new board and management team in place, money available for players, and plans taking shape for a new stadium, the supporters hope that at long last the Hatters really are set to move ahead again.

One of the oldest football clubs in England - they were the first in the south to turn professional - Luton have seen just about everything in football in more than a century of ups and downs. The club was formed in 1885 when Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior decided to merge, at a time when Luton was on the threshold of a boom thanks to the growth of the hat-making trade which was to give the club its nickname. Players were paid for the first time in 1891. Three years later Luton were founder-members of the Southern League, and in 1897 joined

the Football League's Second Division.

But patchy results and rising costs led to the Club resigning to return to the Southern League. And there Luton stayed until 1920, when the Southern League became Division Three of the Football League.

They narrowly missed promotion to the old Second Division in 1936, when centre-forward Joe Payne terrorised opposing defences. A wing-half, his first appearance as leader of the attack was near-unbelievable: he scored ten goals in a 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road. It is a record which is likely to stand forever. The following year Luton did win promotion, with Payne netting 55 league goals.

Luton were comfortable in the Second Division and in 1955 won promotion to the top division - what is now the Premiership. It ended in tears after six years. Luton reached the FA Cup final in 1959, but lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest. The team were all getting too old together, and a slump set in. Within 12 months Luton were relegated, and by the sixth anniversary of their only FA Cup final appearance Luton had tumbled all the way down to the old Fourth Division. In 1967 they were perilously close to having to ask for re-election to stay in the League.

That indignity was narrowly avoided, and a new board injected new life and money into the Club. The Division Four championship was won in 1968 and two years later another promotion was clinched, to the Second Division, with Malcolm Macdonald's goals a major factor.

In 1974 Luton made history again: they won promotion back to the First Division to become the first club ever to drop from top to bottom of the League and then complete the revival in the opposite direction.

That joy ended with relegation after only one season, but in 1982, led by David Pleat, Luton were back among the big boys again, despite operating on a shoestring in an antiquated ground. Miraculously Luton survived for ten seasons, with the first providing one of the game's classic showdowns. On the last day of the 1982/83 campaign Luton travelled to Maine Road needing a win to stay up and to condemn Manchester City to relegation. City had only to draw, and got to within four minutes of success. But then Raddy Antic, a Serb who had gone as a substitute, struck the winner, and David Pleat was forever famous after that for his televised victory jig of delight across the pitch.

Luton lost in the 1985 FA Cup semi-final to Everton, but in 1988 a major trophy was landed at last, when Arsenal were beaten 3-2 in the final of the Littlewoods Cup. The Hatters made Wembley their second home that summer: they were also there for the Football League's Centenary Tournament, and for the Simod Cup final, in which they lost to Reading. They nearly got there four times: an FA Cup run ended in defeat in the semi-final to the eventual winners, Wimbledon.

Twelve months later Luton were at Wembley again to defend the League Cup, but they lost to Nottingham Forest, to revive memories for older supporters of the 1959 disappointment.



Visiting the Hall



EMMERSON BOYCE

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. A commanding defensive figure, he was a regular last season, and juniormembers of Luton Town Supporters Club voted him their player of the year. Luton record to the start of this season: 86 appearances, 4 goals.

DEAN BRENNAN

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. But Brennan found it difficult to adjust to Second Division football, and is still trying to establish himself. Luton record to the start of this season: 11 appearances.

AHMET BRKOVIC

Believing a move would be good for his career, the midfielder 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. He was bitterly disappointed when they failed in the play-offs to win promotion to the Second Division, and thinks he can do it this season with Luton.

CHRIS COYNE

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. But Premiership chances were few and far between, and after loan spells at Brentford and Southend, Coyne accepted a transfer to Dundee, to play in the Scottish Premier League. Luton boss Joe Kinnear had remembered Coyne from his West Ham days, and a £50,000 cheque persuaded Dundee to let the defender move to Kenilworth Road in September 2001.

DEAN CROWE

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, and before his month was up had netted four goals in five appearances, and was the signed on a permanent deal. Crowe began his career as a YTS boy at Stoke, but found it difficult to hold down a regular place in their league side after a change of management and an influx of Scandinavian players. He was made available by Stoke in the summer of 2001 after loan spells at Northampton and Bury.

STUART DOUGLAS

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. He has flourished both as maker and taker of goals, and Luton will always wonder if relegation might have been avoided last season if Douglas had not suffered more injury problems which restricted him to only 15 full league appearances. Luton record to the start of this season: 162 appearances, 23 goals.

RICHARD DRYDEN

Vastly 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. Two years later they cashed in as he was sold to Notts County for £250,000, and further hefty fees were paid as Dryden moved on to Birmingham, Bristol City and Southampton. He also spent some time on loan at Stoke in the 1999-2000 season, during which he helped them win the Auto Windscreens Shield at Wembley. Luton record to the start of this season: 20 appearances.

CARL EMBERSON

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

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. Forbes is noted for his ability to run at and past defenders, either to deliver crosses from out wide, or to cut in and have a crack at goal. He had been at Carrow Road for four years, starting as a trainee, before his move to Luton.

ANDREW FOTIADIS

A local discovery, Fotiadis chose to stay at school to gain GCE A-levels before being a full-time soccer professional. He won England Schools caps at under-15 and under-18 level, and developed a style to delight Luton fans and worry opposing defences, as an old-fashioned centre-forward, with good physique, power, and concentrated determination. Luton record to the start of this season: 112 appearances, 13 goals.

STUART FRASER

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. He missed the rest of the season, but made a good recovery and was back in business when Luton began pre-season training six months later. Luton record to the start of this season: 63 appearances, 1 goal.

LIAM GEORGE

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. He returned in triumph, to become Luton's leading scorer in his first full season, 1999/2000, and also progressed to win Ireland under-21 honours. Luton record to the start of this season: 118 appearances, 25 goals.

CARL GRIFFITHS

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 £85,000. His earlier moves had totted up to well over £1 million, starting with a £500,000 transfer from

Shrewsbury to Manchester City. Beginning as a trainee at Gay Meadow, Griffiths had set his bench mark by netting 61 goals in 130 starts for the Shrews. He has been knocking them in ever since, for Portsmouth, Peterborough, Leyton Orient, Wrexham, Port Vale and back to Orient for a second time.

IAN HILLIER

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, but a crop of injuries at Luton led to Joe Kinnear taking the young right back on loan, and Hillier settled in so quickly that Luton soon decided to buy him, for a bargain £30,000 fee.

PETER HOLMES

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. But in his first season at Kenilworth Road, he played in barely a third of their league and cup games. Luton record to the start of this season: 22 appearances, 1 goal.

STEVE HOWARD

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 Sidfields 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 had first-hand experience of his ability - he scored when Northampton achieved their first-ever league win at Kenilworth Road, 2-0 in September 2000. Six months later he accepted terms at Luton, with Northampton grudgingly accepting a third of their asking price for a player who would have left for nothing soon afterwards under the Bosman ruling. Luton record to the start of this season: 12 appearances, 3 goals.

PAUL HUGHES

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. When Hoddle became manager of Southampton he moved swiftly to recruit Hughes, but a serious groin injury put the midfielder out of football for nine months. Southampton, by then under new management, made him available for transfer, and he joined Luton just before this season kicked off - and marked his Luton debut with a goal at Carlisle a couple of days later.

MARVIN JOHNSON

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. He is the only member of the playing staff to have appeared in all four divisions for Luton - he made his debut at Goodison Park in 1988. Luton record to the start

of this season: 417 appearances, 9 goals.

ADAM LOCKE

Well-travelled in football terms, the midfielder joined Luton on a free transfer from Bristol City to add experience to a predominantly young squad in the summer of 1999. He began as a YTS boy with Crystal Palace, his local club, but could not get into the league team at Selhurst, and moved on to Southend, Colchester and Ashton Gate before joining Luton. Luton record to the start of the season: 72 appearances, 5 goals.

LEE MANSELL

An injury crisis at Kenilworth Road thrust the young midfielder into a dramatic debut in an FA Cup tie. He had to make the transition straight from the youth squad to the first team in January 2001, and was an instant success. He was just 58 seconds into his debut against Queens Park Rangers, in an FA Cup third round replay, when he scored his first senior goal. Luton had looked after him since he was an 11-year-old, and signed him as a soccer scholar (previously the YTS scheme) as soon as he left school. His dramatic emergence at Loftus Road led to him becoming a regular in the side, and in the summer he was rewarded with a full professional contract. Luton record to the start of the season: 19 appearances, 6 goals.

KEVIN NICHOLLS

The tough-tackling midfielder began his career as a trainee at Charlton and quickly made an impact after skipping England youth teams at under-18, under-19 and under-20 levels. At the time Joe Kinnear, now manager of Luton, was in charge of Wimbledon, and made a note of the young Nicholls, and just before this season started he was surprised - and well pleased - to hear that Nicholls was available for transfer. Charlton had sold him for £250,000 to Wigan in the summer of 1999, but the move did not work out, and Luton's offer of £150,000 led to him moving to Kenilworth Road.

MARK O'NEALE

The arrival of a new board of directors at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2000 enabled Luton to break a mould that had been set over the previous three years. Then, with continuing financial problems, including a spell in receivership, Luton had been great sellers of players, and very rarely buyers. That changed when Mike Watson-Challis became the chairman, and made cash available to

secure goalkeeper O'neale from Bournemouth for £425,000. He was previously with Wisbech, Northampton and Barry Town Luton record to the start of the season: 33 appearances.

RUSS PERRETT

Having helped Cardiff City win promotion to the Second Division in May 2001, the big central defender was the victim of a huge recruitment drive at Ninian Park. Club owner Sam Hammam launched a spending spree which included £600,000 for Spencer Prior, and Perrett knew his first team future at Cardiff might be limited. Luton boss Joe Kinnear had a long-standing friendship with Hammam, from the time when they were manager and owner at Wimbledon, and Hammam allowed Perrett to join Luton a few days before this season began. Strong in the air, and with a good first touch on the ground, Perrett began with non-league Lymington before being snapped up by neighbouring Portsmouth in 1995. He did well in the First Division, and moved to Cardiff four years later.

AARON SKELTON

It was a case of going "back home" when the defender, born a few miles from Luton, signed for the Hatters for the second time in July 2001. He had joined the club as a schoolboy, and worked his way up through the ranks to be on the fringe of the league team in 1993, when he was 19. A serious thigh muscle injury struck when he was poised for his senior debut, which was delayed for 12 months as a result. And no sooner had he made the breakthrough than an appalling run of bad luck struck, with back and knee ligament injuries sidelining him for most of the next three years. A change of club, on a free transfer to Colchester in the summer of 1997, brought a much-needed change of luck and Skelton rapidly became a big favourite at Layer Road. He was their player of the year when his contract expired in the summer of 2001, and although Colchester wanted him to sign a new deal, the invitation to move back to his first club, on a Bosman, was too good to turn down.

MATTHEW SPRING

A competitive midfielder, Spring has been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a driving force in the side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. After a league debut when still only 17, he soon became a regular in Luton's Second Division team, and as he came into this season he had never been dropped. His first 100 appearances were clocked up while he was only 20. Luton

record to the start of this season: 170 appearances, 15 goals.

