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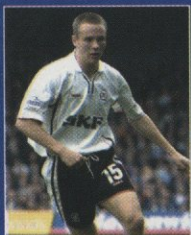
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Front Cover



MAIN MAN: Matt Taylor, who
moved up into midfield again to
play a major part in destroying
Bristol Rovers on Tuesday.

Inside Forward

WITH two defenders among three players ruled out today through suspension, Joe Kinnear this week brought in a replacement, and former Welsh international Alan Neilson could well make his Luton Town debut this afternoon.

The manager watched him in action in the reserves 3-2 win at Cheltenham on Wednesday before offering him a contract until the end of the season.

The 29-year-old played at right back, and the manager said: "He looked comfortable on the ball, and he makes it look easy, a real steady Eddie. He doesn't give the ball away and picks out the right pass."

The decision to give Neilson a contract means that the Town still have one loan vacancy, and the boss is still looking at ways of filling that, and perhaps of bringing in still more players to boost the squad for the promotion run-in.

Neilson began his career as a trainee at Newcastle, and later moved on to Southampton and Fulham. He joined Grimsby from Fulham last year, initially on loan, and has been allowed to leave Blundell Park on a free transfer.

The defender has won five Welsh international caps, as well as seven at under-21 level, and two for B internationals.

Team changes are forced on the Town today because David Bayliss, Russ Perrett and Kevin Nicholls are suspended.

The appeal against the Bayliss red card at Rochdale a couple of weeks ago has been turned down by the FA, Joe had hoped that the video evidence would prove his view of it, that the defender was trying to volley the ball, and an opponent accidentally got in the way of his boot. If the decision had gone the Town's way, it would have left Bayliss with a one-match ban, having been booked earlier in the game. Instead, he will now miss three games, starting with today's.

Nicholls and Perrett are suspended for their yellow card collections. Nicholls will also miss the match at Lincoln on Tuesday, for amassing ten cautions.

At Torquay next Saturday Bayliss will be completing his suspension, and Adrian Forbes and Steve Howard will be starting theirs, Howard for two games and Forbes for one.

Three More Bookings!

KEVIN Nicholls, David Bayliss and Ahmet Brkovic have been booked to star as guest speakers at the next meeting of Luton Town Supporters Club, on Thursday March 7, at the Eric Morecambe Suite. Kick-off will

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UNLUCKY: Ahmet Brkovic, who had a goal ruled out for offside, pictured tangling with Bristol Rovers goalkeeper Scott Howie on Tuesday. For a report and more pictures see pages 42 & 43.

be at 7.30, and admission will be by ticket only, £2 for LTSC members and £5 for others. As usual refreshment facilities will be available, and stewarded car parking at Maple Road.

Subject to availability tickets can be obtained from the LTSC kiosk today, or on Town on Tour away trips. If you become a new member of the supporters club, you will qualify for the discounted ticket price immediately.

Another meeting of interest to all supporters will be held at the same venue a week later. Yvonne Fletcher, the fans' representative on the board, will be hosting an open evening on March 14. She said: "I'm planning to ask people for their thoughts on the new stadium, and what they think are the important issues around it for supporters which they would like to discuss before plans are finalised."

"But the meeting will not be confined to that subject: I will do my best to help on whatever other issues fans might like to raise." Admission will be free and will not be restricted to LTSC members - all Town fans are welcome to turn up on the night, entrance via Maple Road.

Early Kick-off At Easter

THE home game with Mansfield Town, which could be crucial to both sides in the promotion battle, will kick-off at 12.30 on Easter Monday, April 1. The switch from the original 3pm start has been made at the request of the Police.

Brian Swain



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Joe Kinnear

The Manager

AFTER losing our way a week ago, against Scunthorpe, we were all delighted with Tuesday evening's game against Bristol Rovers, when I got what I demanded from the team: a good performance and three much-needed points to take us back into the league's top two.

It went a long way to compensating for the Scunthorpe experience, but it is very important that we do not rest on our laurels. Scunthorpe gave us a reminder that if you are not at somewhere near your best, you will suffer. Against them we were a long way short.

On Tuesday there was another more pleasant reminder: it showed what we are capable of when we put our minds to it, and there was no doubt we deserved that victory. We were much more positive and urgent, and that will be the requirement for the rest of this season.

I was pleased that we sent the fans home happy, but one good display has to be only the start of another long unbeaten run.

We have pulled Plymouth back, and while their ten-point lead will be hard to overhaul, we must keep going for it. I see no reason why we should not be positive enough to believe that in the next eight days we can collect nine points. I would dearly love to see us stay unbeaten for the rest of the season, in the 13 remaining games. Impossible? Not really, although obviously it is not an easy target. However, we have already put together runs of seven and eight games without defeat, and in football all things are possible.

There are no easy games, but while Saturday showed the worst of Luton Town, Tuesday pointed the way forward. Bristol Rovers came with a defensive plan, which is something we have to expect from a lot of visiting teams. They rarely looked like hurting us, and in the end our excellent attacking football got the result it deserved. Some of it was magnificent, and the clean sheet was a welcome bonus, helping our goal difference. Goals conceded to Scunthorpe were down to silly individual errors. On Tuesday

we eradicated them, and reaped the reward. In games we have lost, nine times out of ten it has been self-inflicted, and we must learn from that. A welcome urgency about our game was the key to victory, and we must maintain that. There was a will to win, to fight to get the ball back when we lost it, and to dominate the game. We made things happen, instead of waiting for things to happen.

On our day we are, I believe, the best footballing side in this league. The requirement is to be consistent, to produce that good form week in, week out, for the rest of the season.

If we can do that, promotion will be ours, and, who knows, perhaps the title as well.

The support on Tuesday was magnificent again, and that is very much appreciated. I had the feeling that fans understood the problems we were up against, facing a team determined to play it tight, with five at the back. It is a sign of the respect opponents have for us, and it will often call for patience, on and off the field, as we work to make the breakthrough.

We did it well on Tuesday, and while we had to wait until the second half for the vital opening goal I always felt we were going to be winners. I will be looking for another confident performance today, despite team changes which have been forced on us. Thankfully, we have a far stronger squad now than we had when I got here, so the absences should not be as devastating as they would have been a year ago.

As we approach the last lap of the season, I am still working hard to try to bring in more players. Gary McSwegan has been unlucky to pick up an injury after signing, but this week I was hoping to fill our other loan vacancy, and with luck bring in two or three more.

I have spent hours and hours talking to managers, agents and players, and I am determined to continue to strengthen the squad. With luck, there will be at least one more new face this afternoon, with others to follow.

Keep the faith, and enjoy the game.

Joe Kinnear

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Marvin Johnson

Club Captain

I SAID in my column on Tuesday that all the players had been working very hard to put things right after the poor performance against Scunthorpe, and I don't think the point could possibly have been proved better than by the way the team did its job against Bristol Rovers.

In the second half, particularly, we turned on some wonderful attacking football, and I felt Rovers were lucky to escape a heavier beating. There had been a great determination to do well, and after the inquest on the Saturday disappointment, we were mentally sharp, very well focused, and full of determination. The gaffer had made sure that's how it would be, and while we do not want to make a habit of being called in for Sunday training, we knew he was right, and thankfully it produced the desired result.

There was a massive difference between the two games: I felt that no-one did himself justice against Scunthorpe, while on Tuesday everyone involved was up for it, and on top of his game.

Matty Taylor won a lot of cheers for his attacking runs, and while he has always been considered a left back since he was in our youth team, it is beginning to look as though his best position will be further forward, in midfield, or as a left winger. He's young and enthusiastic, learning all the time, and has the sort of pace that I would hate to meet in an opponent.

But it was a game where we had stars all over the field. Personally, I was pleased to see Steve Howard have another good game, with clever work in the build-up play, and another goal. He had to come through a difficult time earlier in the season, as today's game will remind him. He took some flack after the game at York, and at one time it even seemed as if that might be his last game for Luton. Thank goodness it wasn't - it is obvious now that we need him. He has become our leading scorer and six in the last eight games have done his confidence

a power of good. You owe us a couple against York today, Howie!

I think Tuesday's game has put us back on track, and it was good to be reminded that we are capable of playing very well.

Today there will have to be changes because of suspensions, but thankfully we are now in a much better position to cover for absences than we were a year ago.

I played in the reserves at Cheltenham on Wednesday, as part of my build-up to match fitness, but there are others equally keen for their chance to get back into the league squad on a day when there will be three vacancies. Chris Coyne, Aaron Skelton, Ian Hillier and perhaps Alan Neilson will be hoping for their chance, and whoever gets in will have every reason to give everything to try to gain a regular place in the side. Needless to say, I too want to get back into the first team, and if I do I will fight hard to stay there.

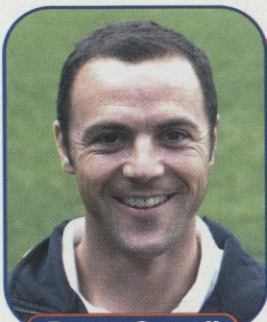
So far as our championship hopes are concerned, we accept that we need a little miracle if we are to overhaul Plymouth, but there is no reason why we should not keep trying. At the very least, we must finish in the top three, and if we keep on course for that, who knows how much we might narrow the gap on today's leaders.

We need to put three more points in the bag today, and it would be nice to complete another double. We played very well in winning at York in September, and we will have to do it again this afternoon, because York are enjoying a good spell, unbeaten in their last four, and fresh from an away win at Leyton Orient on Tuesday.

I hope Lee Nogan will be in the squad. I will be pleased to give him a welcome on his return to Luton, and share a drink with him after the game - to commiserate with him, of course, after we have put three more points in the bag!

Marvin Johnson

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Bruce Sewell

Treatment Room

WITH all players keen to be considered for places in the team, we have been fortunate that the treatment room has not

been very busy this week, with Carl Griffiths and Marvin Johnson the only seniors needing more than routine care and attention.

Griff had another scan this week as he continues to work towards recovery from his stress fracture, and at the time of writing we were awaiting the results of that. When they come in they will give us an indication of how long he will need for full rehabilitation. But for the time being he has to stay patient and accept a schedule of some treatment, some training, and work in the gym and swimming pool.

Johnson got through his first full game in a month in the reserves 3-2 win at Cheltenham on Wednesday, and he and I were pleased that there was no serious adverse reaction. He felt a few twinges after the game, which is quite normal, but just getting through the whole match was encouraging. His ankle felt fine, and his general fitness level is very good. He had a bit of a rest on Thursday, and the plan was to take another look at him yesterday before deciding when he could be considered for a return to the first team squad.

Games in the reserves are important in helping to regain match fitness, but as the club captain knows only too well, they are very different from league matches. If he is in the squad today, it will be because he and I are both 100 per cent certain that he is ready to return.

Andrew Fotiadis made his return to competitive football at Cheltenham, after being out for a couple of weeks with a knee injury, and the early signs were that he had come through the test very well. If he was still OK yesterday he was in line to be considered



TRES BIEN: Jean-Louis Valois has his ankle checked in the treatment room after another tough game against Bristol Rovers. "No problem," was the verdict of player and physio alike.

for this afternoon's squad.

So was Jean-Louis Valois, who was subbed during Tuesday's game against Bristol Rovers. That was done partly as a precaution after he was kicked on the ankle, and partly for tactical reasons as the manager wanted to change the shape of the team to push Matt Taylor further upfield. It worked for the team, and for Valois, because it turned out to be a minor injury, and he was able to go straight back into training.

Like all of our players, he is a good professional, able to make a sensible judgement about occasional aches and pains. Everyone is upbeat, and players in the team are keen to stay there, with others equally keen to stake their claims. Little niggles are part and parcel of football, but our lads are very professional in their approach towards getting into the team.

Bruce Sewell



Cherry Newbery

Club Secretary

WITH the routine of two games each week set to continue through to the middle of next month,

these are busy times at Kenilworth Road, and there has been a good feeling around the place this week following Tuesday's victory.

I would like to put on record the club's appreciation of the way the minute's silence in memory of Sir Walter Winterbottom was observed. It was, as has usually been the case on these occasions, treated impeccably by everyone, and I thought that was a great credit to our supporters.

The ticket office is very busy, with the added work caused by all-ticket matches, and thanks are due to supporters for their co-operation. We don't like all-ticket games any more than they do, but with the team going well and away support building up, some of the clubs we have yet to visit felt they had no option but to go for all-ticket arrangements.

We have had a good response for all the matches involved, and I hope that when the reservations available to season ticket holders have been dealt with, we will have tickets for the Swansea and Hull games available for general sale. Season ticket holders have until Friday March 8 to claim their tickets for those games, and any tickets left over will then be on open sale on

the following day. See page 10 for details. I had hoped that today we could give you details about tickets for the last game of the season, at Shrewsbury, but I am still waiting for information from Gay Meadow. I will advise you as soon as possible, in the programme, and through our website and the local media.

Meanwhile, season tickets are still selling steadily, and they remain on offer at pro rata prices, which give buyers a discount on the normal match day admission charges.

Meanwhile, I was delighted to see Luton Town Supporters Club's plans to run a Town on Tour trip to the Isle of Man in July, when we take part in a week-long football festival. I hope their enterprise is rewarded – it would be lovely to see a good Luton following at those games.

On the subject of the Supporters Club, don't forget that they are joining forces with the Football Club to put on the annual player of the season presentation evening at the Vauxhall Riverside Suite on Sunday April 21. Arrangements for the sale of tickets are now being finalised, and details will be given as soon as possible.

