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WELCOME: Sol Davis, who has settled  
into the Town side at left back after his  
transfer from Swindon, pictured on his  
home debut.

# Inside Forward

JOE KINNEAR went to Molineux on Wednesday evening to take another look at Mohamed Camara, one of his possibles to play on the wide left of midfield. The manager has been tracking him for some time, but watched a poor Wolves Reserves performance, which ended with Burnley easing their way to a 2-0 victory.

The Town boss said: "It was impossible to make any real judgement on his performance on the game on Wednesday. I am still interested in him, but on that form he was not a 'must have' player.

Born in Guinea, and formerly with Le Havre and AS Beauvais in France, Camara is 27 and he and Wolves are amenable to him moving on.

There is a little less urgency to sign a left-sided midfielder following the acquisition of left back Sol Davis, who has settled in rapidly, looking a good defender, and capable of quality delivery from set pieces.

The pressure for change was reduced further at Ninian Park, where Paul Hughes made his first appearance of the season, and played a big part in a solid Town display which well earned a point against the wealthy championship favourites.

Another player who has come to the manager's notice is Claus Jorgensen, a 23-year-old Dane who has been made available by Bradford City. You may have seen a paragraph on Teletext and Ceefax saying that the midfielder had rejected the chance to join Luton. Don't you believe it, said Joe - "I haven't offered to take him, although I did have a look at him in a reserves match. I haven't spoken to him, or his agent."

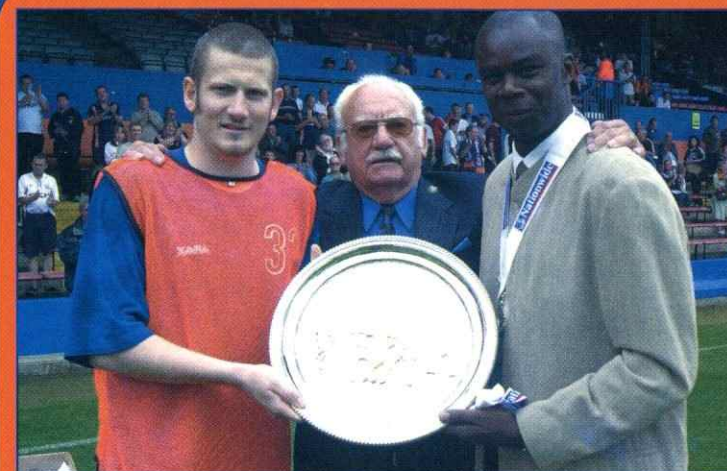
Jorgensen made a bit of a name for himself with Bournemouth in the Second Division, after joining them on a free transfer from Danish club AC Horsens. He built up a reputation for a willingness to drive forward from midfield, but he has not made a major impact at Bradford.

### Transfer Window Still Open

PLANS to restrict transfers during the season to a one-month "window" in January are still the subject of discussion between the Football League, the Football Association and FIFA, but as we went to press the League's view was that Nationwide clubs could continue to

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**PRIZE GUYS:** A Third Division runners-up trophy for the club and medals for the players were presented before kick-off at our last home match. In the picture are skipper Kevin Nicholls, Chairman Mike Watson-Challis, and former captain Marvin Johnson.

wheel and deal between themselves as they have always done.

The Premiership is already party to the window agreement, which precludes the signing of any new players for the rest of this year after 5pm this evening. And all clubs, including Nationwide League members, will be barred from signing foreign players until the window opens on January 1.

But the League is confident that the restrictions on domestic transfers will be eased for clubs outside the Premiership, including transfers to Premiership clubs in cases where the selling club would otherwise suffer severe financial difficulties.

The PFA is also concerned about the new system. There are more than 500 players who are out of contract, still looking for clubs. Those players, say their trade union, should not be subject to the restrictions at any level of the game. If they were, says the PFA, it would be tantamount to banning them from finding employment, which could be challenged under European law.

The latest word from Football League headquarters this week was that the FA had still not received a reply from FIFA about the concessions it has been seeking.

But Andy Williamson, Director of Operations at the Football League, said: "While we still expect the proposals to be approved, it has been agreed between ourselves, the FA and the Premier League that the current 'open' arrangements will be maintained for Football League clubs until such time as confirmation is eventually received."

*Brian Swain*



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## Manager's View



WE HAVE been preparing for today's game in a much happier frame of mind than we were a week ago. An excellent team performance at Cardiff earned our first point of the season, and having broken our duck we need to kick on and build on that foundation.

It will not be easy, because we have discovered that this is a much harder division than the one we took by storm last season. To lose our opening two home games was a bitter disappointment, and after last Saturday's failure to beat ten-man Barnsley we all took a very long hard look at ourselves, to analyse where it was going wrong, and to work out how to put things right.

I was highly critical of our defending against Barnsley, and 13 goals conceded in the first four games was proof that while you might get away with mistakes in Division Three, teams in this division are much more likely to punish you.

I know the players were trying, but too many of them failed to do their jobs properly, and after a long discussion we are now committed to putting in even more effort to enable us to start climbing up the league table.

We came in to work on Sunday, before travelling to Cardiff, where we were up against one of the best squads we are likely to meet this season. They have invested over £10million to try to win promotion, and are able to attract big crowds.

Cardiff paid more than four times as much more for one player as I paid for our entire team, so in some respects we

are in a different league. But at Ninian Park there is no doubt we were well worth the draw. Indeed, with only a little more luck we could have come home with all three points, because as Cardiff got more and more frustrated in face of our magnificent defending, big gaps opened up in their half of the field, and we could easily have had a goal or two on the break.

We also had one moment of good luck, for a change, when during the five minutes of stoppage time the ever more desperate Cardiff attacking saw a shot hit a post. If that had gone in, we would have been gutted, and even Lennie Lawrence said it would have been a rank injustice.

We were pleased to give our die-hard followers something to cheer about, but the Cardiff game is now history.

I just felt that the good performance, easily our best of the season so far, gave us cause to believe in ourselves. We were positive, very determined, and ready to sweat buckets for the cause. We had to be, and while we may not meet a lot of other clubs of Cardiff's quality this season, it is now very obvious that we cannot afford to produce anything less than 100 per cent if we are to continue to make progress.

Ben Roberts made some good saves at Cardiff – as did their keeper – and I welcome him to the club. He must have wondered what he had let himself in for after his first match, against Barnsley.

Thankfully, the men in front of him, who let us down in that game, picked themselves up by Monday, and were quite magnificent at Ninian Park.

One of football's big mysteries is why players can be awful one day, and very good the next, but you can be sure I will do everything I can to get us up to the level of consistency that is needed.

We have given the rest of the division a head start, which was something I never expected to happen, but perhaps it was better to have our faults so comprehensively demonstrated at the start of the season. There is time to put things right, and I believe we will.

Having got our first point on Monday, we now need to get our first win this afternoon. The lessons of the opening month of the season are clear enough: if you don't work hard, and concentrate for every minute, you will be found out.

We were in our first four games. At Cardiff the lesson seemed to have been learned. This afternoon we are fortunate to be at home, to try to prove the point to you. I hate losing, and so do the players. Today, they know they owe you a good performance, and a victory. We can do it, even though I rate Chesterfield as a stiff test of our abilities and resolve.

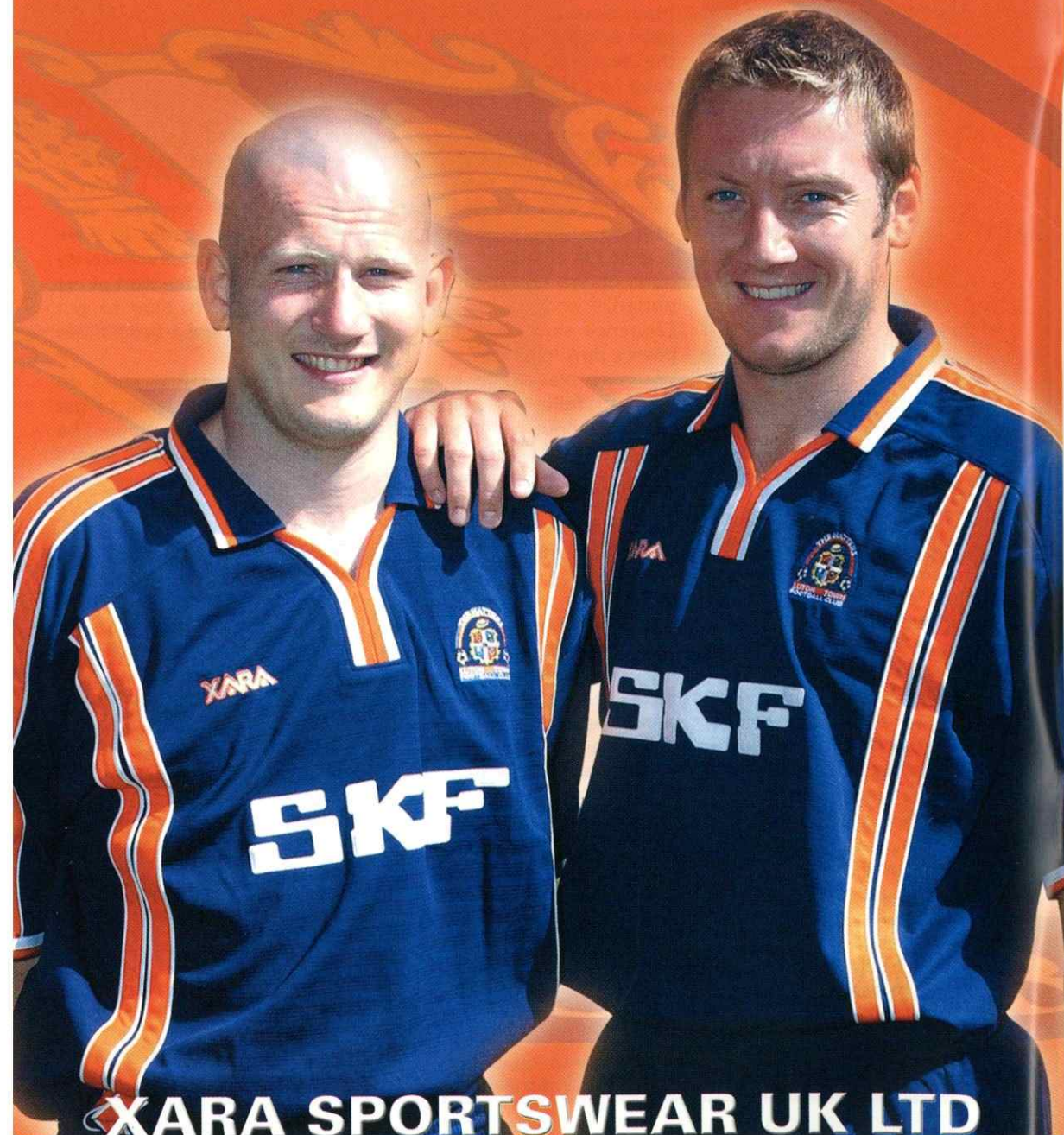
Keep the faith, and enjoy the game.

