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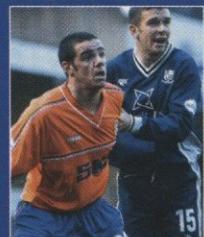
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Front Cover



UP FOR THE CUP: Dean Brennan came into the Town side at Roots Hall on Saturday, and is pictured in competition with Southend midfielder David McSweeney, who found him a bit of a handful, and collected a booking for one of his attempts to halt the Town man.



Action

Southend Utd 3 Luton Town 2 (HT 1-1)

five regulars out of the side, the Town could have no complaints about being knocked out of the FA Cup in the first round, yet a replay was tantalisingly close, with the Shrimpers netting a winner four minutes from time.

It was all the more galling for manager Joe Kinnear because it was from a corner needlessly conceded on a day when fears that a makeshift back four would struggle proved all too true. The boss was angry because he had pleaded with his players not to give away corners and free kicks in dangerous situations, but they failed twice on that count as Southend came back from 2-1 down to win.

Big powerful strikers Mark Rawle and Tes Bramble shared the goals that settled the game, with Rawle particularly chuffed - he was the man sent off at Kenilworth Road in August when Southend were beaten by two late goals. Revenge must have been sweet.

For the Town, the best feature was the hard work put in by front runners Deane Crowe and Adrian Forbes, as they demonstrated that pace advantage can make up for defenders' height advantage. But the team was robbed of its normal strong spine, and once more, said the boss, men who came into the side had showed that however hard they tried they were not good enough to do the job he wants from them.

We missed suspended Chris Coyne, Kevin Nicholls and Steve Howard. Emmerson Boyce was set to return until he suffered a recurrence of a leg injury in training, while Marvin Johnson endured a night of sickness to end his hopes of a return.

Match Details

Luton Town: Emberton; Skelton, Hillier, Dryden, Taylor; Brkovic, Holmes (George 63 mins), Spring, Brennan (Fotiadis 87 mins); Forbes, Crowe

Booked: Adrian Forbes and Aaron Skelton, both for fouls.

Southend: Flahavan; McSweeney, Cort, Whelan, Searle; Belgrave, Maher, Thurgood, Johnson; Bramble, Rawle.

Unused subs: Kerrigan, Broad, Webb, Dsane, Gay (gk).

Booked: David McSweeney and Damon Searle, both for fouls.

The Goals: 0-1 34 minutes - Adrian Forbes, rounding the goalkeeper to fire into an empty net from close range after a cross-cum-shot by

Matt Taylor which followed a quick free kick by Dean Crowe; 1-1 45 minutes - Mark Rawle, angled drive after a one-two with Tes Bramble took him past Ian Hillier and Richard Dryden; 2-1 55 minutes - Tes Bramble, angled drive deflected in off Matt Taylor following a quick free kick into space by Kevin Maher; 2-2 75 minutes - Ahmet Brkovic looped header from a left wing cross by Matt Taylor; 3-2 86 minutes - Bramble again, overhead kick from close range after collecting Phil Whelan's header from the back of the box following a corner.

Referee: Barry Knight, Kent.

Attendance: 6,526 including 1,560 Town fans

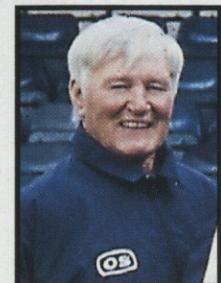
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Replay



EVERYONE at Kenilworth Road has been saddened by the death on Saturday of Derek "Stitch" Kirkpatrick, the Town's kit man for the past four years. He was 67 and had been ill for some time. As well as being a staunch Hatters supporter, he had given a lifetime of service to local football. As a young man he played for Aldershot, during his Army days, but locally was well known for working in youth football, including with many players who came through to play for us.

Barton Rovers, Limbury Boys Club and the Bedfordshire FA were among many to appreciate his abilities as a manager, coach and secretary.

As a club we share our grief with his family, and offer our deepest sympathy to his son, daughter and seven grandchildren, whose loss is even more painful than ours. There will be a minute's silence before this evening's game as a tribute to the memory of a real football character, and a man who will be much missed.

Ian Hillier and Richard Dryden formed the central defensive partnership, with Dean Brennan and Peter Holmes put into midfield and Forbes promoted from the bench to the starting line-up.

Over the 90 minutes Southend just about shaded it, but it was frustrating for another big Town following to see the team fail to build on its best moments.

They had lived a touch dangerously before Forbes scored in the 34th minute, but the lead was not held to the break, with Rawle equalising in the final minute of the first half.

Both sides had good attacking moments, before a free kick led to Bramble netting on 55 minutes. Liam George replaced Brennan as the Town committed more men upfield, and the policy paid off when Ahmet Brkovic headed his first Town goal, with Southend protesting in vain that he shoved his would-be marker out of the way first. They need not have worried: Southend upped the pace in the closing stages and a corner led to Bramble, elder brother of Ipswich's Titus, getting the winner. "We deserved it," said Southend boss Rob Newman.

Joe Kinnear was unhappy with what he had seen. Reading and Dagenham revisited in many ways, and for him an unwelcome taste of early FA Cup defeat, as he explains in his column this evening.



HATTERS AHEAD: Adrian Forbes leaves the goalkeeper stranded before giving the Town the lead.

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Joe Kinnear

The Manager

WELCOME back to Kenilworth Road for a very important game, and one in which I trust we will give you more to enjoy than we

did at Southend on Saturday. I was gutted to go out of the FA Cup in the first round. It's the first time it has ever happened to me in my career, and I can assure you that it was not because I was taking the tournament lightly.

At Reading, for the Worthington Cup, and at Dagenham for the LDV Vans Trophy, I chose to field a "Second XI" for two reasons: promotion was far more important than those two competitions, and it was an opportunity for fringe players to go out and show they should be considered for places in the first team squad.

At Southend we were forced to field a side that was considerably under strength - and once again it showed, giving us another harsh reminder that while we have a very good first team squad the back-up is not up to the standard I require. It is something I will continue to work on, and you can expect to see more changes in personnel in the near future as we look for strength in depth.

On Saturday we were without seven key players, including the spine of the team - Chris Coyne, Kevin Nicholls and Steve Howard were suspended, and Russell Perrett, Jean-Louis Valois and Emmerson Boyce were added to the injury list. Carl Griffiths, of course, would have been in the side if he was available. We had to put out a makeshift back four, but even so, and without being disrespectful to Southend, I felt our team should have been good enough to win the game, or at the very least get a draw.

But too many players fell short. Before the game we spoke about the dangers tall opponents could cause, and how important it was not to give the opposition set pieces in dangerous situations. And what happened? Two set pieces in the second half brought the goals that decided the game. We were mugged by a quick free kick to enable Southend to go ahead for the first time, and after we equalised, and with only four minutes to go, we gave away a needless

corner and poor defending led to the winner. A few home truths were delivered in the dressing room after the game!

It was tremendously disappointing to lose at Southend. I desperately wanted us to stay in the cup, because I love the tournament. I enjoyed being a winner at Wembley when I was a player, and at Wimbledon, as manager, I got to three semi-finals.

I can promise that on Saturday we didn't go out of the cup on purpose. If I had had all the main squad available I would not have been saving men for tonight. In the event, we had to put our trust in a largely reserve side, and on the day, despite their best efforts, it was not good enough.

Fortunately we have an early opportunity to put things right, which is why I welcome tonight's game against one of our major rivals for promotion. We will have three or four of our regulars back in the side, and I expect to see great determination to do well, especially as we know that if other results go our way we could be back on top of the league when tonight's match is over.

We will, however, have to work hard, and concentrate better than we did at Southend, because the record shows that Hull are one of the best teams in this division. They have spent heavily, and doubtless crave success just as much as I do.

We will need our best possible team on the park tonight, and a much stronger defensive performance than we produced on Saturday. I know we are capable of doing well, but success does not come easily, and everyone must be focused. We now have only one prize to win this season: I have staked my reputation on being able to achieve it, and to hit the target we cannot afford any slip-ups in games like tonight's. It should be a very good contest, and I am glad that we have home advantage. Once again, at Southend, the travelling support was tremendous. We wanted to do better for you, as well as for ourselves, and hopefully this evening we will put things right.

Keep the faith! And enjoy the game.