Finally, today, we have vacancies for match day stadium cleaners, to work on tidying up after matches. If you are interested, please phone me at Luton 411622.

Cherry Newbery

WE would like to offer our sympathy and condolences today to the family of John Noble, who has died at the age of 79. He was a devoted fan of Luton Town all his life. His son Tony used to work for the club, and managed the old shop when it was on the corner of Oak Road some years ago.

"It made my dad proud to see me as part of the club," he said. "On behalf of my dad, I would like to wish Luton Town the best of luck in the future, and hope they get promotion this year. They deserve it, and so does the manager."

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Ticket Prices: £10.00 adults £5.00 senior citizens & juniors.

Nationwide League Division Three

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Saturday April 6, 2002, kick-off 3pm

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Season ticket holders have until 4.00pm on Friday 8th March 2002 to claim their tickets. Any remaining tickets would go on general sale at 10.00am on Saturday 9th March 2002.

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Shrewsbury Town v Luton Town

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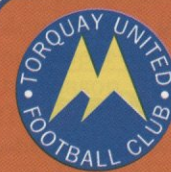
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Lincoln City v Luton Town

Tuesday February 26, 2002, kick-off 7.45pm

This match is pay on the day only for Luton supporters, with no tickets available from Kenilworth Road.

Prices: £12 adults, £8 senior citizens and students, £4 juniors.



Nationwide League Division Three

Torquay Utd v Luton Town

Saturday March 2, 2002, kick-off 3pm

This match is pay on the day only for Luton supporters, with no tickets available from Kenilworth Road.

Prices: Seating: £11 adults, £8 senior citizens, £6 juniors
Terracing: £10 adults, £7 senior citizens, £6 juniors



Nationwide League Division Three

Luton Town v Leyton Orient

Tuesday March 5, 2002, kick-off 7.45pm

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Nationwide League Division Three

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Saturday March 9, 2002, kick-off 3pm

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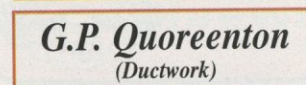
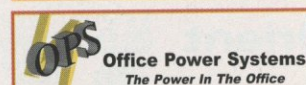
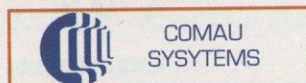
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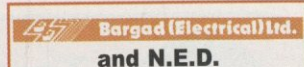
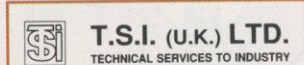
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Luton Belles

LUTON Town Belles breezed into the semi-final of the Tri-County Trophy with a hard-fought 3-0 away victory over Corby Town Ladies. Luton had the better of the first-half exchanges, with Louise Evans striking the crossbar, and there were several other near misses. The breakthrough came after 43 minutes when Sam Mather played in Rhiannon Morgan, who lifted the ball over the advancing keeper and tapped home her 15th goal of the season.

The second half was just two minutes old when Fay Howell was sent through on goal, and she kept her head to go round the keeper and mark a promising debut with a goal.

After that there was only going to be one winner and a fine team performance was rounded off by Kim Hide, who spotted the Corby keeper off her line and found the net with a Beckham type shot over the keeper from fully 35 yards.

Luton now have home advantage for the semi-final, which will be against Northampton Town or Kettering.

The under-12 squad are still clinging onto their title hopes, but things looked decidedly bleak for them at half time when they were three down to Flitwick Eagles.

In a rousing second half fightback Alice Burbury and Nicola Shepherd pulled goals back, but Luton conceded another goal on the break to go 2-4 down.

That setback would have finished off most teams, but an inspired Luton side carried on fighting, and were rewarded

when Nicola Shepherd scored again, and Natalie Burchnall equalised to complete the comeback and earn a 4-4 draw.

The following week visitors Brickhill Wanderers were swept aside 7-0, and although the quality of football left some-

thing to be desired the goals were of outstanding quality.

Two flowing passing moves were finished off by Chloe Fensome to give Luton a 2-0 half time lead, and long-range efforts from Chloe Reeves and Alice Burbury made it four. However, the pick of the goals was a gem from Nicola Shepherd, who ran from the half way line, leaving everyone trailing, to fire into the net. Inspired by that, she went on to complete a well-deserved hat-trick.

The under-10 Belles continued their good form with two wins, over Hatfield and then

Stevenage Borough.

Hatfield were crushed 10-0, with hat-tricks from Lauren Bruton and Yasmin Hickling.

Jade McEntaggart was also on target, and there were first-ever goals for Georgia Day and Shaunie Walsh. An own goal completed the scoring.

A resilient Stevenage team held out until just before half

time, when a Kelly Moss corner was tucked in by Yasmin Hickling, who then went on to score a hat-trick for the second week in succession. Jade McEntaggart rounded off a 4-0 victory.

Our under-13 squad have been hit by the weather recently, but their visit to Barking was very profitable, returning with a 6-1 victory. On the scoresheet were Michelle Byrne with a hat-trick, a brace from Holly Flynn, and Emma Wells.

Flitwick Eagles had a visit from the Belles under-14s, who ran out comfortable 7-0 victors. Fay Howell led the way with a hat-trick, Megan Scrivener scored twice and both Amy Meager and Kerry Walsh struck their first goals of the season.

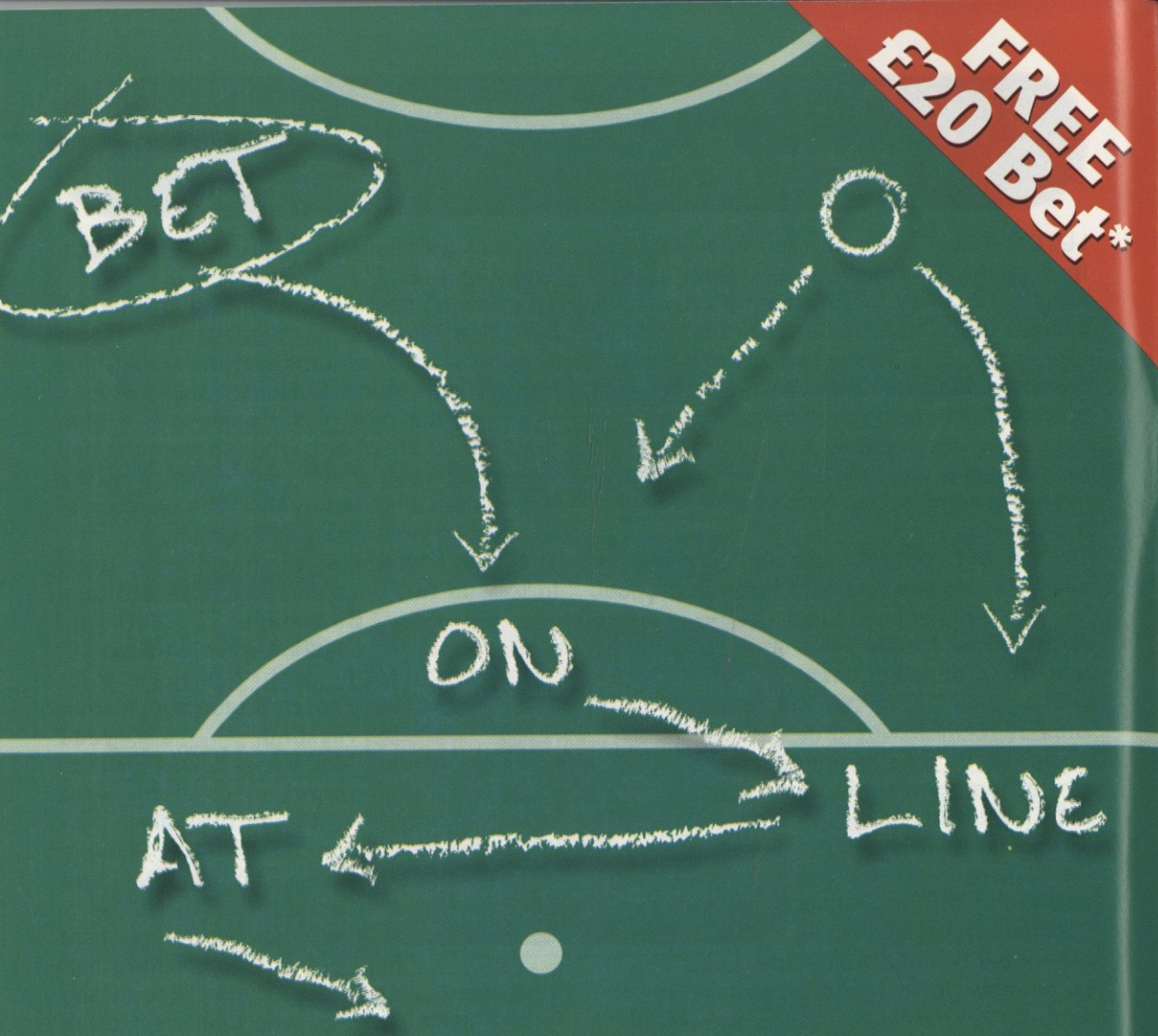
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Our other sponsors are Hays Logistics UK, and we hope they and their guests also enjoy their day with us. Mr Bacon first saw Luton Town play in September 1952. We beat Notts County 5-1, with goals by Bernard Moore (2), Jessie Pye (2) and Bert Mitchell, and Roy has been hooked ever since. He has instilled a passion for supporting Luton into his sons and grandchildren, and son Paul says: "A win today, similar to that in 1952, would really be the icing on Roy's cake!"

His happiest memories include the 1982 Division Two championship campaign, the Littlewoods Cup final of 1988, and being at Eastville, the old Bristol Rovers ground, early one Easter bank holiday Monday when Harry Haslam gave him free tickets for the game as a reward for travelling to watch an 11am kick-off with his friends.

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EIGHT-year-old Jack Cowlard is a keen Luton Town fan, like his father Pierre a season ticket holder in the Family Stand. But today he gets a much closer view of what goes on behind the scenes, because he is this afternoon's commercial mascot.

He gets VIP treatment, including joining the team in the dressing room and then going out onto the pitch with them for the pre-match rituals.

Jack lives at Akeman Close, St. Albans, and goes to Prae Wood JMI School at St. Albans, and when he is not cheering on the Hatters he likes playing rugby, for Old Albanians juniors, reading, and his PlayStation. He finds it difficult to choose his favourite footballer, but at present Dean Crowe gets the nod just ahead of Jean-Louis Valois. The trouble, of course, is that like all true supporters, he loves them all!



Jack Cowlard

Linda Layton

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the dosh from Commercial Manager Linda Layton.

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Where



26 Goals



29 Goals



9 Goals

How

Shots.....34
Headers.....18
Volleys.....9
Penalties.....3
Free Kicks.....0
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Top Scorers

Howard.....11
Croe.....10
Taylor.....8
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Spring.....5
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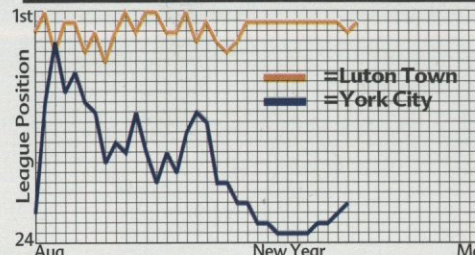
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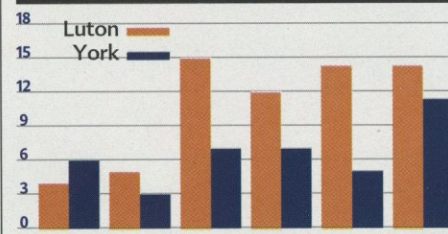
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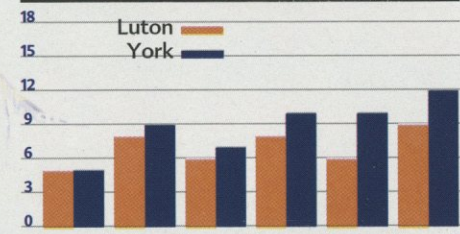
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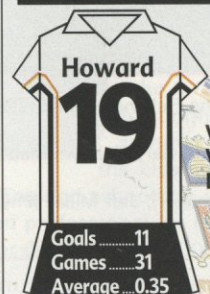
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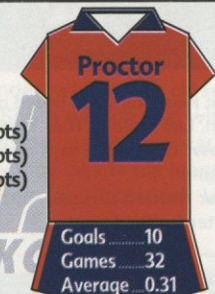
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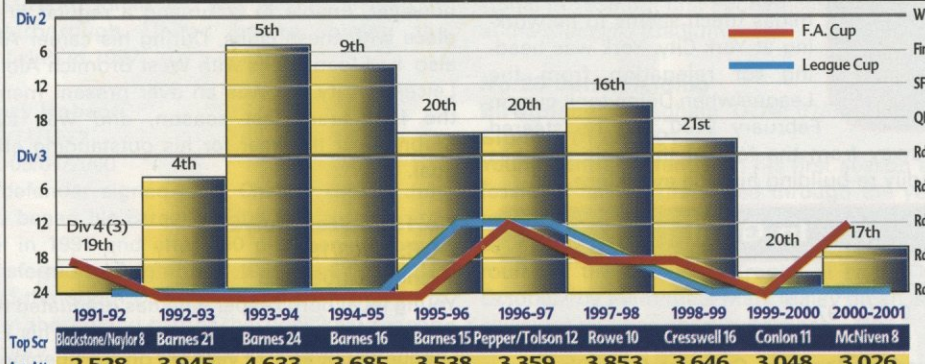
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W->D.....0 (0pts)
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2 games.....Maximum scoring run.....2 games
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Michael Proctor (York)



Goals.....10
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Average.....0.31

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Welcome to York City F.C.