*Joe Kinnear*



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## Captain's View



IT WAS four games overdue, but we felt we had got our season started at last with the performance at Cardiff. It was our best display so far, and it gave us a lift – our first point, our first clean sheet, and the knowledge that with just a little more luck we would have won.

If we can keep playing like that, we will be all right, and we have learned from the early games that we are in a tough division, and we will need to be at our best in every game.

In the Third Division there were days when we did well even when two or three were below par. In the first four matches of this season we have had a loud wake-up call – one or two failing, even briefly, can put the team in trouble.

No-one understands why we did not do better in the games we lost. Players don't under-perform on purpose, and while the boss has been critical, and given us his views in no uncertain terms, he has not had to complain about lack of effort.

We have also not had the best of luck this season. In our promotion run it often seemed that once we had got into the groove, full of confidence and expecting to win, fortune sometimes smiled on us. Goalmouth scrambles in our box would come to nothing, while at the other end we were always likely to get the breaks. I suppose good and bad luck evens out over a season, but we were all relieved when Cardiff's last desperate attack ended with them hitting the post.

If that had gone in, it would have been a travesty.

Against Barnsley, for instance, their first goal was pure fluke,

with a deflection that could have gone anywhere but ended up in the back of our net.

And when we were pounding away at their goal, anything could have happened, but they escaped with all three points, which was a huge disappointment. Not that I am blaming luck for that defeat: we did not play well, and we knew it. To concede a goal straight from the kick-off after we equalised was unbelievable. The gaffer had a go at us after the game, and quite right too.

We let everyone down, especially ourselves, in three of the first four matches – we played well at Plymouth – but on Monday we hit form at last. Players stood up to be counted and we got our tactics and formation just right.

The home fans were starting to turn on their team long before the end, which was a tribute to the professional way we were doing our jobs. The Ninian Park result, and the way in which it was achieved, has given us a massive boost.

We may have started our season four games too late, but to get that result against one of the most highly-rated teams in the division was the lift we all needed. And if there was a little disappointment at the news that we had dropped to the bottom, there is also a positive slant on that – we are there because Port Vale won at Wigan, and if that was a highly unlikely result, it is a reminder that any team can beat any other on its day.

We went to Ninian Park with a slightly different game plan, with each player given a specific job. I was just in front of the back four, and the three midfielders in front of me were under orders

not to go gallivanting about. Matt Spring was deputed to be the one to get up in support of the attack, and when I went forward, others had to drop back to provide the cover. The first priority was not to allow ourselves to be exposed at the back, and we succeeded on that score for the first time this season.

As the game wore on, we had more and more chances to get at Cardiff on the break. They were throwing men forward in numbers, and with a little bit more luck on Robbo's part we could have scored at least once long before they mounted their last desperate surge.

As you might expect, things have been much happier around the club this week and the smiles are back, knowing that we did ourselves proud on Monday.

Our team spirit and dressing room atmosphere has always been good, and Mick Harford and Brian Stein have always been ready to lift us. Our training has been excellent, and we go into today's game pleased to have the chance to continue where we left off at Cardiff.

So far as the long term future is concerned, I will not tempt fate: it may be an old football cliché but we now really must concentrate hard on the next game, and only on that. And for the first time this season, we must make home advantage count – we know how important it is to supporters, and my final thought today is to express our thanks to all who went to Cardiff. You did us proud, and today we will try to return the compliment.

*Kevin Nicholls*





## Treatment Room

WE PICKED up only one injury from the game at Cardiff, and thankfully that turned out to be minor. Paul Hughes had to be subbed during the second half after being struck by a knee low down on his spine.

It was painful for a while,



**HELPING HAND:** Paul Hughes was unable to complete the 90 minutes at Cardiff on Monday, after taking a whack at the base of his spine. The cramp wore off quickly after he was helped off the field for treatment, and he was back to full fitness for training this week.

and led to a touch of cramp, but he quickly recovered, and has been able to join in the usual squad training routine this week. He will be available for selection this afternoon.

Wishing he could join in is Adrian Forbes, who has a lot of work to do before he can return. He had an operation on Tuesday, keyhole surgery to reconstruct a major knee ligament. A piece of tendon was removed and grafted on, and I was very impressed at the way the surgery was carried out.

Forbes was kept in hospital overnight, and needs a couple of weeks to recover from the operation, but is already reporting in to do everything he can to aid his return to fitness.

He is doing a little exercise to keep the knee moving, but is wearing a brace which limits it to 90 degrees of movement, and is currently on crutches.

He will have two weeks of what you might term restful exercises, well within the limits of pain and discomfort, before we can step up the pace gradually. He knows it will be very surprising if he plays this season, but is handling himself well, and coping.

Also coming back from surgery is Mark Ovendale, who had his op a month ago, to cure a hip problem.

This week he was able to begin light handling activities, and he is coming along OK. He has to increase his workload very gently, and is still some way off a return to full training. I am, however, well pleased with his progress so far.

The editor received an e-mail this week from Keith Seyde, asking for more information about a deadleg injury, which was mentioned in last week's programme.

In fact, although it is a term in regular use in football, and well understood by players and physios, it is a complete misnomer. It is a name given to a muscular injury caused by a blow, which causes bleeding within the muscle. Sometimes the effects wear off quickly, but it can also lead to severe bleeding and severe pain.

I have known players who have been exceptionally sore, and sometimes it needs an operation to cure the problem. But it is impossible to state categorically how long treatment is for a deadleg – sometimes it's a day or two, but occasionally, as with Aaron Skelton last season, it can keep a player sidelined for two months.

*Bruce Sewell Hobbs*

## Club Secretary



FIRSTLY this afternoon I want to thank all supporters for the way the minute's silence was observed at the last home game, in memory of Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman. We have a long tradition of always observing such occasions impeccably, but it is nevertheless impressive every time.

We as a club had made the decision to hold the silence, but in the event the Football League decided to make it a national football gesture, and the remembrance of the two girls from Soham took place at every match that weekend.

My column also reported the postponement of a home fixture with Peterborough for our under-17s in the Football League Youth Alliance. Our normal home pitch, at Luton Rugby Club, was unavailable, but at the eleventh hour we were able to get the game played at Peterborough. The change was worthwhile – the boys won 6-0, so well done them. It means that the fixture list later in the season will be amended: the match scheduled to be away to Peterborough on January 25 now becomes a home game instead.

Several supporters have asked me this week about our league game at Brentford next Saturday. Some clubs are changing kick-off time, because England are playing Portugal on the same afternoon. As I said in my last column, the Brentford v Luton match was not one of those, so the game will go ahead next Saturday, with a 3pm kick-off at Griffin

Park. And don't forget it is an all-ticket match, as is the Worthington Cup-tie at Watford on the following Tuesday.

I always welcome letters, e-mails and phone calls from supporters, and we always respond to them. I have been in touch with Plymouth Argyle to follow up calls I received complaining about some aspects of our visit to Home Park a fortnight ago.

Like us, Plymouth are working hard to try to make football a safe and happy environment for all the family, so we were disappointed that our supporters had concerns about the stewarding and racial chanting at the game, and I took up their complaints with Argyle.

They, too, were concerned. Plymouth Chief Executive John McNulty said he was very disappointed that there had been some racial chanting from a small section of supporters, and assured me that his club took the matter very seriously. Their next match programme would draw attention to the club's determination to stamp it out, and the same message was being sent out via their local press.

Mr McNulty made it clear that Plymouth's policy on such matters is the same as ours. Anyone guilty of racial chants will be ejected from the ground, and banned permanently.

Plymouth also ask us to convey their apologies to our supporters about turnstiles which were not open as they should have been. They are experiencing teething troubles with their

new stadium – I look forward to the day when we can say the same!

Mr McNulty added: "Please convey our sincere apologies to your fans. We appreciate that this is not what they expect, or deserve after a long journey. The points raised will be addressed for the future enjoyment of visitors to Plymouth Argyle."

On the subject of trouble at football, I want to add a rider to reports you may have read in the press recently about football hooliganism being on the increase. We were one of many clubs who experienced a rise in the total number of arrests at matches last season, and although we take the matter very seriously the figures are not quite as bad as they may appear. Most of the increase was due to a couple of high-profile matches, and for the most part we have supporters we can be proud of. But please keep it up – we value our reputation as a family club, and it needs only a very small minority to give us a bad name which the majority do not deserve.

Finally, today, I have an early date for your diary – Christmas is coming! Details of our annual Christmas Carol Service have been finalised. It will be at Luton Parish Church on Monday, December 16, starting at 7.30. Make a note if it – everyone will be very welcome.

*Cherry Newbery*



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### Brentford v Luton Town

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Tickets will then go on sale to members, until close of business on Wednesday September 4.  
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## Commercial Corner



A GROUP of real Luton Town fans are in our sponsorship lounge today, to get even more enjoyment from football than they usually do. Francis Johnson, has organised the visit for himself and a squad of friends who come to every game. He has been a Luton supporter for ten years, after moving into the area from Chalfont St. Peter. Before that, he

was a Spurs fan, but is now a fully committed Hatter.

Usually, this space is an opportunity for sponsors to plug their companies, but today is different. Francis explained: "We are just a group of friends who like coming to Kenilworth Road and wanted to enjoy a special day. There are 16 of us, all regulars in the main stand. I have been to corporate functions here, and in the executive boxes with companies, and it is a very nice way to enjoy a day at football."

For our part, we thank Mr Johnson and his friends for their support, and hope that a good time is enjoyed by him, and by Enid Jacobs, Lisa and Paul Hill, Mary and Mike Everitt, John and Caroline Connew, Vince and Julie Barron, Alan and Penny Field, Keith Hardiman, Debs Moore, Grant Bannister and Martin Hazell.

*Linda Layton*



TEN-year-old George Edwards is a regular at Town games, but today he will enjoy his visit to Kenilworth Road even more than usual, because he is here as commercial mascot.

