

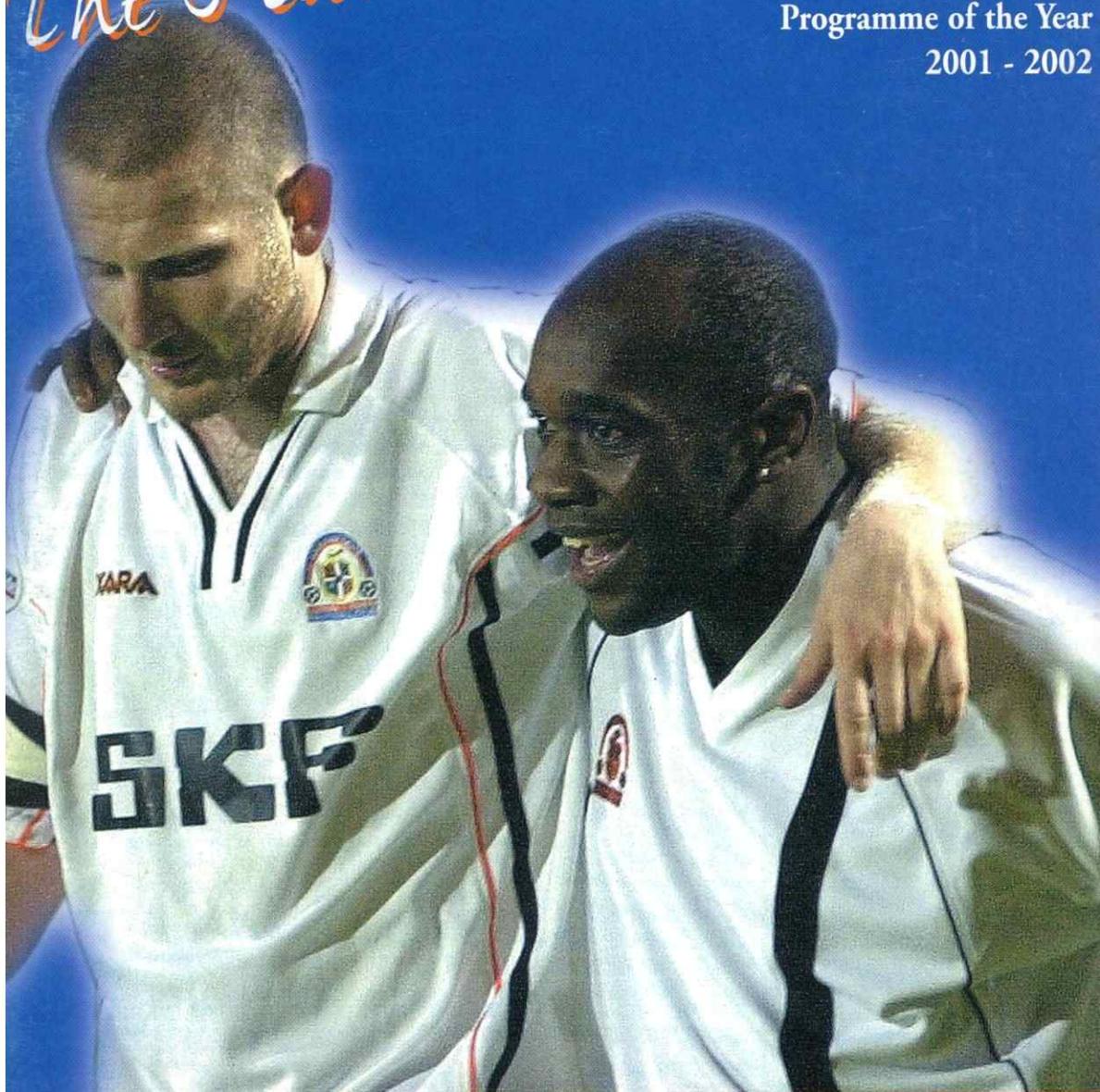
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Happy Hatters: Adrian Forbes, still walking with the aid of crutches after his knee operation, joins skipper Kevin Nicholls on the pitch at Vicarage Road to celebrate a famous Worthington Cup victory.

Action Replay

Luton Town 2 Notts County 2 (HT 0-2)

THE CHANCE to climb out of the Second Division's relegation zone was passed up at Kenilworth Road on Saturday, when the Town had to produce a stirring fight-back to compensate for defensive howlers which gifted a two-goal lead to visitors who should have been thrashed out of sight long before they scored.

In a see-saw match, the Town threatened to run riot in the first few minutes, and we sat back to await the stack of goals that seemed certain. But they failed to arrive, and mistakes by David Bayliss and Ben Roberts led to Notts County going in at the interval two up. Even their manager, Billy Dearden, admitted they had not deserved it on the run of play.

The crowd was subdued, sharing a feeling of disbelief as the Town trooped off for a half-time roasting, then a pick-me-up, from the manager. Forty-five minutes later the stadium was standing to cheer a tremendous recovery, which saw a point saved by two goals in the last 12 minutes.

It could have been even better, because Andrew Fotiadis, put through on his own by Dean Crowe in stoppage time, was denied by cool goalkeeping in a one-on-one. It was a case, said Joe Kinnear, of the team finishing the game just as they started it.

There was no hint of what was to come as the Town pulverised County for the first 20 minutes or so. We enjoyed quick, accurate passing, with County's defence pulled all over the place. But in the first five minutes David Bayliss with a header and Steve Howard, with a header and a shot, missed reasonable chances.

From contenders for a 3-0 scoreline in the first 25 minutes, the Town found themselves one down in the 26th. A long clearance found its way to Paul Bolland, and with no challenge, and no attempt to cut off the final ball, he helped himself to an easy goal.

It got worse just before the interval, when a poor kick by Roberts, who was unable to come out for the second half because of flu, led to Danny Allsopp accepting the day's second present, aided by a deflection off Russ Perrett.

The Town made three substitutions at the break, with Carl Emberson recalled and Chris Coyne and Andrew Fotiadis replacing Alan Neilson and Paul Hughes. It was, said the manager, a gamble worth taking, to get more men into attacking positions. Bayliss switched to right back, and the back four, with the Perrett/Coyne central partnership restored, looked more solid.

County were pushed back again, but the team that had not previously

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REVIVAL: The goal that began the Town's recovery on Saturday. Russ Perrett's header has put the ball into the net, and Dean Crowe is first to lead the celebrations.

conceded an away goal in the league this season looked as though it might complete the Town's misery by holding out until the 78th minute. The goal that set the scene for the point-saving revival came from Perrett, who headed in at the far post from a corner by Kevin Nicholls. The County boss was furious - "He was between two defenders, and didn't even need to jump for the header," complained Mr Dearden. "Our defending for the second goal was not much better - a routine cross that should have been dealt with."

Perhaps so, except that it was no less than the Town deserved. Fotiadis put the lively Crowe away down the right wing, and his cross to the far post was met by Howard's header which went a long way to rubbing out memories of chances that had been missed earlier. That came with four minutes of normal time remaining, just after Allsopp had shot against a post when a linesman failed to give him offside.

The ref added five minutes of stoppage time - mainly because County's Ian Baraclough had been stretchered off with a serious ankle injury sustained in a foul on Nicholls - and Fotiadis had the chance to become the Roy of the Rovers with the late chance that went the way of too many others. It was two points lost rather than one gained.

Luton Town: Roberts (Emberson HT); Neilson (Coyne HT), Perrett, Bayliss, Davis; Brkovic, Nicholls, Spring (Hughes (Fotiadis HT); Howard, Crowe. Unused subs: Griffiths, Robinson.

Booked: Matt Spring and Chris Coyne for fouls.

Notts County: Garden; Ramsden, Fenton, Ireland, Nicholson; Liburd, Bolland, Caskey, Baraclough (Brough 75 mins); Allsopp, Heffernan (Stallard 86 mins). Unused subs Mildenhall, Richardson, Stone.

Booked: Nicky Fenton, foul, Danny Allsopp time-wasting

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Manager's View



WELCOME back to Kenilworth Road for a game we had hoped would make it six points out of six this week to kick-start a rapid rise up the league table. Sadly, we failed to accept the three points that were there for the taking against Notts County on Saturday. I know it was a game that could have left us with nothing after we gifted them two soft goals, but I still feel it was a case of two points thrown away rather than one gained, and the players know they should have done very much better.

The points should have been all but in the bag in the first five minutes, when we had enough chances to bury the visitors. We ought to have put away three goals at the very least.

It is encouraging to see that we can tear Second Division defences apart, but we must convert that ability into goals. We are discovering that at this level mistakes can be punished more harshly than they were in the Third Division.

Make the mistake of not putting away your chances, and the opposition will probably make you pay for that, as County did on Saturday. Make the mistake of not defending properly, and you will be punished for that too. The lesson is clear: cut down the number of mistakes you make, especially in both penalty areas, and be more ruthless when the other side is forced onto the back foot.

It is so frustrating to see home points needlessly given away – the two we passed up would have carried us

out of the bottom four, which would be a nice psychological boost.

Instead, we have made things a little more difficult for ourselves. But don't get too depressed: we have now gone five games without defeat, including that cracking cup win at Watford. Disappointing though Saturday's result was, give credit to the players for fighting back. We are harder to beat now than we were in the early stages of the season, and we can certainly build on that. There is also a tremendous team spirit in the camp.

At half-time on Saturday, having given the opposition a two-goal start, we knew we could overcome that deficit if our attitude was right. I know we left it late, but in the end we were very close to all three points, with a stoppage-time chance that saw us end the game the way we began it... another great chance missed in front of goal. Tonight I want to see us learn the right lessons and for starters we have to concentrate defensively and try to get back to keeping clean sheets. Then we must regain the killer instinct in front of goal.

We can be pretty sure Mansfield will be up for this game: like us they have had a rocky introduction to the Second Division. We had a couple of good games against them last season – we got a bit of a tanking at their place but made up for it in April. Those two games produced 13 goals, so perhaps the scene is set for an entertaining evening!

While we always subscribe to

the "take one game at a time" approach, we were reasonably well pleased with the Worthington Cup draw, which sends us to Villa Park. For choice, I would have had a home tie in the second round, to reward our supporters. But if we have to play away, I would much rather be up against a team of Aston Villa's calibre rather than a lower-league outfit. Hopefully, there will be a big crowd, and therefore a few quid in it for Luton Town.

However, as I said in my notes on Saturday, we have to forget about cup-ties for the time being, because there is a far more important job to be done in the league. Some may think that Saturday's poor result might have been partly due to the great exertions we made at Vicarage Road. I am not sure about that – I didn't see too much wrong with our overall effort and commitment against Notts County, and don't forget that they too had been involved in a midweek cup match, losing at Oldham.

Winning at Watford is no excuse for not winning against Notts County! Those games are already history. Tonight we have a fresh chance to keep the smile on Luton Town faces. Your reception for the players at the end of Saturday's game showed that you were, in the end, appreciative of the way we fought back to avoid defeat. Tonight, I trust we will go one better, and give you even more to cheer about.

Keep the faith, and enjoy the game.

