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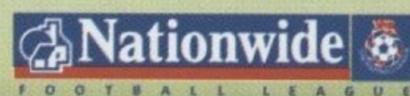


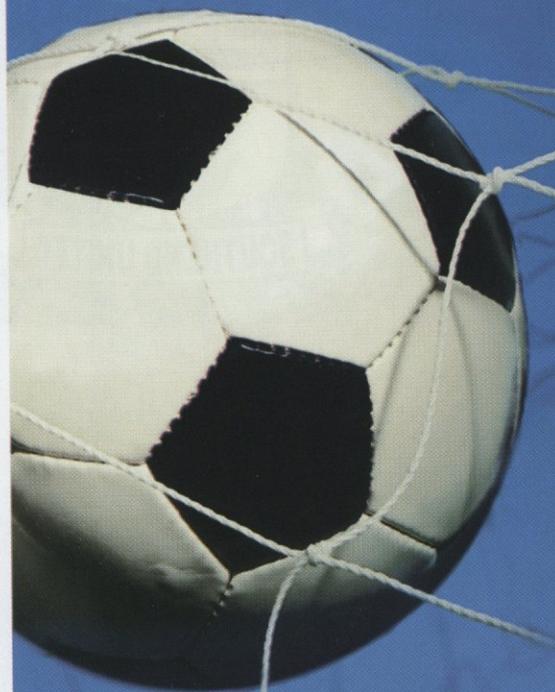
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Good afternoon and welcome to Roots Hall for today's clash with Luton Town.

Back in November we produced a brilliant performance to knock Joe Kinnear's men out of the FA Cup and, despite today being our fifth game in fourteen days, we will be hoping for more of the same this afternoon as we bid to continue our pleasing run of form.

Three days ago, I was very pleased with the way in which we fought back to beat Rushden and Diamonds 4-2.

And whilst the first-half performance was very disappointing a lot of it was down to the pitch - it was no coincidence that all six goals came at the South Stand end of the ground.

All you had to do was to be wrong-footed, it was impossible to turn and they exploited that well in the opening forty-five minutes. But eighty five percent of it was due to the ground. It was very hard and it caused us a lot of problems. But the performance in the second-half was second to none - we were outstanding. It was a great Boxing Day feast with loads of goals and entertainment and it was very pleasing to get a result.



The performance of Barrington Belgrave was also another highlight from Wednesday's game. Baz had been dropped perhaps a little unluckily because he was playing out of position before. But playing up-front against Rushden he showed what an asset he is to the squad and the two goals he scored were excellent, especially our fourth one. The passing and movement was superb and he finished with aplomb.

I want four strikers here fighting for the two places and with Tony Richards coming back and Mark Rawle as well, we've got competition for places and that's good.

Steven Clark also returned to action against Rushden, replacing me just before half-time and I felt he got stronger as the game went on. He hadn't played for a month and it was the perfect game for him to ease his way back into everything. We haven't got many wingers at the Club and Clarky's presence in the side certainly gives us a different attacking option.

Finally I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone connected with Luton Town Football Club and hope that they enjoy their short stay at Roots Hall.

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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 £1 million 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.

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Records	Average Attendances					Goals - When Scored					Form Guide: Home & Away				
	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Home Form	most recent results to left	Away Form	
Highest Gate						BR	1	4	4	2	3	7	WLLL	Bristol Rovers	LLDDL
Plymouth v Torquay						CU	3	5	4	4	0	3	WLLDW	Carlisle	LDLDD
Lowest Gate						CT	2	7	5	3	10	7	WWWDD	Cheltenham	WLDD
Macclesfield v Hartlepool						Da	1	5	4	2	9	6	WWWLL	Darlington	LLLDL
Highest Agg Score						EC	5	5	5	3	6	2	LWDWW	Exeter	WWWLD
Scunthorpe7						HT	2	4	4	2	1	4	LWDLD	Halifax	DLLLD
Darlington1						HU	1	1	8	5	7	6	LDWWW	Hartlepool	DWLWL
Bristol Rov.....5						HC	3	6	4	9	5	10	DWDWD	Hull	LWLLW
Orient3						Ki	2	3	3	5	3	8	WWWWD	Kidderminster	LWVLL
Biggest Home Win						LO	4	5	4	9	5	10	WDWLW	Orient	LLDL
Scunthorpe7						LC	1	4	2	3	5	7	DLWDW	Lincoln	LDDDL
Darlington1						LT	3	5	14	7	9	9	DWLWW	Luton	WWLLW
Biggest Away Win						MT	3	3	5	3	5	4	DWVDL	Macclesfield	DWLLL
Exeter0						MT	5	7	6	5	5	9	LWDWW	Mansfield	LWVLLW
Scunthorpe4						OU	6	2	1	10	4	4	LWVDD	Oxford	DLLLW
Consec. Wins						PA	4	6	7	7	5	6	DWWWV	Plymouth	LDWVW
Plymouth5						Ro	4	5	5	5	7	7	LDVDD	Rochdale	LDLWL
Unbeaten						RD	4	7	5	3	4	5	WVDDVW	Rushden	LLDL
Plymouth19						SU	9	7	7	4	7	6	WVWWW	Scunthorpe	LDWVW
Consec. Defeats						ST	6	1	6	2	10	9	DLVVD	Shrewsbury	LWVLL
Torquay5						SU	5	2	2	7	4	8	WDLVW	Southend	DWLLL
Winless Run						SC	5	8	4	3	4	7	WDLVW	Swansea	WLVWL
Bristol Rov.....14						TU	3	4	3	2	4	5	DLLLW	Torquay	DDLLL
Total Games						YC	3	1	6	4	4	8	LLLWV	York	LDDL

Clubs' top scorer & the points their goals have won	Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats										Numbers				
	see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms/Gls/Gm	Pts	Run	Club	Win -vs.	Defeat -vs.	PU	CS	FS
York	Michael Proctor	8	6	1	0	22	0.36	11	2	Bristol Rov	5-3 Orient	1-3 O's, Rush	27	6	11
Mansfield	Chris Greenacre	14	10	2	0	22	0.64	10	4	Carlisle	3-0 Scunthorpe	0-3 Plymouth	34	7	10
Shrewsbury	Luke Rodgers	14	9	1	1	24	0.58	10	4	Cheltenham	4-1 Macclesfld	1-5 Hull	23	7	5
Hull	Gary Alexander	13	9	2	0	22	0.59	10	5	Darlington	4-0 Exeter	1-7 Scunthorpe	29	7	7
Luton	Dean Crowe	9	7	1	0	14	0.64	8	3	Exeter	2-0 Torquay	0-4 Scun, Darl	30	8	8
Plymouth	David Frio	7	7	0	0	21	0.33	8	2	Halifax	2-0 Swan, Tray	1-4 Southend	24	8	11
Torquay	David Graham	5	5	0	0	23	0.22	8	1	Hartlepool	4-0 Hull	0-2 Ornt, Linc	24	7	8
Cheltenham	Julian Alsop	10	6	2	0	21	0.48	7	2	Hull	5-1 Cheltenham	0-4 Hartpool	26	11	6
Bristol Rovers	Nathan Ellington	6	3	0	1	12	0.50	7	2	Kidminster	4-1 York, Roch	0-4 Shrewsby	27	9	9
Carlisle	Ritchie Foran	6	6	0	0	17	0.35	7	3	Orient	5-0 Lincoln	1-4 Scunthorpe	32	8	5
Macclesfield	Lee Glover	8	6	1	0	23	0.35	6	2	Lincoln	3-0 Swansea	0-5 Orient	21	7	7
Darlington	Barry Conlon	6	4	1	0	20	0.30	6	1	Luton	5-1 Torquay	1-4 Mfld, Mac	32	6	2
Swansea	Mamady Sidibe	6	4	1	0	16	0.38	5	2	Macclesfield	4-1 Luton	0-4 Mansfield	25	6	11
Exeter	Chris Roberts	6	4	1	0	21	0.29	5	2	Mansfield	4-0 Macclesfld	0-3 Plymouth	22	8	5
Halifax	Paul Harsley	6	4	1	0	23	0.26	4	2	Oxford	3-0 Cheltenham	0-3 Ornt, Hull	26	6	9
Rushden	Scott Partridge	5	3	1	0	18	0.28	4	1	Plymouth	3-0 vs 3 clubs	1-2 Roch, Scun	22	14	6
Rochdale	Kevin Townson	7	3	2	0	19	0.37	3	3	Rochdale	3-1 Mansfield	1-4 Kidminster	29	8	4
Lincoln	Lee Thorpe	6	4	1	0	16	0.38	3	1	Rushden	3-1 vs 3 clubs	0-3 Kidminster	32	10	10
Scunthorpe	Martin Carruthers	10	6	2	0	22	0.45	2	2	Scunthorpe	7-1 Darlington	0-3 Carlisle	25	9	7
Oxford	Jamie Brooks	6	4	1	0	14	0.43	2	1	Shrewsbury	4-0 Kidminster	1-3 Hart, Scun	22	8	5
Kidderminster	Dean Bennett	6	6	0	0	20	0.30	2	6	Southend	4-1 Halifax	0-2 vs 4 clubs	26	8	9
Hartlepool	Gordon Watson	8	5	0	1	15	0.53	1	3	Swansea	3-0 Exeter	0-3 vs 3 clubs	29	7	10
Southend	Tesfaye Bramble	5	5	0	0	21	0.24	1	2	Torquay	2-1 vs 5 clubs	1-5 Luton	37	4	12
Orient	Steve Watts	9	5	2	0	15	0.60	0	3	York	3-0 Torquay	0-4 Hull	27	4	6

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.

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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 Juniors members of Luton Town Supporters Club voted him their player of the year. Luton record to the start of this season: 88 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 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

Vastley experienced, the defender has played at all levels of professional football, and accepted his second Luton contract at the end of last season. He had been recruited on a free transfer from Southampton in February 2001. Bristol Rovers gave Dryden his

start in football, as a trainee, but after a handful of games he was allowed to move on to Exeter for £10,000. 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 GCSE 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.

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 Sixfields his height and power as a target man, and a scoring rate of a goal every four games, helped Northampton to win promotion to Division Two. Luton 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 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 OVENDALE

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 Ovendale 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 £800,000 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 was 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 Breda. 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

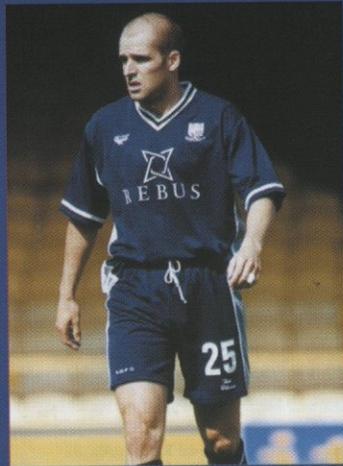
Rarely can there have been a more explosive league debut than the one made by the midfielder in September 2001, a day after he joined Luton. The left-winger had turned down the chance to stay at Lille Olympique Sporting Club, despite the lure of European Champions League football, because he was desperate 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.



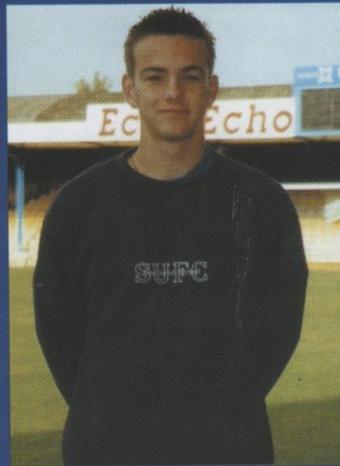
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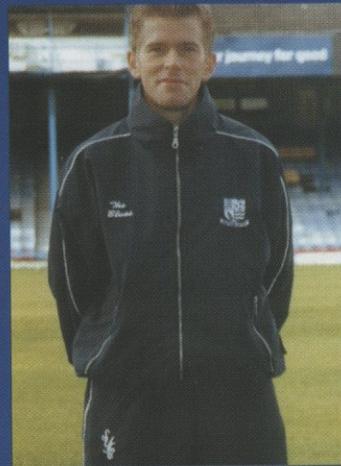
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BRAMBLE SIGNS NEW BLUES DEAL - EVENING ECHO

SOUTHEND United have been boosted by the news that star striker Tes Bramble has agreed a contract extension.

The 21-year-old hitman, who is Blues' top scorer with eight goals this term, has committed himself to Roots Hall club until the summer of 2003.

And Shrimpers boss Rob Newman urged Bramble to demonstrate just why he has been handed an improved deal at Boothfery Park this evening.

"Tes has been one of our big success stories this season and if he continues to work hard can only go from strength to strength," said Newman.

"He was only contracted to us until the end of the current season and it pleases me that he has shown his commitment to Southend by extending this period.

BEARD MAKING A GOOD RECOVERY

Blues defender Mark Beard is recovering in hospital following an operation to remove his appendix. Mark will now be out of action for the next six to eight weeks. Everyone at Southend United wish-



TES BRAMBLE

es him a speedy recovery. On a brighter note Scott Forbes has now resumed training and will be pushing to regain a place in the squad.

SANSOME RETURNS

Goalkeeper Paul Sansome has signed on-loan for Southend United Football Club on a one match basis, Rob Newman explains...

"I have brought in Paul Sansome because Darryl Flahavan is suspended," explained Blues boss Rob Newman

"Danny Gay is our reserve goalkeeper so he'll play. Our U.19 keeper James Fisher has got a knee injury so he will be unable to participate, not even as a sub.

"Basically we thought about it, Paul has kept himself fit and so we asked him to come in. Hopefully there will be no need for him to enter the field of play, if he does I am sure he will do an adequate job.

"It's only for one game and I am sure that Danny Gay deserves his chance. That's it really, he is here as cover on the bench."