He comes to matches with his mum and dad, Brian and Florentina, and a young friend, Aaron

Armstrong.

Today George, of Tennyson Road, Luton, will enjoy a close-up view of what goes on behind the scenes, meeting the players before kick-off, and going onto the pitch with them for the pre-match formalities.

He goes to Tennyson Road Primary School, and lists his hobbies as computer games and football. Today's Mascot was selected from thousands of entries as part of a national and local competition initiated by local travel firm Travel Extras.

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MATTHEW Collett enjoyed a VIP day out at Kenilworth Road when we played Barnsley. He was the commercial mascot, which was his prize in a competition run by Chiltern FM, our local independent radio station.



Aged 10, he lives at Truro Gardens, Luton, and goes to Icknield Junior School, and is a real Hatters fan. He comes to games with his mum, dad and sister Laura, and his current favourite player is Tony Thorpe.

When he is not supporting the Town, his favourite pastime is football – he plays for Warden Hill Tigers under-11 team.

## Golden Gamble

ANOTHER cash jackpot is on offer this afternoon in our popular Golden Gamble draw. At the Barnsley match the prize was worth £675, and was won by Yvonne Fletcher, of London. Adrian Forbes picked her winning ticket out of the drum.

We think the Golden Gamble is a good flutter: tickets cost just £1, and the size of the prize depends on ticket sales. Half the cash paid makes up the day's jackpot, and the other 50p goes towards club funds, so your support is very much appreciated.

Last season the average prize was £689, and in the first two league games of this campaign the prizes have totalled £1,380, an average of £690.

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## Welcome To



### GOALKEEPERS

#### 1. Carl Muggleton Age 33

Former England U 21 keeper who made his League debut whilst on loan at Chesterfield from Leicester City back in 1987 when Kevin Randall was Manager. Went on to have further loan spells at Blackpool, Hartlepool, Stockport, Liverpool, Stoke City and Sheffield United before moving permanently to Celtic. Then he spent seven seasons at Stoke incorporating further loan



spells at Rotherham, Sheffield United, Mansfield Town, Chesterfield (1999-2000 under John Duncan) and Cardiff City before moving, a year ago, to Cheltenham Town. Joined The Spireites for a third time, this time permanently, in the summer.

#### 17. Andy Richmond Age 19

Still to make a first team appearance, Big Andy moved ahead of Joel Armstrong in the pecking order last season and understudied Nathan Abbey throughout the campaign. Signed a pro contract in the summer and will hope to carry on making progress under goalkeeping coach Andy Leaning.

### DEFENDERS

#### 5. Steve Blatherwick Age 28

Joined Chesterfield from Burnley after a loan spell and

he's now in his 5th season at Saltergate. Player of the Year in 2000-01 when winning promotion but last season was a disaster as injury ruined his chance to build on his burgeoning Spireites career. A scholar at Notts County, his home Town team, but he moved across the Trent to Forest where he managed a handful of first team appearances including the 1996-97 FA Cup 5th Round when Chesterfield beat Forest 1-0. Loan spells at Wycombe, Hereford and Reading before moving to Turf Moor.

#### 7. Steve Payne Age 26

Reigning Player of the Year, Steve signed a two year Contract in the summer after spending two seasons with Chesterfield after John Duncan brought him to the Club. The reliable defender began his career with Huddersfield Town but failed to break into their

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first team before moving to Macclesfield Town, then in the Conference. Won England Semi-Pro honours and helped the Silkmen into the League, he scored two goals in a match against Chesterfield and soon after joined The Spireites' ranks. Has played as a striker but his best position is one of three centre halves, with Ian Breckin now gone, he will relish the additional responsibility that gives him.

#### 6. Stuart Howson Age 20

Joined Chesterfield last season from Blackburn Rovers and immediately showed his abili-

ties with a stunning debut at Swindon Town. The Chorley born defender is assured on the deck and strong in the air. He became a permanent fixture in Dave Rushbury's line up as Division Two status was maintained. Looks set for a good season.

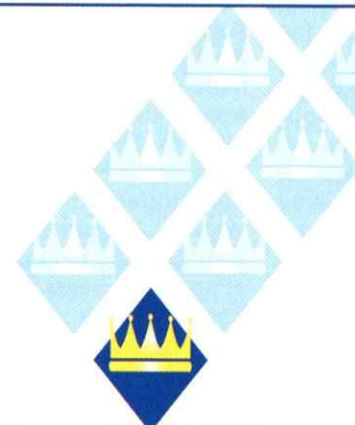
#### 4. Kevin Dawson Age 21

A summer capture from Forest, Kevin is a big, strong centre back whom Dave Rushbury hopes will follow the success of Sean Dyche, the last player of a similar mould signed from the City Ground. Kevin has played in Forest's first team and was

well thought of by fans who saw his strong defensive performances. His younger brother Michael is also at Forest.

#### 2. Martyn Booty Age 31

Last season was his first at Saltergate, Martyn played at right back, wing back but finished the season as the ball winning central midfielder. Began his career at Coventry City where he played in five Top Flight games before joining Dario Gradi at Crewe Alexandra. Moved on to Reading and then Southend United, featuring regularly for



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**3. Rob Edwards**  
**Age 32**

Vastly experienced and reliable left sided player who plays equally well at full back or wing back and occasionally plays further up front, he often appeared as a striker in his Crewe Alex days, his first Club, indeed he grabbed a hat trick for them in a game against Barnet. Left Gresty Road for Huddersfield Town in 1996 and he became a firm favourite with the Yorkshire Club before injury hit. Joined Chesterfield early in the 2000-01 promotion season and his left sided link up with Sean Parrish was one of the delights of the campaign.

### MIDFIELDERS

**15. Keith Rowland**  
**Age 30**

Still to find his feet in the Chesterfield first team after missing almost all of his debut

season with an Achilles injury. The left sided 19 times Northern Ireland International moved to Saltergate a year ago from Queens Park Rangers, he played a handful of games before his training ground injury. Made a great recovery and reappeared in the first team at the end of the season. Began with Bournemouth, he had a loan spell at Coventry City before moving to West Ham United. Spent almost 5 years at Upton Park before joining QPR in 1998. Loaned out to Luton before moving to Derbyshire.

**14. Chris Brandon**  
**Age 26**

A summer signing, the 5'7" midfielder is at home on the right side of midfield and can also play as a striker. Spent three seasons at Plainmoor which included an injury hit 2000-01 season. Before joining The Gulls, Chris had appeared in Non-League football during two spells with his home town Club, Bradford Park Avenue, between which he'd played at Stafford Rangers and briefly at Lancaster City.



**16. David D'Auria**  
**Age 32**

Has had a torrid time at Saltergate since John Duncan signed him in the 1999-2000 season with a series of foot and back injuries which have severely limited his first team appearances. The combative midfielder has an eye for goal and he can point to having played in European Competition with both Swansea City and Barry Town after Welsh Cup wins with the two Clubs. Left Wales for Scarborough in 1994, he went on to play for Scunthorpe United and Hull City, where he was Captain.

**10. Marcus Ebdon**  
**Age 31**

Another John Duncan signing, Marcus moved to Saltergate from Peterborough United in 1997 as The Spireites moved towards the FA Cup Semi Final. A cultured midfielder, the Welsh U 21 International began with Everton before spending almost six years at London Road. Injuries in 1999-2000, when he was limited to just 11 appearances, hindered the team who were unable to replace his talents and relegation was the result. Performed admirably as the team bounced back at the first time of asking.

**33. Lee Richardson**  
**Age 33**

Since becoming Assistant Manager to Dave Rushbury at the start of 2002, little has been seen of Lee on the playing field. His passing game and

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midfield presence was sorely missed in the second half of the season. Moved to Saltergate in the Autumn of 2000 after a career which took in Halifax Town, Watford, Blackburn Rovers, Aberdeen, Oldham Athletic, Stockport (loan), Huddersfield Town, Bury (loan) and Livingston. Over 400 League games under his belt plus games in Europe.

**19. Gareth Davies**  
**Age 19**

Signed as a pro in the summer, Gareth is an all action midfielder who will be hoping to break into the first team picture this season. A product of the link with Chesterfield College, Gareth gained vital competitive experience on loan at Matlock Town in the latter stages of last season.

**11. Mark Innes**  
**Age 23**

Left footed midfielder who joined Chesterfield on loan from Oldham midway through last season and after a great start was persuaded by Dave Rushbury to make the move permanent from his only previous senior Club. Scored on his Spireites debut in the match at Brighton and followed it up with a goal in his second game against Notts County, he'd previously only scored one senior goal, the one which kept Oldham up in 1999.

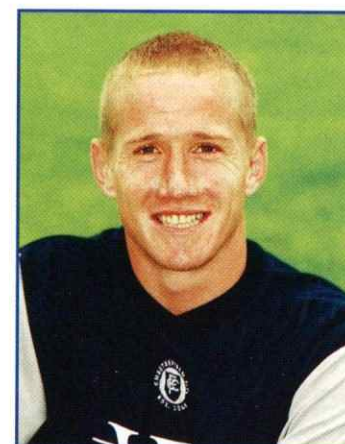
### FORWARDS

**18. Andy Rushbury**  
**Age 19**

Nippy striker who's made a few sub appearances over the last couple of seasons and, along with Gareth Davies, played on loan at Matlock in the final months of last season. Son of the Manager Dave, Andy has just signed his first pro contract.

**9. Glynn Hurst**  
**Age 26**

Scored last season's "Goal of the Season", a stunning run and strike in injury time against Oldham Athletic just a few weeks after signing for Chesterfield from Stockport County. Began with Spurs as a trainee, returned to his home town Club, Barnsley, had loan spells at Swansea and Mansfield before dropping out of the League with Emley, with whom he participated in a memorable Cup Run which ended closely at West Ham. Banged in goals for fun with Ayr United before moving to Edgeley Park. Quick, can score with both feet as well as his head and gets both spectacular goals and tap ins alike.



**21. Mark Allott**  
**Age 24**

Joined Chesterfield from his only previous Club, Oldham Athletic, initially on loan, and he quickly settled in to a front three. Plays well with his back to goal, setting up chances as well as taking them himself. Scored the first goal against Oldham in January, Dave Rushbury's Managerial bow, Chesterfield coming back from 2-0 down with a majestic second half performance to win 4-2.