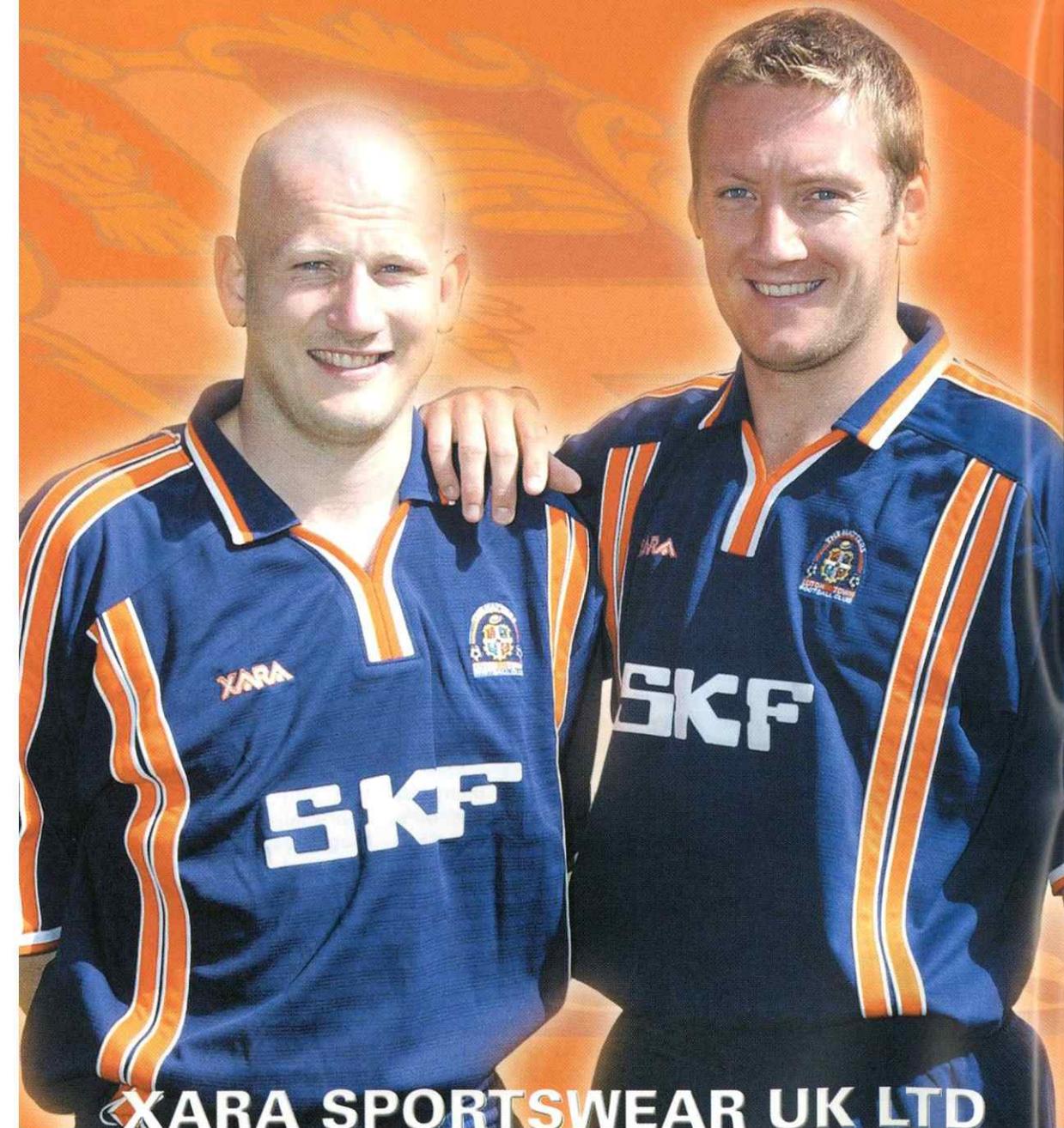
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Captain's View



I WENT home on Saturday night feeling angry, and not really wanting to talk to anybody for an hour or two. We had gone into the game against Notts County knowing we had a great opportunity to put another home win under our belts, and to move out of the bottom four of the Second Division.

All we had to do to overtake County was to beat them, and I felt we were well able to do that. But instead we were punished for two silly defensive mistakes, and for not making use of the opening 20-minute period when we played some excellent football.

I guess from the reception the crowd gave us at the end of the game that the supporters appreciated the way we came back to maintain our unbeaten run. But I was not so much glad to save a point as very upset that we had lost two that much of our play deserved.

I think Notts County were very lucky to go home with a draw. We played so well in the early stages - I think our team performance for the first quarter of the game was probably the best we have produced at home this season.

If we hadn't presented County with two goals - and they were down to our mistakes rather than their good play - we would have won by a mile. We should have. If we had taken those early chances it would surely have been a different game. Instead we were guilty of the sort of silly mistakes that marked our early-season form, when we lost the first four matches.

I thought we had learned the lesson from those games, but on Saturday's showing we have not.

You cannot explain why such things happen, and we know we are capable of much better defending as a team than we showed on Saturday.

It is frustrating to know you can go to highly-placed teams like Cardiff and Brentford and come away with clean sheets, but then cannot do the same on your own pitch.

We had the character to come back strongly in the second half, but really we knew we should never have gone in at half-time losing by two goals. Our dressing room was pretty quiet in the first few minutes of the interval. We were shocked at the manner of their goals, which were both down to individual errors. We talked it through, and the gaffer made it plain he was not happy with the mistakes that had been so costly. Nor were we. But we knew that we had already shown we were capable of opening up County and getting goals, and that the two-goal deficit was not insurmountable.

We have a very good team spirit, and in the course of Saturday's games we created enough chances to have won handsomely. I don't think we could be faulted for our effort and workrate, and although it took longer than I would have liked to get our first goal, we felt pretty confident when we came out for the second half that we could get a result.

County were lucky to be ahead at the interval because we had hit the self-destruct button. We were determined it would not happen in the second half, and we always keep going right to the last minute. In fact, that ability so nearly gave us the win we wanted, with their keeper doing

well in stoppage time to prevent Andrew Fotiadis scoring. We are always going to create chances, and it was such a shame on Saturday that we could not take more of them and keep another clean sheet.

Defensive reliability is a must, and we will be keen to prove again tonight that we can do a job on that score. There is some slight consolation from Saturday in keeping the unbeaten run going. It now stretches to five games, including the cup-tie at Vicarage Road. Now we need to add another five without defeat, and do just a little bit better, by turning draws into wins. Our game plan this evening has to be to concentrate first on not conceding goals, with everyone giving 100 per cent.

And, for the record, no-one was claiming that our efforts at Watford had affected the way we played on Saturday - you have only to recall the excellent football of the first 20 minutes to realise that.

The Worthington Cup draw offers us the possibility of another night to remember in the second round. If we repeat the Watford performance at Villa Park, we will be all right. I am not too fussed about it being an away game because of the unbelievable support we get on our travels. But at this stage, we are not giving any thought to the cup. We are desperate to gather as many league points as possible, so tonight the aim is to get back to the basics of good defending - play like we did on Saturday, but without the mistakes.

Kevin Nicholls



Treatment Room

AS YOU will have seen if you were at the game, Ben Roberts was the only player who has been added to our sick list after the Notts County match, and the indications are that he will not be sidelined for too long. He was feeling a little under the weather just before the game, but nothing at the time to worry him or me about his fitness to play. But his condition changed quickly, and it was unfortunate that the flu-like bug should strike when it did. By half-time the goalkeeper was feeling unwell, and it was pretty obvious he would struggle if we asked him to carry on. The club doctor had a look at him, confirmed that Roberts was running a temperature, and that made the decision for us, to send on Carl Emberson for the second half. We were all at work again on Sunday morning, and Roberts was already on the mend by then. We are treating him for flu, but it does not seem to be a very virulent strain, and there was a good chance that he could be considered for selection for this evening's match.



COMING ALONG NICELY: Adrian Forbes is making excellent progress as he works on rehabilitation after the cruciate ligament injury he sustained in the pre-season match against Southampton. Skipper Kevin Nicholls is pictured with the winger and the club sports therapist as Forbes continues on the long road back. Meantime he is making the best of things, supporting the team from the sidelines.

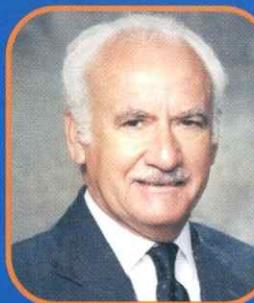
Emmerson Boyce missed Saturday's game because of a muscular problem in his lower back which left him feeling sore and uncomfortable. He was much better by Sunday, and at that stage there seemed a good chance he would be able to take part in yesterday's training session. If he did, and came through with no ill-effects, he would be in contention for a return to the squad, if selected. Players hate it when they are

unavailable through sickness or injury, and it gave a lot of us great pleasure this week to see Carl Griffiths back in the 16 on duty for the Watford and Notts County games. He has been a model professional in face of adversity – it is very nearly a year since he last played in the league, and he has had to put in a lot of hard work to get over his broken leg. It was good to see him back in action in the reserves, and scoring goals again, and I was delighted for him when the gaffer decided to put the striker back into the league squad.

Adrian Forbes is probably on a similar timetable as he works to get over his cruciate ligament injury. But he too has already shown a willingness to do everything asked of him to overcome the problem, and I know he will get there in the end. The same goes for Mark Ovendale, who is now back in full training after his hip surgery. He has done well to reach this stage of his rehabilitation so quickly, but he knows that he is still a fair way off match fitness.

Bruce Sewell Hobbs

From the Chairman's Office



AFTER the first month or so of the new season, I am sure everyone will agree with me that Joe and the boys have given us plenty to cheer about after our faltering start. I want to thank everyone involved for the efforts put in, on and off the field alike, and look forward to more success in the near future.

A good run in the Worthington Cup would be a real bonus, and as a supporter I know what pleasure that can bring – one of the best days of my life was in April 1988 when we went to Wembley and beat the Arsenal.

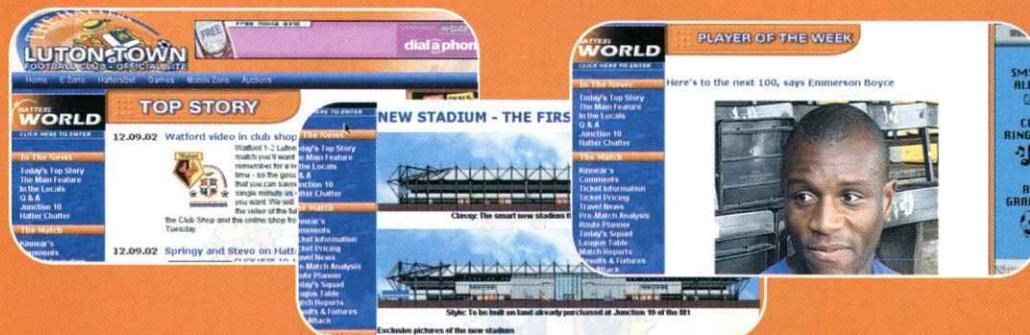
Today, I have something else I wish to bring to your attention, again as one supporter to another. I know we have a lot of excellent fans, and once again this season our away support has been very good. Attendances at Kenilworth Road are also encouraging, but there is one feature of home games that concerns us on the board.

Many people have worked hard over many years to try to make Luton Town a family club. The vast majority of our supporters play their part in that. Sadly, a few voices are raised not in cheering the team, but in chanting obscenities. It is distasteful, and illegal. So, may I ask you all to remember that this is your club, and welcomes supporters of any age, men and women alike. Foul language can harm your club and its reputation, and can also deter would-be supporters.

Please cut it out, for the good of all of us. Enjoy your football, and make sure Kenilworth Road is a stadium where we can all do exactly that.

Mike Watson-Challis Chairman

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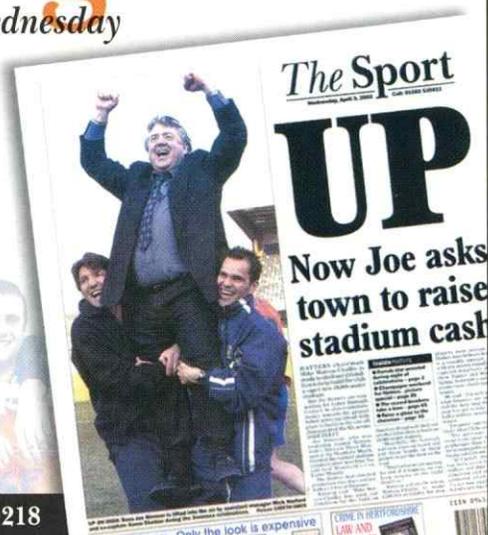
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Being a mascot means that she sees a lot of what goes on behind the scenes as we prepare for the game. She will be one of the very few visitors allowed into the dressing room before kick-off, to meet the players, hopefully including her favourite, Tony Thorpe.

Then she will run out onto the pitch with the team for the warm-up and kick-about, and the ritual of the toss of the coin, involving both skippers and the match officials.

We are sure Jade will enjoy the experience, before watching the game in her usual seat, with her dad, and Paul Dimery, in the Century Club.

