

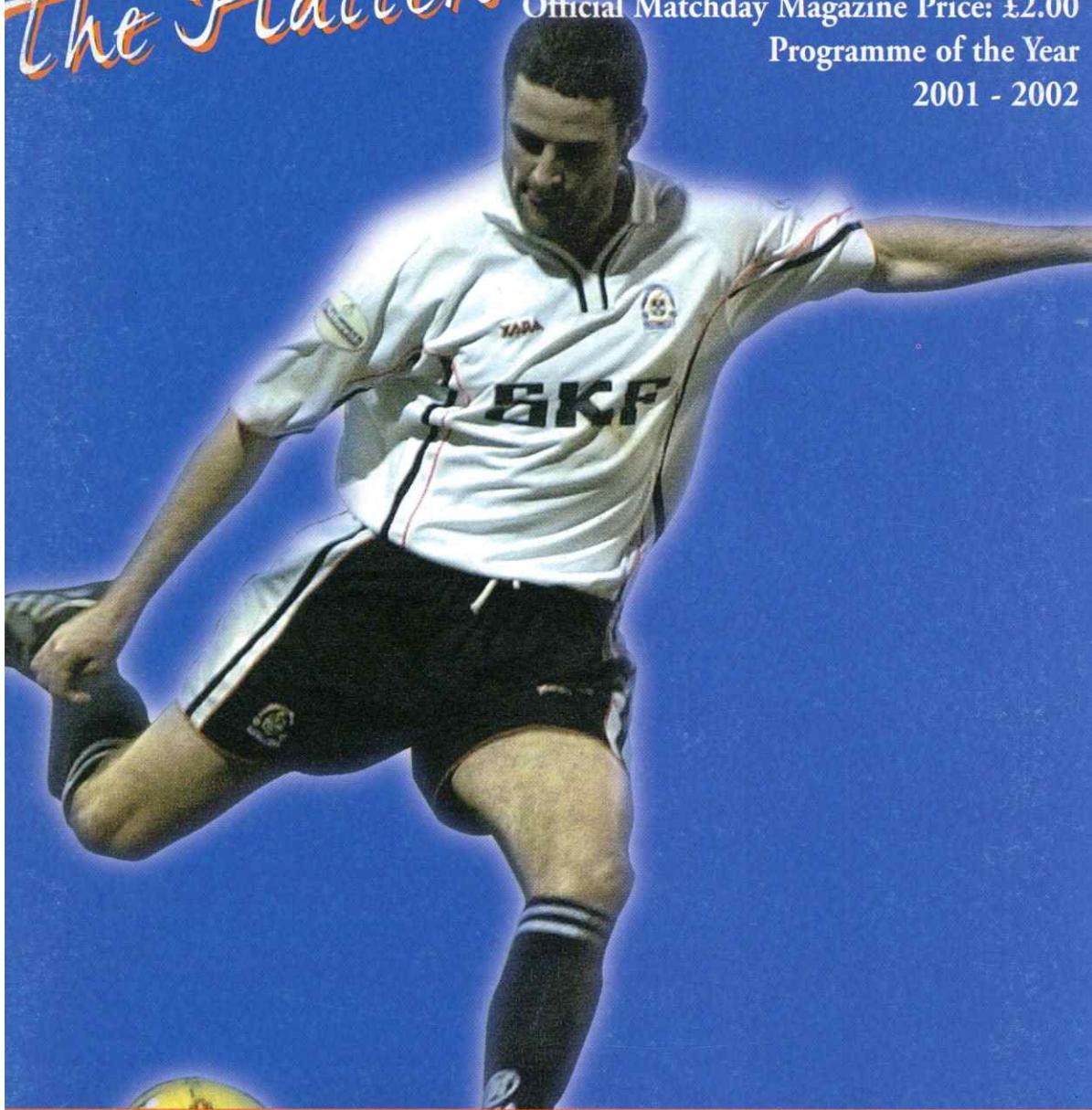
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Cover Story



Attacking defender: Chris Coyne up with the front runners in a vain attempt to get a goal against Blackpool.

Inside Forward

THE SEARCH for players who can increase competition for places in the Town squad took Joe Kinnear to Reading this week, with an enquiry about signing 28-year-old striker Martin Butler. He hoped to do a deal to register the former Walsall and Cambridge player in time for him to be included in today's squad, which is without suspended Steve Howard. Reading are willing to loan out Butler, who turned down the chance of joining Bristol City.

The identity of the previous target is now known: Danny Allsop, who cost Notts County £300,000 from Manchester City two years ago. County are now in financial difficulty, and Joe hoped they would be pleased to reduce their wages bill by unloading the Australian striker.

But the player picked up an injury which will keep him out of football for up to a month, so that loan was ruled out, at least for the time being. As we reported on Tuesday, the boss is also considering a move for Arsenal reserve Jeremy Allierdare.

Roger Pandong, a left-sided midfielder from France who had been recommended by an agent and touted as another Jean-Louis Valois, played for the reserves at Southend on Wednesday, and so far there is no news of the boss's judgement on him.

But he stressed that the search for talent was the usual ongoing routine followed by every manager, and was no reflection on the squad that has done so well to be in with a chance of a second successive promotion. He would have no worries about fielding Tony Thorpe and Dean Crowe as the front men today as the Town seek to avenge their defeat at Sixfields in November.

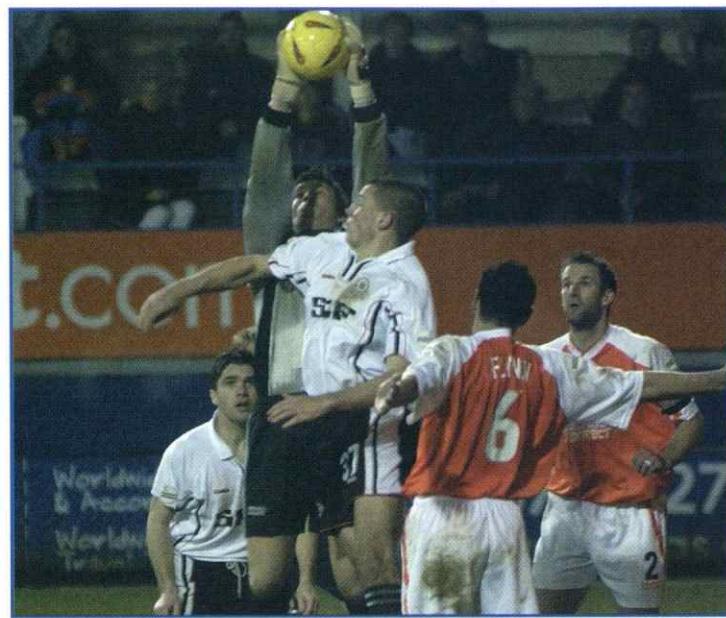
Double Disappointment

INJURY cost Steve Robinson twice over this week. A trapped nerve in his back, which affected his thigh muscle, kept him out of the Port Vale and Blackpool games, and also cost him the chance of another Northern Ireland cap. Born in Lisburn, he had been selected for their squad preparing for Wednesday's game against Finland. The Town were happy for him to report to Belfast, but with little hope of being fit the midfielder decided to stay here for further treatment.

There was happier news for Carl Griffiths, who has not played for 17 months. In 11 games after signing from Leyton Orient in the summer of 2000 he scored seven goals, but then broke his leg and

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WELCOME HOME: Chris Willmott, on loan from Wimbledon, made his second "home debut" on Tuesday. Like the first, four years ago, it was against Blackpool, but sadly the similarity ended there. Instead of a 1-0 Town win, and despite Willmott's best efforts to back up the attack, the Seasiders produced an excellent team display to go home with all three points. A report and more pictures will be in next week's matchday magazine.

it has been a long hard road to return, with several setbacks on the way. He is not yet fully match fit, but everyone was delighted to see him on the subs' bench for Tuesday's game against Blackpool.

Direct Line To The Boardroom

ONE OF the loudest messages from the recent fans' forum was a call for improved communication between the club and its supporters. Yvonne Fletcher, the fans' representative on the board, has taken the point, and supporters can now e-mail her directly. The address is yfletcher@lutontown.co.uk

Meanwhile, the audience with Joe Kinnear, which had to be postponed last month because of M1-related traffic gridlock in Luton, has now been re-arranged for Monday March 10. It is already a sell-out, and tickets for the original date will still be valid.

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Manager's View



NO DOUBT you were all nearly as disappointed as I and the players were at the result on Tuesday, when we suffered the indignity of another defeat on our own pitch. Needless to say, it was not the way we planned it, and I had mixed feelings about the game.

We had to admit that on the night Blackpool were a very good team, certainly as good as anything we have seen here so far this season. They had a winger who can excite crowds and embarrass defenders, but while I always applaud skill, I felt we let ourselves down defensively.

We did not deal with him, nor did we get to grips with the crosses he delivered, and we paid a high price. It was so frustrating because we knew what to expect, having lost at Blackpool early in the season.

The silly thing is that on the balance of play we were not as far behind Blackpool as a 3-1 defeat suggests. But they were certainly more ruthless in their finishing than we were, on a night when we could easily have matched their three goals if we had performed nearer to our potential.

At half time, when we were one down, my instructions were to pick it up and go for an early equaliser.

We got it, and a very good goal it was, another excellent finish by Tony Thorpe, the best player on the pitch, after good build-up work by Kevin Nicholls and Dean Crowe.

At 1-1, with nearly half the game still to be played we should have been professional enough to take it on from there, but

instead we were caught out at the back again, and in arrears within a matter of four minutes. That goal was a real hammer blow, perhaps the most important one of the night.

Their goals all came from crosses which should have been dealt with better, and we wondered if the third Blackpool goal might have been offside. Not for the first time this season, I was not too impressed with the referee or his linesmen, but we can't blame them for the defeat. We ought to have scored more than the one goal, but if you don't take your chances you have only yourselves to blame. At least we created some decent chances, and on another night there would have been goals for Nicho, Howard and Coyne, to name but three.

It was all so very disappointing when we knew that a win would put us back into the top six. But we will not let our frustration and disappointment get us down. It's not a time for doom and gloom - a lot of teams in this division would like to be where we are. And remember, after our poor start to the season the question I was asked most often was "Can we stay up?" Now, I am pleased to say, it is: "Can we go up?"

We will learn from Tuesday's game, and take heart from the fact that we are still only one win short of the top six, and still with a game in hand on all but one of the seven teams above us, including Blackpool. I would like to finish above them at the end of the season.

The requirement today is to put Tuesday's result behind us, and start on another unbeaten run. We have been superb for much

of this season, so we know we are capable of doing well. There are 48 more points to play for, and you can be assured that we will all work as hard as possible to gather in as many of those as we can.

Just about a year ago we suffered a couple of setbacks in our promotion push, and I suspect some people questioned my sanity when I said I wanted us to stay unbeaten for the rest of the season. We had 14 to play at the time, compared to 16 now. Twelve months ago it was a tall order, but we did it, set a few club records on the way, and won promotion.

It is obviously going to be harder to match that run in this division, but from what we have seen so far, and despite this week's reverse, we can have faith in our ability to get back on track, starting with a good win today. After the pain of defeat on Tuesday we want the pleasure of winning today.

We will miss Steve Howard, who has to sit it out for a couple of games, but there may be a new face in the squad by the time this column is printed. I am always on the look-out for men who will add to the competition for places, and that search goes on all the time. Meanwhile, I know the players we have are capable of better things than they showed on Tuesday, and hopefully we will prove the point to you this afternoon.

Keep the faith, and enjoy the game.

