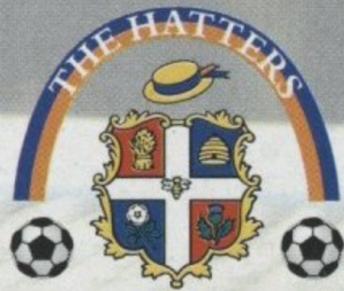


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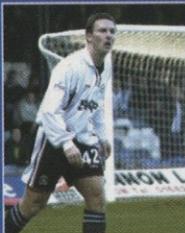
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WELCOME: New signing Gary McSwegan made his debut for the Town on Saturday, after signing on a month's loan from Scottish Premier League club Hearts.



# Action Replay



## Luton Town 2 Scunthorpe Utd 3 (HT 1-2)

on top of the world after thrashing the league leaders. A week later we cursed our luck as a very good team performance failed to prevent an unlucky defeat at Rochdale.

On Saturday the curses were more down to earth, as the Town fell well below their normal standard, and were punished by play-off hopefuls inspired by a 36-year-old left winger.

Peter Beagrie scored one and helped set up the other two on a day when the Town suffered a collective failure to get their act together. As always, the difference between what the Town can achieve and what they produced on the day is impossible to explain, but angry manager Joe Kinnear read the riot act in the dressing room afterwards, and was still so furious an hour later that he thought it better not to meet the press to give us his views. At that time they would doubtless have been unprintable. He had calmed down a little by the time he penned his column for this evening's programme (see page 5) but we can be pretty sure that tonight the team will be rather keen to put things right. Six more points, now more needed than ever, ought to be bagged tonight and on Saturday, when York City are the visitors.

Scunthorpe made it a frustrating day for everyone except their handful of supporters. Manager Brian Laws went for a game plan of defensive solidity first, midfield control second, and counter-attacking third, and it was allowed to work all too well.

Chris Coyne came back into the side, replacing Emmerson Boyce, who had been given a bit of a chasing by Beagrie at Glanford Park in October. The veteran winger said afterwards he spotted the change when the team sheets were printed, and felt he had gone one up in a psychological sense. He proceeded to go one up in the physical as well, netting the opening goal, his 13th of the season, and celebrating with his trademark somersault.

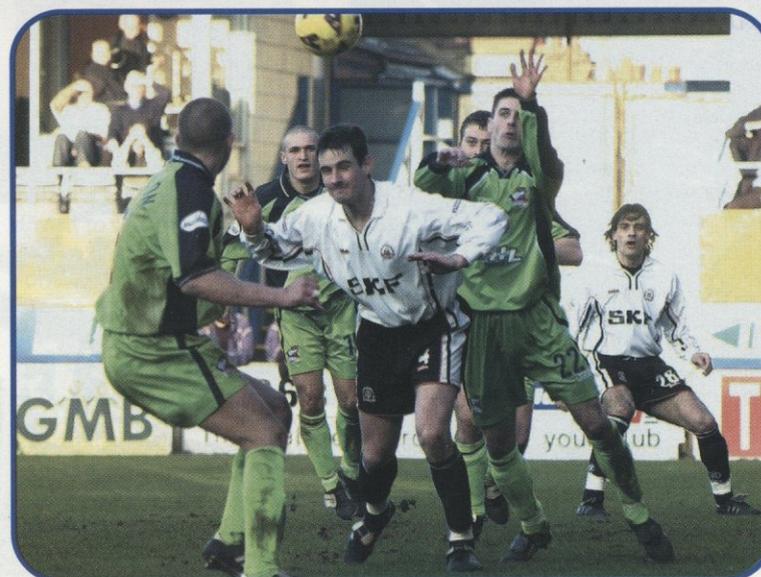
Before then Nathan Stanton, the overlapping right back who made the opening, had cleared off the line from Jean-Louis Valois following a long throw by Coyne. Scunthorpe pulled men back after Beagrie's goal, and a lot of pressure, much of it led by the trickery of Valois, brought nothing until Steve Howard fired a 36th-minute equaliser after god work by Adrian Forbes.

Gary McSwegan, on loan from Hearts, made little impression on the Scunthorpe defence, with the poor quality service he received hardly helping. He was also suffering from a shoulder injury, and was eventually subbed to set up a re-shuffle.

By then the Town had fallen behind for the second time to a goal in stoppage time at the end of the first half. The football was too often nondescript and littered with mistakes, but a second substitution, giving Dean Crowe a chance after being dropped, led to the Town's third formation of the afternoon, and within five minutes brought another equaliser. Matt Taylor headed his eighth goal of the season from Howard's deep right wing cross and suddenly the crowd sensed that an unlikely win was on the cards.

We enjoyed a spell of enthusiastic attacking, but with no end product, and most

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**SURROUNDED:** Matt Spring finding life difficult in midfield, as Scunthorpe worked hard to stifle the Town, on this occasion with four men in close attendance. See pages 50 and 51 for more action pictures from Saturday's game.

of us were feeling pleased at the prospect of a point from a stuttering performance. We weren't even allowed that minor pleasure as Beagrie, facing Boyce again by now, delivered the sort of quality ball that was missing from the Town's repertoire, and Matt Sparrow became the third Scunthorpe midfielder to score.

## Match Details

**Luton Town:** Emberson; Coyne, Perrett, Bayliss, Taylor; Forbes (Crowe 73 mins), Spring, Nicholls, Valois; Howard, McSwegan (Boyce 58 mins).

**Unused subs:** Owendale, Skelton, Hughes.

**Booked:** Steve Howard, Matt Taylor, Chris Coyne, for fouls, and Adrian Forbes for dissent.

**Scunthorpe:** Evans; Stanton, Jackson, McGibbon, Dawson; Sparrow, Calvo-Garcia, Graves (Hodges 84 mins) Beagrie; Quailey, Torpey.

**Unused subs:** Cotterill, Dudley, Anderson, Bennion.

**Booked:** Alex Calvo-Garcia and Wayne Graves for fouls; Nathan Stanton for time-wasting.

**The Goals:** 0-1 9 minutes - Peter Beagrie, shot from the inside left angle

of the penalty area after a low cross was pulled back from the right by overlapping full-back Nathan Stanton; 1-1 36 mins - Steve Howard, drilled drive for his tenth goal of the season following a right-wing low centre by Adrian Forbes; 1-2, 80 seconds into stoppage time - Wayne Graves, after the Town defence allowed Beagrie to intercept a ball going out to knock it back into the middle via Brian Quailey; 2-2 78 mins - Matt Taylor, outjumping everyone at the far post to meet a cross from the right by Howard; 2-3 89 mins - Matt Sparrow, close-range volley, after Beagrie crossed to beyond the far post from the left and Steve Torpey headed the ball back across the face of goal.

**Referee:** Ray Oliver, West Midlands.

**Attendance:** 6,371, including 359 from Scunthorpe.

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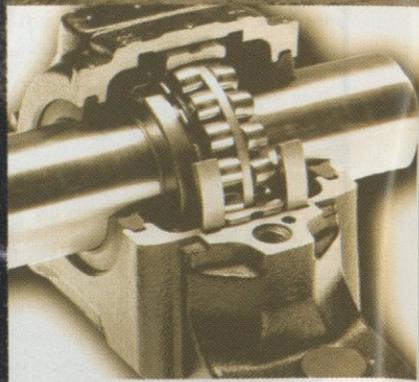
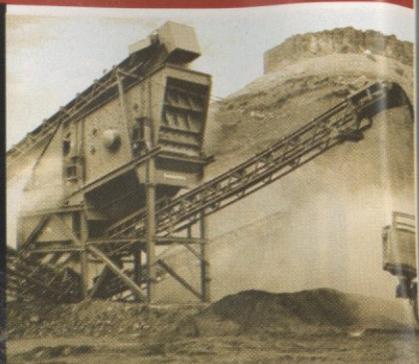
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**Joe Kinnear**

# The Manager

WELCOME back to Kenilworth Road, and I am sure you will expect to see a match much more to your liking this evening than the one on Saturday. So do I! We were really brought back down to earth with a bump after beating the league leaders a fortnight ago.

Footballers don't play badly on purpose, and it is always difficult to put your finger on just why a team that is capable of playing some excellent stuff one day can appear to be so poor the next. It may not be much consolation to you, but if you felt bitterly disappointed and frustrated at Saturday's performance, we felt it even more deeply within the club.

For the first time since I have been here, I ducked out of the usual Press conference after the game. That's not my style, because I have learned in my years in football that you have to take the rough with the smooth - you enjoy the plaudits one day, and take the stick the next.

But on Saturday evening, after seeing the way we threw away three much-needed home points, I felt it better to keep my thoughts to myself. I had aired them most positively in the dressing room, and as we surveyed the wreckage of a miserable afternoon, we were all of us very unhappy indeed.

It's down to the whole team whether you win or lose. A week earlier we had been beaten at Rochdale, and while I never like losing there was not too much wrong with our display on that occasion, and the result was mainly down to sheer bad luck.

We are not claiming that it was the same against Scunthorpe. I give them credit for doing their job professionally, but we all know it was more a case of us losing the game than them winning it. We just didn't get going, and it is impossible to explain why not. It was a collective failure, with few players doing themselves justice, and it is obvious that if we play like that many more times we can forget all about promotion, let alone the championship.

It was all the more annoying because while we were not on top of our game we had the spirit to come back twice to get equalisers, and with a touch more luck - or perhaps more importantly

composure - in front of goal we might have nicked a winner after drawing level with 12 minutes to go. Instead, we gave away the day's third silly goal, and the players know they let everyone down, especially themselves.

There was a real heart-to-heart in the dressing room after the match, with everyone left in no doubt about the facts of footballing life at Luton Town today - if you can't do the job the club expects from you, someone else will be brought in who can.

I have signed Gary McSwegan on loan, and there could well be another new face in our dressing room within the next few days. I want still more competition for places, and I believe McSwegan will be an asset in our attack. He was unlucky to make his debut for us on a day when the team was well below par. Like the rest of the side, he has much more to offer than we saw on Saturday. The players came back to work on Sunday morning, to shake off the after-effects of Saturday, and to knuckle down again on preparing to give everything to take this club back up into the Second Division. You can be assured they understand the need for effort and commitment, and I am confident that this evening will see us bounce back.

I don't under-estimate Bristol Rovers, who are now looking a much better side than they did a few weeks ago. We need all three points tonight, and I want to avenge the defeat we suffered at their place last August, which was another of those occasions when we did not do ourselves justice

Saturday's debacle hurt, but perhaps now we are not under pressure - people are writing us off for the championship, but we have come out of a trough before, we can fight back again.

We have 14 games left, still have a lot of points to play for, and are still in the top three. The championship might be a bit of a long shot, but we will never give up chasing it until it is mathematically impossible to win it. It's time to kick on, get another good run going, and once more start to close the gap between us and the top of the league. We can do it!

Keep the faith, and enjoy the game.

*Joe Kinnear*

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**Marvin Johnson**

## Club Captain

I NEED to choose my words carefully this evening, not having been part of the team that was beaten on Saturday. But I think on behalf of all the players, the message to supporters is that we are sorry we did not give you the performance and results we all wanted, and to promise that we have been working hard to put things right.

Very often in games you get days when one or two players are off song, but the team gets by because the rest do their jobs well. But Saturday was the first time I can remember where probably everyone was off form, and with Scunthorpe chasing a play-off place we simply could not carry so many passengers. We take the rap collectively. Defenders know that individual mistakes were made leading to the opposition's goals. Midfielders know when they have failed to stamp their authority on that very important department of the team. Forwards know that they might have made more what possession we did have.

As you may know the gaffer called the whole squad in for extra training on Sunday morning, after what they call a very frank exchange of views in the dressing room on Saturday evening. There was not a murmur of complaint about being told to work on Sunday: the team had not performed well, and players are as keen as the manager to put things right. If extra training can help us do that, so be it.

We are professionals with dreams and ambitions, and poor performances are the last thing we want to deliver. You cannot explain why it happens occasionally. But you can get down to work, and get things right. Our results have dipped. One win in the last six games, even if it was against the league leaders, is way, way short of what we expect from ourselves.

The manager had every right to be angry on Saturday night, and we know we owe it to

ourselves, to him and Mick Harford, and to the supporters, to turn it in on this evening to bury a very bad memory. We still want promotion and Saturday's events have reminded us that we will have to work to achieve it.

We know we can play much better than we did against Scunthorpe, although the visitors deserve some credit for the way they performed. And while I hate to see Luton Town losing, I had to admire the ability of Peter Beagrie, still doing it very well at the age of 36. As I am "only" 33, there is hope for me, yet!

We were all glad that games are coming thick and fast at present, and are looking forward all the more to this evening's match because it gives us an early opportunity to set the record straight, and show that we are not as bad as we might have appeared to be on Saturday.

Bristol Rovers have been on the up, lately, which is no real surprise. What did surprise me was that they had such a dodgy spell earlier in the season, after they beat us on their ground in August. That was a pretty good game, and could have gone either way.

In general, while we realise, of course, that players like Nathan Ellington are a big threat to any team, we tend not to worry too much in advance about the opposition. The gaffer's belief is that we concentrate on doing our jobs properly, go into games with a positive attitude, and be attack-minded.

Tonight, even more than normal, that will be our game plan. We have a point to prove. The gaffer is very passionate about football and Luton Town, which is why he gets angry after games like Saturday's. We know how he feels, because it's the same for us. We must get back to winning ways, and go for a victory which will, to some degree, repair some of the damage we inflicted on ourselves on Saturday.

*Marvin Johnson*

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**Bruce Sewell**

## Treatment Room

IT WAS business as usual in the treatment room on Sunday, but thankfully we picked up nothing worse than a few little niggles in the

match against Scunthorpe.

No-one got anything serious enough to put him out of contention for this evening's squad, and I am afraid there was a bit of laughter around when Adrian Forbes had treatment for a minor, but very personal injury. You may have seen him stop a hard-driven ball at close quarters on Saturday, and he was a touch unfortunate in the area he inadvertently used to make the block. He was a bit sore for a while, but there was no lasting damage, and certainly nothing that will affect his footballing ability.

New signing Gary McSwegan had a shoulder strain, but it is not now a problem, and he will be all right if selected to play against Bristol Rovers.

