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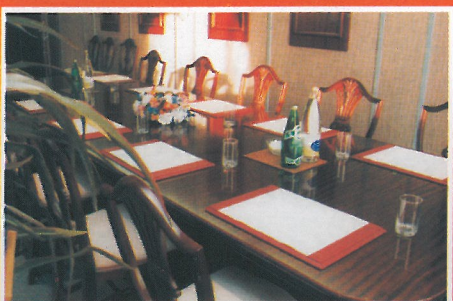
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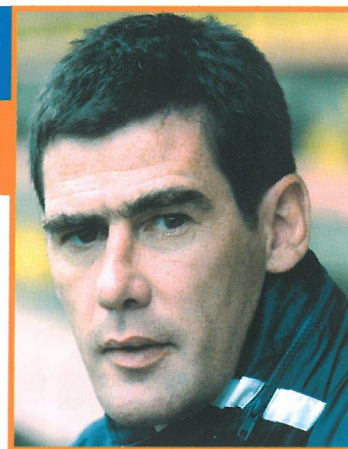
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The Quality of the Football

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The Manager's Message



HELLO again for tonight's clash with the season's early leaders, Port Vale. Welcome to Brian Horton and his players, staff, directors and supporters.

He is an experienced manager, and has proved that the problems of administration can be overcome with hard work and common sense.

The last two away games have been frustrating, to say the least. We felt we could and should have taken maximum points from both Notts County and Plymouth, and it's little consolation that we felt we performed well at Home Park.

Those of you who travelled on Saturday will I am sure agree that there is no feeling worse than coming home after losing in the last minute.

We do feel, however, that we have only let ourselves down in one game, at Brighton, and considering the circumstances, and how low we are on numbers and strength in

depth, we are generally pleased with the application of the lads.

We had just 16 fit and eligible

players for the trip to Plymouth. How long the transfer embargo will stay in place we don't know, and the same goes for administration. But we will not use either as an excuse. We must roll up our sleeves and dig in.

Night games always have a special atmosphere, especially at Kenilworth Road, and this evening we aim to close the gap and stay on the tails of the early season pace-setters.

Enjoy the game, and get behind the lads.

Mike Newell



MARKSMEN AT THE DOUBLE: Gary McSheffrey, who put the Town ahead at Plymouth, in competition for the ball with David Friio, who got the home side's last-minute winner.

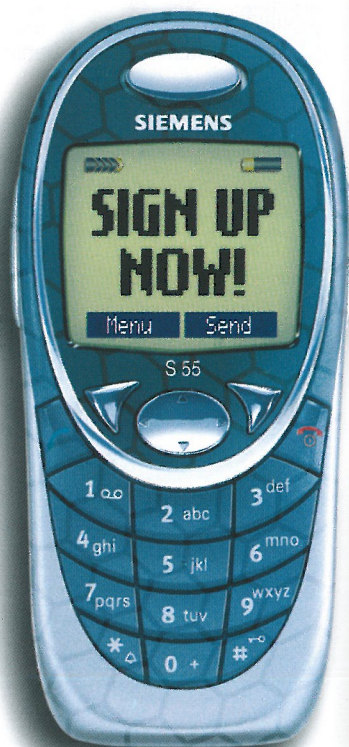
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The Town Captain's View



JUST like you, I shall be shouting for the lads tonight, hoping to see some good football and a Luton Town victory. It goes without saying that I would rather be playing than watching, especially at a time when the squad is so thin on the ground. My knee operation seems to have gone well, but I am still on crutches, and desperate to get back to work as soon as possible. The only target I have set myself is to try to beat the forecast that I will be unable to play for between eight and 12 weeks.

The frustration any injured player feels is worse than usual for me because of the club's situation. When you go onto the pitch you concentrate on the game to the exclusion of all else, but to be employed by a club in administration is not a pleasant feeling. You put it to the back of your mind when you are training and playing, but we all have families, mortgages and other bills, so players have to consider some very serious matters as they wonder what the future holds.

I am one of those who has pledged full support for the club, because I love it here, and in view of the background I think the lads have been superb in sticking together. But we need to get out of administration as quickly as possible. We need the club's future to be assured, so that we can concentrate completely on playing well, for the gaffer, for the fans and for ourselves.

I hope that our injury list is beginning to clear up. Russ Perrett and Steve Robinson haven't been able to kick a ball for us so far this season, and now Alan Neilson and David Bayliss are injured as well. Add Steve Howard suspended, and me on crutches, and perhaps we are doing pretty well in the league despite the disappointing result at Plymouth.

That was galling, because we knew what to expect, and the general view in the dressing room is that we should have got a point at the very least. But when Plymouth equalised on 82 minutes, we knew we could expect

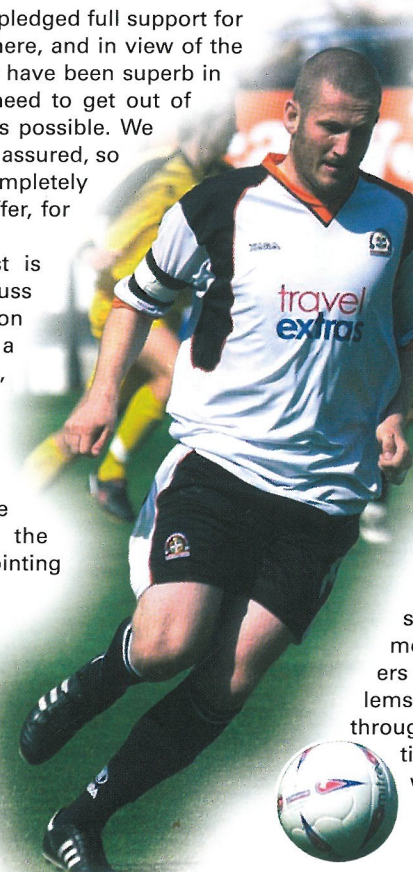
a bombardment, and it was a shame we could not hold out for the draw. Because of my injury I was unable to go to the game, but kept in touch via mobile phone, so I felt for the lads as the points were snatched away.

It's no disgrace to lose an away game by the odd goal in three, and the general consensus in the camp was that our team performance was pretty good until the last few minutes. There is a professional pride in playing well, but for me the result is everything – I want three points from every game, and would rather play badly and win than play brilliantly and lose.

I thought we saw both sides of Luton Town in the last home game, when we pulverised Hartlepool for the first half hour or so, and then found ourselves holding on for a 3-2 win. It was impossible to work out how things changed so much in the second half. If we had kept our first-half game going we would have scored six or seven. But we got the points, and this evening we have a chance to prove that we can forget off the field worries and see how we compare with the team that is currently the best in this division.