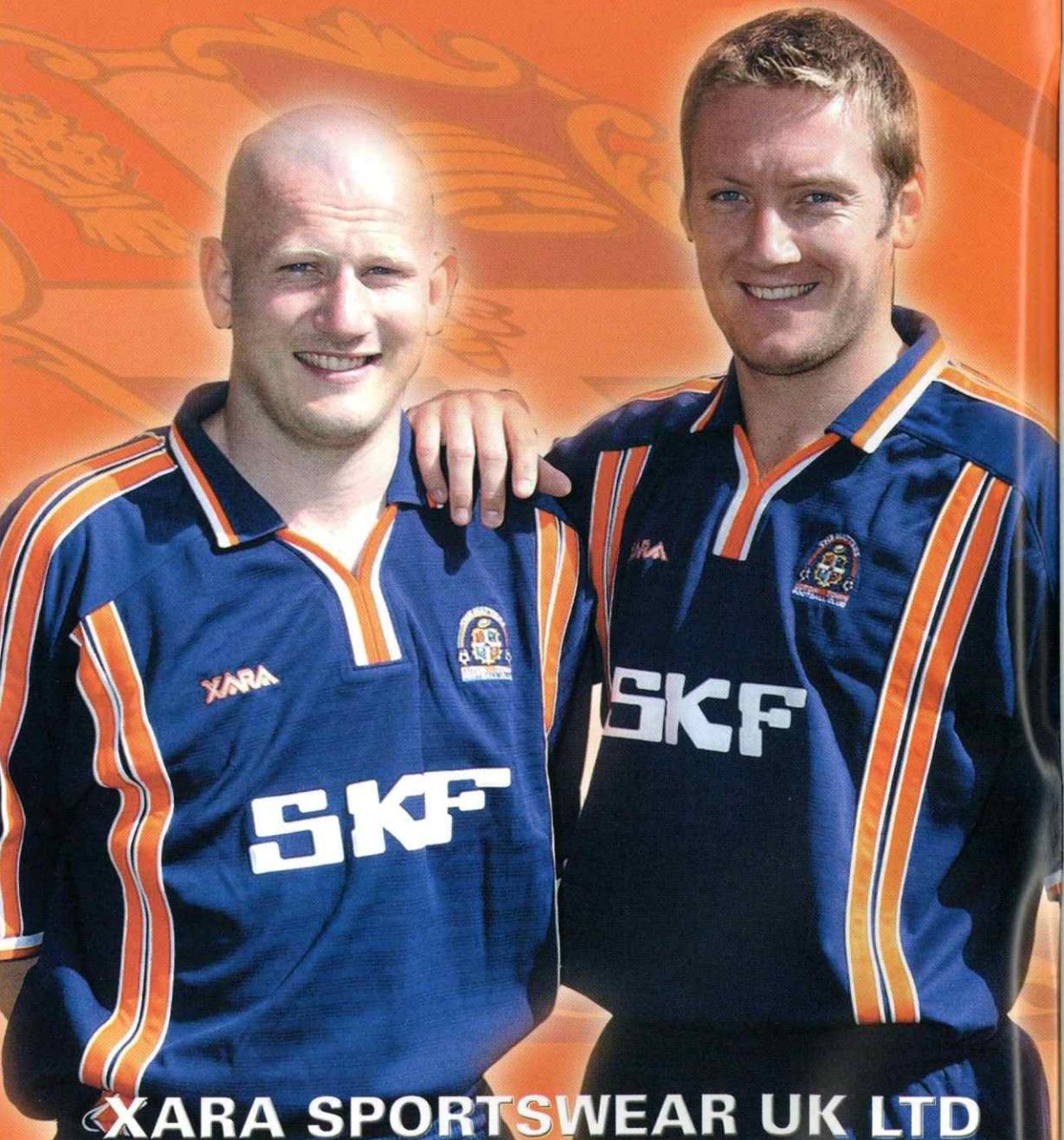
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Captain's View



AFTER the enjoyment of the win earned by a battling performance at Port Vale, Tuesday's home defeat was a huge disappointment for all of us. Strangely, we felt we played better football against Blackpool than we did at Vale Park, despite the contrasting results.

There are times when you have to hold your hands up and admit that you have been beaten by a better team, which is my reading of Tuesday's game. When we talked about it afterwards, we thought Blackpool, especially Martin Bullock, their wide right man, deserved credit for taking the points. Even so, we should have done much better defensively, and if we had been more clinical in our finishing we might have got something out of the game.

So, although I hate being beaten, I am not too downcast by the result of one match. It was Blackpool's night, and fair play to them. We didn't play badly going forward, but the crucial goal was their second. Having got back to 1-1 early in the second half, we were a bit stunned to be hit on the break again so soon afterwards. When Thorpey knocked in the equaliser – and what a good strike that was – I really felt we could go on and win the game. Recently we have been pretty solid at the back, which is the first requirement for any team. Tuesday was the first time in 13 league games that anyone has put three past us and Blackpool showed one of the big differences between the Second Division and the Third.

You are much more likely to get punished for mistakes at this level – Blackpool's scoring chance conversion rate was very nearly 100 per cent, and on the night we failed to match it. We had so many more chances than they did, but in this division you can't afford to concede three goals in a game and still expect to win.

Nor can you expect to have every single player right on top of his game in every match, and it was interesting to hear from the Blackpool camp that although Bullock had a splendid match, it was an outstanding level of performance that he has been unable to achieve in every game. Just our luck he chose to do the business at Kenilworth Road!

You may gather from all this that after the first feeling of being gutted because we lost, we were not as downcast as you might have thought. The 3-1 margin was flattering to Blackpool, and we have to put it behind us, pick ourselves up, and get back to winning ways immediately. Our defending was a throw-back to the early days of this season, but we know we can do much better, and I am sure we will. A disappointment like Tuesday's always concentrates players' minds on what must be done to ensure it doesn't happen again.

We are glad to have the games coming in quick succession, so that we have an early chance to get back on track in our push for the play-offs. And I have, of course, noticed that not only do we owe Northampton for a defeat we suffered at Sixfields,

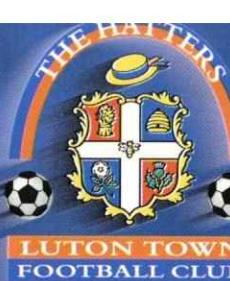
but until Tuesday they were the last club to score three against us. We didn't get going at all that day in November, but we are unlikely to be so much off colour this afternoon.

The league table is starting to look very interesting, and perhaps clubs above us are beginning to feel the pressure. Mental strength is needed as the heat comes on, and it is surprising how many of the teams ahead of us in the table are experiencing a little wobble here and there. Bristol City are a case in point, and while our first target is to get into the top six, which we can achieve by winning our game in hand, we think we have a real chance of finishing the season even higher. I can't see Wigan failing to win one of the two automatic promotion places, and probably the championship. But I don't think the runners-up is a foregone conclusion. That's a long shot for us, but Bristol City, currently in fifth place, are only five points above us, and we still have a game in hand. At Christmas, City were 14 points ahead of us, so a lot has changed in just eight games. It can change a lot more in the next 16.

There are a lot of points to play for this season, and the gaffer has been reminding us that a year ago we responded to his demand to finish the campaign with a long unbeaten run. We would love to do that again, starting today.

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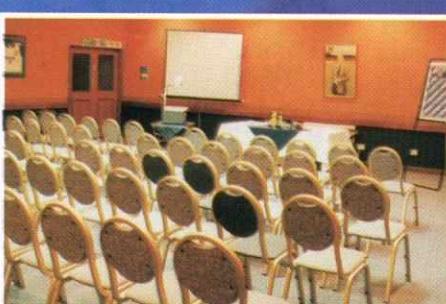
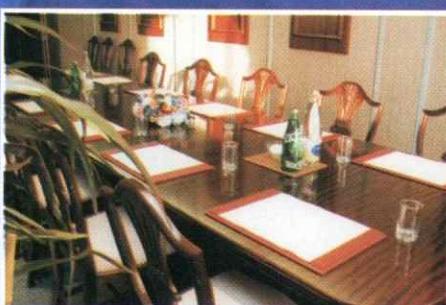
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APART from the usual minor aches and pains, we got through the Blackpool game without any additions to our injury list, and I am pleased to report that the list of treatment room "customers" continues to get shorter by the week.

Sol Davis and Steve Robinson will be the next to be signed off, with Robinson just about over the minor lower back problem he had. We have contained it, and if he is not fit to play today I would expect he will be available for next week's game.

Davis is doing very well after his thigh muscle injury, and has worked hard to aid his recovery. His rehabilitation continues at a steady pace, and he should be back in training some time next week. He is already running without suffering any ill-effects.

Aaron Skelton is another who continues to do everything I ask of him to help him get over his knee injury. We are seeing good results from our efforts, and he should be back in training soon.

Adrian Forbes, who has

been out since pre-season with a knee injury, has been encouraged by his rate of progress, and I am pleased with the way he is building up his strength, although at the time of writing it was still impossible to give a date when he might be able to think about a return via the reserves. He deserves every credit for his professionalism in working to regain his fitness, and he is well on the way.

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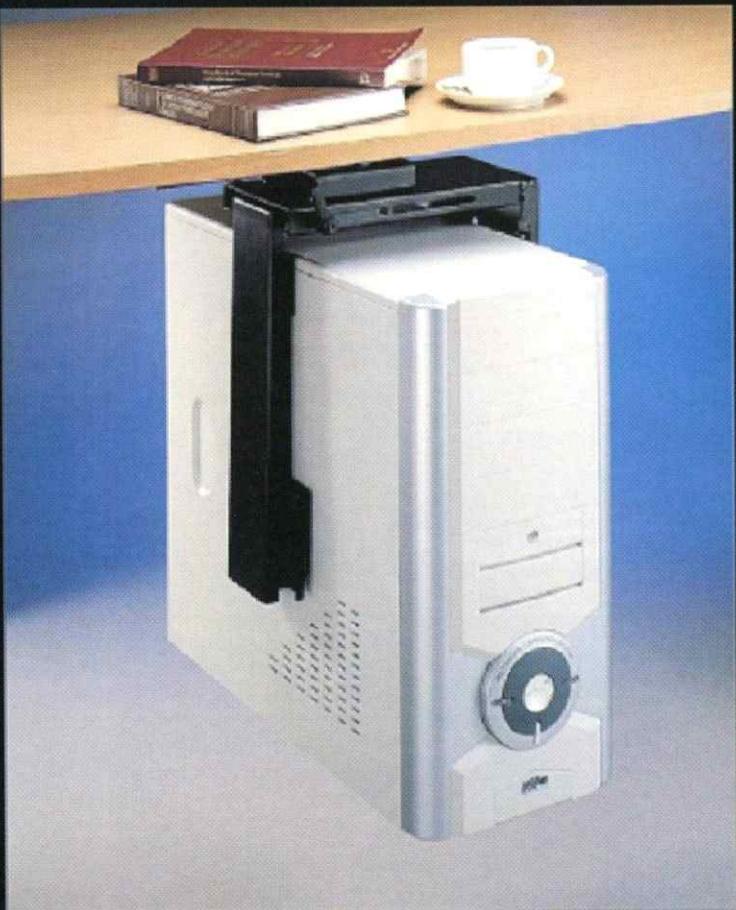
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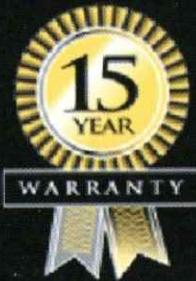
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SIX-year-old William Morgan is enjoying a very special football treat this afternoon, because he is our commercial mascot. He will be a VIP guest, with his day starting with a look behind the scenes and a meeting with the team in the dressing room before kick-off. We hope Steve Howard will be there, because the striker is William's favourite player.