**8. Jamie Burt**  
**Age 22**

Made a sensational start to his League career after joining Chesterfield from Whitby Town, with whom he starred in a couple of FA Cup ties with Plymouth Argyle. After a schoolboy career with Newcastle United, Jamie dropped out of League contention with a number of North Eastern Non League teams before moving into the Conference with Scarborough. Financial problems at Seamer Road prompted his move to Whitby. His first full match for The Spireites was at Brighton in December 2001 and he was so effective, The Seagulls so cynically dealt with him, he was carried off injured. Strong, direct and never afraid to shoot, the Club turned down a six figure bid for him in the Spring.





## Blast From the Past

"Forty-seven loyal Luton fans who travelled to see their side chalk up their first away win of the season at Chester on Saturday waited outside the dressing room and cheered manager Allan Brown and his victorious team all the way back to their coach."

So reported the 'Evening Post' following our 3-1 win at Sealand Road on 7th October 1967 which meant that from our seven away games we had amassed as many points as in the whole of the previous season. It also meant that Luton Town supporters were beginning to sit up and take notice believing that this may possibly be their year after eight seasons of decline that started with defeat in the 1959 F.A.Cup final.

The following game was against third placed Chesterfield at Kenilworth Road. We were in fifth spot and were obviously hoping to close

the gap against a side that had lost only once at that stage in the campaign and had thrashed the early season favourites, Southend, the previous Saturday.

The Town welcomed back mercurial winger Graham French after an absence of two games with a damaged toe although it was to be a short reunion as he was due to start a 21 day suspension straight after the match. The Spireites were missing the injured veteran Gerry Clarke for their first defensive change of the season.

A constant drizzle that had been falling all day cut the crowd back to 10,440 but those that braved the elements were treated to an all out attacking performance by the Town against their high flying opponents.

Bruce Rioch, married during the week, was at his best, surging past the Chesterfield defenders before pow-

ering in shots that either whistled just wide or were smothered by Spireites goalkeeper John Roberts.

It was a major surprise that the fans had to wait until the 63rd minute before the scoring was opened. Little winger, Ray Whittaker, sped down the left and fired in a pinpoint centre which was glanced home from close range by Ian Buxton for his first home goal for the club following his £11,000 move from Derby three weeks before.

After this point the game opened up considerably and the Luton forwards were queuing up to take shots at the Chesterfield goal but the nearest they came to increasing the scoreline was an effort from Graham French that hit a post and rebounded out for a throw-in.

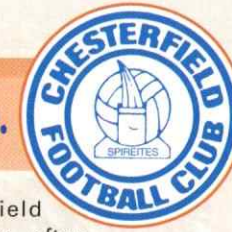
The important win set the Town up for another six game string of victories which saw them surge up the table. An indifferent spell over Christmas was eventually followed by the re-discovery of winning ways leading up to a 2-0 triumph at Brentford on 17th February which finally confirmed top place in the table for the first time in the season.

The Hatters consolidated top spot with home wins over Lincoln and Darlington before preparing for what was regarded as the toughest away trip of the campaign, the return with Chesterfield.



**Stalwarts of the Division Four championship winning team of 1968, Tony Read, Graham French, Terry Branston and Ray Whittaker.**

## Clashes with the Spireites on the way to promotion.



Manager Allan Brown decided to take the players off for a short break to Blackpool before the Spireites match both as a reward for taking over at the top of the table and also as a break from normal routine. Although pictures of the players having a paddle were shown in the local press it was, apparently, no holiday.

Chesterfield had gone off the boil a bit since Christmas and had embarked upon a seven game run without a win before returning from York the previous week with both points. Even so, the Spireites were still handily placed in fifth spot with games in hand on all the sides above them apart from the Town.

A crowd of 14,075 gathered at Saltergate to see a full blooded contest with both sides giving no quarter. Chesterfield gave the Luton defence one of its hardest

tests of the season but skipper Terry Branston and his colleagues held firm against the Spireites three pronged attack of Keith Kettleborough, Ivan Hollett and Kevin Randall.

The Town attack had few chances to shine but a Keith Allen header from a Ray Whittaker cross which rebounded off the bar was the closest either side came to scoring.

Allan Brown was very pleased with the point which kept the unbeaten run going but professed afterwards, "I do not care how the points come away from home so long as we win with authority on our own ground."

Seven weeks later, and still unbeaten, the Town celebrated promotion when a solitary Rioch strike secured the points at Halifax following up with a 4-0 home win over Crewe which clinched the championship.

Chesterfield fell away after the draw with the Hatters and went on to finish seventh although they did go on to win promotion as champions of the division two years later.

**Luton (first game);** Read, Dougan, Jardine, Slough, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker.

**Chesterfield (first game);** Roberts, Holmes, Sears, Hughes, Neale, Phelan, Reid (Moore), Lord, Randall, Hollett, Wilson.

**Luton (second game);** Read, Dougan, McDerment, Slough, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker.

**Chesterfield (second game);** Roberts, Holmes, Lumsden, Pugh, Neale, Phelan, Moore, Randall, Hollett, Kettleborough, Wilson.

*Roger Wash*

## Yesterday's pages

For the 1967/68 season the Town attempted to brighten up their particularly tired looking programme by including a small picture of a current first team squad player.

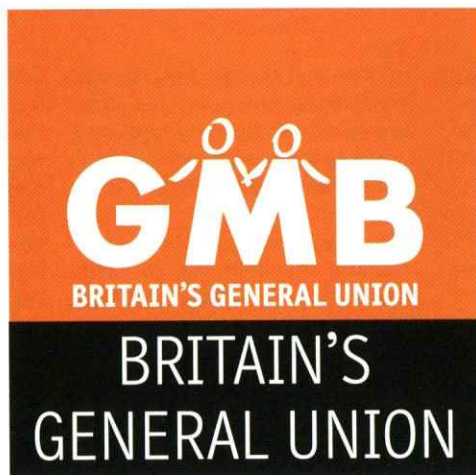
For the visit of Chesterfield, the Town's new signing Ian Buxton was featured. Although he played in the previous home game, against Southend, he was only signed on the day of that match and this was therefore the first opportunity to welcome him to Kenilworth Road for what was to be his only medal winning season in a long career.

The Bobbers Club was to assist in the financing of new tip up seats in the main stand. The seats were to be supplied in eight different colours and it was hoped that the stand would be re-named 'The Rainbow Stand' in due course! Arrangements were being made for supporters to travel to watch England in World Cup Mexico 1970. Cost of the all inclusive trip was to be £250.

Finally, appearing at Cesars Night Spot that week was top star cabaret performer Donald Peers (ask your mother!).







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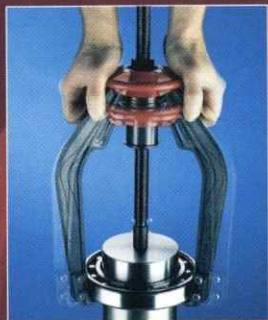
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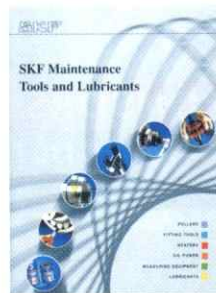
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## Hatters Away

GRIFFIN Park, where we take on Brentford next Saturday, is not the easiest ground to reach by road, and parking can be difficult, but as usual two coach services are on offer to take supporters to and from the game.

The Bobbers Travel Club will pick up passengers at Cranfield at 11am and Luton at 12 noon. The fare is £5 for adults, £6.50 for concessions. Town on Tour will leave the ground at 12.30, and the fare is £10 for Luton Town Supporters Club members, or £9 for concessions. Non-members have to pay £12.

Our next game is the all-ticket local derby at Vicarage Road in the Worthington Cup first round on Tuesday.

Our advice is to use Town on Tour or the Bobbers (see below), but if you do have to drive, the route is simple enough, down the M1 and follow the signs to Watford town centre. Use the

shoppers' car parks in the town centre, and walk to the ground from there.



Griffin Park

#### DIY travellers

IF YOU want to drive to Brentford, the shortest distance, about 40 miles, is via the M1 south, to the very end, then turning right onto the A406, the North Circular Road. Follow that all the way to Chiswick roundabout, which is the junction with the M4, but be warned -

the North Circular can be an awful drag with Saturday traffic. For directions from Chiswick roundabout, see below. Our man prefers to do a few extra miles. He takes the M1 and M25 west, then turns towards London on the M4, past Heathrow. Turn off at the Chiswick roundabout, 8.4 miles after joining the M4 to take the A205, the South Circular Road (the continuation of the North Circular) towards Kew Bridge. After a third of a mile, the road divides: go straight on, which means not going over Kew Bridge, but instead go into Kew Bridge Road, passing the Kew Steam Museum on your right. After half a mile, turn right at the traffic lights just beyond the Red Lion, and you are in Ealing Road, which runs past Griffin Park.

**Mileage on this route: About 45.**

## Cheap Travel To Cup-tie



Vicarage Road

WE ARE expecting to take a big crowd to our first cup-tie of the season, an all-ticket Worthington Cup first round game at Vicarage Road on Tuesday September 10, and the Police ask all supporters to travel by coach or public transport rather than by car. Since the Town's last appearance there, many more parking restrictions have been imposed in the streets near the ground.

The Bobbers and Town on Tour are both offering travel deals, and Town on Tour is working jointly with the Football Club to offer a cheap flat rate fare of only £5 to all supporters who want to go to the game, LTSC members or not. They plan to hire a double-decker bus fleet, which enables them to bring down the price, with departures between 5.45 and 6pm from the ground, and a pick-up at Luton Parkway will be on offer if there is a demand.

The Bobbers Travel Club will be offering a service to the villages on its regular route, leaving Cranfield at 4.15pm and Luton at 5.15. Fares will be £7 for adults, £6 for concessions. Demand for both services is likely to be high, so early booking is advised.

Bookings for away games travel can be made at LTSC or the Bobbers kiosks in Kenilworth Road, before or after today's match.

Paul Deason on 01234 750996 will take phone bookings for the Bobbers, whose services includes pick-ups at Cranfield, Marston Moretaine, Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning and opposite the Travelodge Motel in Dunstable Road, Luton, close to the M1.