The rest of my report is a continuation of what was in Saturday's column. Carl Griffiths is on the mend slowly but surely. He is running again, but is not completely free of pain, and it will be a matter of building him up slowly, gently increasing the amount of hard running he does each day. The stress fracture has healed nicely, but soreness as he gets back to work is inevitable in the early stages of his current fitness regime.

He has worked ever so hard, through a long frustrating period – he has not kicked a ball since he played at Leyton Orient in September – and he knows there is yet more work to be done before he can get back into full training, and then look for match fitness.

He had another appointment yesterday with the specialist who carried out the surgery and the report from that examination will decide on the next steps in Griff's battle to regain fitness.

I was hoping that Andrew Fotiadis would be able to resume full training yesterday, after being sidelined for a couple of weeks after jar-



*HEAD MAN: Steve Howard gets a check-over during Saturday's game, after a kick on the head. No lasting damage, was the verdict, and he will be available for selection again tonight.*

ring his knee in a reserves match. It affected a ligament, but it was not a major problem and with luck he will be ready to challenge for a place in the squad in a day or two.

Marvin Johnson is back in full training after his ankle injury, and while he is fit enough to play football again, I anticipate that he will need at least one match in the reserves, perhaps at Cheltenham tomorrow, to regain the standard of match fitness required for league football.

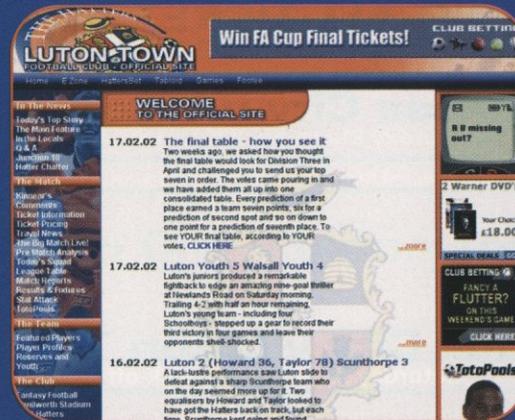
The club captain is a top class professional, and like all our players, has understood what is required to get over injuries, and has been willing to carry out instructions and work as hard as possible to get himself fit again. Chris Coyne is back in the groove after his knee ligament injury, as he proved when he made his first league start for two months against Scunthorpe on Saturday. Like the rest of the team, he came through with no real problems so far as fitness was concerned.

*Bruce Sewell*

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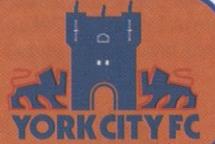
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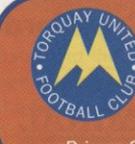


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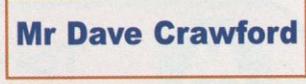
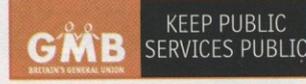
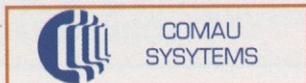
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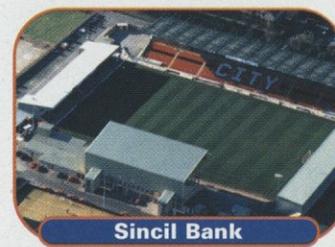
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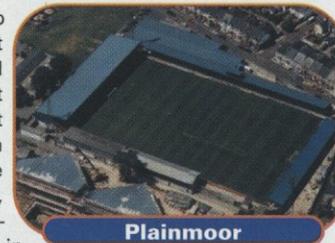
As you approach the city the road becomes the A1434. Follow the signs towards the city centre and after going straight on at a roundabout you will be in the High

Street. Continue on over a set of traffic lights and within a couple of hundred yards, just past the Millers Arms pub on your left, turn right into Scorer Street, and that leads into Sincil Bank.

**Mileage:** About 105.

### West Country Choices

IT'S A long drive to Torquay - about 500 miles there and back - but at least it is usually fast motoring on a Saturday. There are two decent routes, and our man reckons to do the trip in four hours at most.



Plainmoor

The shorter drive by about 30 miles, and a more pleasant ride if you are not keen on motorways, is via the A303 across Salisbury Plain. Leave Luton on M1 south, then on M25 towards and just beyond Heathrow. Go past the M4 junction, but leave shortly afterwards to take the M3 towards Southampton. Follow M3 to junction 8, where you take the A303, and stay on that road for the best part of 100 miles. You will pass Stonehenge on your right. The road becomes the A30 in Devon, near Honiton. Stay on it until you reach the M5. Go onto the M5 briefly, towards Exeter and then follow the signs to Torquay on the A380.

If you fancy the all-motorway route, leave Luton on M1, then M25 west, and M4. Near Bristol take the M5, and then the A380.

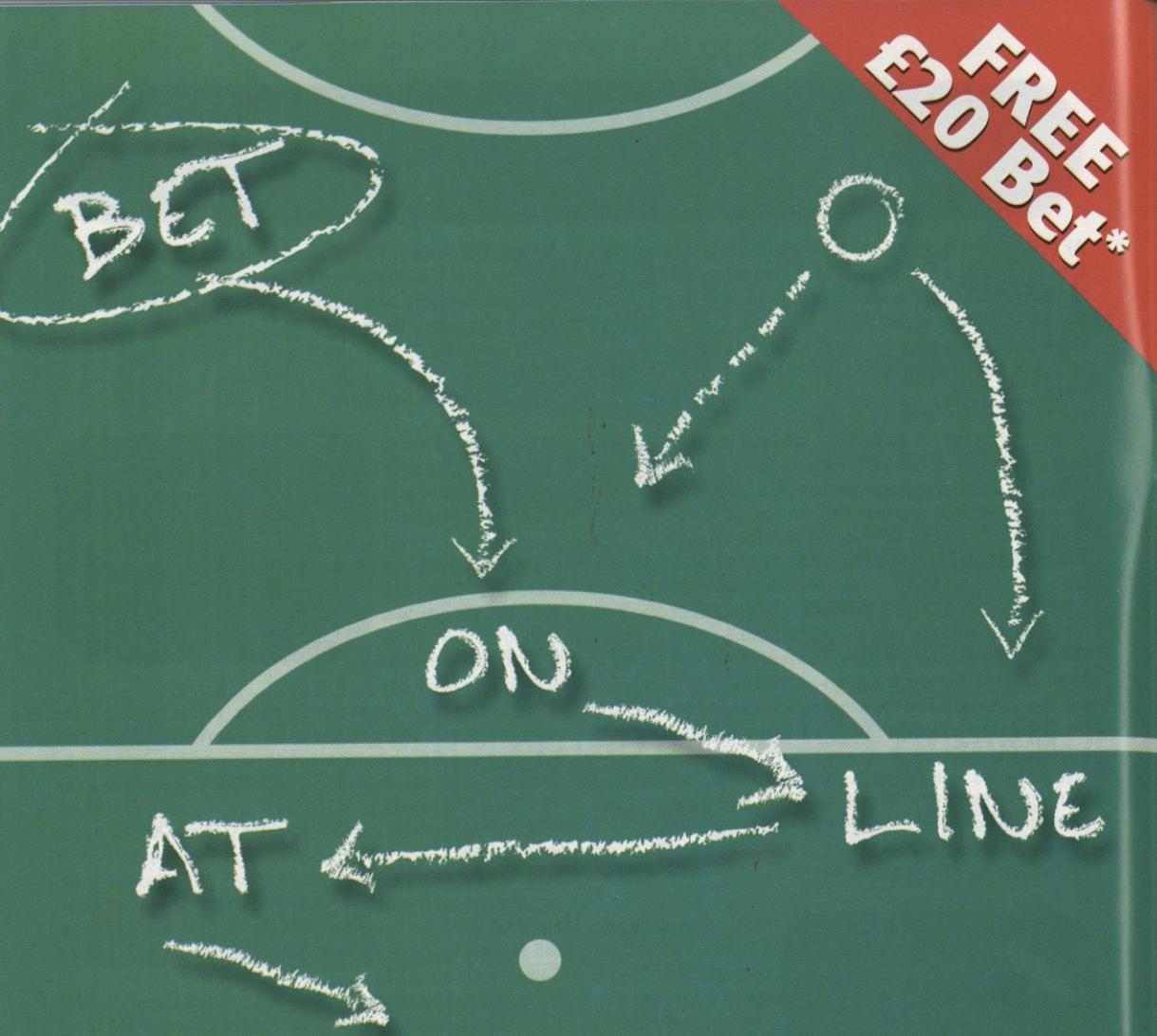
Go past Kingkerswell and at the next roundabout take the first exit, signposted towards Torquay and Teignmouth. This puts you on Riviera Way, and after a mile take a left turn, signposted towards Teignmouth into Hele Road. The last time we were there, Plainmoor was signposted, but essentially all you do is go straight on at Triton Crossroads, where the road to the town centre is on your right and the route to Babbacombe on your left, and in a couple of minutes the ground is on your right, off Warbro Road.

**Mileage:** About 250, but a little shorter across Salisbury Plain

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**Linda Layton**

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As a club we were pleased to enter into a business arrangement with them earlier this season, which brought the Number One brewery in Bedfordshire into regular contact with the county's Number One football club. It has developed into a friendly relationship, as well as one based on business, and we are sure our supporters, well known for their good taste in all things, appreciate it as our bars serve none but the best!

It is a pleasure to welcome the company and its guests here this evening, with our warm thanks for their support of our commercial efforts.

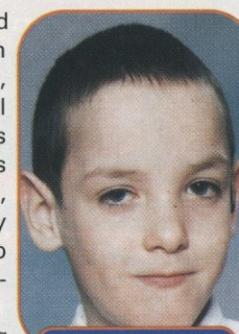
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TEN-year-old David Fazekas, from Strathmore Walk, Luton, will enjoy a very special football experience this evening, because he is our commercial mascot, thanks to the generosity of the Galaxy, Luton's top leisure and entertainment centre.



**David Fazekas**

The Galaxy is sponsoring David for his VIP visit to his favourite football club - he comes to games with his mum and dad, Ellen and Andy, and his sister Paula.

A pupil at Surrey Street Primary School, Luton, David's other hobbies are swimming, reading, and tennis. This evening he gets close to the Town players, meeting them in the dressing room before the game, and joining them on the pitch for the pre-match rituals. And while he likes every player, his favourite is Matthew Taylor.

*Linda Layton*

## Golden Gamble

PRINT deadlines have prevented us from reporting this evening on details of Saturday's Golden Gamble result, but we are confident another supporter picked up a very useful wedge of cash for a modest outlay of just £1. That is all it costs to enter our 50/50 lottery, which, before Saturday's game, had paid 14

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**Where**



26 Goals



26 Goals



9 Goals

**How**

Shots.....33  
Headers.....17  
Volleys.....9  
Penalties.....2  
Free Kicks...0  
O.G.s.....0

**Top Scorers**

Howard.....10  
Crowe.....10  
Taylor.....8  
Griffiths.....7  
Spring.....5  
Nicholls.....4  
Valois.....4

**2001-2002**

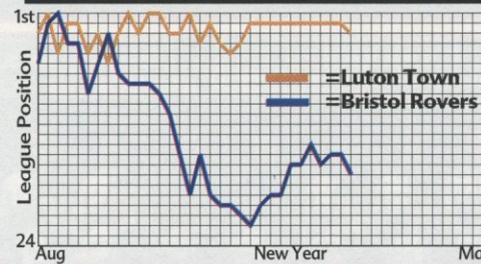
**Highest Gate**  
9,585  
vs Plymouth  
**Lowest Gate**  
5,066  
vs Lincoln  
**Average Gate**  
6,890  
**Players Used** 33  
**Clean Sheets** 7  
**Failed to Score** 3  
**Consec. Wins**  
3 games  
**Consec. Defeats**  
2 games

**Hatters' Last 10**

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
L	Scunthorpe	H	6th
L	Rochdale	A	4th
W	Plymouth	H	1st
L	Darlington	A	19th
D	Carlisle	H	21st
D	Cheltenham	A	7th
W	Kidderminster	A	9th
W	Southend	A	12th
W	Oxford	A	17th
D	Hartlepool	H	12th

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**Seasonal Progress Comparison**



**Pirates' Last 10**

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
L	Macclesfield	A	19th
L	Hartlepool	H	11th
W	Halifax	H	24th
D	Oxford	A	14th
W	Swansea	H	15th
L	Torquay	A	21st
W	Shrewsbury	A	4th
D	Scunthorpe	H	7th
W	Darlington	H	12th
W	Orient	H	11th

**Goals Info:**



**Where**



7 Goals



17 Goals



8 Goals

**How**

Shots.....18  
Headers.....5  
Volleys.....5  
Penalties.....2  
Free Kicks...1  
O.G.s.....1

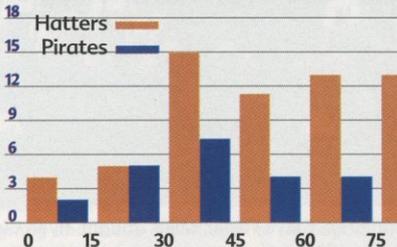
**Top Scorers**

Ellington.....13  
Ommel.....5  
Cameron.....4

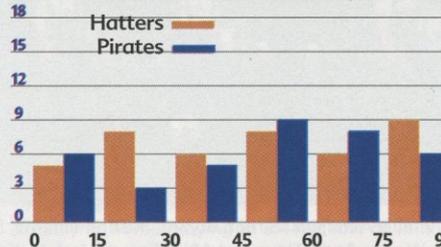
**2001-2002**

**Highest Gate**  
10,127  
vs Torquay  
**Lowest Gate**  
5,043  
vs Mansfield  
**Average Gate**  
6,968  
**Players Used** 29  
**Clean Sheets** 10  
**Failed to Score** 13  
**Consec. Wins**  
3 games  
**Consec. Defeats**  
3 games