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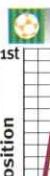
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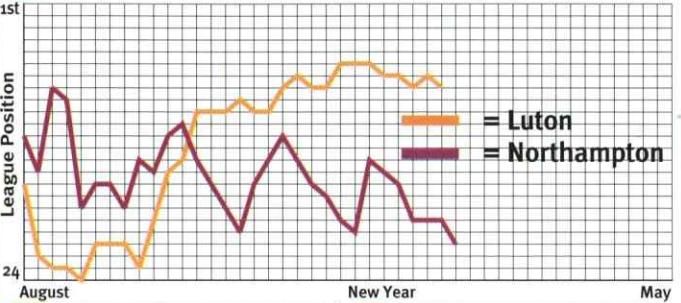
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Seasonal Progress Comparison



Clubs Comparison

Goals Scored	
Shots	14
Headers	3
Volley	8
Penalties	2
Free Kicks	0
Own Goals	1

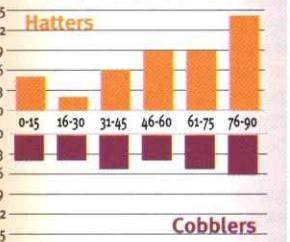
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Where Goals Conceded



When Goals Scored



Form Guide - Last 6

W	D	L	F	A	P	GD	Sequence
3	1	2	9	9	10	-8	LWWDLW
1	2	1	5	13	13	-8	LLLDDL
2	1	4	5	13	13	-8	LLLDLD
9	2	5	13	13	13	-8	LLLDLD
9	2	5	13	13	13	-8	LLLDLD
10	2	5	13	13	13	-8	LLLDLD
0	2	5	13	13	13	-8	LLLDLD
Goal Difference							
Sequence							

Yellow & Red Cards

Yellow	Red
60	40
5	5



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Swings

LT Games Won from:
0 3 Goals Down
1 2 Goals Down
2 1 Goal Down
5

Lost from:
0 3 Goals Up
1 2 Goals Up
2 1 Goal Up
3

Drawn from:
0 3 Goals Down
1 2 Goals Down
2 1 Goal Down
3 0 3 Goals Up
0 2 Goals Up
1 1 Goal Up

Margins

9 Won by 1 Gl
2 Won by 2 Gl's
2 Won by 3 Gl's
0 Won by 4 Gl's
0 Won by 5+ Gl's
Games
6 Lost by 1 Gl
1 Lost by 2 Gl's
2 Lost by 3 Gl's
0 Lost by 4 Gl's
0 Lost by 5+ Gl's

Misc stats

6 Highest Pos.
24 Lowest Pos.
5 Winning Run
7 Unbeaten Run
4 Losing Run
5 No Win Run

2002-2003 Attendances

Hatters	Aggregate	Cobblers
96,012	Highest	81,937
9,477	Lowest	5,906
5,890	Average	3,663
6,858	% of Capacity	5,121
69		67

10 Year Record

Hatters	Avg Pos. among 92 clubs	Cobblers
53.3	7,878	70
10	6,843	Avg Att 1993
10	6,843	3,443
-13	4	Avg Att 2002
		5,048
	+ / - %	47

Top League Scorers

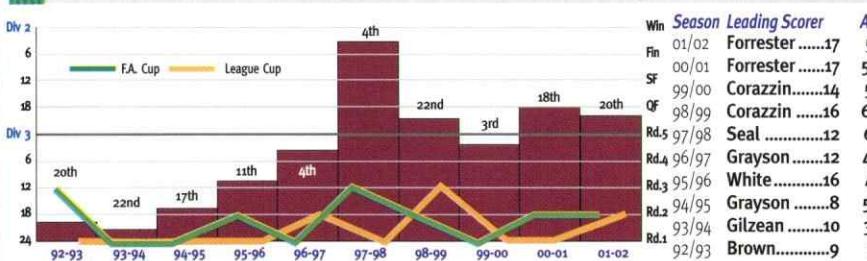


League Goals	28
Games Played	28
Lge Goals/Game	0.39
Points Gained	7
Scoring Run	1
Hat-Tricks	1
Close Range	3
Inside Area	5
Long Range	3
Shots	5
Headers	1
Volley	3
Penalties	2
Direct FKs	0

2002-2003 Figures

Players Used	27
Clean Sheets	8
Failed to Score	15
Goals scored from...	
Corners	2
Free Kicks	0
Goals conceded from...	
Corners	2
Free Kicks	10

Northampton Town's 10 Year History





Welcome To



Back row (left to right): Mark Kearney (Coach), Greg Lincoln, Chris Carruthers, Chris Hargreaves, Ian Cooper (Kit Manager), Chris Marsh, Paul Rickers, John Frain, Jim Blyth (Goalkeeping Coach).

Middle Row : Stuart Barker (Physiotherapist), Duncan Spedding, Richard Hope, Nathan Abbey, Daryl Burgess, Ian Sampson, Lee Harper, Darryn Stamp, Paul McGregor, Denis Casey (Physiotherapist).

Front Row: Martin Wilkinson (Assistant Manager), Derek Asamoah, Gerard Lavin, Jamie Forrester,(now Hull City) Paul Trollope, Paul Harsley, Marco Gabbiadini, Kevan Broadhurst (Former Manager).

MANAGER

TERRY FENWICK

BORN: DURHAM 17.11.59

Terry Fenwick took over the reins from Kevan Broadhurst at Sixfields in early January 2003. Terry was Manager of Portsmouth between 1995 and 1998, taking Pompey to the FA Cup quarter finals in 1997, and finishing 7th in Division One that season. He also worked as Assistant Manager at Crystal Palace under former England boss Terry Venables. More recently he has been working as Head Coach of CL Financial San Juan Jabloteh Sports - a club side in Trinidad & Tobago - taking his side to the national title for the first time in their history. As a player, Fenwick won 20 England caps, and played in the infamous "Hand of God" World Cup quarter final against Argentina in Mexico in 1986. Fenwick has also appeared for Crystal Palace, QPR,

Tottenham Hotspur, Leicester City and Swindon Town.

GOALKEEPERS

13. NATHAN ABBEY

BORN: ISLINGTON, 11.07.78

A talented young goalkeeper who arrived at Sixfields in August 2002 on a free transfer after being released by Chesterfield, where he had made the number one spot his own with 53 appearances in his one season at Saltergate. The 6ft 1in Londoner started his career at Luton Town as a trainee in 1995, and stayed at Kenilworth Road for six years, making 68 appearances. Nathan is a commanding keeper with more than 100 senior appearances under his belt.

1. LEE HARPER

BORN: LONDON, 30.10.71

Lee arrived at Sixfields in the summer of 2002 on a free transfer from Walsall. Lee is a London born

keeper who started out at non-league Sittingbourne Town before being plucked out of non-league football by Arsenal who paid £150,000 for his services in 1994. He spent time as understudy to David Seaman at Highbury, before he moved to Queens Park Rangers for £125,000 in 1997. In four years at Loftus Road he made 132 appearances and established himself as Rangers' number one. In the summer of 2001 he moved to Walsall but only made five appearances for the Saddlers as he battled with James Walker for the goalkeeper's shirt.

27. GLYN THOMPSON

BORN: TELFORD, 24.02.81

21 year old goalkeeper currently on loan from Fulham. The 6ft 3in keeper began his career at Shrewsbury Town before moving to the Cottagers for £50,000 in October 1999. He had a loan spell at Mansfield that same season, making 16 first team appearances.

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DEFENDERS

16. DARYL BURGESS

BORN: BIRMINGHAM 24.1.71

Daryl was signed by then boss Kevin Wilson on a 2 year contract in July 2001 after 11 successful years at West Brom. Daryl was the heart of the Albion defence through much of the 1990s. Often out of favour under Denis Smith, Daryl forced his way back into the side and was even made captain by Brian Little. Always a committed performer whose work-rate cannot be faulted, at thirty one, Daryl should still have plenty of years left in the game. Daryl signed on at Sixfields having already made over 300 appearances at the Hawthorns. His early weeks at Sixfields were hampered by hamstring injuries, but Daryl returned to the side and played impressively both at right back and in the centre of defence.

11. CHRIS CARRUTHERS

BORN KETTERING, 19.08.83

Chris is a naturally left sided player with a level of maturity that belies his age. He was one of the brightest spots of a disappointing end to 1999/2000 season for the Cobblers and throughout the following campaign he won himself a regular place in the squad. Kettering born Chris is another player of whom big things are hoped. He has turned in some eye catching performances on the left hand side for the Cobblers. In November 2002 he was named in the England Under 20 squad to play Switzerland. Chris was the only member of that squad outside of the top two Divisions, and he has already attracted many admiring glances from Premiership scouts.

21. JERRY GILL

BORN: BRISTOL 24.1.71

A wholehearted and totally committed performer, this Bristol born defender spent six seasons playing non-league football for Bath

City and Yeovil Town before a £30,000 move to Birmingham City moved him in to the Football League. Jerry established himself as a real fans favourite at St Andrews and he made more than 60 appearances for Birmingham before his loan switch to Sixfields on the eve of the 2002/2003 campaign. Jerry turned that loan in to a free transfer move in November 2002.

5. RICHARD HOPE

BORN: MIDDLESBROUGH, 22.06.78

Left sided Centre Half who can also play as left back. Richard started his career as a trainee at Blackburn Rovers. Before playing a game for the Ewood Park outfit he left on a free transfer to join Darlington in January 1997 and went on to play well over 50 games for the Quakers during his two year stay. Signed permanently for the Cobblers for an undisclosed fee on Christmas Eve, 1998 following his loan spell. Hope enjoyed his best season in a Cobblers shirt last year scoring six times.

12. GERARD LAVIN

BORN: CORBY, 5.2.74.

Gerard joined the club in the close season of 2000/2001 from Bristol City. The former Scottish Under 21 international joined the Robins on a free transfer from Millwall at the start of the 1999/2000 season. The combative right-back, who also played for Watford, was born in Corby and has around 300 appearances under his belt.

2. CHRIS MARSH

BORN: SEDGLEY 14.1.70

Chris was signed from Wycombe in early September 2001 for a fee of £10,000. After spending 12 years at Walsall and making more than 450 appearances, Chris fell out of favour with Saddlers boss Ray Graydon and almost joined Northampton Town on Transfer Deadline Day in March 2001. In the end, he opted for a £30,000

move to Wycombe but after a change of system by Manager Lawrie Sanchez, he once again found himself at the centre of interest from Northampton Town, eventually leading to his move to Sixfields. Marsh is primarily a right back, but his versatility has seen him operating in a number of positions.

28. PAUL REID

BORN: CARLISLE, 18.02.82

This Carlisle born defender/midfielder made 17 league appearances for his home town club before a £600,000 move to Rangers in the summer of June 2000. Unable to break in to the first team at Ibrox on a consistent basis, the 6ft 2in Reid enjoyed a three month loan spell at Preston last season before he signed for the Cobblers for the rest of the season in January 2003.

4. IAN SAMPSON

BORN: WAKEFIELD, 14.11.68

Started out with non-league Goole Town before moving to Sunderland in November 1990. Signed by the Cobblers for £30,000 in August 1994 after impressing during a loan spell. Ian was the only ever present player during 1994/95 season, and was loaned to Tottenham Hotspur for the Inter-Toto Cup. Since joining the club, he has only missed a handful of games due to suspension and injury and is the clubs longest serving player, he has made over 350 appearances for the Cobblers. Was made Club Captain prior to 2000/2001 and collected the Supporters' Player of the Season award for that campaign.

3. DUNCAN SPEDDING

BORN: FRIMLEY, 07.09.77

Left sided defender who was signed in July 1998 from Southampton for £70,000, having made a handful of Premier League appearances for the Saints. Duncan is approaching



Welcome To

150 appearances for the Cobblers during his four year association with the club.

MIDFIELDERS

6. JOHN FRAIN

BORN BIRMINGHAM, 08.10.68

Left sided player who can play is equally at home at either full back or in midfield, he joined the Cobblers on a free transfer from Birmingham City on transfer deadline day 1997. John started his career with the Blues as a trainee and spent over ten years there, playing well over 300 first team matches and during his time at St Andrews he picked up an Associate Members Cup winner's medal in 1991. He slotted comfortably into the side when he joined the Cobblers and didn't take long to establish himself in Northampton Town folklore. He will always be remembered by 32,000 ecstatic Cobblers fans for his last minute winning free kick at Wembley in the play-off final against Swansea City in 1997. With a wealth of experience behind him he has provided a calming influence to the Cobblers and he was appointed as Captain when Ray Warburton joined Rushden & Diamonds in October 1998.

20. CHRIS HARGREAVES

BORN CLEETHORPES, 12.05.72

A tenacious left sided midfielder who started his career at Grimsby Town having progressed through their youth policy. During his four year stay with the Mariners he figured in just over 50 matches, before signing for Hull City prior to the 1993/94. Spent two seasons at Boothferry Park before he joined West Bromwich Albion on a free transfer, before a loan move took him to Hereford United, which was subsequently made permanent. Moved to Plymouth Argyle in time for the 1998/99 season where he established himself as a first team regular before

being captured under the Bosman ruling by the Cobblers. He had an impressive season in 2001/2002 and claimed both the ntfc.co.uk and Chronicle & Echo Player of the Year awards.