Back row: Paul Stancliffe (Head of Youth Development), Marc Thompson, Chris Smith, John Fielding, Graham Potter, Nick Richardson, Lee Bullock, Alex Mathie, Brian Neaves (Asst. Youth Coach)

Middle row: Christian Fox, Darren Edmundson, Mike Basham, Alan Fettis, Russell Howarth, Gary Hobson, Matt Hocking, Neville Stamp

Front row: Richard Cooper, Chris Brass, Adie Shaw (First team coach), Terry Dolan (Manager), Jeff Miller (Physio), Lee Nogan, Peter Duffield.

Terry Dolan - Manager



Manager Terry Dolan is a man used to operating on tight budgets and turning the fortunes of struggling clubs around and his midas touch seems to be working at York City. York was heading for relegation from the League when Dolan took over in February 2000, but he steered the club away from the foot of the table and has been steadily re-building his side ever since.

In Goal

No.1 Alan Fettis

DOB: 01/02/1971

Signed: 01/03/2000

Alan moved to Bootham Crescent from Blackburn Rovers in March 2000 and made an immediate

impact keeping eight clean sheets in 13 matches. Capped for Northern Ireland 25 times, he joined Hull City from Ards in 1991 and made over 150 senior appearances for the Tigers. Transferred to Nottingham Forest in 1996 for £250,000 and to Ewood Park for £300,000 the following year he was, however, unable to command a regular first team place with these clubs. During his career Alan has also had loan spells with West Bromwich Albion and Leicester City. He was an ever present member of the first team last season, and was awarded Clubman of the Year for his outstanding efforts in goal.

No.13 Russell Howarth

DOB: 27/03/1982

Signed: 01/08/1998

Young local born keeper who has graduated through City's thriving youth system. He made his Football League debut as a 17 year old on the opening day of the 1999/2000 season and was voted the Club's



Today's Visitors



"Young Player of the Year" that term. Russell has earned international honours and has been capped for England at under 16, 17 and 18 level.

No. 27 John Collinson

Birthplace: Middlesbrough **DOB:** 04/03/1983

Signed: 01/08/2000

A talented goalkeeper, John Collinson is another of City's third year youth trainee squad to have been included in the first team squad this season, covering for the absences of Russell Howarth, when he has been on England international duty. Collinson has yet to make his debut, and has been loaned out during 2001/02 to Whitby Town and Selby Town.

In Defence



No.4 Richard Cooper

Birthplace: Nottingham

DOB: 27/09/1979

Signed: 09/05/2001

Right sided defender/midfielder who was signed from Nottingham Forest during the summer after a period on loan in the closing weeks of last season.

Former England schoolboy and youth international, he turned professional for Forest in 1996 and made his senior debut in 1999/2000.

No.5 Michael Basham

DOB: 29/09/1973

Signed: 15/03/2001

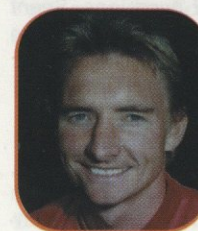
Signed from Barnet in March 2001. Former England Youth international, he served his apprenticeship with West Ham United and was with Swansea City and Peterborough United before joining the Underhill club in 1997.

No.6 Gary Hobson

DOB: 12/11/1972

Signed: 05/07/2000

Central defender signed from Chester City in July 2000. He began his career at Hull City turning professional in 1991 and after 150 plus senior games was transferred to Brighton in 1996 for £70,000. He captained the South Coast club and then moved to Chester in the second half of the 1999/2000 season. Due to injury Gary missed most of his first campaign at Bootham Crescent.



No.7 Chris Brass

DOB: 24/07/1975

Signed: 19/03/2001

Joined City from Burnley in March 2001 and was appointed Captain for the 2001/2002 season. Turned professional for the Turf Moor club in 1993 and made over 150 senior appearances, mainly at full back, for the Clarets. 'Brassy' has been ever present so far this season, playing in midfield, and scored his first league goal (from a yard!) in Saturday's impressive three-one win at Lincoln City.

Chris missed a penalty in the Worthington Cup draw with Crewe Alexandra, but no-one at the club was surprised to see him step up to smash home the first of the kicks in the shoot out. An all action player, and an excellent foil for Lee Bullock in midfield.

No.14 Christopher Smith

Birthplace: Derby **DOB:** 30/06/1981

Signed: 29/05/2001

Left sided central defender, who was a close season signing from Reading. Smith was on trial with City at the end of 2000/01, having started his career with Leeds United as a schoolboy. Made his league debut for City in the 0-3 defeat at Hartlepool United in October.

No.18 Neville Stamp

DOB: 07/07/1981

Signed: 11/10/2000

Stamp joined City from Reading early in 2000/01 after a period on trial. Left sided defender who joined his home town club as a trainee and turned professional in 1999 but first appearances were rare for him at the Madejski Stadium.

No.20 John Fielding

Birthplace: Billingham **DOB:** 07/04/1982

Signed: 01/08/2001

Young central defender in his first season as a professional having graduated through the youth system. Made his debut in the second game on 2001/02, a 3-0 win at Torquay. Became injured in the first round of the LDV Vans Trophy at Notts County in October, by team-mate Mark Maley (in an accidental collision) and has not played since.

No.26 Mark Maley

Birthplace: Newcastle **DOB:** 26/01/1981

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Signed: 27/09/2001

On loan Sunderland defender, who made his debut at Lincoln City on September 29, 2001 and is due to stay at City for the remainder of 2001/02. Maley prefers to play at right full-back, but has filled in at left back for City on a number of occasions. Spent time on loan at Blackpool and Northampton during 2000/01.

No.29 Jonathan Parkin

Birthplace: Barnsley **DOB:** 30/12/1981

Signed: 07/02/2002

SIX FOOT four inch Jonathan Parkin is currently on a one month loan from Barnsley. He can play at centre-half or centre-forward and has recently returned to Oakwell following a loan period at Hartlepool United.

He is described as a big and strong player, who misses very little in the air.

Parkin, who was signed on February 7, will be a valuable addition to the squad and may be required to play up front or in the back four.

Scored the winner on his debut away at Southend United on February 9.

In Midfield

No.2 Darren Edmondson

DOB: 01/11/1971

Signed: 22/03/2000

Darren moved to Bootham Crescent from Huddersfield Town in March 2000 on the eve of transfer deadline date. He came through the ranks at Carlisle United and signed professional in 1990, playing over 250 games for the Cumbrian side and helping them win the Third Division Championship in 1994/5. He moved to the McAlpine Stadium in 1997 for a fee of £225,000, but was never fully able to establish himself in the first team and had a loan spell with Plymouth Argyle in 1998.

No.3 Graham Potter

DOB: 0/05/1975

Signed: 27/06/2000

Former England Under 21 international who was signed during summer 2000 from West Bromwich Albion. Graham also represented his country at under 18 level and served his apprenticeship at Birmingham City turning professional in 1992. After a loan spell with Wycombe Wanderers, he moved to Stoke City for £75,000 in 1993. The left sided player was transferred to Southampton in 1996 for £250,000 and then moved to the Hawthorns the following year for a fee of £300,000. Unable to secure a first team place he had loan spells with Northampton Town and Reading before joining the Minstermen.

No.8 Lee Bullock

DOB: 22/05/1981

Signed: 01/08/1998

Now in his third season as a professional having graduated through the youth ranks. Made his senior debut in a FA Cup tie at Wrexham in 1998 and that season helped the youth side reach the 5th round of the FA Youth Cup.

No.15 Nick Richardson

DOB: 1/04/1967

Signed: 16/02/2001

Joined City from Chester City in February 2001. Nick started his career at Halifax Town in 1988 before moving to Cardiff City in 1992. He also had a short spell at Bury before signing for Chester in 1995.

No.16 Matt Hocking

DOB: 30/01/1978

Signed: 01/06/1999

Signed from Hull City in the summer of 1999 after a successful loan period. He was on Sheffield United's books as a junior before joining the Tigers in the summer of 1997 and was a first team regular during his time at Boothferry Park. Most at home in the centre of defence he has appeared, however, at right back for the Club and also in attack.

No.17 Christian Fox

DOB: 11/04/1981

Signed: 01/08/1998

A virtual ever present in the senior side in his first season as a professional in 1999/2000, he won the City Supporters Club 'Player Of The Year' award. A product of the club's youth system he was born in Aberdeen, but is eligible to play for England and has been a member of their under-16 and under-18 squads. Fox was in the City youth side that reached the 5th round of the FA Youth Cup in 1998/9. A cruciate knee ligament injury forced him to miss almost the whole of the 2000/01 campaign.

No.19 Marc Thompson

DOB: 15/01/1982

Signed: 01/08/1999

York born player who graduated through the youth ranks at City and made his Football League debut in February 2000, in Terry Dolan's second match in charge. Equally at home in defence or midfield, Thompson was voted the first recipient of the clubs 'Young Player of the Year' award as voted for by the City players in 1999/2000. Last term a series of injuries limited his senior appearances.

No.21 Aidan O'Kane

Birthplace: Belfast **DOB:** 24/11/1979

Signed: 14/08/2001

O'Kane was signed from Northern Ireland club Cliftonville at the start of 2001/02 after a spell on trial in the close season. The left-sided midfielder made his City debut in the 3-0 win at Torquay in August.

No.23 Leigh Wood

DOB: 21/05/1983

Signed: 01/08/1999

Midfielder Leigh Wood is another of the club's promising young players, who is in the third year of youth scholarship. He made his first team debut in 2000/01 in a Division Three fixture at Blackpool in January. Made five league appearances that season.

No.24 Kieran Darlow

Birthplace: Bedford **DOB:** 09/11/1982

Signed: 09/11/2001

A talented left-winger who is in his third year as a youth trainee, the same age as Scott Emmerson and Leigh Wood. Darlow made his debut against Halifax Town in April 2000 and featured in the final three games of that season. Made his first ever start for City in the 0-2 defeat at home to Scunthorpe United on November 9, 2001.

No.28 Ben Rhodes

Birthplace: York **DOB:** 02/05/1983

Signed: 01/12/2001

York born third year youth trainee who plays in centre midfield and has been known to fill in, in defence. Made his debut as a substitute in this season's league defeat at Darlington in December 2001.

Up Front

No. 9 Lee Nogan

DOB: 21/05/1969

Signed: 12/02/2001

Welsh international, he joined City from Luton Town in February 2001. Lee started his career with Oxford United turning professional in 1987 and was transferred to Watford in 1991 for £350,000, Reading in 1995 for £250,000 and Grimsby in 1997 for a fee of £170,000. Lee also had loan spells at Brentford, Southend United and Notts County before joining Darlington prior to his move to Kenilworth Road early last season. So far this term, Lee has netted three times against Torquay, Leyton Orient and Luton Town.

No.10 Peter Duffield

DOB: 04/04/1969

Signed: 01/07/2000

Signed from Darlington in the summer of 2000, he had the misfortune to break a leg in September which caused him to miss the rest of the campaign.

The striker served his apprenticeship with Middlesbrough before being transferred to Sheffield United in 1987 where he made his Football League debut. Whilst at Bramall Lane he had loan spells at Halifax, Rotherham, Blackpool, Stockport and Crewe. Peter moved to Scotland in 1993 and went to play for Hamilton Academicals, Airdrie, Raith Rovers, Morton, and Falkirk before returning south of the border to Darlington in January 1999.

No.11 Alex Mathie

DOB: 20/12/1968

Signed: 28/09/2000

Experienced striker who signed for City in September 2000 after being released by Dundee United. A Scottish Youth international he started his career with Celtic and went on to Morton before moving to Newcastle United in 1993 for £285,000. Two years later he was transferred to Ipswich Town for a fee of £500,000. He returned north of the border when Dundee paid £700,000 for his services in 1998. Alex had a spell on loan with Preston North End in 1999/2000 and in his career has netted over 100 goals. Alex's senior appearances were limited last season when he was troubled by injuries.

No.12 Michael Proctor

Birthplace: Sunderland **DOB:** 03/10/1980

Signed: 09/08/2001

Currently on loan from Sunderland. Proctor had further loan spells last season with Danish club Hvidovre and Halifax Town for whom he scored against City at Bootham Crescent. Made his City debut on the opening day of the campaign against Rushden and Diamonds and netted his first goal in the 2-1 home win over Leyton Orient on August 25.

No.22 Scott Emmerson

DOB: 10/10/1982

Signed: 01/08/2000

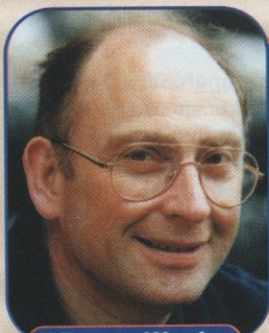
Emmerson is in his third year as a youth trainee with York City having joined from the Blackburn Rovers Centre Of Excellence as an under-16 player. Scored the winner on his Football League debut in the 1-0 win at Rochdale in February 2001.

No.25 Marc Salvati

Birthplace: Middlesbrough **DOB:** 05/03/1983

Signed: 15/09/2001

Talented midfielder who prefers to play on the right wing, now in his third year at City as a trainee. Made his first team City debut, coming on as substitute in the home game with Luton Town on September 15 (almost immediately having a goal disallowed). Started the next game at Carlisle United three days later, scoring in a 1-2 defeat.