MATTHEW TAYLOR

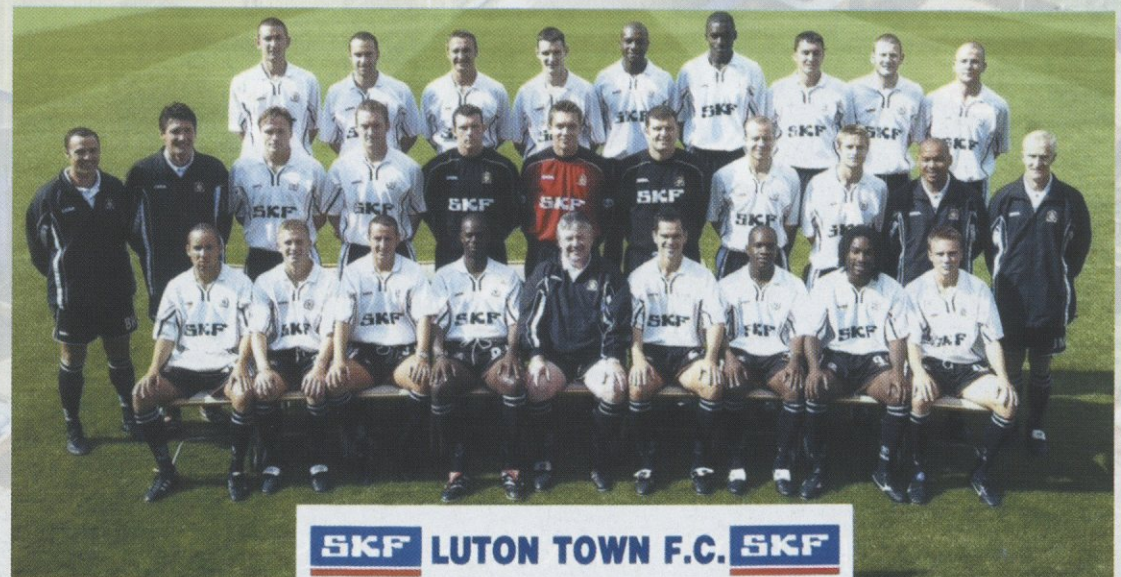
When Luton were in receivership in the summer of 1999, players had to be sold or given away to save money, while severe restrictions were imposed on new recruits. So once more Luton had to look at the young talent coming up through the ranks, and the wing-back, though still only 17, was thrust into the league team. With his pace and fierce shooting ability, he settled in immediately, and has developed into a top class player, a real crowd-pleaser, and a respected professional. At the end of his first season he was named young player of the year by the Luton management and coaching staff. Twelve months later, in May 2001, he swept the board in the player of the year votes - he picked up the prizes from votes by players, Luton Town Supporters Club, and internet fans. He also netted the goal of the season award. Luton record to the start of this season: 101 appearances, 6 goals.

PETER THOMSON

Rejected as a teenager by home town club Bury, the striker drifted into non-league soccer with Chorley and then Lancaster before a £25,000 move to Dutch club NAC Brada. He got over a broken leg to score goals in the Dutch Premiership, and Luton brought him home for a £100,000 fee in September 2000, but he is still trying to make the breakthrough as a regular in the Hatters side. Luton record to the start of this season: 16 appearances, 2 goals.

JEAN-LOUIS VALOIS

Rarely can there have been a more explosive league debut than the one made by the midfielder in September 2001, a day after he joined Luton. The left-winger had turned down the chance to stay at Lille Olympique Sporting Club, despite the lure of European Champions League football, because he was desperate to play in England. Luton were one of several clubs interested in a man with a good reputation in French football, and after a brief trial signed him on a Bosman free transfer. Valois became an instant hero at Kenilworth Road, pulling most of the strings on his debut as Luton hammered Torquay 5-1, with the left-footed midfielder cracking the goal of the game, a stunning 35-yard strike which even the opposition fans applauded.



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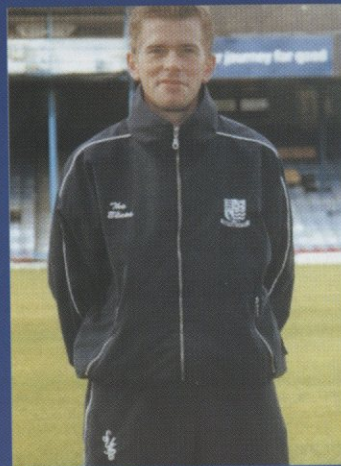
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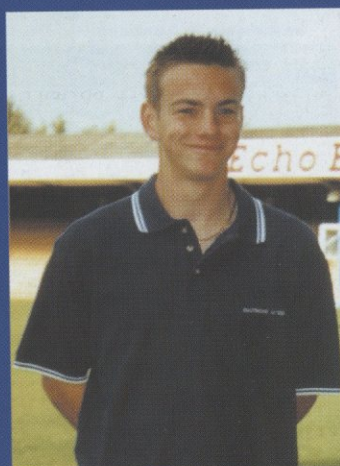
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Southend United full-back Mark Beard today revealed he has been offered an extended contract by Blues boss Rob Newman.

"Rob's offered me something until the end of the season," said Beard "So it's just a case of signing it really but I'd definitely be happy to stay." Beard had been on a week to week deal since signing in October.

FOR MORE DETAILS SEE TODAY'S PLAYER PROFILE

LUNAN LEAVES THE HALL.

Third year scholar Jamie Lunan has joined Grays Athletic on a two year deal. The under 19's goalkeeper joins fellow ex-Shrimpers



MARK BEARD

at Oxford United but withdrew before kick-off having been recalled by the Hammers.

Rob Newman has since stated he will not be pursuing his interest in Uddin but has offered two other trialists an opportunity to stake their claim for a first team place at Roots Hall.

Roscoe Dsane of Crystal Palace and Marek Szmied of Manchester United have both impressed for the reserves in recent weeks and should both be part of today's squad.

PLAYERS RELEASED

New Shrimpers manager Rob Newman has begun the expected turnaround at Roots Hall by transfer listing six players and releasing two. Midfielders Dean Holness and Leon Hunter have both left the Blues after their three month contracts expired. Meanwhile, Gareth Risbridger, Mel Capleton, Stephen Broad, Danny Pitts, Shane Wardley and Jason Harris have all been placed on the transfer list

Andy Sussex and Craig Edwards at the Ryman Premier League outfit. Lunan, whose brother Daniel is also on the youth team's books, failed to make a first team appearance in his time with the Blues, but was named on the bench ten times last season.

TRIALIST UPDATES

West Ham defender Anwar Uddin will not be joining on a month's loan. The young centre-half had been expected to figure in last week's reserve team clash

FRUSTRATION FOR FORBES

Southend United winger Scott Forbes is again on the sidelines after picking up a knock in the reserve team clash at Oxford last Wednesday. The injury plagued midfielder was substituted after just fourteen minutes and could face another frustrating spell on the treatment table. Meanwhile, fellow crock Ben Smith is expected to be out until after Christmas with his knee injury.

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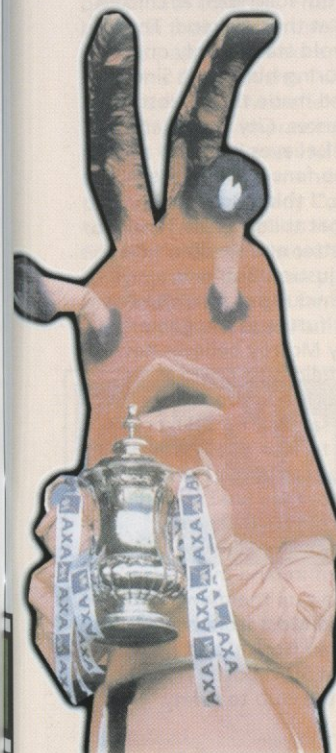
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THIRD DIVISION REVIEW - WITH NICK ALLIKER

Hartlepool manager Chris Turner has completed the signing of Paul Smith until the end of the season. Smith has been at Victoria Park for the past couple of weeks on a non-contract basis, and has finally put pen to paper. The 25-year-old former Burnley midfielder spent a brief spell on loan at Oldham last season.

Shrewsbury have been given a boost with the news that Mark Cartwright will miss only one game following his dismissal against Lincoln.

There were fears Cartwright would pick up a three-match ban for seeing red in the draw against the Imps on November 3. But the club have been given confirmation that he will only miss Saturday's first round FA Cup tie at Brighton.

Duane Darby is eyeing-up next week's clash with Scunthorpe as his first game back after injury. The Rushden & Diamonds striker was taken to hospital with concussion after sustaining a head injury in the win over Halifax. The forward is resigned to missing out on the FA Cup first round tie with non-league Worcester, but is hoping to be back for next Tuesday night's clash. "The injury isn't too bad now, though I've got stitches in the top of my nose and it's a bit painful," said Darby. "I've been told to take a

couple of days off and rest and I think the weekend is too early for me. But fingers crossed I'll be back on Tuesday against Scunthorpe."

Kidderminster have secured the services of Wolves' Colin Larkin for at least another month. Wolves boss Dave Jones handed the 19-year-old the opportunity to continue for a third month at the Aggborough Stadium. His opposite number at Kidderminster Jan

Molby was only too willing to keep Larkin on. Larkin has been a regular for Harriers, making 12 appearances as Molby has developed a three-prong attack headed by the youngster. Club spokesman Steve Thomas said: "Jan Molby would like to take him on for the rest of the season. Wolves have allowed him to stay another month, but Jan will talk with them and try and keep Colin for the rest of the season."

Middlesbrough are being linked with Rochdale striker Kevin Townson. The 18-year-old has scored 10 goals this season, seven of them in the league. He has helped Rochdale to second place in the Third Division.

Midfielder Robert Betts has returned to Coventry, after his one-month loan spell at Lincoln expired at the weekend. The 19-year-old started only one game during his stay at Sincil Bank and made three substitute appearances. City boss Alan Buckley believes Betts did not show the fans his full potential. He said: "I think Robert will agree that things could have gone better and he didn't do himself justice. But he is a talented young player who has a bright future in the game."

Sammy McIlroy believes new Macclesfield boss David Moss will lead the club to Third Division safety. The Silkmen look set to face a relegation battle to stay in the Football League, as they are currently

level on points with rock-bottom Halifax. But McIlroy, who was at Moss Rose for over two years before taking over as Northern Ireland manager, feels Moss has the pedigree to pull them away from danger. He said: "I know David Moss from his Manchester City days with Brian Horton and he was also assistant to Andy Kilner at Stockport. I hope he can improve things and lead the club to safety."



Kevin Townson

Halifax have confirmed that on-loan midfielder Grant Smith has reported back for training. The 21-year-old Sheffield United player has not figured in manager Alan Little's squad for the past two games. Reports suggested the Scot had not been seen by Halifax for the majority of last week and had returned to Sheffield. But general manager Tony Kniveton said: "He has reported back for training. He is tied to the club until December 9. As long as he's fit he'll be in the team selection and it's up to the manager whether he chooses to play him or not."

Shrewsbury manager Kevin Ratcliffe has approached Rochdale about signing David Flitcroft. The midfielder worked with Ratcliffe at Chester and the Shrews boss is keen to secure his services. He said: "David is one of those strong midfield players that will add a bit more experience to the squad. He can play in the centre or on the right wing. He will bring the depth and experience we have lacked in the last month."

Carlisle United have secured the signing of former Ipswich midfielder Sean Friars on a one-month contract. Friars has been on trial at Brunton Park for the past few weeks and made his debut in the 1-0 home defeat by Mansfield. The left winger impressed in a reserve game against Hull, scoring in a 3-3 draw and prompting boss Roddy Collins to take him on. Collins signed Friars in order to restore Peter Murphy, who has been playing on the left side of midfield, to his more familiar role at left-back.