8. PAUL HARSLEY

BORN: SCUNTHORPE, 29.5.78

Then boss Kevan Broadhurst pulled off something of a coup for the Cobblers in the summer when he persuaded 24 year old Paul to move to the Cobblers. 5ft 8in Paul started out at Grimsby Town as a trainee, before moving on to Scunthorpe United. He left the Iron to join Halifax Town at the start of the 2001/2002 season and finished the campaign as leading scorer from with 11 goals to his name - a decent return for a midfield player in a struggling side. Paul has been a first-team regular so far this season and has formed an impressive central-midfield partnership with Paul Trollope.

30. RICHARD JOHNSON

BORN: KURRI, KURRI (AUSTRALIA), 27/04/1974

At the age of sixteen Richard made the move from his native Australia to England and joined Watford, he has since gone on to establish himself as a regular in the Hornets' midfield with over 250 appearances under his belt. He is well known for his long range shooting where he has netted some spectacular goals for the Vicarage Road outfit and he was set for a big money move to Leeds United during the 1999/2000 season when he suffered a serious knee injury which has since required two major operations.

After a lengthy spell on the sidelines the full Australian International returned to action earlier this season and has joined the Cobblers on a month's loan to regain his fitness.

17. GREG LINCOLN

BORN: LONDON, 23.3.80

A former England Under 20 international, and a member of

Arsenal's 1998 FA Premier League Youth Champions. Greg's progression at Arsenal saw him score 13 times for the reserve side in 1999/2000 season and gained him a place on the substitutes bench UEFA Cup tie against Panathanikos. With the number of high quality internationals at Highbury, Greg found his pathway blocked and was released in the summer of 2001. He had a spell in Sweden helping Hammarby win their first ever Swedish League Championship before then Cobblers boss Kevan Broadhurst offered him a second chance in English football. He will be looking to force his way into the Cobblers' midfield, having impressed in his number of appearances for the reserves so far this season.

7. PAUL MCGREGOR

BORN: LIVERPOOL, 17.12.74

Paul made a name for himself as a youngster at Nottingham Forest, where he came through the ranks. After brief spells at Carlisle and Preston, he moved under the Bosman ruling to Plymouth where he had two successful years. Paul joined the Cobblers in the summer of 2001, once again by means of a Bosman. He won over the Cobblers faithful with a series of impressive performances in the successful battle against relegation.

18. BRENT RAHIM

BORN: TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, 08.08.78

Brent arrived at Sixfields in January 2003 having spent the early part of the 2002/2003 season on loan at West Ham United from Levski Sofia. An all action midfielder, he now over 25 Trinidad & Tobago caps under his belt after he made his international bow against Canada in 2000 and went on to appear in the Football Confederation Gold Cup that year.

14. PAUL RICKERS

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BORN: PONTEFRACT, 9.5.75

Paul arrived at Sixfields in the summer under the Bosman ruling after making more than 300 appearances for Oldham Athletic. Paul is a tireless worker, and an excellent passer of the ball with quick feet. A one club man prior to his move to Sixfields, he is a well respected player at this level.

15. PAUL TROLLOPE

BORN: SWINDON, 03/06/1972

An imposing 6ft Welsh international midfielder, 30 year old Swindon born Paul began his career at Torquay United. He moved to Derby County for £100,000 in 1995, and scored 5 times in 70 appearances for the Rams, before loan spells at Crystal Palace and Grimsby preceded a £600,000 move to Fulham in 1997. He played 80 times at Craven Cottage and scored 6 times. He had a spell at Coventry City late last season, making a handful of appearances in City's midfield before he arrived at Cobblers on a Bosman in the summer of 2002.

29. ANDY TURNER

BORN: WOOLWICH, 23/03/1975

Andy arrived at Sixfields as Manager Terry Fenwick's first signing in January 2003. The left winger began his career at Spurs as a trainee where he made 24 first team appearances, scoring five times, before Fenwick took him to Portsmouth for £250,000. His stay at Fratton Park lasted two years, netting three times in nearly fifty games before he followed Fenwick to Crystal Palace for £75,000. He made a couple of substitute appearances before a change of management saw him on the fringes and a loan move to Wolves in Spring 1999 preceded a permanent move to Rotherham in the summer. As has been the pattern of his career he spent the last months of his spell out on loan, briefly appearing with Boston in December 2000 and Rochdale at

the tail end of the 2001/2002 season. He was then released but a call from Gary Johnson persuaded him to pick up his boots and try his luck at Yeovil. Spells with Nuneaton, Kettering and Tamworth followed in 2002 before he returned to the professional game and once again linked up with Fenwick at Sixfields

FORWARDS

19. DEREK ASAMOAH

BORN GHANA, 1.5.81

Derek signed an initial one year contract at Sixfields in July 2001 after impressing in a trial spell. After spells with Hampton & Richmond and Slough Town in non-league football, Derek has proved that his pace and dribbling skills causes defences plenty of problems. Already a crowd favourite, the Ghanaian born striker with a British passport scored the first goal of his career in the 2-0 win over Brighton at the end of August 2001.

10. MARCO GABBIADINI

BORN NOTTINGHAM, 20.01.68

Proven goalscorer who has represented England at both B level and Under 21 level, as well as representing the Football League. Started his career with York City as 17 year old in 1985, having previously been an apprentice and went on to score 18 goals before Sunderland recognised his talents and paid £80,000 in 1987. Scored 87 goals during his four seasons stay before Crystal Palace splashed out £1.8million in October 1991 to secure his services. However, he only stayed at Selhurst Park for four months before Derby County paid £1million to take him to the Baseball Ground where he spent 5 and a half seasons scoring 68 goals before joining Panionios on a free transfer in the summer of 1997 via loan spells at Birmingham City and Oxford United. Spent less than six months in Greece before

signing for Stoke City on Christmas Eve. A change in management saw Marco spend just two months with the Potters before signing for York City until the end of the 1997/98 season. Darlington secured his signature in time for the 1998/99 campaign where he finished as the leading scorer in Division Three with 24 league goals. The Cobblers signed Marco during the summer despite interest from several clubs. Gabbas opened his goalscoring account in the 1-0 Worthington Cup first leg victory over Fulham and quickly established himself as a popular figure with supporters.

22. STEVE MORISON

BORN LONDON, 29.08.83

Steve is a tall powerful striker who joined the Cobblers from Protec Sports in August 2001. He had a quiet start to his first season, but went on to average just under a goal a game for the Cobblers Under 19's and after a successful pre-season in 2002/2003 he will be looking to build on this further.

9. DARRYN STAMP

BORN: BEVERLEY, 21.9.78

The 6ft 2in striker with excellent ball skills started his career at Scunthorpe United, where he was used mainly as a substitute, but still managed 6 goals from 18 starts. Darryn made the switch to Scarborough in the summer of 2001 after a brief loan spell. He finished season 2001/2002 as Boro's top scorer with 14 goals to his name. He suffered a knee ligament injury in the first match of the season against Crewe Alexandra, but fought back to return to action in mid-November and scored on his first full game for the club against Cambridge United in the FA Cup Second Round.



Blast From the Past

If one player was instrumental in winning the old Division Four championship for the Hatters in 1968 it was captain Terry Branston. Signed on a free transfer from Northampton, for whom he had given sterling service, by manager Allan Brown, he was brought to Luton for his leadership qualities but he ended up giving a whole lot more.

Terry started off playing local youth football in his home town of Rugby and was recommended to Northampton Town by scout Jack Hastings. However, his career at the County Ground stuttered in its early stages.

"Jack, who used to walk to all games from his home mid-way between Coventry and Rugby,

arranged a trial for me in the Northampton 'A' team but nothing seemed to come of it," said Terry. "So I agreed to a trial at Notts County who were managed at the time by Tommy Lawton. When I got back from Meadow Lane, Jack was waiting for me and called me all the names under the sun with the upshot that I signed for the Cobblers in October 1958!"

Joining Northampton at this time was the best thing that could have happened to Terry as the team embarked on a roll that was to take it from the Fourth Division to the First by 1965, the most successful period in the club's history.

Terry made his league



Terry Branston proudly holds the Division Four championship trophy won by the Town in 1968.

debut for the Cobblers in October 1960, as a 22 year old, in a 3-3 draw at newly elected Peterborough and by the end of that season had become a regular in the side that won promotion from the old Division Four. He missed only three games over the next three seasons during which time he played against the Hatters for the only time, a League Cup tie at Kenilworth Road, and saw the Cobblers move up to Division Two. Northampton won promotion to the top flight in 1965 with Terry retaining his place in the heart of the defence but unfortunately the stay was brief and by 1967 successive relegations saw the Cobblers back in Division Three. "Dave Bowen, the manager, brought in some good players and we all grew up together as we made our way to the top and although our stay in Division One only lasted a single season because we were basically not quite good enough, I had a tremendous time at the County Ground. I cried my eyes out when the Board, in its wisdom, decided to give me a free transfer in the summer of 1967."

Help was at hand in the shape of Luton manager Allan Brown who saw Terry as the ideal captain to lead his new look side out of Division Four and back to the top. What could be done once...

"From the moment I set foot in Kenilworth Road I was struck by the homeliness of the place with everyone being so friendly. My job was to get the best out of the players on the pitch and I like to think I was a success in that respect. We walked away with the Fourth Division title in my first

Terry Branston leader by example

season, almost went up again in my second and achieved further promotion in my third."

Making his debut for the Town in an ill-tempered 1-1 draw at Wrexham in August 1967 Terry was ever present in that record breaking campaign and apart from marshalling and bullying his fellow defenders he found time to weigh in with five vital goals, most of which were unstoppable headers from flag kicks.

"They were a great set of lads and the team spirit was tremendous. Bruce Rioch used to come in for most of the leg pulling as he was the youngest and the golden boy, while the antics of winger Graham French, my room-mate, could be turned into a best selling book."

In 1969 Chris Nicholl was bought from Halifax Town for a massive sum, by Luton standards, of £35,000 to replace Terry and for a time did, but by the end of the season when promotion hopes were slipping away the 'skipper' was recalled to steady the ship

and ensure the rise in status. Unfortunately, Terry's Division Two career with the Town was short-lived as we were thrashed 2-4 at Bolton on the opening day of the 1970/71 season and a month later he was transferred to Lincoln for £5,000 where he was a team-mate of a young Graham Taylor. When the Imps came to choose a new manager, the Board was split and the casting vote went to Taylor in preference to Terry who did not even apply for the job. Who knows what might have been!

After leaving Lincoln, Terry turned out for Nuneaton Borough, Enderby, V.S. Rugby as player / manager before finishing his playing career with A.E.I. Rugby where it had all started. Terry still lives in Rugby where he ran a driving school for many years. He still comes to Kenilworth Road fairly regularly, the scene of his goal from an overhead kick against Rochdale, the blocking of many a full-blooded free-kick with his nose and the

fist shaking as he exerted every ounce of effort from his team-mates. A true leader by example.

As a postscript, Terry is always happy to talk about his battles with the tough centre-forwards of the day such as Pat Terry of Millwall and Alex Dawson of Preston when no quarter was asked for or given but one duel mentioned by me had even him wincing.

During an away game at Barrow in 1968 Terry and the home side's centre-forward George McLean, were each poleaxed twice by each other needing lengthy treatment from the trainer on each occasion. All these incidents took place when play was at the other end of the field leaving the referee to shake his head in bemusement. No video replays in those days!!

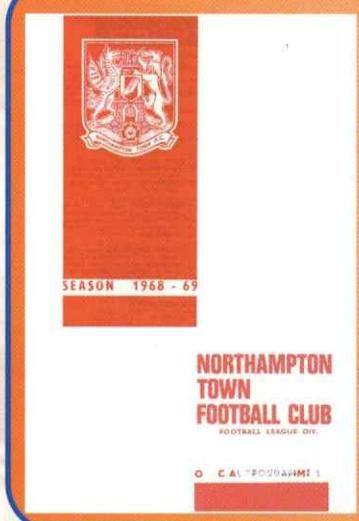
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Yesterday's pages

Terry Branston missed the home clash with his old club Northampton in 1968/69 but was back for the first (and only) league clash between the sides to be played at the County Ground since 1936.