Roger Wash

All our yesterdays

Battles with the Minstermen

In the first 110 years of our history we had come up against York City on only three occasions yet we have now clashed four times in the last six seasons.

Our first meeting took place in 1966/67 in the old Division Four during the worst season in our history. We had struggled throughout the campaign, especially away from home, but just before Easter 1967 we put together a little run of results that was hoped to see us clear of the four re-election places at the bottom.

Unfortunately, results over Easter put us back in the dogfight. Defeats home and away to Hartlepool were sandwiched around our first ever trip to Bootham Crescent where the home side were also having a disastrous campaign.

York had been relegated the previous season and were in freefall. A poor run of results and the added attraction of Leeds to the city for a rugby league encounter meant that a crowd of only 1,828, the lowest to watch the Hatters since the 1930's, turned up to see Andy Provan give the home side the lead in the 13th minute when he beat the Town's poor offside trap with ease.

Graham French equalised for the Town after 24 minutes and play remained even until just after the interval when Les Collinson put York back in front. We then chased for the equaliser but were caught out on the break by two goals in a minute from Tom Spencer and John Goodchild to put the game out of our reach.

Provan rubbed salt in the wound by scoring a fifth with three minutes left to give the scoreline a completely false look.

The return at Kenilworth Road was the last game of the season and had been carried forward from the previous January when the match had been postponed due to a waterlogged pitch. We had battled and scrapped our way up the table since our disastrous Easter but still needed a point to be absolutely free of the thoughts of needing to apply for re-election for the first time in our history.

A respectable crowd of 5,196 was present to see an expected victory, but York had not read the script and took the lead after only two minutes through John Hawksby. Gradually we clawed our way back with Brian Johnson, enjoying a rare first team

chance, having a field day on the wing and setting up goals for Keith Allen and Fred Jardine.

A Gerry Baker own goal did York no favours, before top scorer Bruce Rioch (although he had not scored since February) hit two as we avenged our earlier defeat, and sent the crowd home happy to their summer break.

York were early season visitors to Kenilworth Road in the following campaign, but this time we had started off well and had suffered only one defeat from six starts. This good start was reflected in the crowd figure which was a healthy 7,977 on a very wet day.

Our close season signing from Charlton, Rodney Green, was sidelined with a knee injury, with utility player Bill McDerment taking his place. This enforced change gave the Town a very disjointed look at the start and York were gifted the opening goal.

French was robbed of the ball and a quick counter attack saw Ted McDougall, later to score goals against far better defences than the Town's, score with ease.

To their credit the Town players hit back, and after 36 minutes Rioch surged through to score a typical goal and was then upended in the box on the hour, with Ray Whittaker slamming home the resultant penalty. Rioch then went on to score a third just before the end to put the game out of reach of the Minstermen.

The return was played in the following February, and although the Town were in fifth place in Division Four they had not won in four games and were suffering a mini crisis of confidence. York were suffering even more and were second bottom.

As far as Luton supporters were concerned the game was best forgotten as York, completely upsetting the form book, tore into the Town and took a well deserved lead through Tommy Ross just after half time.

A fortunate equaliser from Keith Allen, with 17 minutes to go, was more than the Town deserved, but matters on the field did improve with the Division Four championship being won three months later. The next pair of meetings had to wait until the 1975/76 campaign following our relegation from the old Division One. York were enjoying their second, and last, season in Division Two, but by the

time of their visit to Kenilworth Road in November 1975 they had suffered five straight defeats and were struggling.

Although we were sitting in mid-table, one win in ten weeks was not promotion form and this was reflected in an attendance of only 7,982 who turned up to see Jim Husband give us an interval lead in an unconvincing performance.

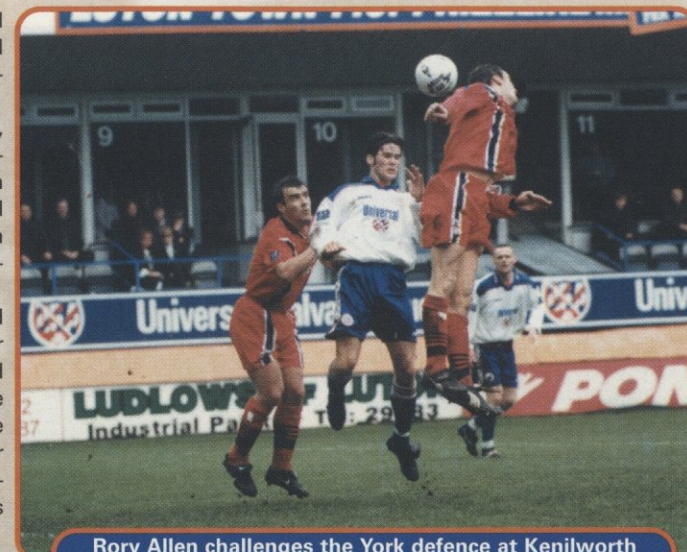
Luckily things got better in the second half, with John Aston crossing for Alan West to head home, followed quickly by an Andy King goal when he headed in a Husband centre. The scoring was completed by Peter Anderson with the eventual 4-0 scoreline emphatically ending our points drought.

By the time of the return, the following February, we were on a run that had seen us win seven games from nine starts, that had pushed us up to seventh position. York were second from bottom and had lost their last three games.

Injury problems left us with giving full debuts to Paul Price and Lil Fuccillo with the latter netting a fine solo effort in a 3-2 victory in front of a crowd of 3,132.

After a long gap we met up again in 1996 in Division Two with Dwight Marshall netting his third goal in as many games following his return from serious injury to help us to a 2-0 home win over the Minstermen.

The return was drawn 1-1 but we went one better in the next season when goals from Graham Alexander and Tony Thorpe earned us a 2-1 victory



Rory Allen challenges the York defence at Kenilworth Road in April 1998.

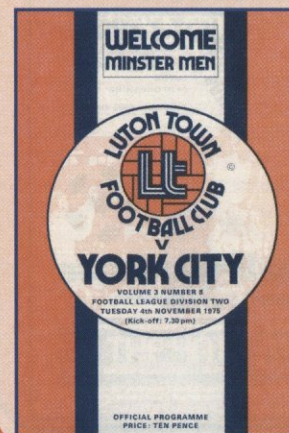
at Bootham Crescent to ease the pain of suffering four straight home defeats.

When the teams met at Kenilworth Road on April 4th 1998 we were struggling at the wrong end of the table but the home debut of loanee Rory Allen galvanised the side into an emphatic 3-0 win. Allen was not on the scoresheet that afternoon but he still netted six goals in eight games as the Town avoided the drop at the death.

The following season saw the parting of the ways until this campaign but not before an amazing 3-3 draw at Bootham Crescent was followed up with a 2-1 home win when Matthew Spring and Stuart Douglas were on the scoresheet.

Roger Wash

Yesterday's pages



For the visit of York to Kenilworth Road in November 1975 the Town produced their normal 16 page programme which was beginning to show signs of the financial pressures the club were under and which would be revealed to the shocked supporters within weeks.

Manager Harry Haslam, in his column, was hardly endearing himself to the Luton faithful by complaining of the lack of atmosphere at Kenilworth Road and then talking at length about the passion of all northern supporters in general and Sunderland in particular. I seem to recall this caused a bit of a storm at the time!

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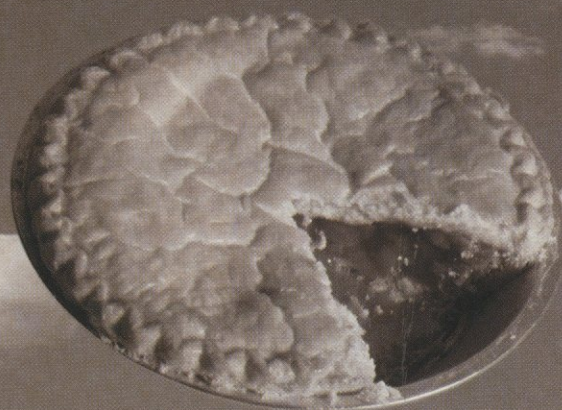
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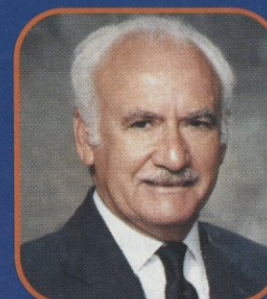
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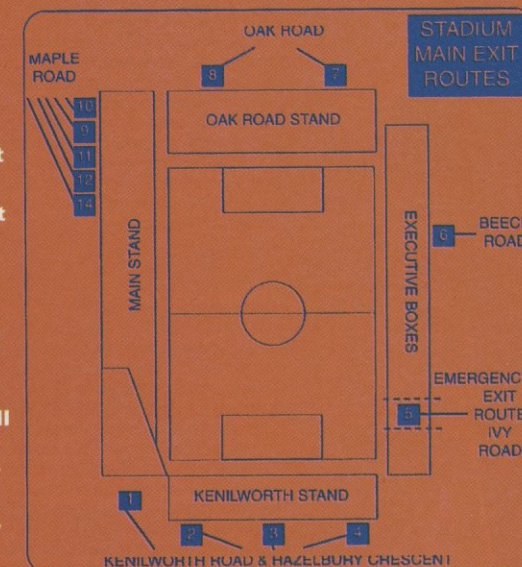
Mike Watson-Challis Chairman

Reviewed August, 2001.

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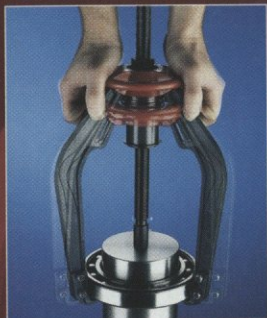
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Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.

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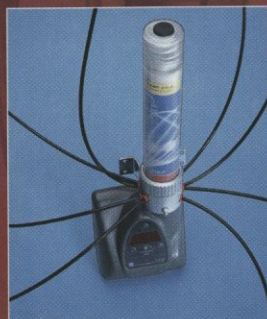
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EasyPull bearing puller

A new lightweight design of bearing jaw puller with a spring mechanism for faster gripping behind the component is reckoned to be one of the easiest and most efficient pullers currently available and has now been launched by SKF. As part of the design, a shear pin has been included, to ensure operator safety in the event of excessive force being applied.

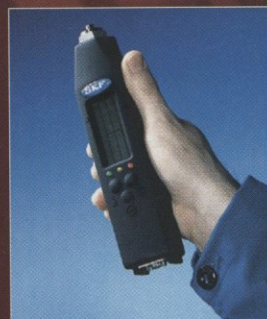
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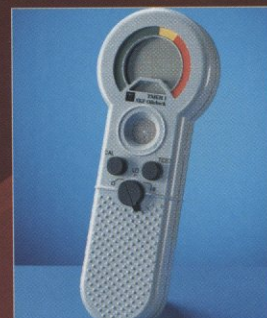


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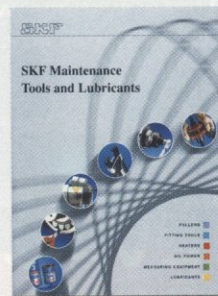
The hand-held monitoring device is a comparative instrument, which enables optimised intervals to be maintained between oil changes. It detects and measures the dielectric constant in a used oil sample, which is compared against results taken from an unused lubricant of the same type and brand.

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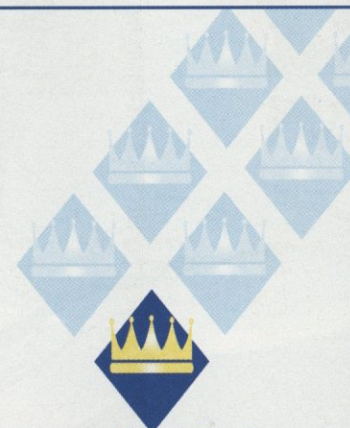
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Top Hatter Chris Coyne



Born: Brisbane, 20.12.78

Joined Luton: From Dundee, September 2001.

Were you good at school? Not too bad until my final year, when I missed two months being away with the Australian youth squad. I still qualified for university, although all I wanted to do was play professional sport. My ambition was to play cricket and football for Australia, and I never thought about any other career. Luckily, I made it at football. I got into the Aussie side for the under-17 World Cup in Ecuador, and West Ham saw me there, and signed me at 17, so while I was planning to go on to further education, it never happened.

Why join Luton? I had five years at West Ham before going to Dundee in April 2000. Things went stale for me there, with the manager picking others ahead of me, and I didn't think he was being fair to me. I was in the reserves and Mick Harford came to watch me. Luton made their offer, and I was delighted to come here – after talking to Mick and Joe Kinnear I knew this was a club with ambitions that matched mine. I am sure we will be in the Second Division next season, and hopefully up into the first the year after that.

Other sports you like playing? Cricket and golf – I'm not bad at both. I go back

to Aussie in the summer, and although it is winter there it's still warm enough to play cricket, and I enjoy that. And I like watching all sports, live or on TV.

Is there anything you would like to change in football? Not really, except that I wish we could have more consistency in refereeing.

The highlight of your football career so far? Playing for my country, at under-17 level and then 13 times for the under-23s, leading up to the Sydney Olympics. In the youth World Cup we were beaten by Brazil in the quarter-finals – we played them off the park, hit the woodwork twice, and were more than worth a 1-1 result until they scored twice in the last few minutes.