**When Goals have been Scored**



**When Goals have been Conceded**

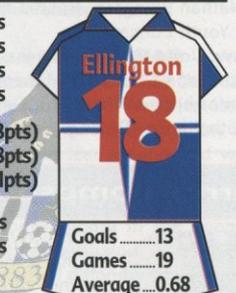


**Dean Crowe (Luton)**



Goals.....10  
Games.....22  
Average...0.45

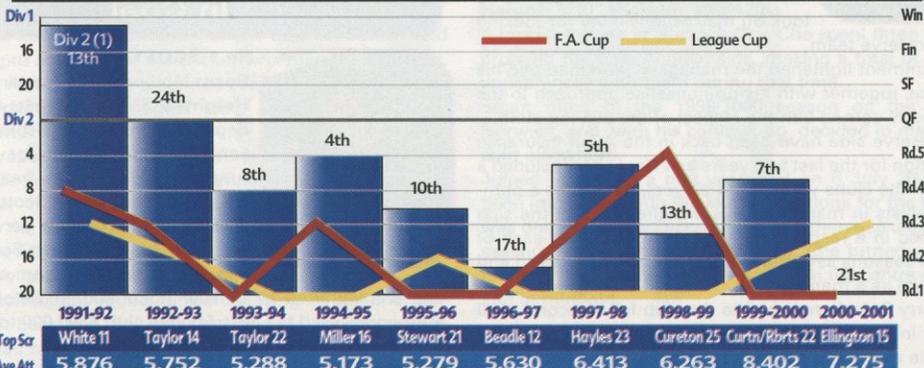
**Top Scorers Comparison Nathan Ellington (Bristol Rovers)**



Goals.....13  
Games.....19  
Average...0.68

9 games	Total Games Scored In	9 games
8 games	Games Scored 1 Goal	7 games
1 game	Games Scored 2 Goals	0 games
0 games	Hat-tricks	2 games
W->L.....0 (0pts)	Season's Results and (loss of points) without the two goalscorers goals	W->L.....1 (3pts)
W->D ..5 (10pts)		W->D ....4 (8pts)
D->L .....0 (0pts)		D->L .....1 (1pts)
3 games	Maximum scoring run	4 games
7 games	Maximum Dry Spell	7 games
7	Shot	8
1	Header	2
2	Volleyed Shot	2
0	Penalty	1
0	Direct free Kick	0
Luton Goals.....61		Bristol Rovers Goals.....32
Luton Games.....32		Bristol Rovers Games.....32
Luton's Goal Ave.....1.91		Bristol Rovers' Goal Ave...1.00

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Sunday 3 March, ITV Sport Channel

# Welcome to Bristol Rovers F.C.



**Back row:** Vitalijs Astafjevs, Simon Bryant, Justin Richards, Martin Cameron, Steve Foster, Mike Trought, Ryan Clarke, Scott Howie, Ross Weare, Andy Thomson, Mark Foran, Mark McKeever, Andrew Shore

**Middle row:** James Brown (Kit Manager), Alvin Bubb, Trevor Challis, Jamie Shore, Dwayne Plummer, Scott Jones, Che Wilson, Nathan Ellington, Ronnie Maugé, David Hillier, Kevin Gall, Lewis Hogg, David Pritchard, Mark Smith, Rod Wesson (Director, Youth Education)

**Front row:** John Gingell (Fitness Coach), Phil Kite (Physiotherapist), Bob Andrews (Director), Vernon Stokes (Director), Garry Thompson (Assistant Manager), Denis Dunford (Chairman), Gerry Francis (Director of Football and Team Manager), Geoff Dunford (Vice Chairman), Gary Penrice (Coach), Ron Craig (Director), Barry Bradshaw (Director), Phil Bater (Director, Youth Football), Roy Dolling (Youth Development Manager), Roger Brinsford (Secretary)

## Garry Thompson - Manager



Garry joined the club from Northampton in January 1999. His playing career took in nine clubs including Coventry, West Bromwich Albion, Sheffield Wednesday and Q.P.R. He spent some 3 years assisting Ian Atkins at Northampton prior to joining Rovers, where, in addition to his coaching duties, he took on the responsibility for looking

after the reserve team.

His appointment lightened the managers' workload and his experience, together with his no-nonsense approach to the game quickly earned him the respect of the playing staff. Rovers reserve side have been back in the Avon Insurance Combination for the last two years and Garry has included a number of the clubs youth team players, as well as a number of triallists in many matches and the fact that the side has finished in a respectable mid-table position in each of those two seasons says much about his skill as a coach and his potential as a manager.

When Gerry Francis returned to the club for a second spell in charge in August 2001, he was more than happy to take on the role of assistant manager. The two knew each other well, as Francis was Garry's manager during his time as a

player with Q.P.R. In early December, Garry was again called on to take over at the helm temporarily, when Gerry was granted leave of absence because of serious illness to members of his immediate family.

On Christmas Eve, Gerry announced his intention to resign from his position and three days later Garry was offered the post as manager. He had no hesitation and signed a two and a half year deal which, it is hoped, will give him time to build a side capable of regaining Second Division status as soon as possible.

## In Goal



### No.1 SCOTT HOWIE

**Born:** Motherwell, 4 January 1972  
**Height:** 6' 3" **Weight:** 14st 4lbs

Began his career in Scotland, with Ferguslie and signed for Clyde in August 1991. Two years later, Norwich paid the Scottish club £300,000 to secure his services, but the form of his fellow Scot, Bryan Gunn, meant that first team opportunities were limited at Carrow Road and in October 1994, Motherwell paid the East Anglian club £300,000 to take him back to Scotland.

Scott made 69 league appearances for Motherwell, before being transferred to Reading for a £30,000 fee in March

# Tonight's Visitors

1998. Lost his first team spot to Phil Whitehead at the beginning of the 2000/01 season and was released by the Royals on a free transfer in May 2001.

Came to Rovers, initially on trial, but impressed sufficiently in the pre season build up to be offered a two year contract.

### No. 20 RYAN CLARKE

**Born:** Bristol 30.4.82 **Height:** 6'3" **Weight:** 12st 13lbs

Ryan completed three years as a scholar in the summer and was rewarded with the offer of a one year pro contract. A very talented goalkeeper, he was on the bench a number of times last season and in January was invited to train with the England U-18 squad in La Manga where he was coached by former England 'keeper Ray Clemence. Ryan is an excellent shot-stopper and is looking forward to his first season in the pro ranks.

## In Defence

### No.2 CARLOS LOPEZ

Recent signing and made debut against Hartlepool on 12th February. Right Wing-back, who likes to get forward

### No.3 TREVOR CHALLIS

**Born:** Paddington, 23 October 1975

**Height:** 5' 8" **Weight:** 11st 13lbs

Trevor has an impressive footballing pedigree, having spent two years with Arsenal as a youngster before signing for Q.P.R. Signed a pro contract in July 1994 and made his senior debut against Coventry in November of that year. His impressive, though brief run in the first team in 1995/96 earned him a call up for the England U-21 side for the Toulon tournament in May 1996 and he won two caps, playing against Angola and Portugal. Suffered a serious injury at the beginning of the 1996/97 season and on his return to full fitness, was unable to reclaim a first team spot.

Trevor welcomed the opportunity of resurrecting his league career with Rovers and signed for us in July 1998.

### No. 4 STEPHEN FOSTER

**Born:** Mansfield, 3 December 1974

**Height:** 6' 2" **Weight:** 12st 8lbs

Joined his hometown club, Mansfield, as a schoolboy and signed a pro contract for them after two years as a trainee. Made the first of his five league appearances for The Stags, against Scunthorpe in August 1993. He left Mansfield to team up with his former boss, George Foster, at Telford and gained a reputation as one of the finest central defenders in Conference Football. Signed for Woking for a fee of £9,000 in October 1996. His final appearance for them was at Wembley the following May, as he finished on the winning side in the FA Umbro Trophy.

Three days later, he signed for Rovers and, at the start of the 1997/98 campaign, found himself playing in an unaccustomed left back role. Injuries restricted his appearances in the first half of that season, but once he returned to the side in his favoured central defensive role, he didn't miss another game and was a key figure in the side that reached the

play-offs.

Was Rovers most consistent performer last season and deservedly picked up two of the three Player of the Year Awards on offer.

### No.5 ANDY THOMSON

**Born:** Swindon, 28 March 1974

**Height:** 6' 3" **Weight:** 14st 8lbs

Swindon born Andy joined his hometown club straight from school and signed his first pro contract on completion of his time as a trainee. Made his first team debut in Swindon's last game in the Premiership at the end of the 1993/94 season and made over 20 appearances the following season. Moved to Portsmouth, for a £75,000 fee in December 1995 and was a first team regular in his three years at Fratton Park.

He signed for Rovers on January 15 1999 and made his debut the following day, in an astonishing 6-0 win against Reading at the Madejski Stadium and kept his first team spot until the end of the season.

Equally at home playing in a 4-4-2 role or in a 5-3-2 formation, he enjoys regular forays forward in support of his more attack minded colleagues and has a reputation of being the best overlapping central defender around!

### No.6 MARK FORAN

**Born:** Aldershot, 30 October 1973

**Height:** 6'5" **Weight:** 14st 4lbs

Signed for Rovers the day before the start of last season and was one of seven players to make his league debut for the club against AFC Bournemouth in the opening game of the campaign.

A central defender who is tall and very competitive, Mark wins aerial battles at both ends of the pitch and he could well add a new dimension to Rovers defensive play during the current campaign.

### No.12 CHE WILSON

**Born:** Ely, 17 January 1979

**Height:** 5'10" **Weight:** 11st 12lbs

A former trainee at Norwich City, Che spent three years as a pro with the East Anglian side, making a total of 25 league appearances with them during that time.

Spent most of the 1999/2000 season on the bench at Norwich, and, with his contract up, decided to make a fresh start elsewhere.

Joined Rovers in a one year deal on 6 July 2000, having been impressed with the club's ambitions for the future and was one of the few successes in an otherwise disappointing season. A strong tackling defender, Che turned out in both full back positions as well as playing in the centre of defence and in midfield.

### No. 17 RIK LOPEZ

**Born:** Northwick Park, 25 December 1979

**Height:** 5' 10" **Weight:** 11st 4lbs

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Another former QPR player who played under Gerry Francis at Loftus Road. Rik spent three years with Rangers but failed to make the breakthrough into the first team. Played for Portugese Second Division side Desportivo Fierence last season and returned to this country in the summer. Arrived at Rovers, initially on trial and was offered a one month contract after impressing in pre season friendlies.

A left sided player with a strong left foot, Rik loves to get forward in support of the attack and his arrival provides added competition for the left wing back role.

#### **No.24 MICHAEL TROUGHT**

**Born:** Bristol, 19 October 1980

**Height:** 6' 2" **Weight:** 13st 3lbs

Mike made rapid progress during the 1998/99 campaign. He began the season as skipper of the youth team, but his impressive displays saw him promoted to the first team squad for a Second Round FA Cup Tie against Exeter and he made his senior debut just three days later, in an Auto Windscreens Tie against Walsall. Made his league debut in front of 25,000 fans at Maine Road, Manchester and enjoyed an extended run in the first team before the season ended. Though he was a regular on the bench the following season, he appeared to lose his way a little bit and made just four appearances, two of which were from the bench. He didn't feature in the first team at all last season and spent a period on loan at non league side Clevedon Town.

#### **No.28 MARK SMITH**

**Born:** Bristol, 13 September 1979

**Height:** 5' 11" **Weight:** 13st 2lbs

One of a number of talented youngsters to have graduated through the ranks at the club in recent seasons. Mark's consistent displays as a central defender in the youth and reserve teams led to him being offered a one year pro contract in the summer of 1998. Made his league debut in August 1998 and his impressive performances in the first team during the first half of the season led to him being offered a new three year deal.

Has exceptional pace and his ability to mark opponents means he is able to turn out at full back, even though most of his career has been spent as a central defender.

### In Midfield

#### **No.7 RONNIE MAUGÉ**

**Born:** Islington, 10 March 1969

**Height:** 5' 10" **Weight:** 11st 11lbs

Although he began his career as a trainee with Charlton, it was another London club Fulham, that gave Ronnie his first taste of league football. He has since made over 100 league appearances for Bury, and more recently, Plymouth Argyle. Ronnie made his debut for Rovers in the opening league game of the 1999/2000 season, a 0-0 draw against Brentford. His battling displays quickly made him a firm favourite with the fans and his form in the first half of the season helped Rovers maintain a position near the top of the league.

He made his international debut for Trinidad & Tobago in January 2000, but just one month later, broke his leg whilst once again representing his country and his season was over.

He was sorely missed, but his value to the club was recognised by the offer of a year extension to his existing con-

tract. Never one to shirk a challenge, Ronnie worked hard last summer, to regain his fitness and returned to action in the local derby against Bristol City in December 2000.

#### **No.8 DAVID HILLIER**

**Born:** Blackheath, 19 December 1969

**Height:** 5' 10" **Weight:** 12st

David graduated through the ranks at Highbury and broke into Arsenal's first team during 1990/91, when he featured in 16 league games and ended the season with a First Division Championship medal. Won an England U-21 cap that same season, playing in a 2-2 draw with Turkey. Missed out on Arsenal's 1993 double cup triumph through injury. In 1996, after 8 years and 104 league appearances for The Gunners, he moved to Portsmouth for a fee of £250,000.

Although a regular in the side during his first two seasons at Fratton Park, found himself confined to the role of substitute on a number of occasions eventually followed former Pompey team mate Andy Thomson to The Memorial Stadium, in February 1998 and impressed in his 13 appearances before the end of the season.

A stylish midfielder player, able to put his foot on the ball and create space both for himself and his colleagues, he is also an excellent passer of the ball.

#### **No.9 MARK WALTERS**

**Born:** Birmingham, 2 June 1964

**Height:** 5' 10" **Weight:** 12st 10lbs

Mark joined Rovers, from Swindon, on 16th November 1999 and made his debut the following Saturday when coming on as a second half substitute against Chesterfield.

He began his career with Aston Villa and moved to Glasgow Rangers for a £500,000 fee in 1987. Whilst in Scotland, he won Premiership medals in 1989, 1990 and 1991 and picked up Scottish League Cup medals in 1989 and 1991. Liverpool paid £1.25m to secure his signature in 1991 and whilst at Anfield he won an FA Cup winners medal in 1992 and made 94 league appearances, more than half of which were as substitute.

Loan spells at Stoke and Wolves were followed by moves to Southampton and Swindon.

A very experienced player, who won an England cap in 1991, Mark is a very modest man, but he is both skilful and speedy, a player who can go both ways and is an excellent crosser of the ball. Has the ability to play in a number of positions and his experience makes him an invaluable member of the squad.