Joe Kinnear

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Saturday December 1, 2001, kick-off 3pm

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Saturday December 8th, 2001

At the time of going to print we are actively speaking to Hartlepool United to see if it is possible to change our away match with them to the above date. Our match with them is due to be played on Tuesday 22nd January 2002. Both Clubs now have a blank Saturday on December 8th 2001. Further details will be published as soon as we know whether the change is able to be made.

Nationwide League Division Three

Luton Town v Rushden & Diamonds

Saturday December 15, 2001, kick-off 3pm

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Marvin Johnson

Club Captain

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As things turned out we were not good enough on the day to cope with Southend. We did not play anywhere near as well as we can, and didn't put consistent pressure on them. Questions are inevitably asked about the defence when three goals are conceded, and while we put up our hands and admit to mistakes, I always believe that every part of the game is down to the team as a whole - you defend from the front backwards, and attack from the back forwards. We all share the pleasure of winning, and we all take some of the responsibility for losing.

The odd thing about Saturday was that while we could not complain about the result, we could very easily have come away with a draw at least, and it was devastating to get within four or five minutes of earning a replay.

The boss was very disappointed, and as you might guess he let us know his views in pretty robust fashion. Obviously you never play badly on purpose, and we can never explain why we are unable to produce our very best in every match. Losing key players for the game did not help, but we are all professionals together, and we have got to be able to cope with inevitable absences. That ability, again, is part of the philosophy of blending as a good team unit.

Tonight, of course, we will welcome back at least three of those key players, with Chris Coyne, Kevin Nicholls and Steve Howard available again after suspension. I don't know if I will be in the side, but whatever team the boss chooses you can be sure every man will be in determined mood. The gaffer will remind us of our responsibilities to ourselves, to the club, and to the supporters, and the league table shows how important tonight's match is for both teams.

Hull have put together a very good squad, and are among the favourites for promotion, while we only have the league championship to play for, now. If we can get through the season with a solid home record we can achieve it. So thanks for your efforts on Saturday, and I hope we repay you in the best possible way this evening.

Marvin Johnson

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Treatment Room

ONE item of good news from Saturday's game at Southend was that we picked up no more serious injuries, just the usual minor knocks which are nothing to worry about in terms of preparation for tonight's game.

There is also good news for our long-term injured men, Paul Hughes and Carl Griffiths. Hughes is coming along well after his ankle operation, and will be able to step up his training routine in a couple of weeks or so. We hope that he might be able to consider a return to full training early in the new year. We will be careful not to rush things, because with all injuries, time is the greatest healer of all. Griff had an appointment yesterday to see the specialist in charge of his recovery from a stress fracture. There was a possibility that he would be able to dispense with his plaster cast, which would be a real boost. The surgeon is bound to be cautious, and if the ver-

dict is that Griff should be kept in plaster a little longer he will at least know that it will not be for a long period of time. Once the plaster is cast off we will begin rehabilitation exercises, and take it from there.

Emmerson Boyce was unlucky to be ruled out of the game at Southend. He had got over his leg injury well enough to play a full game in the reserves on Wednesday, and was all set to return to the side at Roots Hall, after being out for a month. But in training on Friday he got a kick on the same injured leg, which put him out of contention. However, I expected him to be training again yesterday, and very likely fit for consideration for this evening's squad.

Marvin Johnson was also a late withdrawal, after a night of sickness, but should be all right now, and the same goes for Russell Perrett and Jean-Louis Valois. The defender missed the Southend game because of a calf muscle injury sustained against Shrewsbury, while Valois missed training last week because of flu, which has now cleared up.

Bruce Sewell

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Club Secretary

IT SEEMS a long time since we had a Saturday afternoon game at Kenilworth Road, and we now have confirmation that

another Saturday date has been changed. Our home fixture with Bristol Rovers, originally due to be played on January 5, 2002, has been switched to the previous evening, with a 7.45 kick-off. The reason is that the game has been chosen for live coverage on ITV's digital service, the Sport Channel.

Our youth team has also had a change of fixture confirmed this week. They were due to play at Kidderminster on Saturday, but no pitch was available. We suggested the game should be played at Luton instead, but Kidderminster turned that down, and it has now been rescheduled for Saturday January 5, 2002.

The reserves also have an extra fixture: they will begin their defence of the Bedfordshire Premier Cup away to Leighton Town next Monday evening, November 26, kick-off 7.45. Admission will be £4 for adults, £1.50 for concessions.

Following the forecast I made in this column at the last home match about the increasing support we are getting, home and away, please note that our games at Macclesfield and Kidderminster, and at home to Rushden and Diamonds, have been made all-ticket.

We appreciate that this causes inconvenience to supporters, but in view of the excellent followings we have had at recent away matches all-ticket games are necessary to help the host clubs make all the essential arrangements. The majority of clubs in this division are not used to such large away followings.

Safety is the prime concern of all clubs, and by making games all-ticket everyone, including the police, knows in advance exactly what numbers they must accommodate and steward. Those who went to Leyton Orient and Mansfield, which were not all-ticket matches, will testify that on the day arrangements for our supporters were less than perfect. On each

occasion we had over 2,000 supporters at the games.

As always when the team does well, attendances rise at home games too, and we are still actively looking at the question of using the Oak Road end for home supporters.

The club has now carried out a risk assessment study of the situation, and we are currently awaiting one to be done by Bedfordshire Police. Once we get that, there will be a meeting of the Safety Advisory Group to look at the whole question, and as soon as we have news I will advise you of it.

We fully expect the local derby against Rushden and Diamonds on December 15 to attract a full house which is why that is an all-ticket game for supporters of both clubs. And in view of our consistently high attendances, perhaps I could reiterate my plea to supporters who are not season ticket holders - book your seats as early as possible. Or, better still, become a season ticket holder! Season tickets are still on sale at pro rata prices, offering a discount on normal match day prices and preferential treatment on occasions when tickets are in short supply. Why not get someone to buy you one for Christmas?

Our new scoreboard has got over its teething problems, and I hope you, like me, enjoy seeing it flash up our winning scorelines! As you may have noticed, it is also doing a good job in putting up personal messages, and we are pleased to offer this service to supporters.

We also give them out over the public address system, but please will you help us by getting in your requests early - five minutes before kick-off doesn't really give our staff a chance! If you phone the club at least the day before, we will do our best to broadcast your messages at the appropriate match.

Finally, another reminder that our fifth annual Christmas Carol Service will take place at Luton Parish Church on Monday December 17 (7.30pm). Players, staff and management will be there, and all supporters will be very welcome, and to join us afterwards for mince pies and coffee.

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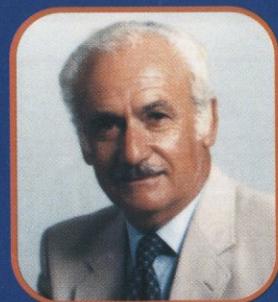
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Mike Watson-Challis Chairman

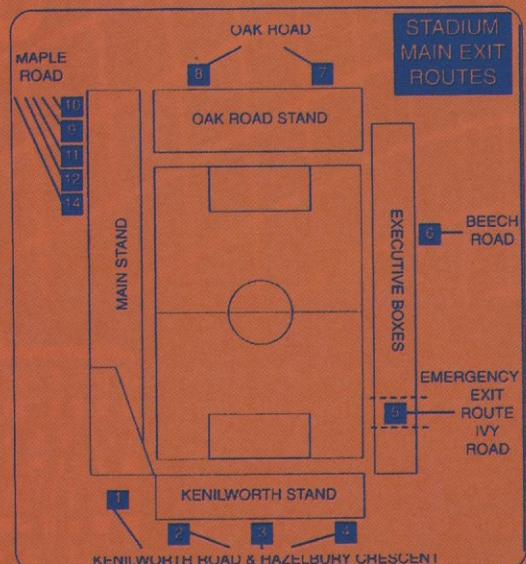
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Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.



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Commercial Corner

IT'S A pleasure to welcome two joint match sponsors to tonight's game, and one of them has very close personal links with Luton

Town.

For Michael Turner, the club used to be his second home, because his dad was the Luton legend, Gordon, who played for the Town from 1950 to 1963, and is still our leading goal scorer, with 276 goals in 450 appearances.