Disappointments? Being in the 22-man squad for the Olympics, but not making the final 18. My other disappointment was getting only one start in my time at West Ham. But they had some tremendous defenders so I couldn't complain about it.

Are you a family man? Very much so. I'm married to Rebecca, and we have our first child, Kieran, who was born in December. He's a big boy already!

What will you do when your playing days are over? Go back to Aussie and take up coaching. I would love to be in this game for the rest of my life – if I could keep playing till I was 50 or 60 I would. I love the job!

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Football in the Community



I START today with some excellent news. The Community Department has again been asked to join forces with the Pasque Hospice to run their annual six-a-side charity tournament. It will be on June 16 at Barnfield College, and is part of their annual Midsummer Show. The tournament will be outdoors, for age-groups under-8, under-9, under-10, under-11 and under-12. This year, for the first time, there will also be a girls' tournament. As I am unsure of the response we will receive, there will only be one age group for the young ladies this year and I will take advice as to what that should be.

I know there is a fantastic interest in this town for girls and ladies football, so if the girls' tournament is a success this year I will extend it into other age groups next year. Rest assured though, ladies, those of you not covered by the age limits on the Pasque tournament will have your chance because I am setting up tournaments for you in the not too distant future. So here is an invitation, please ring me and tell me what age groups you want to see catered for. I will organise events for the best supported age groups first.

Just to tell you a little more about the Pasque

Tournament and the Summer Show. As well as the football, the show offers a vast array of sideshows and family entertainment. The event is run totally by volunteers, and all profits go to the Pasque Hospice, which as I am sure you are all aware is a local cause that needs and deserves our support at the moment.

Last year approximately 70 teams entered the tournament, and this year I expect the number to increase. This is rapidly becoming the largest tournament of its kind in the area, and consequently the standard of football played reflects that.

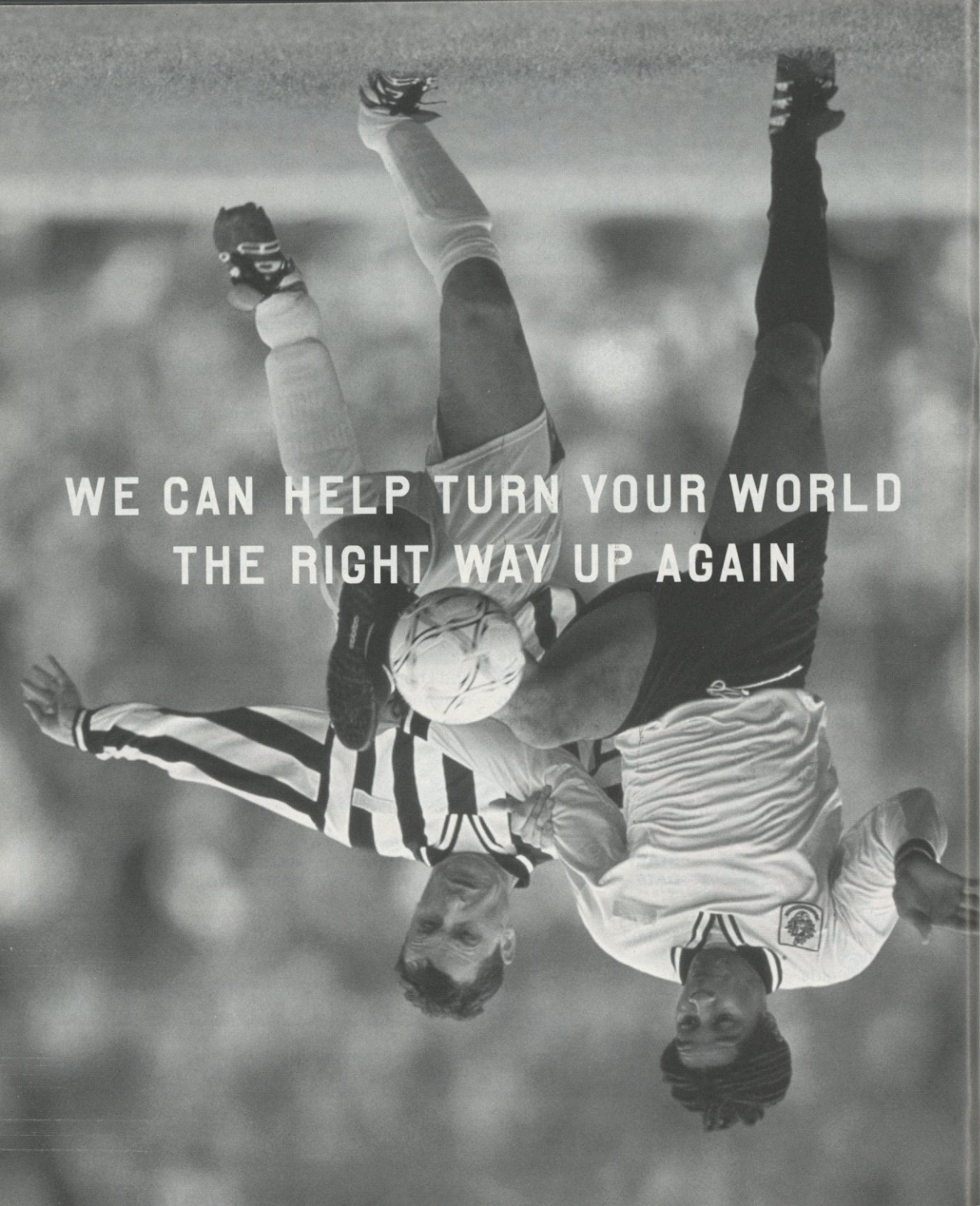
To enter the tournament this year will cost £20.00 per team. Cheques need to be made payable to the Pasque Hospice. All you need to do to enter is to ring or write to me at the ground, giving the number of teams you wish to put in, what age group, the team's name, a contact name, number and address for each team and the team or club's Beds FA affiliation number.

Those who participated last year had a great day, and I hope to see you all back again this year. In the meantime below is the list of football coaching courses we are currently running. If you want to participate in any of them, please give me a call on Luton 411622.

Stuart Smith

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Luton Regional Sports Centre Boys & Girls	5 - 6	25/2/02	Mon 4 - 5pm	10	10	£20.00 full or £2.50pw
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Hatters Abroad

WHILE we are always pleased to see Spring blooming at Kenilworth Road (ho-ho-ho!), we couldn't resist this memory of Christmas, which has just arrived in the editor's office. The picture was taken in Lapland, and Santa Claus is looking suitably impressed by his well-dressed visitors, with Luton Town scarves and hats well in evidence.

The full line-up is Vicky Greaves, with her daughter Abi and friend Rhea, Santa, and a couple of his little helpers. Stuart Greaves, from Ashprington, Devon, sent in the picture and wonders if this is the closest a Luton Town scarf has ever got to the Arctic Circle.

Stuart expects to be at today's match as usual - he regularly makes the 400-mile round trip to watch the team he has been supporting since before he moved to Devon a couple of years ago, from Stevenage. This is his best season for following the Town since then, thanks to Plymouth, Exeter and Torquay all being in the same division.



FOR THIS occasional series we are pleased to receive pictures of Town colours anywhere in the world. If you have an interesting snap of Hatters gear in far-off places, please send it, with a few details, to the 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. If you prefer, you can e-mail your items, including pictures, direct to the editor, at brian.swain@btinternet.com

Hatters on the Isle of Man

YOU need to put your name down quickly if you fancy an organised trip to the Isle of Man in July to see the Town take part in a seven-day football tournament. Town on Tour, the Luton Town Supporters Club division which provides transport to all away games, will offer a package tour deal if there is enough interest to justify it.

The international Festival of Football, from July 21 to 27, will also feature Burnley, Wrexham, Darlington and Rochdale, and the Isle of Man national side.

Town on Tour have done a deal with the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, which sponsors the competition, and if there are enough customers

to fill a coach, the trip will be on. Prices range from £249 in a bed and breakfast guesthouse, to £289 half board in a three-crown hotel and £399 in a five-crown luxury hotel.

A decision on whether the trip is viable will be taken in a week or so. At this stage all you are asked to do if you want to go is to put your name down. Contact LTSC chairman Mark Chapman by fax on 01296 714073 or by e-mail to markchapman65@hotmail.com. You can also leave a message on Town on Tour's mobile by phoning, 07960 567465. Details will be confirmed at the beginning of March, when a non-refundable £100 deposit will become payable.

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For Lincoln, the Bobbers Travel Club will leave Cranfield at 2pm, picking up at various villages on the way into Luton before departing from the ground at 3pm. The fare is £12, £10 for junior and senior citizens. Town on Tour is part of the Luton Town Supporters Club, and offers its best deals to LTSC members. The ToT coaches will leave Maple Road car park at 3pm and will pick up at Milton Keynes Coachway 20 minutes later. Fares are £12 for members, £11 for junior and senior citizen members and £13 for others.

For the long ride to Torquay, Town on Tour will set off at 8am, and the fares are £16 adult members of LTSC, £14 concessions and £18 for others. You can, of course, join the Supporters Club when you make your booking, and qualify immediately for the discount.

The Bobbers will leave Luton at 8.30am for Torquay, having started their village run from Cranfield an hour earlier. Fares are £17 adults, £13.50 concessions.

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.

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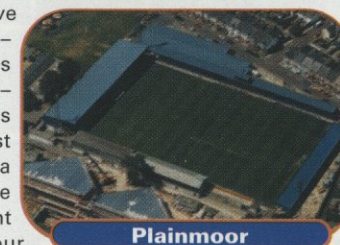
IT'S A long drive to Torquay – about 500 miles there and back – but at least it is usually fast motoring on a Saturday. There are two decent routes, and our man reckons to do the trip in four hours at most.

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.

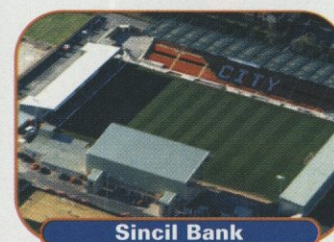
Go past Kingkerswell and at the next roundabout take the first exit, signposted towards Torquay and Teignmouth. This puts you on Riviera Way, and after a mile take a left turn, signposted towards Teignmouth into Hele Road. The last time we were there, Plainmoor was signposted, but essentially all you 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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YOU can drive to Lincoln in about two hours if you get a clear run. You can either go up M1 to Nottingham, and then turn off at junction 24 to go around Nottingham

to pick up the A46 to Newark. Our man prefers the A1 route: leave Luton on the A505 through Hitchin and on towards Baldock, to join the A1 going north past Stamford and Grantham to Newark

Whichever route you take, from Newark follow the A46 to Lincoln.

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

THE Bobbers Travel Club and Luton Town Supporters Club both have kiosks in Kenilworth Road which are manned on match days, where seats can be booked to travel to away games. At other times Town on Tour seats are sold at the club shop, or via their mobile phone on 07960 567465. Bobbers Travel Club bookings can be made on the phone to Paul Deason on 01234 750996.

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TODAY we concentrate on some of the young players in our youth development scheme who hope to become full-time scholars (previously YTS boys) at Luton Town in five or six years time, when they leave school.

They are 23 boys who are registered in two squads, one under-10 and the other under-11. All of them come from within an hour's travelling time of Luton, which is now the official method which determines which clubs can recruit from which areas.

Some of the young players in these squads have been with us for up to two years, training weekly and playing games during school holidays and at other times on occasional Saturday mornings.

At the start of this season these two squads became committed to Luton Town, and they play matches in a programme organised by the Football League. The opposition is regionalised, and provides 24 games per season on Sunday mornings. Dean Cole, from Borehamwood, the under-10s manager, said: "I have been pleased with the way the players have settled into this level of football. We have seen some good individual and team per-



formances from the young players, and the early signs have been very encouraging."

Our current under-10 squad is: James Attfield, Samuel Barker, Niall Williams, Aidan Quinn, Lewis Gentilella, Brent Wisson, Edward Matthews, Matthew Long, Robert Keogh, Lee Hodson, Jack Walker, Callum Auld, Ashley Deeney, Thomas Anstee and Marcus Fox.

The under-11s are: Shane Bush, Charlie Sparks, Mark Farthing, Joshua Cranwell, Callum Winn, Perry Steadman, Lewis Ferrell, Kyle Forster, Joshua Bickerstaff, Harry Atkins and Eric Carpenter.

Pete Bull, their manager, said: "I have enjoyed working with a good group of young players who have a spirit and willingness to learn and do well. As a group of youngsters they have set high standards in their games so far, with some excellent performances."

These squads are preparing for a tournament that we have been invited to in Scotland during the first week of the Easter holiday. We will be staying and training at the Inverclyde National Sports Centre in Largs, on the Ayrshire coast, and we have arranged games against boys from Glasgow's most famous clubs, Rangers and Celtic. It will be valuable experience for the lads.

Dean Rastrick



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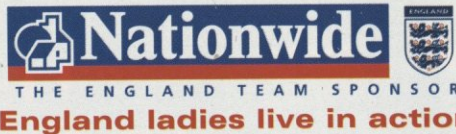
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TOWN TEASER

FREE match tickets are on offer this afternoon to one lucky fan 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 Tuesday we asked about the victory which saw us bounce back after losing to Bristol Rovers at the Memorial Ground. The answer was that we beat Southend 2-0.