Port Vale are having a great season so far, and I am pleased for them. When we played there last season their fans were out in the streets with buckets, pleading for money to save the club and their players were experiencing the same problems that we have now. Port Vale got through it, and so can we. And in the meantime we can, hopefully, get back to winning ways tonight.

Kevin Nicholls



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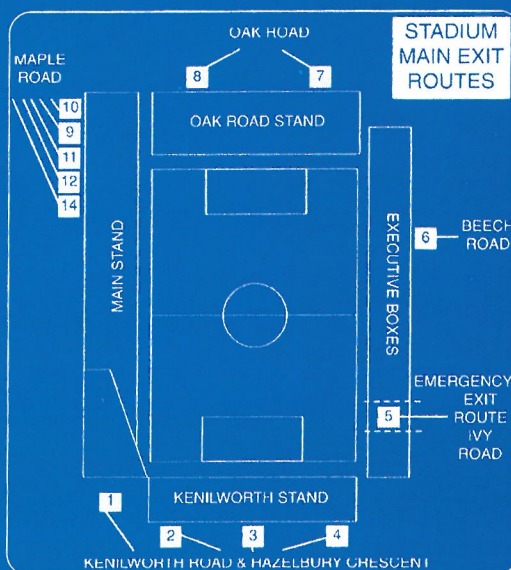
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Geoff Lovell, Safety Manager.



From The Chief Executive



GOOD evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road. It seems a long time since we were here. I don't know if you feel like me, but I long for the days before computers, when we simply played home one week and away the next. It would be better for clubs for cash flow, and for supporters, if the old system was still in place.

As you know we kept the office open until 7pm on September 1 for supporters to ring in or come in person to let us know their ideas and concerns regarding the club.

Only one person actually came, and had a cup of coffee and chewed over events of the past few months and the things they would like to see at the ground. The ironic thing was that several people actually emailed me between 5pm and 7pm and chatted with me over the e-mail system.

There were some good ideas which we will look at, but there were odd ones too, one being that we should save money by closing down both the shop and ticket office, and only open on home matchdays using casual staff. Chaos, one would suggest! And what about those cup runs etc?

One of the complaints that continually came up was the difficulty in obtaining hot food at half time. We were already on the case and if not by tonight then definitely for Saturday's match there will be two additional selling points for all hot food and drinks, one under the Maple Road end of the ground and the other an extension of the catering unit by the New Stand. We hope these facilities will assist supporters.

And my thanks to everyone who took the trouble to get in touch – as always we want to hear your views and suggestions, and needless to say you need not wait until the first of next month if there is something you want to raise with me. We appreciate any kind of feedback from supporters.

The good news is that by the time you are reading this we will have credit and debit card machines back in the ticket office and club shop. You really don't appreciate these things until you don't have them, or how much we all

rely on them. The only thing we cannot use the facility for is for seasonal products, which does mean we cannot process season tickets for example.

I would like to welcome Chris Rivett our new web-site editor, who has now settled in and is already making an excellent contribution to our site. We can also now get our new web shop fully operational again for those supporters who do not live locally. We know it was much appreciated by supporters living abroad. I do understand that some supporters are concerned at the lack of information available to them at the present time, but I would ask you to be patient. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes – but these things do take time. We will get there.

And finally, a word of thanks from Nottingham to our supporters who went to Meadow Lane. As I am sure you will have heard Notts County, like us, are battling to get out of administration, and at one time there was a danger that their game against us might be their last in The Football League. We are all delighted that County have been given an extension to organise their escape from administration. They needed to raise £250,000 in a matter of days, and they have asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks to our supporters who gave generously to the bucket collection at the ground, and they added that our fans were a credit to themselves and to Luton Town for the way they conducted themselves at Meadow Lane. I would like to echo those sentiments – thank you and well done.

Enjoy the game, and see you on Saturday. Just a reminder that it is all-ticket, so we will not be selling any tickets on the day of the match.

Cherry Newbery

03/04 stats

Comebacks

behind by -2 -1

Port Vale	0	3
Blackpool	1	1
Hartlepool	1	0
Bournemouth	0	1
Brentford	0	1
Brighton	0	1
Luton	0	1
Plymouth	0	1
Wrexham	0	1

Fouls conceded/game

Blackpool	10.83
Port Vale	11.00
Brentford	11.29
Hartlepool	11.57
Bournemouth	12.14
Oldham	12.14
Rushden	12.43
Sheff Wed	12.43
Notts County	12.71
Bristol City	12.86
Peterborough	12.86
Wycombe	12.86

Caught offside/game

Stockport	13.14
Swindon	13.14
Wrexham	13.50
Brighton	13.57
Plymouth	13.71
Chesterfield	14.00
Grimsby	14.14
Barnsley	14.29
Luton	14.43
QPR	14.71
Wycombe	15.14
Colchester	15.14
Tranmere	16.00

Throwaways

ahead by +2 +1

Oldham	0	2
Peterborough	1	0
Wycombe	1	0
Barnsley	0	1
Blackpool	0	1
Colchester	0	1
Grimsby	0	1
Luton	0	1
QPR	0	1
Rushden	0	1
Sheff Wed	0	1

Goals Per Game - The Division's Most Consistent Strikers

Player	Robinson	Lowe	Taylor	Peacock	Kuqi	Mooney	Ainsworth	Beckett	Knight	McGleish	Boulding	Furlong	Parkin
Lge Gls	6	5	4	4	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	3
CC Gls	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Games	8	7	7	7	6	8	7	6	8	8	8	8	8
Gls/Game	0.88	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.83	0.75	0.71	0.67	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63

Goals from Outside Area

Williams	Kidderminster	3
Tarnat	Man City	2
Blake	Burnley	2
Hughes	West Brom	2
Defoe	West Ham	2
Anderson	Grimsby	2
Strachan	Hartlepool	2
Ainsworth	QPR	2
Furlong	QPR	2
Lowe	Rushden	2
Currie	Wycombe	2
Stead	Huddersfield	2
Whitaker	Macclesfield	2
Arteta	Rangers	2

Headers in 6 yard box

Jones	Tranmere	3
Angel	Villa	2
Amoruso	Blackburn	2
Fuller	Preston	2
Ellington	Wigan	2
Knight	Brighton	2
Coughlan	Plymouth	2
Paynter	Port Vale	2
Kuqi	Sheff Wed	2
Fortune-West	Doncaster	2
Dudfield	Northampton	2
Townson	Rochdale	2

Goals in last 10 mins

West Brom	Hughes	3
Newcastle	Shearer	2
Portsmouth	Sheringham	2
Plymouth	Friio	2
Plymouth	Evans	2
Rushden	Lowe	2
Bury	Connell	2
Swansea	Trundle	2