#### **No.15 VITALIJS ASTAFJEVS**

**Born:** Riga 3rd April 1971

**Height:** 5'11" **Weight:** 12st 4lb

Rovers had to fight to secure the signature of the most capped player in Latvian history. Astafjevs, who is the current skipper of his national side, was originally refused a work permit. However, the Department of Employment eventually granted a permit after a successful appeal by the club and he made his league debut when coming on as a substitute against Wrexham in January 2000.

Started his first game for Rovers the following week and ended the campaign with 16 appearances and 2 goals to his name. Was a regular member of the first team squad again last season and is a firm favourite with Rovers supporters. A creative left sided midfielder with an eye for goal, he is likely to be a key figure in the managers plans again this season.

#### **No.19 SIMON BRYANT**

**Born:** Bristol, 22 November 1982

**Height:** 5' 11" **Weight:** 12st 11lbs

Simon, a central midfielder, has been associated with Rovers since he was eight years old. He left school in July 1999 and was taken on a three year scholarship.

Made his debut when coming on as a substitute against Luton in a Worthington Cup Tie in August 1999 and three days later, became the second youngest player in the Club's history to make his league debut. He kept his place in the side for the next two games and his performances displayed a maturity beyond his years.

A midfield player who is strong in the tackle and distributes the ball well, this local youngster appears to have a bright future in the game ahead of him and is certain to feature prominently again this season.

### Up Front

#### **No.10 KEVIN GALL**

**Born:** Merthyr, 4 February 1982

**Height:** 5' 9" **Weight:** 10st 8lbs

Kevin was on Cardiff City's books as a youngster, but joined Newcastle as a fifteen year old. He was a prolific goalscorer for the youth and reserve sides during his time at St James' Park, but was unable to make the breakthrough into the first team, due to the strong competition. Has trained with the likes of Alan Shearer, Gary Speed and all the other big name stars on Tyneside and jumped at the chance to join Rovers on a short term contract, in the hope of proving that he was good enough to be offered a longer deal in the summer.

His gutsy performances, which included a goalscoring debut, as a substitute against Stoke City, were enough to earn him a two year contract and he will be hoping to establish himself as a first team regular this season.

#### **No.11 ROSS WEARE**

**Born:** Perivale, 19 March 1977

**Height:** 6' 2" **Weight:** 13st 9lbs

Gerry Francis first signed Ross for QPR, on transfer deadline day in March 1999, from non league side East Ham United for whom he had scored over 40 goals in his short time with them. Within six months, Ross had forced his way into the first team at Loftus Road and made five substitute appearances in Nov/Dec 1999 before his progress was hampered by a serious back injury.

His injury prevented him from playing during the 2000/2001 campaign and he was released by QPR at the end of last season, as the club's financial problems increased. Came to Rovers on trial with his former QPR team mate Alvin Bubb and was offered a one year deal in July.

A centre forward with a powerful shot in either foot, Ross is a deceptively pacy player and his aerial ability could well cause problems for opposing defenders this season.

#### **No.14 MARTIN CAMERON**

**Born:** Dunfermline, 16 June 1978

**Height:** 6' 2" **Weight:** 14st 1lb

Joined Alloa Athletic as an eighteen year old and went on to score 48 goals in 78 starts as well as making a further 33 appearances from the bench.

His scoring record attracted the attention of a number of clubs, but Rovers stepped in with a bid of £100,000 and he

signed for Rovers on 1 July 2000.

The target man has always had ambitions of becoming a full time pro and was keen to make an impression during his first season in English football.

Began the season well and scored his first senior goal against Plymouth in the Worthington Cup. However he sustained an ankle injury at Brentford on Bank Holiday Monday, which meant him missing six weeks of the season. His season continued to be hampered by injury, though he did score a superb goal against local rivals Bristol City at Ashton Gate.

Has the potential to do well in the English game and will be hoping for an injury free season and the opportunity to prove that he can score consistently in league football. His all action style makes him a firm favourite with Rovers supporters.



#### **No.18 NATHAN ELLINGTON**

**Born:** Bradford, 2 July 1981

**Height:** 5' 10" **Weight:** 12st 11lbs

A number of Premiership clubs expressed an interest in signing Nathan from Ryman League side Walton and Hersham, before the then 17 year old signed for us in February 1999. A highly rated striker who topped the scoring charts for the

non-league side's trophy winning youth team in 1997/98, Nathan is also an accomplished athlete, having competed in the high jump, long jump and 100 and 200 metre events as a junior.

He was used mainly as a substitute during his first season with the club, but was delighted with the progress he made. Nathan scored a spectacular first league goal against Luton shortly after his debut and added a further four league goals to his total during the following campaign, even though he was, once again, used primarily as a substitute.

The departure of Jason Roberts and Jamie Cureton at the beginning of last season meant that the responsibility of goalscoring fell to this exciting young player and he didn't disappoint, ending the campaign with 18 goals to his name. Had he been able to play regularly alongside a partner who was equally adept at finding the back of the net, relegation could well have been avoided.

Rated as a tremendous prospect, his pace and strength caused a number of defenders problems last season and with his willingness to learn, he is expected to make even further progress during this season.

#### **No.22 MARK MCKEEVER**

**Born:** Derry **Height:** 5'11" **Weight:** 12st

Joined Rovers for the first time, on loan, in December 1998 and made quite an impression in his seven appearances. On his return to Sheffield Wednesday, he was still unable to make a breakthrough to the first team and spent another loan spell at Reading, where he scored two goals in seven appearances.

Mark, who began his career with Peterborough, welcomed the chance to return to the Memorial Stadium for a second loan spell and made his second debut for the club in a 0-0 draw with Notts County on 10 February 2001. An Irish U-21 International Mark is a pacy left winger, who likes to run at defenders and who is adept at set pieces.



Roger Wash

## All our **yesterdays**

### A century of clashes

Tonight we meet up once more with a club who have been regular opponents for over a century, right back to our Southern League days.

Following our brief sojourn in the Football League between 1897 and 1900 we rejoined the Southern League to find the opposition far stiffer than when we left it. Games against the Rovers proved that point as we won only once against them in our first ten meetings before slamming them 7-1 at the newly opened Kenilworth Road in October 1905.

Both clubs became founder members of Football League Division Three in 1920 with Rovers gaining the upper hand from the start, winning 2-1 at Kenilworth Road and 5-0 at Eastville in our first season together before following it up with another pair of victories in the next campaign. We finally broke our duck when Sid Reid scored the only goal of the game in the win at Kenilworth Road in 1922/23.

Matters then swung our way and we went eight seasons unbeaten at Eastville before going down 1-5 in 1930/31 and during the same period and, indeed leading up to our eventual promotion in 1937, we remained unbeaten at Kenilworth Road notching up eight victories along the way.

Among those victories was the biggest in the club's history when Rovers were seen off 12-0 on Easter Monday 1936.

Much has been written about the game, with Joe Payne scoring ten goals on his first outing at centre-forward for the club, the controversy over one of the goals and the sheer number of people professing to have seen the game when the recorded attendance was 'only' 14,296! Pity poor Rovers goalkeeper, John Ellis, who according to reports, played a blinder.

Paths did not cross again until Rovers promotion to the old Division Two in 1953, and in our first meeting for 16 years an Eastville crowd of 20,021 was treated to a goal feast with Bert Mitchell and Jesse Pye, with two, netting in a 3-3 draw.

In the following campaign a massive 30,623 were present at Eastville to see a top of the table clash with the Hatters going down 2-3 in a game that saw Terry Kelly make his debut. We gained our

revenge later in the season when Charlie Watkins, making his farewell Town appearance before emigrating, scored both goals in a 2-0 win to virtually seal our promotion to the top flight for the first time in our history.

Following our relegation five years later we met up again with the Pirates winning the game at Kenilworth Road 4-2 after going two goals down, but losing out 1-4 at Eastville where Seamus Dunne made his final appearance for the Hatters. Rovers suffered relegation at the end of the next campaign with their 0-2 defeat at Kenilworth Road late on confirming the demotion.

We followed them twelve months later and in the next season we completed the double, winning 4-2 at Kenilworth Road with John O'Rourke hitting a hat-trick, and 2-1 at Eastville where O'Rourke scored both Luton goals.

We were relegated to the old Division Four in 1965, met up with Rovers again three years later following our promotion before leaving them behind only for them to catch up again in the old Division Two in 1975 for a six season spell. During this period there was an amazing finale to a game at Kenilworth Road over Easter 1976.

With the match petering out to a dull 1-1 draw a youngster by the name of Ricky Hill was introduced to the Town fans as a substitute for his debut. With his first touch he set up Brian Chambers for a goal to put us into the lead, and with his second nonchalantly stroked the ball home to put the game beyond doubt. He then turned to walk back to the centre circle, almost in embarrassment, but was soon submerged by his team mates. A star was born!

During the period leading up to Rovers' relegation in 1981 highlights included a virtually flawless performance in a 3-1 home win in 1979/80 and a hat-trick from Brian Stein in a 4-2 victory at Eastville during the following campaign.

We then had to wait until 1992/93 before meeting up again but the two games during that campaign were instantly forgettable, as far as Luton fans were concerned, with a dull 1-1 home draw following a lacklustre 0-2 defeat on our only league trip to Twerton Park, Bath.

When we were relegated to Division Two in 1996 we joined up with Rovers once more and have



Bristol Rovers goalkeeper, Jim Eadie, smothers the ball much to the disgust of Jim Husband. Action from the Town's 1-0 win at Eastville in 1975.

now enjoyed clashes for six consecutive seasons with the Pirates gaining the upper hand especially at their new home at the Memorial Stadium. In our six trips to the Memorial Stadium we have just a solitary point to show for our troubles, gained in the 3-3 draw last season. To add to the misery of recent visits to Bristol, Julian James suffered a broken leg there in 1998 which effectively ended his playing career.

At Kenilworth we have fared only marginally bet-

ter in recent times with two wins, two (heavy) defeats and a draw from the five games played before this evening. It all started so well with a 2-1 win in 1996/97 when Dwight Marshall netted on his first appearance for seven months following his broken ankle and Tony Thorpe scoring from a very late penalty, but Rovers have scored four goals on this ground on two occasions since to begin to believe they have the 'indian sign' over us.

*Roger Wash*

## Yesterday's pages



The programme for the famous 12-0 victory over Rovers in 1936 is featured tonight. Due to Easter printing deadlines the man who made history that afternoon, 'Ten goal Payne' is not shown in the team line-up. History has shown that he was a late replacement for Bill Boyd, that he had never before played at centre forward for the first team and that his life was never likely to be the same again!

The Town had radically altered their programme in 1934 and the result was an issue to be proud of, standing comparison with anything else in the Football League.

One novel feature was an 'Attendance Barometer' where crowd size and match receipts for each game were compared with the previous season. The biggest eye opener is the size of the reserve team attendances with crowds hovering around the 3/4000 mark but, predictably, Arsenal pulling in 7,805. Elsewhere the good people of Luton could buy a Radio Receiver from A.T.Snowden, a raincoat from Lacey's for 21/- (£1.05), a sack of coke from Newbold and Martell and a new bike from Partridge's for £5/15/- (£5.75).

Intriguingly, the famous B.B.C. comedian Leonard Henry was appearing at the Grand Theatre. Is he really that old?

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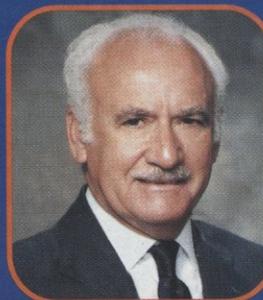


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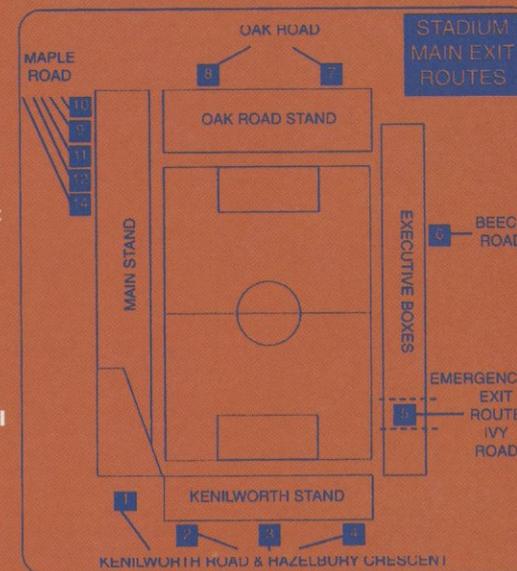
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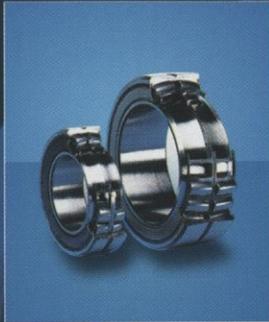
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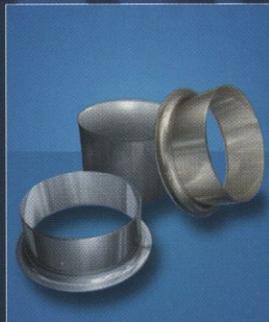


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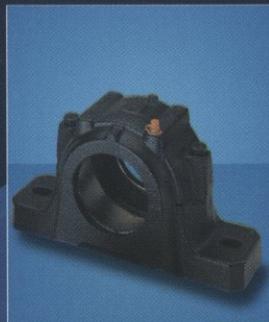
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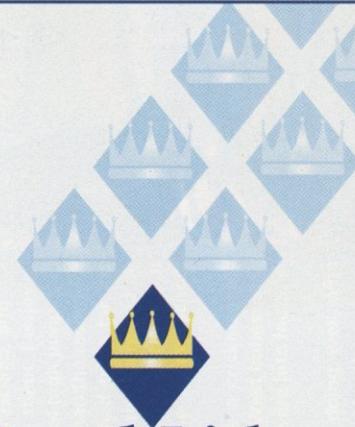
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# Top Hatter Emmerson Boyce



**Born:** Aylesbury, 24.9.79

**Joined Luton:** As a schoolboy at 15.

**Were you good at school?** Not bad – I got seven GCSEs, and my best subjects were IT and history, and I still like them. I enjoyed sport – at one time I held the records for the school high jump, and most runs in a cricket season. I think I could have had the record for sprinting as well if I had tried a little harder. I had trials for the English schools athletics team, but I was more interested in football. I began playing for Aylesbury United's under-10 team, but my mum made sure I devoted the proper time to my school lessons.