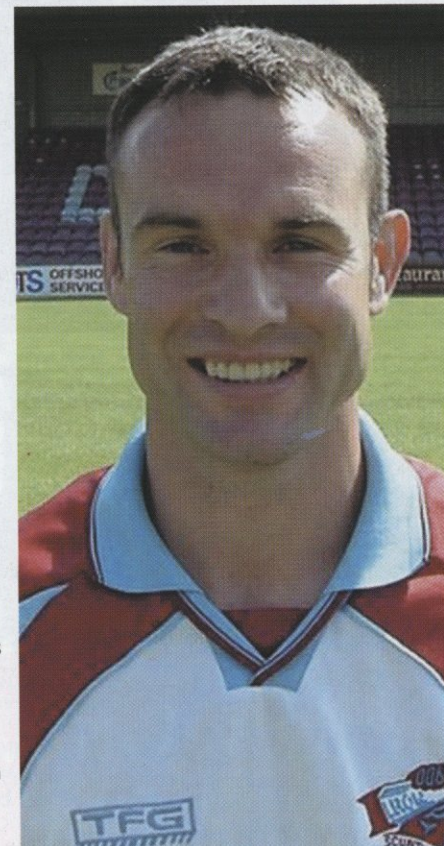
Leyton Orient boss Paul Brush has challenged his

players to prove they are good enough to stay at Brisbane Road. He was furious at his team's feeble showing in a 3-1 home defeat to Kidderminster on Saturday. Brush has threatened to replace under-achievers unless they improve their performances. He said: "They've got to show this is a one-off or I'll have to push to be able to bring some other players

in now rather than at the end of the season. Until a week ago the whole side was brimming with confidence. Although you can try and restore it in training there's nothing you can do about it when the players are on the pitch. We're struggling to be a match for anybody at this level."

Scunthorpe captain Peter Beagrie has revealed he has toned down his famous goal celebrations as he does not want to tempt fate. The winger is well known for his back-flips after scoring but recently he has had to restrain himself as he has been carrying a slight hamstring problem. Beagrie said: "It is very difficult not to do something when you've been doing it for the whole of your career. I've been an ever-present in the side this season despite the injury but I don't want to tempt fate by making it worse. It is hard and when I've scored as the adrenaline takes over and I've started to take a couple of steps to launch into the back-flip but my teammates have usually jumped on me before I can carry on." But he promised the fans his back-flips have not gone for good. "You never know," he added.

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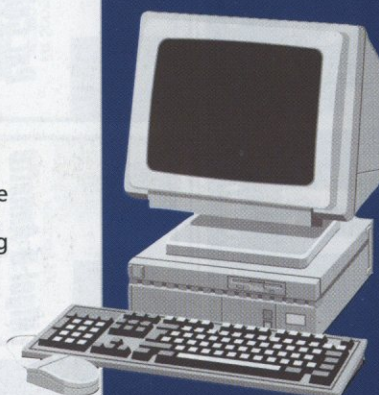
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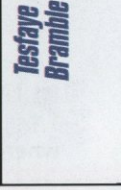
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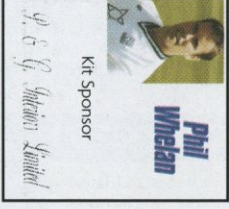
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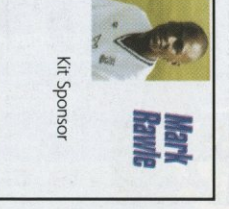
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Volleys.....5
Penalties.....2
Free Kicks.....1
O.G.s.....0

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Rawle.....4
Maher.....3
Bramble.....3

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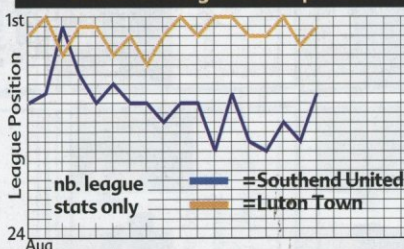
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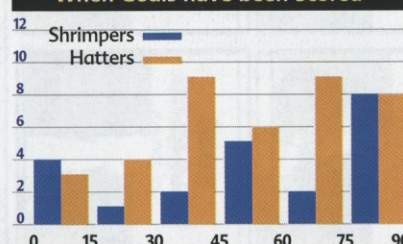
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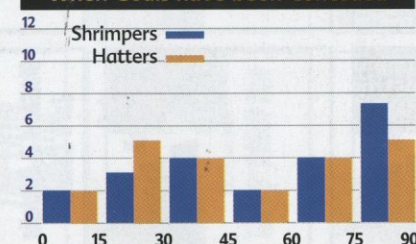
Seasonal Progress Comparison



When Goals have been Scored



When Goals have been Conceded



Mark Rawle (Southend)



3 games.....Total Games Scored In.....5 games
2 games.....Games Scored 1 Goal.....4 games
1 game.....Games Scored 2 Goals.....0 games
0 games.....Hat-tricks.....1 game

W->L.....0 (0pts) Season's Results and (loss of points) without the two goalscorers goals
W->D.....1 (2pts)
D->L.....0 (0pts)

1 game.....Maximum scoring run.....2 games
7 games.....Maximum Dry Spell.....2 games

Goals.....4
Games.....12
Average.....0.33

Carl Griffiths (Luton)



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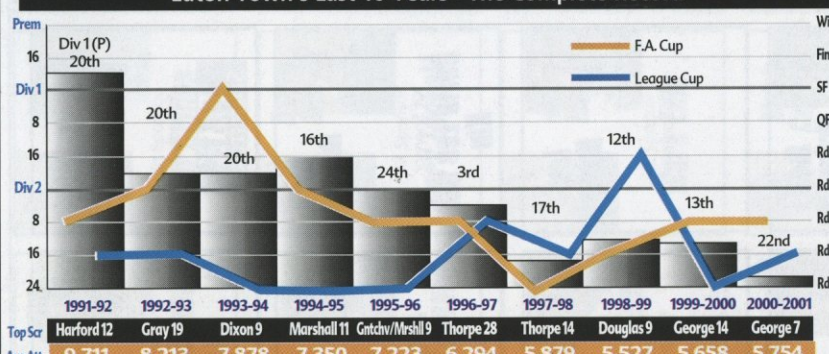
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D->L.....0 (0pts)

2 games.....Maximum scoring run.....2 games
2 games.....Maximum Dry Spell.....2 games

Goals.....7
Games.....10
Average.....0.70

Southend Goals.....22	0	Shot.....1	Luton Goals.....39
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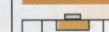
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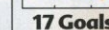
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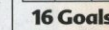
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Players Used 30
Clean Sheets 5
Failed to Score
1
Consec. Wins
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Consec. Defeats
none

"...a win could, maybe be the start of something special"

F.A.Cup football returns to Roots Hall today and, whilst last year's run ended in a massive disappointment there were a couple of bright spots along the way. The disappointment came in the third round against a Kingstonian side that scored with their only shot but then defended resolutely to dump us, unceremoniously, out of the competition. In fact, the only person here today who will remember that game fondly is Mark Beard, who was on the winning side that day.

The game of the whole year for everyone in this

part of Essex though, was only possible because of the beauty of the F.A. Cup. When the draw for the second round came out, Canvey Island or Port Vale were to play Torquay United or Southend United. As we all now know, the two replays were won by the local sides to set up the Derby no-one thought possible. The excitement that this game created in the whole area was immense and, on the day, a full house packed into Canvey's home ground for the game, Roots Hall, and a great atmosphere was created.

Unfortunately, the game did not quite match up to the occasion, but it was still something that will stay in the memories of both sets of fans. With both teams playing in the first round today, who is to say a repeat is not on the cards in 2001.

We are constantly reading in the press how the F.A. Cup has lost much of its appeal and prestige. Whilst this may be true for five or six of the Premier League clubs, for most, the magic still lives on. Who remembers, for instance, that Wycombe Wanderers started their cup run in sixth place but ended it heading towards the relegation places? Not many I'm sure, but I could bet most of you will remember Roy Essandoh's dramatic last-minute winner that started Peter Taylor's demise at Leicester and which sent Wycombe through to a truly unbelievable semi-final spot at Villa Park against mighty Liverpool.

Stories like this prove that an F.A. Cup run can still make a team's season, just ask the 20,000 Wycombe fans who traveled to that semi-final, and whilst defeat today wouldn't be the end of the world, a win could, maybe be the start of something special. Because, it's a certainty, that out there playing today, possibly even here at Roots Hall, is somebody that 99% of football fans have never heard of but will be next year's Roy Essandoh.

Here's hoping!

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Memories from the Hart...

Leyton Orient v Southend United
F.A. Cup 1st Round Saturday 17th November, 1990

Eleven years ago to the day the Blues travelled up the A13 for a tough F.A. Cup 1st Round tie against Leyton Orient. Although it is never made public there are some cup games that it is almost better to lose the "concentrate on the league" kind of defeat. This was certainly the case as, under boss Dave Webb, we sat proudly on top of the then Division Three with the O's in 4th place and with an excellent home record. Our home record had seen us win seven out of eight league games and we had won four times on our travels and to complete the healthy picture the reserves were top of the Wendy Fair Capital League. For this week's teaser can you tell me which defender played his ninth and last game for Southend at Brisbane Road on this day 11 years ago? - The answer is below.

Our latest cup tie had been 11 days earlier and seen us trounce Aldershot 10-1 in the Leyland Daf Trophy while Orient, managed by Frank Clark, had lost 2-0 at home to Fulham in the same competition. In a match refereed by Philip Don the large Southend contingent in the 6,095 crowd witnessed an even first half with few clear cut chances. The second half, however, was a complete contrast with five goals coming in the last 25 minutes. Steve Tilson had a good chance to put us one up before the home side took the lead in the 66th minute. Steve Castle took advantage of some statuesque defending from Southend to rifle home.

The Blues though were level three minutes later when top scorer Brett Angell shot home after an effort from substitute Adam Locke had been cleared off the line. The visitor's lead lasted for just 60 seconds though as Kevin Nugent stooped to head home following some great work on the right flank from Danny Carter much to the delight of the home fans. The tie was really alive now and chances were spurned at both ends before Orient seemingly made the game safe following a curious decision from the linesman. It appeared to all in the ground that he had given an Orient forward off side only to change his mind. From the quickly taken free kick the ball found its way to Castle who again scored from six yards out.

At least we made the O's fans sweat for the last couple of minutes when Angell scored his second but it was too late and Orient went through to meet, of all teams, the then non leaguers Colchester in the second round. After a 0-0 draw at Layer Road Orient won the replay 4-1 but bowed out to second division Swindon, again after a replay, in round three. For the fourth year running we had gone out of the F.A. Cup at the first hurdle and it would be a couple of years before we would win a tie when in 1992-3 we reached the 5th round seeing off Millwall and Huddersfield thanks entirely to Stan Collymore.

This afternoon's opponents, Luton, were in top flight action against Manchester City at Kenilworth Road 11 years ago and came back from being two goals down at half time to draw 2-2 thanks to goals from Ian Dowie and a John Dreyer penalty. Elsewhere in division one and Arsenal's defensive record reached 558 minutes without conceding a goal and Sheffield United were still seeking their first league win following a 2-0 defeat at Manchester United.

At the end of the season Arsenal would be crowned first division champions and Spurs would win the F.A. Cup after a 2-1 win over Nottingham Forest in the game that saw Gazza seriously injure his knee after fouling Forest's Gary Charles. Of course, more closer to home, and the Blues secured their place in the then second division finishing runners up to Cambridge United. The club did gain some revenge over Orient winning the league match at Brisbane Road 1-0 though failure to beat the O's in the rearranged league match at Roots Hall in the last week of the season ultimately cost us the championship.

Answer to the teaser:- Peter Cawley.

Team v. Leyton Orient:- Sansome, Austin, Powell, Cornwell, Prior, Tilson, Cawley, Butler, Ansah, Benjamin, Angell.
Subs: Martin & Locke.

Crowd: 6,095

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CUP CLASHES

Southend United have faced Luton Town in the FA Cup on four previous occasions. Paul Telfer's goal gave Luton a 1-0 third round win at home to Southend in 1993-94 and the Hatters reached the semi-finals that season under David Pleat. Luton also triumphed 1-0 at home to the Blues in the 1964-65 FA Cup first round with a goal by John Bramwell. The Hatters swept to a 5-1 first round victory at home to Southend in 1928-29 with four goals by Andy Rennie plus another from Lewis Bedford and won 4-2 at Southend in the 1908-09 fifth qualifying round replay.