Many clubs at this time used the national magazine 'Football League Review' as an insert to their programme to disguise inadequate issues. Northampton were no different, and their 16 page effort carried 10 pages of adverts and very little of interest apart from the mention in the 'Club Notes' section of the 6-5 win for the Cobblers over the Hatters in 1927 after we were 5-1 up at half-time. A horizontal blizzard blowing down the pitch throughout the game may have had something to do with it!

For the record, Terry led his Luton team-mates to a 2-0 win on an icy pitch to give new manager Alec Stock his first away win since taking charge. Bruce Rioch scored both goals in front of a crowd of 15,161, a figure that was never subsequently beaten in league games at the County Ground.



Fans on the road

THE Town continue to top the Division Two list of best-supporter away team, with more than 800 going to Vale Park to keep the average well into four figures.

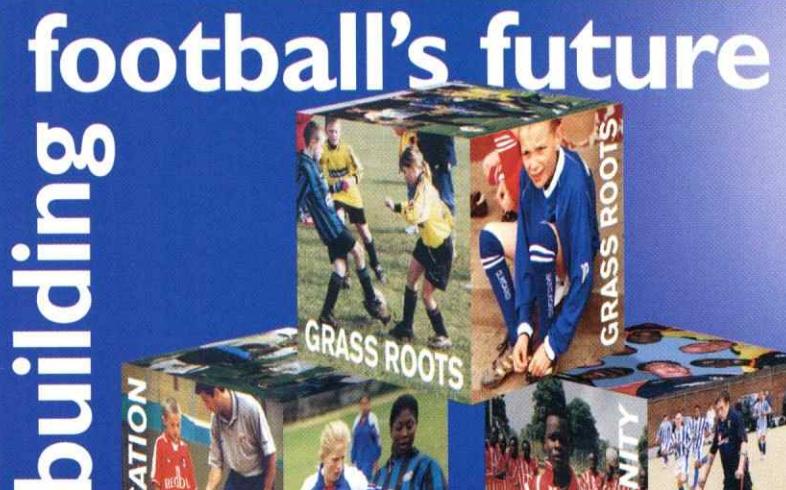
Hatters Away

Blackpool	781
Plymouth	773
Cardiff	314
Brentford	1,493
Watford(WC)	4,404
Huddersfield	700
Aston Villa (WC)	4,588
Stockport	680
Oldham	610
Woking (LDV)	262
Crewe	585
Northampton	1,250
Stevenage (LDV)	1,199
Tranmere	839
Wigan (FAC 2)	769
Bristol City	709
Wycombe	2,039
Chesterfield	1,076
Barnsley	858
Peterborough	2,928
Port Vale	884
Total:	27,741
Average:	1,321

Visitors to Luton

Peterborough	990
Barnsley	504
Chesterfield	366
Notts County	341
Mansfield	160
Cheltenham	328
Wigan	425
Port Vale	247
Guiseley (FAC)	467
QPR	1,851
Cambridge (LDV)	571
Colchester	527
Cardiff	1,090
Wycombe	702
Blackpool	491

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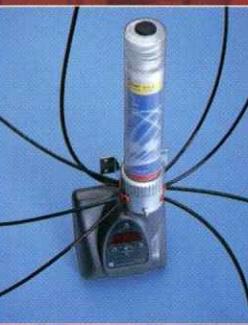
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EasyPull bearing puller

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

Some 16 per cent of premature bearing failures can be attributed to bad fitting. The most common fault is the use of brute force, while ignorance or laziness regarding use of the correct tools for the task is a major contributor. Available in three sizes to provide maximum withdrawal forces between three and eight tonnes (30 kN to 80 kN), the pullers have been designed in a modular fashion to allow simple replacement of worn or damaged parts.



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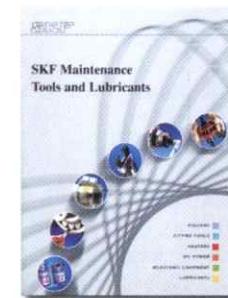
The hand-held monitoring device is a comparative instrument, which enables optimised intervals to be maintained between oil changes. It detects and measures the dielectric constant in a used oil sample, which is compared against results taken from an unused lubricant of the same type and brand.

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Action Replay

**Port Vale 1
Luton Town 2
(HT 0-0)**

IT MIGHT not have been the prettiest football the Town have played this season, but the team dug in to produce a highly professional job in the second half at Vale Park to deserve their eighth away win of the season.

Vale worked hard and battled, and the Town had to do something similar to exert their authority on the match.

Brian Horton, who still has a soft spot for Luton, was furious with referee Lee Mason for awarding the penalty that enabled the Town to go two up with a quarter of an hour to play. Ian Brightwell, a highly experienced defender, was tempted into a rash challenge on Tony Thorpe after being put in trouble by Matt Spring's challenge.

Kevin Nicholls hammered in the penalty and it was just about game over, although Vale managed a late lucky reply in their desperate attempts to stage a grandstand finale.

The Town had no doubts about the penalty, with the video evidence backing their claims. They also had cause to wonder about the ref, because he ruled out another Thorpe effort, apparently accusing Steve Howard of pushing a defender before heading the ball into Thorpe's path. The Town thought the ref got that one wrong.

Fortunately it did not matter too much, although Horton was probably right when he said afterwards that Vale paid the price for not cashing in during a first half in which they looked the better side of two average sides. The nearest they came was a Steve McPhee header after nine minutes which hit the bar.

Central midfielder Mark Boyd was Vale's best player by some

distance, and stayed tight on Spring to try to cut off his support of the front men. Paul Hughes started on the right of midfield, with Ahmet Brkovic on the left, and they were swapped over midway through the first half when Vale's left flank looked creaky.

A more effective change was made at the break, when Hughes was subbed, with Dean Crowe offering pace as a right winger, and Brkovic playing a canny game on the left. Spring got further upfield, dragging Boyd with him, and that helped to give the Town mastery of midfield.

Chris Coyne and Chris Willmott looked as though they had played together for years in central defence. Alan Neilson was switched to left back to accommodate Willmott, with Alan Kimble the unlucky defender to drop onto the bench.

Horton agreed the Town had the better of the second half, although he drew some consolation from the fact that at the end there was only one goal in it, and Steve Rowland had wasted an excellent chance just before the penalty, shooting wastefully wide.

Crowe took only four minutes to make his mark on the game, winning a corner which led to the opening goal. It was the result of a practice ground routine. Nicholls sent the ball in an arc to beyond the far post, over Town men who were running all ways in front of the goalkeeper. He was still trying to keep an eye on Steve Howard and Willmott as Thorpe was left free to place his

header carefully into the net from a sharp angle.

You knew then that the Town were pretty certain to win, and they might have had more goals before the 75th-minute penalty. Thorpe had one shot blocked and put another over the bar after a clever through-ball by Brkovic, and Howard hit the side netting after being set up by his strength on the ball and Crowe's pass.

The only disappointment for the Town was that they failed to make the second ball after a corner was cleared four minutes from time, and the industrious Boyd struck a lucky goal, with a shot which was hit hard into the ground and bounced too high for Boyce, who was still covering the near post from the corner. The Town regrouped immediately, and Vale were denied any real hope of saving a point.

Luton Town: Ovendale; Boyce, Willmott, Coyne, Neilson; Hughes (Crowe HT) Nicholls, Spring, Brkovic; Howard, Thorpe. Unused subs: Emberson, Kimble, Holmes, Hillier.

Booked: Tony Thorpe for playfully celebrating his goal by picking up a handful of snow piled beside the pitch and lobbing it towards the Town fans.

Port Vale: Goodlad; Rowland (Carragher 75 mins), Collins, Brightwell, Byrne; McPhee, Bridge-Wilkinson, Boyd, Armstrong; Paynter, Brooker. Unused subs: Delaney, McClare, Durnin, Burns.

Booked: Marc Bridge-Wilkinson and Steve Rowland, for fouls on Kevin Nicholls and Matt Spring respectively.

Referee: Lee Mason, Lancashire.
Attendance: 4,714 including 884 visiting fans.



TOWN ON TOP: Dean Crowe surges through for a shot on goal after going on as a sub for the second half.

RIGHT: Snow joke – Tony Thorpe got a booking for this bit of fun, lobbing a snowball into the visiting crowd to celebrate his goal.

BELOW: Foiled Spring – goalkeeper Mark Goodlad manages to prevent the midfielder closing in for a shot at goal



Action Highlights

Port Vale 1 Luton Town 2

LET'S HEAR IT FOR LUTON: Kevin Nicholls enjoys the cheers from Town fans behind the goal where he put away his second penalty of the season to pile on the agony for Brian Horton's men.

RIGHT: The opening goal hits the net, headed in by Tony Thorpe from a far post corner by his skipper.

BELOW: Dean Crowe, who was sent on as the third attacker for the second half, takes on Vale defender Paul Byrne.





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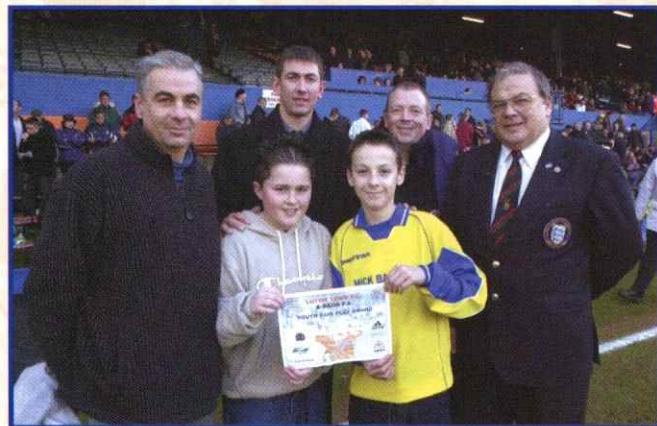
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Junior Hatters



WHILE we all enjoy watching the Town at Kenilworth Road, Junior Hatters also like to support the team on the road, and we have now booked a coach for the next away match, at Notts County on March 1. We will be leaving Luton at 10am, to get to Meadow Lane early enough to take on the

TODAY'S MASCOT

TWELVE-year-old Gary Ansell-Carter is a regular at Kenilworth Road, coming to games with his mum, dad, nan and brother, and cheering on the Town from the Kenilworth Stand.

But this afternoon he will enjoy his visit even more than usual, because his name has been picked out of the drum to be the Junior Hatters mascot. And that gives him a real VIP treat. He will join the players in the dressing room as they prepare for the game, and will have a chance to shake hands with his favourite, skipper Kevin Nicholls. And when Kevin leads the team out for the pre-match rituals, young Gary will be with them.

He lives at Hitchin Road, Shefford, and goes to Robert Bloomfield Middle School. He plays youth football for Shefford Saints, and his other hobbies are golf and fishing.

Serena Lawrence, from Bowland Drive, Emerson Valley, Milton Keynes, is on duty as a ball girl this afternoon, and our ball boy is Jonathon James, from Brickhill Drive, Bedford.



young Magpies in a five-a-side soccer tournament. If you want to play, bring your trainers and Luton Town kit. The following away game is at Mansfield, but as that is a Tuesday night match we will not be running a Junior Hatters coach on that occasion, but we do expect to be going to Wigan on March 15.

The trips are very good value for money: £10 for Junior Hatters and £13 for guests. Bookings for the Nottingham trip are now being taken and you can reserve a place on any weekday at the Community Department, which is on the corner of Oak Road and Maple Road, or by phoning the department on Luton 391927. Bookings on match days will now be taken at the ticket office.

Bookings for our popular Saturday Club, which enables Junior Hatters to enjoy a full day out at Kenilworth Road on Saturday home games, are through the Community Department.

We kick off at noon, with Dallow School the first venue for games, usually including football, before adjourning to our family room underneath the Kenilworth Stand for a sausage and chips lunch, and more entertainment.