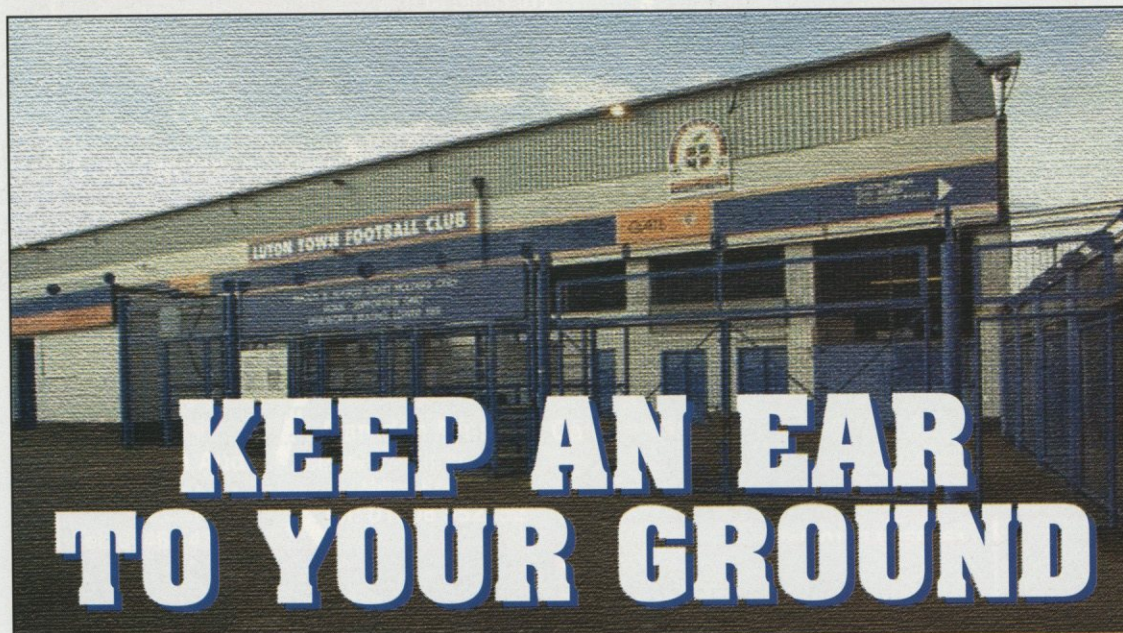
TODAY'S QUESTION

We beat York City 2-1 at Bootham Crescent earlier this season. Who scored his first-ever Luton Town goal in that game?



Nationwide Building Society are proud to sponsor the England Women's team as they continue their qualifying campaign for the 2003 World Cup in China. England face European Champions Germany, Holland and Portugal in this exciting qualifying group.

Having drawn games with both Portugal and Holland, and suffered a defeat at the hands of the Germans; the forthcoming fixture against Portugal on Sunday 24th February will prove thrilling as the ladies prepare to secure their place in the finals. Nationwide Division 1 Club Portsmouth will host the game at their Fratton Park ground. The game kicks off at 5.30pm. Show your support by calling the ticket hotline on 0239 261877 to see the ladies live or catch the action on Sky Sports.



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Happy Harry

Junior Hatters

UNFORTUNATELY we have some disappointing news for a lot of Junior Hatters today. Our next away trip is to Rushden on March 9, and demand for seats on the coach has far outstripped supply. It is an all-ticket game, and already a sell-out. Our allocation was taken up rapidly, and I am sorry that we cannot take all who wanted to go.

We have opened a reserve list and if there are any cancellations those on the top of that list will get first chance of the spare tickets. You can add your name at the club shop, but obviously we cannot be too optimistic on your behalf.

It's a shame, because not even parents can go to the game with their Junior Hatters sons and daughters, and we can only apologise for the circumstances which are beyond our control.

Unfortunately we are unable to run coaches to the next two away games – the Lincoln match is on Tuesday evening, while Torquay have no facilities for entertaining clubs like ours.

Those who do go to Rushden are guaranteed a god day out. Bring your football boots and Luton Town strip, because we will be playing matches with our counterparts at Rushden, and will also have a penalty shoot-out competition with them. Rushden have invited us to have a mascot at the game, and we will draw a name out of the hat during the coach journey. We held a competition at last week's Saturday Club to decide our team for the shoot-out, and the penalty-takers will be Paul Punter, Thomas Finch, Thomas Miller and Carl Gudgeon. Our goalkeepers will be George Shiels and Mike Iacono.

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

Happy Harry



VIP MEETING: Two mascots were on duty for the game against Scunthorpe, and pictured with the referee, match officials and skippers before kick-off are eight-year-old Jessie-May Craig, who did the honours for the Junior Hatters, and Matthew Thompsett, who was the commercial mascot.

Today's Mascot

KEEN Junior Hatter Jonathan Allan will be nine in a few weeks time, so he thought it was a lovely early birthday present when his name was picked out of the computerised drum to be this afternoon's mascot. He lives at Greenway, Campton, and goes to Campton Lower School, and is part of a real Luton Town family – he comes to games with his mum, dad and brother.

Today will be one to remember: he will meet the players in the dressing room, including his favourite, Dean Crowe, before joining them on the pitch for the warm-up, kick-about and toss of the coin for choice of ends.



Not surprisingly Jonathan puts football at the top of his list of hobbies, with swimming his second favourite. He plays football for Shefford Saints under-9s.

Today's ball boys are Nicholas Taylor, from Raphael Close, Shenley, and Jamie Ryman-Tubb, from Evesham Close, Wellingborough.

If you would like to join the Junior Hatters, call the Club Shop on: 01582 411622



Action Replay



Luton Town 3 Bristol Rovers 0 (HT 0-0)

THE BAD memories from Saturday's home defeat against Scunthorpe were buried by an avalanche of good football on Tuesday, when a very defensive visiting side held out for 47 minutes before being destroyed, mainly by the pace and power of Matt Taylor and Adrian Forbes down the left wing. The Town produced sparkling attacking football, and Rovers had no answer to it after their game plan was wrecked by Steve Howard's 11th goal of the season two minutes after the break.

That unlocked the game, with the Bristol Rovers formation of five centre-halves at the back having to be changed to a more positive line-up, and that in turn led to the Town stamping their authority on proceedings even more.

"Those two on Luton's left had serious pace, and we struggled to cope with it," admitted Rovers manager Garry Thompson. He added that his formation was forced on him by a long injury list, so he was hardly delighted to see defender Steve Foster earn a three-match suspension for a "professional foul" on Howard which led to the third goal, a penalty by Kevin Nicholls, and left Rovers with ten men for the last 14 minutes.

The Town were already well in command before then, with Chris Coyne heading his first goal for the club on 65 minutes.

Joe Kinnear was delighted to see his men respond to some blunt talking following the Scunthorpe debacle. This time, he said, there was an urgency and will to win running right through the team, and if those ingredients can be included in the 13

remaining games, we could yet get back into championship contention.

A tall order, perhaps, but the Town gave us all a reminder that on their day they can be irresistible, and better teams than Rovers will find them impossible to hold on that form.

The visitors' game plan was one we have seen from others: defend in numbers and hope for a chance or two on the break. It nearly succeeded in the first half. A thundering drive by Taylor came back off a post as a succession of Town raids threatened more than they achieved. But Rovers might have snatched a lead just before the break – Nathan Ellington was a yard or two away from his 20th goal of the season with a 25-yarder, and Carl Emberson had to save with his legs when Sergio Ommel burst clear down the middle.

The Town's bright second-half opening wrecked Rovers' plans, and after Ahmet Brkovic had seen a goal ruled out for offside Thompson made a double substitution to switch to 4-4-2. Veteran Mark Walters was sent on, and his first touch was a cracking 20-yard free kick which Emberson athletically tipped over the bar to prevent an equaliser. The Town's substitutions had a greater effect. Jean-Louis Valois was playing with an ankle strapped up, and was replaced by Coyne after 30 minutes. That released Taylor to operate further upfield, and he and Forbes, who replaced Dean Crowe for the second half, terrorised Bristol's right flank from then on.

Match Details

Luton Town: Emberson; Boyce, Perrett, Bayliss, Taylor; Brkovic, Spring, Nicholls, Valois (Coyne 30 mins); Howard, Crowe (Forbes HT).

Unused subs: Ovendale, Skelton, McSwegan.

Booked: Howard for dissent.

Bristol Rovers: Howie; Smith, Foran (Walters 59 mins), Thomson, Foster, Jones; Hogg (McKeever 59 mins), Wilson, Plummer; Ellington, Ommel.

Unused subs: Greaves, Bubb, Lopez.

Booked: Lewis Hogg and Mark Walters, both for fouls on livewire Matt Taylor.

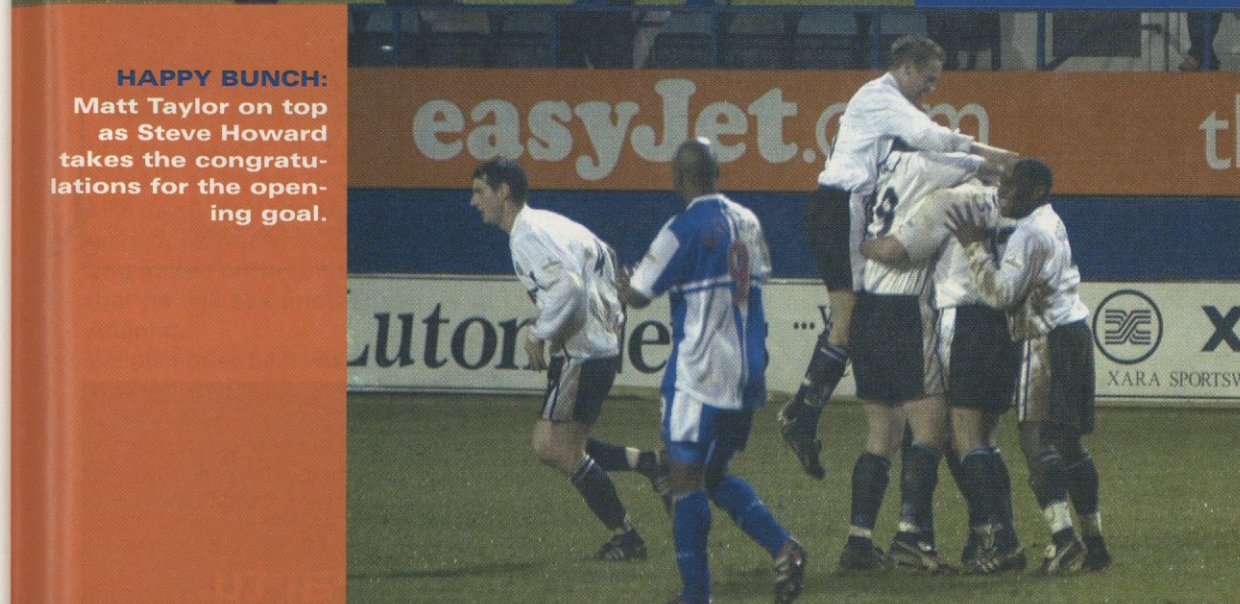
The Goals: 0-1 47 mins – Steve Howard, close range shot from a hard driven left wing cross by Matt Taylor; 2-0 65 mins – Chris Coyne, far post header, after a corner was cleared to David Bayliss and he returned the ball with a diagonal cross; 3-0 77 mins – Kevin Nicholls penalty, awarded for Foster's trip on Howard.

Referee: Peter Walton, Northamptonshire.

Attendance: 5,651, including 197 away fans.



ONE TO REMEMBER: Chris Coyne rises well above Scott Jones to head his first goal for the Town.



HAPPY BUNCH: Matt Taylor on top as Steve Howard takes the congratulations for the opening goal.



DEFENDERS ATTACK: Russ Perrett and Chris Coyne in the thick of the action in the Town's hunt for goals.

Our Marathon Man

WE MAKE no apologies for giving another mention today to the effort being put in by Dave Suttle, who is to be the Luton Town entrant in the football section of the Flora London Marathon in April.

The 46-year-old headmaster is well advanced with his training and preparation, and we invite supporters to offer him their backing.

It will be only his second marathon, but he is determined to finish the course, and is seeking sponsorship. Luton Town Supporters Club has its name down for a donation, and if you would like to do something similar, please use the coupon on this page, or a photocopy if you do not want to mutilate your matchday magazine.

A Luton supporter since he was a boy, Dave is trying to help

two charities, the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, and our own local good cause, the Keech Cottage Hospice.

If you would like to give your support, please complete the coupon 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 run on April 14. Supporters whose sponsorship is conditional on Mr Suttle completing the course can be assured that their cheques will be destroyed if that happens. He promises it won't!

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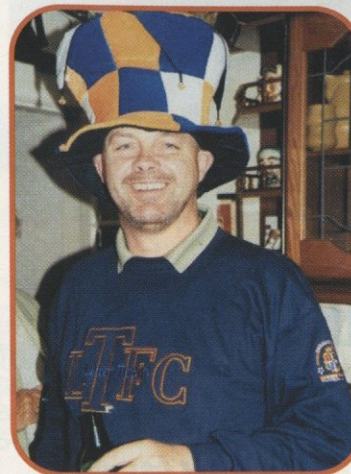
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Hatters Chatter



WE KNOW a lot of supporters travel good distances to watch Luton Town, but in Box 28 today, with family and friends, is a man who must have clocked up more miles than most to come to Kenilworth Road – it's a 6,000-mile return trip every time for Bob Balchin. His uncle, Dave Howe, tipped us off about our globe-trotting fan.