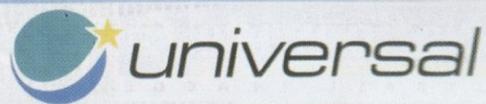
Paul Sansome commented:

"I got a call from Steve Tilson. Rob had said that he wanted me to help out and I am more than pleased to do that if I can.

"It's always nice to come back here, I've watched a few games and I'm sure that I'll enjoy it."

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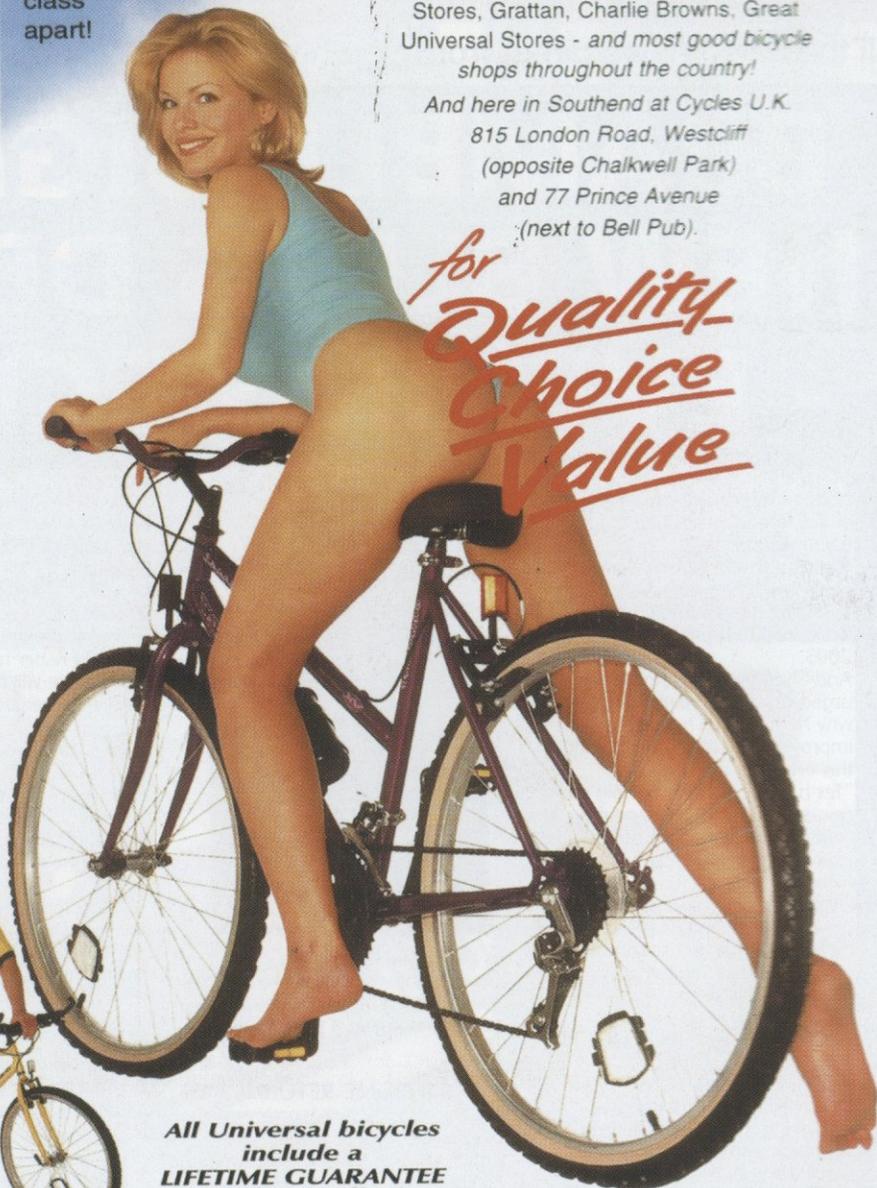


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LAWS OF THE GAME PART ONE

LAW 1 - THE FIELD OF PLAY

Dimensions
The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touch line must be greater than the length of the goal line.
Length: minimum 90 m (100 yds) maximum 120 m (130 yds)
Width: minimum 45 m (50 yds) maximum 90 m (100 yds)
International Matches
Length: minimum 100 m (110 yds) maximum 110 m (120 yds)
Width: minimum 64 m (70 yds) maximum 75 m (80 yds)
Field Markings
The field of play is marked with lines. These lines belong to the areas of which they are boundaries. The two longer boundary lines are called touch lines. The two shorter lines are called goal lines. All lines are not more than 12 cm (5 ins) wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line.
The centre mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of 9.15 m (10 yds) is marked around it.
The Goal Area
A goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows:
Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, 5.5 m (6 yds) from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of 5.5 m (6 yds) and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.
The Penalty Area
A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows:
Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, 16.5 m (18 yds) from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of 16.5 m (18 yds) and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made 11 m (12 yds) from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them. An arc of a circle with a radius of 9.15 m (10 yds) from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.
Flagposts
A flagpost, not less than 1.5 m (5 ft) high, with a non-pointed top and a flag is placed at each corner. Flagposts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line, not less than 1 m (1 yd) outside the touch line.
The Corner Arc
A quarter circle with a radius of 1 m (1 yd) from each corner flagpost is drawn inside the field of play.
Goals
Goals must be placed on the centre of each goal line.
They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corner flagposts and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar.
The distance between the posts is 7.32 m (8 yds) and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is 2.44 m (8 ft).
Both goalposts and the crossbar have the same width and depth which do not exceed 12 cm (5 ins).
The goal lines are the same width as that of the goalposts and the crossbar. Nets may be attached to the goals and the ground behind the goal, provided

that they are properly supported and do not interfere with the goalkeeper.
The goalposts and crossbars must be white.
Safety
Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.
The Field of Play
Corner Flagpost
Metric Measurements
Imperial Measurements
Decisions of the International F.A. Board
? Decision 1
If the crossbar becomes displaced or broken, play is stopped until it has been repaired or replaced in position. If a repair is not possible, the match is abandoned. The use of a rope to replace the crossbar is not permitted. If the crossbar can be repaired, the match is restarted with a dropped ball at the place where the ball was located when play was stopped. * (see page 3)
Decision 2
Goalposts and crossbars must be made of wood, metal or other approved material. Their shape may



be square, rectangular, round or elliptical and they must not be dangerous to players.
Decision 3
No kind of commercial advertising, whether real or virtual, is permitted on the field of play and field equipment (including the goal nets and the areas they enclose) from the time the teams enter the field of play until they have left it at half-time and from the time the teams re-enter the field of play until the end of the match. In particular, no advertising material of any kind may be displayed on goals, nets, flagposts or their flags. No extraneous equipment (cameras, microphones, etc.) may be attached to these items.
Decision 4
There shall be no advertising of any kind within the technical area or within one metre from the touch line and outside the field of play on the ground. Further, no advertising shall be allowed in the area between the goal line and the goal nets.
Decision 5
The reproduction, whether real or virtual, of representative logos or emblems of FIFA, confederations, national associations, leagues, clubs or other bodies, is forbidden on the field of play and field equipment (including the goal nets and the

areas they enclose) during playing time, as described in Decision 3.
Decision 6
A mark may be made off the field of play, 9.15 metres (10 yds) from the corner arc and at right angles to the goal lines to ensure that this distance is observed when a corner kick is being taken.

LAW 2 - THE BALL

Qualities and Measurements
The ball is:
spherical
made of leather or other suitable material
of a circumference of not more than 70 cm (28 ins) and not less than 68 cm (27 ins)
not more than 450 g (16 oz) in weight and not less than 410 g (14 oz) at the start of the match
of a pressure equal to 0.6 - 1.1 atmosphere (600 - 1100 g/cm² at sea level (8.5 lbs/sq in 15.6 lbs/sq in)
Replacement of a Defective Ball
If the ball bursts or becomes defective during the course of a match:
the match is stopped
the match is restarted by dropping the replacement ball at the place where the first ball became defective * (see page 3)
If the ball bursts or becomes defective whilst not in play at a kick-off, goal kick, corner kick, free kick, penalty kick or throw-in:
the match is restarted accordingly
The ball may not be changed during the match without the authority of the referee.
Decisions of the International F.A. Board
Decision 1
In competition matches, only footballs which meet the minimum technical requirements stipulated in Law 2 are permitted for use.
In FIFA competition matches, and in competition matches organised under the auspices of the confederations, acceptance of a football for use is conditional upon the football bearing one of the following three designations:
the official "FIFA APPROVED" logo,
or
the official "FIFA INSPECTED" logo,
or
the reference "INTERNATIONAL MATCHBALL STANDARD"
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National association competitions may require the use of balls bearing any one of these three designations.
In all other matches the ball used must satisfy the requirements of Law 2.
Decision 2
In FIFA competition matches and in competition matches organised under the auspices of the confederations and national associations, no kind of commercial advertising on the ball is permitted, except for the emblem of the competition, the competition organiser and the authorised trademark of the manufacturer. The competition regulations may restrict the size and number of such markings.
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THIRD DIVISION REVIEW - WITH NICK ALLIKER

In Third Division news over the last few days, Gerry Francis has resigned as manager of Third Division side Bristol Rovers. Francis, who took charge at the Memorial Stadium in June, has left his post for personal reasons. Assistant boss Garry Thompson has been in charge for the last three weeks after Francis took compassionate leave and Thompson will continue to act as caretaker manager for the dash with Leyton Orient on Boxing Day. The former Tottenham boss said: "It is with much regret that due to immediate family illness, I am leaving my position of manager and director of football at Bristol Rovers Football Club." The Pirates are currently twenty-second in the Third Division after recording just five wins in twenty-two games and lost 2-1 to Swansea on Friday night. Francis added: "The club have been very supportive and given me time off in the hope that my position would improve but unfortunately my problems have become long term. "Football management is a twenty-four hours, seven days a week job and due to my circumstances it simply has not been possible. "Although I've only been at the club for six months, it has been a very difficult job and financially there has been little scope for change. "I am confident that our League results will improve and that the club, for whom I have great affection, will turn the corner both on and off the field." Deputy chairman Geoff Dunford said: "We all feel for Gerry. He came here to do a job for us but his personal situation has made it impossible for him to carry on. Our thoughts and good wishes are with him and his family."

Rochdale have finalised the signing of striker Lee McEvilly, from Unibond Premier League side Burscough, for £15,000. The club had tried to sign him for the postponed game against York, but missed the deadline. Dale boss John Hollins told the club's website: "He's a big and powerful lad who has scored plenty of goals at his respective level and I'm sure he'll make the step up."

Darlington have admitted they want to sign Oldham striker Carlo Corazzin. Quakers boss Tommy Taylor is understood to have made a move for the Twenty-nine-year-old, earlier this week. Director of football Luke Raine told the Northern Echo: "We did make an enquiry earlier this week. However, after we asked them whether we could have him at the club for Saturday, Oldham have not been back in touch."

Bristol Rovers' captain Vitalijs Astafjevs will miss the games against Derby and Bristol City next month, after collecting his second red

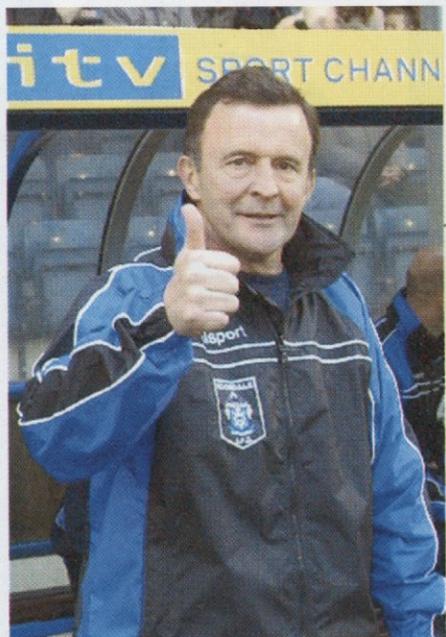
card of the season. The midfielder received his second yellow card in the final minute of the 2-1 defeat to Swansea City. It adds to the red card he collected in the Rochdale game in November and means the automatic suspension increases to two games.

Looking back at last weekend's fixtures, Paul Sturrock described Plymouth's defending as "quite zany", after Scunthorpe beat them 2-1. He said: "Scunthorpe is a difficult place to visit and to come back against such a good side is difficult after giving them a couple of Christmas presents." "It's very hard when you have to chase the game and the standards from our goalkeeper (Romain Larrieu) were not what I'd expect."

Roddy Collins felt Carlisle had been hard done by after being reduced to 10 men against Rushden. Michael Jack was dismissed in the 15th minute following a challenge in the air on Andy Sambrook. Rushden went on to win 3-1. Collins said: "The referee robbed us. He was a disgrace and cost us three points again." He added: "Michael Jack made a challenge, saw the ball, nicked it and they clashed heads. He was sent-off for violent conduct. In short, the lad went in for a challenge and it was just a clash of heads." Rushden came from a goal down to beat Carlisle 3-1. Carlisle's Michael Jack was sent-off after twelve minutes, after he clattered into Barry Hunter, then lashed out at Andrew Sambrook. Stuart Green put the Cumbrians ahead after twenty-five minutes. Onandi Lowe equalised two minutes later. Paul Hall put Rushden ahead after forty-nine minutes. An own goal from Stuart Whitehead sealed Rushden's win after eighty-three minutes.

Ian Atkins slammed Oxford's first-half display in the 3-3 draw at Torquay. Oxford clinched a point despite going behind three times. But Atkins said: "We made a terrific start, but the next thirty-five minutes was probably the most spineless I've ever seen from a side of mine and a few choice words were said at half-time." Oxford were trailing to goals by David Graham in the eighteenth minute and Gregory Goodridge in the twenty-second minute. Oxford drew level in the fifty sixth minute, before Torquay went ahead again. Oxford's Paul Moody snatched a point ten minutes from time. Manny Omoyimni came on as a substitute at half-time and pulled a goal back for Oxford twelve seconds after the break. Andy Crosby equalised from a corner in the fifty-sixth minute. Richard Logan restored Torquay's lead with a spectacular 73rd-minute bicycle kick, then Moody equalised.