PROMOTION WINNER

Luton Town midfielder Adam Locke was an influential figure in Southend United's 1990-91 promotion success. Moving to Roots Hall on a free transfer from Crystal Palace in August 1990, he made his League debut in Southend's 1-0 win at Mansfield Town a month later and netted four goals in 73 League games prior to joining Colchester United in September 1994. He joined Luton from Bristol City in August 1999 but was unable to prevent relegation last season and has scored five times in 59 League outings to date for the Hatters.

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

Former England Youth international midfielder Scott Houghton has played for Luton Town and Southend United during his career. Moving to Kenilworth Road on a free transfer from Tottenham Hotspur in August 1993, his solitary goal in 16 First Division games came in Luton's 5-0 win at home to Barnsley two months later and he was sold to Walsall for £20,000 in September 1994. He joined Southend from Peterborough United in November 1998 and scored nine times in 79 League outings before moving to Leyton Orient in October 2000.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

One-time Luton Town inside-forward Barry Fry had a spell as Southend United's manager. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Bolton Wanderers in May 1964, the England Schoolboy international made six Fourth Division appearances for Luton prior to joining Gravesend & Northfleet in July 1966. He succeeded Colin Murphy as Southend's manager in April 1993 and guided the Blues into the First Division promotion frame before leaving to take charge of Birmingham City in December 1993. Former Southend midfielder Lil Fuccillo had a spell as Luton's manager last season.

EVER-PRESENT

Former Luton Town striker Ian Benjamin was ever-present in Southend United's 1990-91 promotion success. Moving to Roots Hall on a free transfer from Exeter City in March 1990, the England Youth international helped Southend to win promotion that season and scored the goal at Bury that clinched a second consecutive promotion in 1990-91, netting 33 times in 122 League games before being sold to Luton Town for £50,000 in December 1992. He scored twice in 13 First Division outings for today's visitors prior to reuniting with David Webb at Brentford in September 1993.

MUCH-TRAVELLED

Much-travelled midfielder Barry Silkman played for both Luton Town and Southend United during his career. Moving to Luton on loan from Plymouth Argyle in February 1979, he made three consecutive Second Division appearances while at Kenilworth Road. He joined Southend from Orient in July 1985 and his solitary goal in 40 League outings came in the 3-0 win at home to Wrexham in September 1985, moving to Crewe Alexandra in September 1986. Ex-Scottish Schoolboy striker Billy Kellock also played for both clubs.

CUP HERO

One-time Southend United central defender Chris Turner was an influential figure in Luton Town's 1978-79 League Cup fourth round victory at Aston Villa. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Peterborough United for £100,000 in July 1978, he netted five goals in 30 Second Division games for Luton before moving via New England Teamen to Cambridge United in September 1979. He joined Southend in October 1983 and his solitary goal in 22 Third Division outings clinched the Blues' 1-1 draw at Newport County a month later.

IN SAFE KEEPING



Former Southend United goalkeeper Graham Horn was a key figure in Luton Town's 1973-74 promotion success. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Arsenal in February 1973, he contested a first-team slot with Keith Barber and made 58 League appearances for Luton prior to joining Los Angeles Aztecs in May 1976. He joined Southend from Kettering Town in December 1977 and played nine League games before moving to Aldershot in January 1980. The likes of Doug

Beach, George Goodyear, Joe Loughran and Bill Thirlaway have also played for both clubs.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO?

LIL FUCCILLO



Attacking midfielder Lil Fuccillo was one of Peter Morris' last signings during his brief managerial reign at Southend United.

Real name Pasquale, the son of Italian parents who settled in Bedford, he signed professional for newly-promoted Luton Town in July 1974 and made his First Division debut in their 1-0 win at Derby County five months later. He was ever-present in two consecutive seasons and an influential figure as Luton triumphed at Aston Villa in the 1978-79 League Cup fourth round, overcoming a broken leg to feature prominently in their 1981-82 Second Division title campaign. Scoring 24 goals in 160 League games for today's visitors, he had a spell with Tulsa Roughnecks before Peter Morris signed him in December 1983.

He was unable to prevent Southend's relegation that season and also played under former England captain Bobby Moore while at Roots Hall, netting four times in 45 League outings prior to joining Peterborough United in August 1985. Subsequently with Chris Turner's Cambridge United, Kettering Town and Wivenhoe Town, he then assisted Turner at Peterborough and succeeded him as manager for a year in December 1992. He was Birmingham City's chief scout, then coached at Peterborough again, Sheffield Wednesday and Barnet and briefly managed Luton last season.

	L	FAC	LC	T
Luton Town 1974-75	1			1
1975-76	14(3)			14(3)
1976-77	42(6)	2	1	45(6)
1977-78	42(5)	3(1)	4	49(6)
1978-79	18(7)		4	22(7)
1980-81	5(1)			5(1)
1981-82	29(2)	2	2	33(2)
1982-83	9			11(2)
Total	160(24)	7(1)	13(2)	180(27)
Southend Utd 1983-84	23(1)			23(1)
1984-85	22(3)	2		24(3)
Total	45(4)	2		47(4)

GEORGE GOODYEAR

Popular right-half George Goodyear was a reliable performer for Southend United during the early post-war era.

He initially impressed with Hitchin Town in non-League soccer and joined Luton Town in October 1938, playing regularly for the Hatters in wartime football. Given his Second Division debut in their 2-1 defeat at Chesterfield in October 1946, he provided cover for the likes of Mel Daniel and Frank Soo while at Kenilworth Road and made ten League appearances before Harry Warren signed him in July 1947. He formed an effective half-back line with Frank Sheard and Stan Montgomery, netting his solitary goal in 59 Third Division (South) outings in Southend's 2-1 home defeat against Notts County in March 1948.

Moving to Crystal Palace in June 1949, he failed to make a first-team appearance while at Selhurst Park and soon joined Biggleswade Town. He became landlord of 'The Bell' pub in Sandy where he still lives, then was a self-employed painter and decorator and later steward of Sandy Conservative Club. Subsequently helping his son Bryan to run his local bookmakers until retiring in December 1994, he is now 85 and one of Southend United's oldest surviving former players.

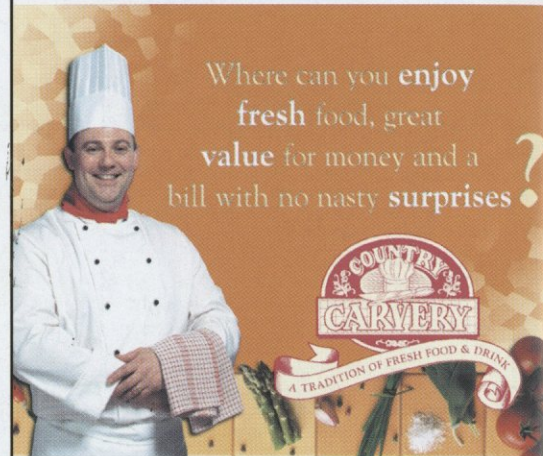
	L	FAC	LC	T
Luton Town 1946-47	10			10
Total	10			10
Southend Utd 1947-48	33(1)	1		34(1)
1948-49	26	1		27
Total	59(1)	2		61(1)

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Jeff Allen - Matchday Host

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Welcome once again to the Mecca of Essex football. Our Division Three rivals Luton Town join us today for their first visit to 'The Hall' this season, not in a league encounter this time of course, but as our opponents in the 1st round of the AXA sponsored F.A. Cup.

When the draw was made I thought to myself, "I'll have that". Having seen 'The Hatters' mug us at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season (10 versus 12 if I remember rightly) it will give us a good opportunity to even things up a bit and show how far 'The Mighty Shrimpers' have developed under Rob Newman.

Our 3-0 defeat of Macclesfield last Friday was as conclusive as it was methodical and really showed off the strengths of many of our 'up and coming' stars. Some of the players have looked truly inspired under Rob and the news last week of his decision to transfer list seven members of the squad sends out the signals that he's most definitely not to be messed with.

The 2,900 crowd was extremely disappointing and, in light of the club's current financial concerns, is hardly the sort of turn out to help bolster the SUFC coffers. There has been too much negativity around the town about SUFC and we should all be getting behind the team and shouting it loud and proud!

I'm sure you'll all be in good voice and singing the lads on to another famous victory. This is as close to a 'derby' as we get in these parts (although knocking out Orient in the 2nd round, Col U in the 3rd and West Ham in the 4th would be great!). Get behind the team!!!!

Many thanks to my competition sponsors for 2001/2002; The Odeon Cinema, Rebus and my absolute fave local jewel of a Thai restaurant, Siam City. The correct answer from the Macclesfield match was '1979'.

Q: What is the name of Luton Town's Manager ?

Answers, comments or inclusions to jeffallen@blueyonder.co.uk or write to me c/o the SUFC Marketing Department, here at Roots Hall stadium, marking the envelope or postcard 'Jeff Allen'.

Keep The Faith!

ONE sad aspect of the dimly low attendance against



Macclesfield was that there was hardly anyone in the ground when Darryl Flahavan walked out to become the first recipient of the SUSCT Player of the Month trophy.

The October award also reflected performances in August and September and there can be few Trust members who would disagree that a few points we have in the bag this season might not be there but for some of Darryl's superb saves.

He has soldiered on bravely despite the tragic loss of his brother and, in these days of the overpaid Premiership prima donnas, is a tremendous example to his fellow professionals up and down the leagues. His £50 for charity will be going to the Southend Baby Care Unit.

In fact, Darryl is held in such high esteem that one Trust executive committee member agreed to execute a few moths and haul £85 from his wallet to get his hands on the misspelt 'Flahavan' shirt from the LDV Vans date at Stevenage when it was auctioned at last weekend's highly successful Trust Quiz Night at Boots and Laces. Jeff Allen did a great badgering job on the mic and also persuaded membership secretary Theresa Wellham to hand over £30 for a Blues first day cover from the club's 1,000th League game v Bristol Rovers back in 1972. All money gratefully received into Trust funds.

Our overall gain is still being worked out, but big thanks as well to organiser Donna Fillary excellent fish and chips, as usual cheerful chappie quiz master Guy Rickard and all those who attended. The only worry to address was that the majority of those who took part were non-members!

Christmas Draw tickets are currently being distributed by Terry Jeffreys to one and all, but I will give further details on that in Tuesday's programme v Plymouth.

Today we take time off from the usual league fare to indulge ourselves in the romance of the FA Cup. We all dream of another of those dates with a big Premiership side and if we do make it to face one of the 'big boys', a goal would be nice this time.

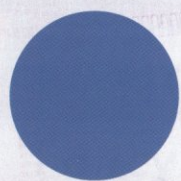
If this afternoon's showdown finishes needing a replay, Chris Berry will no doubt be rushing around to arrange our usual coach travel to Kenilworth Road for probably Tuesday week. For details, and for Shrewsbury on November 24, ring him on 01702-558978 or 07703-898698.

To end with, the usual 'Welcome one and all' to what should be a large contingent of our Hatters rivals from up the M1. It's good to see Joe Kinnear restored to full health, though we will be looking to our lads to give him more than a few palpitations well before the 90 minutes are up. Enjoy it.

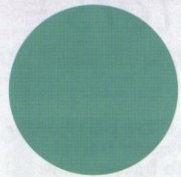
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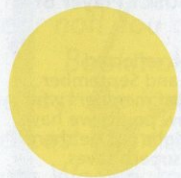




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Tarpots	8.45
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Mark Rawle

After a difficult start to the current campaign, Mark Rawle is back to his best and gunning for revenge against Luton Town this afternoon.