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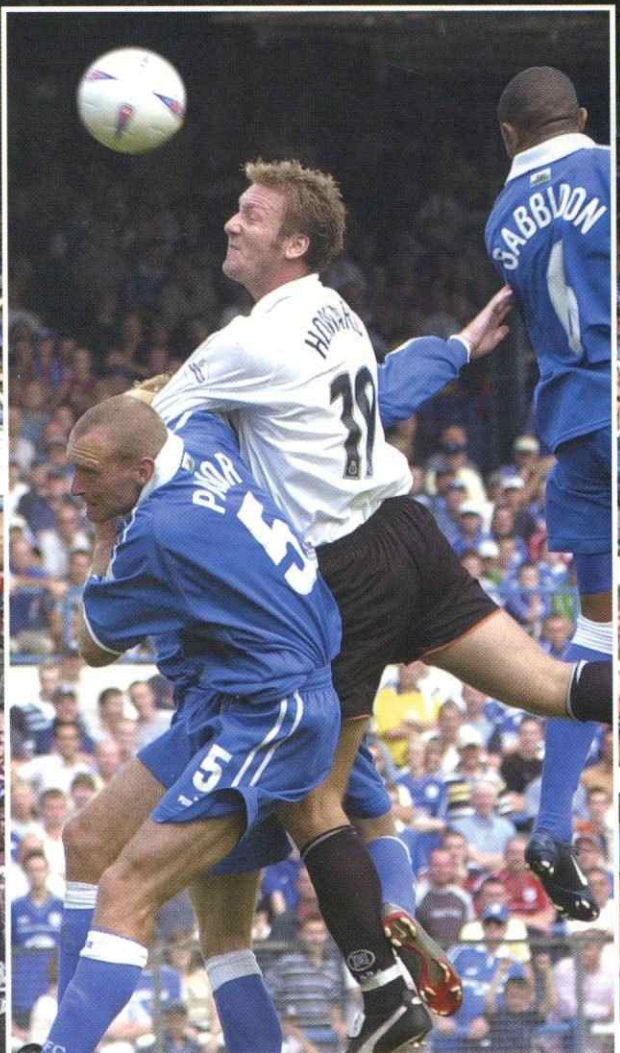
# Action Highlights from Ninian Park



**RISING STAR:** Spring-heeled Matt Spring is well up above Cardiff defenders to send a header goalwards.

**FAR RIGHT:** Steve Howard was always a handful for the City defence, and this time he leaves two would-be markers trailing, Spencer Prior and Daniel Gabbidon.

**BELOW:** Russ Perrett, playing against his former club, stretches to deny Andy Legg any space.



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## LTFC in the Community

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I WRITE this article from the comfort of the Community Departments new office in Oak Road. I am very pleased to say that after a few enforced delays we are here for good now. We also have our own phone number: from now on please ring Luton 391927 to make contact with the department - we are no longer available via the main switchboard. However on to the news of the day, with a report on the recent Luton Town/Pasque Hospice six-a-side tournament.

As usual it was held at

Barnfield College, and unlike last year we were blessed with beautiful weather. The tournament was a resounding success again, with the competition between all age groups fierce but fair. Of the five finals two were decided by one goal, and the other three on penalties.

In the under-8 Age Group Shefford Saints A defeated Luton Borough Dragons A 5-3 on penalties.

The under-9 final saw a terrific game between Ramsey Manor and St Martins end with a 1 - 0 win for St Martins.

In the under-10 final Oakley

Rangers secured a 6-5 victory in a penalty shoot-out over a Vauxhall side who last year won the under-9 group. Yet another thrilling game was witnessed as a climax to the under-11 group. Mid Beds Tigers nicked a 1-0 win over Barton Colts.

The under-12 group saw a compelling competition, and 61 FC Luton edged out St Martin's Oranges 2-1 in the penalty shoot-out which featured some excellent goal-keeping for both sides.



Sheffield Saints A, the under-8 winners.



Under-9 winners St. Martin's.



Oakley Rangers, who won the under-10 competition



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Mid-Beds Tigers roared to the under-11 championship



Kingsway-based Luton 61 FC carried off the under-12 prize.

WE NOW have details of three new soccer schools to be run in Luton and Dunstable, and bookings are now being taken..

The Bramingham Saturday Soccer School will be for boys and girls aged between 5 and 11, and takes place at Bramingham School, Freemans Ave between 10am and 11.30am on Sept 14, 21 and 28; October 5, 12, 19 and 26; Nov 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, and Dec 7.

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The Warden Hill evening Soccer School is also for 5 to 11-year-olds, and will be held at Warden Hill Junior School in Birdsfoot Lane between 4.15 and 5.45pm. Dates: September 5, 12, 19 and 26, and October 3, 10, and 17.

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At Dunstable we will run similar evening Soccer

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## Hatters Chatter



THE colours chosen by the principal characters in our picture are a touch familiar, and the occasion explains why 28-year-old Ian Torrie was, for the first time in years, not in his seat in the Kenilworth Stand for our first two home games of this season.

He will be back this afternoon, following a honeymoon in Cyprus. Ian married Nikki Thomas at Putteridge Bury, and the bride was happy to make it a Luton Town occasion.

She explained: "Ian is a true supporter of Luton Town, a season ticket holder who has not missed a home match for years. It seemed right to have a Luton Town colour scheme when we got married."

Flanking the happy couple are the bride's mother and father, Sue and Trevor Thomas, who cheerfully agreed to join the blue, orange and white theme, even though they are not as fanatical about the Hatters as their new son-in-law.



## Quicker By Road!

WITH the Town due to play at Stockport, Oldham and Crewe in October, supporters might like to know that if they are planning to travel by train, the rail operators have some simple advice for them: Don't!

The Football League has passed on that request because of severe disruptions affecting the West Coast Main Line route. Journeys to all three of our October destinations are included in the League's advice. Track and signalling upgrading work is being carried out at two locations every weekend until December 8. It means the closure of rail services between Hemel Hempstead and Milton Keynes, and between Wolverhampton and Stafford. Buses will fill the gap.

Passengers are warned to expect "severe delays" to and from the north. The League reported: "The British Transport Police, in partnership with Virgin Trains, Silverlink Trans and Railtrack, recommend that these services should be avoided by football supporters, as no reliance can be placed in arriving in time for kick-off due to the restricted services on that route."

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## Action Replay

### Luton Town 2 Barnsley 3 (HT 1-2)

THERE was a very long inquest in the Town dressing room after manager and players tried to make sense of the fourth defeat of the season, one which was all the more frustrating because the opposition was reduced to ten men for the whole of the second half.

Poor defending was top of the list of where it went wrong again, although Joe Kinnear added that once again the midfield failed to match the opposition's, and the attack, despite much whole-hearted effort by Steve Howard, was pretty well punchless.

Team changes at Cardiff on Monday were the instant reaction of an angry manager, but he also made the point that his players were trying hard, but not delivering. No-one tries to play badly, and perhaps the mental strain was showing as the Town allowed a golden opportunity to pass by. The first much-needed win of the season should have been in sight when a penalty enabled them to equalise. Andy Holt, the defender who fouled Steve Robinson, was sent off, but the numerical advantage failed to upset a well-organised and determined Barnsley team.

Their manager, Steve Parkin, who guided Rochdale to a 1-0 victory on his previous visit to Kenilworth Road, said that the red card for Holt was harsh – even if it was a penalty, which he doubted, Holt had not denied a striker a scoring opportunity, and there were plenty of other defenders in support. Equally, the Barnsley boss felt that an earlier penalty claim had more validity, when Chris Morgan fouled Tony Thorpe – a clear-cut offence which seemed to be just inside the penalty area, instead of an inch or two outside, which was

the decision of the ref and his assistant.

The atmosphere at Kenilworth Road was probably of little help to the team. We came into the season with great hopes and expectations after the tremendous promotion campaign last season. We probably did not fully appreciate how much better the Second Division is than the Third. Losing, like winning, affects confidence, and Mr Kinnear now wants to bring in new faces to inject more quality, and more pace, into the squad.

He was certainly not hiding behind the touches of ill luck that went against the Town. Ben Roberts, making his "second debut" after signing on loan from Charlton, made a very good early save from Mike Sheron, and was dreadfully unlucky to concede the opening goal. A quick free kick found Sheron in space, and Roberts had his header covered until it was deflected into the other side of the goal off Russell Perrett.

Unlucky, perhaps, except that the manager was complaining bitterly that his players had been warned about Barnsley's sharpness at quick set pieces, so why was Sheron left unmarked in the danger area?

Worse, the central defence was missing, presumed lost, seconds after the penalty equaliser by Kevin Nicholls. Straight from the restart the ball was played upfield, and Sheron chased, got through a huge gap, and shot into the bottom corner to regain the lead for the Tykes.

The Town tried hard in the second

half, but Barnsley regrouped, were well-drilled defensively around 38-year-old Keith Curle, and were always dangerous on the break. They had the sort of pace that can damage teams who are stretched, and for all the Town's attacking, there was no real conviction about it. Dean Crowe was sent on as a second-half sub to be part of a three-man strike force, and in the closing stages Andrew Fotiadis made it four. Barnsley replied by taking off their strikers and pulling men back to play it tight in defence, and look for goals on the counter, especially through the pace of Dean Gorre.

He was the man who carved open the Town defence to lay on the third Barnsley goal for Bruce Dyer, and although Matt Spring pulled one back, after Crowe's header was blocked, the Town rarely looked like getting further reward for their efforts.

**Luton Town:** Roberts; Boyce, Perrett, Coyne, Davis; Robinson, Spring, Nicholls (Fotiadis 85 mins), Brkovic (Crowe HT); Howard, Thorpe. Unused subs: Emberson, Bayliss, Hillier.

**Booked:** Andrew Fotiadis, 88 mins, foul.

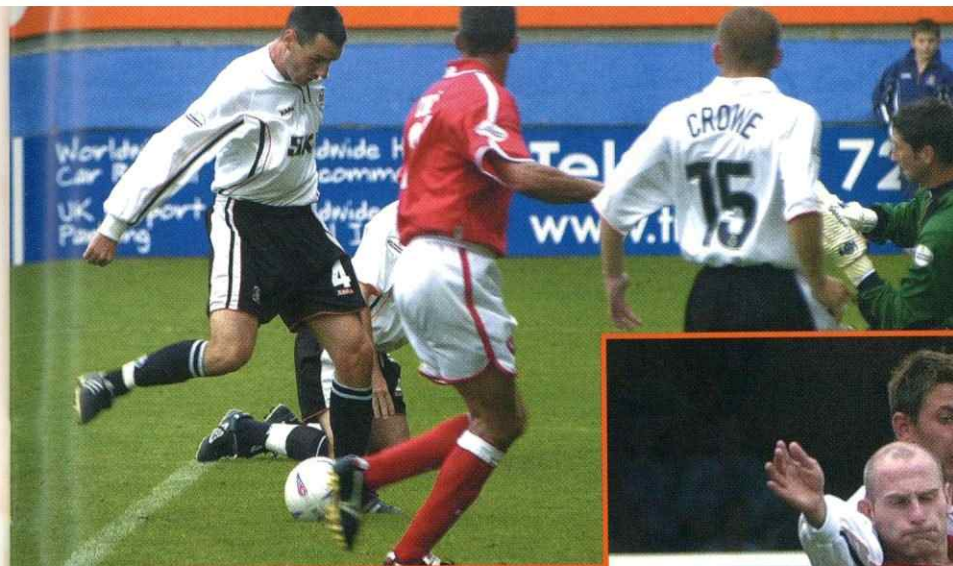
**Barnsley:** Marriott; Austin, Curle, Morgan, Holt; Betsy, Gorre, Lumsdon (Crooks 69 mins), Gibbs; Dyer (Mulligan 69 mins), Sheron (Rankin 85 mins). Unused subs: Ghent, Flynn.