Leyton Orient romped to their biggest win of the season thanks to



John Hollins

two goals from striker Steve Watts in a 5-0 home victory over Lincoln. Wayne Gray, on loan from Wimbledon, completed a four-man move with a diving header to give the Londoners the lead after nine minutes. Watts converted a Billy Jones cross to add the second goal and then met Scott Canham's cross with a far-post header for the third just after the hour-mark. Canham lashed in a fourth goal from thirty-yards after seventy-six minutes and substitute Scott Houghton lobbed City goalkeeper Alan Marriott for the fifth with seven minutes left.

Marvin Johnson netted a valuable equaliser five minutes from time for Luton as they shared the points with Hartlepool. Steve Howard had given the Hatters the lead after thirty-five minutes with a header from Jean-Louis Valois's corner, but Darrell Clarke equalised in the dying seconds of the opening period. Clarke put Hartlepool ahead on the hour-mark when his shot flew in from twenty-five-yards before Johnson's late effort. Howard should have won it for Luton with two minutes to go but fired his shot against goalkeeper Tony Williams' legs.

Plymouth saw their unbeaten away record finally ended as they suffered their first League defeat in twenty matches as Scunthorpe won 2-1 at Glanford Park. The home side took a sixth-minute lead when Graham Coughlan's attempted clearance was dropped by Romain Larrieu and Lee Hodges was on hand to tap home. Hodges then added a second in the twenty-fifth minute when another error saw Paul Wotton and Dave Worrell make a hash of clearing and the midfielder drove the ball home. The Pilgrims forced their way back into the game six minutes after the break when Coughlan headed home from close range. Coughlan then saw another powerful header go wide, while Plymouth keeper Larrieu denied Martin Carruthers with a brilliant fingertip save.

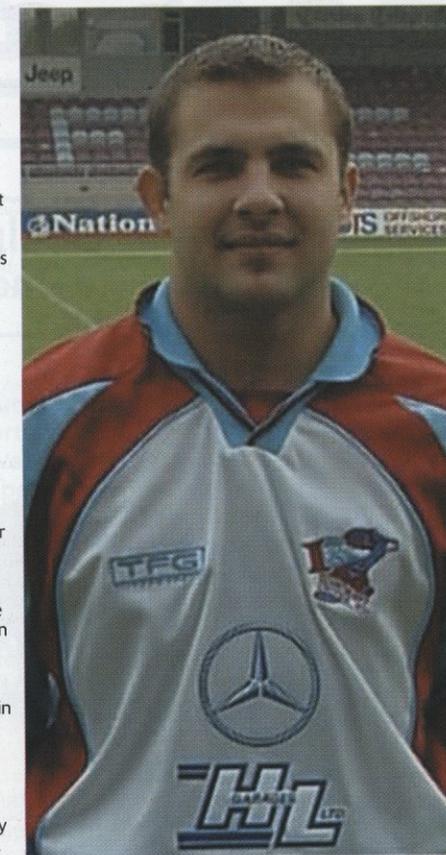
On the Friday before Christmas, Southend battled their way to a goal-less draw and a deserved point as they frustrated Hull City at Boothferry Park. United carved out three golden chances in as many first half minutes, but Mark Rawle fired wide and Tes Bramble and Kevin Maher missed from long-range. Hull found it difficult to adapt to the wet conditions and failed to muster a shot on target until a minute before the break, when Darryl Flahavan smothered Lawrie Dudfield's toe poke. Hull's Rob Matthews clipped

the post from an acute angle just after the restart before Dudfield and Gary Alexander both missed sitters. Substitute Mark Beard had the best chance for the Shrimpers and nearly stole the points with a weak shot that almost squirmed through Matthew Glennon's legs.

Shrewsbury battled back for a 1-1 draw against Macclesfield. Luke Rodgers denied Macc with a seventy-minute equaliser. Lee Glover had fired Macclesfield into a slip by Greg Rioch. Only two fine saves by Ian Dunbavin prevented Chris Byrne and substitute Kyle Lightbourne from stretching the visitors' lead. But Shrewsbury staged a strong finish and substitute Sam Aiston wasted two great chances to claim them full points.

Mansfield blew their chance to go second in Division Three as Exeter claimed a 1-0 win. The Stags dominated the first-half and could have gone in three or four goals to the good had it not been for a string of excellent saves by Exeter goalkeeper Arjan van Heusden. Exeter lifted their game after the break and went ahead after fifty-three-minutes from the penalty spot. Defender Les Robinson was penalised for pushing Christian Roberts and Barry McConnell obliged from the spot, sending Kevin Pilkington the wrong way. Pilkington denied Roberts with his legs six-minutes later but the game then turned back into one-way traffic towards the Exeter goal with Craig Disley, Matthew Piper and Bobby Hassell all coming close. But Mansfield, for all their pressure, could not find an equaliser.

Bristol Rovers had two players sent-off in the closing minutes as Swansea clinched a 2-1 success. Rovers, without a win in thirteen matches, were given the perfect start when Nathan Ellington fired them ahead after only three minutes. Swansea hit back through Mamady Sidibe, who outpaced Mark Foran to reach a pass from Steve Watkin and netted his sixth goal of the season in the fifteenth minute. Watkin netted what proved to be the winner just three minutes later when Andy Mumford's free-kick was nodded back across the face of the goal, and Watkin met it with a powerful header from the edge of the six-yard box. Things went from bad to worse for the Pirates when defender Mike Troughtan and influential Latvian Vitalijs Astafjevs were both dismissed by referee Chris Foy in the eighty-fifth and eighty-ninth minute respectively for second bookable offences.

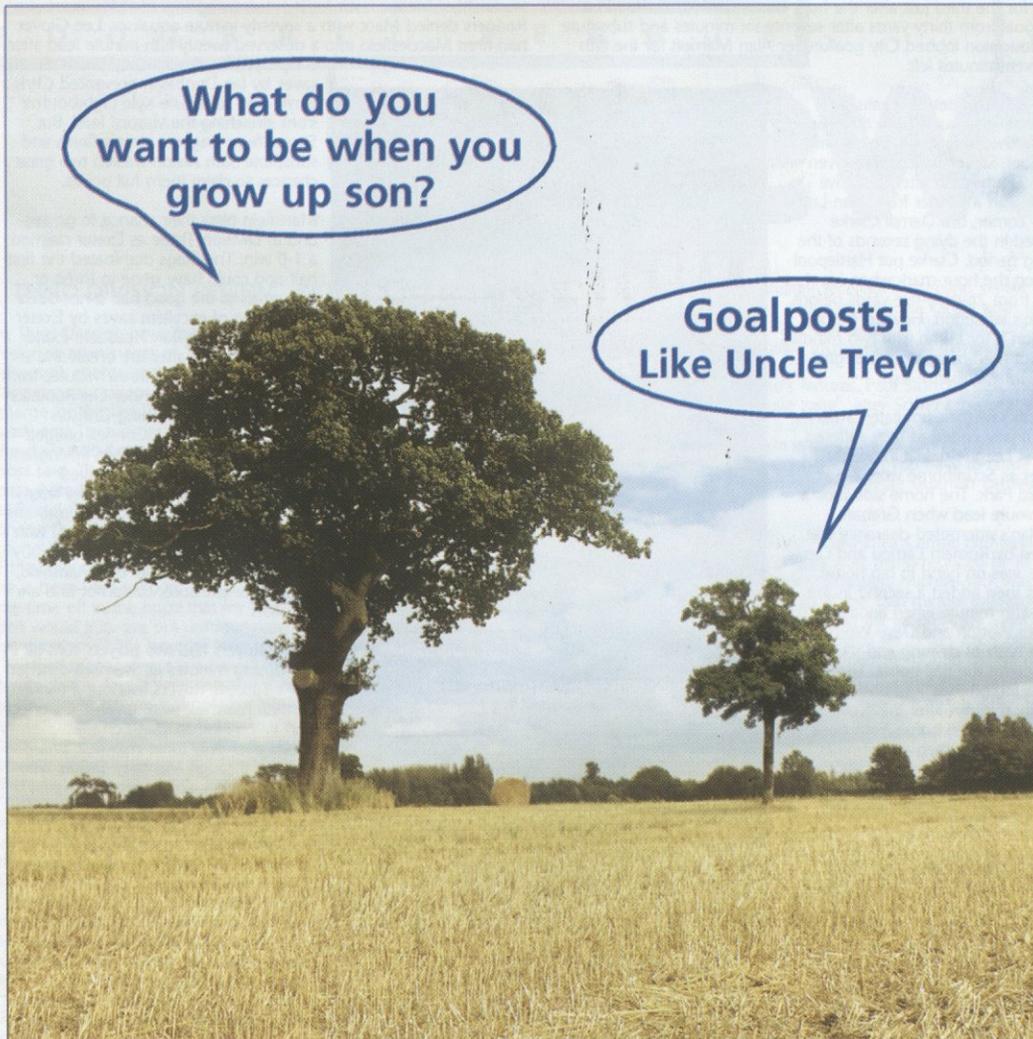


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prizes up for grabs in a VIP box at the FA Cup Final and a trip to Monaco for 6 couples for the Monaco Grand Prix in May.

Previous Winners

The first monthly prize was a trip to St James Park in November. Fans from Burnley and Hartlepool were among the lucky winners to watch Newcastle beat Derby in the luxury of a private box. The winners enjoyed a pre match chat with Bobby before the game and Newcastle and England ace Kieron Dyer entertained the group at the interval with his half time analysis.

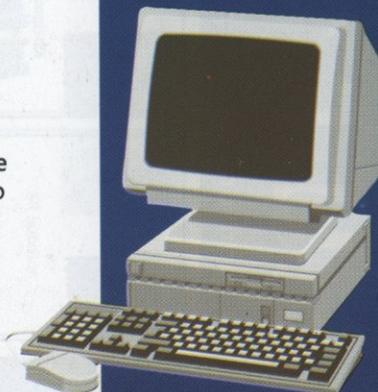
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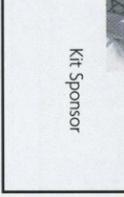
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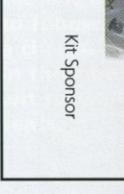
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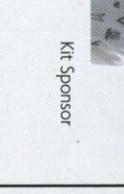
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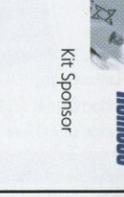
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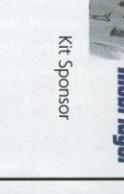
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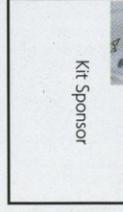
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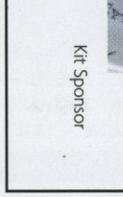
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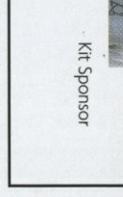
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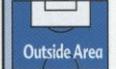
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5 Goals



19 Goals



4 Goals

How

Shots.....12
 Headers.....7
 Volleys.....6
 Penalties...2
 Free Kicks..1
 O.G.s.....0

Top Scorers

Bramble.....5
 Rawle.....4
 Maher.....3
 Belgrave...3

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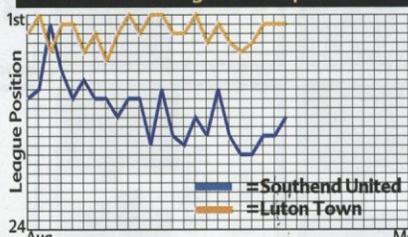
Highest Gate
 5,878
 vs Rushden
 Lowest Gate
 2,889
 vs Macclesfield
 Average Gate
 4,066
 Players Used 26
 Clean Sheets 8
 Failed to Score
 9
 Consec. Wins
 none
 Consec. Defeats
 2 games

Shrimpers' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
W	Rushden	H	8th
D	Hull	A	4th
W	Rochdale	A	2nd
S	Lincoln	H	15th
L	Shrewsbury	A	6th
L	Plymouth	H	1st
W	Macclesfield	H	22nd
L	Exeter	A	19th
W	Kidderminster	H	16th
L	Scunthorpe	A	10th

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Seasonal Progress Comparison



Hatters' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
W	Oxford	A	17th
S	Hartlepool	H	12th
W	Rushden	H	8th
W	Hartlepool	A	9th
L	Macclesfield	A	23rd
L	Hull	H	5th
W	Shrewsbury	H	6th
L	Mansfield	A	5th
W	Swansea	H	18th
W	Halifax	A	20th

Goals Info:



Where



21 Goals



20 Goals



6 Goals

How

Shots.....25
 Headers.....14
 Volleys.....7
 Penalties...1
 Free Kicks..0
 O.G.s.....0

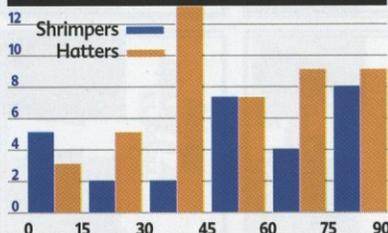
Top Scorers

Crowe.....9
 Griffiths...7
 Taylor.....5
 Howard.....5
 Nicholls...3
 Forbes.....3
 Spring.....3
 Valois.....3

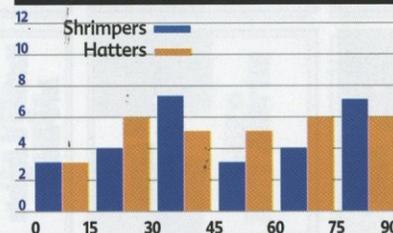
2001-2002

Highest Gate
 7,696
 vs Rochdale
 Lowest Gate
 5,066
 vs Lincoln
 Average Gate
 6,729
 Players Used 32
 Clean Sheets 6
 Failed to Score
 2
 Consec. Wins
 2 games
 Consec. Defeats
 2 games