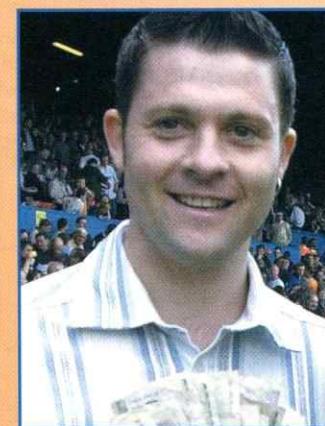
A LONG-TIME Luton Town supporter has had a lovely surprise this evening. His wife has bought the match ball sponsorship package for Colin Donovan, and the family has tried hard to keep it a complete secret from him until he arrived at the ground tonight and saw his name on the front cover of this programme. Mrs Donovan, from Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, explained: "Colin is celebrating his 55th birthday, and will be here with me and sons Gary and Ray. He has been coming to Luton matches for over 40 years, and has his programmes going back to 1959 to prove it. "He has been a season ticket holder for many years, and now manages to get to most of the away games as well. He has certainly, in Joe Kinnear's phrase, kept the faith, and is looking forward to good times ahead for the club."

We share his hopes, and add our very best wishes to Colin on his birthday, and welcome him to our executive lounges.

Linda Layton

Golden Gamble

ONE supporter is likely to go home tonight several hundred pounds in pocket. Our Golden Gamble lottery is on offer as usual, and so far the jackpot prizes have averaged £683. Print deadlines prevent us from showing you the winner at Saturday's game against Notts County, but Justin Langdon, from Buchanan Drive, Luton, is the happy fan clutching a nice wedge. He collected £670 at the game against Chesterfield. The jackpot varies according to how many Golden Gamble tickets are sold: each ticket costs £1 of which half goes towards the prize and the other 50p to club funds. So even if you are not a winner, just by buying a ticket you are helping the Town. Another cash prize is on offer this evening, and as always you must be in it to win it. Golden Gamble ticket sellers are on duty all around the ground and as usual the draw will be made at half-time, and the cash paid out immediately.



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For/Against

Goalscoring

Home/Away

Top Scorer

Form Guide

Discipline

Attendances

Swings/Margins

Miscellaneous



Clubs Comparison

Goals Scored		
5	Shots	6
6	Headers	3
0	Volleys	0
1	Penalties	0
0	Free Kicks	1
0	Own Goals	0

Where Goals Scored



Where Goals Conceded



When Goals Scored

1	0-15 mins	1
0	16-30 mins	1
2	31-45 mins	2
1	46-60 mins	3
4	61-75 mins	2
4	75-90 mins	1

Form Guide - Last 6

1	Won	0
3	Drawn	1
2	Lost	5
8	For	4
7	Against	22
6	Points	1
1	Goal Difference	-18
LLDWDD	Sequence	DLLLLL
LLWD	Home Seq.	WLLL
LLDD	Away Seq.	LDLL

Yellow & Red Cards

18	Yellow	12
1	Red	0



2002-2003 Attendances

Hatters	Aggregate	Stags
26,606	7,258	21,331
7,860	Highest	7,258
6,060	Lowest	4,183
6,652	Average	5,333
67	% of Capacity	53

10 Year Record

Hatters	Avg Pos.	Stags
54.6	among 92 clubs	78.4
7,878	Avg Att 1993	2,718
6,652	Avg Att 2002	5,333
-16	+ / - %	96

Average Goals per game

1.50	For	1.25
2.25	Home For	1.00
0.75	Away For	1.50
1.88	Against	3.50
2.00	Home Against	3.50
1.75	Away Against	3.50

2002-2003 Figures

20	Players Used	22
3	Clean Sheets	0
2	Failed to Score	4
	Goals scored from...	
3	Corners	0
1	Free Kicks	4
	Goals conceded from...	
1	Corners	5
0	Free Kicks	7

Top League Scorers

Howard	Larkin
4	1 of 2 players on 3 goals
8	League Goals
0.50	Games Played
1	Lge Goals/Game
2	Points Gained
0	Scoring Run
2	Hat-Tricks
0	Close Range
1	Inside Area
1	Long Range
1	Shots
3	Headers
0	Volleys
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STUART WATKISS

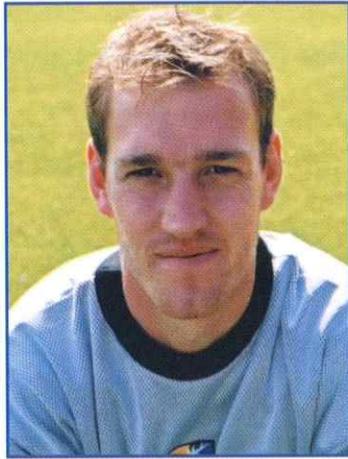
Watkiss took over as Mansfield Town Manager in January 2002, after the sudden departure of Bill Dearden. Stuart was a former player, and took on the role of Youth Team Manager, bringing through the likes of Liam Lawrence, Craig Disley, David Jervis and Lee Williamson. Wolves, Walsall and Hereford are amongst the clubs he has played for. Stuart was second in command to Bill Dearden from the beginning of this season.

GOALKEEPERS

1. KEVIN PILKINGTON

D. O. B: 8. 3. 74

A former Manchester United goalkeeper, Pilkington joined the Stags after a short trial spell at the beginning of last season. He became the clubs



14. DAVID JERVIS

D. O. B: 18. 1. 82

A product of the Stags youth development scheme. Worksop born Jervis made his breakthrough into the first team last season and despite still being new to the first team scene he proved to be a capable left-back.

6. STUART REDDINGTON

D. O. B: 21. 2. 78

23 year old Stuart joined the Stags for a nominal fee from Premiership giants Chelsea in July after impressing in a three month loan spell at the end of last season. Also had a loan period with Kalmar FF while with the Blues, who he joined from hometown club Lincoln United.

2. BOBBY HASSELL

D. O. B: 4. 6. 80

Derby born Bobby, is one of the most promising players to come out of the Stags youth set up for may years, this versatile defender of midfielder has been watched by several higher division clubs. He made his first team debut at just 16 but his appearances last season we restricted by injuries.

5. NEIL MOORE

Joined the Stags July 2002 to aid in the long awaited Division 2 Campaign. Neil. Nick named 'Mooro' comes to

at Vale Park he was at Southampton and then Wigan.

number one goalkeeper after the departure of Bobby Mimms in the summer and is expected to make a big impact at Field Mill. His other clubs are Rochdale (loan), Rotherham (loan), Port Vale, Wigan and Macclesfield

13. MICHAEL BINGHAM

D. O. B: 21. 5. 81

Joined on a free transfer from Premiership new-boys Blackburn Rovers in July 2001. The 20 year old failed in the task of dislodging internationals Alan Kelly, Brad Friedel and John Filan at Ewood Park.

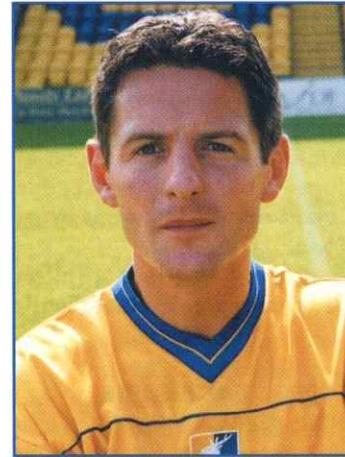
DEFENDERS

3. ALLEN TANKARD

D. O. B: 21. 5. 69

Signed on a free transfer in the summer from Port Vale. Is expected to be the experienced head that the Stags were missing and with 500+ appearances to he name, brings a wealth of knowledge to Field Mill. Before his time

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18. DION SCOTT

Arriving at Field Mill the same Day as Neil Moore, he was brought in to partner Neil and Stuart Reddington in the back row. Previously playing for new league members Boston United and playing as Captain in the Walsall youth squad he is a very well thought of member of the squad who has shown great potential in his career to date.

25.

MARK LEVER

DOB: 29/03/1970

Field Mill from Conference Club Telford United. His other clubs include Everton, Norwich, Burnley, Macclesfield, Blackpool, Carlisle, Oldham and Rotherham. The six foot defender has shone in pre-season training.

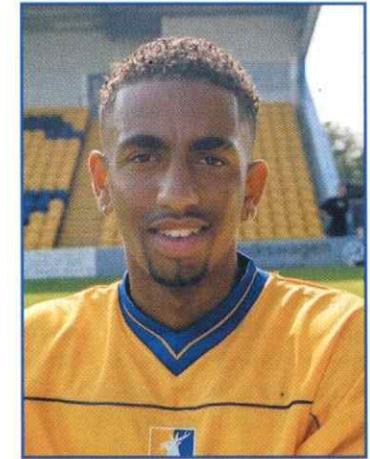
Experienced central defender who previously played for Grimsby Town and Bristol City. Having made more than 400 appearances for the Mariners he brings a wealth of experience to the back row at Field Mill, Making his Stags Debut in a reserve match at Meadow Lane against Notts.

County he is seen by all as a prize signing for Mansfield Town FC.

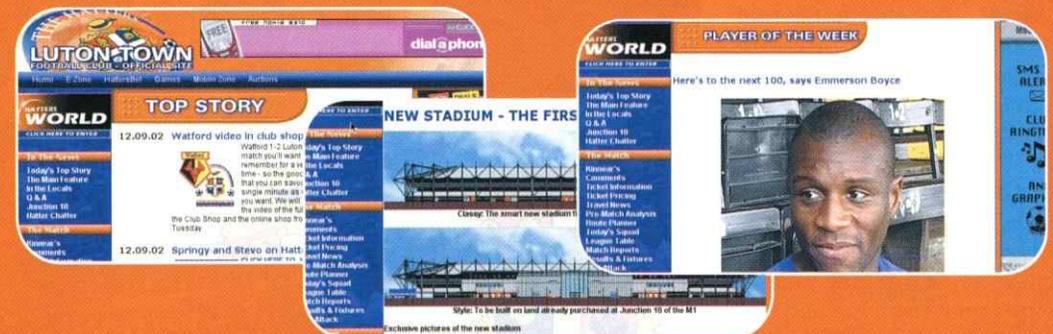
MIDFIELDERS

8. LEE WILLIAMSON

D.O.B: 7. 6. 82



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Displaced his near namesake Lee Williams on the

right flank at the end of last season with a string of impressive displays and is expected to continue in the same vein this coming season. Derby born Williamson is in his second year as a professional and is a former youth team player of the season.

11. WAYNE CORDEN D. O. B: 1. 11. 75

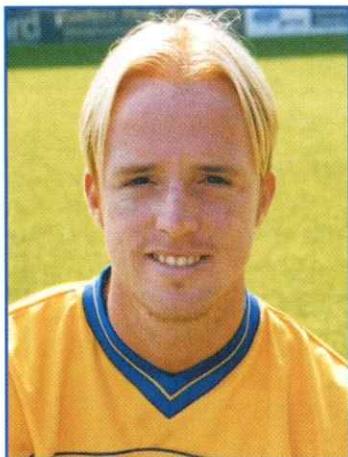
Old fashioned left-winger, Corden joined the Stags at the beginning of last season from Port Vale and scored some spectacular goals despite never finding top gear. A lot is expected from the 25-year old this season if he is played in his natural role.

7. LIAM LAWRENCE D. O. B: 14. 12. 81

Another promising youngster, who scored four goals in eight first team appearances last season. An enigmatic midfielder from Retford, Lawrence is another product of the Stags successful youth development scheme.

10. CRAIG DISLEY D. O. B: 24. 8. 81

A typical box-to-box player, Disley is yet another product of the youth team at Field Mill. Won a local radio station's Young Player of the Year award last season and was



attracting the gaze of Premiership scouts.

17. MICHAEL SISSON D. O. B: 24. 11. 78

Born in Sutton in Ashfield, Michael has played 31 career league games in total for Town.

20. SCOTT SELLARS



Brought in at toward the end of the Stags Promotion Campaign 2001/02 Scott

brought with him a wealth of experience gained in the Premiership and Europe game. The Sheffield born star has played football at the highest level for a long list of clubs which include Leeds United on two different occasions, Blackburn Rovers, Newcastle United, Bolton Wanderers and Huddersfield.

4. NEIL MACKENZIE DOB: 15/04/1976

Neil joined the Seasiders in the summer of 2001 after rejecting a contract offer from former club Kidderminster Harriers.