**Sent off:** Andy Holt, 43 mins, for a foul to deny Steve Robinson a scoring opportunity.

**Booked:** Paul Gibbs, 53 mins, for delaying a Town throw-in.

**Referee:** Richard Beeby, Northants.

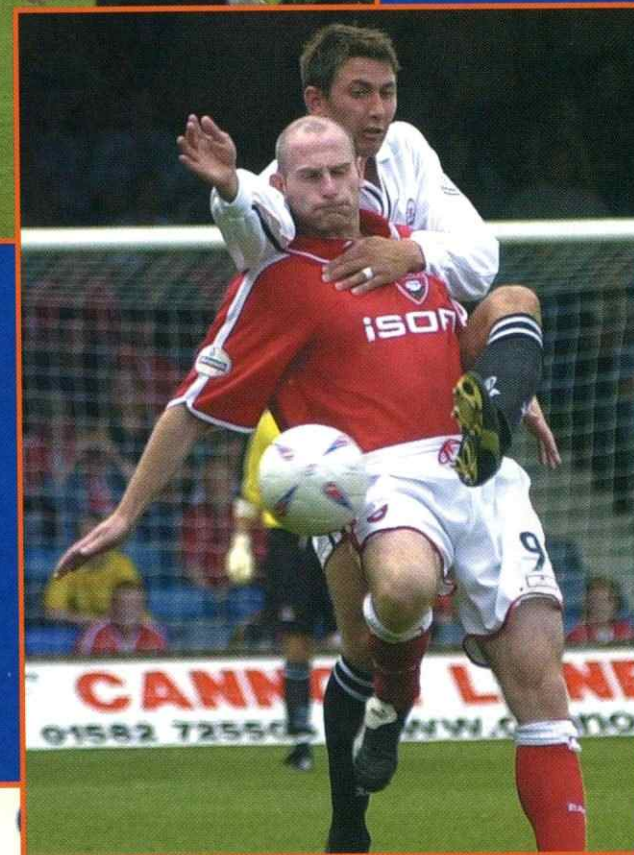
**Attendance:** 6,230, including 504 away supporters.



ACCOUNT OPENED: Matt Spring pulls it back to 3-2 with his first goal of the season, after 61 minutes. The chance was created when Dean Crowe, also in the picture, had a header parried by the goalkeeper.

RIGHT: Russ Perrett doing a close-marking job on Mike Sheron.

BELOW: Steve Howard in the thick of it as the Town pile on late pressure.







## Action Replay

### Cardiff City 0 Luton Town 0

TWO DAYS after the manager tore them off a strip for the home defeat against Barnsley, the Town produced a magnificent response at Ninian Park, to come home with their first point of the season, and leave the promotion favourites' boss happy to avoid defeat.

After 89 minutes of solid professionalism, based on the determination to get the first clean sheet of the season, Steve Robinson was put in at the end of a quick break which caught Cardiff all over the place. But in the one-on-one with the keeper Neil Alexander denied the Town sub. In the fourth minute of stoppage time Cardiff also went close to snatching victory, with a drive by Robert Earnshaw which hit the far post.

The home fans were not impressed, frustrated by a Town performance which was easily the best we have seen this season. Russ Perrett and Chris Coyne, under fire from the manager after Saturday's failure against Barnsley, were magnificent, staying close together. Emmerson Boyce and Sol Davis settled for more defence than attack, and although Cardiff bombed in a lot of long, high balls, the defence was rarely in trouble. If headers didn't make the clearance, Ben Roberts made the catch, or the punch.

The price of concentrated hard work at the back, to be the first team this season to deny Cardiff a goal, was that the Town's attacking opportunities were fewer than in previous games.

Yet they were probably of better quality, with Cardiff pressing forward and leaving loads of space

in their own half. Dean Crowe, preferred to Tony Thorpe for his pace, got among them, and tracked back to strengthen midfield. Steve Howard was as pugnacious and determined as ever, and nearly gave the Town the lead with a 25-yard thunderbolt which Alexander did well to push round a post.

Paul Hughes came into midfield in place of Robinson, and helped to stiffen that department. He also looked as though he might be the best answer we have to the problem position on the left, with Sol Davis showing every sign that he can fill the job defensively, and deliver good service from the flanks when he gets forward.

Unlucky Hughes had to be subbed with 20 minutes to go, but Robinson slotted in just at a time when the Town were ready to cash in after breaking Cardiff hearts for so long. For Town fans, it was a lovely day out, with every player doing his bit for the cause.

Lennie Lawrence reckons that every team visiting Ninian Park will up its performance level by 25 per cent because of the quality of his expensive side, and the atmosphere created by big crowds. On Monday, the crowd might not have been too helpful to Cardiff: expectation is high, and frustration set in as the Town showed every sign that they would blunt the home side's attack. The home moans grew ever louder, a sure sign that the Town were doing an excellent job.

At the interval Lawrence asked his men to step up a gear. "We did, but as our performance improved, so did Luton's defending," he said.

"When they missed that late chance, I felt I would be pleased to get the draw. We might have won with the shot that hit the post, but if we had, it would have been an injustice to Luton. If they play anything like that, they won't be at the bottom of the league for long."

Joe Kinnear, naturally, was delighted with the way the team finally found decent form, as he says in his column this afternoon. The Cardiff performance and result should be the start of our season. If it becomes the norm, we will be all right, and don't rule out a very dramatic rise up the table.

**Luton Town:** Roberts; Boyce, Perrett, Coyne, Davis; Brkovic, Spring, Nicholls, Hughes (Robinson 70 mins); Howard, Crowe. Unused subs: Emberson, Thorpe, Bayliss, Neilson.

**Booked:** Steve Howard, 19 mins, dissent to a linesman; Matt Spring, 75 mins, foul; Sol Davis, 90 mins, foul.

**Cardiff City:** Alexander; Weston, Prior, Gabbidon, Croft; Kavanagh (Maxwell 82 mins), Whalley, Thorne, Legg; Campbell (Earnshaw 60 mins), Fortune-West (Boland 54 mins). Unused subs: Maxwell, Margetson.

**Booked:** Andy Campbell, 37 mins, foul.

**Referee:** Paul Danson, Leicestershire.

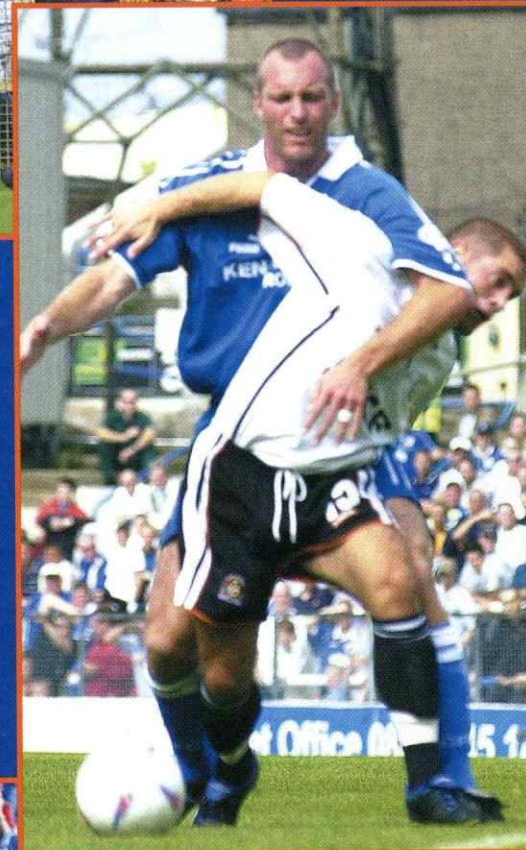
**Attendance:** 13,564 including 314 away supporters.



**UNBEATABLE:** On-loan goalkeeper Ben Roberts gets up above Peter Thorne to make a safe catch. Covering on the line, just in case, are Russ Perrett, left, and Chris Coyne.

**RIGHT:** Dean Crowe's trickery was always a worry for Cardiff when the Town attacked on the break. Spencer Prior was forced to try a little manhandling on this occasion.

**BELOW:** Emmerson Boyce breaks forward, with three opponents trying to stop him.





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## Hatters Abroad



MOST of us saw TV pictures of the stadium which is the background to this picture of Peter Lang and a mystery fellow Town supporter. The scene is the arena in Yokohama, Japan, just before the kick-off in the World Cup final. Mr Lang, of Jacksons Close, Edlesborough, is a season ticket holder who has been following the Town since the mid 50s. He said: "The circumstances surrounding the photo are bizarre, to say the least."

"I had travelled to Japan from Australia, where I was on holiday. My seat in the stadium was in the front row, next to a walkway."

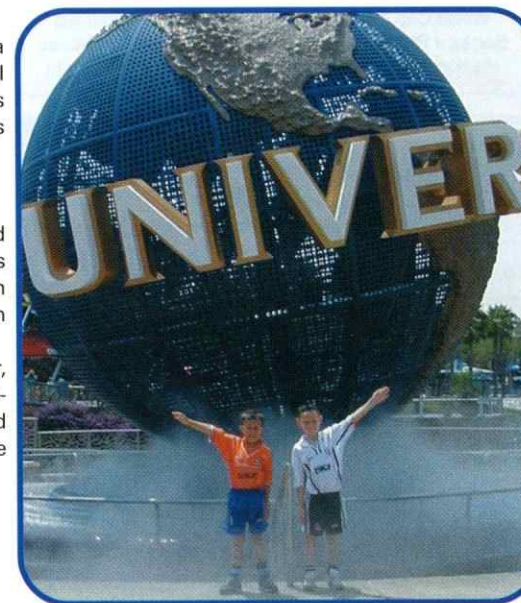
"The other person in the picture, wearing a Luton Town shirt, walked up to me and asked me to take his picture with the scoreboard in the background. When I told him I too was a Luton supporter, he couldn't believe it. What are the odds against this happening in a foreign country, in a stadium which holds 70,000 people?"