When Goals have been Scored



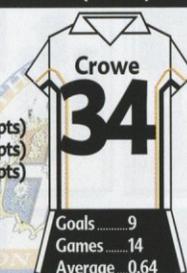
When Goals have been Conceded



Tesfaye Bramble (Southend) Top Scorers Comparison Dean Crowe (Luton)

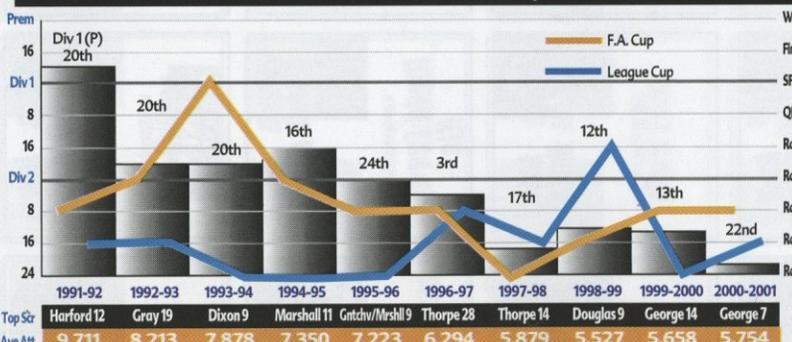


5 games.....	Total Games Scored In.....	8 games
5 games.....	Games Scored 1 Goal.....	7 games
0 games.....	Games Scored 2 Goals.....	1 game
0 games.....	Hat-tricks.....	0 games
W->L.....0 (0pts)	Season's Results and	W->L.....0 (0pts)
W->D.....0 (0pts)	(loss of points) without	W->D.....4 (8pts)
D->L.....1 (1pts)	the two goalscorers goals	D->L.....0 (0pts)
2 games.....	Maximum scoring run.....	3 games
9 games.....	Maximum Dry Spell.....	3 games
Goals.....5	Goals.....9
Games.....21	Games.....14
Average...0.24	Average...0.64



Southend Goals.....	28	2	Shot.....	6	Luton Goals.....	47
Southend Games.....	24	0	Header.....	1	Luton Games.....	24
Southend's Goal Ave.....	1.17	0	Volleyed Shot.....	2	Luton's Goal Ave.....	1.96
			Penalty.....	0		
			Direct free Kick.....	0		

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"...English football, as a whole, is on the rise"

Welcome back to Roots Hall and, after Wednesday's mid-day kick-off, it is nice to get back to the normal 3.00pm start. Whilst it makes a change to have the earlier kick-off occasionally, I find it better to prepare for a game when there is a traditional pre-match routine to follow. Also, the crowd have more of a chance to warm up their vocal chords in the various drinking establishments within walking distance from your seats.

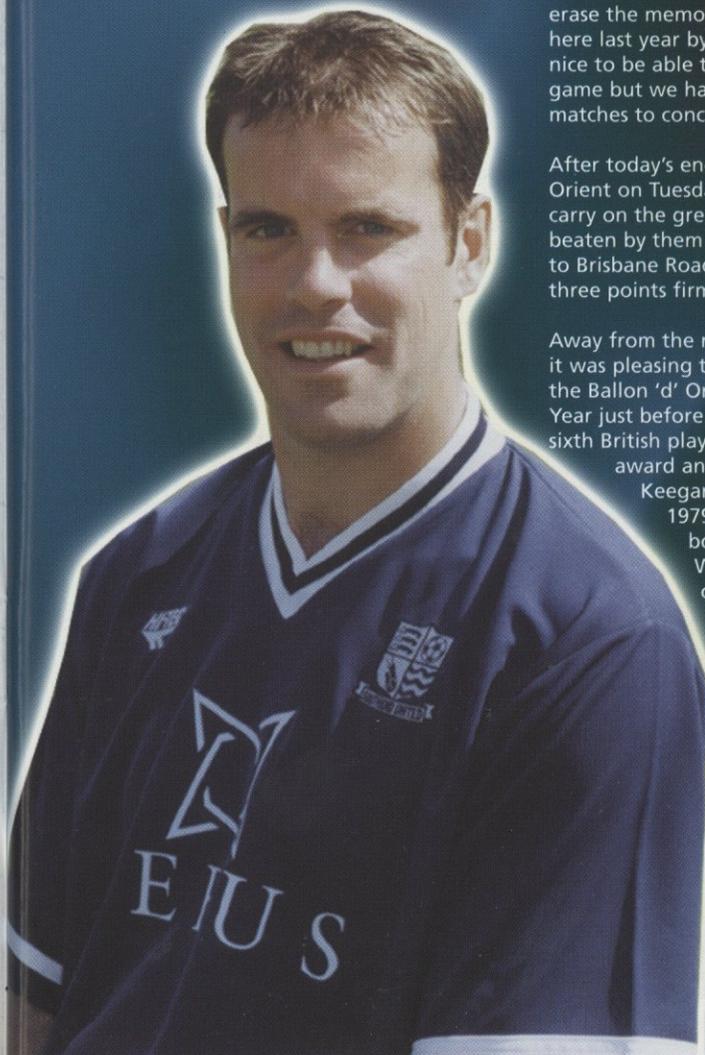
Let us hope today's game brings as much entertainment as the last time Southend were hosts to Luton Town, that being the first round of the FA Cup tie. As I am sure you all remember the Shrimpers ran out 3-2 winners after a good game and one of Southend's better performances this season. That win was the start of a Cup campaign that continues next Saturday here at Roots Hall.

That next home game will be against Tranmere Rovers and we will be looking to erase the memory of our third round defeat here last year by Kingstonian. It is always nice to be able to look ahead to a BIG Cup game but we have two important League matches to concentrate on before then.

After today's encounter we travel to Leyton Orient on Tuesday and let's hope we can carry on the great Derby tradition by getting beaten by them at home but then travelling to Brisbane Road and coming away with the three points firmly in our grasp.

Away from the rigours of the Third Division, it was pleasing to see Michael Owen collect the Ballon 'd' Or as European Football of the Year just before Christmas. He is only the sixth British player to claim the prestigious award and the first since Kevin Keegan, playing for Hamburg, in 1979. With Owen starring in both England's successful World Cup qualifying campaign and Liverpool's European success, maybe this is a sign not only of his greatness but that English football, as a whole, is on the rise.

Enjoy the game
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PAST CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.....

Well that's Christmas over for another year, you have been nice to your sister, ignored Gran as she fell asleep over lunch and pretended that pink and yellow tie from your girlfriend is what you always wanted. More significantly though is that you have managed to explain to your family that the most important Christmas tradition will mean you being out of the house for a while on both Boxing Day and one of the first days of the Sales, ie today! No doubt you will get the "It's only a football match" and "You went last week" reply but you know that nothing will stop you taking your seat at the Hall in time for your festive footy. And why should you for over the years Christmas matches have given us some great moments. However, before we reminisce here is a festive teaser for you:- Who did the Blues beat 4-0 to temporarily go top of division two on New Year's Day 1992? The answer is below.

Sadly, gone are the days when we used to play the same team on Christmas and Boxing Day. We are therefore denied events such as the 4-1 win at Bristol City on Christmas Day 1925 followed by the 2-1 defeat 24 hours later. Or in 1946 the 4-0 defeat at Watford followed on Boxing Day by the 5-0 win at Roots Hall - an aggregate win I think! In 1948 over 36,000 fans saw our two Christmas matches with Norwich which finished 0-3 and 2-2. The last time we played on both the festive days was in 1957 when we did the "double" over Millwall, 2-0 at home and 2-1 away with Sammy McCrory scoring in both games.

When I first started watching the Blues over the Christmas period the games were usually the most embarrassing of the season as these were the games when you felt obliged to wear the new scarf that your auntie had knitted and would drag along the ground like something Doctor Who would wear! Of course these days club produced scarves are much more de rigueur.

This day over my time of following the Blues has not been a particularly memorable one. I remember losing 3-1 at home to Wimbledon in 1979 despite Andy Polycarpou giving us a half time lead in a season that would ultimately end in relegation from division three. Elsewhere Liverpool remained top of division one thanks to a 2-0 win at WBA while Manchester United stayed in contention with a 3-0 win over Arsenal. Newcastle went back to the top of division two, Chelsea remained third in that division and 24 hours later Southend sold Colin Morris to Blackpool in exchange for Derek Spence. Luton drew 2-2 at Orient in a second division game.

Mansfield Town came to Roots Hall 17 years ago today and they too emerged with a 3-1 success in a division four game. The Blues consolation was a Steve Phillips' penalty in front of just 2,334 hardy fans in a game that saw the Blues embark on a run of five successive defeats including a 5-2 loss at home to Colchester. Only a 1-0 final day win saw us avoid the ignominy of applying for re-election that season. Elsewhere and Everton remained second in division one behind Spurs on goal difference following a 2-0 win at Ipswich and Peter Shilton's 700th league appearance ended in a 3-0 home defeat for his club Southampton against Sheffield Wednesday.

1993 and the Blues again suffered a defeat on this day, a first division game at Selhurst Park saw us lose 1-0 to Crystal Palace thanks to a Simon Rodger goal in front of 18,255 fans. This was Peter Taylor's fourth match in charge of Southend following Barry Fry's hasty departure to Birmingham. Most Blues fans will remember fondly the result of our first home league match in 1994 - a 3-1 win against Fry's Birmingham in front of almost 11,000 fans at Roots Hall, Keith Jones, Jonathan Hunt and Jason Lee were the goal scorers though we did then lose our next five league games! Also on this day eight years ago Manchester United went 14 points clear at the top of the premiership following a 5-2 win at Oldham while Paul Gascoigne was blighted by another injury while in his first season at Lazio. Ex Blue Lil Fucillo was replaced as manager of Peterborough by another former Blue Chris Turner while Luton beat Grimsby Town 2-1 in a first division game at Kenilworth Road.

Answer to the teaser:- Newcastle United and our goal scorers were Brett Angell (2), Keith Jones and Andy Ansa.

Happy New Year!

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LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST LUTON TOWN

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
Home	26	13	5	8	43	24
Away	27	4	8	15	29	54
Total	53	17	13	23	72	78

Kevin Maher missed a penalty as late goals by Carl Griffiths and Andrew Fotiadis gave Luton Town a 2-0 Third Division win at home to Southend United four months ago. Two goals by Tes Bramble plus another from Mark Rawle gave Southend a 3-2 win at home to Luton in this season's FA Cup first round. The Hatters triumphed 2-1 on their last League visit to Roots Hall on 3rd January 1998 with two goals by Graham Alexander. Southend's last League victory at home to Luton was 3-0 in March 1995 with goals from Gary Jones, Andy Thomson and Keith Dublin.

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.

SOLE GOAL

Popular right-half George Goodyear played for both Luton Town and Southend United during his career. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Hitchin Town in October 1938, he played regularly for Luton in wartime football and made ten League appearances for today's visitors prior to joining Southend in July 1947. He formed an effective half-back line with Frank Sheard and Stan Montgomery, scoring his sole goal in 59 Third Division (South) outings in Southend's 2-1 home defeat against Notts County in March 1948 and moving to Crystal Palace in June 1949.

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.

MUCH-TRAVELLED

Much-travelled striker Billy Kellock played for both Luton Town and Southend United during his career. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Peterborough United for £30,000 in July 1982, the former Scottish Schoolboy international made seven First Division appearances for newly-promoted Luton prior to joining Wolves for £20,000 in March 1983. He reunited with Peter Morris at Southend in September 1983 and netted eight goals in 53 League outings while at Roots Hall before moving to Port Vale in December 1984. Midfielder Barry Silkman also played for both clubs.

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, Ian Benjamin, Joe Loughran and Bill Thirlaway have also played for both clubs.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO?

IAN BENJAMIN

Former England Youth international striker Ian Benjamin was ever-present in Southend United's 1990-91 promotion success.

Initially a Sheffield United apprentice, he was sold to West Brom for £125,000 in August 1979 and moved via Notts County to Peterborough United in August 1982. He joined Northampton Town in August 1984 and was ever-present in their 1986-87 Fourth Division title triumph, then moved to Cambridge United on a free transfer in October 1987. Joining Chester City in July 1988 and Exeter City seven months later, he featured in their 1989-90 Fourth Division title campaign. David Webb snapped him up on a free transfer in March 1990 and he helped Southend to secure promotion that season.

He also scored the goal at Bury that clinched a second consecutive promotion in May 1991 and netted 33 times in 122 League games while at Roots Hall before being sold to Luton Town for £50,000 in December 1992. Scoring twice in 13 First Division outings for today's visitors, he reunited with Webb at Brentford in September 1993 and joined Wigan Athletic in September 1994. He has since had spells with non-League clubs Kettering Town, Chelmsford City, Corby Town, Raunds Town and then became Warboys Town player-manager.

	L	FAC	LC	T
Southend Utd 1989-90	15(4)			15(4)
1990-91	46(13)	1	4	51(13)
1991-92	45(9)	1	2	48(9)
1992-93	16(7)		2(1)	18(8)
Total	122(33)	2	8(1)	132(34)
Luton Town 1992-93	10(1)	2		12(1)
1993-94	3(1)			3(1)
Total	13(2)	2		15(2)

BARRY SILKMAN

Much-travelled midfielder Barry Silkman was one of several experienced players at Southend United during Bobby Moore's reign.

Initially with Grays Athletic, he impressed in the Southern League with Wimbledon and Barnet prior to joining Hereford United in August 1974. He featured in their 1975-76 Third Division title triumph, then moved to Crystal Palace in August 1976 and helped to win promotion in 1976-77. Joining Plymouth Argyle for £53,000 in October 1978, he made three consecutive Second Division appearances on loan at Luton Town shortly before following Malcolm Allison to Manchester City for £60,000 in March 1979 and gained top-flight experience while at Maine Road.