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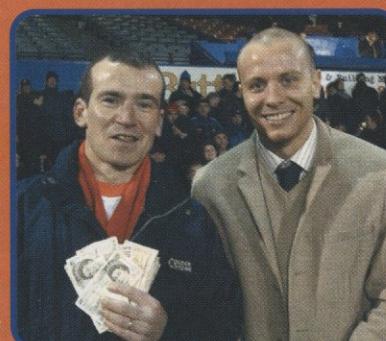
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Linda Layton

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16 Goals

Outside Area

6 Goals

How

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Volleys

Penalties

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Top Scorers

Griffiths

Crowe

Taylor

Nicholls

Howard

Forbes

Valois

Perrett

Hughes

Spring

2001-2002

Highest Gate

7,696

vs Rochdale

Lowest Gate

5,066

vs Lincoln

Average Gate

6,588

Players Used

30

Clean Sheets

5

Failed to Score

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Consec. Wins

2 games

Consec. Defeats

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2001-2002

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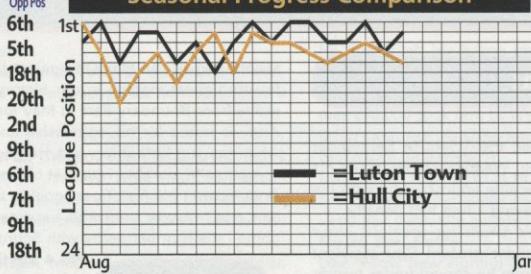
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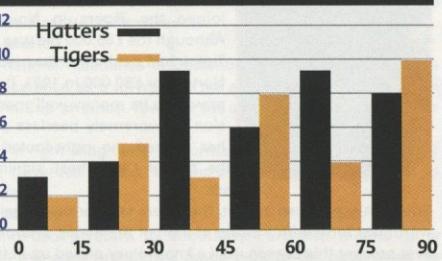
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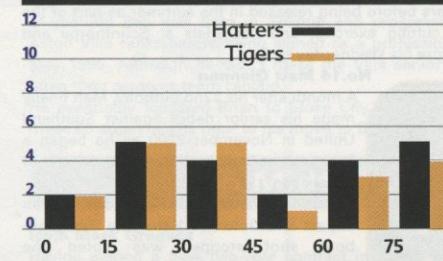
Seasonal Progress Comparison



When Goals have been Scored



When Goals have been Conceded



Carl Griffiths (Luton)



Luton Goals

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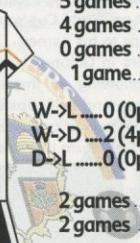
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Gary Alexander (Hull)



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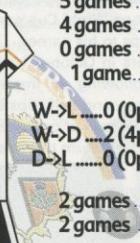
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Welcome to Hull City F.C.

In Goal

No.1 Paul Musselwhite

The vastly experienced goalkeeper joined the Tigers in September 2000 following a brief spell with Sheffield Wednesday. He made his debut in the 1-1 draw at Barnet where became an instant hit with the travelling army of City supporters after saving a first half penalty. 'Mussy' has over 500 first games to his credit for previous clubs Scunthorpe United (where he served under present City assistant manager Dave Moore) and Port Vale (where he served under former Tigers chief Brian Horton).

He spent 8 years before being released in the summer as part of the Valiants cost cutting exercise, and had trials at Scunthorpe and Darlington before his Wednesday move.

No.14 Matt Glennon

A month after his 22nd birthday, Matt finally made his senior debut against Southend United in November 2000 as he began a loan spell at Carlisle United until the end of the season.

The Bolton Wanderers keeper made such an impact at Brunton Park that the Stockport-born shot stopper was voted the Cumbrians' Player of the Year.

Although prepared to make his United move permanent, Matt took up the challenge of taking over from the vastly experienced Paul Musselwhite between the Tigers sticks when he agreed to a £50,000 transfer in June 2001.

second leg of the Play-Off against Leyton Orient, Andy became the fourth highest signing in our history when he made the permanent move from Boundary Park in May for £150,000.

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Sorely missed when absent, the Tigers skipper once again proved his worth last term with a string of man of the match awards and was an ever present this season until a knee injury picked up in the 1-0 win at Exeter sidelined him for nine games.

No.12 Ian Goodison

Uncompromising defender who can also play in midfield, Ian captained Jamaica in two World Cup games in France 1998 and has over 80 international caps to his name.

He joined the Tigers in October 1999 along with fellow countryman Theo Whitmore following an impressive trial spell and made his League debut as a second half substitute in the 2-0 win at Rochdale. He possesses a great turn of pace for a big man, is strong in the tackle and is enjoying great form this season.

Ian has been sorely missed on several occasions due to international duty as Jamaica continue their 2002 World Cup preparations.

No.13 Michael Price

Michael left the Premiership ranks of Everton to become the Tigers eleventh signing of the 2001 close season.

Although he had already won three Wales Under-21 caps before he arrived at Boothferry Park, the Wrexham-born 19 year-old had been unable to break through into the Goodison senior team but had been a key figure in the Toffees' Under-19 and reserves sides who had won

In Defence

No.2 Mike Edwards

An incredibly mature performer for his age, Michael brought calm and authority to the heart of the Tigers defence last season and clearly benefited from the greater experience of players such as Justin Whittle and Jon Whitney.

Michael has been a regular in the right wing back or full back role for the majority of 2000/01. Many observers would conclude that he is playing out of his natural position, but he has stuck to his task with admirable determination to repay manager Brian Little's faith.

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their respective leagues last season.

Principally an attacking left back who can also be employed in midfield, Michael preformed so well in pre-season that he was offered a two year contract on 9 August.

No.19 Matt Bloomer

Having made a brief senior debut for Grimsby Town against the Tigers in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1998, Matthew subsequently left the Mariners ranks in June 2001 when, after appearing for City's reserves in an April trial, he switched to the North bank of the Humber on a free transfer.

With Town rising to the First Division, Matthew struggled to establish a regular place at Blundell Park and totalled only 15 games but proved to be a valuable squad member. Capable of playing across the back-line, he prefers a central defensive role.

No.21 Ben Morley

Ben hit the national headlines in December 1998 when, making his first-ever appearance as a forward at the age of 17, and hit a superb goal in the FA Cup at Luton Town to set up a money-spinning tie at Aston Villa.

Usually seen at right wing-back, the former star of Hull schools Rugby League was rewarded with a two-and-a-half year pro contract in December 1998.

No.28 Ben Morley

The big centre-back's return to Boothferry Park also means he is reunited with manager Brian Little going back to the days when he was in the junior ranks at Middlesbrough and Brian was the youth coach at Ayresome Park.

Nicky became a Tiger when he joined us on a month's loan from Boro in September 1992. He made five Second Division appearances for us and scored in a 3-3 draw at Fulham.

He finally left his home town club for Leicester City in July 1994 - brought to Filbert Street by Brian for £330,000.

A year later Nicky moved on to Bradford City for £225,000 before a further £75,000 took him to Wycombe Wanderers in October.

Brian captured his signature again in March 1999 when he signed for Stoke City on a free.

Now in the fourth phase of the Little-Mohan partnership, 30 year-old Nicky's vast experience - he has made nearly 450 senior appearances - and has definitely benefited our young squad.

No.29 Ben Petty

Like fellow new signing Nicky Mohan, Ben is very familiar to Tigers boss Brian Little and - like Nicky - is a powerful centre-back, although at the other end of the experience scale.

24-year-old Ben was born in Solihull and progressed through the Aston Villa ranks before being signed as a professional by Brian in May 1995. Although he didn't make the Villa senior side, Ben was often their reserves team captain.

He eventually followed Brian to Stoke City in November 1998 and made 65 appearances prior to his move to Boothferry Park.

In Midfield

No.5 Mark Greaves

Having signed a new two-year contract in March 1999, Greaves scored four goals last season as he became a revelation in the Tigers side to display the best form of his career.

In March, Greaves signed a new three-year contract and made a fantastic start to the new campaign, holding down a regular slot in the middle of midfield.



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However, he was once again struck down by bad luck as he broke a leg in the last minute of the home victory over Kidderminster on August 27th.

He's currently fighting his way back from the injury and it's hoped that he'll make a return to action within the next month.

No.6 David Lee

The 21 year-old joined Southend United in August 2000 from Tottenham Hotspur, being signed by Alan Little - then the Shrimpers manager and now the Tigers chief scout.

A confident passer who delivers dangerous set pieces, David went on to score ten goals in 47 United appearances, but was often used in his less preferred wide role during David Webb's charge.

More favourably a box-to-box central midfielder, David had come through the Tottenham youth ranks to sign pro forms in July 1998 without going on to make their first team.