Most Potent Attack - Shots On Target : Goals

Team	OnT	Gls	Ave
Hartlepool	40	17	2.35
Sheff Wed	39	14	2.79
Port Vale	41	14	2.93
Luton	34	11	3.09
Grimsby	34	10	3.40
Stockport	31	9	3.44
Brighton	43	12	3.58
Oldham	36	10	3.60
Colchester	33	9	3.67
QPR	55	15	3.67
Blackpool	35	9	3.89
Barnsley	40	10	4.00

Tightest Defence - Shots On Target : Goals Conc

Team	OnT	Gls	C	Ave
Wrexham	39	4	9.75	
Barnsley	42	6	7.00	
Bristol City	33	5	6.60	
Hartlepool	51	8	6.38	
Colchester	54	10	5.40	
Rushden	61	12	5.08	
Sheff Wed	49	10	4.90	
Bournemouth	39	8	4.88	
QPR	32	7	4.57	
Brighton	40	9	4.44	
Grimsby	70	16	4.38	
Peterborough	35	8	4.38	

Team	OnT	Gls	C	Ave
Plymouth	45	11	4.09	
Wycombe	52	13	4.00	
Notts County	51	13	3.92	
Luton	42	11	3.82	
Swindon	34	9	3.78	
Brentford	49	13	3.77	
Chesterfield	41	11	3.73	
Tranmere	26	7	3.71	
Stockport	44	12	3.67	
Blackpool	49	15	3.27	
Oldham	38	13	2.92	
Port Vale	26	10	2.60	

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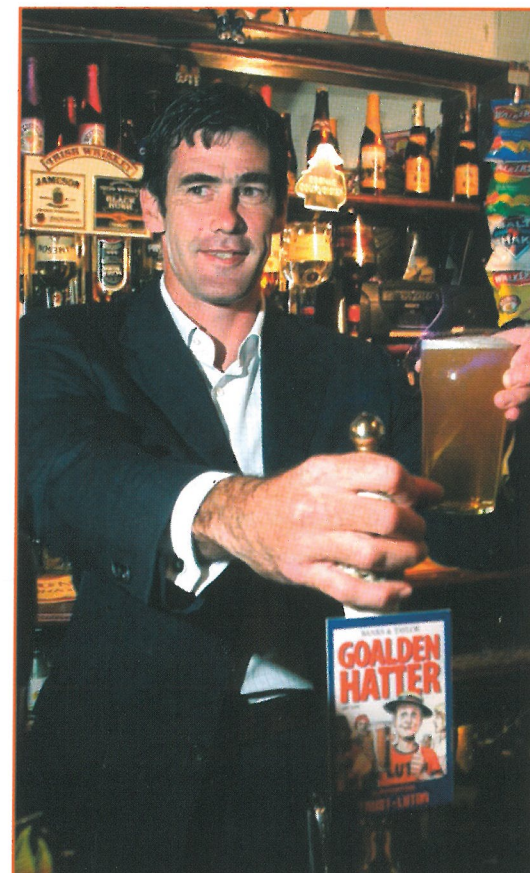
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Trust in Luton Voice Of The Fans

TRUST in Luton's newest members, Mike Newell and Mick Harford, were the guests of honour at the launch of Goalden Hatter, the Trust's very own beer. The name was chosen by Town fans Danny Fallon and Colin Souster in a competition run by the Luton News. Having signed up to the Trust along with the Director of Football, the manager poured the first pint of the ale at a packed Bricklayer's Arms, in High Town Road. By the end of the evening nearly 300 pints had been sold, with ten pence from every one going to Trust funds. Along with the barbecue and the raffle, with some prizes donated by the Club, hundreds of pounds were raised on the night.



CHEERS! Mike Newell pulls the first pint of the new Goalden Hatters bitter

As well as the Brickies, the ale is available at the Two Brewers, Luton; The Engineers Arms, Henlow; White Hart, Flitton; the Students' bar at Silsoe College and at Cranfield University; the Brewery Tap, Shefford; the Taps, Lytham St Anne's; Stockwood Park Golf Club and Stopsley Regional Sports Centre. It will also shortly be available in the Vauxhall Recreation Club, and the Red Lion, Histon. And every pint sold includes a 10p donation to the Trust, helping to secure a brighter future for our club.

Former players David Moss and Ian Feuer have joined Mike and Mick in backing the Trust. Macclesfield manager Moss will be fondly remembered by all those who enjoyed the 1981-82 promotion season, and he is delighted that Trust in Luton is up and running. In an interview with the Trust's website, he declared, "This summer could have been the end for Luton. It's lucky the fans were able to mobilise so quickly to save the club."

Goalkeeper Feuer, now back in America, said: "This summer has shown how much Luton fans love their club and what can be achieved by working together." The Trust was formed amid the chaos of this summer, but it's not a protest group, nor is it an alternative supporters club. Rather, it's the long-term solution for fans to have a say in the running of their club, a democratic umbrella organisation where everyone over the age of 16 purchases a share and a vote. If you're not yet signed up, it's easy to do so. Forms are available from www.trustinluton.com, any of the Luton borough libraries, the Bricklayers' Arms, and the recent edition of Mad as a Hatter, or you can go and see the membership team on the desk outside the Kenilworth Road end before any home game. Once you've completed the form, either hand it in with your payment to the membership team, or post it back to us c/o the Luton News, 29 Upper George Street, Luton.

Caroline Dunn

News From The Ticket Office



Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Queens Park Rangers

Saturday, September 20, 2003, kick-off 3pm

This is an ALL TICKET match for ALL SUPPORTERS, with no tickets available on the day.

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices, and supporters are advised to purchase early to avoid disappointment.



Carling Cup, Second Round Charlton Athletic v Luton Town

Tuesday September 23, 8pm

Prices: Adults £10,

Senior Citizens and Youths aged 16-18 £5, Under 16s £1

We have been allocated the South Stand that holds 3,000 and whilst this is not an all ticket match for Luton supporters it is advisable to purchase tickets in advance from the ticket office in Kenilworth Road before travelling.



Nationwide League Division Two Oldham Athletic v Luton Town

Saturday, September 27, 2003, kick-off 3pm

Prices: Adults £16, Senior Citizens and Juniors £8.

Pay on the day only, at Boundary Park.

No advance tickets are available from Kenilworth Road



Nationwide League Division Two Swindon Town v Luton Town

Wednesday October 1, 2003,

kick-off 7.45pm

Prices:

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Adults £19, Senior Citizens and Students £12, Juniors £6.

OR ON THE DAY AT SWINDON

Adults £21, Senior Citizens and Students £13, Juniors £7.

This is not an all-ticket match, but there will be tickets available to purchase in advance from Kenilworth Road at a discounted rate.