He moved to Brentford for £50,000 in August 1980, then reunited with Terry Venables at QPR two months later and joined Leyton Orient for £15,000 in September 1981. Bobby Moore signed him in July 1985 and his solitary goal in 40 League outings came in Southend's 3-0 win at home to Wrexham two months later, moving to Crewe Alexandra in September 1986. He subsequently played in non-League soccer for Wycombe Wanderers, Chelmsford City, Bishop's Cleeve, Wingate & Finchley and Hampton & Richmond Borough. Now a leading players agent based in Cuffley.

	L	FAC	LC	T
Luton Town				
1978-79	3			3
Total	3			3
Southend Utd	40(1)	1	2	43(1)
Total	40(1)	1	2	43(1)

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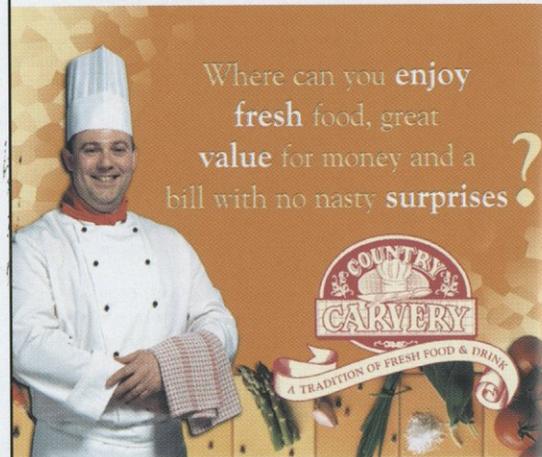
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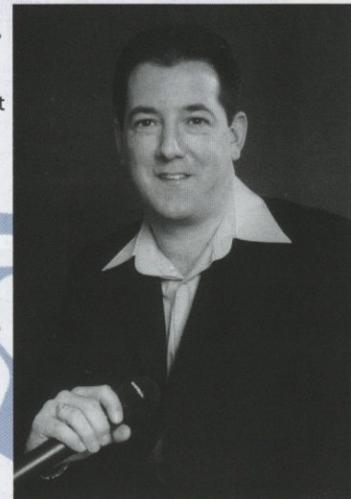
Jeff Allen - Matchday Host

Welcome once again to the Mecca of Essex football. In this, my last set of notes for 2001, I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who's entered my competitions this year and a special well done to all of the winners. Also, a big thank you to the excellent marketing team that we have here at Roots Hall who deserve all the credit that they get. Brian, Brian, Jackie, Morven and Jon - you're all stars.

The planning of a 'Surprise Birthday Soiree' for my other half Sarah-Jane added to the pre-Christmas stress for yours truly, the whole event finally coming to fruition last Saturday after over 2 months of planning. A great night was had by all and it certainly started off our Christmas with a bang! Mind you, add all of the party organising to the fireplace collapsing, carpets being laid, new internal doors fitted, wiring, painting, wallpapering, plus the delivery of our new Boudoir Grand - I'm glad it's finally over.

Today is the third time this season that we find ourselves locking horns with Luton Town and it's a fitting encounter with which to finish off 2001. With the tally currently standing at 'one a piece' there's everything to play for with 3 very precious points at stake for both sides. Our FA Cup victory was, possibly, one of the best games of the season at 'The Hall' and I can only hope for a similar performance this afternoon. Add that to 3 points at Orient

on New Years Day - just perfect! Many thanks to my competition sponsors for 2001/2002; The Odeon Cinema, club sponsors Rebus and Southend's NO.1 jewel of a Thai restaurant, Siam City. Well done to the most recent competition winners and I hope that you're making full use of those prizes.



Q: Who have our non-league neighbours Canvey Island been drawn to play against in the FA Cup third round?

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'.

A very happy and peaceful New Year to you all and, as always,

Keep The Faith!

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Again, Blues boss Ron Martin was kind enough to subsidise another away trip bonanza. A big hand must go to Ron for his initiative in supporting the Blues faithful on their long journey to Hull, which was as ever organised superbly by SUSCT's away travel supremo Chris Berry. Everyone enjoyed the trip, including the odd Tiger who cadged a lift to "Fortress Boothferry". A magnificent performance by the team, expertly marshalled by Big Rob Newman warmed the cockles on a freezing night. Several exiled Blues Supporters were there as well, including SUSCT's very own Simon Twinn from Thirsk and his Northern Crew. Rumours that Chris Berry had done a half-time streak were scotched when it was pointed out that the streaker was not wearing a Santa's hat.

What can you say about the game against Rushden and Diamonds. Our friends from Northamptonshire were down for their first visit to the Home of Football and went 2 up after some Christmas defending by the lads. Were we downhearted? Well, I have to be honest and say that at half-time Mrs Bashford was predicting a 4-2 victory to The World's Finest. On the frosty pitch the boys did us proud with a four-goal salvo in this must win game. The crowd were a touch subdued in the first-half but roared into life for the bravura performance from the Blues with Barrington Belgrave showing all how good a player he undoubtedly is and fully deserving his Man of the Match Award. He was pushed hard by Leon Cort, Carl Hutchings and Tes Bramble and all the other lads.

Rob Newman showed that he is as brave a manager, as he is player and captain by substituting himself when we were 2-0 down. Rob is showing that he has all of the attributes to be the

manager of the season in this Third Division. He is inspirational, both on and off the pitch. I know to a man, woman and child all Blues supporters are 150% behind him.

There were a few more happy households in the South of Essex with the annual Christmas Day SUSCT draw. This is fast becoming one of the events of the year with a magnificent First Prize of £1,000. Pete Gibbons's home in Southend was rocking as it was announced that he had won this year's grand prize. Angela Merry was exultant and ecstatic to receive her second prize of £500. How can you be a runner up with a third prize of £100? Congratulations to Guy Dvor. And a big thank you to organiser Donna Fillary and all the SUSCT members and Blues supporters who entered the draw. We have made a profit and this will be spent wisely to the benefit of the football club.

And so a big welcome to our friends from Bedfordshire. We've had many a good scrap at this time of year, all in the best traditions of football. Let's hope it's another good one. We wish them every success for the rest of the season, except of course for the 90 minutes against the Blues this afternoon. Have a safe and enjoyable journey home.

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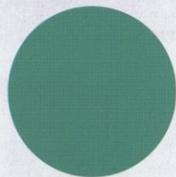


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Executive Suites

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Today's Mascot



MICHAEL DURKIN

Today's Matchday Mascot is Michael Durkin. Michael is 13-years-old today so Happy Birthday Michael. He attends Southend High School for Boys, he enjoys playing football, in fact he plays for Riverhawks FC. He also likes to play on his Sony Playstation and eating loads of chocolate, however, he doesn't like having to get out of bed of a morning to go to school. Michael's favourite footballers are David Beckham and Darryl Flahavan.

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As for Football Second, we're in Swindon. If I get past the Magic Roundabout, I'll hopefully be meeting their third Chairman this year – Willie Carson. For the sake of the club, I can only hope he's as successful in the Director's Box as he was in the saddle.

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Roots Hall Spotlight

It may have taken him a while to get there. But, as an ardent Shrimpers fan, Blues reporter Bernie Friend has now achieved the job of his dreams - covering "his" club for the Evening Echo.

"It's a dream job really," admits Bernie. "Something I always wanted to do when I was working at other papers and, as a Southend fan, I feel quite privileged. I've been a postman, DJ, worked on a building site and behind a bar, so to finally do a job where you wake up every day not knowing what's going to happen is good. You're never tied down to one place as well, you're either at the games, interviewing players and managers or at the training ground. But the worst part is definitely the travelling. In this Division all the games are so far away and it's only really Orient, Luton and Oxford that are quite close."

Thankfully this afternoon sees the Blues in action at Roots Hall as high flying Luton roll into town. Bernie, as ever, will be in the press box at a ground he first visited many years ago.

"I've been a fan for sixteen years," says the reporter. "I remember the first game I ever went to was during the 1970s against Swansea. I went with my dad, it was 0-0 and I slept all the way through the second-half!"

Since then however, the eyes have remained wide open and, with a bit of luck, they will continue to do so as the long haired journalist bids to continue his impressive



coverage of the Blues.

"I try and give the best coverage I can so people know what's going on both on and off the pitch," says Bernie who lives in Leigh. "I think since I've been reporting on the Club the coverage has improved. You get three pages on a Monday and we send a photographer to every game. That's probably better than any other Division Three and Division Two side and maybe

some in Division One too."

As a result another lengthy report will appear in Monday's edition, alongside the now infamous marks out of ten!

"There have been occasions when players have refused to speak to me," says Bernie. "But on the whole they're professionals and giving the marks out of ten is a very hard thing to do because you're singling people out. If you're constructive about it though then people realise that you're not just doing it to have a dig at them but there are a few players who were cursed with the occasional three or four who are no longer at the club!"

Happily, due to the improvement in form, the marks have been slightly higher of late, and Bernie, who plays football for Rayleigh Avenue, is quick to point out the articles he most enjoys writing.

"I like doing the feature type articles with old players," says Bernie who worked at Sky Sports for six-months.

"I spoke to Jeroen Boere in his hotel in Japan after finally getting through a dodgy Japanese answerphone system and I did a similar one with Mike Marsh. I enjoyed the one I did with Southend's Northern Crew as well. It was quite interesting and different, a bit off the wall. It was a group of ten blokes, they go to all our games up North and had never seen a game at Roots Hall before I put four of them up in my flat for the game with Darlington this season."

Mark Rawle's late winner gave the Shrimpers a well

deserved three points that day and, despite being without Darryl Flahavan this afternoon, the Blues will be hoping for more success in another Third Division encounter. But, whilst Bernie was covering the Club for the Southend News, the Shrimpers were riding high in Division One, in a season which included his favourite match as a reporter.

"It was the game where we beat Charlton at the Valley 3-0," says Bernie. "They had people like Lee Bowyer playing for them. It was amazing and we played so well. But one of the most exciting games was at Plymouth last year when we drew 3-3. In the second-half I've never seen us batter a side like that before away from home. We could've scored about six or seven, we were brilliant." And what about his favourite ever Blues players?

"Roy McDonough, he had the classic love hate relationship with the fans," admits Bernie. "But he used to batter defences. He was an unsung hero and people like David Crown and Richard Cadette will be able to tell you how valuable he was to the team."

"I liked Chris Powell and obviously Stan Colymore. David Crown is the best finisher I've ever seen at the Club though and Paul Sansome is the best all round keeper. "And then you've got Rob Newman as well, even at 38-years-old, he plays with the enthusiasm of an apprentice and a never say die attitude."

Newman, of course, could well be in action once again this afternoon as the Blues bid to bounce back up the Division Three table.

"He's someone very approachable," says Bernie on the current Shrimpers Supremo.

"We've got on from day one. The first game I covered for the Echo, against Plymouth, he scored the winning goal and he can talk for England.

And Chris Powell will always give you time of day even now with what he's achieved,



he hasn't forgotten the club."

Having spoken to a number of the game's top players, Bernie clearly enjoys every minute of his job, which has also included a few comical moments.

"One of Paul Byrne's post match habits was to walk around by the tunnel talking and smiling to everyone without any clothes on," says Bernie. "And, another time, it was Paul Byrne as well. I was playing football over at John Fishers and he came over on his mountain bike and started giving me

stick from the sidelines. I play on the wing as well so he was shouting out what a bad mark he was going to give me and how it wasn't as easy as it looked!

The stalker in the snow at Hull the other night was funny and so was a free-kick we had when Peter Taylor was manager and both Steve Tilson and the other player ran over the ball and left it to each other!"

Let's hope there's a few more highlights this afternoon

CHRIS PHILLIPS

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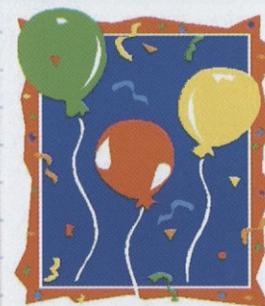
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We have included our supporters with the best wishes sent to the ship's company for the festive season. In addition we have made a donation to their time passing, fund raising activities.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This afternoon we welcome Taylor Simpson to Roots Hall for his first ever visit. The special occasion is his 7th Birthday and his Dad, Julie and Peter would like to wish him a very Happy Birthday. Let's hope that today sees the start of a long and happy time at Southend United.



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From the Commentary Box

With Southend United heartlessly (!) taking BBC Essex's summariser David Crown as their Assistant Manager we've been turning over our list of contacts to find a replacement.

Listeners to Essex Sport will have heard the dulcet tones of former Blues Player/Manager Paul Clark giving us the benefit of his knowledge. He's already proving a popular hit with a number of fans saying how good it is to hear from him.

Of course until recently Paul was assistant to Tommy Taylor at Leyton Orient. They had done a pretty good job of lifting the O's from the doldrums and had twice gone close to promotion via the play-offs but it wasn't to be. Paul has slotted into his role as expert summariser nicely and clearly has a passion for the game despite getting the odd kick in the teeth along the way. I guess that is football all-over, whether we are working in the industry or supporters we have all experienced disappointments but it is never enough for us to turn our backs on the national pastime.

There are many fans across the country who turn up on a freezing November evening, watch their side get hammered 4-0 at home and yet still trek miles the following Saturday to cheer their team on away from home. Southend fans haven't had much to cheer about in recent years but they are still there week-in, week-out and one day they will get their reward, who knows it might come in the FA Cup this season.

The Blues face Tranmere here at Roots Hall next Saturday and the Second Division side won't be looking forward to their trip. I saw Tranmere at Colchester earlier this season and they look a pretty ordinary side. Not too long ago they were causing cup upsets themselves, next Saturday the boot could be on the other foot.

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Southend United ground out a well-deserved goal-less draw at Boothferry Park, taming the high-flying Tigers with a determined and superbly organised display. With Blues boss Rob Newman again naming himself in an unchanged line up, the steady looking Shrimpers secured another valuable away point courtesy of their third successive clean sheet. Despite the eventual stalemate however, the game began brightly with fourth placed City immediately piling on the pressure, forcing a series of early corners. But, having weathered the storm the Seasiders soon began to create their own opportunities and, with thirteen minutes on the clock, Mark Rawle came close to breaking the deadlock, firing a brilliant Rob Newman through ball wide of the target.