In joining the Tigers in May 2001 at the end of his one-year contract, it is believed that he is the first direct transfer between City and the Shrimpers since Frankie Banks in 1976.

No.7 Ryan Williams

Arguably the most impressive visitor to Boothferry Park in 2000-01, the diminutive right winger completed a £150,000 switch from Chesterfield to Hull City in June 2001 following protracted negotiations.

Ryan joined the Spireites from Tranmere Rovers for a reported £80,000 fee in November 1999 and was in outstanding form on the right side of the Blues middle line throughout their promotion campaign.

He scored nine goals in 51 2000-01 games. Fleet of foot and thought, the 22 year-old former England youth international started at Mansfield Town before earning a £70,000 move to Tranmere in August 1997.

No.11 David Beresford

After trying to bring the tricky winger to Boothferry Park on Transfer Deadline day, the Tigers finally got their man in June 2001 when David became our tenth summer signing.

A former pupil of the FA's School of Excellence at Lilleshall, he was an England Schoolboys colleague of such as Lee Bowyer and Phil Neville. Born in nearby Middleton, Oldham Athletic became his first League club and made his debut in the Premiership at Sheffield Wednesday in

November 1993 - a fortnight after his 17th birthday. David went on to make 74 appearances (2 goals) for the Latics before Ex-Tigers manager Brian Horton paid £350,000 for his services on behalf of Huddersfield Town in March 1997, having also had a loan spell at Swansea City in 1995.

Reputed to be one of the fastest players in the League, although right-footed, he's played predominantly on the left for the Tigers thus far. His trickery and pace have caused many a problem for opposition defences and many of the Tigers' goals have been provided by David.

No.15 Julian Johnsson

Faroe Islands international Julian joined the Tigers for £50,000 from Sogndal in June 2001.

Before the Norwegian club, Julian had played for HB Torshavn and B36 Torshavn in the Faroes, Velje (Denmark) and Kongsvinger (Norway).

Although born in Denmark, he qualifies for the Islands through parentage.

Standing at 6' 1", the 26 year-old is a strong, mobile central midfielder who, it is hoped, will add a new dimension to the squad.

No.16 Lee Philpott

The left sided midfielder previously played under Brian Little when he was manager at Leicester City - paying £350,000 for his services from Cambridge United in November 1992.

Lee linked up with the Tigers during the summer and impressed City fans with his commitment during the pre-season build-up.

He signed a two year deal in August and made his league debut for the Tigers at, one of his former clubs, Blackpool where he earned the Hull City man of the match award and has been an almost ever present.

No.17 Neil Mann

After 15 months on the sidelines, Neil made his long awaited comeback in the Tigers 1-0 win at Cheltenham at the beginning of February following only a handful of games for the reserves.

His popularity with the Tigers fans was confirmed when he received a truly emotional ovation from the Boothferry Park crowd after coming on as a second half sub in the victory over Leyton Orient a week later. Despite all his terrible injury problems, especially in troubled times for the club, it was heartening to see that Neil hasn't lost his ability to ghost past players at will.

Manny's successful recovery was duly rewarded in March when he was offered a new three year contract.

He enjoyed his first full pre-season build up for a couple of seasons but it was wrecked by a nagging achilles injury.

That kept him out during the first few weeks of the season but he's now fit again and pushing for inclusion in Brian Little's side.

Up Front

No.8 Lawrie Dudfield

The Tigers smashed their 12 year-old club record fee to secure 21 year-old Lawrie's signature from Leicester City for £210,000 in June 2001. The previous high was £200,000 for Peter Swan from Leeds United. Martin O'Neill took the rookie forward on the short trip from Kettering Town to Filbert Street in June 1997 and he made the first of his two Premiership substitute appearances against Everton in April 2000.

2000-01 witnessed a more extended display of the Southwark-born striker's potential. Following a month at Lincoln City, he impressed in a further four-month loan spell at Chesterfield.

No.9 Gary Alexander

The £160,000 fee paid for the Lambeth-born striker was the highest invested by the Tigers since David Mail in 1990.

Although Gary progressed to the professional ranks at West Ham United, he failed to make a senior appearance for the Hammers. It was in a season long loan at Exeter City that he shot to prominence.

19 goals in 45 1999/2000 games endeared him to the Grecian fans, and showed he has what it takes at Third Division level. Not only did he achieve the rare distinction of a loanee being voted City's Player of the Year, but also attracted a £200,000 offer from Rushden & Diamonds in March 2000.

West Ham duly accepted that fee from Swindon Town five months later and went on to add 9 goals in 46 games in his year with the Robins. Town's on-going financial problems meant they decided to accept the Tigers June 2001 bid and Gary has featured in a £370,000

rated London-born attacking Boothferry partnership with our new record signing Lawrie Dudfield.

No.10 Rodney Rowe

Hull City manager Brian Little announced his second signing within five days with the capture of Rodney Rowe from First Division Gillingham at the beginning of January.

The pacy striker arrived at Boothferry Park hot on the heels of 6ft 7ins target man Kevin Francis who had just joined the Tigers from Exeter. Little's 'little and large' combo soon gelled to provide a potent strike force. The 25 year old, whose previous clubs include Huddersfield Town, Scarborough (loan), Bury (loan), York City and Halifax Town (loan), has over 200 first team appearances behind him and joined City on an 18 month contract.

No.27 Gary Bradshaw

Gary signed a three year professional deal in May 2000 after completing the first year of his Youth Scholarship at Boothferry Park.

He originally trained with the club's Centre of Excellence before joining Newcastle United on schoolboy forms, but turned down the offer of a contract with the Premiership giants and opted to return to his hometown club.

It wasn't long before Gary was knocking on the door of the senior side, eventually making his debut against Rotherham United in March 2000. A diminutive forward, his tricky ball skills quickly caught admiring eyes and he was rewarded with the Tigers' Young Player of the Year award. Gary made his first senior appearance of the 2000/01 campaign as a second half substitute in the Tigers 2-1 defeat against Torquay. This season he has made the bench once for the first team but has been blazing a trail in the juniors, scoring 9 goals in the opening 7 games.



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Hatters Away

WE FACE two consecutive away games before our next league game at Kenilworth Road, with all-ticket matches at Macclesfield on Saturday and at Kidderminster Harriers a week later. It will be our first-ever league visit to the Aggborough Stadium, to take on Jan Molby's mid-table side.

As usual, Town on Tour, part of the Luton Town Supporters Club, and the Bobbers Travel Club will be running coach services to both games, but please don't forget you need to buy match tickets in advance from Kenilworth Road ticket office.

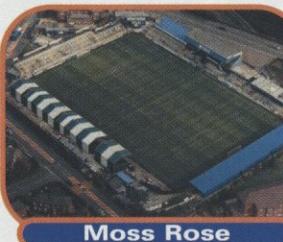
Town on Tour's service to Macclesfield will leave Maple Road at 10am, picking up at Milton Keynes Coachway about 20 minutes later. The fare is £13 for LTSC members, £11 for members who are senior or junior citizens. For non-members the fare is £15, although you can qualify for the discount immediately if you join LTSC when you book your seat in the club shop.

The Bobbers offer facilities for fans in outlying villages as well as Luton, and their Macclesfield service will depart from Cranfield at 9am, picking up passengers at various points en route to Luton before leaving Kenilworth Road at 10 am. Their fare is £11, and £10.50 for juniors and pensioners.

For the game at Kidderminster on Saturday week the Bobbers coach leaves Cranfield at 10am and Luton at 11. Fares are £11 for adults, £9 for concessions.

Town on Tour will leave the ground at 11.30, calling at MK Coachway at about 11.50. The fare to Kidderminster will be £12 for adult members of LTSC, £11 for concessions and £13 for non-members.

DIY to Macclesfield



Moss Rose
IN THEORY you can drive to Macclesfield in not much over two and a half hours, but as the route involves the M6 you cannot take anything for granted. Our man by-passes the worst

stretch of the M6, near Birmingham, by leaving Luton on M1 north, and continuing beyond the M6

straight up M1 to just beyond East Midlands Airport, leaving at junction 24a to take the A50 across to just beyond Stoke and then onto M6 and northwards again. Leave M6 at junction 17 and follow the A534 signposted towards Congleton, where you will pick up the A536 to Macclesfield. Eight miles beyond Congleton look for a cross-roads with traffic lights, near the Flowerpot pub. Turn right there, into Park Lane on the road signposted towards Leek, the A523. Stay on that road and you will see the ground on your right, in a very rural setting, with car parking near the ground subject to local restrictions.