**Your boyhood ambition:** At first I wanted to be a cricketer. My family comes from Barbados and at the time the West Indies were dominating world cricket. But my elder brothers were into football, and I followed them instead.

**Why join Luton?** I was spotted while I was doing well with Aylesbury United's junior sides, and I got into the league representative team as well. I was a striker then, and got 73 goals one season. Norwich and Luton invited me to join them, and Norwich was too far away from my family, so I came to Luton instead. The coaching staff encouraged me to become a defender, and I have a lot to thank them for. I still like getting forward as well!

**Do you like to watch sport?** Yes, live or on TV, anything that's entertaining, especially football, cricket and basketball.

**Favourite relaxation?** Computers and computer games, and shopping for clothes.

**Your biggest pleasure from football?** Playing in front of a good crowd, and winning.

**Worst moments?** Relegation last season – it was dreadful.

**What will you do when you have to finish playing?** I have not thought too much about that yet, because I hope I have another 12 years or so in the game. I might think about coaching, but I don't fancy being a manager – too much stress! More likely I will go into business, perhaps in computers or IT, or perhaps own a restaurant.

**Would you still be a football fan?** Definitely. I love watching games, especially the best players. I might become an Arsenal fan, and go with my brothers to watch them.

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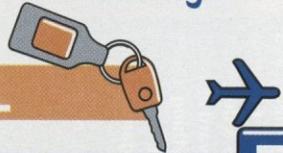
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Stuart Smith

Good evening and welcome to tonight's game. By the time you read this our first group of half term football coaching courses will be underway. The response has been very encouraging, and hopefully we will be able to build on this for future evening and holiday courses.

I would like parents and children alike to be aware of the coaching courses available at any given time, and to this end I will display the information in the Community Area of the web site at all times.

Also as a regular part of the match day magazine page I will include a table showing all the courses available, and their duration. It is possible to register for the courses before they commence, and also while they are running. All courses contain both a block booking, and a weekly payment price.

I think it is also worth mentioning that while there are a lot of companies in Luton and the surrounding areas promoting soccer courses, genuine Luton Town FC courses are the only ones that can offer you on top of excellent coaching, the added bonuses such as the opportunity of

match tickets and meeting Luton Town players. The Department are also looking at a variety of other packages, which will probably be available from the start of next season. Ideas include the following:

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These are only a few of the areas we are exploring. As is always the case, please feel free to call me and let me know if any of these ideas would be of interest to you.

As promised earlier in the article I have listed below the courses currently available.

Stuart Smith

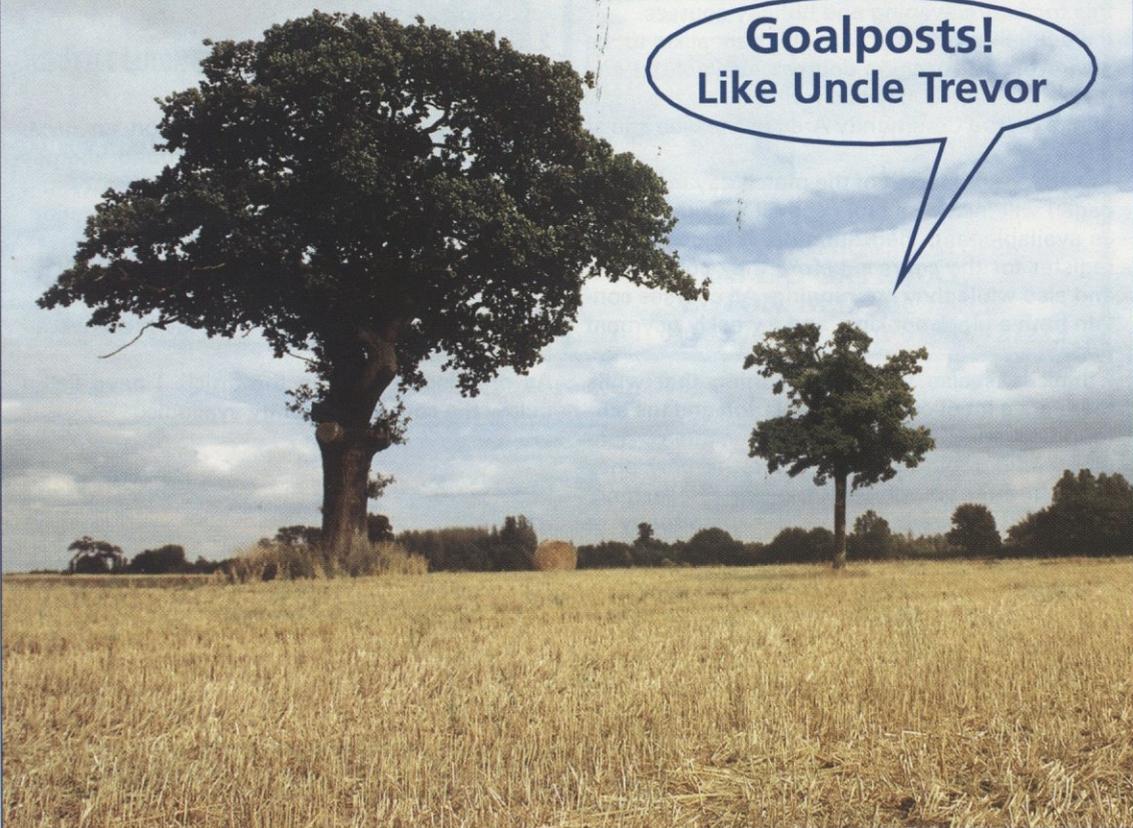
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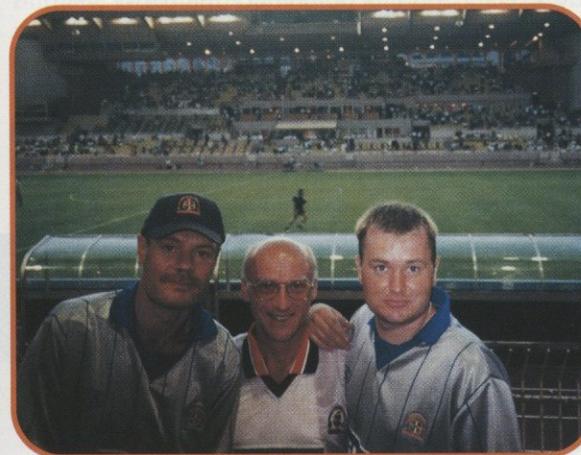
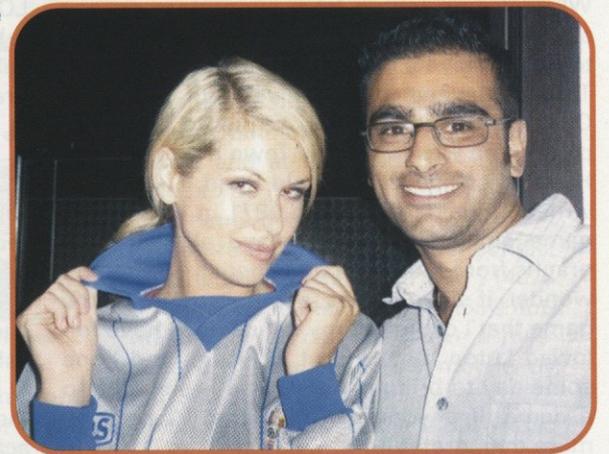
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## Hatters Abroad

ONE of the faces in this picture should be familiar to a lot of people. The photo arrived by e-mail from Town fan Nish Rughani, with this explanation:

"The picture is of myself and Krista Vendy from Neighbours, the Australian TV soap, better known as her TV character school-teacher Tess Bell. She very kindly sported my Luton shirt, for the picture, which was taken at The Elephant and Wheelbarrow pub in St Kilda, Melbourne, during my eight-month travel around Australia.

"I am 25 years old, and have been a Luton fan for over 20 years, despite moving to Birmingham at the age of two!"



WE ARE looking forward to the days when the Town play in a new 21st-century stadium, and our other picture gives a flavour of what it might be like. Three Town kits made their appearance in the magnificent Stade Louis II in Monaco. The likely lads are Gary Booth, from Kinross Crescent, Sundon Park, his brother Steven Smith, and Nigel Smith, his step-father.

They are season ticket holders in the Kenilworth Road end, and are real football fanatics - they follow the Town home and away, and also support England, and are looking forward to the summer when they are going to Japan and Korea for the World Cup, travelling with the England Supporters

Club. The photograph was taken when they were neutrals, just there to enjoy good football, when AS Monaco played FC Sochaux.

FOR THIS occasional series the matchday magazine will be pleased to receive pictures of Town fans showing their colours anywhere in the world. If you have an interesting snap of Town kit in far-off places, please send it, with a few details, to the matchday magazine editor at Luton Town FC. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want the photographs back, but please remember that with the best will in the world they sometimes go astray.

We are also pleased to hear about very young Town supporters - our "Mini-Hatters" feature will appear occasionally, and any photo of youngsters in the appropriate Hatters kit will be welcome. But again, please remember that pictures do sometimes get lost in the system, or in the post.

If you prefer, you can e-mail your items, including pictures, direct to the editor, at [brian.swain@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.swain@btinternet.com)

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## In Off The Post

WE welcome letters from supporters on any subject of interest to Town supporters, and today we have a couple of cries for help.

Tommy Devane, from Ballyskeagh, Monivea, County Galway, Ireland, wrote to say how pleased he was to see the Town doing so well. He used to live in Highfield Road, Luton, and writes: "I was a mascot in 1971 in a midweek game against Millwall. I have all the autographs from that night and cherish them, but I wonder if anyone has a programme of the game that I could get my hands on? I have followed Luton for the past 21 years, and hope some day to bring my son, who is six, over to a game. If anyone can help me, I would be more than grateful."

The match Mr Devane refers to was on March 30, 1971. Please contact him direct if you can help him.

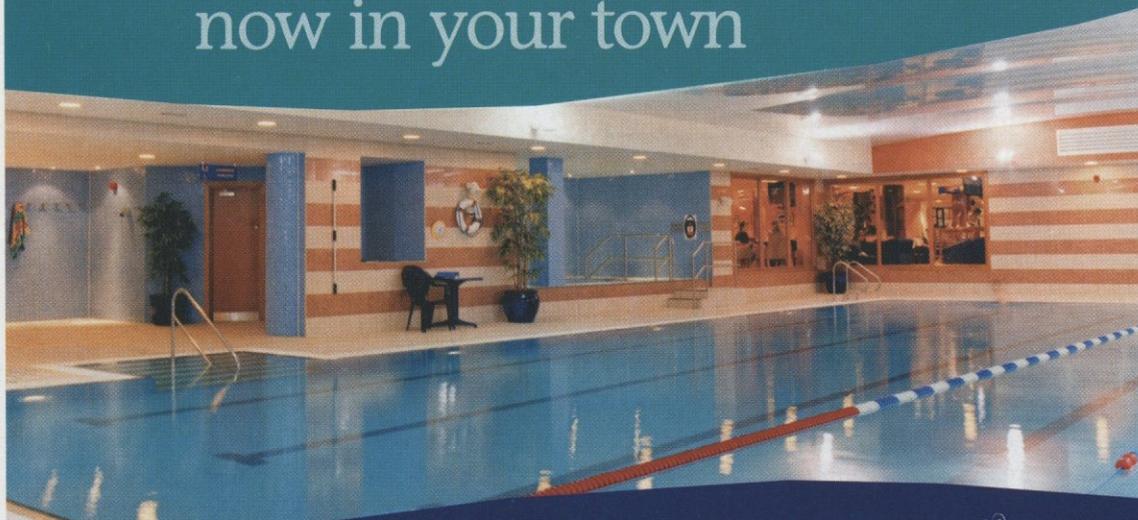
LOOKING for match tickets and Town memorabilia especially programmes from the 1958/9 season for Manchester City at home and Preston away, is J. Searle. He can be contacted at 58, Putteridge Road, Luton, LU2 8HG.

CONGRATULATIONS to Neil Rose, from Mill Hill, a season ticket holder in block C of the main stand, who has just seen his first novel go on sale. He tells us: "It is called Bagels for Breakfast, published by Piatkus Books, a well-known independent publisher (ie, not self-published).

"I have to be honest and confess that because the book is set in north-west London, the character is a Spurs fan, but I hope that doesn't prejudice my chances of sales!"

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## The Fans Scene

### Summer Soccer

HAVING won a good reputation for providing luxury travel to away games throughout the season, Town on Tour, an offshoot of Luton Town Supporters Club, is now planning its first trip across the water.

If there is enough interest to fill a coach, the plan is to take supporters to Douglas to watch the Town in the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company International Football Festival. It will run from July 21 to 27, and the Town are taking part for the first time. Other clubs involved are Burnley, Wrexham, Darlington and Rochdale, and the Isle of Man national side, which consists of enthusiastic amateurs.

Town on Tour are looking at varying options and chairman Mark Chapman said: "Because this Tournament is sponsored by the Isle of Man Steam Packet company we have managed to obtain some extremely competitive prices for group travel."

The deal will be a choice of accommodation, travel by coach from Luton and Milton Keynes to Liverpool, ferry to Douglas and transfers to hotels and guesthouses there. Tickets for the Town's matches will be included.

The cheapest deal will be with bed and breakfast at a guesthouse, for which the full package price will be £249 per person in a twin or double room, with a £30 supplement for a single.

To stay half-board at a three-crown hotel, with en-suite rooms, the price will be £289 each in a double, £339 for a single.

The top of the range package is for a five-crown hotel half board, complete with health club, swimming pool, casino and night club on site. That will cost £399 per person.

Unfortunately no child or senior citizen discounts are available, although Town on Tour hopes to be able to negotiate these if demand is sufficient



The trip will only take place if there is enough demand to fill at least one coach, and at this stage all you are asked to do if you want to go is to put your name down.

If you are interested, you can contact Mr Chapman by fax on 01296 714073 or by e-mail to [markchapman65@hotmail.com](mailto:markchapman65@hotmail.com). You can also leave a message on Town on Tour's mobile by phoning, 07960 567465.

A decision on whether or not the trip is viable will be made at the end of this month, so if you do want to go please make contact quickly. State which accommodation you want.