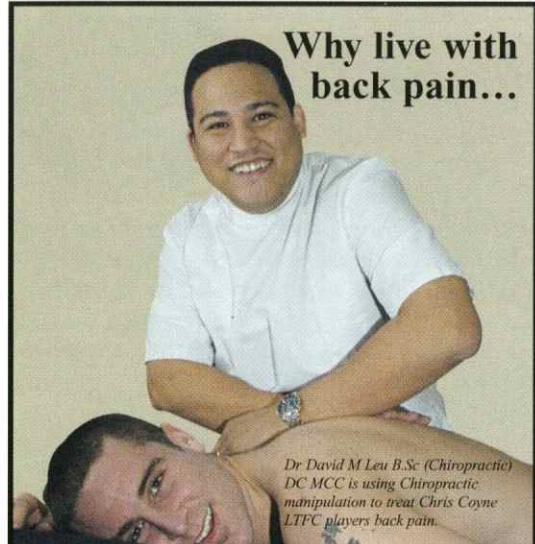
The family room is open again at half time, and at the end of the match, and all activities are fully supervised. The price is a bargain: £5 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, or £11 including a match ticket. We organise occasional visits to the cinema and bowling alley, for a small extra charge.

Happy Harry

JUNIOR Hatters membership is open to any boy or girl aged from 0 to 16 who supports Luton Town, and if you want to know more please contact the Community Department in Oak Road, or phone Luton 391927. There are lots of advantages, including bargain-price trips to away games, and the chance to be mascot at home matches - the choice is made at random from the membership list.

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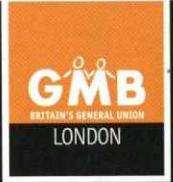
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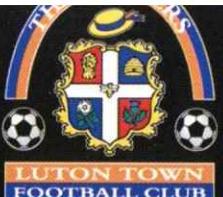
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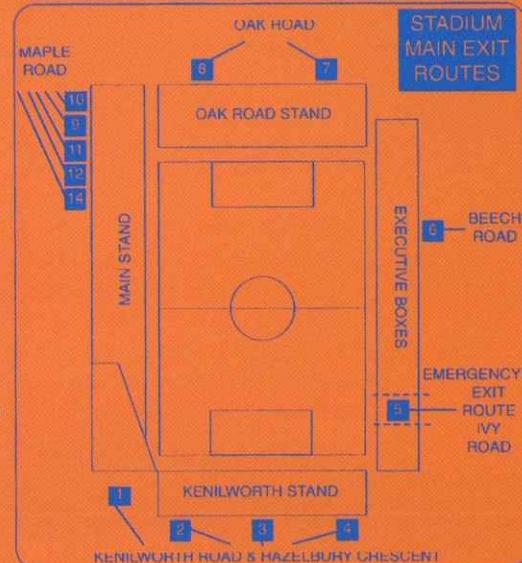
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Eyes On The Ball!



LIKE most clubs in this country, Luton Town is delighted today to signal its support for a campaign to raise awareness of a cancer problem which can affect even the fittest of young men.

We are backing efforts by the FA and the PFA in a national campaign to underline the dangers of testicular cancer, and the football community has good reason to know that it is the most common form of cancer among young men aged between 20 and 35. That, of course, is the usual range of a professional footballer's playing career, although it can develop in boys as young as 15.

Over the last 20 years the number of cases has doubled, but the good news is that if it is diagnosed early it can be cured. Recent high-profile cases which prove the point include Neil Harris, Alan Stubbs, Jason Cundy and Craig Forrest, and their experience shows

just how important it is for young men to be vigilant and aware of the symptoms to look for. The "Keep Your Eye On The Ball" campaign is aimed at men in every walk of life. The FA and PFA are partnered in the project with the Everyman Action Against Male Cancer campaign at the Institute of Cancer Research, and the Dads & Lads male cancer campaign from Cancer Research UK.

Testicular cancer is a malignant tumour that develops from cells within the testes, and one in every 50 men is likely to develop the condition between the ages of 15 and 50. It is the most common cancer among young men, and there are about 1,600 cases every year in the UK. That is almost double what it was 20 years ago, and doctors are baffled as to the cause of the rise.

If you are a young man, it is worth a few minutes to carry out your own check. Symptoms include: a lump in either testicle, a dull ache in the abdomen, groin or scrotum; enlargement of a testicle; a sudden collection of fluid in the scrotum; a heavy feeling in the scrotum, or growth or tenderness in the upper chest.

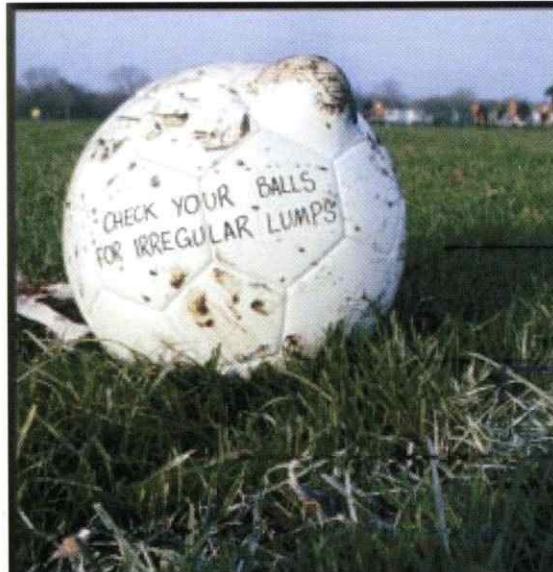
If you do find something suspicious, you can be encouraged by the fact that most lumps are benign, but it is worth having a check-up with your GP.

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Regular self-examination of testicles can boost the chance of early detection, and thus enhance survival prospects.

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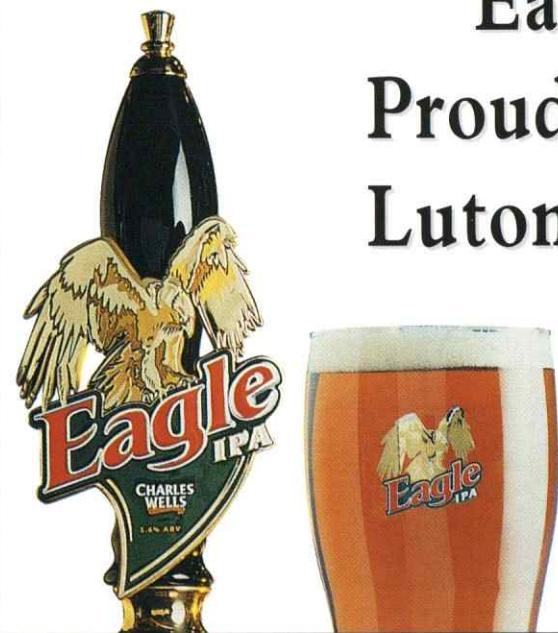
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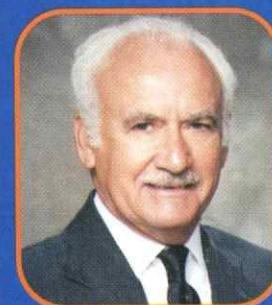
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Luton Belles



WITH the adult team again inactive due to the weather, the Luton Belles youth section took the opportunity to grab the headlines in some style, pulling off four wins and a draw between them. Leading the way were the under-13s, with a 13-0 win over Northwood. Ann Folan spearheaded the demolition job with a five-goal blast, and Brittany Murtagh weighed in with a hat trick to take her season's haul to 60 goals, breaking the club record for goals scored in one season. Natalie Burchnall scored twice and the scoring was completed

by Chloe Fensome, Amanda Scott and Micky Osman.

The under-14s notched up their tenth consecutive win with a 5-0 victory over Hoddesdon. Town got off to a flier with three goals in the first nine minutes. Fay Rolls opened the scoring after only four minutes, and Michelle Byrne then struck twice in five minutes to effectively wrap up the points at 3-0. She was unlucky not to complete her hat-trick on several occasions. Tanya Blacksley was again in fine form on the right wing, and scored a goal either side of half time,

on each occasion chipping the keeper from the edge of the box. Belles under-12 squad were involved in a bruising battle against Flitwick Eagles, but still triumphed 7-0. Brittany Murtagh hit another hat-trick, Micky Osman netted twice and Sarah Hawkins and an own goal completed the rout. The under-14 Saturday squad also visited Flitwick, and drew 1-1 thanks to an early strike from Ann Folan.

With six league matches remaining, the under-11s retained their six-point lead at the top of the table with a fine away win against Edgware-based Belmont United. Leading scorer Lauren Bruton was in lethal form in front of goal, netting a hat trick, and her strike partner Yasmin Hickling added the other goal in the 4-1 win.

Dave Baker



ON TARGET: Natalie Burchnall, who scored twice for the Belles under-13s in their 13-0 hammering of Northwood.

LUTON Belles organises football for girls of all ages, from ten upwards. If you want to know more, or fancy being involved, e-mail Dave Baker at lutontownbelles@hotmail.com

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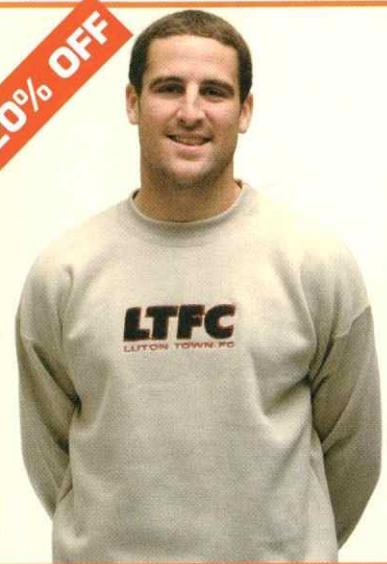
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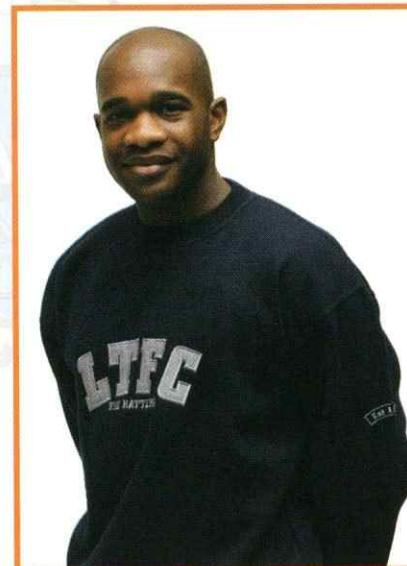
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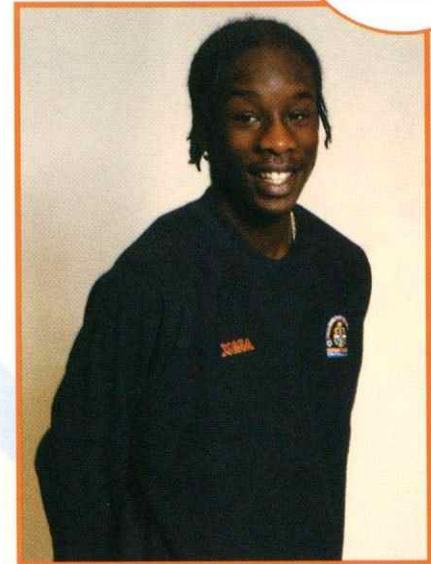
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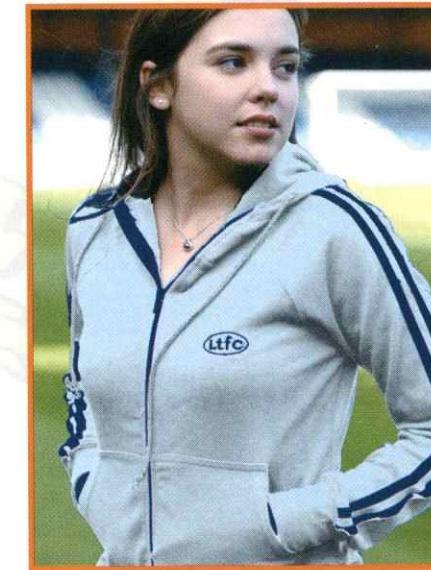
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In Reserve



Southend Utd 0 Luton Town 0

WE REALLY should have won this game, but I was pleased with our performance, and with a little more luck in front of goal we would have scored two or three because we created many more chances than the home team. Peter Holmes hit the bar and French trialist midfielder Roger Pandong had our two best chances but was denied by a defender and then the goalkeeper.