The speedy striker was controversially sent-off in the clash between the two sides at Kenilworth Road in August and, having now regained full match fitness following his subsequent five match suspension, Rawle will be hoping to continue his recent goalscoring heroics today.

The former Boston striker hit two goals against Macclesfield last time out at the Hall, bringing his season's tally to five and, as he continues to impress alongside house-mate Tes Bramble in attack, Rawle will be looking to fire the Blues into the second round draw.

Following a short spell with Rushden and Diamonds Rawle first came to prominence at Boston United where he fired 22 goals in 27 games during the 1997/98 season.

And Rawle had already scored a further thirteen goals in the following campaign before making the £60,000 switch to Roots Hall in February 2001.

After initially impressing on his arrival Rawle endured a miserable time in front of goal, scoring just once in fourteen appearances.

However, despite the statistics, the quick front-runner produced a number of dangerous displays and, but for some incredibly bad luck inside the penalty area, could quite easily have scored on numerous occasions.

Happily Rawle now seems to be having the rub of the green and, with injury and suspension problems now firmly behind him, the season is set for the popular forward to maximise his clearly enormous potential.

CHRIS PHILLIPS

AUTOGRAPH

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Thomas is eight years old and attends South Benfleet Primary School where his favourite teacher is Miss Buck. His hobbies include Scalectrix, watching Scooby Doo, Tom & Jerry, Power Rangers and WWF on the box, he also plays football for Deaneswood Tigers. Thomas' dislikes are eating peas, listening to Britney Spears and going to bed. His favourite footballer is Paulo Di Canio.

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3rd round-up

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Being a Wimbledon fan, I know all about Joe Kinnear's man management abilities and he's assembled the old backroom staff, Daley Thompson and all, to help Luton get back at the first attempt.

And as for Rochdale, I saw them spoil Oxford's party on the first day of the season when they opened the Kassam Stadium. They were hugely confident, athletic and well organised, and they've kept it going. Plymouth's statistics speak for themselves, and reports from Hull suggest a City on the march.

I don't want to dwell on the strugglers, but Swansea deserve a special mention. I spent a week as a guest of the club, filming the programme. It was the week John Hollins was sacked, the fans were up in arms. The Chairman, Mike Lewis, in an effort to appease his

critics, promised that he would swap places with a supporter for a week, and we could film the result. Needless to say, a couple of weeks later, he'd sold his shares and disappeared. It's going to be a long years at the Vetch.

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Roots Hall Spotlight

Committed, competitive, passionate and one hundred percent dedicated to the Southend cause, Mark Beard is back with the Blues determined to make up for lost time.

The gutsy right-back was controversially cut from the Shrimpers squad at the end of the 1999/2000 campaign, but, having recently re-joined the Roots Hall ranks, Beard is set for his 100th Shrimpers' appearance this afternoon.

"I had a few offers from non-League clubs," says Beard on his options after leaving

Kingstonian. "But obviously I wanted to get back playing in the League again. Rob gave me a chance and I took the opportunity with both hands."

And Beard, who enjoyed spells with both Millwall and Sheffield United at the beginning of his career, is quick to point out how influential the new Blues boss was in securing his switch to the Seasiders.

"I originally asked him if I could just come down here and train," says Beard. "But then he said that Dave Webb might be resigning so with that happening he said 'I'd like to have you in the squad.'"

Since then however Beard has forced himself into first team reckoning and, following a series of substitute appearances, the 27 year-old finally made his first League start of the current campaign against Macclesfield last Friday.

"It's not been frustrating," says Beard on his wait for a place in the starting line-up. "I can't complain because I've come

here from a non-League team and Macca's done really well as well. So I'm not going to go in and start knocking at the manager's door because he's given me a chance to come back here."



Beard certainly seems to be making the most of his "chance" though with an impressive display in the 3-0 rout of the lowly Silkmen last time out at Roots Hall.

"I thought we did really well," admits Beard. "Great start again and this time we hung onto it whereas in the other games that we've taken the lead early we haven't really played that well. This time we took it on a bit further and did alright."

Courtesy of the emphatic victory the Blues now sit tenth in the League table, with Tes Bramble and Mark Rawle deservedly hitting the headlines for their goalscoring exploits.

"We've got great front players, with great pace and I think that's what you need in this division," says Beard. "I said when I first came here, after the Swansea match, that we've got such a strong squad this time round. We've got two big, tall centre halves and quality players in midfield so I think all around the park, wherever you look it's quality and there's even players who aren't even playing at the minute that could come in and still do a good job."

Hopefully the Southend strikers will be on top form once again this afternoon as they face high-flying Luton Town in the first round of the FA Cup.

"Obviously it will be a tough game," says Beard looking ahead to today's encounter. "They're top of the League and spent a lot of money. There should be a good atmosphere with a big crowd and the FA Cup is always special because if you do get a good run, especially being a lower League team, you could get bigger boys in the later rounds."

The Blues, of course, know all about the excitement of Cup football following last year's exploits, with over 11,000 people cramming in to Roots Hall to witness the "Battle of Essex" against Canvey.

Sadly David Webb's men fell at the next hurdle losing to Conference strugglers Kingstonian, a team who ironically included a certain Mark Beard in their line-up that afternoon. "It was a good day," says Beard. "I remember when the draw was made we were listening to it on the radio and I must have had about 200 phone calls in a space of an hour,

everyone just couldn't believe it, of all the teams to get we got Southend! But for me it was perfect to go back and win with Kingstonian, even though Southend did batter us for the last forty-five minutes. So it was good to come back and get a win."

A visibly fired-up Beard was clearly ecstatic with his side's unexpected triumph that day having been unceremoniously dumped by previous Shrimpers boss Alan Little.

"That's all water under the bridge," says Beard "That's all finished now and that manager's not here anymore. What with Rob coming in he's done a good job so far and I was glad to come up."

So is it weird having Newman, a former Southend team-mate, in charge of the club?

"It is a bit yeah," admits Beard. "From going to being your mate and going on nights out with him, he's had to distance himself a bit, not too much he still likes to hang about with the boys but obviously it's something he wants to go into and good luck to him."

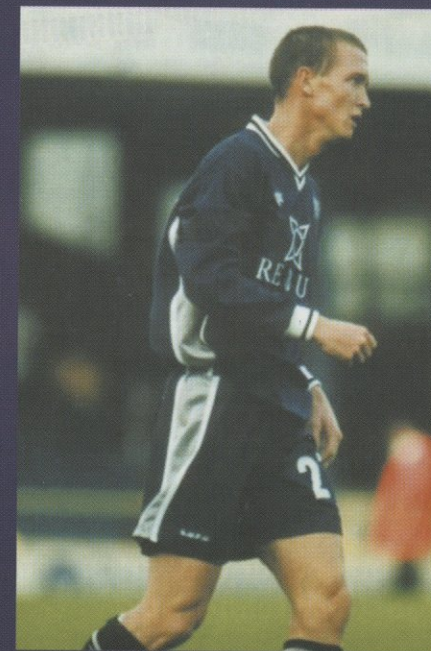
And Beard, who once faced a David Beckham inspired Manchester United side during his youth days with Millwall, could well help the new Blues chief realise his ambitions after being offered an extended contract

"Rob's offered me something until the end of the season," reveals Beard "So it's just a case of signing it really but I'd definitely be happy to stay."

The fiery full back has certainly warranted his new deal after producing the goods on his return to Roots Hall after a brief stint in the non-League game

"The Conference is a bit more physical," says Beard comparing the two levels. "There's not that much difference, but there's not that much quality. The Third Division is a very tight division again and, if we'd lost against Macclesfield the other night, we would have been in the bottom two, but as it happens we went ninth so it's very tight again."

With the Blues in touching distance of the promotion pace-setters Beard will be hoping the Shrimpers make the League standings even tighter over the next few months as he bids to



achieve his ultimate Roots Hall achievement having already received individual acclaim.

"Winning Player of the Year in my first year was good for me because I'd never won anything like that in my career," says Beard "But all the games

really, I've enjoyed being here over two and a half years and I'm glad to be back."

Beard is clearly relishing his return to the Seasiders and is targeting a successful end to a season which began with such high expectations for the Blues

"As an individual I'd like to keep my place in the team," says Beard. "Obviously I need to play well because I know

Macca's been doing really well. As a team, promotion has to be our aim and if not then a place in the play-offs."

With the majority of an already eventful 2001/2002 campaign still remaining many of the season's twists and turns have yet to materialise. But, one thing is for sure, if every Southend player shows the same level of commitment and desire as Mark Beard we could all be celebrating come the final day of reckoning.

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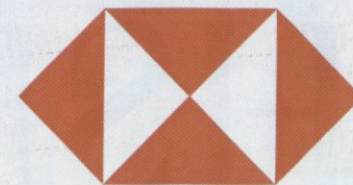
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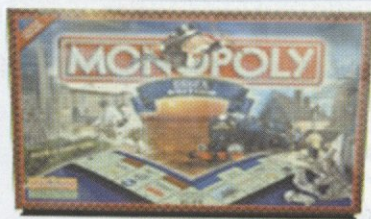
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The Blues v The Pilgrims

Plymouth Argyle come to The Hall on Tuesday evening hoping to continue with the form that has taken them to the top slot in the Third Division.

Former Scotland International Paul Sturrock is the man leading the charge, an achievement that has seen him pick up the Nationwide League Division Three Manager of the Month award for October. Judging by the pre-match ticket sales, it's going to be yet another exciting atmosphere here at Roots Hall and a game not to be missed. To make sure you that you do not miss any of the action, book your seat now!

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It's going to be a great day, so make sure you're part of it.

Book your seat today by calling the ticket office on 01702 30 41 40 or call in to the club shop during normal office hours.

WELCOME

This afternoon we extend a very warm welcome to Rob Clements who is a fanatical Blues supporter, even though he lives in Stafford. Normally Rob, who is 13-years-old, can only make Northern away games but the excitement of The Cup has brought him back to the 'Roots' for today's match.

Rob has been a Blues fan since the age of 4, due in the main to his Dad's influence, who joins him in the C2C West Stand this afternoon. Keep the blue flag flying Rob and have a great day!

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In the event of a tie today, the replay is due to be played at Kenilworth Road, Tuesday 27th November, 7.45pm kick-off



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From the Commentary Box

There is something about the FA Cup which gets the blood pumping (or is it just me?). I can remember when the draw was on Monday lunchtimes and gathering around the radio to see who my team had pulled out of the hat (jumpers for goalposts etc).

Of course it has all changed now, the ties are spread across the weekend, the draw for the next round often takes place before some sides have even played and there are no longer as many replays as it takes." Some of these changes are good, some are not. I do not mind the fact ties are decided on the first replay but I do care about when the draws are made. If I had a pound for every time I had been asked this week by colleagues when the draw for the second round is - I'd have three quid - but it was slightly embarrassing when I had to say "I'm not sure, I'll check."

Despite the changes the FA Cup still holds the attention of the world and you have to bear in mind it is the world's oldest knockout competition. Recently it has been suggested the cup has lost some of its lustre and you do not get as many shocks now because the top clubs are so far ahead of everyone else. But try telling that to Dagenham & Redbridge who came so close to seeing off Charlton last season. Non-League teams still have their part to play, remember Kingstonian (ouch) and then there was Canvey Island.

Today's match may not seem glamorous on paper but it is still the FA Cup, there is some good prize money up for grabs and a route to the second round is there for the taking. Who knows maybe Southend United will be the ones creating the headlines this season.

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**SOUTHEND United
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freezing Roots Hall.**

Two goals from Mark Rawle and one from Tes Bramble ensured an emphatic victory for the Shrimpers as they raced back up to the ninth in the League table.