Exact details will be confirmed at the beginning of March, including dates and times of travel. A £100 non-refundable deposit will then be required, with the balance to be paid approximately five weeks before travel.

David Cretney, the Isle of Man's Tourism and Leisure Minister, promises that on the evidence of the first 20 tournaments, good football is just about guaranteed.

He said: "It is a welcome endorsement of this popular tournament that many of the teams clamour to return year on year, and that we are never short of newcomers wishing to take part."

"We look forward to welcoming all the players, officials and supporters, to what promises to be another week of top class football, and to enjoy the unique friendly atmosphere that the tournament has become famous for. Nine exciting matches are in prospect."

The line-up is reckoned to be the strongest for several years. On league placings, Burnley, perhaps with Steve Davis and Mitchell Thomas, are favourites to win, but Wrexham have a liking for the occasion: they achieved a record fourth tournament success last year.

Further details are available from the Isle of Man Special Events Unit website [www.visitisoleofman.com](http://www.visitisoleofman.com).

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## Youth Development

TONIGHT we feature our under-8 development squads. This is a new addition to our youth scheme, and it is our intention to select and develop an under-9 squad as well for the 2002/2003 season. We operate a number of activities to identify and recruit players into these development squads.

Stuart Smith, our Community Officer, recommends players from his activities, and our recruitment staff cover games throughout Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire and recommend players to join. Managers from junior clubs also recommend players to us, and we operate tournaments during school holidays for to give us a chance to see a lot of youngsters.

From all of these activities we select a dozen boys players to sign for Luton Town at the start of their under-9 season. Under Football League rules and regulations that is the youngest age that players can be signed by professional clubs.

We have regular fixtures – on Saturday, for instance, we were due to play Charlton Athletic at Vauxhall, and we have Arsenal, Chelsea and a tournament at Spurs coming up in the future.

Our pictures show the development squad in action

against that Spurs at White Hart Lane, and at Vauxhall, Luton, for an internal game for all our eight and nine year olds.

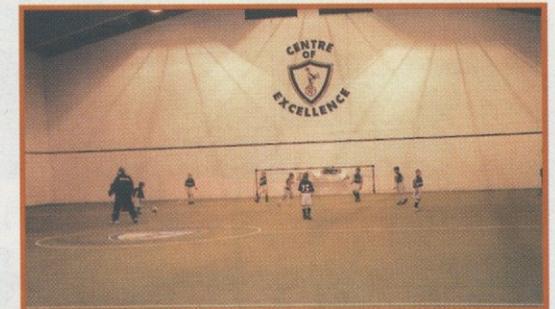
Mark Ridgway and Rob Williams are already looking ahead, working hard to ensure that we have a strong under-9 squad for next season.

There will be a change at more senior level next season. Historically we have only had one youth team playing on a Saturday, but the coaching staff and manager have decided that in future we will be operating two full-time teams in the Football League Youth Alliance, one under-19 and the other under-17.

The under-17s will be made up of 15 and 16-year-olds, and while we will be a young side Mick Harford stressed that it is important for the players to play in games where points are at stake and not just friendly games.

Currently training with us is Richard Mansell, younger brother of Lee, from Gloucester, who has been connected with us since he was spotted at 14 by Stuart White, our south west scout. We also have Raymond Ally an under-17 Republic of Ireland international on trial for a week from Kilreen Celtic FC in Cork. Daniel Wright, from Sacred Heart FC U16 is on trial, and Barry Gardiner, from Bexley has joined on trial and played in John Moore's team against Rushden and Diamonds.

*Dean Rastrick*



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## TOWN TEASER

ANOTHER LITTLE prize is on offer this evening in our Town Trivia quiz. Listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go. If you don't know the answer, it can be found elsewhere in this programme.

On Saturday we asked who scored their first-ever Luton Town goals at Scunthorpe earlier this season, and the answer was Adrian Forbes and Russ Perrett.

## THIS EVENING'S QUESTION

We lost to Bristol Rovers earlier this season, but bounced back a couple of days later with a Bank Holiday Monday home win. Who was that against, and what was the score?

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Happy Harry

## Junior Hatters

WELCOME to all young football fans in the ground this evening, especially to any who have made the journey from Bristol. We have always enjoyed visiting each other, and have made many firm friendships over the years.

We have already reported that sadly, not so many clubs in the Third Division have organisations like the Junior Hatters or the Young Pirates, but we will be having an awayday trip to Rushden and Diamonds on March 9. It is an all-ticket match, and we have only a limited allocation.

Weather permitting, there will be a penalty shoot-out contest during the interval between us and our counterparts from Rushden, and we were planning to choose our marksmen during the Saturday Club meeting before the Scunthorpe match.

Because match tickets are so scarce, with the Luton Town allocation already sold out, we are at present restricting sales for the trip to Junior Hatters only. If any are still left, they can be bought from the club shop in Kenilworth Road, which is also the place to visit for any information about our happy band. Tickets are £10, including admission to the game, and of course the trip will be fully supervised. If there are any tickets left after the sales to Junior Hatters, they will be on offer to non-members and parents, at £13, but I don't think that is likely to happen.

The only other awayday trip we have confirmed is for the last day of the season, at Shrewsbury on April 20. Again it will be an all-ticket game, but hopefully we will have a bigger allocation. We will give more details nearer the time for what we are sure will be a real celebration party!

Enjoy tonight's game, and keep shouting for the team!

*Happy Harry*

## Tonight's Mascot

WHEN names are picked out at random to be Juniors Hatters mascots, we know that the choice is bound to fall on a genuine Luton Town supporter. This evening's mascot, Holly Kemp, certainly qualifies for that description, but she has another football claim to fame, because her great grandfather was one of the few Football League referees Luton has ever produced.

I am not old enough to remember him, but there will surely be some in the crowd tonight who will recognise the name of the late Percy Stevens, who began his whistling career on the local parks nearly 70 years ago, and rose to be one of the top referees in the country.

He was a Football League ref during and after the last war, and among the big games he controlled were two war-time internationals, and the first-ever FA Amateur Cup final at Wembley.

His son, Doug Stevens, Holly's grandfather, was also a referee in the local leagues, and is now a regular spectator at Kenilworth Road.

Maybe one day Holly, of Rowelfield, Luton, will follow in the family football footsteps and become the first lady ref at a big cup final!

In the meantime, she is a Luton Town fanatic, and can be found in the New Stand at home games, sitting with her dad Peter. Aged seven, Holly goes to Someries Junior School, Luton, and when she is not shouting her head off for the Hatters she likes tennis, reading, drawing and the Brownies.

When she meets the players before kick-off today, before going onto the pitch with them, she will be particularly keen to get close to Matt Taylor, because he is her favourite.

Our ballboy this evening is more committed than the average fan. Kevin Hemsall used to live in Luton, but the family moved to Gateshead, more than 200 miles away. But that did not stop him and his dad from attending home games, and by happy chance it is half-term holiday this week, which means that Kevin could

get here tonight despite the long journey.

We have a ball girl, too, Yasmin Hickling, of Fallowfield, Luton, and if you think you have seen that name in the programme before, you're right – she plays football for Luton Belles under-10s, whose exploits are reported from time to time in this magazine.



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## Fans Scene



PLANS are now well advanced for the annual player of the season presentation evening organised jointly by Luton Town Supporters Club, and Luton Town FC.

It will follow the pattern set last May, when the new extended format was voted a huge success as the event

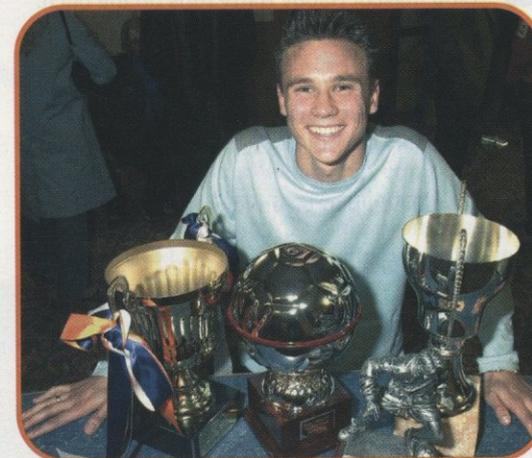
was packed out with enthusiastic supporters, despite the disappointment of relegation. The theme that night was "Here's to next year... and promotion."

This year's event will again be at the Riverside Suite of Vauxhall Recreation Centre, and it will be on Sunday, April 21, the day after the league season ends.

The Town directors, players and coaching staff will be there, and arrangements for ticket sales will be announced shortly. As usual there will be a discount for members of Luton Town Supporters Club.

If you are not already a member, today is not a bad time to pick up an application form. Join now, and not only will you qualify for the reduced price for the player of the year night, but also for the other events held by LTSC during the year. Membership also offers discounts on travel to away games, with Town on Tour. Memberships taken out now will be valid not only for the rest of this season, but for the whole of next season as well.

For more information, visit the Supporters Club kiosk in Kenilworth Road before or after any home match, or ask at the ticket office for



**STAR MAN:** Last season Matt Taylor all but swept the board as he netted four trophies – player of the year awards from the fans, the players and voters on the website, and the goal of the season prize. Voting will start soon to decide this season's winners.

an application form.

One of the benefits of LTSC membership is a regular newsletter, and the next edition will go out shortly, and will include voting forms for fans to choose who picks up the prizes at the presentation night in April.

A grand draw will be part of the night's fun, and the committee organising the event has already come up with an impressive list of prizes, topped by a colour TV and video, and a one-hour flying lesson.

If you are a Luton Town fan, come and join us!



**FORMER** chair of LTSC, Yvonne Fletcher is now the fans representative on the Town's board of directors, and she will be hosting another supporters' forum on Thursday March 14, at the Eric Morecambe Suite. Admission will be by ticket only, and we hope to have details of price and availability shortly, perhaps in time to give details in Saturday's matchday magazine.

She said: "I'm planning to ask people for their thoughts on the new stadium, and what are the issues supporters would like to discuss before plans are finalised, plus whatever other issues they'd like to raise with me."

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## Pre-Match Entertainment

This afternoon's pre-match and half time entertainment is managed by our PA announcers Justin Dealey and Steve Faulkner.

**6.45** Gates Open - music starts

### HALF TIME

**7.00** Club mascot Happy Harry runs on the pitch.

**8.35** Golden Gamble - Winning ticket picked by Luton Town Player.

**7.05** A track from the HMV album of the week

**8.40** Run down of half time scores from around the country

**7.15** The UK's No1 track - ENRIQUE IGLESIAS - HERO

**8.45** Repeat of dedications

**7.20** Team line up to be announced.

**8.50** Teams arrive back on pitch to theme song "Gimme Some Lovin".

**7.25** HMV single of the week

### 9.35 FULL TIME

**2.30** Dedications announced.

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**7.35** Town Teaser - Check out page 40 for today's question



Arndale Centre.

**7.40** Teams run out to our new song - The Blues Brothers "Gimme Some Lovin".

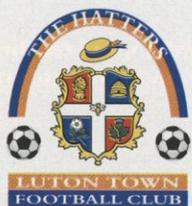
**7.43** Final run down of the teams.

**If you would like your dedication read out, please contact the Club prior to matchdays.**

**7.45** THE BIG KICK OFF

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## Our Marathon Man

SITTING in the stand to watch Luton Town is beginning to be more than usually relaxing for long-time supporter Dave Suttle. The 46-year-old headmaster is spending more and more of his leisure time pounding the streets around his home in South London in preparation for a massive challenge.

He has been chosen to carry the club's colours in the football section of the Flora London Marathon next month, and is now well into a carefully scheduled training programme, which is intended to ensure that he completes the gruelling course.

Having run one marathon before, he has been able to work out a timetable to get him to peak fitness for the race.

"I am building up steadily, increasing the time I spend on the road in each session," he said. "The plan is to be ready a fortnight before the big day, and then keep it ticking over gently, while also getting plenty of rest. I may not be the fastest runner in the world, but I am very determined that whatever happens I will complete the course."

Dave has been a Town fan since he was a boy - his late father was also a keen supporter, and first brought him to the ground 35 years ago.

Head teacher at Meridian Primary School in Greenwich, which is on the race route, Dave is

confident his school community will support him, despite the fact that most football fans in that area support Millwall or Charlton.

In his only other marathon, two years ago, Dave raised £790 for the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust through sponsorship when he completed the course in the Washington event in the USA.

Now he is collecting sponsorship promises again, and we invite Luton Town fans to back him as he



tries to raise money for two charities, the CFRT again, and our local Keech Cottage Hospice, which looks after seriously ill children.

If you would like to support either (or both!) of the good causes, please complete the coupon below and send it, with your cheque payable to the charity of your choice - the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust or Keech Cottage Hospice (or two cheques, one for

each) - to Marathon Appeal, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton LU4 8AW.

Please post-date your cheque: it will not be banked until after the marathon has been completed. Supporters whose sponsorship is conditional on Mr Suttle completing the course can be assured that their cheques will be destroyed if that happens.

### FLORA LONDON MARATHON

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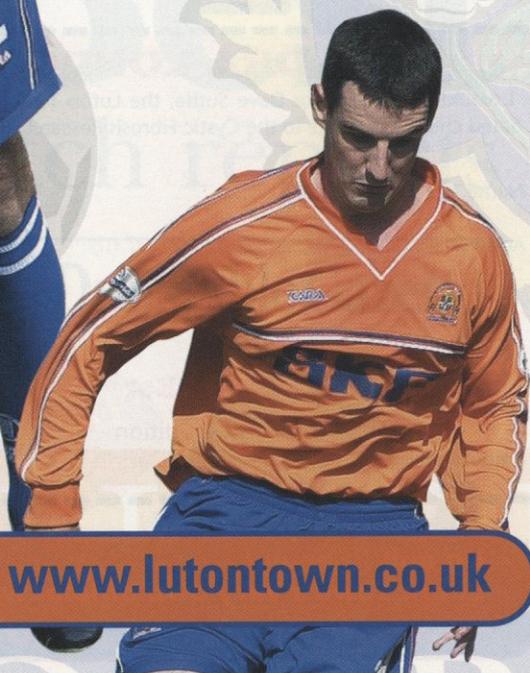


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Southend	.912
Oxford	.869
Lincoln	.217
Torquay	.326
Darlington	.302
Rochdale	.679
Swansea	.395
Shrewsbury	.351
Hull	.887
Rushden	.1,134
Hartlepool	.220
Carlisle	.356
Plymouth	.1,900

### Hatters Away

Carlisle	.1,097
Reading(WC)	.889
Bristol Rov	.761
Exeter	.712
York	.849
Orient	.2,089
Plymouth	.461
Scunthorpe	.961
Halifax	.774
Dagenham(LDV)	.330
Mansfield	.2,166
Southend(FAC)	.1,560
Macclesfield	.741
Hartlepool	.346
Oxford	.2,646
Southend	.1,710
Kidderminster	.1,096
Cheltenham	.1,597
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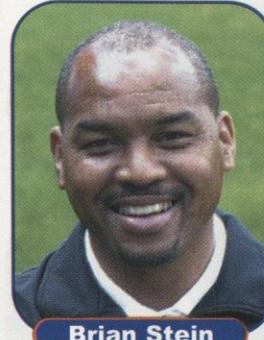
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Brian Stein

### Luton Town 5 Norwich City 1

THE ADDITION of two quality strikers led to our best win of the season in the Avon Insurance Combination, and underlined the point I have made many times to our players, and in this column, in recent months.