The Shrimpers chief, who enjoyed another impressive ninety minutes at the heart of the Blues back five, expertly picked out the run of Rawle only for the speedy striker to fire his angled ten-yard shot just wide of the right upright. Seconds later, Tes Bramble fired a powerful left footed shot from twenty-yards just wide of the goal having neatly swapped passes with Rawle, before

Stephen Broad headed Rob Matthews' cross, at the other end of the field, just wide of his own goal. Kevin Maher then forced City custodian Matthew Glennon into action with a skidding shot from twenty-yards before Hull's Theo Whitmore fired a twenty-yard effort over the bar having turned both Stuart Thurgood and Rob Newman. Lawrie Dudfield then diverted Ben Potty's effort into Darryl Flahavan's grateful arms before the Blues came agonisingly close to opening the scoring on the stroke of half-time. Following a sliced defensive clearance from Ian Goodison Mark Rawle picked out Tes Bramble with a well-placed header only for the Blues top scorer to volley his sliding effort inches wide. A brave City fan then dared the freezing conditions, streaking onto the field as the two sides left the pitch. But as the second forty five minutes began Hull's Rob Matthews out-paced Shrimpers skipper Phil Whelan only to be denied by Darryl Flahavan and then the outside of the left post. Lawrie Dudfield then somehow dragged his six-yard shot wide of the target, before his partner in crime, Gary Alexander sent a half volley from eight-yards embarrassingly wide of

Flahavan's goal despite being left unmarked inside the penalty area.

But, with City pressing hard for victory the Blues nearly grabbed a late winner with both Mark Beard and Carl Hutchings going close in the dying minutes of the game. Beard, who replaced Mark Rawle during the second-half, brushed aside the attentions of Mike Edwards out on the right flank before firing a low sixteen-yard shot, which scraped through the legs of Glennon only for the embarrassed shot-stopper to grab the ball at the second attempt. And, during the three minutes of added time the onrushing Carl Hutchings headed Stuart Thurgood's curling cross wide of the left post as the Blues stretched their unbeaten run to five games.

TEAM: Flahavan, Broad, Cort, Newman, Whelan, Searle, Thurgood, Maher, Hutchings, Rawle (Beard 76) Bramble.
SUBS NOT USED: Gay, Belgrave, Johnson, Kerrigan
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MAN OF THE MATCH: Leon Cort - Brilliant defensive display from the youngster

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RAILTRACK

stay safe, play safe!

Welcome

Today sees the return of Luton Town who we beat in the FA Cup-I would settle for the same result this afternoon. This time of year is always a hard one for professional footballers, as they are not really able to join in the festivities, however that is the sacrifice that has to be made. I know, I did it for many years but once you accept that it is part of the job then it does become second nature. I hope you all have had a wonderful time and that you haven't over-indulged too much. This time of year, I think, is for children and families. It's surprising that families only seem to get together for births-deaths-marriages etc., it's a shame but that's the way it is nowadays.

Today's Saturday team is Wilvale Rangers U/14's who are managed by Clive Flanders. I hope you all enjoy your day and the match.

Soccer Schools 2002

Listed below are the dates for the year 2002 Soccer Schools. The venues are still to be announced and will be published in the new year-watch this space! Also listed are the matches still available for the remainder of the season for our Saturday Team Scheme.

SOCCER SCHOOL DATES FOR 2002

TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY UNTIL FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

MONDAY 25TH MARCH UNTIL THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

TUESDAY 2ND APRIL UNTIL FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

SATURDAY TEAMS
(DATES AVAILABLE UNTIL END OF SEASON)

JANUARY 26TH
THE BLUES V TORQUAY UNITED
1 PLACE AVAILABLE

MARCH 2ND
THE BLUES V OXFORD UNITED
4 PLACES AVAILABLE

MARCH 9TH
THE BLUES V ROCHDALE
4 PLACES AVAILABLE

MARCH 23RD
THE BLUES V SCUNTHORPE
2 PLACES AVAILABLE

For further details of all of our community programmes ring the Football in the Community office on 01702 341 351.

And Finally

Enjoy the rest of the festivities and here's wishing you all a very Happy New Year from all of the Football in the Community Staff.

Take care- God bless
Frankie Banks

P.S. - We recently had a lovely e-mail message regarding our Senior Citizens Christmas party, which is printed below.

My husband and I would like to say how much we enjoyed the Christmas lunch and entertainment at Boots and Laces yesterday. Frankie Banks and all his staff did a great job. Thank you all very much. Happy Christmas. Lyn and Gordon Davies.

Thank you for your kind words, it was great to be involved and we are pleased that you had such a lovely time! Frankie.



Frank Banks

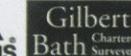
Neville Hickton

Ray Scott



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Elvis' half time break



SOCCROSSWORD 997 by AL

ACROSS

- Bad one might make centre forward this (5)
- Definitely one of 10 (1,4)
- Player was (6)
- Another one of 10 (4)
- They get you booked (8)
- Alan Clarke was good at it with chances (8)
- They had amazing 18's with Jack in charge (4)
- Team may be this into a false sense of security when reading (6)
- Shilton or Reid (5)
- Kirkcaldie certainly is (1,4)

DOWN

- World Cup wins are for England (4)
- You may be this for 4 (4,3)
- Ready to play but will you start into side? (3)
- See 7
- The life fund dies about 'tanks club' (9,6)
- Injury won't go away (7)
- What big money might do to 19 (6)
- Carl Zess ... German club (4)
- Top managers have one for good players (3)

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ROVERS v. TRAFFIC POLICE

PHYSIO

"IT WORKED AGAINST THE TRAFFIC WARDENS' TEAM, AS WELL!"

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SOCCER GIRL

WHICH ONE OF THE SMALL PICTURES HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM THE LARGE ONE?

NAME THE SECOND DIVISION TEAMS WHO PLAY AT THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS ?

1. BLOOMFIELD ROAD
2. GIGG LANE
3. BOUNDARY PARK
4. LONDON ROAD GROUND
5. COUNTY GROUND

ANSWERS - 1. BLACKPOOL 2. BURY 3. OLDHAM ATHLETIC 4. PETERBOROUGH UNITED 5. SWINDON TOWN

Sammy's full time fun



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PHYSIO

"WE NEVER HAD THIS MANY INJURIES BEFORE WE GOT A FEMALE PHYSIO"

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ACROSS

- See 4
- Top player can make big one on club (6)
- Real Madrid star of the 50's (5)
- Eleven on team sheet (5)
- Soccer ones teach skills (7)
- Defence does it to attack (7)
- Where 18 might hear match (5)
- Could be penalties when scores are (5)
- Fast winger might be for French club? (6)
- Supporters to keep you cool (4)

DOWN

- Often seen with Malcolm Allison (5)
- Are they stretched for most of a London team?
- Matt Busby played in two Cup Finals with them (10,4)
- Take it before shooting (3)
- They set healed injury (5)
- What ref does for captains (6,4)
- Who's as unable to hold this Spanish club? (7)
- Wins are when playing badly (5)
- Player does after ref 7 (5)
- Tommy sounds in court (3)

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SOCCER GIRL

FIND THE STAR.

Test your football knowledge as Sammy throws some teasers your way!

1. Which former Luton chairman was a member of the Conservative Party ?
2. Who is the Club's most capped player ?
3. Which former FA Chief Executive is now a director at Kenilworth Road ?
4. In 1936 Luton beat Bristol Rovers 12-0. How many goals did Joe Payne score ?
5. Which two teams merged in 1885 to form Luton Town Football Club ?

ANSWERS - 1. DAVID EVANS 2. MAL DONAGHY - NORTHERN IRELAND 3. GRAHAM KELLY 4. TEN 5. THE EXCELSIORS AND THE WANDERERS

Rewind



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THE BLUES - 4
THE DIAMONDS - 2

SOUTHEND United staged a stunning second half fight-back at Roots Hall, beating promotion chasing Rushden and Diamonds 4-2 in a six goal "Christmas Cracker".

Well-worked strikes from Leon Cort, Barrington Belgrave and Tes Bramble earned the hard-working Shrimpers an enthralling victory despite the visitors deservedly taking a 2-0 lead.

Following on from the goal-less draw at Hull last Friday, Blues Boss Rob Newman made just one change to his starting line up with Barrington Belgrave replacing Mark Rawle in attack. And, back in his more natural striking position, the former Yeovil front-runner produced a performance to be proud of, linking up well with the ever-improving Tes Bramble to fire home two brilliant goals. Despite the eventual scoreline however, the Seasiders began slowly, handing Rushden an early opener after just seven minutes courtesy of a rare error from Damon Searle.

Under pressure from Paul Hall, the Blues full back tamely headed the ball back across goal into the path of the onrushing Gary Butterworth who fired past Darryl Flahavan with a well placed half volley from the edge of the area. Seconds later though, Carl Hutchings just failed to connect with Stuart Thurgood's well placed cross as the Shrimpers searched for an immediate equaliser. But, as the ball soon switched back to the other end of the field, ex-Southend midfielder Richie Hanlon sent his twenty five-yard effort just over the goal.

Carl Hutchings then forced visiting keeper Billy Turley into action with a glancing header from Rob Newman's curling cross, before the dreadlocked battler brilliantly created a goalscoring opportunity for Damon Searle with a surging run and cross down the right touchline - only for the Welshman to head just over the bar.

Quick thinking Turley then denied

Hutchings once again, racing off his line to smother the midfielder's attempted shot. And, minutes later, the smart stop was to increase in significance as Rushden doubled their advantage following more poor Shrimpers defending. Giant forward Onandi Lowe, who caused the Blues back four problems all afternoon, outpaced Rob Newman before shrugging aside the attentions of Leon Cort and squaring the ball into the path of Scott Partridge courtesy of an appalling, attempted clearance from Phil Whelan.

The Shrimpers skipper, who endured a poor opening forty-five minutes, should have intercepted the square ball but, on a slippery surface, the giant defender could only prod the ball back into the path of Partridge, who easily converted from six yards.

Andy Burgess then headed Paul Hall's whipped cross just over the cross-bar before Shrimpers chief Rob Newman was substituted for Steven Clark on the stroke of half time.

After the interval though and, having reverted to a 4-4-2 formation, the Blues immediately looked a different proposition, forcing a number of early corners before inevitably pulling a goal back in the 50th minute.

Following yet another Kevin Maher flag-kick from the left flank, Carl Hutchings saw his close range shot parried by Brian Turley, only for Leon Cort to confidently fire home the subsequent rebound for his first goal in professional football with a well placed half volley from twelve yards.

Having forced the early breakthrough the Shrimpers began to grow in confidence but, just minutes after Cort's well taken strike, the muscular Onandi Lowe barged his way through both Kevin Maher and Phil Whelan, enabling Richie Hanlon to race clear on goal.

But, with just Flahavan to beat, the former Chelsea man saw his side footed shot well saved by the legs of the Blues

shot-stopper, leaving Stephen Broad to clear the danger.

And, having survived the scare, the Seasiders soon drew level following a wonderful strike from Barrington Belgrave. After a neat pass from Tes Bramble, the speedy striker composed himself before confidently firing home into the bottom left hand corner of the net from sixteen yards.

The revitalised Blues then saw Tes Bramble head Kevin Maher's cross over the bar, before Scott Partridge's shot from ten yards deflected just inches wide of Flahavan's goal.

But, just minutes later, the noisy Blues faithful were celebrating once again, following more superb link-up play between the two Southend strikers. Racing onto a sublime Barrington Belgrave through-ball, Tes Bramble beat the onrushing Turley with a sliding effort from the edge of the area which just crept over the goal-line.

Rushden's Onandi Lowe then headed straight at Flahavan from twelve yards before another piece of Belgrave brilliance secured the three points for the Shrimpers.

In his first start since the FA Cup tie with Luton, the skilful forward raced past two Diamonds defenders, before feeding the ball into the path of Tes Bramble who superbly guided a first time pass back towards his advancing strike partner.

And, with just Turley to beat, Belgrave guided the ball into the South Stand net for his second of the afternoon, leaving the Shrimpers to claim their first League "double" of the season.

SOUTHEND: Flahavan, Broad, Cort, Newman (Clark 38), Whelan, Searle, Thurgood, Hutchings (Johnson 90), Maher, Belgrave, Bramble (Rawle 88)
SUBS NOT USED: Kerrigan, Gay
MAN OF THE MATCH: Barrington Belgrave - two goals capped a great display.