Following on from the dismal display at Exeter last weekend Blues boss Rob Newman made three changes to his starting line-up with Mark Beard being preferred to David McSweeney at right back and the influential Kevin Maher returning to action in the centre of the park.

Mark Rawle was also reinstated to the Blues forward-line, replacing Daniel Webb, after recovering from a bout of food poisoning.

And it was Rawle who broke the deadlock after just eighty seconds, as he raced onto Kevin Maher's neat through ball before deceiving Town keeper Steve Wilson with a neat dummy to fire home into the gaping goal.

Having scored an incredibly early goal for the third successive League game, the Blues continued to create opportunities and Carl Hutchings, who enjoyed another all action display, soon warmed the hands of Wilson with a curling effort from twenty-yards, after brushing aside the attentions of three players.

However, despite the bright opening, the game soon settled into a quiet rhythm, with Tes

Bramble's 23rd minute header at Wilson providing the Blues next goal threat.

Bramble's strike partner, Mark Rawle, then beautifully created a goalscoring opportunity for Leon Johnson, brilliantly back-heeling the ball into his path, only for the hardworking midfielder to tamely curl the ball into the grateful arms of Wilson.

But, with the half slowly drawing to a close, referee P Walton soon took centre stage, showing Macclesfield midfielder Karl Munroe his second yellow card of the evening after allegedly swinging a punch at Kevin Maher.

And, as the visitors attempted to work their way back into the game, top scorer Lee Glover blazed his twenty-yard effort over the bar after a fortunate ricochet off of Phil Whelan.

Following a slow start to the second period, Damien Whitehead fired into the Southend side netting from an acute angle, after slack Shrimpers marking from Kevin Keen's free-kick had left him all alone at the far-post.

In reply, Tes Bramble soon blazed a fifteen-yard left-footed shot over the bar after a mesmeric run from the half way line, before Carl Hutchings sent a powerful eighteen-yard volley into the arms of Wilson.

Moments later though the Blues were, once again, indebted to the heroics of Darryl Flahavan, as the young shot-stopper impressively

saved Whitehead's effort from the edge of the area when a goal looked certain.

Having survived the scare skipper Phil Whelan then headed Maher's corner straight at Wilson before Hutchings saw his low half volley from ten yards disallowed for handball.

The Blues were not to be denied however and, just moments later, the Roots Hall faithful were celebrating once again when the unmarked Mark Rawle rose superbly to head Kevin Maher's drilled cross into the top right hand corner of the net for his second of the evening and his fifth goal of the season.

Seconds after his strike, Rawle should have completed his hat-trick, sending his close-range header from Leon Cort's knock down wide of the target, before Tes Bramble rounded off the scoring in the 78th minute.

The Shrimpers striker, who impressed alongside Rawle all evening, aggressively out-jumped the advancing Steve Wilson to head home the Blues' third of the evening after Carl Hutchings close range shot had caused mayhem in the penalty area.

SOUTHEND: Flahavan, Beard, Cort, Whelan, Searle, Belgrave (McSweeney 83), Maher, Hutchings, Johnson (Kerrigan 87), Rawle, Bramble (Webb 90)

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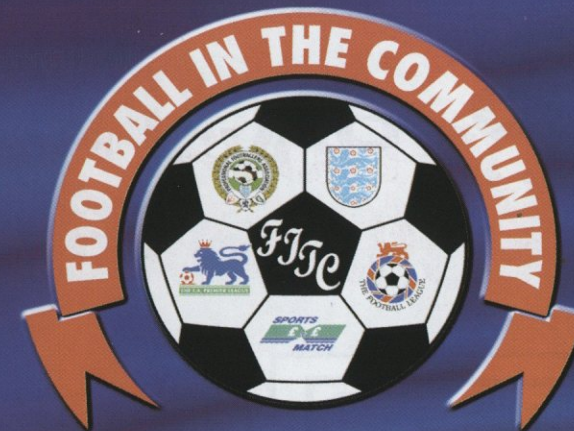
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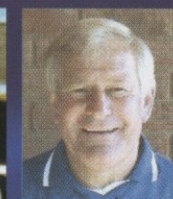
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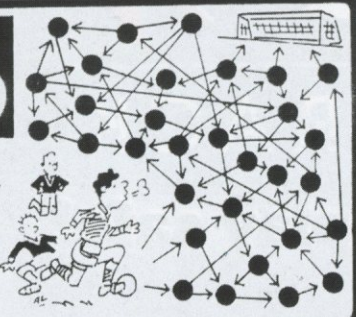
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BRENTFORD U 19'S 1**

Southend United's under nineteen side ground out an impressive 1-1 draw with high flying Brentford, in a evenly contested encounter at Boots and Laces.

Liam Smith's superb solo strike in the 55th minute earned the Blues babes a share of the spoils in a game which saw Daniel Lunan harshly sent-off.

The display deservedly gave the Shrimpers their first League point of the season, leaving boss Ricky Duncan a very satisfied man.

"I'm delighted," said Duncan. "Before the game I put a sign up in the dressing room saying FA Cup game, League game and then a question mark because the passion we showed in the Cup games is necessary in the league too."

"But in the first half today I was pleased with our attacking, we just needed to get tighter at the back and we did that in the second."

And Duncan was also quick to praise goalscorer Liam Smith after his speculative effort earned a point for the Blues.

"I'm pleased for Liam," admitted Duncan. "He's had a hard time of it at late and he's starting to get a smile on his face and now he's starting to play. I mean he's gone in at left back, beat two and smashed one in the top corner, it was a good finish but I told him he spooned it!"

Smith's goal had brought the Blues back into the match before Daniel Lunan's second red card of the season nine minutes from time gave the visitors the upper hand.

"I've got to talk to the ref about his two bookings," said Duncan "Because I thought the second one was a crazy

booking, I don't think he even touched him. But I've got to teach Daniel not to swear at the ref, it's ok to have a word but sometimes because he's passionate and wants to win so much, he gets carried away and he's paying the price, but he'll learn."

Duncan's words of praise followed a sterling display from Shrimpers in a game which began brightly, with Bees striker Lloyd Blackman firing over the bar from close range.

Ed Chibogu then forced Alan Julian into action with a well struck shot before Brentford took the lead in contentious circumstances in the ninth minute, when Blues shot-stopper Jamie Fisher was harshly adjudged to have hauled down Blackman in the area.

Rob Traynor confidently converted the subsequent spot-kick beating Fisher with a well struck shot into the bottom left hand corner of the net.

Despite the early setback however, the Blues continued to maintain possession well and were unlucky not to equalise just moments after the game's opening goal when Gerald England fired a shot across the face of the goal with both Clark and Liam Smith free in the area.

The impressive Gareth Cleverly then prevented the visitors doubling their advantage, heading Fieldwick's flick off the goal-line with Fisher beaten, before Blackman somehow headed over from four yards.

Anthony Clark then brilliantly denied Blackman with a last ditch tackle before Chibogu warmed the hands of Julian with a stinging shot from an acute angle.

Sadly the half drew to a close in worrying circumstances as Blues full-

back Chris Wilson was carried off the pitch with a nasty looking rib injury.

After the interval the

Blues continued to match their aggressive opponents and Gerald England was unlucky to see his ten-yard effort charged down after a fine through ball from Sean Coburn

Moments later though the Blues were celebrating a fine equaliser following a fantastic piece of skill from Liam Smith.

Having collected the ball and jinked his way past two defenders Smith exquisitely chipped the ball over Julian into the top right hand corner of the net.

After the lengthy and strangely high-pitched celebrations had drawn to a close, Brentford soon came close to re-establishing their advantage with Lloyd Blackman missing the target from six yards.

Jay Tabb then curled a superb free kick against the inside of the post before Jamie Fisher did well to deny Tabb and then, more impressively, Hughes with a fantastic full length dive to his right.

With Jamie Smith producing a towering performance at the heart of the Blues back four the Shrimpers continued to fight hard, and, despite Daniel Lunan's late sending off, Ricky Duncan's side deservedly took their first League point of the current campaign.

SOUTHEND: Fisher, Gray, J.Smith, D.Lunan, Wilson (Ilett 44), Coburn (Eaton 70), Cleverly, Clark, L.Smith, Chibogu, England (Bourne 85)

SUB NOT USED: Budd

BOOKED: J.Smith (66 mins - dissent),

SENT OFF: D.Lunan (81 mins - two bookings)

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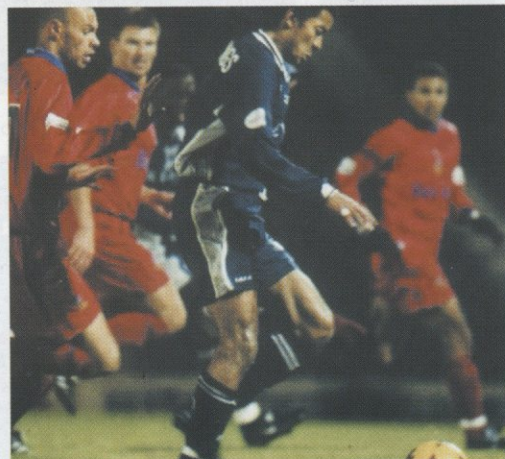
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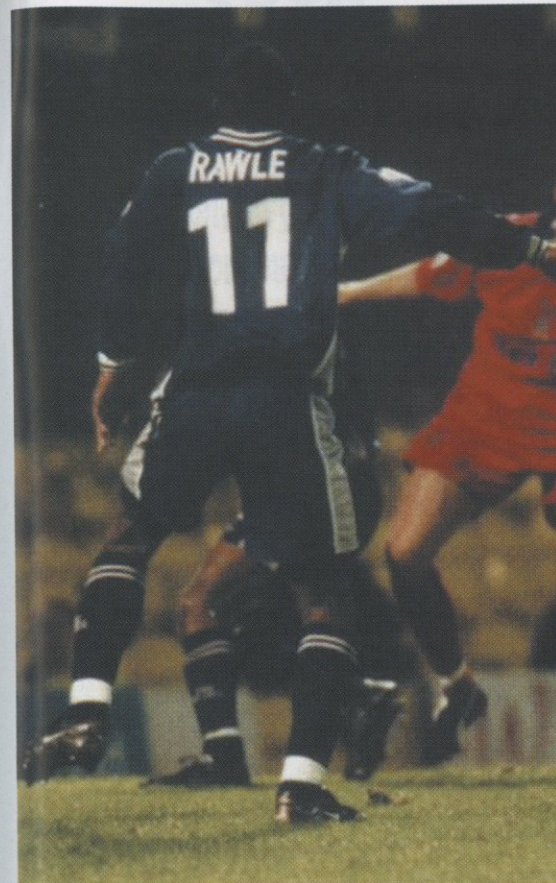
Mark Rawle opens the scoring and begins his celebration dance, to the delight of his team-mates



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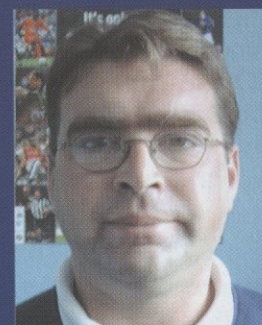
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Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game. If you attended the Macclesfield match, I'm sure you went home very happy after seeing The Shrimpers rack up

another three points.

Best of luck to Rob and the lads today, let's hope they can put on a good performance and advance to the next round of the cup.

This week I'd like to provide you with an update on the "Learning Through Football" project. This initiative uses football in general, and Southend United in particular as a cross-curriculum topic which aims to improve the literacy and numeracy skills for children in Key Stages 2&3.

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school supplies.

Many thanks to Julie Abbott of HSBC, who is pictured here alongside some of the children who participate in the project.