Against Norwich, we created perhaps half as many chances as we had done against Brentford, when we were beaten 2-0. This time we had trialists Gary McSwegan and Adolphus Ofofiele as our front two, and the 5-1 result tells you everything about the way this team performance differed from previous ones.

Both strikers, looking for the opportunity to play first team football with us, were very lively, with McSwegan scoring twice and providing the openings for the other three goals. As you know, the result was that shortly afterwards we signed him on a month's loan from Hearts, and on the evidence of this game he will be a useful acquisition. I liked the way he used his intelligence and experience. He took up good positions, always knew where to go, and picked the right options. He looked a very bright footballer, and he put through some lovely balls for Ofofiele.

Unfortunately the Nigerian was unable to complete the game because of injury, but we were hoping that he would return after treatment in Germany. He took his goals well, but should have had more. Pace is his main attribute, and he showed that if the ball was put in front of him he could worry defences and get behind people.

It was a pleasure to see the team not only create good openings, but turn five of them into goals. When you keep missing chances, as we had been doing, it gives the opposition confidence - even if you are playing them off the park they can always hope to snatch something if you let them off the hook. For a change, we did not give Norwich that luxury, and even if we will not have McSwegan and Ofofiele in the reserves too often in future I hope the rest of our players will take the lesson on board.

We had to come back from a goal down, after a good lob gave Norwich a 29th-minute lead. They were given no chance to build on that, because we came back with two goals in a minute. Lee Mansell squared a perfect pass into the box for McSwegan to pass the ball into the net for the equaliser, and then McSwegan's through-ball set up the nippy Ofofiele to go round the keeper to score.

Three goals in five minutes midway through the second half finished off Norwich. We went 3-1 up when Ofofiele used his pace on a run from the half-way line to feed McSwegan on the edge of the box. Ofofiele continued his run, and McSwegan cleverly lifted the ball over defenders for Ofofiele to control the ball on his chest before shooting in.

Ian Hillier began the move for the next goal, with the ball passed neatly from him to McSwegan and then to Peter Holmes, whose shot took a deflection to leave the goalkeeper wrong-footed. McSwegan capped an impressive display by lobbing the fifth goal.

Our team included Chris Coyne, Aaron Skelton and Paul Hughes, who all did well, and two other trialists, French defenders Sebastian Dailly and Jules Mendy. It is no great criticism of them to report that they were not as impressive as the two strikers.

**Luton Town:** Ward, Mendy (Stirling 60 mins), Dailly, Coyne, Hillier (Fraser 65 mins), Hughes, Skelton, Holmes, Mansell, Ofofiele (Murphy 70 mins), McSwegan.

WE ARE away to Cheltenham tomorrow, and our next scheduled home fixture is against Colchester next Wednesday, February 27, with a 2pm kick-off at Kenilworth Road.

**Appearances (as sub in brackets):** Fotiadis 15(1), Brennan 14, Holmes 12(1), Fraser 11(3), Mansell 9(2), Locke 8(2), Ovendale 8, Gillman 7(2), Skelton 7, George 7, Foley 7, Dryden 7, Stirling 6(3), Bruce 6, Johnson 6, Emberson 6, Hillier 6, Hughes 6, Murphy 5(7), Thomson 5(4), Osborn 5(4), Leary 5(2), Brkovic 5(1), Ward 5(1), Douglas 3(4), Dogbe 3(1), Mortara 3(1), Everitt 3, Coyne 2, Valois 2, Okai 1(2), Jeffrey 1(2), Crowe 1(1), Forbes 1, Spring 1, Perrett 1, Boyce 1, Deeny 1, McSwegan 1, Ofofiele 1, Mendy 1, Dailly 1, Ofori 1, Iagnostal 1, Hogg 1, Bouchuers 1, Djorkaeff 1, Maher 1, Hodges 1, Menetrier 1, Huck 1, Street 1, Bogaczky 1, Martin 1, Fernandez 1, Hardy 1, Davies 0(1), O'Leary 0(1), Dillon 0(1), Hall 0(1), Postan 0(1).

**Goals:** Fotiadis 8, Brennan 5(2 pens), Thomson 3, Brkovic 2, Murphy 2, Skelton 2, George 2, McSwegan 2, Ofofiele 2, Holmes 2, Locke 1, Gillman 1, Everitt 1, Bruce 1, Leary 1, Hodges 1.

Brian Stein

### Avon Insurance Combination Results and Fixtures

<b>AUG</b>	Wed 15	Barnet	A	3-0	Fotiadis 2, Hodges
	Wed 29	Millwall	H	1-0	Brennan pen
<b>SEPT</b>	Wed 12	Leyton Orient	A	3-2	George, Brkovic 2
	Thur 20	Barton (BPC)	A	5-0	Gillman, Locke, Brennan, Thomson, Fotiadis
	Wed 26	Gillingham	H	0-0	
<b>OCT</b>	Tue 2	Cardiff	A	1-2	Fotiadis
	Mon 8	QPR	H	3-3	Everitt, Brennan pen, Thomson
	Mon 15	Crystal Palace	A	0-1	
<b>NOV</b>	Wed 14	Bristol City	H	1-1	Fotiadis
	Wed 21	Cambridge(LC)	H	3-1	Skelton, Fotiadis, George
	Mon 26	Leighton Tn(BPC)	A	4-2	Brennan 2, Murphy 2
	Wed 28	Norwich(LC)	A	0-0	
<b>DEC</b>	Wed 5	Oxford	A	postponed	
	Wed 12	Swindon	H	1-0	Holmes
	Wed 19	Portsmouth	A	7pm	
<b>JAN</b>	Wed 9	Brighton	A	0-1	
	Mon 21	Wooton (BPC)	A	1-2	Thomson
	Wed 23	Bournemouth	H	2-1	Leary, Fotiadis
	Wed 30	Brentford	A	0-2	
<b>FEB</b>	Wed 6	Bristol Rov	A	1-2	Skelton
	Wed 13	Norwich	H	5-1	McSwegan 2, Ofofiele 2, Holmes
	Wed 20	Cheltenham	A	2pm	
	Wed 27	Colchester	H	2pm	
<b>MAR</b>	Wed 13	Peterborough	H	2pm	
	Wed 20	Southend	A	2pm	
	Mon 25	Cambridge	A	2pm	
<b>APRIL</b>	Wed 3	Reading	H	2pm	
	Wed 10	Northampton	H	2pm	
	Tue 16	Wycombe	H	2pm	

### AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QPR	17	10	5	2	40	17	35
Portsmouth	16	10	3	3	30	16	33
Brentford	14	9	2	3	31	20	29
Norwich	17	8	4	5	33	27	28
Crystal Palace	14	8	2	4	27	17	26
Reading	14	7	2	5	25	15	23
Millwall	14	6	5	3	24	19	23
Peterborough	17	7	2	6	26	26	23
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>
Cardiff	16	6	4	6	25	22	22
Barnet	15	7	1	7	21	22	22
Cheltenham	16	6	4	6	17	26	22
Gillingham	13	6	3	4	19	12	21
Bristol Rovers	15	6	3	6	18	18	21
Oxford	16	5	6	5	16	21	21
Leyton Orient	16	6	2	8	26	41	20
Southend	15	5	4	6	17	21	19
Wycombe	13	5	2	6	19	20	17
Colchester	18	4	5	9	23	30	17
Brighton	11	3	5	3	15	12	14
Cambridge	15	3	3	9	19	25	12
Northampton	16	2	6	8	16	31	12
Bristol City	11	2	4	5	10	17	10
Bournemouth	14	2	4	8	13	29	10
Swindon	14	2	3	9	12	21	9

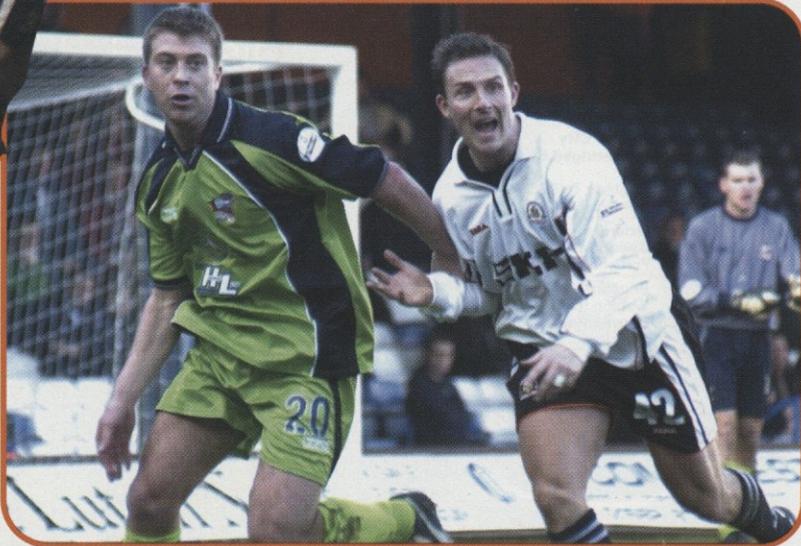
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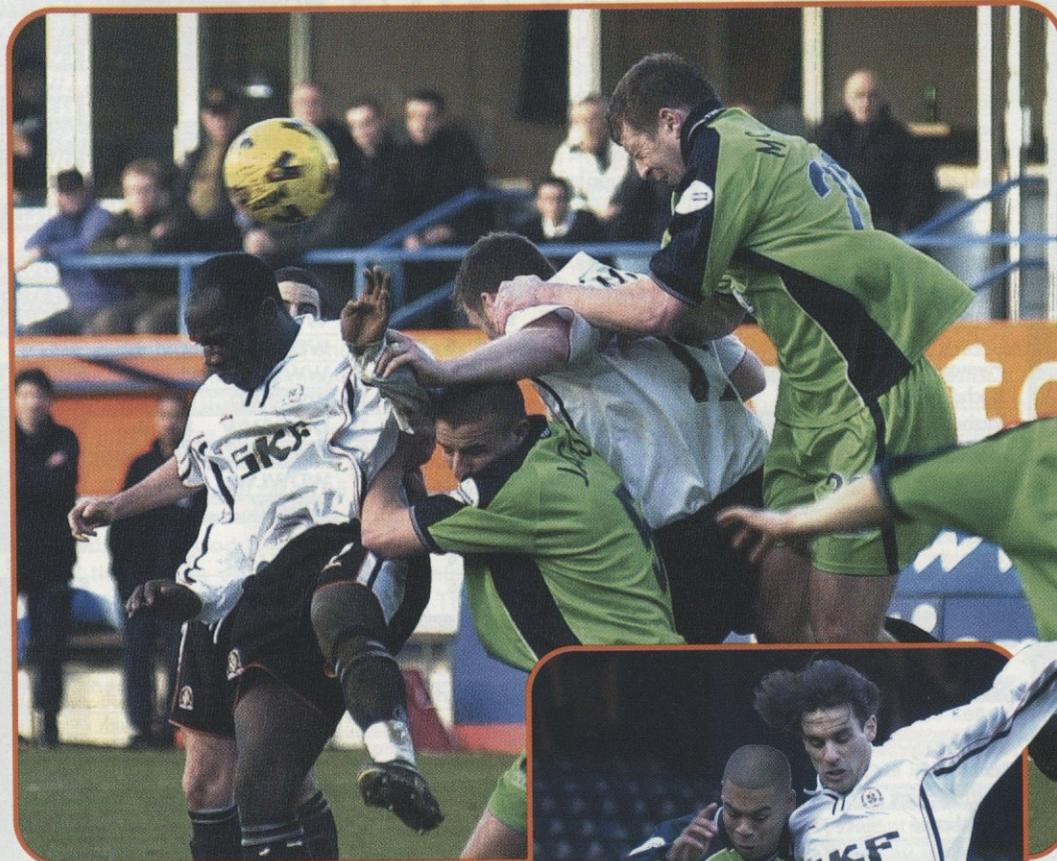


**EQUALISER:** Matt Taylor outjumps Pat McGibbon to make it 2-2 with 12 minutes to go at Kenilworth Road on Saturday.

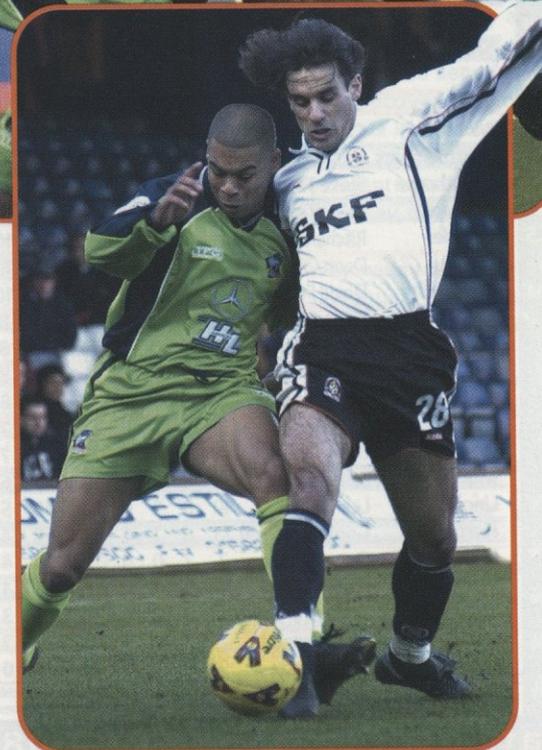
**NEW BOYS:** Gary McSwegan, on his Luton Town debut, up against Pat McGibbon, who was playing his first game for Scunthorpe after being signed on loan from Wigan.