As a child – he is now in his fifties – Bob lived in Catsbrook Road, on the Runfold estate. He was already a keen Town fan when his parents moved to Canada in 1974, stayed behind because of his love of the Hatters.

When he was 20 he joined his parents in Canada, but he never lost his affection for Luton and its football team, and on the rare occasions he managed to get back to the UK he would make sure he watched the Hatters.

As his career with Shell developed opportunities to visit the UK increased, and he now gets to Kenilworth Road several

times a season. His friends in Canada are unanimous in their wonder at his dedication, particularly as he has decorated his 'den' at home in the Town livery.

Like us all, Bob has seen a lot of ups and downs over the years, but his enthusiasm has never waned. Nowadays no visit to the UK, whether business or pleasure, is complete without fitting in two or three matches. We hope he gets nothing but pleasure from today's game, and that he will see another victory at Lincoln on Tuesday before flying back home across the Atlantic.

We also offer best wishes to Dave Howe: he too is an exile, living in Leicester, but still a Town fan, having been on the club's books as an amateur in the late fifties.

POTENTIAL stars of the future are among guests of the club this afternoon, and we hope the boys from the Barton Colts under-11 soccer side enjoy their visit. Roger Eade, their manager, has been a Town fan and benefactor for many years, so it figures he would want to bring his young charges to Kenilworth Road.

The Colts run teams at under-10, 11 and 12, and today's visitors took third place in Division One of the Vauxhall Mini League last season, and were runners-up in the League Cup. This season, they are in second place in the league, and through to the cup's last eight.

Roger claims, with not much conviction, that the choice of orange, blue and white strip for the team had nothing to do with his football allegiance away from Barton!



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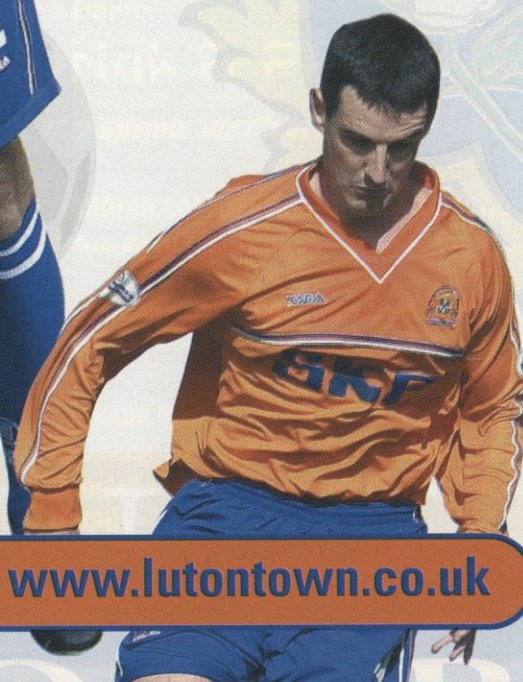
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Fans on the road

BRISTOL Rovers brought their lowest away following of the season so far to Kenilworth Road on Tuesday, the first visiting contingent below 200.

Latest figures:

Visitors to Luton

Cheltenham	.467
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
Scunthorpe	.359
Bristol Rovers	.197

Total: .9,571
Average: 598

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
Darlington	.464
Rochdale	.1,163
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	.1,120

Last Season

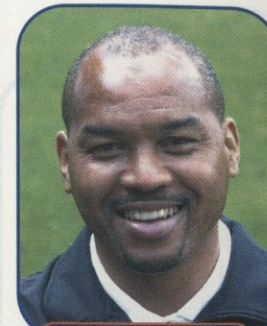
The Nationwide Football
League saw an Increase in
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Brian Stein

In Reserve



Cheltenham 2 Luton Town 3

A LATE and dubious penalty gave the home side a flattering scoreline after a good performance by us on a heavy pitch. Gary McSwegan,

stepping up towards full match fit-

ness, and trialist Alan Neilson sailed through the 90 minutes. Considering he knew hardly anyone in the team, Neilson did all right at right back, getting better the longer the game went on.

Our team performance was too good for the home side, and our win was well deserved, and could have been more emphatic. We had to battle in the early stages, when Cheltenham were on top, but after a dodgy start we got our football going and were then the better side.

A mistake by Mark Ovendale gifted Cheltenham the lead from a soft shot, but Lee Mansell headed in from a cross by Peter Holmes before the interval.

Marcus Jeffrey put us ahead in the second half, showing good composure to beat a defender and then go past the goalkeeper to walk the ball in.

Andrew Fotiadis returned after injury as a sub for Jeffrey, and McSwegan played him in to make it 3-1.

That was the least we deserved for our performance, but Cheltenham scored from a late penalty awarded against Ian Hillier. It was a surprising decision, with Hillier sure that he made no contact with the player who went down.

It gave a false scoreline, but there was no doubt we

deserved to win - we had Cheltenham in trouble after the first 20 minutes through good passing and movement.

Our team was picked with an eye on the needs of the first team, who have three players suspended today. McSwegan did well, as did Neilson, and there were decent performances from Paul Hughes and Aaron Skelton in midfield, and from Hillier in central defence.

Luton Town: Ovendale, Neilson, Johnson, Hillier, Gillman, Skelton (Locke 46 mins), Hughes, Holmes, McSwegan, Jeffrey (Fotiadis 77 mins), Mansell.

WE ARE back at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday, at home to Colchester in the Avon Insurance Football Combination, with a 2pm kick-off.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Fotiadis 15(2), Brennan 14, Holmes 13(1), Fraser 11(3), Mansell 10(2), Ovendale 9, Locke 8(3), Gillman 8(2), Skelton 8, Hillier 7, Hughes 7, Johnson 7, George 7, Foley 7, Dryden 7, Stirling 6(3), Bruce 6, Emberson 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, McSwegan 2, Coyne 2, Valois 2, Okai 1(2), Jeffrey 1(2), Crowe 1(1), Forbes 1, Spring 1, Perrett 1, Boyce 1, Deeney 1, Ofodile 1, Neilson 1, Jeffrey 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 9, Brennan 5(2 pens), Thomson 3, Brkovic 2, Murphy 2, Skelton 2, George 2, McSwegan 2, Ofodile 2, Holmes 2, Mansell 1, Jeffrey 1, Locke 1, Gillman 1, Everitt 1, Bruce 1, Leary 1, Hodges 1.

Brian Stein

Avon Insurance Combination Results and Fixtures

AUG	Wed 15	Barnet	A	3-0 Fotiadis 2, Hodges
	Wed 29	Millwall	H	1-0 Brennan pen
SEPT	Wed 12	Leyton Orient	A	3-2 George, Brkovic 2
	Thur 20	Barton (BPC)	A	5-0 Gillman, Locke, Brennan, Thomson, Fotiadis
	Wed 26	Gillingham	H	0-0
OCT	Tue 2	Cardiff	A	1-2 Fotiadis
	Mon 8	QPR	H	3-3 Everitt, Brennan pen, Thomson
	Mon 15	Crystal Palace	A	0-1
NOV	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
DEC	Wed 12	Swindon	H	1-0 Holmes
	Wed 19	Portsmouth	A	7pm
JAN	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
FEB	Wed 6	Bristol Rov	A	1-2 Skelton
	Wed 13	Norwich	H	5-1 McSwegan 2, Ofodile 2, Holmes
	Wed 20	Cheltenham	A	3-2 Mansell, Jeffrey, Fotiadis
	Wed 27	Colchester	H	2pm
MAR	Wed 6	Oxford	A	2pm
	Wed 13	Peterborough	H	2pm
	Wed 20	Southend	A	2pm
	Mon 25	Cambridge	A	2pm
APRIL	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	18	10	6	2	42	19	36
Portsmouth	19	11	3	3	31	16	36
Brentford	14	9	2	3	31	20	29
Crystal Palace	14	8	2	4	27	17	26
Millwall	15	7	5	3	26	20	26
Peterborough	16	8	2	6	27	26	26
Luton Town	16	7	4	5	26	20	25
Cardiff	17	7	4	6	27	23	25
Norwich	17	7	4	6	29	31	25
Gillingham	15	7	3	5	21	13	24
Reading	15	7	2	6	25	16	23
Southend	16	6	4	6	21	18	22
Barnet	16	7	1	8	21	23	22
Oxford	17	5	7	5	18	23	22
Cheltenham	17	6	4	7	19	29	22
Bristol Rovers	16	6	3	7	19	20	21
Leyton Orient	16	6	2	8	26	41	20
Wycombe	15	5	2	8	20	24	17
Colchester	19	4	5	10	25	33	17
Brighton	12	4	5	3	16	12	15
Cambridge	16	4	3	9	21	26	15
Northampton	17	3	6	8	20	33	15
Bristol City	11	2	4	5	10	17	10
Bournemouth	14	2	4	8	13	30	10
Swindon	14	2	3	9	12	21	9

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

1.45 Gates Open - music starts

2.10 Club mascot Happy Harry runs on the pitch.

2.15 A track from the HMV album of the week

2.20 Team line up to be announced.

2.25 The UK's No1 track - ENRIQUE IGLESIAS - HERO

2.30 Dedications announced.

2.35 HMV single of the week

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

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

2.57 Final run down of the teams.

3.00 THE BIG KICK OFF

HALF TIME

3.50 Golden Gamble - Winning ticket picked by Luton Town Player.

3.55 Run down of half time scores from around the country

4.00 Repeat of dedications

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

4.55 FULL TIME

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John Moore

Youth Soccer



Luton Town 5 Walsall 4

THE result sounds like a nightmare for a coach who used to be a defender, and it was a crazy game as fortunes ebbed and flowed

But our lads deserve great credit for coming from behind three times, and winning despite being 4-2 down early in the second half.

It was another ding-dong battle between two attack-minded teams - we drew 4-4 at Walsall earlier in the season.

We are looking at boys who are in contention for scholarships when they leave school in the summer, and fielded a young team, including three schoolboys in our back four and another in goal. They acquitted themselves well.

We went a goal down on six minutes, equalised on 12, went behind again to a penalty on 18 and equalised on 35 minutes.

It was still 2-2 at half-time, and I felt then that we had a good chance of winning the game, because we were playing quite well after a slow start. But Walsall hit us with two quick goals to go 4-2 up after 49 minutes. My message to our team was not to worry about it, keep passing, and keep trying to play football. They did,

and we got back to 3-4 on 59 minutes.

We then put on two subs, more experienced fullbacks to replace a couple of the schoolboys, and that gave the team a boost, because the subs were bigger and stronger physically. We became more solid at the back, got to 4-4 on 70 minutes, and then snatched a winner with ten minutes to go. We also had other chances to score, and it was a pity we didn't take them.

I was delighted with the way we stuck with it, because at 4-2 ahead early in the second half Walsall must have thought they had got the game wrapped up. But they had no complaints afterwards - perhaps one of our goals was a little fortunate, a free kick from out wide by James Osborn taking a deflection off the keeper into the net. The other goals were created by good play, with the pick of them the fourth, with Marcus Jeffrey showing good skill to beat a defender and lay off a pass to Matthew Judge to score.

That was one of two goals for Judge, with Jeffrey and Kevin Foley the others on target.

Overall it was a tremendous performance against a strong team. Walsall started both halves the brighter, but each time we came back and were running the game for long periods.

Luton Town: Brill, Gardner (Dogbe 63 mins), R. Mansell (Mortara 63 mins), O'Leary, Davies, Barnett (Howells 89 mins), Foley, Judge, Jeffrey, Osborn, Okai.

Appearances (as sub in brackets): Okai 17(2), Osborn 17(2), O'Leary 16, Foley 15(4), Davies 15(1), Carroll 14(2), Dillon 13(2), Jeffrey 12(4), Brill 12, Dogbe 11(4), Judge 11(4), Gillman 11(1), Leary 7, Murphy 7, Chatfield 6, Bruce 5(1), Deeney 5(1), Barnett 3(4), Howells 3(2), R. Mansell 2, Gardner 2, Roberts 1, Beckwith 1, Shire 1, Garrett 1, Palmer 1, Mortara 0(2), Burrell 0(1).

Goals: Judge 8, Osborn 7(1p), Murphy 4, Davies 4, Dillon 4, Jeffrey 3, Foley 3, Carroll 2, O'Leary 2, Gillman 1, Leary 1.