Up The Blues

Steve



**UNDER 17'S**

Sat Aug 18	Portsmouth	3-2
SAT AUG 25	LEYTON ORIENT	1-2
Sat Sep 1	Wycombe	3-3
SAT SEP 8	NORTHAMPTON	3-1
Sat Sep 15	Colchester	1-3
SAT SEP 22	GILLINGHAM	1-2
Sat Oct 6	Peterborough	1-1
SAT OCT 20	BRIGHTON	1-7
SAT OCT 27	BRENTFORD	2-5
SAT NOV 3	CAMBRIDGE	2-3
Sat Nov 10	Brentford	1-1
SAT NOV 17	PETERBOROUGH	H
Sat Nov 24	Gillingham	A
Sat Dec 1	Brighton	A
Sat Jan 19	Cambridge	A
SAT FEB 2	PORTSMOUTH	H
Sat Feb 9	Leyton Orient	A
SAT FEB 16	WYCOMBE	H
Sat Feb 23	Northampton	A
SAT MAR 2	COLCHESTER	H

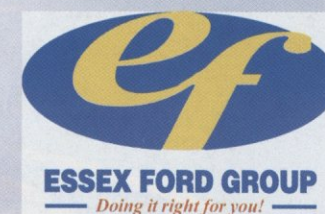
UNDER 19'S

SAT AUG 18	PORTSMOUTH	1-2
Sat Aug 25	Wycombe	2-3
SAT SEP 1	LEYTON ORIENT	0-1
Sat Sep 8	Colchester Utd (YAC)	0-5
SAT SEP 15	Q.P.R	2-5
Sat Sep 22	Gillingham	1-3
SAT OCT 6	COLCHESTER	1-5
Sat Oct 13	LEYTON ORIENT	3-2
Sat Oct 20	Brighton	0-6
Sat Nov 3	Luton Town YAC	0-2
SAT NOV 10	BRENTFORD	1-0
Sat Nov 17	Q.P.R	A
SAT NOV 24	GILLINGHAM	H
Sat Dec 1	Youth Alliance Cup	
Sat Dec 15	Colchester	A
SAT JAN 12	BRIGHTON & H.A	H
Sat Jan 19	Brentford	A
Sat Feb 2	Portsmouth	A
SAT FEB 9	WYCOMBE W	H
Sat Feb 16	Leyton Orient	A

**AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION LEAGUE FIXTURES 2001/02**

Wed Aug 15	Cardiff City	A	2 - 3	Wed Dec 12	Bournemouth	H	2pm
Mon Aug 20	Gillingham(Cup)	H	1 - 4	Wed Dec 19	Brighton & H.A	A	7pm
Wed Aug 29	Q.P.R	H	1 - 1	Wed Jan 9	Cheltenham T	A	2pm
Mon Sep 10	Crystal Palace	A	2 - 0	Wed Jan 16	Norwich City	H	2pm
Wed Sep 19	Reading	H	1 - 0	Wed Jan 30	Colchester Utd	H	2pm
Wed Sep 26	Brentford	A	0 - 2	Mon Feb 11	Peterborough	A	2pm
Wed Oct 17	Portsmouth	A	1 - 3	Wed Feb 20	Cambridge Utd	H	2pm
Wed Oct 24	Colchester	H	P - P	Wed Mar 6	Northampton T	A	2pm
Wed Oct 31	Swindon Town	H	P - P	Wed Mar 13	Barnet	A	2pm
Wed Nov 7	Oxford United	A	1-1	Wed Mar 20	Luton Town	H	2pm
Wed Nov 14	Wycombe W	H	2-1	Wed Mar 27	Millwall	H	2pm
Wed Nov 28	Bristol City	H	2pm	Wed Apr 10	Leyton Orient	A	2pm
Wed Dec 5	Bristol Rovers	A	7pm	Wed Apr 17	Gillingham	H	2pm

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We played Brentford at home on Saturday after our good performance against Reading in the FA Youth Cup. We now had the opportunity to take that type of performance into the League.

We had a young side out once again. The pleasing thing being that these young players came into the side and showed great enthusiasm and a total commitment to the game. We started ok but still remained loose defensively but looking good when in possession and moving forward. The game was quite evenly contested with both sides having good opportunities. Brentford were awarded a penalty after a lapse in concentration in our defence, allowing the Brentford forward to make a run in our box. Subsequently, James Fisher tried to make a save and a penalty was awarded. James went the right way but the spot-kick was well placed.

At half-time I felt that we could get something from the game, if we got tighter all over the pitch and limited their chances. In the sixty-fifth minute Liam Smith, now playing left back for

the injured Chris Wilson, linked up well with Joe Illet who played him inside. Liam ran at the defence and from twenty-yards out chipped a ball into the top left hand corner of the net. 1-1. Both sides created chances to win the game especially after our team being reduced to ten men after the sending-off of Daniel Lunan for two yellow cards. I was very pleased with the way in which the players pulled together and earned a well deserved draw.

Our under 17 team played Brentford away and with so many players progressing to the under 19's we had the chance to play some trialists and also those returning from injury. After talking to George Young, this also was a hard fought game with very few chances. But the players kept to their good habits and we eventually scored through Joe Flack who has just returned from injury and held out for a 1-0 win. It's good to see that both teams are now starting to pull together and as we have said before, the best way to get on and develop as an individual, is to pull together as a unit and help each other through the game.

All the best

Ricky Duncan

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Leicester City 2-1
Wimbledon 2-2, 8-7p
Wolves 2-1
Grimsby 1-1, 3-1



Everton 3-0
Southampton 0-0, 4-3



Middlesbrough 3-1



Brentford 3-1
Southend United 2-0



Plymouth 1-1, 2-1
Oxford United 3-2



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Colchester 5-1
Blackpool 1-0



Stoke City 0-0, 1-0



Reading 2-2, 3-1



Port Vale 4-4, 2-1



Halifax 2-0



Bury 1-1, 1-0

2000-2001 Top Scorers (Players)

1	2	3	4	5	6		
Earnshaw	Cardiff C	6				Bent	Blackburn R
Wiltord	Arsenal	6				Doherty	Tottenham H
McCarthy	Wycombe W	5				Fletcher	Northwich
Heskey	Liverpool	5				Goater	Manchester C
Yates	Tranmere Rov	4				Gudjohnsen	Chelsea
Stevens	Carlisle Utd	4				Holdsworth	Bolton W
Griffiths	Leyton Orient	4				Kanoute	West Ham Utd
Ipoua	Scunthorpe	4				Mike	Northwich
						Naylor	Darlington
						Patmore	Yeovil Town
						Pires	Arsenal
HAT-TRICK HEROES:							
Stevens	Carlisle U	Rd.1	v Woking			Rebrov	Tottenham H
Earnshaw	Cardiff C	Rd.1	v Bristol Rovers			Rideout	Tranmere Rov
Ipoua	Scunthorpe	Rd.1	v Hartlepool			Simpson	Wycombe W
Naylor	Darlington	Rd.1	v Sudbury			Stallard	Notts County
Holdsworth	Bolton W	Rd.4	v Scunthorpe			Thorpe	Bristol City
Rideout	Tranmere R	Rd.5	v Southampton			Vaughan	Canvey Isl
						Whitehall	Chester City

2000-2001 F.A. Cup Statistics

Total Results so far:	Games149	Total Goals457
Home Wins (inc. extra time & penalties).....80	Total Penalties (Scored)23	
Away Wins (inc. extra time & penalties).....61	Total Own Goals13	
0-0 Draws (inc. Replays at 90 mins).....13	Total Hat-Tricks6	
Score Draws (inc. Replays at 90 mins).....31	Ave. Goals per game3.067	
Highest Attendance: 72,000.....(Arsenal vs Liverpool, Final)		
Highest Att. Non-Final: 67,029.....(Manchester Utd vs West Ham United)		
Lowest Attendance: 1,023.....(Forest Green Rovers v Morecambe, Rd.1)		
Total Attendance: 1,799,611.....(149 Games)		
Average Attendance: 12,078		
Total Yellow Cards: 437.....(130 Games)		
Clubs with most Cautions: Wycombe Wanderers.....(19 Yellow, 2 Red)		
Average Yellow Cards: 2.93 per game		
Total Red Cards: 32		
Biggest Winning Margin: 6 Goals.....(QPR 0-6 Arsenal, Rd.4)		
Biggest Home Win: 6-1.....(Darlington 6-1 Sudbury, Rd.1)		
Biggest Away Win: 6-0.....(QPR 0-6 Arsenal, Rd.4)		
Highest Scoring Match: 8 Goals.....(Aldershot 2-6 Brighton, Rd.1)		
Closest Winning Margin: Penalties, a.e.t. (Wimbledon 7-8 Wycombe, Rd.5)		
'Extra Time' Replays: 9 Ties		

Own Goals

Watts.....Hayes Rd.1	Hatwell.....Forest Green Rd.1	Bere.....Bracknell Rd.1	Mdver.....Dorchester Rd.1	Jordan.....Cardiff Rd.1	Hughes.....Northampton Rd.2	Simpson.....Northwich V Rd.2	Bowen.....Cardiff City Rd.3	Plummer.....QPR Rd.4	Rose.....QPR Rd.4	Rufus.....Charlton A Rd.4	Hill.....Bristol City Rd.5	Flynn.....Stockport Co Rd.5
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2000-01 Red Cards

P. Beesley.....Chester	Moore.....Everton	Hawe.....Halifax Town	Patterson.....Kingstonian	Richards.....Barnet	Biscan.....Liverpool	Talbot.....Hampton	Roget.....Southend Utd	Hambley.....Havant & Wat	Varga.....Sunderland	Clifford.....Ilkeston	Dichio.....Sunderland	Leadbitter.....Plymouth A	Roberts.....Tranmere R	Branson.....Rotherham	Page.....Watford	Pitman.....Woking Town	Willmott.....Wimbledon	Zamora.....Brighton	Vassell.....Aston Villa	Alsop.....Cheltenham T	Davidson.....Leicester City	Ehiogu.....Middlesbrough	Flitcroft.....Blackburn R	Hulme.....York City	Simpson.....Wycombe W	Mullins.....Crystal Palace	Brown.....Wycombe W
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When F.A. Cup 2000-2001 Goals Scored

0-15 mins	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Ext-Time	Totals
4	10	9	16	15	11	16	55
4	10	9	16	15	11	16	55

2000-2001 Top Scorers (Teams)

2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
Wycombe Wanderers	18							
Liverpool	17							
Arsenal	16							
Tottenham Hotspur	13							
Blackburn Rovers	11							
Tranmere Rovers	11							
Chelsea	10							
Wimbledon	10							
Cardiff City	10							
Leicester City	9							
Scunthorpe United	9							
Swindon Town	9							
York City	9							

2000-2001 FA Cup Card Collectors

Wycombe Wand.	19:2
Dagenham & Red.	14:0
Tranmere Rovers	12:1
Wimbledon	11:1
Arsenal	11:0
Tottenham H.	11:0
Everton	9:1
Sunderland	8:2
Blackburn Rovers	8:1
Liverpool	8:1
Nuneaton Boro.	8:1
Southend United	8:1
Canvey Island	8:0

2000-2001 Top 16 Attendances

10,000	20,000	30,000	40,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Arsenal 1-2 Liverpool	Final	72,000				
Manchester U 0-1 West Ham United	Rd.4	67,029				
Arsenal 2-1 Tottenham Hotspur	Semi-Final	63,451				
Wycombe Wanderers 1-2 Liverpool	Semi-Final	40,037				
Everton 0-3 Tranmere Rovers	Rd.4	39,207				
Arsenal 3-1 Chelsea	Rd.6	38,096				
Newcastle United 1-1 Aston Villa	Rd.3	37,862				
Leeds United 0-2 Liverpool	Rd.4	37,108				
Liverpool 4-2 Manchester City	Rd.5	36,321				
Arsenal 3-0 Blackburn Rovers	Rd.6	36,304				
Tottenham Hotspur 4-0 Stockport County	Rd.3	36,040				
Sunderland 0-1 West Ham United	Rd.5	36,005				
Sunderland 1-0 Ipswich Town	Rd.4	33,626				
Leeds United 1-0 Barnsley	Rd.3	32,386				
Chelsea 5-0 Peterborough United	Rd.3	31,912				
Sunderland 0-0 Crystal Palace	Rd.3	30,908				