The 25 year old midfielder made his first league start for the Seasiders in their opening away victory over Bournemouth at Dorchester Town in August 2001

Played his part in Blackpool's LDV success but was limited to appearances mainly from the bench in league fixtures. On joining the Stags Neil played in the Preseason friendly against Spanish Giants Deportivo Alaves where his performance could only be described as sparkling.

FORWARDS

9. SHAYNE BRADLEY D. O. B: 8. 12. 79

Joint club record signing, Bradley joined the Stags for £150,000 from Southampton in August last year and

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despite ankle problems throughout his debut season he managed to grab eight goals. Has also played for Swindon on loan.

16. DANNY BACON D. O. B: 20. 9. 80

A product of the local youth leagues, Bacon's goalscoring exploits in the youth team and reserves in recent years are expected to propel him into the firm team reckoning on a more permanent basis this season.

15. ANDY WHITE D. O. B: 6. 11. 81

Standing at 6 feet 4 inches tall, White is expected to be a

handful for defenders up and down the country this season. Made an impact in the reserves las season in his first year of full-time football. Signed a professional contract last year after completing his A-levels and agreed a two-year extension in May.

21. COLIN LARKIN D.O.B: 27-04-1982

Colin won the hearts of Wolves Fans in his time at the club, they thought of him as being the next Robbie Keane. He has spent time on loan at Kidderminster last season so sees joining the stags in Division 2 as progression to his career.

22. IYSEDEN CHRISTIE: D.O.B.: 14 -11 -1976

Ilyseden signed for the Stags on a free transfer from Leyton Orient this year. It is not the first time he has played for the club, after being on loan from Bournemouth he signed a two year deal before leaving for Leyton Orient where he managed to score 14 goals.



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Blast From the Past

With all the present day talk of footballers on million pound contracts and, certainly in the upper levels of the game, being pampered to the extent that they are not allowed to think for themselves, spare a thought for those lower league players whose careers are cut short by injury. One such player, who still lives happily in Dunstable, is Alan Daniel who suffered a freak training accident at Kenilworth Road at the age of 23 and never kicked a ball again although he harbours no grudges and most certainly does not feel sorry for himself. Born in Ashford in April 1940, Alan actually moved to Luton at an early age as his father, Mel, was signed by the Hatters as the war drew to a close. Mel became part of a famed Luton forward line at early post-war Kenilworth Road and netted a hat-trick on the opening day of the 1946/47 season as well as appearing in that still talked about 4-3

win over Newcastle later on that season. Leaving Luton for Aldershot and then Betteshanger, Mel and the rest of the Daniel family settled back in Ashford where young Alan soon displayed his footballing talents. After appearing for Ashford boys, he was picked up by Bexleyheath and Welling who were the Charlton nursery side. It was while playing youth football there that he had his eyes opened as to how far he needed to progress before he could think of reaching the top. "We were drawn to play Manchester United away in the F.A. Youth Cup and lost 11-1 although we returned to Kent as heroes. Playing against the likes of Duncan Edwards, Bobby Charlton and the rest of the Busby Babes was a fantastic experience and made me even more determined to make a career out of football." Back at Bexleyheath,

Alan continued to show all the attributes needed for a defender and eventually Fulham, Coventry and Charlton all wanted the young full-back to sign on amateur forms. It was, however, the Hatters that won his signature although, surprisingly, it had nothing to do with his father.

Staying in digs at manager Dally Duncan's house and serving an apprenticeship in television and radio repairs with Williams and Richardson, Alan worked his way up through the youth team sides before becoming a regular in Bob Readhead's 'A' team in the Metropolitan League and then the reserve side in the Football Combination signing professional forms along the way.

"My big breakthrough came in April 1959 just after my 19th birthday when I was picked to play for the first team at West Brom. With the F.A. Cup final looming it was decided to rest several first teamers with the result that the youngsters were given a chance. I made my debut along with Mike Dixon (Kerry's dad) and got good press reviews although we lost 2-0."

After that it was back to the reserves until mid-way through the following campaign when, with the Town struggling at the wrong end of the old Division One, it was resolved to shake up the side after, coincidentally, a 0-4 defeat at West Brom. Alan returned to the team for a fifteen game run before being dropped, with an own goal conceded at Exeter in an F.A. Cup clash not helping his cause!

With the Town already relegated, Alan was recalled for the final three games of that campaign which included a special match on 30th April 1960 - Tom Finney's last game for Preston.



The Hatters line up at the start of the 1960/61 season. Back row (left to right); Bartram (manager), Pacey, Brown, McBride, Baynham, Daniel, Dunne. Front row (left to right); Bingham, Turner, Morton, Groves, Imlach.

Alan Daniel. A career cut short.



"Our right winger Billy Bingham came into the dressing room before the game to personally give me the good news and bad. The good news was that Finney would play while the bad was that he would play against me. Although we lost 2-0 I held Finney which did not go down well with the crowd who were willing him to score. Even our own Seamus Dunne suggested I might let him through but what I said to him in reply is not printable!"

With the Town relegated to Division Two, Alan played the first few games of the 1960/61 season before being replaced by new signing John Bramwell who came to Luton as part of the deal that saw Billy Bingham move to Everton. With Bramwell forming a steady and experienced full back partnership with Brendan McNally, young Alan made only one senior appearance over the next two years before an injury to McNally opened the door once more. This time, although the Town were

heading for another relegation, Alan was not about to be displaced and a long Luton Town career was assured. An ankle injury meant that he missed the final game of the season but he was picked for the right back slot as the Hatters kicked off the 1963/64 campaign back in Division Three for the first time since 1937.

It was then that the precarious life of a professional footballer was cruelly brought home when Alan was injured during training. "We were leap-frogging over each other around the pitch at Kenilworth Road. I jumped over Ron Baynham and fell awkwardly in a pothole. The injury was initially misdiagnosed as an ankle sprain and I was made to run up and down the Kenilworth Road end terraces to get fit but the injury got worse and by the time a snapped achilles tendon was confirmed it was too late and the damage was done. I was told that if I continued to play and the tendon snapped again I would end up a cripple."

This must have come as a huge blow to a 23 year old with his career ahead of him. On top of this he had a young wife to support - he met and married local girl Val, a Luton Girls Choir member, in a whirlwind romance in 1960. Obviously common sense ruled and Alan gave up the job he loved and went to work in engineering for 25 years before taking up a lorry driving job with Keech Cottage with whom he is still employed. Although seeing his own playing career cut short, Alan still loves the game and has high hopes for his eight year old grandson, Brandon Black, who plays for Icknield Pumas. As a postscript, during our meeting it was revealed by Val that Alan's mother had received £250 cash when her son had signed on for the Town. This was news to Alan who had been blissfully unaware for almost 50 years!

Roger Wash

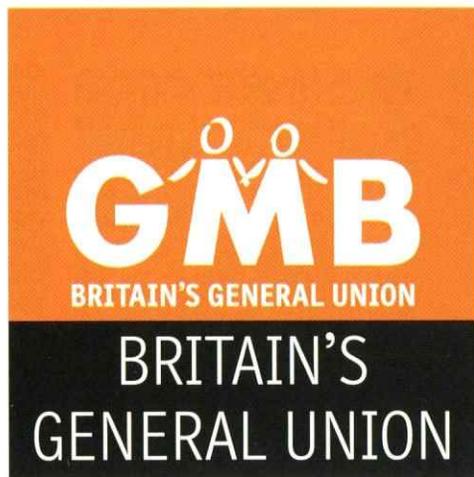
Yesterday's pages



Alan Daniel made his debut for the Town at West Bromwich in April 1959 in a re-arranged game which followed an abandonment the previous December.

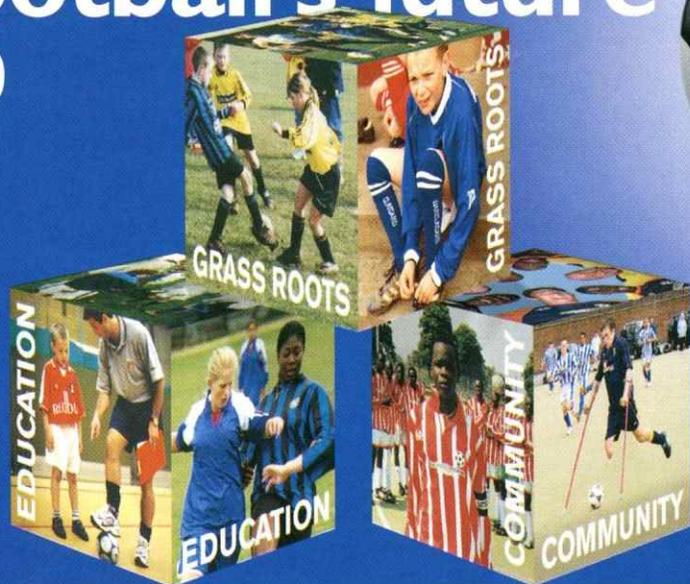
West Brom produced their normal 'Albion News' which was now on volume 50 but supporters purchasing this particular issue were short changed as the Town line-up showed no fewer than ten alterations. It had been decided to rest several players in the run up to the F.A. Cup final and although Alan must have been proud to make his senior debut it is a shame that he is not mentioned either on the line-up page or the pen pictures.

West Brom included future Hatter, Derek Kevan in their side along with current Newcastle manager Bobby Robson. It is interesting to note other Luton connections in the junior and reserve teams section with future trainer Brian Whitehouse turning out for the second eleven while a young Jack Bannister was starring with the 'B' side. The adverts make more fascinating reading than the articles in this fairly basic programme. Trains were being laid on for the forthcoming trip to Tottenham with a return fare of 18/- (90p) while best quality trousers could be bought from Foster Brothers for 55/- (£2-75).



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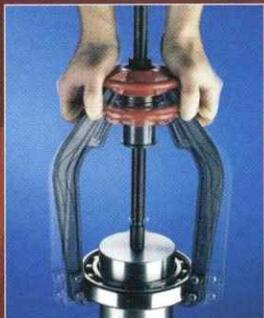
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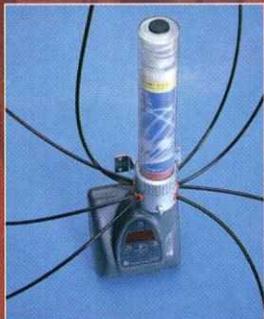
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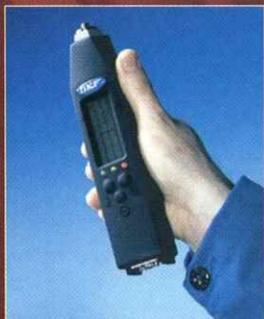
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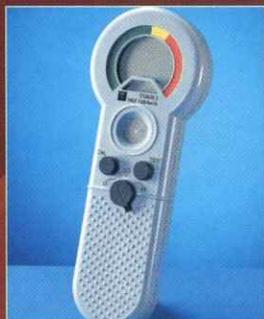


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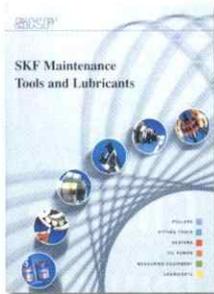
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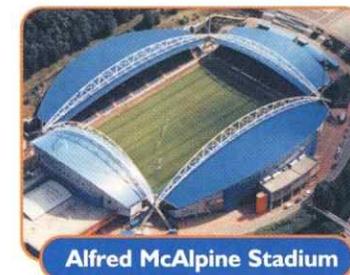
That was our first league visit to Huddersfield since January 1973, which holds better memories - Harry Haslam's team won 2-1 on the old Leeds Road ground, with a strike by Barry Butlin and an own goal by David Lyon.

For Saturday's match, two organisations are offering coach travel to and from the game.

Town on Tour will depart at 9.30, calling at Milton Keynes Coachway about 20 minutes later. Their fare is £15 for adult members of Luton Town Supporters Club, £13 for senior and junior citizens who are members and

£17 for others.

The Bobbers Travel Club services villages to the north of Luton, and they set out from Cranfield at 8.30am, leaving Luton at 9.30. The fare is £14 for adults and £11.50 for pensioners and under-16s.