We had to field a patchwork attack, with two youth team players used out of position as emergency strikers, James Osborn, normally a midfielder, and Leon Barnett, a centre-half. They deserve every credit for their efforts, and Barnett, with his pace and aggression, did really well, winning a lot of headers and generally making a nuisance of himself. Duncan Jupp, a right back released by Wimbledon, joined a strong defence, with Russ Perrett and David Bayliss in the middle and Ian Hillier on the left, and we were rarely in trouble at the back.

Osborn had one chance in the first half, but snatched at his shot, and at half time my major complaint was that we had dominated but had let ourselves down with the final ball.

We sorted that out, continued to be on top, and had only one scare when Lee Mansell had to clear off the line. It was unfortunate that Pandong, hoping to find a

club in this country, missed our two best chances. We had been told he was another Jean-Louis Valois, but he didn't look it in this game.

Jupp had a decent game, defensively and going forward. He is 28, and his problem here, of course, is that he will have to prove he is a very good player to displace Emmerson Boyce from the first team.

Luton Town: Emberson, Jupp, Perrett, Bayliss, Hillier, Mansell, Leary, Holmes, Pandong (Foley 80 mins), Osborn (Okai 55 mins), Barnett.

WE ARE away to Cardiff next Wednesday, and the following week, February 26, we meet Cheltenham at Kenilworth Road (2pm).

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: L. Mansell 13(1), Leary 11(2), Foley 11(1), Holmes 10, Skelton 9, Hillier 9, J. Deeney 8, Fotiadis 8, Griffiths 6, Gillman 5(3), Barnett 5(2), Ovendale 5, Kimble 5, Osborn 4(8), Okai 4(5), Hughes 4, Neilson 4, Brill 3(1), Barnett 3(1), Brkovic 3, Emberson 3, Bayliss 3, O'Leary 2(5), Judge 2(4), Eberendo 2(2), Howell 2(1), Beckwith 2, Thorpe 2, Michael Johnson 2, Perrett 2, Crowe 2, Davies 1(3), Kovacevic 1, De Souza 1, Berthelin 1, Nicholls 1, Maitland 1, Viander 1, Jupp 1, Pandong 1, Marvin Johnson 0(1).

Goals: Judge 4, Fotiadis 3, Griffiths 3, Brkovic 3, Crowe 2, Howell 2, Thorpe 2, Skelton 1, Eberendo 1, Holmes 1, Gillman 1, Barnett 1, Maitland 1, Mansell 1, Leary 1.

Brian Stein

AVON COMBINATION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	15	12	2	1	42	10	38
Portsmouth	13	10	0	3	30	11	30
Colchester	17	8	3	5	26	16	30
Norwich	15	8	6	1	24	8	30
Brighton	13	9	2	2	27	11	29
Plymouth	15	8	1	6	24	24	25
Reading	14	7	2	5	25	13	23
Millwall	14	7	2	5	20	13	23
Brentford	15	7	2	6	26	24	23
Swindon	13	7	2	4	20	19	23
Luton Town	13	6	4	3	27	16	22
Cardiff	14	6	4	4	17	11	22
Bristol City	15	6	4	5	25	27	22
Cheltenham	16	6	3	7	32	28	21
L. Orient	17	5	6	6	30	31	21
QPR	13	5	4	4	16	19	19
Southend	16	5	4	7	19	25	19
Oxford	14	5	1	8	16	22	16
Bristol Rov	17	4	4	9	18	30	16
Bournemouth	14	3	4	7	22	31	13
Gillingham	15	3	4	8	19	28	13
Peterborough	14	4	1	9	18	29	13
Wycombe	15	3	4	8	15	31	13
Northampton	13	3	1	9	18	35	10
Cambridge	12	2	3	7	15	25	9
Barnet	16	2	1	13	16	51	7

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	4-0 Fotiadis 2, Eberendo, Howell
Wed 25	Peterborough	H	4-1 Thorpe 2, Fotiadis, Holmes
October			
Wed 9	Plymouth	A	4-0 Brkovic 2, Gillman, Judge
Wed 16	Wycombe	H	3-1 Judge 2, Howell
Wed 30	Cambridge	A	1-0 Barnett
November			
Wed 13	QPR	H	postponed
Wed 20	Wootton (BSC)	A	0-0 Won 4-3 on pens
Wed 27	Northampton	A	1-3 Judge
December			
Wed 11	Barnet	H	1-2 Maitland
January			
Wed 8	Brighton	A	Postponed
Wed 15	C. Palace	H	Postponed
Wed 22	Bournemouth	H	4-4 Crowe 2, Brkovic, Mansell
Wed 29	Leyton Orient	A	1-1 Leary
February			
Wed 12	Southend	A	0-0
Wed 19	Cardiff	A	2pm
Wed 26	Cheltenham	H	2pm
March			
Wed 12	Norwich	H	2pm
Wed 25	Brentford	A	2pm
April			
Wed 2	Colchester	H	2pm
Tue 8	Bedford (BSC)	A	7.45pm

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Youth Soccer - U17s

OUR Football League Youth Alliance fixture against Southend was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch but hopefully we were able to play at Portsmouth this morning, to continue the football education of our schoolboys squad.

In our first season in this competition we have done remarkably well so far. The decision to join the Alliance has turned out to be a good one. Previously we were playing friendlies which we were not allowed to report, not even the results, and last summer we sat down to consider how to improve our system for developing young players. We were far ahead of the opposing schoolboy team we met, winning by six, seven or eight goals, and not being stretched.

With support from Joe Kinnear, Mick Harford and Brian Stein we decided to go for competitive football. Learn how to play for three points, was the decision, and it has worked. It has put an edge on the boys and you can see a noticeable difference in them.

Several are already regulars in John Moore's under-19 squad, although we watch carefully to ensure there is no question of burn-out.

Before the season started I would have been

delighted if we could complete the campaign without finishing bottom. Now, as we approach the final lap, I will be disappointed if we do not finish in the top four, so well have the lads adapted.

An illustration of how well this club is doing in youth football, despite not being one of the Academy outfits, was the call-up of five players for a Republic of Ireland development training camp over the New Year. Kevin Foley, Matthew Judge, Stephen O'Leary, Keith Keane and Sean Ridgway were the boys involved, and it is gratifying to know that they are making a good impression much further afield than Kenilworth Road.

WE ARE at home to Gillingham next Saturday. Kick-off at Luton Rugby Club, Newlands Road, Farley Hill is 11am, and spectators are welcome. Admission is free.

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets:

Ridgway 16, Mountford 16, D. Deeney 16, Blythe 16, Magadah 12(3), Smyth 13(3), Blake 12(1), Brill 12, Shea 9(3), P. Clark 10(3), De Souza 11(2), Reid 8, Keane 7, Danaher 6(3), Freeman 5, Skelton 4(1), Maitland 3(2), Howell 3, R. Mansell 3, Hurst 3, Barrett 3, Green 2(5), Pendleton 3(5), McCarthy 1(2), Barnett 1, R. Clark 1, Sinclair 1(11), Richardson 1(3), Kelly 0(1), Robinson 0(1).

Goals: Magadah 7, Ridgway 5, Freeman 4, Keane 3, Blythe 3, Maitland 2, P. Clark 2, Shea 1, Barnett 1, R. Mansell 1

Mark Ridgway

FL Youth Alliance Under-17

FL Youth Alliance Under-17								
August								
17	Brighton	A	0-3					
24	Peterborough	A	6-0	Shea, Barnett, Blythe, Freeman, Keane, Maitland.				
September								
7	Southend	A	2-1	Ridgway 2 pens				
14	Portsmouth	H	1-0	Magadah				
21	Gillingham	A	4-3	Ridgway 2, Clark, Mansell				
28	Cambridge	A	0-0					
October								
5	Colchester	H	3-0	Magadah, Keane, Blythe				
19	QPR	H	0-2					
26	Wycombe	A	4-1	Magadah 4				
November								
2	L. Orient	A	1-3	Ridgway				
9	Brentford	H	0-0					
16	Cambridge	H	1-1	Maitland				
23	Colchester	A	3-1	Freeman 2, Keane				
30	QPR	A	2-2	Magadah, Clark				
December								
7	Wycombe	H	0-2					
14	L. Orient	H	0-1					
January								
11	Brentford	A	1-1	Freeman				
18	Brighton	H	postponed					
25	Peterborough	H	1-0	Blythe				
February								
8	Southend	H	postponed					
15	Portsmouth	A						
22	Gillingham	H						

FLYA UNDER-17 SE CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peterborough	18	11	4	3	34	17	37
L. Orient	18	11	3	4	41	16	36
Brighton	16	11	2	3	39	18	35
Wycombe	18	9	3	6	35	38	30
Luton Town	18	8	5	5	29	21	29
Colchester	17	5	4	8	26	41	19
Portsmouth	16	4	5	7	34	29	17
QPR	18	3	8	7	26	38	17
Brentford	18	4	4	10	28	39	16
Gillingham	17	5	1	11	35	51	16
Southend	18	3	5	10	28	52	14

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Youth Soccer - U19s



Northampton 3 Luton Town 0

WE COULD not complain about this result: our performance was a long way short of what I expect, with questions about our attitude on the day giving cause of concern. The pitch was barely adequate, bumpy and icy in places, and some of our players seemed to decide they couldn't play on it.

They were told that the game would be a test of attitude, and application. If we couldn't play our usual football consistently, we would have to chase and work.

Northampton were better at it than we were, but we were only one down at the interval, to a 41st-minute penalty awarded for a foul by Kevin Foley.

That left us with plenty of time to repair the damage, but Northampton were on an up in the second half, and we did not do enough to get anything out of the game. We were never much threat as an attacking force but Dean Brill was

unlucky when Northampton scored their second on 63 minutes. He pulled off an excellent one-handed save, but a home striker reacted quicker than our defenders to knock in the rebound.

A free kick to the far post led to the third goal, and our only decent chance came when Michael O'Leary went round the goalkeeper, only for his shot to be cleared off the line – good defending.

Luton Town: Brill, Foley, Barnett, O'Leary, Davies, Gillman, Ridgway, Osborn (Keane 75 mins), Judge, Maitland, Okai.

WE PUT in a better performance on Saturday to beat Peterborough 2-1 at home, and a report will be in the next matchday magazine. We were away to Cardiff today in the League Cup, and our next scheduled home game is our biggest of the season so far, against Middlesbrough in the FA Youth Cup fifth round on Thursday, February 27, kick-off 7pm.

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: Barnett 21(1), O'Leary 20, Okai 19, Davies 17(2), Judge 16(1), Foley 16, Howell 16, Freeman 15(2), Maitland 14(2), Osborn 13(1), Gillman 13(1), J. Deeney 13, R. Mansell 12(2), Beckwith 12, Brill 9(2), Keane 6(8), Ridgway 6(2), De Souza 1(2), Mountford 1(1), D. Deeney 1, Barrett 1, Magadah 0(1).

Goals: Judge 11, Freeman 7, Osborn 4, Maitland 3, Barnett 3, Okai 2, Ridgway 2, O'Leary 2, Davies 2, Foley 1.