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Aggborough

near Banbury, and then up the M42. You can expect the journey to take around three hours. Our man will drive an extra 15 miles in the hope of doing the trip in not much over two hours, although as it involves part of the M6, who knows?

He will head north up the M1, then take the M6 towards Birmingham, but will avoid Spaghetti Junction by branching off left onto the M42 soon after passing Corley services. Follow M42 towards Solihull and Bromsgrove until you reach the M5, which you join briefly, going north, signposted towards Manchester. Leave at junction 4, turning left onto the A491 and after about five miles turn left onto the A456 to Kidderminster. As you reach the town, watch for a left turn at traffic lights, to take the A449 towards Worcester, then take the next right at traffic lights towards the town centre. Just before the ring road, take the first left, into Hoo Road, and in a minute or two you will see the ground on your right. It has good parking facilities, at a charge of £5.

Mileage: 115

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Top Hatter Matt Taylor



Born: Oxford, 27.11.81

Joined Luton: As a 16-year-old schoolboy, then on YTS forms in 1998.

Were you good at school? I got eight GCSEs. Oxford United turned me down at 14, so I didn't think I could become a professional footballer, and expected to stay on at school into the sixth form and beyond.

What brought you to Luton? I was on schoolboy forms with Oxford until they said I wouldn't make it. They thought I had a chance as a goalkeeper, but I didn't want that, and they said I was overweight as an outfield player. When I was 16, I was playing for the county team which was managed by a scout from Luton. He got me a trial, and Lennie Lawrence invited me to sign as a YTS boy. I am so pleased he did! As a younger boy I was never one of the best players, which was why at that time my career thoughts were to stay on at school and then perhaps go to university.

Do you enjoy other sports? I like playing cricket and golf, and just about any sport, although I don't watch a lot of football. I do it every day, so I only put the TV on for the big games, England for instance.

What's the greatest pleasure football has given you? Just knowing every day that I am going to do a job I like. The pleasure I look forward to most at present is getting out of this league at the end of the season! Relegation was the worst experience. Going down was all the harder because after we won at Northampton when Joe Kinnear first came into the club we really thought we would get out of it.

Do you worry about your playing days ending? No - I'm only 19, and I hope I have got 15 more years as a player yet. When I have to pack up I would want to keep my brain active. I think I might like to go into business with my dad, who is an architect and town planner.

Would you become a regular football spectator? I like to watch my mates playing - I've got a few who are in semi-pro football. And perhaps I would become a Spurs regular - my dad always used to be, and it would be nice to go to White Hart Lane with him.

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After seven years in the doldrums the Town returned to the old Division Two in 1970 in far better shape than when they left it. Wealthy backers, a good blend of youth and experience on the playing side and crowds flocking back to Kenilworth Road made it a happy time to be a Luton supporter.

Unfortunately early season performances were less than encouraging with Bolton thrashing the Town 4-2 on the opening day to be followed by a dismal 0-0 home draw with Norwich.

A good side did not turn into a bad one overnight, however, and when the players eventually found their feet, with Oxford the unlucky recipients of a 4-0 thumping, the season took off and the long haul back to the top flight had begun.

After a narrow 0-1 defeat at Leicester on 12th September the Hatters embarked on an eight game unbeaten run, which included an amazing 5-1 win at Sheffield Wednesday, that saw them briefly touch top spot as well as make Fleet Street sit up and take notice.

An eight game unbeaten run, the biggest crowd of the season, the television cameras and a posse of Fleet Street's finest in attendance and you can guess what happened next! The Town went down 1-2 to an average Sunderland side at Kenilworth Road and it was back to square one again.

Missing in recent weeks was astute coach, Jimmy Andrews, who had been in hospital but his return, following the Sunderland defeat, had an immediate effect when he worked on the reasons behind the less than convincing performance. 'Our trouble was in the middle of the field,' said the wily Andrews. 'Centre-half Chris Nicholl spotted it actually. The middle three were playing too wide and when one of them went forward, the opposition were able to come through us quite easily.'

Next up were Hull City at Boothferry Park and

the chance to try out Andrews' new tighter midfield. Hull had enjoyed a good start to the campaign but were looking to bounce back from a 1-5 defeat at Cardiff the previous week. Even so, they still stood in second position, one place higher than the Town.

A trainload of Luton supporters were present to boost the crowd to 18,343 and in front of the 'Match of the Day' cameras the Hatters tore into the opposition from the start.

The game was effectively over after half an hour with the Town 2-0 up and seemingly waltzing through the Tigers wobbly defence at will. Firstly Don Givens intercepted a weak back pass, nipping in between Don Beardsley and goalkeeper Ian McKechnie to net with ease.

Soon afterwards Givens became the provider when he crossed the ball for Malcolm Macdonald to head in his 16th goal of the campaign.

The Town eased off in the second period but easily held the much feared Hull forward line who were unable to find a way through a compact Luton rearguard with Nicholl and John Moore at their best.

Heartened by this win as well as the new system, the Town kept up their promotion chasing ambitions and sat in second spot until after Christmas when a poor run, centred around a lean spell for ace goalscorer Macdonald, saw them sink out of the promotion places.

To compound this fall, off the pitch Tony Hunt and Reggie Burr, chairman and vice-chairman respectively, resigned their positions in the wake of the collapse of their insurance company, Vehicle and General. As their money had underpinned the rapid growth of the club, which was now in unofficial receivership, the departure of saleable assets now seemed inevitable.

Manager Stock was, however, desperate for promotion and the return game with Hull, on 20th March, was seen as a 'must win' contest. The Town had lost rather unluckily at fellow

promotion aspirants Carlisle the previous week and had slipped down to sixth position albeit with games in hand on the teams above them. Another defeat though would make it very difficult given the tough run in to the campaign.

Hull, who had never played in the top flight, were handily placed in third spot and had strengthened their position by splashing out £60,000 on Blackburn's Ken Knighton and £13,000 on Billy Baxter of Ipswich on transfer deadline day.

Both players were in a Tigers side greeted by a Kenilworth Road crowd of 19,566 and, once more, by the 'Match of the Day' cameras. I can still remember commentator, David Coleman, sneering at the size of the attendance for a Division Two promotion clash!

Viv Busby, who had been out of favour for much of the season, enjoyed an inspired game for the Town running at a slow to turn Hull defence on a muddy pitch. The Tigers, though, were also slick in attack which made good viewing for the television audience.

The deadlock was broken just before the interval when Jim Ryan rolled the ball into the path of Moore whose shot took a deflection off Hull player manager Terry Neill before cannoning in off a post.

Early in the second period Busby steamed through to latch onto a poor backpass from Neill only to be upended by McKechnie. For the second week running Macdonald wasted the spot kick and for a while, spurred on by this escape, Hull gained the upper hand and equalised when Ken Houghton headed in a cross from Ken Wagstaff.



John Moore enjoyed two superb games against the Tigers in 1970/71.

Luckily the Town players stopped feeling sorry for themselves and powered back to regain the lead when Busby took advantage of another short backpass to slot the ball home.

The points were made safe with ten minutes to go when Busby fired in a shot that McKechnie could not hold leaving Macdonald with a simple task to end his five game goal drought.

Roger Wash

Yesterday's pages



The Luton programme for 1970/71 was very similar to that of the previous season and included everything you really needed in a matchday magazine.

Much of the Hull issue was given over to the changes at Board level and, indeed, new chairman Robert Keens was seen on the front cover meeting the players. Keens, a Town supporter for a considerable time, was well placed to guide the club through the troubled waters ahead as he been auditor for many years.

With decimalisation introduced only one month before it seemed strange to see the price of trips on the club's chartered trains to away games now changed to £1.25. The price seems ridiculously cheap now and was actually a bargain then and I, along with many other supporters, took full advantage!

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Junior Hatters

PLANS for a Junior Hatters trip to Macclesfield have had to be scrapped because Macclesfield could not provide facilities, so we are sorry to disappoint young supporters who wanted to go to the Moss Rose ground. Hopefully, we will have better luck with our next away game, at Kidderminster on Saturday week.

A lot of fans want to go there because it is a new ground for us. If the trip is on, the fare will probably be the usual bargain: £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for others. However, arrangements were still not confirmed as we went to press, so please check at the club shop if you are interested in going.