DRIVING to Huddersfield on a Saturday is usually quick because most of the journey is on the M1, and the Alfred McAlpine Stadium, built in

1995 has reasonable parking facilities, although the car park tends to fill up early. It is within a fifteen-minute walk of Huddersfield town centre. Leave Luton to go north on the M1 all the way up to junction 38, which is just beyond Barnsley. After leaving the motorway, follow the signs towards Huddersfield, on the A637, for just over six miles. Then, at a roundabout take the first exit, and you are on the A642, still sign-posted to Huddersfield. Go straight on for just over five miles and after going through several sets of traffic lights watch for an old church on your left, now a carpet shop. At that junction, turn right into St. Andrews Road, and in less than a mile watch for the sign to turn right into Stadium Way, which takes you into the car park for the ground.

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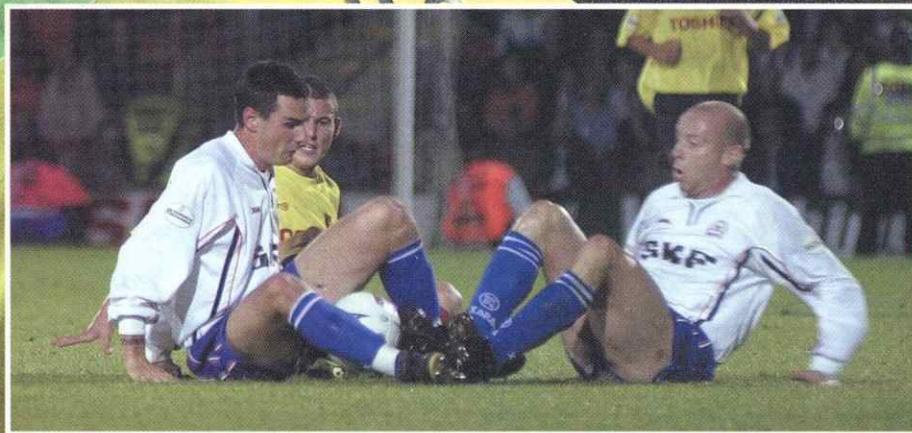
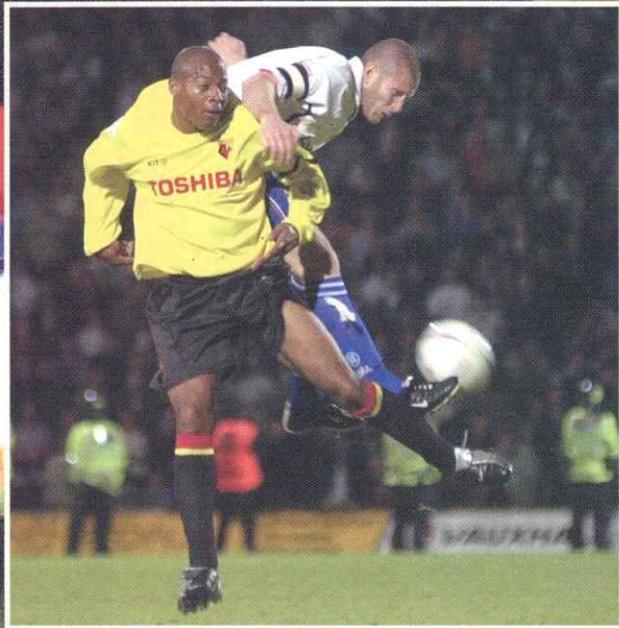


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HEAVYWEIGHT CLASH: Sean Dyche, who was on loan with the Town nearly four years ago, was given a torrid time at Vicarage Road by Steve Howard. Paul Robinson is the other Watford player in view.

TOP LEFT: Kevin Nicholls and Micah Hyde competing at close quarters

BOTTOM LEFT: Getting down to it, Matt Spring and Paul Hughes ensure it is two to one in the Town's favour as the ball goes to ground.

RIGHT: Bunch of high fives – celebration time for David Bayliss, Sol Davis, and Kevin Nicholls.





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The object is to enable us to fully inform everybody of the services we offer. You will find details of all our activities, which include curriculum coaching, after-school clubs, evening, weekend and holiday courses, as well as club coaching and match day clubs.

It also gives more general information outlining the content of the activities we are offering. The idea is that we will distribute the brochures, free of charge, to all the local schools, social clubs, youth organisations and so on. Hopefully it will help us to continue to increase the profile of Luton Town FC.

If you would like a copy of the brochure you can pop into the new community offices to pick one up, or send me a stamped self addressed A5 envelope and I will post one to you.

As usual I leave you with the table displaying the current evening and Saturday morning coaching courses currently available. We are in the process of putting more together, so watch this space. Should you wish to register please call me on 01582 391927 or fill in the form.

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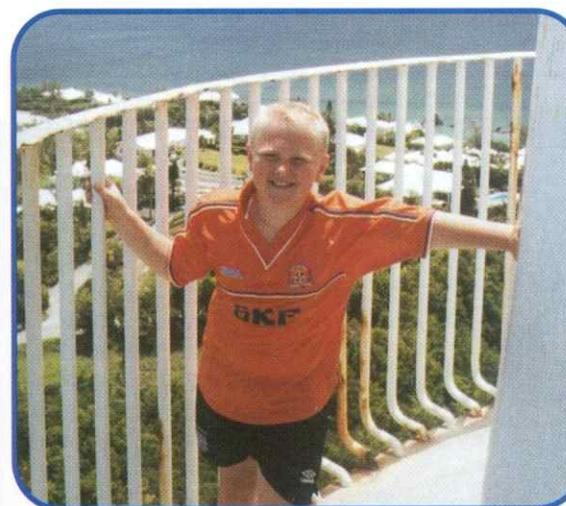
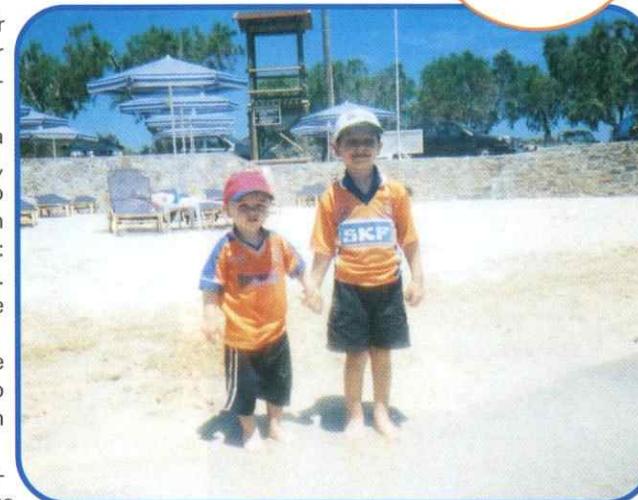
OUR pictures of Town supporters on their travels are close to qualifying for our other fans' contributions feature, involving very young followers of the Town.

The two lads getting their toes wet on a sandy beach are Shaun and Ryan Marks, from Sundon Park, Luton, and the photo was sent in by Steve Marks, from Tame-ton Close, Wigmore, Luton. He said:

"The picture features my two nephews. Shaun is five and Ryan is two, and we were on a family holiday in Crete.

"I am a season ticket holder in the Kenilworth Stand, and I hope it's not too long before they will be joining me in cheering on the Hatters!"

The boys are obviously destined to follow Uncle Steve's example - they're geared up for it already!



OUR OTHER young Hatter abroad is eight-year-old Max Thomas, from Harvey Road, London Colney. He told us: "The picture is of me on the look-out point of St David's lighthouse, in St. David's, Bermuda.

"Many American visitors to Bermuda asked me about my shirt, and I was happy to tell them about my love for Luton Town.

"I am a season ticket holder in the New Stand, and I also go to a lot of away games. My favourite players are Matthew Spring and Russ Perrett. Good luck to Joe and the boys for 2002-03."

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

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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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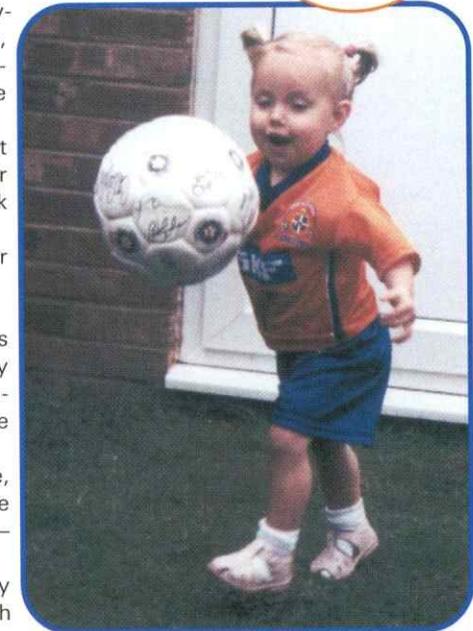
Mini Hatters



WHEN you are two years old and part of a Luton Town-loving family, a football tends to be one of your favourite toys, as little Danielle Folland demonstrates. The picture was submitted by her proud grandmother, Lyn Folland, from The Crescent, Caddington.

She said: "Danielle has been proud to wear her Luton shirt since she was tiny, but now, as you can see, she takes her training very seriously. I think she is saying 'Who needs Mick or Daley when I've got my dad Kev to coach me?'"

"We would all like to wish Joe and the lads lots of luck for the rest of the season."



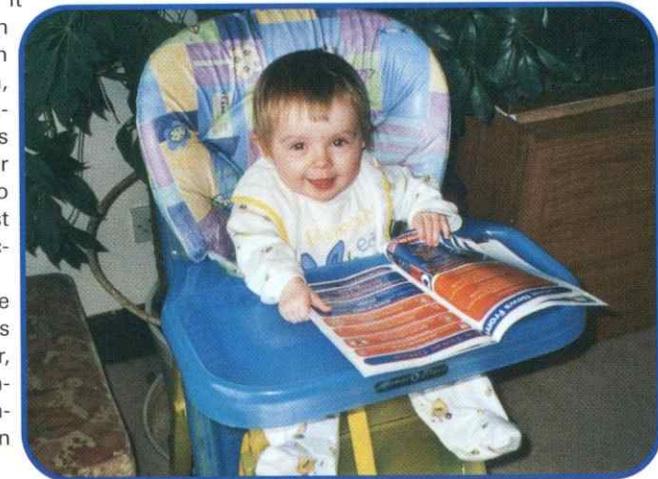
LITTLE Hayley Wash is only just over a year old, but is already an avid reader of our award-winning matchday magazine. It's not just a matter of good taste – she is probably checking to see which days her dad will be off to see the Hatters.

Phil Wash, from Cannon Lane, Pinner, sent in the picture, and told us: "As Hayley is only a year old it will be a while before she puts in her first appearance at Kenilworth Road – or should that be Junction Ten?"

"Personally, I have followed the Town since the days of Billy Bingham and Dave Pacey, over 40 years ago. After so much decline since the heady days of the 80s it

was great to witness such a good season last year, even if it was the old Division Four. We've been there before, though, and it is interesting to compare the championship-winning side of 1968 with Joe's 2002 side. I think the former was a better team, but the latter a far better squad. So thanks to everyone for a great season last year, and best wishes for another successful one this time."

In case readers think they recognise the surname Wash, Phil tells us that as far as he can discover he is no relation of Roger, our club historian and programme contributor, but there may be a distant connection beyond the shared love of Luton Town.



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. Please send it, with a few details, either by post to Luton Town FC or by e-mail to brian.swain@btinternet.com. Whatever method you use, please include your home address and a day-time phone number. If sending by post, please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want the photographs back, but don't offer anything which is irreplaceable, just in case letters go astray.

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Action Replay

Watford 1 Luton Town 2 (HT 0-2)

THE MOST satisfying result of the season so far was no fluke as the Town settled the local derby decisively, with their first away win of the season, which inflicted a first home defeat on their Division One opposition.

It was a pity that the actions of some "supporters" brought shame on their clubs, because the cup-tie was played in good spirit. A big Town following particularly enjoyed a team performance, which stifled the gloating chants of home fans. Hornets have been singing about a 4-0 win at Luton for five years, but in 41 first-half minutes they changed their tune as the Town hit them with two classic goals.

A crunching tackle by Paul Hughes led to the first. He won the ball near the halfway line, and it broke for Steve Howard to make a short run before playing the ball into the path of Matt Spring. His drive from about 30 yards exploded into the net in front of the disbelieving home supporters. That was on 31 minutes, and ten minutes later Spring returned the compliment for Howard, whose drive from just inside the penalty area was another devastating blow to the home side's cup hopes.