2000-2001 F.A. Cup Referees Report

A. Wiley	G	YC	RC	Av.Y	M.J. Brandw'd	G	YC	RC	Av.Y
R. Beeby	4	21	0	5.25	G. Frankland	3	10	0	3.33
M. Halsey	2	10	1	5	A. D'Urso	3	10	0	3.33
M. Cowburn	2	9	2	4.5	M. Riley	2	10	3	3.33
M. Fletcher	2	8	0	4	J. Winter	3	10	0	3.33
R. Styles	2	8	2	4	R. Farnandiz	3	9	0	3
E. Wolstenhlm	4	16	1	4	D. Crick	2	6	1	3
C. Foy	2	8	1	4	A. Bates	2	6	0	3
G. Barber	2	8	0	4	P. Walton	4	12	1	3
S. Bennett	4	15	1	3.75	N. Barry	2	6	0	3
L. Cable	3	11	0	3.66	M. Dean	4	11	1	2.75
M. Warren	4	14	0	3.5	D. Gallagher	3	11	1	2.75
P. Dowd	2	7	0	3.5	S. Dunn	4	11	0	2.75

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PLAYER STATS 01/02

	LEAGUE	W/CUP	GOALS	T.APPS
D. FLAHAVAN	19	1	0	20
C. HUTCHINGS	18(1)	1	2	19(1)
D. SEARLE	14(2)	1	1	15(2)
S. BROAD	6	1	0	7
P. WHELAN	19	1	2	20
L. JOHNSON	19	1	2	20
S. THURGOOD	11(2)	1	0	12(2)
K. MAHER	15	1	3	16
T. BRAMBLE	13(4)	0	4	13(4)
D. WEBB	10(4)	1	2	11(4)
M. RAWLE	12(1)	1	4	13(1)
D. MCSWEENEY	6(4)	(1)	0	6(5)
L. CORT	15(2)	1	0	16(2)
G. RISBRIDGER	(1)	0	0	(1)
T. RICHARDS	7(3)	(1)	2	8(4)
D. HOLNESS	1(1)	0	0	1(1)
B. SMITH	(1)	0	0	(1)
S. FORBES	1(1)	0	0	1(1)
B. BELGRAVE	13	0	1	13
J. HARRIS	2(2)	0	0	2(2)
D. KERRIGAN	4(2)	0	0	4(2)
M. BEARD	2(5)	0	0	2(5)

() came on as sub.

Nationwide League Division Three

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G.D.	Pts
Plymouth	18	6	0	2	14	5	5	5	0	13	6	16	38
Rochdale	18	5	4	0	16	6	6	0	3	13	11	12	37
Luton	18	6	2	1	20	7	5	1	3	19	15	17	36
Mansfield	18	7	1	1	21	10	3	3	3	9	11	9	34
Hull	18	7	2	0	21	5	2	4	3	11	15	12	33
Scunthorpe	18	4	3	2	14	9	3	4	2	15	10	10	28
Shrewsbury	18	5	2	2	16	10	3	2	4	12	13	5	28
Rushden	18	4	3	2	13	10	2	5	2	7	6	4	26
SOUTHEND	18	6	1	2	17	8	1	1	7	5	14	0	23
Darlington	18	5	2	2	13	4	1	3	5	9	18	0	23
Cheltenham	18	3	5	1	15	11	2	3	4	9	14	-1	23
Kidderminster	18	4	4	1	9	4	2	1	6	6	14	-3	23
Lincoln	18	4	2	3	11	8	1	5	3	8	11	0	22
Orient	18	4	1	4	16	16	2	3	4	9	15	-6	22
Hartlepool	18	4	2	3	15	7	2	1	6	5	10	3	21
York	18	4	1	4	9	10	2	2	5	14	21	-8	21
Torquay	18	5	1	3	10	10	1	2	6	5	15	-10	21
Swansea	18	2	4	3	11	11	3	1	5	13	19	-6	20
Bristol Rovers	18	3	3	3	10	12	2	2	5	4	9	-7	20
Exeter	18	4	3	3	13	16	1	2	5	7	18	-14	20
Oxford	18	2	3	4	10	12	2	4	3	7	7	-2	19
Carlisle	18	3	3	3	7	8	0	4	5	8	15	-8	16
Macclesfield	18	1	4	4	7	11	2	3	4	5	11	-10	16
Halifax	18	1	6	2	6	9	2	1	6	6	16	-13	16

Southend United Statistics

Fixtures & line-ups

Date	Opposition	Result	Score	Goals	Line-ups
Sat Aug 11	Darlington	H	1-0	4725	Flahavan Broad Searle Cort Whelan Thurgood Maher Holness Johnson Webb Richards Gay Risbridger(11) Harris Hutchings(10) Rawle(26)
Sat Aug 18	Mansfield Town	A	0-0	2774	Flahavan Hutchings Searle Broad Whelan Johnson Thurgood Maher Webb Rawle Cort Gay Harris Holness Risbridger Kerrigan
Wed Aug 22	Birmingham (W)	A	0-3	12,015	Flahavan Hutchings Searle Broad Whelan Johnson Thurgood Maher Webb Rawle Cort Gay Richards(3) McSweeney(10) Risbridger Bramble(4)
Sat Aug 25	Halifax Town	H	4-1	3525	Flahavan Hutchings Whelan Cort Johnson56 Bramble Maher Thurgood Rawle Richards45,90 Webb80 Gay McSweeney(9) Holness Smith(11) Broad
Mon Aug 27	Luton Town	A	0-2	6496	Flahavan Hutchings Johnson Cort Whelan Bramble Maher Thurgood Rawle Webb Richards Gay McSweeney(9) Broad Smith Holness(10)
Sat Sep 1	Leyton Orient	H	1-2	5853	Flahavan Hutchings Johnson Whelan48 Cort Bramble Maher Thurgood Rawle Webb Richards Gay McSweeney Smith Forbes(11) Broad
Sat Sep 8	Rushden & Diamonds	A	1-0	4583	Flahavan Hutchings Searle75 Johnson Broad Whelan Forbes Thurgood Maher Richards Webb Gay Kerrigan McSweeney(17) Holness Bramble(10)
Sat Sep 15	Hartlepool United	H	0-0	3933	Flahavan Hutchings Whelan Broad Johnson Bramble Maher Thurgood Rawle Webb Richards Belgrave Gay McSweeney Cort(9) Kerrigan Holness
Tue Sep 18	Bristol Rovers	A	1-2	5743	Flahavan Hutchings Searle Whelan Broad Belgrave Thurgood Maher Johnson Richards Bramble Gay McSweeney Cort(4) Kerrigan Holness
Sat Sep 22	Oxford United	A	0-2	5724	Flahavan Hutchings Searle Cort Whelan Richards Maher Thurgood Johnson Belgrave Bramble Gay McSweeney Risbridger Kerrigan(25) Webb(9)
Tue Sep 25	Carlisle United	H	3-2	2967	Flahavan Hutchings Kerrigan Cort Whelan44 Thurgood Maher89 Johnson Belgrave Webb54 Harris Gay McSweeney Risbridger Bramble Searle(12)
Fri Sep 28	Cheltenham Town	H	0-1	3709	Flahavan Hutchings Cort Whelan Kerrigan Thurgood Maher Johnson Belgrave Webb54 Harris Gay Broad Searle(11) McSweeney(2) Bramble(12)
Fri Oct 5	Torquay United	A	1-2	2329	Flahavan McSweeney Cort Whelan Searle Belgrave Maher Hutchings55 Johnson Webb Rawle Gay Broad Kerrigan Harris(6) Bramble(11)
Sat Oct 13	Swansea City	H	4-2	3622	Flahavan McSweeney Cort Whelan Searle Belgrave83 Maher81P,90P Hutchings Johnson Bramble57 Rawle Gay Beard(15) Harris(9) Kerrigan Broad
Tue Oct 15	Stevenage Borough	A	4-1	1114	Flahavan McSweeney Cort Whelan Searle Belgrave Maher Hutchings26 Johnson Bramble13 Rawle22 Gay Beard(15) Kerrigan(11) Webb86(8) Harris
Sat Oct 20	York City	A	1-2	2270	Flahavan McSweeney Cort Whelan Searle Belgrave Maher Hutchings Johnson Bramble Rawle14 Gay Beard(15) Webb(3) Harris(8) Kerrigan
Tue Oct 23	Scunthorpe United	A	0-2	2956	Flahavan McSweeney Cort Whelan Searle Belgrave Johnson Hutchings Rawle Bramble Webb Gay Beard(15) Kerrigan(10) Thurgood Harris
Sat Oct 27	Kidderminster Harriers	H	1-0	3990	Flahavan McSweeney Cort Whelan Searle Belgrave Johnson Hutchings2 Kerrigan Bramble Rawle Gay Beard(31) Broad Thurgood(6) Richards(9)
Tue Oct 30	Bristol City	H	0-2	1741	Flahavan Beard Broad Whelan Searle Belgrave Johnson Hutchings Kerrigan Bramble Rawle Gay McSweeney Thurgood(6) Richards(11) Webb(9)
Sat Nov 3	Exeter City	A	1-2		Flahavan McSweeney Cort Whelan Searle Belgrave Johnson Hutchings Kerrigan Bramble2 Webb Gay Beard(31) Richards(15) Thurgood Forbes(22)
Sat Nov 10	Macclesfield Town	H	3-0	2889	Flahavan Beard Cort Whelan Searle Belgrave Maher Hutchings Johnson Bramble77 Rawle1,72 Gay McSweeney(31) Kerrigan(6) Thurgood Webb(9)
Tue Nov 20	Plymouth Argyle	H			
Sat Nov 24	Shrewsbury Town	A			
Sat Dec 1	Lincoln City	H			
Sat Dec 15	Rochdale	A			
Fri Dec 21	Hull City	A			
Wed Dec 26	Rushden & Diamonds	H			
Sat Dec 29	Luton Town	H			
Tue Jan 1	Leyton Orient	A			
Sat Jan 5	Halifax Town	A			
Sat Jan 12	Mansfield Town	H			
Sat Jan 19	Darlington	A			
Tue Jan 22	Hull City	H			
Sat Jan 26	Torquay United	H			
Sat Feb 1	Cheltenham Town	A			
Sat Feb 9	York City	H			
Sat Feb 15	Swansea City	A			
Sat Feb 23	Hartlepool United	A			
Tue Feb 26	Bristol Rovers	H			
Sat Mar 2	Oxford United	H			
Tue Mar 5	Carlisle United	A			
Sat Mar 9	Rochdale	H			
Sat Mar 16	Lincoln City	A			
Sat Mar 23	Scunthorpe United	H			
Sat Mar 30	Kidderminster Harriers	A			
Mon Apr 1	Exeter City	H			
Sat Apr 6	Plymouth Argyle	A			
Sat Apr 13	Shrewsbury Town	H			
Sat Apr 20	Macclesfield Town	A			
Sat May 4	FA Cup Final				

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**NEXT AT
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**TUESDAY 20TH
NOVEMBER**

**THE BLUES
-V-
PLYMOUTH
ARGYLE**

**7.45PM KICK-OFF
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
DIVISION THREE**



LUTON TOWN
MANAGER JOE KINNEAR
White/Orange/Navy

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| 5. | Phil Whelan | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 7. | Stuart Thurgood | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. | Kevin Maher | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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