But there is one "fixture" we can now confirm - the annual Christmas Party, which is always a highlight of our year. We have had to switch from the original date to fit in with the team's arrangements, and the party is now arranged for the evening of Tuesday December 4, at the Eric Morecambe Suite. As usual players will be our guests, and we hope Father Christmas might pop in with a present for every Junior Hatter who is there. Tickets cost £5 for Junior Hatters, and are now on sale. Each Junior Hatter can bring one guest, for whom the ticket price will be £6. The party is always very popular, so you would be well advised to buy your tickets early from the club shop, which is also the place to visit for any further information about the Junior Hatters. If you are a Town fan aged from 0-16, why not come and join us?

Happy Harry



VIP SUPPORTERS: Two young fans were mascots at our last home game, against Shrewsbury, and they are pictured with the captains and match officials as they gathered for the toss of the coin. The Junior Hatters mascot was Cameron Carter, while Nico Shaddock was commercial mascot.

Tonight's Mascot

SEVEN-year-old Barry Close, from River Way, Luton, is tonight's Junior Hatters mascot, which means he will have a VIP experience to remember. He will join the team in the dressing room before the game, and go out onto the pitch with them for the pre-match formalities.

Barry goes to Sundon Park Junior School, and plays football for



Sundon Park Rangers, and comes to Town matches with his dad, to watch from the Kenilworth. As well as football, he likes robots and playing all games.

This evening's ball boys are Jordan Bowden, from Great North Road, Welwyn Garden City, and Aleck Johnston, from Ox Lane, Harpenden.

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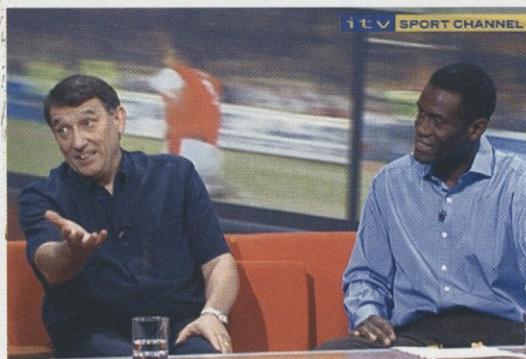
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Football in the Community



A LUTON Town fan all his life - he once dreamed of playing league football for the club - Stuart

Smith has achieved an ambition by joining for the Hatters at last. He has been recruited to take charge of our Football in the Community operation.

He brings a wealth of experience and coaching qualifications into the job, and said: "I am delighted to be here. Luton is my club, and I have been a life-long supporter."

The connection goes back to when he was a lad of 11, a goalkeeper signed by the Town on associate schoolboy forms. But at 15, his hopes of being taken on as an apprentice were dashed, although he still got plenty of pleasure from football, playing for a variety of local clubs in the Premier Division of the North Home Counties Sunday League, and for Barton Rovers on Saturdays.

In business he was a commodity trader in the City, but was made redundant four years ago. "I could see it coming," he said, "So I knew it was time to do something different. I had always wanted to be more involved in football, preferably with Luton, and I have been fortunate at how things have worked out."

While working as an IT tutor at Barnfield

College, Stuart got involved with the Town's centre of excellence programme, which seeks out and nurtures young talent.

His experience soon convinced him he would like to go full-time, especially after being manager of the Town's under-9 squad last year.

Stuart had already taken steps to gain the best soccer qualifications. He holds an FA coaching badge, and is currently studying for his UEFA certificate.

He said: "As a volunteer helper I enjoyed being with Luton Town, and working with Dean Rastrick, the club's youth development officer, made me realise I would love to be involved full-time.

"I hope I can give something back to this club, because I have had many years of enjoyment through being a supporter."

One of his first projects will be to organise the local element of the Railtrack "Play Safe" six-a-side tournament, for school under-11 teams. In a nationwide competition, starting next month, hundreds of teams are expected to take part, with area and regional finals building up towards a grand final next March. It is being organised by the national Football in the Community scheme, and when details are finalised they will be published in the matchday magazine, and on the Town's web site.

A COMPETITION for young supporters, run by the Football in the Community department through previous editions of the matchday magazine, drew a tremendous response from boys and girls alike. The correct entries were put into a drum, and the winner of a Town shirt, signed by everyone in this season's squad, was Aaron Coleman, aged 12, from Strathmore Avenue, Luton.

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Hatters Chatter

BEFORE tonight's game there will be two presentations on the pitch, one to mark current excellence, and the other a sign of Sport England's commitment to long-term development through funding provided by the National Lottery.

Jean-Louis Valois will be in the spotlight as winner of the PFA fans player of the month award for October, which will be presented to him by former West Ham, Northampton and Peterborough winger Bobby Barnes.

There will also be the hand-over of a handsome cheque to Luton Town, from Sport England, previously the Sports Council

Trevor Brooking Chairman of Sport England, explained: "In 1998 Luton Town were awarded £552,000 of lottery money to be paid over a four-year period by Sport England. The cash has been used to support the club's centre of excellence and youth development programme. Sport England and the FA Premier League are now in the final season of the four-year plan to support youth development at Nationwide League clubs, having both committed £20million to the fund.

"It builds on the work of the FA and its Charter for Quality, and I am pleased to see we are on our way to fulfilling our vision of improving coaching for talented youngsters, and helping with their football development."

Sport England has distributed over £1billion of lottery cash to all types of sport in the past five years, and is now planning to invest the next £2billion over the next ten. Said Mr Brooking: "Community and grassroots sports projects will continue to benefit from a huge chunk of the cash. We will also carry on supporting our elite sportsmen and sportswomen. The Football Youth Development programme will continue to bridge the gap between community participation and elite performance.

"Football has reaped huge benefits from lottery money, receiving tens of millions of pounds in awards to clubs and community projects, making it one of the most successful sports in terms of the number of awards and amount of funding received. In addition, we have funded specialist projects, and supported clubs with the implementation of the Taylor Report.

"On behalf of Sport England, I would like to wish Luton Town well with this programme. As you begin to see young players taking to the pitch, hopefully as members of the first team, it will be increasingly clear that your lottery money has helped your players achieve higher standards of performance for your team."

THIS is our last call for volunteers to represent the Town in the Flora London Marathon, on Sunday April 14 next year. Several applications have already come in, and by the end of the month the choice will be made. All we ask is that if you are interested you should have a realistic chance of finishing the course, no matter how long it takes.

If you would like to carry the club's colours in the race, please write, telling us about yourself, your age, occupation and athletics experience. Please also tell us what charity you wish to nominate for your sponsorship, and why. Write to the Programme Editor, at Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton LU4 8AW, or by e-mail to brian.swain@btinternet.com.

THREE fans are asking for help in finding items they are seeking for their soccer collections. One request is for any tickets or other memorabilia, especially from the 1958/59 season, the home game programme against Manchester City and the programme from the Town's visit to Preston. If you can help, J Searle, at 58 Putteridge Road, Luton, LU2 8HG would appreciate a letter.

Oliver Hawke, of 24 Coverside Road, Great Glen, Leicester, LE8 9EA, is trying to obtain a programme from the Leicester City v Luton game played in August 1992 and will pay a reasonable price if the programme is in mint condition.

Finally, John Pyper is keen to lay hands on two programmes from recent games which were in short supply on the day, at Scunthorpe and Halifax last month. His home phone number is Luton 571226.

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Action Replay



Luton Town 1 Shrewsbury Town 0 (HT 0-0)

UNHAPPY with what he had seen in the first half, with the Town strangely off song and unable to string passes together, Joe Kinnear told his players during the interval that if they did not get a grip he would make three substitutions before the game was an hour old.

The improvement the boss demanded was duly delivered, with Matt Spring firing the goal that decided a close contest.

It was an illustration of the paper-thin difference that can divide success from failure - two minutes earlier Nigel Jemson had cracked a tremendous 20-yard drive at a post when the Town might have gone one down to a team which also has promotion aspirations.

The second-half display gave the fans a lift after much grumbling and groaning earlier. Shrewsbury manager Kevin Ratcliffe was gutted, although probably not as much as some of us were way back in 1985 when he was a centre-half who helped Everton steal a win in an FA Cup semi-final at Aston Villa! "I feel sorry for my lads, because they did ever so well against a very good team," he said. "I am not too disappointed because we put in a good performance, as we knew we had to against a team like Luton. We could easily have been one up before the goal, although Luton scored from a very good play."