CHRIS PHILLIPS

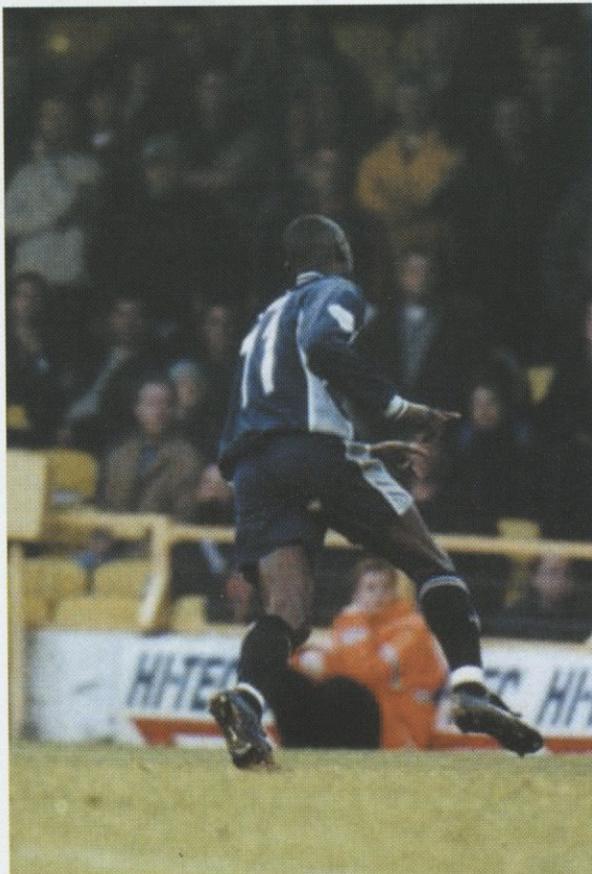
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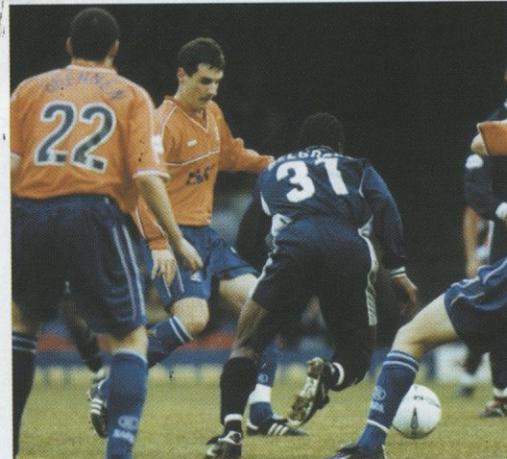
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Action Replay

The Blues 3
The Hatters 2
Pictures by Trevor Benbrook



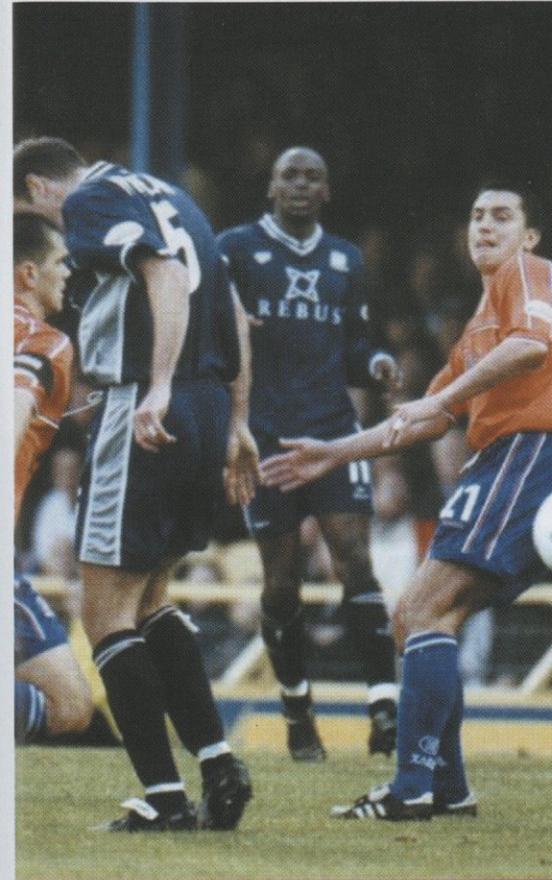
Mark Rawle turns to celebrate having scored the Blues equaliser



Barrington Belgrave evades three Luton defenders



Two goal hero Tes Bramble wins this aerial challenge



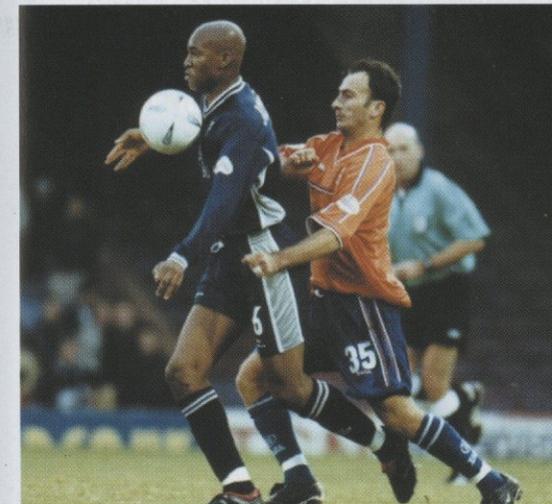
It's behind you Phil! A goalmouth watched by...well everybody actually!



Damon Searle flies through the air



Mark Rawle in on goal again



Leon Johnson in close control



Phil Whelan bets Kevin Maher that he will score the first goal against Chesterfield should a replay occur...



Southend United Combined Community Education and Soccer Scheme



SUCCESS



Hello everybody and welcome to today's game. I hope everybody had a great holiday and enjoyed the festivities. As these notes were written

only supported the programme but also provided goodie bags for the pupils. I'd like to say well done to all the Westborough kids, see if you can spot yourself in the picture, have a great time today, and hopefully you'll come to another game here at Roots Hall very soon.

Best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous new year.

before the holidays, I'm not sure how the lads have got on over the last few games, but I hope that Father Christmas was kind to Rob and the lads and brought them lots of points. I'd like to welcome pupils and parents from nearby Westborough School, who are attending today's game as a reward for their excellent work during the recent Learning Through Football initiative that was carried

out at

Westborough.

Special thanks go to Julie Abbott of HSBC who not



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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	0-0
Sat Nov 24	Gillingham	5-1
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

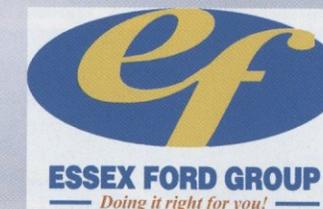
SAT AUG 18	PORTSMOUTH	1-2
Sat Aug 25	Wycombe	2-3
SAT SEP 1	LEYTON ORIENT	0-1
Sat Sep 8	Colchester Utd (YAC)	0-5
SAT SEP 15	Q.P.R	2-5
Sat Sep 22	Gillingham	1-3
SAT OCT 6	COLCHESTER	1-5
Sat Oct 13	LEYTON ORIENT	3-2
Sat Oct 20	Brighton	0-6
Sat Nov 3	Luton Town YAC	0-2
SAT NOV 10	BRENTFORD	1-1
Sat Nov 17	Q.P.R	0-0
SAT NOV 24	GILLINGHAM	0-4
Sat Dec 15	Colchester	1-5
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 Jan 9	Cheltenham T	A	2pm
Mon Aug 20	Gillingham(Cup)	H	1 - 4	Wed Jan 23	Bristol Rovers	A	7pm
Wed Aug 29	Q.P.R	H	1 - 1	Wed Jan 30	Colchester Utd	H	2pm
Mon Sep 10	Crystal Palace	A	2 - 0	Mon Feb 4	Norwich City	H	2pm
Wed Sep 19	Reading	H	1 - 0	Mon Feb 11	Peterborough	A	2pm
Wed Sep 26	Brentford	A	0 - 2	Wed Feb 20	Cambridge Utd	H	2pm
Wed Oct 17	Portsmouth	A	1 - 3	Wed Mar 6	Northampton T	A	2pm
Wed Nov 7	Oxford United	A	1 - 1	Wed Mar 13	Barnet	A	2pm
Wed Nov 14	Wycombe W	H	2 - 1	Wed Mar 20	Luton Town	H	2pm
Wed Nov 28	Bristol City	H	1 - 1	Wed Mar 27	Millwall	H	2pm
Wed Dec 12	Bournemouth	H	0 - 1	Wed Apr 10	Leyton Orient	A	2pm
Wed Jan 2	Colchester	H	2pm	Wed Apr 17	Gillingham	H	2pm

youth



It must still also hurt players to lose, and I sometimes feel that this season not enough of our young youth players have felt this way. Losing becomes a habit, just as winning does.

In the second-half of the season we expect a more positive approach from all the youth players, be it that of a first or second year scholar or a school-boy, as they all have something to play for in the back half of the season. They must all work harder if they are to gain anything from the football club. The good thing over the Christmas break has been the opportunity for the young players to train with the manager and the first-team squad.

This has given them more of an insight as to what the manager expects from his players, and also the chance for him to tell them where he feels they need to improve.

Hopefully they will take this on board and together we will work to achieve this.

All the best

Ricky Duncan

We are working hard in training towards our next game, which is against Brighton at home on 12th January 2002.

We have played one game over Christmas and this was away to Colchester United. We lost the game due to bad individual mistakes in important areas of the field.

Losing games is not acceptable at any level, but we must not put winning games in front of development in youth football, they must go hand-in-hand.

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Records	Average Attendances					Goals - When Scored					Form Guide: Home & Away				
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Highest Gate						BR	1	4	4	2	3	7	WLLLL	Bristol Rovers	LDDDL
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Plymouth v						CT	2	7	5	3	10	7	WWWDD	Cheltenham	WLLDD
Torquay						Da	1	5	4	2	9	6	WWWLL	Darlington	LLLDL
Lowest Gate						EC	5	5	5	3	6	2	LWDWW	Exeter	WWWLD
1,356						HT	2	4	4	2	1	4	LWDL	Halifax	DLLLD
Macclesfield v						HU	1	1	8	5	7	6	LWDWW	Hartlepool	DWLWL
Hartlepool						HC	3	6	4	9	5	10	DWDWD	Hull	LWLLW
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Scunthorpe7						LT	3	5	14	7	9	9	DWLWW	Luton	WWLLW
Darlington1						MT	3	3	5	3	5	4	DWWDL	Macclesfield	DWLLL
Bristol Rov5						MT	5	7	6	5	5	9	LWDWW	Mansfield	LWWLW
Orient3						OU	6	2	1	10	4	4	LWWD	Oxford	DLLLW
Biggest						PA	4	6	7	7	5	6	DWWW	Plymouth	LDWDW
Home Win						Ro	4	5	5	5	7	7	LDWDD	Rochdale	LDLWL
Scunthorpe7						RD	4	7	5	3	4	5	WWDWW	Rushden	LLDWW
Darlington1						SU	9	7	7	4	7	6	WWWWW	Scunthorpe	LDWDW
Biggest						ST	6	1	6	2	10	9	DLWWD	Shrewsbury	LWWLL
Away Win						SU	5	2	2	7	4	8	WDLWW	Southend	DWLLL
Exeter0						SW	5	8	4	3	4	7	WDLDDW	Swansea	WLWWL
Scunthorpe4						TU	3	4	3	2	4	5	DLLLW	Torquay	DDLDD
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Clubs' top scorer & the points their goals have won										Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats			Numbers		
see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms/Gls/Gm	Pts	Run	Club	Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.	PU	CS	FS	
York	Michael Proctor	8	6	1	0	22	0.36	11	2	Bristol Rov	5-3 Orient	1-3 O's, Rush	27	6	11
Mansfield	Chris Greenacre	14	10	2	0	22	0.64	10	4	Carlisle	3-0 Scunthorpe	0-3 Plymouth	34	7	10
Shrewsbury	Luke Rodgers	14	9	1	1	24	0.58	10	4	Cheltenham	4-1 Macclesfld	1-5 Hull	23	7	5
Hull	Gary Alexander	13	9	2	0	22	0.59	10	5	Darlington	4-0 Exeter	1-7 Scunthorpe	29	7	7
Luton	Dean Crowe	9	7	1	0	14	0.64	8	3	Exeter	2-0 Torquay	0-4 Scun, Darl	30	8	8
Plymouth	David Friio	7	7	0	0	21	0.33	8	2	Halifax	2-0 Swan, Trqy	1-4 Southend	24	8	11
Torquay	David Graham	5	5	0	0	23	0.22	8	1	Hartlepool	4-0 Hull	0-2 Ornt, Linc	24	7	8
Cheltenham	Julian Alsop	10	6	2	0	21	0.48	7	2	Hull	5-1 Cheltenham	0-4 Hartlpool	26	11	6
Bristol Rovers	Nathan Ellington	6	3	0	1	12	0.50	7	2	Kidderminster	4-1 York, Roch	0-4 Shrewsby	27	9	9
Carlisle	Ritchie Foran	6	6	0	0	17	0.35	7	3	Orient	5-0 Lincoln	1-4 Scunthorpe	32	8	5
Macclesfield	Lee Glover	8	6	1	0	23	0.35	6	2	Lincoln	3-0 Swansea	0-5 Orient	21	7	7
Darlington	Barry Conlon	6	4	1	0	20	0.30	6	1	Luton	5-1 Torquay	1-4 Mfld, Mac	32	6	2
Swansea	Mamady Sidibe	6	4	1	0	16	0.38	5	2	Macclesfield	4-1 Luton	0-4 Mansfield	25	6	11
Exeter	Chris Roberts	6	4	1	0	21	0.29	5	2	Mansfield	4-0 Macclesfld	0-3 Plymouth	22	8	5
Halifax	Paul Harsley	6	4	1	0	23	0.26	4	2	Oxford	3-0 Cheltenham	0-3 Ornt, Hull	26	6	9
Rushden	Scott Partridge	5	3	1	0	18	0.28	4	1	Plymouth	3-0 vs 3 clubs	1-2 Roch, Scun	22	14	6
Rochdale	Kevin Townson	7	3	2	0	19	0.37	3	3	Rochdale	3-1 Mansfield	1-4 Kiddmnstr	29	8	4
Lincoln	Lee Thorpe	6	4	1	0	16	0.38	3	1	Rushden	3-1 vs 3 clubs	0-3 Kiddmnstr	32	10	10
Scunthorpe	Martin Carruthers	10	6	2	0	22	0.45	2	2	Scunthorpe	7-1 Darlington	0-3 Carlisle	25	9	7
Oxford	Jamie Brooks	6	4	1	0	14	0.43	2	1	Shrewsbury	4-0 Kidderminster	1-3 Hart, Scun	22	8	5
Kidderminster	Dean Bennett	6	6	0	0	20	0.30	2	6	Southend	4-1 Halifax	0-2 vs 4 clubs	26	8	9
Hartlepool	Gordon Watson	8	5	0	1	15	0.53	1	3	Swansea	3-0 Exeter	0-3 vs 3 clubs	29	7	10
Southend	Tesfaye Bramble	5	5	0	0	21	0.24	1	2	Torquay	2-1 vs 5 clubs	1-5 Luton	37	4	12
Orient	Steve Watts	9	5	2	0	15	0.60	0	3	York	3-0 Torquay	0-4 Hull	27	4	6

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.