"My son-in-law took the photo - I am the one wearing a T-shirt sporting the World Cup in Yokohama. However, I have forgotten the other supporter's name, but he lives in Northampton. I wonder if he also will send you his photo."



COUSINS Conor and James Payne obviously enjoyed their holiday trip to Disneyland in Orlando, and Conor's dad, Laurence Payne, from Milton Way, Houghton Regis, is determined they will follow him as Luton Town fans.

He said: "I took the picture at Universal Studios. Conor, in the white, is seven, and like me a season ticket holder in the enclosure. His cousin James is also seven, and has just seen his first-ever football match, the Southampton friendly... and he too is hooked."



ARE you a Town fan who wants to be in the picture? We are always pleased to receive photographs of Hatters supporters in their club colours anywhere in the world. If you have an interesting snap you would like to see published please send it, with a few details, to the editor, by post to Luton Town FC, or e-mail to

If you use e-mail, please include your home address and a day-time phone number. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want the photographs back, but don't offer us anything which is irreplaceable, because with the best will in the world items 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.



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## Junior Hatters



WITH school holidays about to end, our Saturday Club is now back in business, and if you missed it today, the next will be in a fortnight, when we are at home to Notts County. Open to all Junior Hatters, it kicks off at noon at Dallow Road Junior School, offering entertainment before and during the game. A sausage-and-chips lunch is included and the price is just £5 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, and £11 for others, to include a match ticket.

We are also set to resume our popular trips to away games, and the first will probably be to

Huddersfield in three weeks time. We hope to be able to select a mascot on the coach going to the McAlpine Stadium, but arrangements are not yet finalised. I should be able to give you further information in the next match-day magazine.

Meanwhile, we are still accepting members. The Junior Hatters Club is open to all Luton Town Supporters aged 16 or under. The cost is £12 for new members and £7 for those rejoining. Benefits include a free gift when you join, a birthday card signed by your

favourite player, a regular newsletter, the chance to be chosen as a mascot or ball boy/girl, subsidised travel to some away games and a Christmas disco.

For more information, call in at the Junior Hatters HQ, the club shop in Kenilworth Road, or phone the shop on Luton 411622. You can also e-mail us on [clubshop@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:clubshop@lutontown.co.uk)

*Happy Harry*

NINE-year-old Harry Smith, from Crawley Green Road, Luton, is the lucky Junior Hatter whose name has been picked out to be today's mascot.

He goes to Wenlock Junior School, Luton, and you will hardly be surprised to know that his hobbies are watching Luton Town and playing football. He turns out for the Luton Borough Dragons. Harry comes to matches with his dad, and they sit in the main stand.

This afternoon Harry gets a much closer look at his favourite team: he will meet the Town stars in the dressing room, and then go out with them onto the pitch for the pre-match formalities, which means he will also meet the referee and other match officials, and the visiting captain, for the toss of the coin before kick-off.

We have two ballboys this afternoon, also picked out at random from the Junior Hatters membership list: Matthew Speight, of North Street, Luton, and Leon Denton, from Corbridge Drive, Luton.



TOP PEOPLE: two mascots were on duty at the last home game, and they are pictured on the pitch before kick-off, when they had a close view of the toss of the coin. Representing the Junior Hatters was 14-year-old Michele Iacono, while the other young supporter who enjoyed a good day out was Matthew Collett, of Truro Gardens, Luton, who was the commercial mascot.



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## TOWN TEASER

A PAIR of match tickets is up for grabs again this afternoon in our Town Teaser. If you know your Town trivia, it won't be too difficult, so listen to the PA announcer before kick-off for your chance to have a go.

At the Barnsley game we asked what was the connection between Barnsley, Luton Town, and a day to remember at Wembley. The answer was Danny Wilson – former Barnsley manager, and a Town goal scorer in 1988 when we beat Arsenal in the final of the Littlewoods Cup.

## TODAY'S QUESTION

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- 2.40** Town Teaser -  
See Page 42
- 2.45** Player Track  
See Right
- 2.55** Teams runout to - The Blues Brothers  
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- 3.00** THE BIG KICK OFF

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- 3.50** Golden Gamble -  
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- 4.05** Teams arrive back on pitch  
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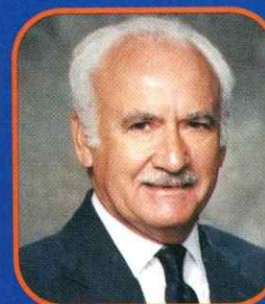


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## Mini Hatters



SOME Town fans grow up to support the Hatters. Others are born to do so – like little Charlotte Moore, who was three months old when the picture was taken, but already committed to wearing the colours!

It's a family thing: her grandfather is Bill Martindale, who has been a Town supporter for over half a century. He has a main stand season ticket, attends every home game, and also turns up quite often at away matches.

Charlotte's mother is Bill's daughter Heather, and although she now lives in Cheshire she still follows Luton whenever we play north of Watford Gap.

The teddy bear, incidentally, has been christened Big Joe!



OUR other featured mini-fan today ought really to have had her picture published in the programme for the first day of the season, but pressure on space prevented it. The reason is that not only was August 10 the opening of our league campaign, but it was also the first match attended by Jenny Hull, and on her fifth birthday as well.

So we send belated "Happy Birthday" greetings to Jenny, who is the proud owner of a season ticket in the Family Stand, and our thanks to mum and dad, Jez and Deb Hull, from Shott Lane, Letchworth, who sent in the picture.

WE HOPE to run this series as an occasional feature during the season, space permitting. If you have a nice photo of a very young Town fan, and would like to see it published, all you have to do is to get in touch with the programme editor.

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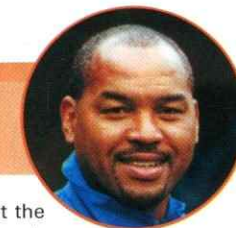
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## In Reserve



### Reading 2 Luton Town 1



THIS was a game we should have won, but instead our first Avon Insurance Combination match of the season ended in defeat because we failed to take our chances. They included a missed penalty.

I was pleased with the way we got through on the Reading goal, but not so happy about the way we failed to convert those opportunities into goals. We did not hit the target often enough.

Andrew Fotiadis had an excellent match, leading the line well, except for his failures in front of goal – on the day he might have had four or five goals, and certainly should have netted two or three. If I had got through that often without scoring I would have been distraught.

Our overall team performance was pretty good, especially in view of the fact that we included trialists. One who made an impression was a striker, 20-year-old Chima Eberendo, who was a junior at Charlton. He and Fotiadis were a constant menace.

Obviously when trialists come in, they are unfamiliar to other members of the team, which can affect performances, but my job is not so much winning games as producing players. However, I want to win as well, and was very disappointed not to do so at Reading. Their team, however, was full of experience – I don't think a single one of the Reading side had not played league football.

We had another trialist at centre-half, but I doubt if we will need a second look at him, although he was not the only culprit when we conceded a poor goal after 39 minutes. We gave the ball away in midfield, and were caught out of position. Dean Brill and the centre-forward

went up for the ball, and I felt the goalkeeper might well have been fouled as the striker put the ball into the net. The referee, however, felt differently.

Reading scored again just before the interval, and once more it was down to our own sloppy play. We lost possession after our throw-in and as a Reading man gained possession Peter Holmes clipped his heels and the penalty made it 2-0.

By then we had missed at least five good chances, with Marcus Hahnemann forced to make one very good save from Eberendo.

We should have pulled a goal back on 65 minutes when Eberendo was tripped as he went through on a good run. Aaron Skelton took the kick, and although he struck it well, it was at a good height for the goalkeeper to save, and he did.

But still we kept making chances, and on 80 minutes Skelton shot into the top corner after the ball fell nicely for him following a corner.

Defensively, we were all right, except for the errors that led to Reading's goals. On the balance of play we did not deserve to lose. Except that you cannot complain too much if you pass up as many opportunities as we did.

**Luton Town:** Beckwith, Foley, de Souza, Hillier, Kovacevic, Skelton, Hughes, Holmes, Fotiadis, Howell (Okai HT), Eberendo (Leary 85 mins)

WE WILL entertain Millwall on Wednesday. Kick-off at Kenilworth Road will be at 2pm, and admission is free to season ticket holders, £3 for adults, and £1 for concessions, with entrance via the Kenilworth Road end only.

**Brian Stein**

### Avon Insurance Combination Fixtures

August				January			
Wed 14	Bristol City(LC)	A	0-3	Wed 8	Brighton	A	7pm
Wed 21	Reading		1-2 Skelton	Wed 15	C. Palace	H	2pm
Wed 28	Bristol Rov	H	2pm	Wed 29	Leyton Orient	A	2pm
September				February			
Wed 4	Millwall	H	2pm	Wed 5	Bristol City	H	2pm
Wed 18	Swindon	A	2pm	Wed 19	Cardiff	A	2pm
Wed 25	Peterborough	H	2pm	Wed 26	Cheltenham	H	2pm
October				March			
Wed 2	Bournemouth	H	2pm	Wed 12	Norwich	H	2pm
Wed 9	Plymouth	A	2pm	Wed 25	Brentford	A	2pm
Wed 16	Wycombe	H	2pm	April			
Wed 30	Cambridge	A	2pm	Wed 2	Colchester	H	2pm
November				Wed 16	Gillingham	A	2pm
Wed 13	QPR	H	2pm	Wed 23	Portsmouth	H	2pm
Wed 27	Northampton	A	2pm	Mon 28	Oxford	A	2pm
December							
Wed 4	Southend	A	2pm				
Wed 11	Barnet	H	2pm				

### Six Of The Best

OUR under-19 team in the Football League Youth Alliance had no game on Saturday, but the under-17s roared to their first-ever win in the Alliance, 6-0 at Peterborough. The scorers were Con Shea, Leon Barnett, Jason Blythe, Tom Freeman, Keith Keane and Luke Maitland. Both youth teams are away next Saturday, the seniors to Brentford and the under-17s to Southend. The following week the under-19s entertain Oxford in the League Cup, kick-off 11am at Luton RFC while the younger squad meets Portsmouth at St. Christopher's School, Letchworth (11am).