# Photo Special



**DOUBLES GAME:** Adrian Forbes and Steve Howard battling with opposition defenders Mark Jackson and Pat McGibbon.



**DANGER MAN:** Jean-Louis Valois threatened as much as anyone for the Town, with Nathan Stanton extended in his efforts to hold the French winger.

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### Average Attendances

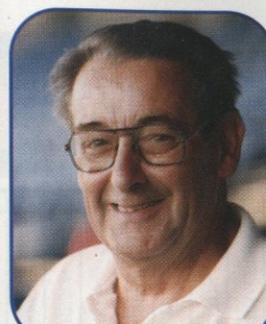
Records	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000
Average Gate 4,246	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Highest Gate 14,716	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Plymouth v Mansfield	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Lowest Gate 1,251	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Halifax v Southend	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Highest Agg Score	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Rochdale .....5	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
York .....4	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Biggest Home Win	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Scunthorpe ....7	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Darlington .....1	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Biggest Away Win	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Exeter .....0	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Scunthorpe ....4	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Consec. Wins	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Plymouth .....5	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Games Unbeaten	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				
Plymouth .....19	[Bar chart showing attendance distribution]				

### Goals - When Scored

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
BR	2	5	7	4	4	10
CU	7	10	6	6	2	4
CT	3	8	7	5	13	8
Da	2	7	6	6	11	11
EC	5	5	6	5	9	3
HT	3	6	4	3	2	5
HU	5	5	9	5	11	12
HC	5	10	6	9	8	10
Ki	4	7	4	8	5	11
LO	4	6	4	9	9	10
LC	1	6	6	5	6	9
LT	4	5	15	11	13	13
MT	3	4	7	4	6	6
MT	9	8	11	6	5	15
OU	6	6	5	10	6	9
PA	5	9	12	9	5	8
Ro	7	6	8	8	8	10
RD	6	8	8	4	5	13
SU	11	12	11	7	8	12
ST	9	3	8	7	10	11
SU	6	3	3	9	5	12
SC	9	9	6	4	6	8
TU	4	4	4	2	6	10
YC	6	3	6	7	5	10

### Form Guide: Home & Away

Home Form	most recent results to left	Away Form
LWWDW	Bristol Rovers	LDLWL
WLWWW	Carlisle	DDDWL
DDDW	Cheltenham	WWWWW
LDWWD	Darlington	LWLDL
LLDDL	Exeter	LWLWW
LLDLW	Halifax	LLLDL
WWWDW	Hartlepool	LWDL
WDWWL	Hull	DWLL
DWWLW	Kidderminster	LDLWL
DLWDW	Orient	LDLLL
LWWLW	Lincoln	LLLDL
LWDDW	Luton	LLDWW
WLWL	Macclesfield	DLLWD
WWDWL	Mansfield	WLWLW
WDDWW	Oxford	LLLDL
WWWWW	Plymouth	WWLLL
WWDWD	Rochdale	DLDWD
DWWWW	Rushden	LLLWL
DWWWL	Scunthorpe	WDLLD
WDWLW	Shrewsbury	LLDD
LDWWL	Southend	LDDDW
WWLLD	Swansea	DLLLD
DDWLL	Torquay	LDDDD
WWDDD	York	DWLL



Brian Swain

## Third Division Scene

THE pain of seeing the Town go down to their third home defeat of the season on Saturday became even worse as other results came through. Not only had Plymouth extended their lead at the top, but Mansfield had leapfrogged jumped two notches to snatch second place. The dreams of a championship coming back to Kenilworth Road for the first time in 20 years are starting to fade. We were lucky that Rushden and Diamonds did us a favour, by denying Rochdale a victory which would have taken them above the Town as well. The top teams have all been more consistent than the Town in recent weeks: out of the last seven games, Plymouth have taken 15 points, Mansfield 16 and the Town just eight. Plymouth, are now odds-on to take the title, having started the season as 16-1 chances, which rated them as no more than a mid-table team. The Town were 11-2 second favourites behind Hull. Paul Sturrock's side have rediscovered the art of nicking narrow victories. In their last seven games

they have won five and lost two, at Shrewsbury and Kenilworth Road. Since being played off the park here, they have won 1-0 at Swansea, 1-0 at home to Mansfield, and on Saturday 2-0 at bottom club Halifax. Mansfield reclaimed second place, for the first time since early December, when we were fourth, with a 4-2 home win over Darlington. Inevitably Chris Greenacre, the striker Joe Kinnear wanted to sign, was on the score sheet again, with this 25th goal of the season. Their only defeat in their last seven outings was the single-goal job at Plymouth. Rochdale held on to fourth place, and closed the gap on the Town to just one point, with a remarkable draw at Rushden. After 88 minutes of stalemate Paul Hall put the home side ahead to raise hopes that Rushden would push their way into the play-off places. But in the final minute Kevin Townson equalised with his 15th goal of the season.

This evening's visitors went down to their second consecutive defeat, 2-1 at Macclesfield, despite taking an early lead through Dutch striker Sergio Ommell. He joined in early December, and his eighth-minute tap-in looked like being a winner. But Mark Foran was sent off for his second yellow card, and David Moss's men recovered to beat the ten men with a couple of goals in the last 20 minutes.

It was Rovers' ninth away defeat of the season, and in 16 games on their ravel they have scored only nine goals, and conceded 18.

The Pirates have three away wins to their credit so far, 2-1 at Scunthorpe last August, 1-0 at Lincoln in September and 1-0 at Shrewsbury just over a month ago.

Draws were achieved at Halifax, Cheltenham, Hull and Oxford, all without a goal scored. The defeats came at Darlington, Leyton Orient, Carlisle, Exeter, Kidderminster, Rushden, Swansea, Torquay and Macclesfield.

*Brian Swain*

### Nationwide League Division Three

	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
Plymouth	33	13	1	2	29	10	8	6	3	19	13	25	70
Mansfield	32	11	3	2	36	16	7	3	6	18	17	21	60
Luton Town	32	8	4	3	28	14	9	2	6	33	28	19	57
Rochdale	33	8	7	1	28	15	7	4	6	19	22	10	56
Hull City	34	11	5	1	32	8	4	5	8	16	26	14	55
Scunthorpe	34	10	4	3	35	17	4	7	6	26	26	18	53
Shrewsbury	34	9	4	4	26	16	5	5	7	22	26	6	51
Cheltenham	30	6	8	1	25	16	7	3	5	19	18	10	50
Rushden & D	34	10	5	2	29	15	3	5	9	15	27	2	49
Hartlepool	32	9	4	4	37	17	4	3	8	10	17	13	46
Kidderminster	31	9	5	2	25	11	4	2	9	14	21	7	46
Darlington	33	9	4	3	27	15	2	4	11	16	35	-7	41
Exeter	32	5	6	6	16	24	6	2	7	17	25	-16	41
Southend	32	9	3	5	27	16	2	4	9	11	22	0	40
Swansea	34	5	6	6	18	18	5	3	9	24	34	-10	39
Oxford	34	7	5	5	28	20	2	6	9	14	25	-3	38
Bristol Rovers	32	7	4	5	23	19	3	4	9	9	18	-5	38
Macclesfield	33	5	7	19	20	4	5	7	11	21	-11	37	
Carlisle	31	7	3	5	21	13	1	8	7	14	25	-3	35
Lincoln	32	7	3	6	20	19	1	8	7	13	26	-12	35
York	31	6	4	6	15	18	3	4	8	22	34	-15	35
L. Orient	31	6	3	5	26	20	2	5	10	16	35	-13	32
Torquay	33	6	4	7	19	25	1	7	8	11	26	-21	32
Halifax	33	3	8	5	14	16	2	3	12	9	36	-29	26

### Tonight's other Third Division fixtures

- Carlisle v Torquay
- Cheltenham v Southend
- Darlington v Hartlepool
- Kidderminster v Macclesfield
- Leyton Orient v York
- Rochdale v Plymouth

### Clubs' top scorer & the points their goals have won

see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms/Gls/Gm	Pts	Run
Shrewsbury	Luke Rodgers	19	14	1	1	30	0.63	13 4
Hull	Gary Alexander	16	12	2	0	31	0.52	13 5
York	Michael Proctor	10	8	1	0	31	0.32	13 2
Mansfield	Chris Greenacre	18	12	3	0	30	0.60	12 4
Bristol Rovers	Nathan Ellington	13	7	0	2	19	0.68	12 4
Scunthorpe	Steve Torpey	12	6	3	0	28	0.43	10 1
Rochdale	Kevin Townson	12	6	3	0	29	0.41	10 3
Carlisle	Ritchie Foran	11	11	0	0	25	0.44	10 3
Luton	Dean Crowe	10	8	1	0	22	0.45	10 3
Plymouth	David Friio	8	8	0	0	30	0.27	10 2
Cheltenham	Julian Alspop	13	9	2	0	27	0.48	8 2
Oxford	Paul Moody	11	8	0	1	24	0.46	8 3
Exeter	Chris Roberts	8	4	2	0	29	0.28	8 2
Torquay	David Graham	5	5	0	0	26	0.19	8 1
Swansea	Mamady Sidibe	7	5	1	0	20	0.35	7 2
Darlington	Barry Conlon	7	5	1	0	29	0.24	7 1
Macclesfield	Lee Glover	8	6	1	0	30	0.27	6 2
Lincoln	Lee Thorpe	10	8	1	0	24	0.42	5 2
Hartlepool	Gordon Watson	13	8	1	1	21	0.62	4 3
Rushden	Onandi Lowe	7	7	0	0	13	0.54	4 3
Halifax	Paul Harsley	7	5	1	0	33	0.21	4 2
Southend	Tesfaye Bramble	6	6	0	0	29	0.21	3 2
Kidderminster	Dean Bennett	7	7	0	0	29	0.24	2 7
Orient	Steve Watts	9	5	2	0	19	0.47	0 3

### Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats

Club	Win -vs-	Defeat -vs-	PU	CS	FS
Bristol Rov	4-1 Swansea	1-3 Ornt, Rsh	29	10	13
Carlisle	6-1 Orient	0-3 Plymouth	34	10	10
Cheltenham	4-1 Maccsfield	1-5 Hull	23	12	6
Darlington	4-0 Exeter	1-7 Scunthorpe	32	8	11
Exeter	2-0 Torquay	0-4 Scun, Darl	31	9	13
Halifax	3-0 Lincoln	1-6 Oxford	27	10	17
Hartlepool	5-1 Rushden	0-3 Mansfield	26	8	10
Hull	5-1 Cheltnham	0-4 Hartlpool	30	14	10
Kidderminster	4-1 vs 3 clubs	0-4 Shrewsbury	27	12	10
Orient	5-0 Lincoln	1-6 Carlisle	37	8	8
Lincoln	3-0 Swansea	0-5 Orient	22	10	9
Luton	5-1 Torquay	1-4 Man, Mac	33	7	3
Macclesfield	4-1 Luton	0-4 Mansfield	28	7	15
Mansfield	4-0 Maccsfield	0-3 Plymouth	23	11	7
Oxford	6-1 Halifax	0-3 Ornt, Hull	28	7	12
Plymouth	3-0 vs 3 clubs	1-3 Shrewsbury	23	19	7
Rochdale	3-1 Mansfield	1-4 Kidderminster	29	12	5
Rushden	3-0 York	1-5 Hartlpool	38	12	12
Scunthorpe	7-1 Darlington	0-3 Carlisle	27	12	7
Shrewsbury	4-0 Kidderminster	0-3 Hull	25	10	7
Southend	4-1 Halifax	0-2 vs 4 clubs	28	10	10
Swansea	3-0 Exeter	1-4 Bristol Rv	29	8	14
Torquay	2-1 vs 5 clubs	1-5 Luton	39	4	13
York	3-0 Torquay	0-4 Hull	28	7	8

### Numbers

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

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Sunday 3 March, ITV Sport Channel



# Tonight's Squads

## Luton Town

1	Mark Ovendale	1
2	Aaron Skelton	2
4	Matthew Spring	4
5	Russell Perrett	5
6	Marvin Johnson	6
7	Adrian Forbes	7
8	Kevin Nicholls	8
10	Carl Griffiths	10
12	Chris Coyne	12
13	Stuart Fraser	13
14	Andrew Fotiadis	14
15	Matthew Taylor	15
16	Carl Emberson	16
17	Emmerson Boyce	17
18	Adam Locke	18
19	Steve Howard	19
20	Peter Holmes	20
24	Scott Ward	24
27	Paul Hughes	27
28	Jean Louis Valois	28
30	David Bayliss	30
32	Lee Mansell	32
33	Ian Hillier	33
34	Dean Crowe	34
35	Ahmet Brkovic	35
42	Gary McSwegan	42

## Bristol Rovers

1	Scott Howie	1
2	Carlos Lopez Sanchez	2
3	Trevor Challis	3
4	Stephen Foster	4
5	Andy Thomson	5
6	Mark Foran	6
7	Ronnie Mauge	7
8	David Hillier	8
9	Mark Walters	9
10	Kevin Gall	10
11	Ross Weare	11
12	Che Wilson	12
14	Martin Cameron	14
15	Vitalijs Astafjevs	15
16	Justin Richards	16
17	Rik Lopez	17
18	Nathan Ellington	18
19	Simon Bryant	19
20	Ryan Clarke	20
21	Lewis Hogg	21
22	Mark McKeever	22
23	Alvin Bubb	23
24	Michael Trought	24
25	Dwayne Plummer	25
27	Andrew Shore	27
28	Mark Smith	28
30	Scott Jones	30
32	David Gilroy	32
34	Sergio Ommel	34

tick if playing  tick if substitute

## Tonight's Officials

**Referee:** Peter Walton, Northamptonshire

**Assistants:** Steve Head, Buckinghamshire (yellow flag); Trevor Pollard, Norfolk (red flag)

**Fourth Official:** Ron James, Buckinghamshire

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