These prices are for covered seats at The County Ground.

Swindon Town have yet to confirm if the uncovered section will be open to away supporters.



Nationwide League Division Two Luton Town v Tranmere Rovers

Luton Town v Tranmere Rovers

Monday October 6, 2003, kick-off 8pm

Please note that this match originally scheduled for Saturday 4th October is now being played on Monday 6th October due to the match being screened live on Sky TV.

Tickets for this match are on sale at normal matchday prices

Cash turnstiles will be open on the day, subject to availability, but please remember there are NO CONCESSIONS available on cash turnstiles.



Back in Business

We are pleased to advise supporters that we can once more accept payment by credit or debit card for match tickets, which can be ordered by telephoning the ticket office on 01582 416976

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9am to 5.15pm on match days; 10am
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days when there is no game at
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Commercial Corner

Welcome to all of our commercial sponsors and partners, to this evenings match against Port Vale. All of us at the club

thank you for your support and wish you a very enjoyable evening.

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COMMERCIAL MASCOT
Nicola Eagles

Twelve year old (soon to be 13) Nicola Eagles joins us tonight as our commercial mascot, joined by Mum, sister Katie and various other friends and family. Nicola lives in Deanshanger, a very pretty village close to Milton Keynes and attends Kings Brook

School. As well as being an avid Luton Town fan and electing Steve Howard as her favourite player, she is also an extremely keen cross country runner. We all hope Nicola and her family have a truly tremendous and memorable evening with us.



VIP HOSPITALITY - LUTON TOWN V QPR

As we go to press, we still have a few remaining places left for our executive hospitality package at our match with QPR on Saturday 20th September. This additional VIP presentation was created to cope with the demand for extra executive dining facilities, at this high profile, blockbuster of a fixture.

Therefore as a reminder, your package will include:

- Directors box match tickets
- Four course silver service pre match lunch
- Half time refreshments
- Post match buffet
- Match programme and teamsheet
- Cash bar facility
- Sky TV
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Cost per person £60.00

SPORTING DINNERS RETURN TO LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Now confirmed, as you see will from the details elsewhere in this programme, we are delighted to announce after many years, the return and the first of this seasons planned

Welcome to All Our Sponsors and Guests

Sporting Dinners. The Vauxhall Recreation Club will be the venue and Wednesday 19th November is the date. Headlined by Wilf McGuinness and supported by comedian, impressionist and MC for the evening Steve Tandy. This fabulous event is exactly what you have been waiting for, as the ideal opportunity to entertain your clients, staff, friends and family, or just turn up with your partner, to enjoy Luton's best social evening of the evening so far this year. The cost is only £47.50 per person or £450.00 for a private table of 10 guests. Please give the Club your support and join us

on what we know will be a tremendous evening of sporting nostalgia, hilarious fun, great hospitality and good company.

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Have a great evening

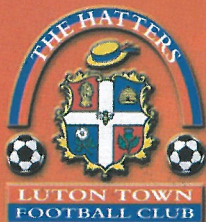
Peter Davis



James Beesley seen here being presented with his **Commercial Mascot Certificate** By **Director of Football and First Team Coach Mick Harford**

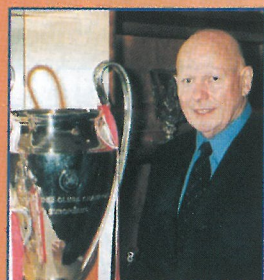
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Hatters



Form Guide:

Won: 2
Drawn: 1
Lost: 3
Scored: 8
Conc: 10
Points: 7
Goal Diff: -2
Last 6: WLLWDL
Last 3 Home: WLW
Last 4 Away: WLDL

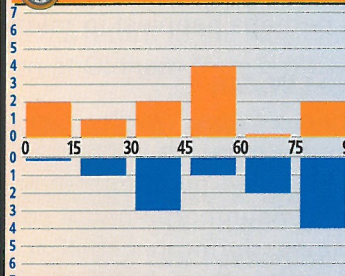
Miscellaneous

Players Used: 19
Clean Sheets: 0
Failed to Score: 1

The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	6 players	1
Long range shots	no long range goals	
Inside 6 yards	4 players	1
Shots from 6-18 yards	Howard	2
Volleyed shots	McSheffrey	1
Penalties	Nicholls	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	4 players	1
Most goals in last 10	Spring, Nicholls	1
Points gained from goals	Howard	3.5

When Goals Scored & Conceded



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	42
Goals conceded	11
On target/goals scored	3.82
Division 2 rating	16

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	34
Goals scored	11
On target / goals	3.09
Division 2 Rating	4

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	2
Points won	0
Goals Against, last 10	3
Points lost	3

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	14.43
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	21
Average Offsides per game	5.43
Div 2 Rating	24

Swings

WON when behind	1
DRAWN when behind	0
LOST when ahead	1
DRAWN when ahead	1
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	1
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	1
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	0
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	1

Attendances

Aggregate	18,220
Highest	6,878
Lowest	5,515
Average	6,073

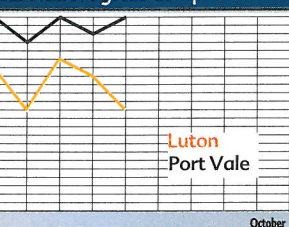
Where Goals

Close Range	4
Inside Area	9
Outside Area	1

How Goals

Shots	4
Headers	4
Volleys	5
Penalties	0
Free Kicks	1
Own Goals	0

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Set Piece Goals

CORNERS:	
Scored from C	1
Conceded from C	0
FREE KICKS:	
Scored from FK	3
Conceded from FK	2

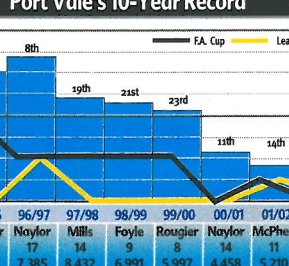
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WON BY:	LOST BY:
1 Goal	2
2 Goals	1
3 Goals	0
4 Goals	0
5+ Goals	0

Port Vale's 10-Year Record



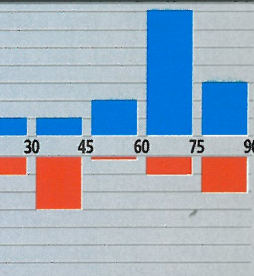
Attendances

Aggregate	24,664
Highest	7,809
Lowest	5,133
Average	6,166

The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Paynter	2
Long range shots	Collins	1
Inside 6 yards	Paynter	2
Shots from 6-18 yards	McPhee, Paynter	2
Volleyed shots	Paynter	2
Penalties	no penalties	
Scored 1st Goal in match	McPhee, Paynter	1
Most goals in last 10	Littlejohn, Paynter, Collins	1
Points gained from goals	Paynter	5.75