The Town manager had demanded all-out effort to take three points after the poor show at Mansfield, on a night when the result was more

important than the performance. In the end we got both, and the boss said: "We just about deserved it. We made more chances than they did, but in the first half we gave the ball away far too easily, and frustration crept in, among the players and among the supporters. I suppose that is because of the expectation we all have, and it can get to players. But they all want to be winners, and in the second half we kept the ball better, passed it better, and I felt more confident that we would do it."

"And it was a great goal, probably the best thing in the whole match, a wonderful build-up and a great finish."

Both sides missed decent chances in the first half, with Steve Howard heading over the bar from a chip into the box by Spring, and Steve Jagielka shooting wide of an open goal from a knock-down by Jemson.

Luke Rodgers, the Third Division's top marksmen, let us off the hook on the hour mark, mis-kicking in front of goal, with Dean Crowe evening up the missed-chance count by shooting wide after being put in by Aaron Skelton.

Crowe more than atoned by producing the killer pass for Spring's goal, and in the closing minutes Shrewsbury were lucky to escape twice, the keeper saving well from Howard's header, and then diving at the feet of Ahmet Brkovic who was put through for a one-on-one by Jean-Louis Valois.

Match Details

Luton Town: Emberson; Skelton (Hillier 83 mins), Coyne, Perrett, Taylor; Brkovic, Spring, Nicholls, Valois; Howard, Crowe.

Unused subs: Ovendale, Dryden, Forbes, Fotiadis.

Booked: no-one.

Shrewsbury: Dunbavin; Drysdale, Redmile, Tretton, Rioch; Moss (Lowe, 89 mins) Atkins, Murray, Jagielka; Rodgers, Jemson.

Unused subs: Jenkins, Walker, Tolley, Cartwright.

Booked: Leon Drysdale, dissent; Matt Redmile, delaying a free kick.

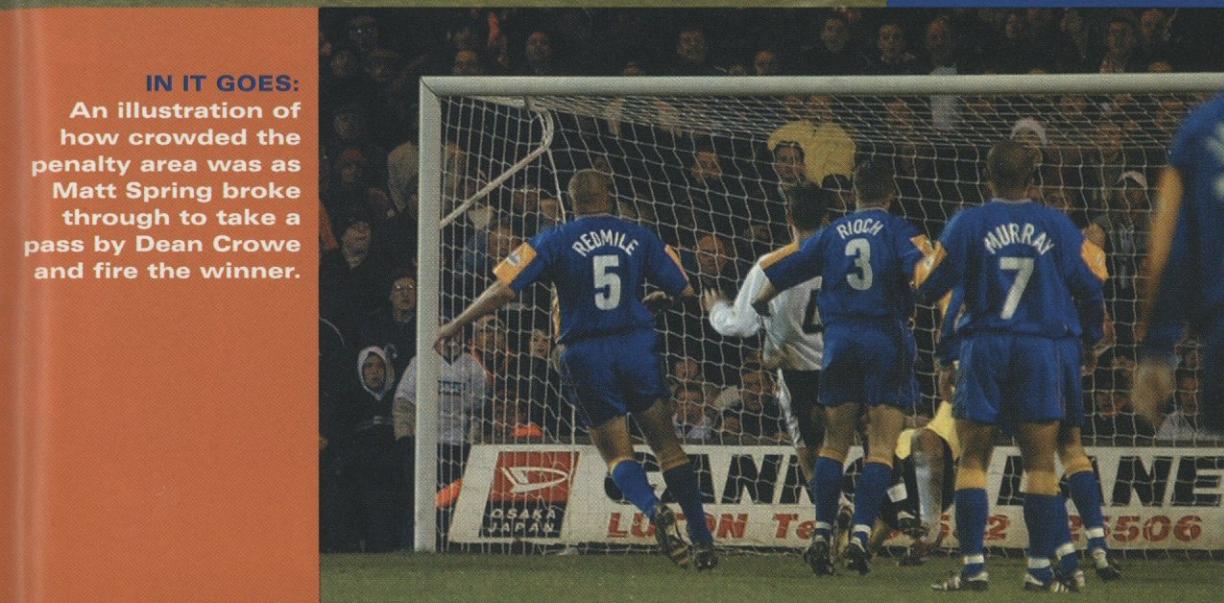
The Goal: Matthew Spring, 72 minutes, shot over the advancing keeper completing a super passing move which took him surging into the box as he played a one-two with Dean Crowe.

Referee: Fraser Stretton, Leicestershire

Attendance: 6,809, including 351 in the away end.

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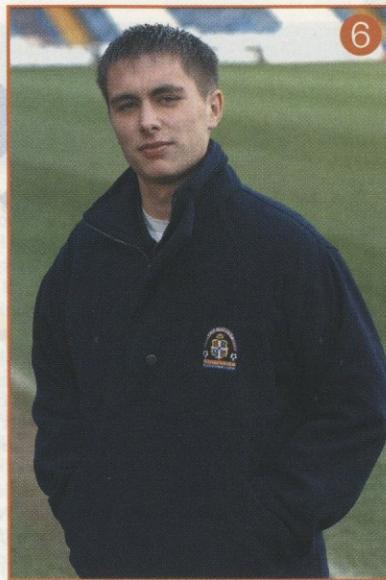
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In Reserve



Brian Stein

Luton Town 1 Bristol City 1

A MAJOR problem is emerging in our Avon Insurance Combination games: more often than not our general play is reasonably good, but time and time again we let opponents off the hook by not being ruthless

enough in front of goal. We practise in training, but this was another day when we would have won comfortably if we had not missed so many scoring opportunities.

We used three trialists - goalkeeper Mickael Menetrier, 23, and midfielders Kevin Street, 23 and William Huck, 22.

They all did OK, and we could well be having a longer look at them. Street, who played in the centre of midfield, has made more than 100 appearances for Crewe, but has been offered a free transfer. The other two trialists are both French, and have been made available by Bournemouth. Huck had a year with Arsenal, after being signed from Monaco, but did not get into their Premiership side, and is a fringe player at Bournemouth after joining them for £50,000 nearly three years ago.

Menetrier joined the Cherries from Metz 18 months ago but had only a brief spell as number one keeper at Bournemouth.

But he enjoyed a moment of glory on his Luton debut: Bristol City were awarded a penalty on the hour mark, when we were already leading. We thought it was very harsh on Stuart Fraser, to say the least, and felt that justice was done when Menetrier pulled off a great save.

We should have been three or four up by half-time, but Andrew Fotiadis, who scored in the 30th minute, passed up another hat-trick, and Liam George also had three chances which were not

taken. It was pleasing to see good attacking play, and the attitude and work rate was OK, but it was another game where we paid the price for not being clinical with our finishing. We were also unlucky when George was brought down, but this time the ref turned down our confident appeals for a penalty. Having had enough of the play to deserve a healthy lead, we were pegged back ten minutes from time, when Marvin Johnson was mugged and City netted an equaliser. Even then we had chances to win it, with George suffering another slice of bad luck with a shot that came back off a post.

Luton Town: Menetrier, Boyce, Fraser, Johnson, Brennan, Mansell, Street, Holmes, Huck, George, Fotiadis (Murphy 85 mins).

WE ENTERTAIN Cambridge in the League Cup tomorrow, with kick-off at Kenilworth Road 2pm. Next Monday we are away to Leighton Town in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup, kick-off 7.45pm.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Brennan 9, Fotiadis 8, Holmes 7, George 5, Foley 5, Stirling 4(2), Brkovic 4(1), Gillman 4, Ovendale 4, Locke 4, Thomson 3(4), Ward 3, Everitt 3, Bruce 3, Dryden 3, Osborn 2(2), Fraser 2(1), Douglas 2(1), Dogbe 2, Mansell 2, Johnson 2, Murphy 1(4), Crowe 1(1), Emberson 1, Forbes 1, Hillier 1, Spring 1, Ofori 1, Iagnostal 1, Hogg 1, Bouchers 1, Djorkaeff 1, Valois 1, Maher 1, Hodges 1, Menetrier 1, Huck 1, Street 1, Boyce 1, Leary 0(2), O'Leary 0(1), Okai 0(1), Jeffrey 0(1), Hall 0(1).

Goals: Fotiadis 5, Brkovic 2, Brennan 2(2 pens), Thomson 2, George 1, Gillman 1, Locke 1, Everitt 1, Hodges 1.