They were the only two on-target efforts either side managed in the first half, in a game which always crackled with endeavour and workrate, if not with measured finesse.

It was a football battle, a trial of strength, and Watford's desperate search for a lift led to them

throwing men forward in numbers to try to capitalise on long balls and brute strength. The Town, with Carl Emberson in goal because Ben Roberts was sidelined on the orders of Charlton boss Alan Curbishley, stood firm long enough to make Dominic Foley's headed reply on 75 minutes no more than a consolation.

In fact it was barely that for bemused Watford boss Ray Lewington, whose view of the game was a little different from ours. "I am bitterly disappointed, for us and for the fans," he said. "I know how much this game means to supporters. We started OK, but Luton scored a blinding goal against the run of play. The second was a poor one to concede from our point of view, and at half time I decided to gamble and go for it. I thought that if we could get one quick goal Luton might buckle, but I didn't see a spark in our team, and that disappointed me. We tried well enough in the first half, but never looked capable of scoring, and in the second half we were playing with three centre-forwards."

The crucial factor for us was that the Town refused to buckle, even when Watford tried to pound away for the last 15 minutes, and in fact the result could have been more decisive – and easier on the heartstrings in the closing minutes – because with four of the scheduled 90 minutes to go a Kevin Nicholls

clearance gave Howard another chance to beat stopper Sean Dyche for pace and unleash a low angled drive which Alec Chamberlain, the other ex-Hatter in the Watford side, saved at full length.

At the final whistle, there was no disguising the fact that the Town players savoured the sweet taste of success over a team from a division higher. Spring was the only player with previous experience of local derbies, but it was clear that everyone on the night, not least Joe Kinnear, knew just how important it was for us to get this result. We loved it!

And the handful of idiots who might have spoiled the occasion might take note that at the end Watford's players took defeat with very good grace – handshakes all round, which is still what football should be about, local derby or not.

Luton Town: Emberson; Boyce, Perrett, Bayliss, Davis; Brkovic (Robinson 73 mins), Spring, Nicholls, Hughes (Neilson 80 mins); Howard, Crowe. Unused subs: Griffiths, Fotiadis, Coyne.

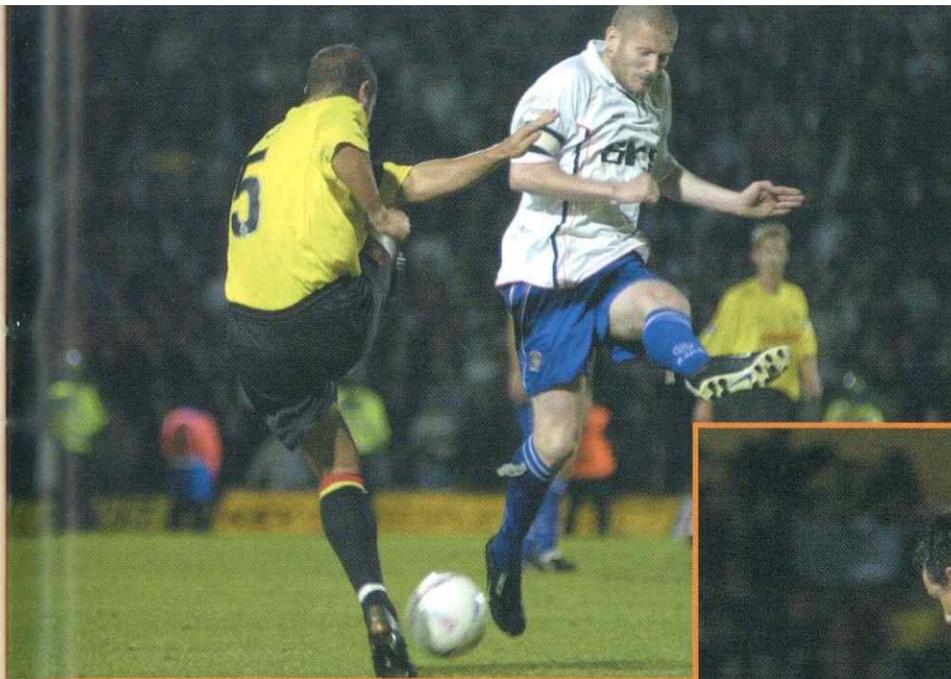
Booked: Matt Spring and Dean Crowe, both for dissent..

Watford: Chamberlain; Doyley, Cox, Dyche, Robinson; Ardley, Hyde, Hand (Norville 65 mins), Glass (McNamee 53 mins); Foley, Smith. Unused subs: Vernazza, Ifil, Lee.

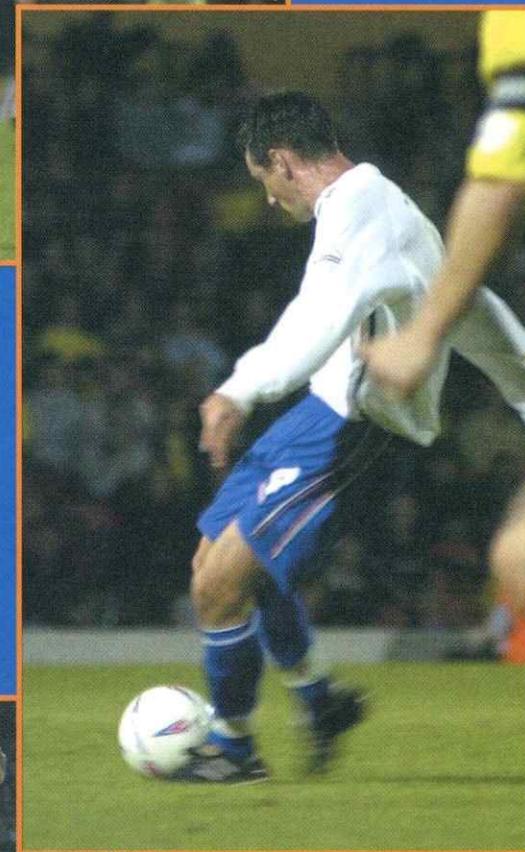
Booked: Paul Robinson, foul on Emmerson Boyce.

Referee: Peter Walton, Northants

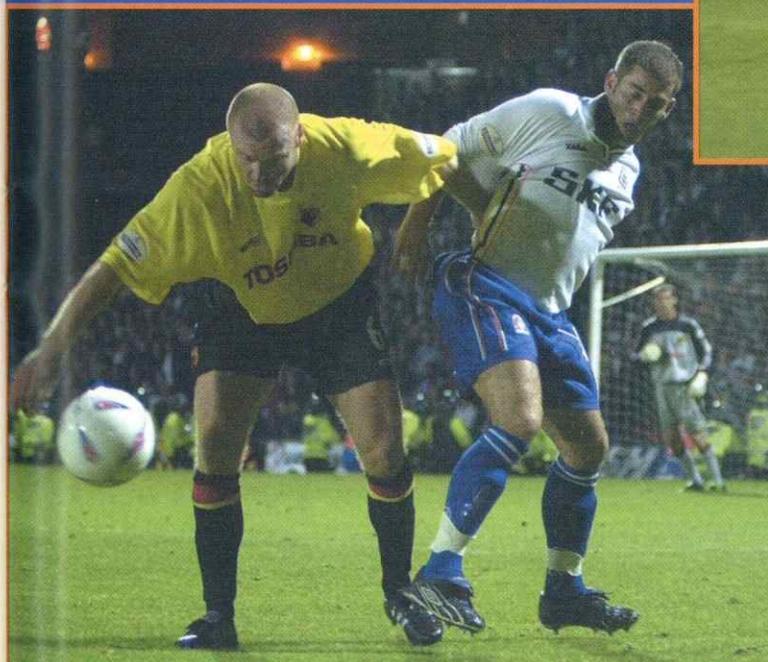
Attendance: 14,171, including 4,404 away fans.



ABOVE: Skippers in competition – Kevin Nicholls and Neil Cox.



RIGHT: Pulling the trigger – Matt Spring about to fire in the tremendous opening goal.



BELOW: Size doesn't matter! Dean Crowe, not on the score-sheet, but always a nimble handful for defenders like Sean Dyche.

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Each team will have a Luton player or member of the management and there will be prizes for the first three teams, for the longest drive, for nearest the pin, plus an auction and raffle in the evening.

There will be more details of the other players and arrangements later.

It's a great day out - and YOU could be there. The day starts with a breakfast of bacon rolls and coffee at 10.45 and the first match tees off at 11.56.

You could win a Mini Cooper S, kindly donated by Specialist Cars of Luton and Hitchin if you get a hole in one on the prize hole.

The dinner with wine and presentations of the prizes, together with an auction and raffle starts at 7.30 and the whole event is in support of the NSPCC, the National Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Children.

So if you fancy being one of the lucky golfers in Mick Harford's team, then go to the Luton Town website (www.lutontown.co.uk), follow the link and start bidding now.

The auction is live now and closes at 6pm on Friday September 20 and the top THREE bids will be Big Mick's team on the day. Golfers MUST have an official handicap to take part - maximum 26.

Imagine sharing the fairways and greens with the great man himself and chatting about some great moments, goals, players and incidents from the past and the present. You'll also no doubt come away with a good idea of Mick's thoughts on the current season.

This sort of opportunity doesn't come around very often, so if you love Luton and you love golf, this is a day from your wildest dreams.

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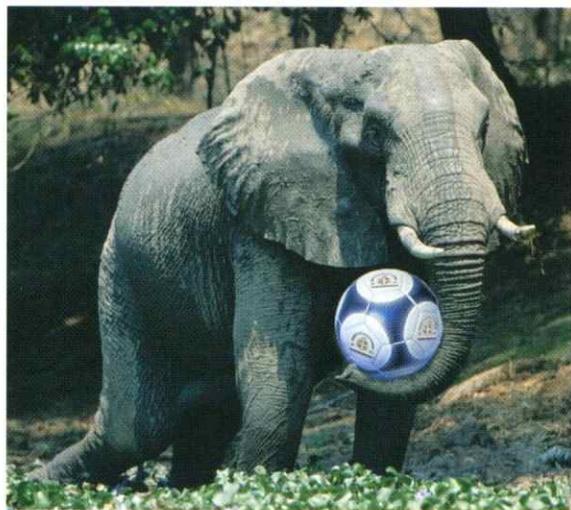
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Junior Hatters



BECAUSE it is an evening kick-off, we have been unable to organise an official visit by the young supporters of Mansfield Town, but perhaps some will have got here, so welcome to all boys and girls supporting either team. Our first Junior Hatters trip of the season will be on Saturday, when we go to the McAlpine Stadium, Huddersfield. There has already been a lot of interest, and as we went to press seats on the coach were selling fast. If you would like to go, visit the club shop as soon as possible to check if there are any places still available. When the coach is sold out we start a waiting list, just in case anyone drops out. Our day will start with departure from Luton at 8.15am, to give us time to play the Young Terriers at

football before the big match kicks off. If you want to play, bring your boots! We have also been invited to provide a mascot, and a Junior Hatter will be chosen by lucky dip during the journey to Yorkshire. If you want to be considered, bring your Luton kit with you. As usual, the price of the trip is a real bargain: £10 for Junior Hatters, and £13 for guests and parents, and that includes a ticket to the match. To check availability of seats, or for any other information about the Junior Hatters, visit our headquarters at the club shop. You can phone on Luton 411622, or e-mail us on clubshop@lutontown.co.uk Open to all Luton Town fans aged 16 and under, Junior Hatters membership costs £12 a year 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. It also gives you the right to attend our Saturday Club, which offers 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.

Happy Harry

ONE OF the best things about being in the Junior Hatters is that it gives you a chance to be mascot at a match, and this evening Lee Radmore is the lucky member whose name was drawn out of the hat. He is 11, and lives at Fourth Avenue, Luton, and goes to Lealands High School.

As mascot, he will go into the dressing room as the players are getting ready for the match, and then go out onto the pitch with them as they warm up. Doubtless Lee will particularly enjoy meeting Steve Howard, because the striker is his favourite player.

Lee comes to games with his dad, and they sit in the New Stand, and as well as watching the Town Lee enjoys swimming and playing football, for Sundon Park Rangers in the Chiltern Youth League.