# DIVISION 2 STATS 2002-03

## WINNING MARGINS

Games won by:	1gl	2gls	3gls	4+
Barnsley	2	0	0	0
Blackpool	1	0	1	0
Brentford	2	2	0	0
Bristol City	0	1	1	0
Cardiff	2	1	0	0
Cheltenham	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield	1	1	0	1
Colchester	2	0	0	0
Crewe	1	1	0	0
Huddersfield	1	0	0	0
Luton	0	0	0	0
Mansfield	1	0	0	0
Northampton	1	0	0	0
Notts County	0	0	1	0
Oldham	1	1	0	0
Peterborough	1	0	0	0
Plymouth	3	1	0	0
Port Vale	1	0	0	0
QPR	0	2	0	0
Stockport	1	1	0	0
Swindon	0	2	0	0
Tranmere	2	0	1	0
Wigan	1	3	0	0
Wycombe	0	0	1	0

## FULL GROUNDS - ATTENDANCES

Club	Total	% Capacity
Northampton	11,250	74
Luton	14,090	71
Blackpool	20,982	69
Cardiff	40,181	67
Cheltenham	9,851	67
Wycombe	19,433	65
Mansfield	12,567	63
QPR	24,113	63
Crewe	16,767	55
Plymouth	31,848	53
Oldham	13,966	52
Bristol City	21,488	50
Brentford	18,785	49
Chesterfield	10,372	49

## CLEAN SHEETS

Gms without conceding	Lge Pos
Brentford	4
Oldham	4
Blackpool	3
Notts County	3
Stockport	3
Wigan	3
Barnsley	2
Bristol City	2
Cardiff	2
Chesterfield	2
Colchester	2
Crewe	2
Huddersfield	1
Luton	1
Plymouth	1
Port Vale	1
QPR	1
Swindon	1
Tranmere	1
Cheltenham	0
Mansfield	0
Northampton	0
Peterborough	0
Wycombe	0

## FAILED TO SCORE

Gms without scoring	Lge Pos
Peterborough	4
Blackpool	3
Bristol City	3
Cheltenham	3
Notts County	3
Colchester	2
Mansfield	2
Northampton	2
Oldham	2
Stockport	2
Swindon	2
Barnsley	1
Brentford	1
Cardiff	1
Crewe	1
Huddersfield	1
Luton	1
Port Vale	1
QPR	1
Tranmere	1
Wigan	1
Wycombe	0

## SEQUENCES:

### CONSECUTIVE WINS:

Plymouth	4
Wigan	4
Chesterfield	3
Barnsley	2
Brentford	2
Cardiff	2
Stockport	2
Swindon	2

### UNDEFEATED RUN:

Brentford	5
Barnsley	4
Blackpool	4
Oldham	4
Plymouth	4
Stockport	4
Wigan	4

### LOSING STREAK:

Luton	4
Peterborough	4
Port Vale	4
Cheltenham	3
Bristol City	2
Chesterfield	2
Colchester	2
Huddersfield	2
Mansfield	2
Northampton	2
Swindon	2

### NO WINS:

Cheltenham	5
Luton	5
Mansfield	4
Peterborough	4
Port Vale	4
Wycombe	4

## HIGHEST & LOWEST ATTENDANCES

<b>Premiership</b>	67,645 Man Uv West Brom
	16,338 Fulham v Bolton
<b>Division 1</b>	33,016 Derby v Reading
	2,476 Wimbledon v Gills
<b>Division 2</b>	13,564 Cardiff v Luton
	3,135 Colchester v Brentford
<b>Division 3</b>	11,041 Carlisle v Hartlepool
	2,195 Kidderminster v Exeter

## HEADED GOALS

Wycombe	5
Mansfield	3
Plymouth	3
Wigan	3
Cardiff	2
Luton	2
Oldham	2
Peterborough	2

## PENALTY GOALS CONC

Barnsley	2
Bristol City	2
Swindon	2
Cardiff	1
Chesterfield	1
Colchester	1
QPR	1
Stockport	1

## GOALS FROM OUTSIDE THE AREA

SCORED	Gls	Total	%	CONCEDED	Gls	Total	%
Plymouth	4	11	36	Luton	5	13	38
Crewe	3	5	60	Cheltenham	3	7	43
Mansfield	3	9	33	Wycombe	3	9	33
Wigan	3	9	33	Notts County	2	3	67
Colchester	2	3	67	Peterborough	2	7	29
Bristol City	2	5	40	Plymouth	2	7	29
Tranmere	2	8	25	Port Vale	2	10	20
Cheltenham	1	2	50	Mansfield	2	13	15
Peterborough	1	3	33	Stockport	1	2	50
Huddersfield	1	4	25	Wigan	1	3	33
Northampton	1	4	25	Blackpool	1	4	25
				Cardiff	1	4	25
				Colchester	1	4	25

## GOALS PER GAME - THE MOST CONSISTENT STRIKERS

Player:	Glyn Hurst	Paul Wotton	Sam Parkin	Craig Faulconbridge	Rowan Vine	Colin Larkin	Marco Gabbiadini	Kevin Gallen	Luke Beckett	Andy Liddell
Lge Gls	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Games	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
Gls/Game	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.75	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60

# Second Division Scene



THE excellent point gained at Ninian Park lost just a little of its shine when we discovered that Port Vale, who were keeping us off the bottom of the Second Division, had picked up a shock win at Wigan.

Brian Horton's men wrecked the division's last 100 per cent record, their 1-0 victory lifting them up to 22nd place.

At the other end of the table Vale's heroics let in Brentford, who entertain us next Saturday, to become the third team to top the division so far this season. On Monday they beat previous leaders Swindon 3-1 at Griffin Park, making it four wins and a draw. Swindon's goal was the first Brentford have conceded this season. Andy King's men have illustrated just what a difference two or three results can make to the league table at this stage of the season: top after winning their first two, they are now 12th following a draw and two defeats.

And the lower end of the table is so crowded with teams who have had dodgy starts to the campaign that one or two victories can still bring about a massive transformation.

At present, two of the other three teams promoted from the Third Division are finding life a touch difficult in the Second. Cheltenham, like us with one point but a slightly better goal difference, are bottom but one. They drew 1-1 at Barnsley in their second game, but have lost the rest, and have scored only two goals.

Mansfield are one place above the relegation zone, and

have also hit a problem in attack.

Their 4-3 opening day home win over Plymouth has been followed by only one point taken from the next four games, and they have fired blanks for the last two, after smashing in nine in their first three matches.

The most successful of the promoted teams is Plymouth, who chalked up four straight wins, including one against us, after that defeat at Mansfield.

Not much changes at Home Park - their leading scorer, with four goals including one against the Town, is centre-half Paul Wotton, whose penalty on Monday set them on their way to a 2-0 home success over Bristol City, which leaves them just a point behind Brentford.

This afternoon's fixtures give us an opportunity to close the gap on teams close to us, because Peterborough are at home to Port Vale, so a decent win at Kenilworth Road is bound to lift us at least one place up the table.

Barry Fry's men have had a wretched time since they opened the season with a win here. They have gone down to four straight defeats, without scoring a single goal, the latest at home to Colchester on Monday.

Today's visitors are on a good run, which has been another example of how two or three results can change prospects dramatically. Chesterfield had a miserable start to the season, beaten 3-1 at QPR on opening day, and then losing their first home game, 4-2 at the hands of Swindon three days later.

That left the Spirites in 23rd place in the table. But since then they have won three on the trot, 2-1 at home to Port Vale, 2-0 at Mansfield and 4-0 at home to Northampton on Monday. As a result they have shot up into the play-off zone.

Leading their score-charts is Glyn Hurst, with four goals, including a penalty, which makes him joint leading scorer in the Second Division, along with Wotton of Plymouth and Sam Parkin of Swindon.

Brian Swain

## Today's Other Second Division Fixtures

<b>Bristol City v Tranmere Rovers</b>
<b>Cheltenham v Cardiff</b>
<b>Colchester v Wigan</b>
<b>Huddersfield v Blackpool</b>
<b>Mansfield v Crewe</b>
<b>Northampton v Barnsley</b>
<b>Notts County v Brentford</b>
<b>Oldham v Wycombe</b>
<b>Port Vale v Peterborough</b>
<b>QPR v Plymouth</b>
<b>Swindon v Stockport</b>

Nationwide League Division Two														
	HOME						AWAY						GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Brentford	5	2	1	0	4	1	2	0	0	3	0	6	13	
Wigan	5	2	0	1	5	3	2	0	0	4	0	6	12	
Plymouth	5	3	0	0	6	2	1	0	1	5	5	4	12	
Tranmere	5	2	1	0	4	2	1	0	1	4	3	3	10	
Cardiff	5	1	1	1	4	3	2	0	0	3	1	3	10	
Chesterfield	5	2	0	1	8	5	1	0	1	3	3	3	9	
Blackpool	5	1	2	0	5	2	1	0	1	1	2	2	8	
Oldham	5	1	0	1	3	2	1	2	0	1	0	2	8	
Stockport	5	1	2	0	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	8	
Barnsley	5	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	4	5	0	8	
Crewe	5	2	0	1	3	3	0	2	0	2	2	0	8	
Swindon	5	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	1	5	5	1	7	
QPR	5	2	0	0	5	1	0	1	2	2	6	0	7	
Colchester	5	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	-1	7	
Notts County	5	0	1	1	1	3	1	2	0	3	0	1	6	
Wycombe	5	1	2	0	8	5	0	1	1	1	4	0	6	
Bristol City	5	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	6	
Northampton	5	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	6	-4	5	
Huddersfield	5	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	2	3	4	-3	4	
Mansfield	5	1	0	1	4	5	0	1	2	5	8	-4	4	
Peterborough	5	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	1	3	4	-4	3	
Port Vale	5	0	0	2	1	5	1	0	2	3	5	-6	3	
Cheltenham	5	0	0	2	1	4	0	1	2	1	3	-5	1	
Luton Town	5	0	0	2	4	6	0	1	2	3	7	-6	1	

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Plymouth	773	Barnsley	504
Cardiff	314		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,868</b>		<b>1,494</b>
<b>Average:</b>	<b>623</b>		<b>747</b>



# SQUAD CHECK

## LUTON TOWN

Manager: Joe Kinnear

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3	Alan Neilson	<input type="checkbox"/> ○
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Manager: Dave Rushbury

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## Today's Officials

Referee: Paul Taylor, Hertfordshire

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