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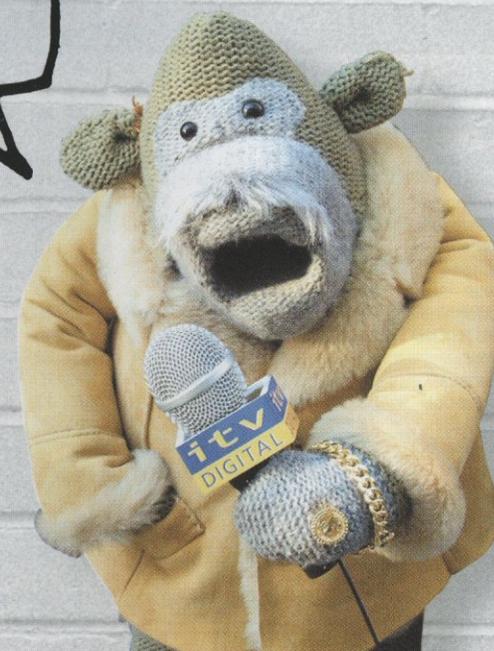
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Southend United Statistics

PLAYER STATS 01/02

	LEAGUE	W/CUP	GOALS	T.APPS
D. FLAHAVAN	25	5	0	30
C. HUTCHINGS	22(1)	4	3	26(1)
D. SEARLE	20(2)	5	1	25(2)
S. BROAD	11	2	1	13
P. WHELAN	25	4	3	29
L. JOHNSON	20(2)	4(1)	2	24(3)
S. THURGOOD	18(1)	3(1)	0	21(2)
K. MAHER	22	4	3	26
T. BRAMBLE	19(3)	4(1)	9	23(4)
D. WEBB	10(6)	1(2)	3	11(8)
M. RAWLE	17(2)	5	6	22(2)
J. HARRIS	2(3)	0	0	2(3)
D. MCSWEENEY	7(6)	2(1)	0	9(7)
L. CORT	22(2)	4	1	26(2)
S. FORBES	2(2)	1	0	3(2)
B. SMITH	0(1)	0	0	0(1)
G. RISBRIDGER	0(1)	0	0	0(1)
R. DSANE	1(1)	0	0	1(1)
D. KERRIGAN	4(3)	1(1)	0	5(4)
D. GAY	0(1)	0	0	0(1)
R. NEWMAN	4	1	0	5
T. RICHARDS	8(2)	0(2)	2	8(4)
D. HOLNESS	1(1)	0	0	1(1)
M. BEARD	1(6)	1(2)	0	2(8)
S. CLARKE	1(1)	0	0	1(1)
B. BELGRAVE	13(2)	3	3	16(2)

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Nationwide League Division Three

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G.D.	Pts
Plymouth	24	8	1	2	20	7	6	6	1	15	8	20	49
LUTON	24	7	3	2	23	10	7	1	4	24	21	16	46
Hull	23	8	4	0	24	5	3	4	4	13	17	15	41
Mansfield	23	8	2	2	25	12	4	3	4	12	14	11	41
Rochdale	23	5	5	1	18	9	6	1	5	15	17	7	39
Scunthorpe	23	7	3	2	25	12	3	5	3	15	13	15	38
Shrewsbury	24	6	3	3	19	12	5	2	5	15	15	7	38
Cheltenham	23	6	5	1	22	13	3	3	5	12	18	3	35
Rushden	24	6	4	2	19	12	2	5	5	9	14	2	33
Exeter	24	5	4	4	15	20	4	2	5	11	18	-12	33
Kidderminster	22	6	4	1	16	5	3	1	7	8	16	3	32
SOUTHEND	24	7	2	3	22	12	2	2	8	6	16	0	31
Orient	24	6	2	4	24	16	2	4	6	13	22	-1	30
Swansea	24	3	5	4	13	13	5	1	6	18	22	-4	30
Hartlepool	23	5	3	4	20	10	3	2	6	8	12	6	29
Darlington	22	7	2	2	17	5	1	3	7	10	26	-4	29
Macclesfield	24	3	5	4	14	14	3	4	5	9	17	-8	27
Oxford	24	4	3	5	17	16	2	5	10	16	-5	26	
Lincoln	23	4	3	4	11	9	1	7	4	11	19	-6	25
Bristol Rovers	23	4	3	4	15	16	2	3	7	6	14	-9	24
Torquay	24	5	2	5	14	17	1	4	7	19	-15	24	
York	22	4	1	6	10	15	2	3	6	16	25	-14	22
Carlisle	23	4	3	4	10	9	0	5	7	9	21	-11	20
Halifax	23	2	6	3	9	11	2	2	8	8	22	-16	20

Fixtures & line-ups

Date	Opposition	Result	Goals	Apps
Sat Aug 11	Darlington	H 1-0	4725	Flahavan
Sat Aug 18	Mansfield Town	A 0-0	2774	Flahavan
Wed Aug 22	Birmingham (W)	A 0-3	12,015	Flahavan
Sat Aug 25	Halifax Town	H 4-1	3525	Flahavan
Mon Aug 27	Luton Town	A 0-2	6496	Flahavan
Sat Sep 1	Leyton Orient	H 1-2	5853	Flahavan
Sat Sep 8	Rushden & Diamonds	A 1-0	4583	Flahavan
Sat Sep 15	Hartlepool United	H 0-0	3933	Flahavan
Tue Sep 18	Bristol Rovers	A 1-2	5743	Flahavan
Sat Sep 22	Oxford United	A 0-2	5724	Flahavan
Tue Sep 25	Carlisle United	H 3-2	2967	Flahavan
Fri Sep 28	Cheltenham Town	H 0-1	3709	Flahavan
Fri Oct 5	Torquay United	A 1-2	2329	Flahavan
Sat Oct 13	Swansea City	H 4-2	3622	Flahavan
Tue Oct 15	Stevenage Borough	A 4-1	1114	Flahavan
Sat Oct 20	York City	A 1-2	2270	Flahavan
Tue Oct 23	Scunthorpe United	A 0-2	2956	Flahavan
Sat Oct 27	Kidderminster Harriers	H 1-0	3990	Flahavan
Tue Oct 30	Bristol City	H 0-2	1741	Flahavan
Sat Nov 3	Exeter City	A 1-2	3263	Flahavan
Sat Nov 10	Macclesfield Town	H 3-0	2889	Flahavan
Sat Nov 17	Luton Town FAC1	H 3-2	6526	Flahavan
Tue Nov 20	Plymouth Argyle	H 0-1	3716	Flahavan
Sat Nov 24	Shrewsbury Town	A 0-2	3452	Flahavan
Sat Dec 1	Lincoln City	H 1-1	3979	Flahavan
Sat Dec 8	Chesterfield FAC2	A 1-1	4522	Flahavan
Sat Dec 15	Rochdale	A 1-0	2849	Flahavan
Tue Dec 18	Chesterfield FACR2	H 2-0	5518	Flahavan
Fri Dec 21	Hull City	A 0-0	8678	Flahavan
Wed Dec 26	Rushden & Diamonds	H 4-2	5878	Flahavan
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

Date	Opposition	Result	Goals	Apps											
Sat Aug 11	Broad	Searle	Cort	Whelan	Thurgood	Maier	Holness	Johnson	Webb	Richards	Gay	Risbridger(11)	Harris	Hutchings(10)	Rawle(80)(26)
Sat Aug 18	Hutchings	Searle	Broad	Whelan	Johnson	Thurgood	Maier	Webb	Rawle	Cort	Gay	Harris	Holness	Risbridger	Kerrigan
Wed Aug 22	Hutchings	Searle	Broad	Whelan	Johnson	Thurgood	Maier	Webb	Rawle	Cort	Gay	Richards(3)	McSweeney(10)	Risbridger	Bramble(4)
Sat Aug 25	Hutchings	Whelan	Cort	Johnson56	Bramble	Maier	Thurgood	Rawle	Richards45,90	Webb80	Gay	McSweeney(9)	Holness	Smith(11)	Broad
Mon Aug 27	Hutchings	Johnson	Cort	Whelan	Bramble	Maier	Thurgood	Rawle	Webb	Richards	Gay	McSweeney(9)	Broad	Smith	Holness(10)
Sat Sep 1	Hutchings	Johnson	Whelan48	Cort	Bramble	Maier	Thurgood	Rawle	Webb	Richards	Gay	McSweeney	Smith	Forbes(11)	Broad
Sat Sep 8	Hutchings	Searle75	Johnson	Broad	Whelan	Forbes	Thurgood	Maier	Richards	Webb	Gay	McSweeney	McSweeney(17)	Holness	Bramble(10)
Sat Sep 15	Hutchings	Whelan	Broad	Johnson	Bramble	Maier	Thurgood	Searle	Richards	Belgrave	Gay	McSweeney	Cort(9)	Kerrigan	Holness
Tue Sep 18	Hutchings	Searle	Whelan	Broad	Belgrave	Thurgood	Maier	Johnson29	Richards	Bramble	Gay	McSweeney	Cort(4)	Kerrigan	Holness
Sat Sep 22	Hutchings	Searle	Cort	Whelan	Richards	Maier	Thurgood	Johnson	Belgrave	Bramble	Gay	McSweeney	Risbridger	Kerrigan(25)	Webb(9)
Tue Sep 25	Hutchings	Kerrigan	Cort	Whelan44	Thurgood	Maier89	Johnson	Belgrave	Webb54	Harris	Gay	McSweeney	Risbridger	Bramble	Searle(12)
Fri Sep 28	Hutchings	Cort	Whelan	Kerrigan	Thurgood	Maier	Johnson	Belgrave	Harris	Rawle	Gay	Broad	Searle(11)	McSweeney(2)	Bramble(12)
Fri Oct 5	McSweeney	Cort	Whelan	Searle	Belgrave	Maier	Hutchings55	Johnson	Webb	Rawle	Gay	Broad	Kerrigan	Harris(6)	Bramble(11)
Sat Oct 13	McSweeney	Cort	Whelan	Searle	Belgrave83	Maier81P90P	Hutchings	Johnson	Bramble57	Rawle	Gay	Beard(15)	Harris(9)	Kerrigan	Broad
Tue Oct 15	McSweeney	Cort	Whelan	Searle	Belgrave	Maier	Hutchings26	Johnson	Bramble13	Rawle22	Gay	Beard(15)	Kerrigan(11)	Webb86(8)	Harris
Sat Oct 20	McSweeney	Cort	Whelan	Searle	Belgrave	Maier	Hutchings	Johnson	Bramble	Rawle14	Gay	Beard(15)	Webb(3)	Harris(8)	Kerrigan
Tue Oct 23	McSweeney	Cort	Whelan	Searle	Belgrave	Johnson	Hutchings	Rawle	Bramble	Webb	Gay	Beard(15)	Kerrigan(10)	Thurgood	Harris
Sat Oct 27	McSweeney	Cort	Whelan	Searle	Belgrave	Johnson	Hutchings2	Kerrigan	Bramble	Rawle	Gay	Beard(31)	Broad	Thurgood(6)	Richards(9)
Tue Oct 30	Beard	Broad	Whelan	Searle	Belgrave	Johnson	Hutchings	Kerrigan	Bramble	Rawle	Gay	McSweeney	Thurgood(6)	Richards(11)	Webb(9)
Sat Nov 3	McSweeney	Cort	Whelan	Searle	Belgrave	Johnson	Hutchings	Kerrigan	Bramble2	Webb	Gay	Beard(31)	Richards(15)	Thurgood	Forbes(22)
Sat Nov 10	Beard	Cort	Whelan	Searle	Belgrave	Maier	Hutchings	Johnson	Bramble77	Rawle1,72	Gay	McSweeney(31)	Kerrigan(6)	Thurgood	Webb(9)
Sat Nov 17	McSweeney	Cort	Whelan	Searle	Belgrave	Maier	Thurgood	Johnson	Bramble55,85	Rawle45	Gay	Broad	Kerrigan	Dsane	Webb
Tue Nov 20	McSweeney	Cort	Whelan	Searle	Clark	Maier	Thurgood	Johnson	Bramble	Rawle	Gay	Kerrigan	Dsane(6)	Belgrave	Webb(5)
Sat Nov 24	Broad	Cort	Whelan	Searle	Dsane	Maier	Thurgood	Johnson	Bramble	Rawle	Gay	Szmid	McSweeney(20)	Belgrave(11)	Webb(6)
Sat Dec 1	Broad	Cort	Whelan	Searle	Thurgood	Maier	Hutchings	Forbes	Bramble29	Rawle	Gay	McSweeney	Johnson	Belgrave	Webb(11)
Sat Dec 8	Broad	Cort	Newman	Searle	Thurgood	Maier	Hutchings	Forbes	Bramble74	Rawle	Gay	Beard(11)	McSweeney	Belgrave	Johnson(17)
Sat Dec 15	Broad6	Cort	Newman	Whelan	Searle	Thurgood	Maier	Hutchings	Bramble	Rawle	Gay(11)	Beard	Belgrave	Johnson	McSweeney
Tue Dec 18	Broad	Cort	Newman	Whelan2	Searle	Thurgood	Hutchings	Maier	Bramble	Rawle	Gay	Beard	McSweeney	Johnson(2)	Belgrave(11)84
Fri Dec 21	Broad	Cort	Newman	Whelan	Searle	Thurgood	Maier	Hutchings	Rawle	Bramble	Gay	Beard(11)	Belgrave	Johnson	Kerrigan
Wed Dec 26	Broad	Cort50	Newman	Whelan	Searle	Thurgood	Hutchings	Maier	Belgrave58,74	Bramble66	Gay	Clarke(24)	Johnson(2)	Kerrigan	Rawle(9)

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