We also have two ballboys on duty this evening: Christopher Wood, from Woolpack Close, Dunstable, and Michael Maltby, of Stockingstone Road, Luton.



MYSTERY FANS: Brentford were unable to offer us a facility to make a Junior Hatters trip to Griffin Park, so we had not chosen an official mascot for the match. However, when the skippers and officials met for the toss of the coin there were two young supporters in Luton Town strip among the mascots. Brentford have been unable to identify them for us, but whoever they are, if they are genuine Luton Town fans we expect they will be in the ground tonight, and will be pleased to see their photographs in the programme.

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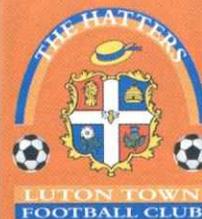
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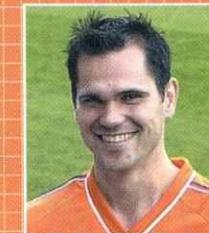
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- 8.35** Golden Gamble -
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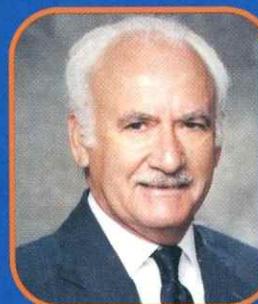
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Luton Belles



THERE were goals galore – 25 scored and none conceded – as Luton Belles under-11 and under-13 teams kicked off their new league season with impressive victories. And club officials who know that one record was equalled wonder if another has been set.

The under-13s smashed league newcomers Buntingford 18-0, and Brittany Murtagh, making her debut, scored nine times, which equals the Belles' best-ever return from one match.

The under-11s hammered Harpenden 7-0, and the unusual feature of that game was that there were seven different scorers, which may well be a club record.

They had two new additions to the squad, Olivia (Livi) Robinson and Robyn Wilford.

The Belles went one up after fifteen minutes. A corner by Kelly Moss was cleared to the edge of the penalty area, and Jasmine Hall volleyed into the top left hand corner. Three minutes later Livi Robinson started and finished a move for the second goal, with a close range shot following a flick-on by Lauren Bruton. Robyn Wilford almost marked her debut with a goal, but her shot was tipped around the post by the keeper. The result-

ing corner by Kelly Moss appeared to go straight into the net to make the half time score 3-0.

Robyn was not be denied her debut goal. Two minutes into the second half she converted Stephanie White's cross to make the score 4-0.

Straight from the kick-off Harpenden went on to the attack. A long throw was not dealt with by the Belles defence, and the ball broke to a Harpenden player. A goal seemed certain as she struck a low shot, but Sian Hall pulled

off a brilliant save, diving to her right. The Belles soon got going again at the other end and Stephanie White scored with a low shot through a crowded penalty area. With three minutes left a long range effort by Jade McEntaggart found the top corner and in the final minute Lauren Bruton added a seventh.

Seven goals and seven different goalscorers – it seems to prove that everybody in this team is capable of scoring!.



SEVEN UP: The Luton Belles under-11 squad, who opened the season with a 7-0 thrashing of Harpenden.

ONCE AGAIN this season the Luton Belles senior team will be playing in The Southern Region League, and the club is also be running five youth teams, offering organised competitive football for girls at under 11, under 13 and under 14 divisions in the Hertfordshire Girls League, and under 12 and under 14 sides in The Bedfordshire League.

Any ladies or girls who may be interested in joining the Belles can email Dave Baker at lutonbelles@hotmail.com To find out more about the Belles they have a new website up and running – pay a visit to www.lutontownbelles.com

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Youth Soccer



FLYA U-19 Brentford 0 Luton Town 2

WE deserved this League Cup result, after passing a good test of our ability and attitude. Brentford were up for it, and started the game at a frantic pace, which was all right by me – it is no good having easy games, because you don't learn much from them.

We did well to take the sting out of the game after the first 15 minutes or so, in which Brentford put on plenty of pressure. It was hectic at times, but we coped with it, and began to make chances for ourselves.

Parys Okai went close three times before an excellent move brought our first goal on 24 minutes. Schoolboy Tom Freeman was on the end of it to pass the ball into the net.

The one-goal lead at half-time was about right on balance of play, but after the interval we were playing down the slope and the game developed into a bit of a scramble, much less composed. We had to dig in, but eventually we got our passing going again, and once more that took the sting out of Brentford.

The win was wrapped up when Okai got the goal he deserved, placing his shot through a crowd of players after a concerted attack.

Luton Town: Beckwith, Howell, Barnett, O'Leary, Gillman, J. Deeney, Foley, Osborn, Freeman, Maitland, Okai.

UNDER-19 appearances, as sub in brackets: Beckwith 3, Howell 3, Barnett 3, J. Deeney 3, Freeman 3, Okai 3, O'Leary 2, Davis 2, Osborn 2, Foley 2, Maitland 2, de Souza 1, Judge 1, Keane 1, R. Mansell 1, Gillman 1, Brill 0(2), Ridgway 0(1).

Goals: Freeman 2, Okai 1

FLYA U-17 Southend Utd 1 Luton Town 2

TWO penalties by Sean Ridgway earned an excellent victory, to suggest that when we can field our strongest side we can do well in our inaugural season at this level. Having gone one down in 20 minutes, the lads kept their shape and composure, and the deserved equaliser came from the spot on 35 minutes. It was a clear penalty offence, and we thought there were two others just as blatant later in the game. The ref disagreed on the first occasion, but gave the second on 65 minutes, and Ridgway scored again. After that we never looked like allowing Southend back into it.

Luton Town: Brill, Smyth (McCarthy 75 mins), Mountford, de Souza, D. Deeney, Reid, Blake, Ridgway, Clark (Sinclair 85 mins), Blythe, Shea (Green 60 mins).

UNDER-17 appearances: D. Deeney 3, Reid 3, Blake 3, Ridgway 3, Shea 2(1), Brill 2, Smyth 2, Mountford 2, Blythe 2, Green 1(2), McCarthy 1(2), Clark 1(1), Maitland 1(1), Barrett 1, Howell 1, Magdah 1, Barnett 1, Freeman 1, Keane 1, de Souza 1, Sinclair 0(2).

Goals: Ridgway 2 pens, Shea 1, Barnett 1, Blythe 1, Freeman 1, Keane 1, Maitland 1

THE UNDER-19s are at home on Saturday, to Wycombe in the League Cup. Kick-off at Luton RFC is at 11am, and spectators are welcome. Admission is free.

FL Youth Alliance Under-17

August			
17	Brighton	A	0-3
24	Peterborough	A	6-0
September			
7	Southend	A	2-1
14	Portsmouth	H	Ridgway 2 pens
21	Gillingham	A	
28	Cambridge	A	

FLYA UNDER-17 SE CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gillingham	3	2	1	0	12	7	7
Brighton	3	2	0	0	7	3	7
Colchester	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Luton Town	3	2	0	1	8	4	6
L. Orient	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Peterborough	3	2	0	1	7	8	6
Brentford	3	1	0	2	8	7	3
Portsmouth	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
Southend	3	1	0	2	6	9	3
Cambridge	3	0	1	2	4	9	1
QPR	3	0	1	2	0	5	1
Wycombe	3	0	1	2	5	12	1

FL Youth Alliance Under-19

August			
17	Walsall	H	0-0
31	Kidderminster	A	1-0
September			
7	Brentford (LC)	A	2-0
14	Oxford (LC)	H	Freeman, Okai
21	Wycombe (LC)	H	
28	Northampton	H	

FLYA UNDER-19 SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Luton Town	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Peterborough	2	1	0	1	5	1	3
West Brom	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Northampton	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Kidderminster	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Walsall	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Rushden	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Oxford	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

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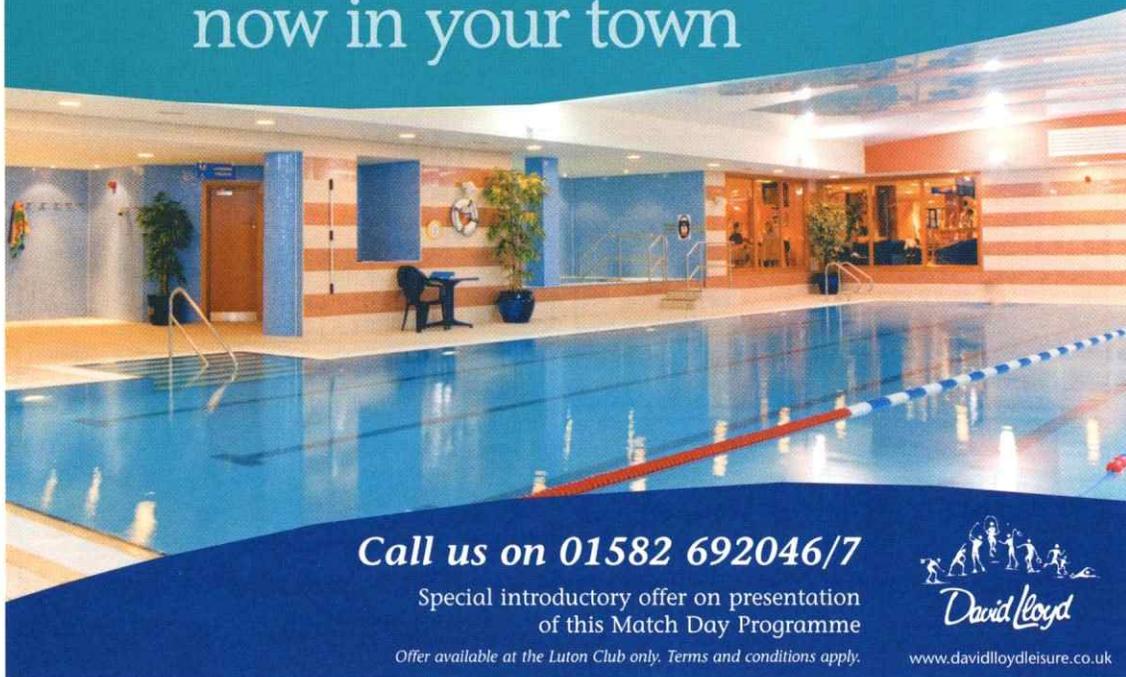
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In Reserve



WE HAVE had no fixture in the Avon Insurance Combination this week, which is a disappointment to players and coaches alike, because however enjoyable and necessary training is, there is nothing to match the experience you gather in a competitive game.

We have players wanting their chance to show what they can do – for instance, when we beat Millwall last week, we included Carl Griffiths, who is getting better and better as he works to regain full match fitness following his long-term injury, Tony Thorpe, who is competing with Dean Crowe for a place in the first team's attack, and Andrew Fotiadis, who is close to making the breakthrough to become a regular in the league squad.

Our reserve side usually includes young players hoping to catch the gaffer's eye. Leon Barnett, for instance, a 16-year-old first-year scholar from Stevenage, made his Avon Combination debut in our defence against Millwall, and he handled it well. There is always the danger that if you put an inexperienced player into a side before he is ready he might have a stinker and be demoralised. But you don't pick him without being pretty confident he can handle it, and young Barnett came through his debut with great credit. I particularly liked the way he coped with intimidation.

Kevin Foley, 17 and a second-year scholar, is already looking well set in the reserves, having played regularly for our under-19 youth team when he was only 16. I think he could be part of the first team squad before the season ends.

Rob Gillman, at 18, is showing signs that he could be a complete centre-half if he puts in enough hard work, and we also have other young players coming through and waiting for their chance. Watch out for, among others, Stephen

O'Leary, who was in the under-19s while he was still a 15-year-old schoolboy.

The search for good young players is never-ending, but at the same time we need more experienced men too. They are not easy to find, which is why we look at a lot of trialists. Some have come with a reputation, but you don't sign players on their past records – you have a good look at them first.

That is an important part of the work that has to be done with the reserves. At times, it interferes with one of my two ambitions for the squad: I want to win every game, but also, and more important for the long-term good of the club, we have to produce and locate players with the potential to improve our first team squad. Decisions can often be difficult: whether you are talking about new players wanting to come in, or others who have been here some time, you don't want players sitting around on contracts who are not good enough for the first team.

We are not blessed with a massive league squad, but we are all committed to improving it, from whatever source is available.