Brian Stein

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AUG	Wed 15	Barnet	A	3-0	Fotiadis 2, Hodges
	Wed 29	Millwall	H	1-0	Brennan pen
SEPT	Wed 12	Leyton Orient	A	3-2	George, Brkovic 2
	Thur 20	Barton (BPC)	A	5-0	Gillman, Locke, Brennan, Thomson, Fotiadis
	Wed 26	Gillingham	H	2pm	
OCT	Tue 2	Cardiff	A	1-2	Fotiadis
	Mon 8	QPR	H	3-3	Everitt, Brennan pen, Thomson
	Mon 15	Crystal Palace	A	0-1	
	Wed 31	Reading	H	postponed	
NOV	Wed 7	Brentford	A	postponed	
	Wed 14	Bristol City	H	1-1	Fotiadis
	Wed 21	Cambridge(LC)	H	2pm	
	Wed 28	Norwich(LC)	A	7.30pm	
DEC	Wed 5	Oxford	A	2pm	
	Wed 12	Swindon	H	2pm	
	Wed 19	Portsmouth	A	7pm	
JAN	Wed 9	Brighton	A	7pm	
	Wed 16	Wycombe	H	2pm	
	Wed 23	Bournemouth	H	2pm	
FEB	Wed 6	Bristol Rov	A	7pm	
	Wed 13	Norwich	H	7pm	
	Wed 20	Cheltenham	A	2pm	
	Wed 27	Colchester	H	7pm	
MAR	Wed 13	Peterborough	H	7pm	
	Wed 20	Southend	A	2pm	
	Mon 25	Cambridge	A	2pm	
APRIL	Wed 10	Northampton	H	2pm	

**Avon Insurance Combination
League Table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	10	7	1	2	18	9	22
Q.P.R.	9	5	4	0	24	9	19
Crystal Palace	9	6	1	2	21	12	19
Cardiff	8	5	3	0	15	6	18
Norwich	9	5	1	3	17	12	16
Reading	9	4	2	3	14	10	14
Peterborough	10	4	2	4	15	20	14
Millwall	9	3	4	2	15	12	13
Wycombe	8	4	1	3	12	9	13
Oxford	9	3	4	2	9	12	13
Gillingham	7	3	3	1	14	5	12
Luton Town	8	3	3	2	12	9	12
Southend	8	3	2	3	10	11	11
Cheltenham	10	3	2	5	9	19	11
Brentford	7	3	1	3	16	13	10
Bristol Rovers	8	3	1	4	7	9	10
Leyton Orient	8	3	1	4	15	20	10
Bristol City	6	2	3	1	6	4	9
Colchester	9	2	3	4	12	16	9
Brighton	8	1	4	3	8	9	7
Cambridge	9	2	1	6	10	14	7
Northampton	8	1	4	3	7	13	7
Barnet	9	2	0	7	7	20	6
Swindon	10	1	2	7	9	17	5
Bournemouth	7	0	3	4	5	17	3

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Football League Youth Alliance

**Luton Town 1
Notts County 2**

WHILE we did not deserve to win, we put in a reasonable team performance, especially in the second half, and were perhaps a little unlucky not to take a point. Certainly there was an element of doubt about the legality of the goal that turned out to be the winner. In the end, a little bit of a lack of awareness probably cost us the chance of getting something out of the game.

We had an awful start, conceding a goal in the first 40 seconds, and after that we were always up against it. The goal was well-taken, a far post header after a cross from County's right wing, but really the man who crossed the ball should never have been given the chance to do so.

But we equalised on 17 minutes, after building up a head of steam with a few good attacks. Steven O'Leary shot us level, only for County to regain the lead in dubious circumstances after 33 minutes. The ball was played down the middle, and our centre-back, Curtis Davies, was leading the race for it, and it seemed to us that the chasing striker clipped his heels. The defender fell, but the referee saw no foul, and

the striker was in. Goalkeeper Dean Brill saved at his feet, but could not hold the ball, and the forward kept going and piled into the keeper, knocking the ball into the net. On another day, either incident in that build-up would have been given as a foul.

Until then we had been in the game as much as the visitors, but that goal encouraged them, and we were a little down.

At half-time I told the lads that if we could get an equaliser we would go on to win, but the goal just would not come. I was happy with the effort put in, but not so happy with players being unable to see things - football is about thinking, when to pass, when to hold the ball, and so on. The best players make the right decisions at the right time, and we failed on that score.

We pushed up well enough, but did not have the sharpness to score, and although a draw might have been fair on the general run of play, we did not look too convincing in the penalty area.

Luton Town: Brill, Dogbe, Carroll, O'Leary, Davies, Gillman, Foley (Jeffrey 71 mins), Judge (Barnett 55 mins), Dillon, Osborn, Okai.

OUR next Football League Youth Alliance fixture is on Saturday, at home to Cambridge United. We play at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, Farley Hill, with an 11 am kick-off. Admission is free, and spectators are welcome.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Okai 11(2), Osborn 11(2), Gillman 11(1), Carroll 10(1), O'Leary 10, Foley 9(4), Jeffrey 9(2), Dillon 9(2), Davies 9(1), Judge 8(3), Dogbe 8(1), Leary 7, Murphy 7, Chatfield 6, Brill 6, Bruce 5(1), Howells 3(1), Barnett 1(3), R. Mansell 1, Beckwith 1, Shire 1, Deeney 0(1), Burrell 0(1),

Goals: Judge 6, Osborn 4(1p), Murphy 4, Davies 3, Carroll 2, O'Leary 2, Dillon 2, Gillman 1, Jeffrey 1, Foley 1, Leary 1.

John Moore

**Football League Youth Alliance
Results and Fixtures**

AUG	25	Rushden & D	H 1-2	Leary
SEP	1	Walsall	A 4-4	Osborn 2 (1p), Murphy, Davies
	8	L. Orient (Cup)	A 0-0	
	15	Kidderminster	H 3-1	Carroll, Davies, Murphy
	22	Cambridge	A 1-2	Judge
OCT	6	Northampton	H 4-2	Murphy, O'Leary, Osborn, Dillon
	11	Cheltenham(FAYC)	A 4-3	Gillman, Judge, Osborn, Jeffrey
	13	Colchester (Cup)	H 2-3	Foley, Murphy
	20	West Brom	A 2-3	Judge, Davies
	27	Peterborough	A 3-0	Carroll, Judge 2
NOV	3	Southend (Cup)	H 2-0	Dillon, Judge
	6	Brentford (FAYC2)	H 0-2	
	10	Notts County	H 1-2	O'Leary
	17	Kidderminster	A Postponed	
	24	Cambridge	H	
DEC	15	Northampton	A	
JAN	12	West Brom	H	
	19	Notts County	A	
	26	Peterborough	H	
FEB	9	Rushden & D	A	
	16	Walsall	H	

**FL Youth Alliance South Central Conference
League Table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rushden & D	7	3	2	2	12	11	11
Notts County	5	3	1	1	7	6	10
Cambridge Utd	6	2	2	2	9	6	8
Peterborough	6	2	2	2	11	11	8
West Brom	6	2	2	2	10	15	8
Northampton	5	2	1	2	7	6	7
Luton Town	6	2	1	3	14	14	7
Kidderminster	5	2	0	3	7	7	6
Walsall	6	1	3	2	12	14	6

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4	Matthew Spring
5	Russell Perrett
6	Marvin Johnson
7	Adrian Forbes
8	Kevin Nicholls
10	Carl Griffiths
11	Liam George
12	Chris Coyne
13	Stuart Fraser
14	Andrew Fotiadis
15	Matthew Taylor
16	Carl Emberson
17	Emmerson Boyce
18	Adam Locke
19	Steve Howard
20	Peter Holmes
21	Richard Dryden
22	Dean Brennan
23	Jude Stirling
24	Scott Ward
27	Paul Hughes
28	Jean Louis Valois
32	Lee Mansell
33	Ian Hillier
34	Dean Crowe
35	Ahmet Brkovic

Hull City

1	Paul Musslewhite
2	Mike Edwards
3	Andy Holt
4	Justin Whittle
5	Mark Greaves
6	David Lee
7	Ryan Williams
8	Lawrie Dudfield
9	Gary Alexander
10	Rodney Rowe
11	David Beresford
12	Ian Goodison
13	Mike Price
14	Matt Glennon
15	Julian Johnsson
16	Lee Philpot
17	Neil Mann
18	Scott Kerr
19	Matt Bloomer
20	Rob Matthews
21	Ben Morley
23	Theo Whitmore
27	Gary Bradshaw
28	Nick Mohan
29	Ben Petty

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