John Moore

FL Youth Alliance Under-19

FL Youth Alliance Under-19								
August								
17	Walsall	H	0-0					
31	Kidderminster	A	1-0	Freeman				
September								
7	Brentford (LC)	A	2-0	Freeman, Okai				
14	Oxford (LC)	H	4-1	Osborn 2, Okai, Freeman				
21	Wycombe (LC)	H	2-2	Judge, Barnett				
28	Northampton	H	0-1					
October								
12	Peterborough	A	1-3	O'Leary				
19	West Brom	A	0-1					
23	Brentford(FAYC1)	A	3-0	Judge, Freeman 2				
26	Rushden	H	3-1	Judge, Freeman, Osborn				
November								
2	Oxford Utd	H	5-1	Judge 3, Freeman, Osborn				
7	Tooting(FAYC2)	A	3-1	Judge 2, Davies				
16	Brighton (LC1)	A	2-1	Barnett, O'Leary				
30	West Brom	H	2-1	Judge, Maitland				
December								
4	Stoke(FAYC3)	H	1-0	Judge				
7	Rushden & D	A	2-1	Maitland 2				
14	Oxford Utd	A	0-1					
21	Cambridge	A	0-0					
January								
11	Cambridge	H	postponed					
15	Bradford (FAYC4)	H	1-0	Foley				
18	Walsall	A		postponed				
25	Kidderminster	H	3-0	Ridgway 2, Barnett				
February								
1	Northampton	A	0-3					
8	Peterborough	H	2-1	Davies, Judge				
15	Cardiff (LC2)	A						
27	Middlesbrough(FAYC5)	H						

FLYA UNDER-19 SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
West Brom	15	9	2	4	26	19	29
Peterborough	13	9	0	4	33	11	27
Oxford	15	8	0	7	21	28	24
Northampton	14	7	3	4	17	13	24
Luton Town	13	7	2	4	19	11	23
Cambridge	14	6	3	5	23	18	21
Walsall	14	5	2	7	20	21	17
Kidderminster	13	3	1	9	18	33	10
Rushden	15	1	3	11	14	37	6

Most Scoring chances per game

	On Target	Off T		On Target	Off T
Wigan	6.45	7.26	Wycombe	5.39	5.23
Cardiff	6.37	6.27	Oldham	4.68	5.65
Plymouth	5.63	6.90	Huddersfield	5.07	5.17
Crewe	6.74	5.65	Cheltenham	5.40	4.63
Barnsley	5.73	6.10	Swindon	5.03	4.84
Mansfield	6.29	5.45	Stockport	5.23	4.52
QPR	5.48	6.16	Port Vale	4.70	5.00
Bristol City	5.61	5.35	Notts County	5.00	4.35
Peterborough	5.84	4.84	Northampton	4.71	4.61
Luton	5.30	5.37	Chesterfield	4.06	4.23
Blackpool	5.45	5.19	Colchester	4.00	4.10
Tranmere	5.45	5.19	Brentford	3.34	4.10

TOP GOALSCORERS

Headed Goals

Player	Club	Tot	Player	Club	Tot
Larsson	Celtic	8	Earnshaw	Cardiff	10
Taylor	Burnley	7	Hulse	Crewe	5
De Vos	Wigan	7	Kewell	Leeds	4
Johnson	Forest	6	McVeigh	Norwich	4
Helguson	Watford	6	Todorov	Portsmouth	4
Beckett	Stockport	6	Cureton	Reading	4
Deane	Leicester	5	Stallard	Notts County	4
Mackay	Norwich	5	Beckett	Stockport	4
Fallon	Barnsley	5	Parkin	Swindon	4
Howard	Luton	5	Haworth	Tranmere	4
Christie	Mansfield	5	Henriksen	Kidderminster	4
Haworth	Tranmere	5	Gray	Rushden	4
Kitson	Cambridge	5	Hartson	Celtic	4
Conlon	Darlington	5			
Cort	Southend	5			
Morrell	Wrexham	5			
Hartson	Celtic	5			
De Vries	Hearts	5			

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Average Shots On and Off target per game

Goals in last 15 Mins of match

FOR	76-90 Tot	%	AGAINST	76-90 Tot	%
Peterborough	12	31	Plymouth	10	34
Huddersfield	7	21	Chesterfield	12	41
Bristol City	17	54	Northampton	14	48
Luton	14	45	Mansfield	19	66
Notts County	13	45	Tranmere	13	46
Blackpool	12	42	Cardiff	7	25
Wycombe	12	43	Huddersfield	9	35
Tranmere	11	41	Peterborough	10	39
Oldham	12	46	Swindon	11	43
Cardiff	12	47	Brentford	8	32
Swindon	10	42	Crewe	7	28

ordered by late goals as % of all goals

Margins of Victory

Games WON by 1gl 2gl 3gl 4gl 5+gl

	1gl	2gl	3gl	4gl	5+gl
Wigan	9	11	1	0	1
Crewe	7	7	2	1	0
Cardiff	11	2	1	3	0
Oldham	9	3	0	2	1
Bristol City	5	5	4	1	0
QPR	5	7	1	1	0
Tranmere	8	2	2	1	0
Blackpool	5	5	3	0	0
Luton	9	2	2	0	0
Plymouth	7	4	1	0	0
Chesterfield	9	1	0	1	0
Swindon	6	3	2	0	1
Brentford	7	2	0	0	1
Wycombe	4	4	1	0	1
Mansfield	5	2	0	1	1
Stockport	4	3	1	1	0
Port Vale	7	1	1	0	0
Northampton	4	1	3	0	0
Peterborough	4	1	1	1	0
Barnsley	6	1	0	0	0
Colchester	6	1	0	0	0
Huddersfield	5	1	1	0	0
Cheltenham	3	3	0	0	0
Notts County	3	0	3	0	0

Scorers' Points Gained & Scoring Run

Club	Robert Earnshaw	Gls Gl/gm	Pts Run 1st
Sam Parkin	23	0.77	17 6 8
Rob Hulse	17	0.61	16 5 12
Luke Beckett	19	0.73	14 7 9
Steven Howard	22	0.71	12 10 13
Martin Smith	14	0.50	10 7 12
Mark Stallard	16	0.53	9 4 5
Simon Haworth	14	0.54	9 4 8
Andy Liddell	13	0.52	9 7 9
John Murphy	11	0.42	9 4 6
Andy Clarke	12	0.40	8 3 10

eg if player scores the goal in a 1-0 win, the goal is worth 2 pts as score would have been 0-0, or if 2 goals in 2-1 win, goals worth 3 pts. Also shown is goals per game figure and number of games player scored 1st goal

Fouls and Offsides per game

	avg. fouls per game	avg. offsides per game
Tranmere	14.39	5.10
Luton	14.00	4.50
Brentford	13.90	4.13
Wycombe	13.71	3.94
Oldham	13.48	3.77
Notts County	13.45	3.74
QPR	13.39	3.57
Swindon	13.32	3.55
Bristol City	12.90	3.45
Barnsley	12.67	3.35
Mansfield	12.65	3.33
Chesterfield	12.55	3.24
Plymouth	12.47	3.23

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Second Division Scene



HAVING been beaten by a team chasing play-off points, the Town are up against one battling for Second Division survival today. The Cobblers dropped into the bottom four for the first time this season despite holding top six outfit QPR to a 1-1 draw at Sixfields on Saturday.

While the Town will be without suspended leading scorer Steve Howard, Northampton have a similar problem, with 13-goal Marco Gabbiadini serving a one-match ban for five yellow cards. He and Jamie Forrester (2) got the goals when the Cobblers beat the Town 3-0 at Sixfields in November, but Forrester now plays for Hull City.

Our disappointment on Tuesday, when Blackpool edged above the Town, will be well understood by a few other managers, including former Hatters Danny Wilson and Iain Dowie. Bristol City and Oldham have both faltered after tasting life in the top two. City reeled off 11 league games without defeat before the turn of the year, including a lucky draw against the Town which put them into second place behind runaway leaders Wigan. Since then they have managed just one victory in eight outings, with the latest embarrassment a 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Colchester.

Nationwide League Division Two					
HOME			AWAY		
P	W	D	L	F	A
Wigan	31	10	5	1	27 12
Crewe	31	9	2	4	21 11
Cardiff	30	10	4	2	28 11
Oldham	31	7	3	6	25 15
Bristol City	31	8	5	3	26 12
QPR	31	9	2	4	23 15
Blackpool	31	8	5	2	26 14
Luton Town	30	5	4	5	22 18
Plymouth	30	7	4	4	24 18
Tranmere	31	8	4	4	21 16
Swindon	31	6	4	5	21 17
Wycombe	31	7	4	5	31 25
Brentford	29	6	5	3	17 9
Chesterfield	31	8	4	4	20 15
Port Vale	30	5	3	7	21 22
Stockport	31	5	5	6	26 26
Peterborough	31	4	4	7	16 16
*Mansfield	31	6	2	8	30 33
Notts County	31	4	6	5	24 26
*Colchester	30	3	6	6	13 16
Northampton	31	5	3	8	17 20
Barnsley	30	4	6	5	19 23
Huddersfield	30	5	5	5	15 14
Cheltenham	30	4	7	13	21 21

*Not including last night's match, Colchester v Mansfield

Dowie's Oldham are still the only unbeaten away side in the country, but they slumped to their sixth home defeat of the season when Plymouth beat them 1-0. Second in the table at one time, Oldham are now fourth, one notch above Bristol City, and with losses running at £50,000 a week Dowie has been warned the cutbacks will have to be made.

One former Hatter was a happier manager on Tuesday than he was when we last met. Brian Horton was down in the dumps after the Town's win at Port Vale a week ago, but on Tuesday they hammered Chesterfield 5-2 to shoot up from 19th place to 15th.

Northampton will be encouraged by knowing they too could rise several places today if they become the second club to do the double over the Town. But their away form so far is a touch iffy - three wins, four draws and eight defeats. They are bound to be keen to improve their recent run. Kevan Broadhurst was sacked just over a month ago after a 5-0 home defeat against Wycombe. Terry Fenwick has taken over, but is still looking for his first win after five games in charge, which have yielded only two points, from a laudable draw at Crewe and last week's 1-1 against QPR.

Northampton's away victories were 2-1 at Cardiff in August, 1-0 at QPR in November and 2-1 at Barnsley on New Year's Day. They picked up draws at Wycombe (1-1), Plymouth (0-0), Peterborough (0-0) and Crewe (3-3). The defeats were 0-4 at Chesterfield, 0-3 at Bristol City, 0-2 at Swindon, 1-2 at Notts County, 0-4 at Oldham, 0-1 at Wigan, 0-4 at Stockport and 1-2 at Blackpool.

Brian Swain

Today's other Second Division fixtures

Barnsley v Chesterfield

Blackpool v Brentford

Crewe v Wigan

Huddersfield v Cheltenham

Notts County v Bristol City

Peterborough v Cardiff

Plymouth v Tranmere

QPR v Port Vale

Stockport v Oldham

Swindon v Wycombe

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Statistics and all the fixtures

WE OFFER our sympathies to the family of Ronald Lindsay, a true Luton Town fan, of Hallworth Drive, Stotfold, who has died at the age of 77. He had followed the club for well over half a century, and in recent years was a season ticket holder in the Kenilworth Road Stand. His son, Steve, said: "All the men in our family are passionate Luton supporters, and three generations now all sit together in the same spot. I know my father will be missed by his fellow supporters in that area."

SQUAD CHECK

LUTON TOWN

Manager: Joe Kinnear

1	Mark Ovendale	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Aaron Skelton	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Alan Neilson	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Matthew Spring	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Russell Perrett	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Marvin Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Adrian Forbes	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Kevin Nicholls	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Tony Thorpe	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Carl Griffiths	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Steve Robinson	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Chris Coyne	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Andrew Fotiadis	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Dean Crowe	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Carl Emberson	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Emmerson Boyce	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Ahmet Brkovic	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Steve Howard	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Peter Holmes	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Paul Hughes	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	David Bayliss	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Ian Hillier	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Sol Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Alan Kimble	<input type="checkbox"/>
37	Chris Willmott	<input type="checkbox"/>

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NORTHAMPTON TOWN

Manager: Terry Fenwick

1	Lee Harper	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Chris Marsh	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Duncan Spedding	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Ian Sampson	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Richard Hope	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	John Frain	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Paul McGregor	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Paul Harsley	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Darryn Stamp	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Marco Gabbiadini	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Chris Carruthers	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Gerard Lavin	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Nathan Abbey	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Paul Rickers	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Paul Trollope	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Daryl Burgess	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Greg Lincoln	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Brent Rahim	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Derek Asamoah	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Chris Hargreaves	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Jerry Gill	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Steve Morison	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Glyn Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Paul Reid	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Andy Turner	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Richard Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>

Today's Officials

Referee: Keith Hill, Hertfordshire

Assistants: Paul Melin, Surrey (yellow flag); Gavin Ward, Kent (red & yellow flag)

Fourth Official: Graham Horwood, Bedfordshire

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