It means that reserve team football often has more of an edge to it for a lot of players than you might realise. It also makes for good games if every man on the field is playing for his own future.

Our next fixture is at Swindon tomorrow. We are at home on Wednesday next week to Peterborough. 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.

Appearances: Fotiadis 4, Foley 4, Skelton 4, Holmes 3, L. Mansell 3, Hillier 3, Griffiths 3, Leary 2(2), Hughes 2, Beckwith 2, Howell 2, Gillman 2, Okai 1(2), Eberendo 1(2), Kovacevic 1, Neilson 1, Emberson 1, Deeney 1, de Souza 1, Brill 1, Barnett 1, Thorpe 1, Osborn 0(3), O'Leary 0(1), Judge 0(1).

Goals: Griffiths 3, Skelton 1

Brian Stein

AVON COMBINATION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	4	4	0	0	10	2	12
Crystal Palace	4	3	1	0	15	2	10
Swindon	4	3	1	0	8	3	10
Norwich	5	2	3	0	7	2	9
Bournemouth	4	3	0	1	8	8	9
Brighton	4	2	1	1	11	6	7
Reading	4	2	1	1	5	3	7
Colchester	3	2	1	0	3	1	7
QPR	4	2	1	1	5	6	7
Millwall	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
Plymouth	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
Bristol Rov	5	1	3	1	7	8	6
Gillingham	4	1	2	1	6	5	5
L. Orient	3	1	1	1	9	6	4
Cardiff	4	1	1	2	8	7	4
Luton Town	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Southend	4	1	1	2	7	8	4
Brentford	4	1	1	2	4	9	4
Cambridge	4	1	1	2	3	11	4
Oxford	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Wycombe	4	1	0	3	6	10	3
Bristol City	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Cheltenham	3	0	1	2	4	6	1
Barnet	4	0	1	3	4	10	1
Peterborough	3	0	0	3	3	8	0
Northampton	4	0	0	4	5	18	0

August			
Wed 14 Bristol City(LC)	A	0-3	
Wed 21 Reading	A	1-2 Skelton	
Wed 28 Bristol Rov	H	1-1 Griffiths	
September			
Wed 4 Millwall	H	2-1 Griffiths 2(1p)	
Wed 18 Swindon	A	2pm	
Wed 25 Peterborough	H	2pm	
October			
Wed 2 Bournemouth	H	2pm	
Wed 9 Plymouth	A	2pm	
Wed 16 Wycombe	H	2pm	
Wed 30 Cambridge	A	2pm	
November			
Wed 13 QPR	H	2pm	
Wed 27 Northampton	A	2pm	
December			
Wed 4 Southend	A	2pm	

DIVISION 2 STATS 2002-03

WINNING MARGINS

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

FULL GROUNDS - ATTENDANCES

Club	Aggregate	% Capacity
Blackpool	27,816	68
Cheltenham	20,141	68
Northampton	20,933	68
Luton	26,606	67
Cardiff	51,727	65
QPR	49,733	65
Wycombe	25,248	63
Crewe	22,604	56
Mansfield	21,331	53
Plymouth	31,848	53
Chesterfield	14,496	52
Brentford	25,930	51
Bristol City	42,441	49
Oldham	25,419	47

CLEAN SHEETS

Gms without conceding	Lge Pos
Blackpool	5 3
Brentford	5 4
Crewe	5 9
Wigan	5 1
Bristol City	4 2
Chesterfield	4 13
Huddersfield	4 17
Oldham	4 5
Stockport	4 12
Colchester	3 14
Luton	3 21
Notts County	3 19
Port Vale	3 11
QPR	3 6
Barnsley	2 16
Cardiff	2 8
Northampton	2 18
Peterborough	1 22
Plymouth	1 7
Swindon	1 20
Tranmere	1 10
Wycombe	1 15
Cheltenham	0 24
Mansfield	0 23

FAILED TO SCORE

Gms without scoring	Lge Pos
Peterborough	6 22
Blackpool	4 3
Mansfield	4 23
Northampton	4 18
Swindon	4 20
Barnsley	3 16
Bristol City	3 2
Cheltenham	3 24
Chesterfield	3 13
Colchester	3 14
Crewe	3 9
Huddersfield	3 17
Notts County	3 19
Oldham	3 5
Tranmere	3 10
Wigan	3 1
Brentford	2 4
Luton	2 21
Stockport	2 12
Wycombe	2 15
Cardiff	1 8
Port Vale	1 11
QPR	1 6
Plymouth	0 7

SEQUENCES:

CONSECUTIVE WINS:

Plymouth	4
Port Vale	4
Wigan	4
Bristol City	3
Chesterfield	3
Stockport	3

UNDEFEATED RUN:

Blackpool	7
Brentford	7
Crewe	6
Plymouth	6
Stockport	5
Barnsley	4
Cardiff	4
Oldham	4
Port Vale	4
Wigan	4

LOSING STREAK:

Mansfield	5
Peterborough	5
Swindon	5
Luton	4
Port Vale	4
Cheltenham	3

NO WINS:

Cheltenham	8
Mansfield	7
Notts County	6
Peterborough	6
Swindon	6
Luton	5
Barnsley	4
Port Vale	4
Wycombe	4

HIGHEST & LOWEST ATTENDANCES

Premiership

67,645 Man Uv West Brom
16,338 Fulham v Bolton

Division 1

33,016 Derby v Reading
2,165 Wimbledon v Leicester

Division 2

14,001 QPR v Plymouth
2,721 Colchester v Wigan

Division 3

11,041 Carlisle v Hartlepool
1,795 Macc v Bournemouth

HEADERS SCORED

Luton	6
Wycombe	6
Oldham	5
Plymouth	4
Cardiff	3
Mansfield	3
Tranmere	3
Wigan	3
Brentford	2
Bristol City	2
Peterborough	2
Port Vale	2

GOALS AGT. PENALTIES

Barnsley	2
Bristol City	2
Mansfield	2
Swindon	2
Tranmere	2
Cardiff	1
Cheltenham	1
Chesterfield	1
Colchester	1
QPR	1
Stockport	1
Wycombe	1

GOALS FROM OUTSIDE THE AREA

SCORED	Gls	Total	%	CONCEDED	Gls	Total	%
Crewe	4	10	40	Luton	5	15	33
Mansfield	4	10	40	Plymouth	4	10	40
Bristol City	4	13	31	Cheltenham	4	12	33
Plymouth	4	14	29	Notts County	3	10	30
Colchester	3	5	60	Wycombe	3	14	21
Wigan	3	12	25	Mansfield	3	28	11
QPR	3	15	20	Stockport	2	4	50
Barnsley	2	7	29	Wigan	2	4	50
Cardiff	2	10	20	Oldham	2	6	33
Tranmere	2	11	18	Peterborough	2	8	25
Wycombe	2	12	17	Northampton	2	11	18
				Port Vale	2	11	18

GOALS PER GAME - THE MOST CONSISTENT STRIKERS

Player:	Clyde Wijnhard	Luke Beckett	Kevin Gallen	Glynn Hurst	Steven Howard	Simon Haworth	Andy Liddell	Paul Wotton	Craig Faulconbridge	John Hills	Colin Larkin
minimum of 3 goals scored	5	5	5	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	3
Lge Gls:	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
WC Gls:	6	8	9	7	9	9	9	8	8	6	6
Gls/Game:	1.00	0.75	0.67	0.57	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50

Second Division Scene



WE CAN thank a few old friends for Saturday's draw with Notts County not being as hurtful as it might have been. Oddly, on a day when a win would have taken us out of the bottom four for the first time this season, County moved up one place with their point, while we were stuck in 21st with ours.

But it could have been worse. So thank-you to Iain Dowie, just one of our former players now in management, who ensured that tonight's visitors would not close the gap on us. Mansfield were hammered 6-1 at Oldham, and dropped to 23rd place in the table.

Cheltenham missed the chance to join us on six points thanks to Danny Wilson's Bristol City, who won 3-2 at Whaddon Road. Cheltenham are still seeking their first win in the Second Division, and have now hit rock bottom. Yet a week ago they pulled off a shock 3-0 Worthington Cup success against First Division promotion prospects Norwich at Carrow Road.

Another former player did us a favour by losing - Andy King's Swindon went down to their fifth consecutive defeats when QPR saw them off 2-0 at Loftus Road. That leaves Swindon just a point ahead of the Town.

Otherwise, the Luton connections in the Second Division enjoyed their outings on Saturday - Lennie Lawrence guided Cardiff to a 2-1 home win over

Stockport to keep them on the play-off fringe, while Brian Horton's Port Vale continued their revival with a home win over Colchester.

Kevan Broadhurst helped our cause a little on Saturday. Former reserve team coach at Kenilworth Road, he is now the manager of Northampton, and he saw his team held at home 0-0 by Huddersfield, our opponents next Saturday. It meant that the Cobblers and the Terriers remain only three points above the relegation line.

Peterborough moved off the bottom place, soaring up to 22nd, when they earned their fourth point of the season with a 0-0 home draw against Crewe. It was their first "success" in seven games, and it still leaves us scratching our heads how they managed to look so good at Kenilworth Road on opening day: they haven't scored a single goal in nine hours of football since.

Posh overhauled Mansfield on goal difference, and this evening's visitors come to Kenilworth Road with the worst GD figure in the league: minus 18 after Saturday's disaster at Oldham.

Mansfield opened the season with a 4-3 home success over Plymouth, but have taken only one point from the seven league games since, from a 3-3 draw at Wycombe on August 17. Their other away games before Saturday's thrashing at Oldham saw defeats at Wigan (2-3) and Stockport (0-2). Their home results have been no better - 0-2 to Chesterfield, 0-5 to Crewe and 0-4 to QPR. After five consecutive defeats, they are, perish the thought, due for a result.

And to return to the subject of old mates doing us favours: if Brian Horton's lads do the business against Notts County tonight, and the Town beat Mansfield, we will be sure to move out of the bottom four at last.

Brian Swain

	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A			
Wigan	8	3	0	1	8 3	2	1	1	4	1	8	16
Bristol City	8	4	0	0	10 0	1	0	3	3	7	8	15
Blackpool	8	2	2	0	8 2	2	1	1	3	3	6	15
Brentford	8	2	2	0	4 1	2	1	1	6	5	4	15
Oldham	8	2	0	2	9 5	2	2	0	4	1	7	14
QPR	8	3	1	0	9 3	1	1	2	6	6	8	14
Plymouth	7	3	0	0	6 2	1	2	1	8	8	4	14
Cardiff	7	2	1	1	6 4	2	1	0	4	2	4	14
Crewe	8	2	1	1	3 3	1	3	0	7	2	5	13
Tranmere	8	3	1	0	7 3	1	0	3	4	8	0	13
Port Vale	8	2	0	2	3 5	2	0	2	5	6	-3	12
Stockport	7	1	2	0	3 1	2	0	2	3	3	2	11
Chesterfield	8	2	1	1	8 5	1	1	2	3	6	0	11
Colchester	8	2	1	1	3 2	1	1	2	2	4	-1	11
Wycombe	8	1	2	1	9 7	1	1	2	3	7	-2	9
Barnsley	8	1	3	0	3 2	1	0	3	4	7	-2	9
Huddersfield	8	1	2	1	2 3	1	1	2	3	4	-2	9
Northampton	8	1	2	1	2 2	1	1	2	3	9	-6	9
Notts County	8	0	2	2	4 8	1	3	0	5	2	-1	8
Swindon	8	1	0	3	4 5	1	1	2	5	7	-3	7
Luton Town	8	1	1	2	9 8	0	2	2	3	7	-3	6
Peterborough	7	0	1	3	0 3	1	0	2	3	5	-5	4
Mansfield	8	1	0	3	4 14	0	1	3	6	14	-18	4
Cheltenham	8	0	1	3	4 8	0	2	2	2	4	-6	3

Tonight's Other Second Division Fixtures

- Barnsley v Blackpool
- Cardiff v Brentford
- Cheltenham v Swindon
- Chesterfield v Stockport
- Northampton v Colchester
- Oldham v Bristol City
- Peterborough v Plymouth
- Port Vale v Notts County
- QPR v Huddersfield
- Tranmere v Wigan
- Wycombe v Crewe

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Tonight's Officials

Referee: Barry Knight, Kent

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