When Goals Scored & Conceded



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	26
Goals conceded	10
On target/goals scored	2.60
Division 2 rating	24

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	41
Goals scored	14
On target / goals	2.93
Division 2 Rating	3

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	3
Points won	3
Goals Against, last 10	2
Points lost	0

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	11.00
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	2
Average Offsides per game	2.43
Div 2 Rating	4

Swings

WON when behind	3
DRAWN when behind	1
LOST when ahead	0
DRAWN when ahead	0
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	3
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	0
DRAWN 2+ down	1
DRAWN 1 down	0
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	0

Attendances

Aggregate	24,664
Highest	7,809
Lowest	5,133
Average	6,166



Valiants



Form Guide:

Won: 4
Drawn: 1
Lost: 1
Scored: 12
Conc: 9
Points: 13
Goal Diff: 3
Last 6: WWWLDW
Last 4 Home: WWW
Last 3 Away: WLD

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 17
Clean Sheets: 1
Failed to Score: 1

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Welcome to Tonight's Visitors

1. Mark Goodlad

The Barnsley born stopper is now in his third season with the Valiants. He now faces a battle royal for his place in the side, due to the fine form of Dean Delaney who laid claim to the 'keeper's shirt late last season. The club are fortunate to have two good keepers and Goody, still a youngster for a keeper, will be looking to firm up his number one position. Captured from Wolves on a free.

2. George Pilkington

Signed in the summer from Everton where he didn't quite make it into the first team despite a squad number, the tall versatile youngster from Rugeley, Staffordshire, was persuaded to join Vale from the glowing tribute paid by ex-Vale loanee Peter Clarke. Comfortable anywhere in the back four, he will be hoping to further his development at Vale Park after an impressive loan spell at Exeter City.

3. Ian Brightwell

Hugely experienced utility player Ian joined Vale after four appearances for neighbours Stoke City. Signing on in the summer of 2002 he has seen service of over 300 games in Maine Road Blue scoring 18 goals. Ian was released by Vale at the end of last season, but has since re-joined the club in a coaching role and isn't expected to figure on the pitch too often.

4. Andreas Lipa

The Austrian international was a priority acquisition for the Vale management and he brings experience of European football with him to England. Being married to a Tamworth girl was one of the temptations to join the English League and after a spell

with Skoda Xanthi in Greece, Andreas will be hoping to adapt to football in this country. He is perhaps happiest in midfield.

5. Michael Walsh

Always dependable, Walshy can play all across the back four. It is only injury that has ever curtailed his progress and after service with Scunthorpe and a consistent run of games, during his spell at Vale he has had more than his fair share of injuries, meaning anxious glances into the treatment room to check his availability. A long throw expert, his adaptability is perhaps his greatest asset.

6. Sam Collins

After a shaky start having joined from Bury, Sam's committed performances saw him win the coveted Player of the Year award last term. Looking lean and fit helped the cause, particularly late on and his heading and long throws make him a key figure in Brian Horton's plans for the future. His first club was Huddersfield Town.

7. Neil Brisco

A Manchester City youngster, Neil has been a tower of strength in midfield. Another who has fallen foul of the injury affliction at the club last season, he too fought his way back into the side with a bullet header at Gresty Road against our South Cheshire neighbours Crewe. An important member of the engine room, he will be looking for more strikes to complement the forwards this term.

8. Michael Cummins

A Dublin-born utility player, who is likely to pop up anywhere on the manager's team sheet. Injured a shoulder and



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missed most of the second part of last season, but the Ex-Middlesborough man signalled his return to the side with a scoring return at Oldham from left back.

left-sided midfielder has the ability to create goals and also score them, but has had his injury problems over the last couple of seasons.



9. Steve Brooker

Fine exponent of the striker's art, Steve too struggled with injury last season and was in and out of the side. Steve is a quality performer when on song. Strong as an ox and feared by defenders everywhere, the Ex-

Watford man was a £15,000 purchase from the Hornets and has paid back his fee over and over again. He will be hoping to stay fit this time out and show everyone what they were missing last season.

10. Steve McPhee

A poor goal return from the Scot last season masked some skilful performances. His goal output, whilst in need of improvement did not tell the whole story, as he constantly turned defences inside out, never-the-less, he will be hoping to hit the goal trail once again this term. He has boundless talent, which needs to be nurtured. Vale signed him from Coventry City two seasons ago after a successful spell on loan in Scotland with St Mirren.

11. Marc Bridge-Wilkinson

Marc was Derby's Young Player of the Year in 1998/9 and was top scorer in the reserves in 1999/2000 and spent a period on loan at Carlisle United. However, with competition for first team places tight at Pride Park Marc was released by Derby and snapped up by Brian Horton. A skilful

12. Dean Delaney

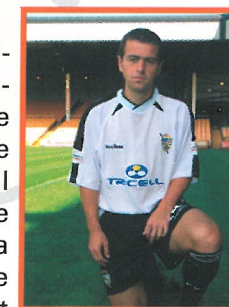
More starts than ever before saw the Irishman find his way into Bryan Kerr's plans for a Republic of Ireland get together in June. Improving every season, his shot stopping is a feature, but he will want to fight Mark Goodlad all the way for the jersey in the future. Cut his teeth with Everton, but was restricted to only one appearance in Toffees blue.

13. Levi Reid

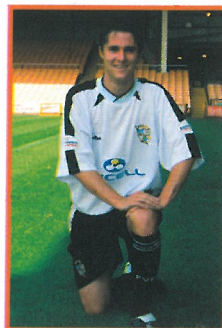
A bright young star from the youth team that marched through rounds of last seasons FA Youth Cup at will, Levi will be staking a claim for a full back berth this season. A competent twenty minutes against Bristol City at Ashton Gate in the final game of last season gave rise to much optimism for the future. Pace in abundance, so it's watch this space.

14. Mark Boyd

Despite an injury midway through last season, Boyd gave notice that he was an able deputy for Michael Cummins, when the Irishman injured a shoulder. A memorable strike against Chesterfield at Vale Park showed everyone he also possesses an eye for goal, but after service on the fringes at two United's - Carlisle and Newcastle - he will be hoping to return with renewed optimism in Vale's Black and White.



Welcome to Tonight's Visitors



15. Ian Armstrong
Vale took the Liverpool reserve on board two seasons ago and he is still awaiting some consistency to add to his undoubted ability. Generally scores goals of quality and possesses style and a swagger that full-backs hate. He

will be hoping that a full pre-season can get him in top condition for the term. A match-winner on his day and no doubt manager Brian Horton will hope is to be more often this season.