John Moore

Football League Youth Alliance Results and Fixtures

AUG	25	Rushden & D	H	1-2	Leary
SEP					
	1	Walsall	A	4-4	Osborn 2 (1p), Murphy, Davies
	8	L. Orient (Cup)	A	0-0	
	15	Kidderminster	H	3-1	Carroll, Davies, Murphy
	22	Cambridge	A	1-2	Judge
OCT					
	6	Northampton	H	4-2	Murphy, O'Leary, Osborn, Dillon
	11	Cheltenham (FAYC)	A	4-3	Gillman, Judge, Osborn, Jeffrey
	13	Colchester (Cup)	H	2-3	Foley, Murphy
	20	West Brom	A	2-3	Judge, Davies
	27	Peterborough	A	3-0	Carroll, Judge 2
NOV					
	3	Southend (Cup)	H	2-0	Dillon, Judge
	6	Brentford (FAYC2)	H	0-2	
	10	Notts County	H	1-2	O'Leary
	24	Cambridge	H	0-2	
DEC					
	15	Northampton	A	0-4	
JAN					
	5	Kidderminster	A	postponed	
	12	West Brom	H	2-1	Osborn, Dillon
	19	Notts County	A	4-1	Jeffrey, Osborn, Dillon, Davies
FEB					
	9	Rushden & D	A	1-2	Foley
	16	Walsall	H	5-4	Judge 2, Jeffrey, Osborn, Foley
	23	Peterborough	H		

FL Youth Alliance South Central Conference League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge Utd	16	9	3	4	31	18	30
West Brom	14	8	3	3	27	20	27
Rushden & D	15	7	2	6	25	27	23
Walsall	14	5	5	4	32	27	20
Luton Town	14	6	1	7	31	30	19
Notts County	13	5	3	5	15	20	18
Northampton	14	5	2	7	19	20	17
Peterborough	15	3	5	7	15	22	14
Kidderminster	13	3	2	8	15	26	11

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Records

Average Gate
4,247
Highest Gate
14,716
Plymouth v
Mansfield
Lowest Gate
1,251
Halifax v
Southend
Highest
Agg Score
Rochdale5
York4
Biggest
Home Win
Scunthorpe7
Darlington1
Biggest
Away Win
Exeter0
Scunthorpe4
Consec. Wins
Plymouth5

Games
Unbeaten
Plymouth19



Consec. Defeats
Orient, Swansea,
Torquay5
Winless Run
Bristol Rovers14



Total Games
396
Home Wins
18847%
Away Wins
9825%
Draws
11028%
1-1 Draws
4411%
0-0 Draws
4110%

Average Attendances

	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000
Bristol Rovers					6,968
Carlisle					3,245
Cheltenham					3,730
Darlington					3,974
Exeter					3,426
Halifax					2,115
Hartlepool					3,530
Hull					9,330
Kidderminster					2,999
Orient					4,704
Lincoln					3,215
Luton					6,812
Macclesfield					2,134
Mansfield					4,396
Oxford					6,483
Plymouth					7,031
Rochdale					3,290
Rushden					4,234
Scunthorpe					3,570
Shrewsbury					3,582
Southend					4,091
Swansea					3,640
Torquay					2,541
York					3,020

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	6
CT	3	8	7	6	13	8
Da	2	7	7	6	11	11
EC	5	5	6	5	9	3
HT	3	6	4	3	2	5
HU	5	5	9	5	12	12
HC	5	10	6	9	8	10
KI	4	7	4	8	5	11
LO	4	6	4	9	9	11
LC	1	6	6	5	6	9
LT	4	5	15	12	14	14
MT	3	4	7	5	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	13
SC	9	9	6	4	6	8
TU	4	4	4	2	6	10
YC	6	3	7	7	5	11

Form Guide: Home & Away

Home Form	most recent results to left	Away Form
LWWDW	Bristol Rovers	LLDLW
WWLWW	Carlisle	DDDWL
DDDDW	Cheltenham	WWWWW
DLDWW	Darlington	LWLDL
LLDDL	Exeter	LWLWW
LDLDW	Halifax	LLLDL
WWWDW	Hartlepool	LDWDL
WDWWL	Hull	DWLLL
LDWWL	Kidderminster	LDLWL
LDLWD	Orient	LDLLL
LWWLW	Lincoln	LLLDL
WLWDD	Luton	LLDWW
WLWLL	Macclesfield	WDLLW
WDWDL	Mansfield	WLWLW
WDDWW	Oxford	LLLDL
WWWWW	Plymouth	WWLLL
WWDWD	Rochdale	DLDWD
DWWWW	Rushden	LLLWL
DWWWL	Scunthorpe	WDLLD
WDWLW	Shrewsbury	LDLDD
LDWWL	Southend	DLDDD
WWLLD	Swansea	DLLLD
DDWLL	Torquay	LLDDD
WWDDD	York	WDWLL

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	32	0.31	13 2
Mansfield	Chris Greenacre	18	12	3	0	30	0.60	12 4
Bristol Rovers	Nathan Ellington	13	7	0	2	20	0.65	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	26	0.42	10 3
Plymouth	David Frio	8	8	0	0	30	0.27	10 2
Cheltenham	Julian Alsop	13	9	2	0	28	0.46	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	30	0.23	7 1
Macclesfield	Lee Glover	8	6	1	0	31	0.26	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	30	0.20	3 2
Luton	Steve Howard	11	11	0	0	31	0.35	2 2
Kidderminster	Dean Bennett	7	7	0	0	30	0.23	2 7
Orient	Steve Watts	9	5	2	0	20	0.45	0 3

Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats

Club	Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.
Bristol Rov	4-1 Swansea	0-3 Luton
Carlisle	6-1 Orient	0-3 Plymouth
Cheltenham	4-1 Maccsfield	1-5 Hull
Darlington	4-0 Exeter	1-7 Scunthorpe
Exeter	2-0 Torquay	0-4 Scun, Darl
Halifax	3-0 Lincoln	1-6 Oxford
Hartlepool	5-1 Rushden	0-3 Mansfield
Hull	5-1 Cheltenham	0-4 Hartlepool
Kidderminster	4-1 vs 3 clubs	0-4 Shrewsbury
Orient	5-0 Lincoln	1-6 Carlisle
Lincoln	3-0 Swansea	0-5 Orient
Luton	5-1 Torquay	1-4 Man, Mac
Macclesfield	4-1 Luton	0-4 Mansfield
Mansfield	4-0 Maccsfield	0-3 Plymouth
Oxford	6-1 Halifax	0-3 Ornt, Hull
Plymouth	3-0 vs 3 clubs	1-3 Shrewsbury
Rochdale	3-1 Mansfield	1-4 Kidderminster
Rushden	3-0 York	1-5 Hartlepool
Scunthorpe	7-1 Darlington	0-3 Carlisle
Shrewsbury	4-0 Kidderminster	0-3 Hull
Southend	4-1 Halifax	0-2 vs 4 clubs
Swansea	3-0 Exeter	1-4 Bristol Rv
Torquay	2-1 vs 5 clubs	1-5 Luton
York	3-0 Torquay	0-4 Hull

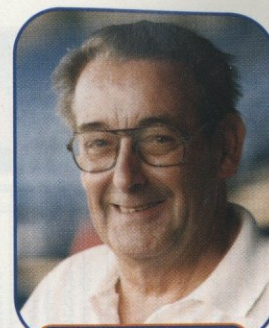
Numbers

PU	CS	FS
29	10	14
34	11	10
23	12	6
32	8	11
31	9	13
27	10	17
26	8	10
30	14	10
27	12	11
37	8	8
22	10	9
33	8	3
29	8	15
23	11	7
28	7	12
23	19	7
29	12	5
38	12	12
27	12	7
25	10	7
28	10	10
29	8	14
39	4	14
28	7	8

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

Third Division Scene



Brian Swain

TORRENTIAL rain in Lancashire did the Town a favour on Tuesday night, helping to reclaim second place in the Third Division. Mansfield had been three points ahead, with a slightly better goal difference, and were facing a six-pointer at Rochdale while the Town were taking on Bristol Rovers. In one sense Town fans were sure of a decent result in that game, with at least one of the promotion contenders sure to drop points. The Town had dropped below Mansfield because of the Scunthorpe defeat, but the Spotland clash on Tuesday was rained off. So the Kenilworth Road victory over Bristol Rovers put the Town level on points with Mansfield, and ahead by one on goal difference. But it leaves Mansfield, who come here on Easter Monday, with a game in hand. Plymouth are ten points clear at the top, and still the most consistent team in the division. They have held first place since October 23 last year, except for 24 hours when the Town went top on October 27 by beating Swansea, the day before Plymouth regained the lead with a win at Bristol Rovers. The Pilgrims have won all three games since their defeat at Kenilworth Road, making their current run five wins

out of six. On paper, for what it's worth, the Town and Plymouth have what look like the easiest programme in the next few weeks compared to most of the other promotion-chasers. Our next five, starting today, are York (H) Lincoln (A), Torquay (A), Leyton Orient (H) and Rushden (A). Plymouth entertain Kidderminster today, and their next four are Exeter (H), Macclesfield (A), York (H) and Darlington (A). Mansfield's next five: Shrewsbury (A), Halifax (H), Scunthorpe (H), Hull (A) Oxford (H) and Swansea (A). Rochdale's: Scunthorpe (A), Hull (H), Shrewsbury (H), Halifax (A) and Southend (A). Hull's next five look difficult: Rochdale (A), Swansea (A), Mansfield (H), Scunthorpe (H) and Oxford (A). Scunthorpe's immediate fixture list is Rochdale (H), Swansea (A), Mansfield (A), Torquay (H) and Hull (A). The dark horses might be Cheltenham, who have a backlog of games to make up following their FA Cup heroics. They were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Southend on Tuesday, but that put them into the play-off zone, with enough games in hand to hope for a top five place. After travelling to Carlisle today, they have consecutive home games against Hartlepool and Rushden, then play Bristol Rovers (A) and York (H).

Our visitors today were more concerned about the other end of the table a few weeks ago, when they were bottom but one, but have started to string good results together recently, despite financial problems in the background. They reached 20th place on Tuesday, with a 2-1 win at Leyton Orient, their fourth away win of the season. The other three were 1-0 at Southend ten days earlier, 3-1 at Lincoln in September and 3-0 at Torquay in August. York have picked up four away draws, at Bristol, Oxford, Mansfield and Halifax, and have been beaten eight times on the road, at Shrewsbury, Hull, Carlisle, Hartlepool, Kidderminster, Darlington, Rushden and Rochdale.

Brian Swain

Nationwide League Division Three

	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		
Plymouth	33	13	4	2	29	10	8	6	3	19	13	25 70
Luton Town	33	9	4	3	31	14	9	2	6	33	28	22 60
Mansfield	32	11	3	2	36	16	7	3	6	18	17	21 60
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
Cheltenham	31	6	9	1	26	17	7	3	5	19	18	10 51
Shrewsbury	34	9	4	4	26	16	5	5	7	22	26	6 51
Rushden & D	34	10	5	2	29	15	3	5	9	15	27	2 49
Hartlepool	33	9	4	4	37	17	4	4	8	11	18	13 47
Kidderminster	32	9	5	3	25	12	4	2	9	14	21	6 46
Darlington	34	9	5	3	28	16	2	4	11	16	35	-7 42
Southend	33	9	3	5	27	16	2	5	9	12	23	0 41
Exeter	32	5	6	6	16	24	6	2	7	17	25	-16 41
*Macclesfield	34	5	5	7	19	20	5	5	7	12	21	-10 40
Swansea	34	5	6	6	18	18	5	3	9	24	34	-10 39
Carlisle	32	8	5	5	23	13	1	8	7	14	25	-1 38
Oxford	34	7	5	5	28	20	2	6	9	14	25	-3 38
Bristol Rovers	33	7	4	5	23	19	3	4	10	9	21	-8 38
York	32	6	4	6	15	18	4	4	8	24	35	-14 38
Lincoln	32	7	3	6	20	19	1	8	7	13	26	-12 35
L. Orient	32	6	3	6	27	22	2	5	10	16	35	-14 32
Torquay	34	6	4	7	19	25	1	7	9	11	28	-23 32
Halifax	33	3	8	5	14	16	2	3	12	9	36	-29 26

*Not including last night's match, Hull v Macclesfield

Today's other Third Division fixtures

Bristol Rovers v Lincoln
Carlisle v Cheltenham
Darlington v Torquay
Halifax v Swansea
Hartlepool v Southend
Oxford v Exeter
Plymouth v Kidderminster
Rushden & Diamonds v Leyton Orient
Scunthorpe v Rochdale
Shrewsbury v Mansfield

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Statistics and all the fixtures

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Today's Squads

Luton Town

■●	Mark Ovendale	1
■●	Aaron Skelton	2
■●	Matthew Spring	4
■●	Russell Perrett	5
■●	Marvin Johnson	6
■●	Adrian Forbes	7
■●	Kevin Nicholls	8
■●	Carl Griffiths	10
■●	Chris Coyne	12
■●	Stuart Fraser	13
■●	Andrew Fotiadis	14
■●	Matthew Taylor	15
■●	Carl Emberson	16
■●	Emmerson Boyce	17
■●	Adam Locke	18
■●	Steve Howard	19
■●	Peter Holmes	20
■●	Scott Ward	24
■●	Paul Hughes	27
■●	Jean Louis Valois	28
■●	David Bayliss	30
■●	Lee Mansell	32
■●	Ian Hillier	33
■●	Dean Crowe	34
■●	Ahmet Brkovic	35
■●	Gary McSwegan	42
■●	Alan Neilson	43

York City

1	Alan Fettis	■●
2	Darren Edmondson	■●
3	Graham Potter	■●
4	Richard Cooper	■●
5	Michael Basham	■●
6	Gary Hobson	■●
7	Chris Brass	■●
8	Lee Bullock	■●
9	Lee Nogan	■●
10	Peter Duffield	■●
11	Alex Mathie	■●
12	Michael Proctor	■●
13	Russell Howarth	■●
14	Christopher Smith	■●
15	Nick Richardson	■●
16	Matt Hocking	■●
17	Christian Fox	■●
18	Neville Stamp	■●
19	Marc Thompson	■●
20	John Fielding	■●
21	Aidan O'Kane	■●
22	Scott Emmerson	■●
23	Leigh Wood	■●
24	Kieran Darlow	■●
25	Marc Salvati	■●
26	Mark Maley	■●
27	John Collinson	■●
28	Ben Rhodes	■●
29	Jonathan Parkin	■●

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Today's Officials

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