16. Steve Rowland

Wrexham – born Steve joined Vale at the age of twelve and has come through the

youth set-up to make he first team. He started off playing in midfield but eventually moved to centre-back, but can also play in a wing-back role when required. Last season Steve was called up as an over-age player into the Welsh Under 21 squad on two occasions.

17. Chris Birchall

Hasn't quite carved a niche for himself in the side yet, but the youngster has been impressive even if he has been so far used sparingly. Possesses a swift turn of pace, he will hope to feature in the manager's plans as the season progresses.

18. Billy Paynter

Winner of the Young Player of the Year last term, Billy will be hoping to progress this season after bursting onto the scene



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with some top-drawer performances and a handful of goals. He is still learning and benefits from an experienced man up front to play off. The best is yet to come from the Merseyside born youngster. He will be hoping for more starts and a few more goals under his belt.

19. Simon Eldershaw

First year professional Simon has come through the ranks at the club and has built up a reputation for himself in Vale's successful youth side. Many inside the game feel Simon has a good future, but the highly-rated youngster will need to be patient for now.

20. Adrian Littlejohn

A striker who has led a cosmopolitan existence recently, with a spell in China before joining Vale. After seeing service for Sheffield United and Plymouth, the Birmingham born pace-man was signed on trial near the end of last season. A goal or two and some impressive outings persuaded the manager to give him a one-year deal at the end of last season.

21. Liam Burns

A Northern Ireland under-21 international, Liam made his debut as first team substitute at Sunderland in January 1998 in front of almost 40,000 fans and did well in an unaccustomed left wing back role. Liam will be hoping for a longer run in the

side this time out in what could well be a make or break season for him.

22. Ryan Brown

A youngster who played a key part in the youth teams progress last season Ryan's 'play anywhere' attitude coupled with his undoubted ability has seen him as a prominent figure in the pre season friendlies. He's knocking at the door, and hopes it will open sufficiently wide enough to allow him progress, after a substitute appearance in the final game of last season at Bristol City.



23. Joe Molloy

Highly rated young goalkeeper who is a product of Vale's successful youth set-up. Has appeared on the bench a few times but as yet, has not made an appearance for he first team. Joe is currently continuing his education with the Youth Team, but promises to be one for the future.

24. Johnny Brain

Another young 'keeper, signed recently following the absence of last season's regular goalkeeper Mark Goodlad through injury. Formerly with Newcastle United, Jonathon spent a spell on loan at Carlisle United.



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Blast From The Past

Following relegation from the old Division One in 1992 the Hatters endured two seasons of struggle, finishing just above the relegation places on each

occasion. The only bright spot over these two dismal years was a totally unexpected run to the F.A.Cup semi-final in 1994 when we lost 0-2 to Chelsea at Wembley.

Manager David Pleat was confident that the 1994/95 campaign would see his side reverse the downward trend and perhaps even push its way into the play-offs. His confidence stemmed from the fact that an exciting crop of bright, young players would be forcing their way into first team contention.

The only part of the team that needed strengthening was the forward line and a fee of £200,000 was agreed with Crewe for striker Tony Naylor, but the player demanded better terms and ended up with tonight's visitors, Port Vale.

The net was cast further out and Pleat's search eventually alighted on the speedy Dwight Marshall from Plymouth who cost £150,000 and was soon to prove a crowd favourite.

Despite the signing of Marshall, the Town still had difficulty in scoring goals especially at home where teams played with a massed defence which the lightweight Luton forwards found hard to break down. Away from home the fleet-footed Marshall and Scott Oakes found more space and were able to catch teams on the break.

The Town opened the season with three straight draws, at home to West Brom and Southend and away at Derby, before losing at Tranmere. 'Here we go again' thought most Luton supporters as another year of struggle loomed before we made our way to Port Vale for our next game.

Vale had been promoted the previous season after a run of eight wins from nine games at the end of the campaign and boasted an undefeated home record going back almost a year.

The Town were without Ceri Hughes, who had been dropped after making it clear that he wanted to get away from Kenilworth Road, with his place being taken by Aaron Skelton while John Hartson was suffering from an Achilles tendon injury meaning a welcome return to the side for Kerry Dixon.

At a rainswept and miserable Vale Park the home side took the game to the Town, as befitted their tremendous home record, with Naylor guilty of missing a couple of gilt edged opportunities and Robin Van der Laan hitting a post. The Town defence stood firm, however, and soaked up the pressure although it seemed only a matter of time



Julian James fires in a shot at Vale Park in September 1994 watched by Kerry Dixon.

Marshall spurs the Town to victory

before Vale opened the scoring.

Completely against the run of play, however, it was the Town that broke the deadlock with twenty minutes to go. Dixon took out two Vale men in the middle of the field with a perfect pass to David Preece on the left. He made quick progress almost to the goal-line, and Vale defenders were still back-peddalling when a near post cross was hit with great precision onto the head of Marshall for his first league goal for the club.

As expected, the goal sparked a furious Vale onslaught but after several near misses, some desperate defending and a couple of bookings for time wasting the Town hung on for three valuable points.

This win was the first of a run of six victories and two draws from the next eight away games which in normal circumstances would have seen the Hatters pushing for an automatic promotion spot. Unfortunately, the home record was abysmal over this period and the highest place we managed was fifth at the end of November.

David Pleat was tearing his hair out and as soon as he managed to cure the home form after Christmas the away performances started to dip. The 0-6 humiliation at Southampton in the F.A.Cup and the sale of John Hartson to Arsenal for a Luton record fee of £2.5 million, both in January, left the supporters deflated and, looking back, the season ended at that point.

There was still an outside chance of the play-offs when Port Vale came to Kenilworth Road for the return league game in early March and Pleat urged his troops to go for it. His enthusiasm had not spread to the terraces, however, and only 5,947 turned up on a cold night to see Vale put up a defensive screen which frustrated the Town for the first 45 minutes.

At half-time, Pleat took off defensive midfielder Gary Waddock and introduced the more attack minded Rob Matthews which brought about an almost immediate improvement leading to the Town opening the scoring on 50 minutes.

Preece fought his way down the wing and passed to Paul Telfer who cleverly eluded two defenders before coolly shooting home. Vale immediately became more dangerous and Joe Allon headed a Steve Guppy cross over an unguarded goal when it looked easier to score.

The game was made virtually safe with eight minutes to go when Matthews hit a rocket shot which Vale goalkeeper Paul Musselwhite could only parry and after a fierce goalmouth scramble Dixon poked the ball home.

Andy Porter hit a consolation for Vale two minutes later after a big gap appeared in the centre of the Luton defence but it was too little too late as the Town finished the game in ninth spot.

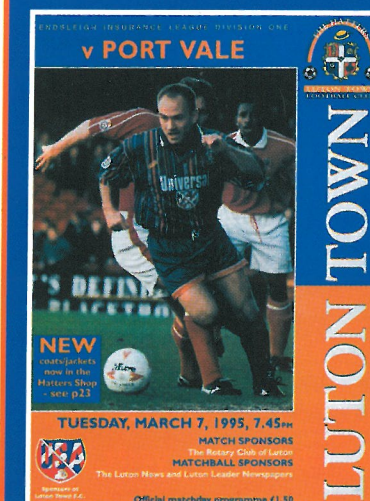
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Yesterday's pages

The Town produced a highly glossy and colourful 40 page programme for Port Vale's March 1995 visit to Kenilworth Road, their first for a league game since 1967/68.

David Pleat, as always, had plenty to say in his column and in this issue he gave a brief rundown of his movements over the past week which included an appearance on Radio Five, a 'Bootroom' forum at the club, a Rotary Club dinner, a couple of matches to attend and a two day mid-season break with the players at Bournemouth!

Elsewhere in the programme it was announced that the Town had signed a young left sided midfield player from Diss by the name of Matthew Upson on the YTS scheme. Whatever became of him?



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The four prizes paid out so far this season have totalled £2,370, an average of £592 each. Mr Harris watches the Town from the Kenilworth Stand, but tonight's winner might be anywhere in the ground because Golden Gamble ticket sellers are everywhere within the stadium, eager to give you the chance to cash in. The draw is made on the pitch during the half time interval, and the money is available there and then.



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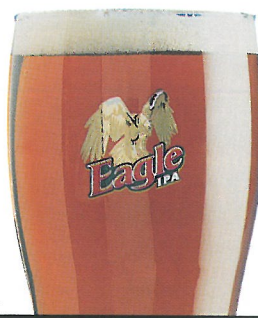
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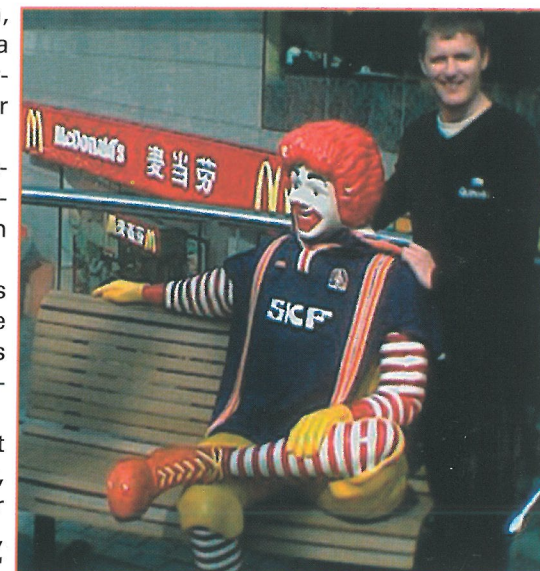
NO MATTER where you travel on this earth, the chances are that you are never far from a Luton Town fan. And as and when space permits, our Hatters Abroad feature will appear again this season.

Winging its way over the internet was a picture submitted by Tony Capitano, a well-travelled Town supporter who lives at Leighton Buzzard

As you can see, he is even willing to lend his cherished Hatters replica shirt to spread the word. But goodness knows what the locals made of it - the photo was taken during a business trip Tony made to Shanghai, in China.

Our other picture is a little closer to home. It shows Dave Warren, from Turpins Way, Baldock, who has been a Town supporter for over 50 years. His wife sent in the photograph, which was taken "wearing his shirt with pride"

while they were on holiday in Austria in the summer. The scenery is dramatic - Dave was photographed on the 3,800-metre peak of Austria's highest mountain, the Grossglockner. Dave has a season ticket in the Enclosure, and travels to away games as well. His wife's letter concluded with the message that as well as wishing Luton Town all the very best for this season, Dave hopes all their troubles are behind them. We'll drink to that!



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Kenilworth Road Action



Luton Town 3 Hartlepool Utd 2

THERE was not a hint of any extra pleasure you might have thought Mike Newell would feel as his new team beat his old one at Kenilworth Road – just delight at a win that followed two consecutive defeats, and great relief that Hartlepool's threatened revival after they had been three down fell short of snatching a point.

Newell was remembering that on the first day of the season Hartlepool were 3-1 down at Peterborough before winning 4-3. Some of us, suffering nerves for the final 20 minutes after it got to 3-2, remembered Wrexham winning 4-3 at Kenilworth Road after the Town had been 3-0 ahead ten minutes after the break.

This time, the Town dug in to earn their just rewards after a scorching three-goal burst in the first 23 minutes. It was spearheaded by Steve Howard, who was made skipper against his first league club in the absence of injured Kevin Nicholls.

Five days earlier the Town had looked a careworn bedraggled outfit when they lost at Brighton. Hartlepool caught the backlash. Self-respect returned, and the Town were simply unstoppable for the first half-hour.

Gary McSheffrey's deflected shot from the right opened the way for Howard to thump home his opening goal in the sixth minute. Eight minutes later excellent work by Courtney Pitt, tackling back to win the ball and then ping a perfect pass down the middle, led to McSheffrey chipping the advancing keeper for his first Luton goal. It went to 3-0 on 23 minutes, Howard heading his fourth goal of the season from a far post free kick by McSheffrey. Within three minutes Howard was within inches of a hat-trick, but his header from a Pitt corner came back off the bar.

The Town were a superb unit from front to back, with Kevin Foley again impressive in his role on the right of midfield, with Emmerson Boyce restored to right back after injury.

It came as a shock when Darrel Clarke reduced the arrears seven minutes before the interval, after the defence got into a tangle following a deflected free kick, and the first action of the second half was a reminder that Hartlepool were not giving up. They had received a real roasting from their manager during the interval, and but for a top class blocking save by Robert Beckwith Richie Humphreys would have given the visitors the early goal they wanted. Their reply was delayed until the 72nd minute, when Steven Istead tumbled to win a penalty off Alan Neilson, and Paul Robinson converted. Marco Gabbiadini wasted a half-chance soon afterwards with a header over the bar, and the Town settled to share the game from then on.

Mike Newell said: "I was delighted with the first half hour, but not so happy with the final hour, and not at all happy with the goals we conceded. The important thing was that we got three points, and I don't care who it's against. I enjoy a Luton win, and had no axe to grind with Hartlepool. I admit I was sweating long before it got to 3-2 – sometimes Hartlepool have to concede a goal before they start to play. They made it a difficult second half for us. But we showed we can play some really good football, and that opening spell was as good as anything I have seen since I came here."

United boss Neale Cooper said: "You haven't seen the real Hartlepool today. Our performance, especially in the first half, was unacceptable. The second half was better, but it was too late then. Luton had already done the damage, and we can't complain about the result. They're a good team."

Match Details

TOWN: Beckwith; Boyce, Coyne, Bayliss, Neilson (Davis 86 mins); Foley, Hughes Spring, Pitt (Brkovic 89 mins); Howard, McSheffrey (Crowe 75 mins). Unused subs: Hillier, Brill.

BOOKED: Bayliss for a foul, McSheffrey for dissent.

HARTLEPOOL: Provett; Barron, Nelson, Westwood, Robson; Clarke, Tinkler (Istead 67 mins), Strachan, Humphreys; Robinson (Boyd 75 mins), Gabbiadini (Henderson 84 mins). Unused subs: Jordan, Williams.

BOOKED: Darrel Clarke for a foul on Courtney Pitt

REFEREE: Brian Curson, Leicestershire

ATTENDANCE: 5,515 including 573 from Hartlepool.

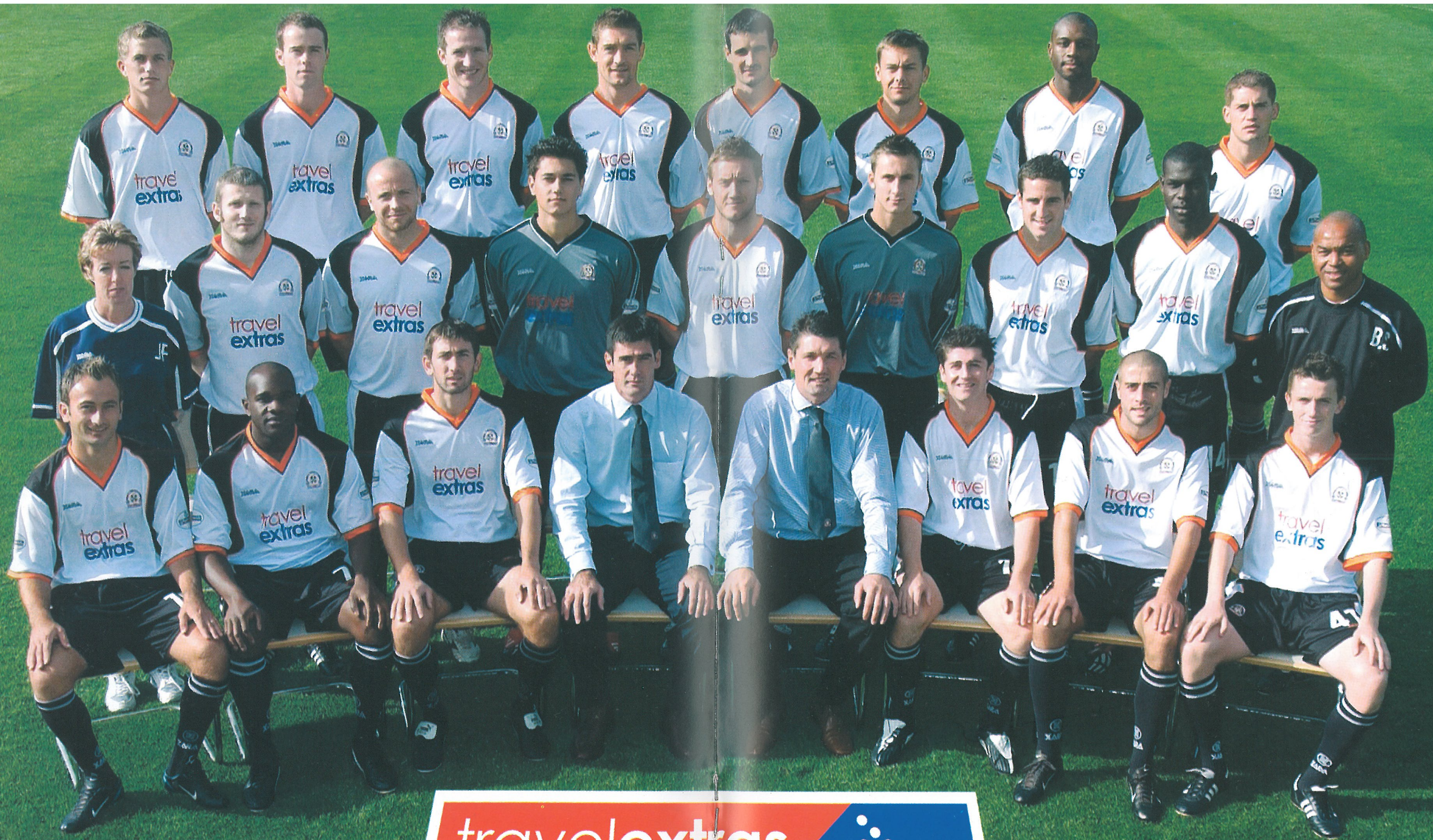


CRISP CHIP: Gary McSheffrey nips ahead of his would-be markers to get onto the end of a pass by Courtney Pitt before neatly lifting the ball over the advancing goalkeeper for his first goal in Luton Town colours.

RIGHT: Steve Howard enjoyed playing against his old club with two goals and regular domination in the air of the visiting defenders including Chris Westwood.

BELOW: Livewire Courtney Pitt led Hartlepool a merry dance, and Darrel Clarke was booked for this tackle from behind to stop one of the many attacking runs by the midfielder.





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LUTON TOWN 2003/4 – THE OFFICIAL SQUAD PHOTO

Back row, left to right: Lee Mansell, Ian Hillier, Alan Neilson, David Bayliss, Matthew Spring, Sol Davis, Emmerson Boyce, Dean Crowe.
 Middle row: Julie Frost (physio), Kevin Nicholls, Paul Hughes, Robert Beckwith, Steve Howard, Dean Brill, Chris Coyne, Enoch Showunmi, Brian Stein (coach).
 Front row: Ahmet Brkovic, Adrian Forbes, Russell Perrett, Mike Newell (manager), Mick Harford (director of football and first team coach), Steve Robinson, Michael Leary, Kevin Foley.



Meadow Lane Action



Notts County 1 Luton Town 1

THE SECOND away win of the season was there for the taking at Meadow Lane, but deeply troubled Notts County saved a point with a tremendous strike on a day when centre-halves showed forwards the way to goal.

The Town took the lead just before the interval, and manager Mike Newell was disappointed that while a point was very welcome, the Town should have taken all three. County went into the game bottom of the table, with only one point and one goal from their first five outings of the season. The League's oldest club was within 48 hours of oblivion before raising £250,000 in two days to meet the deadline to emerge from administration.

The Town boss saw in that a mirror image of what happened to his men against Grimsby and Brighton, when off-the-field worries seemed to get to players. County were in the same boat and it showed in their play in a match which was not exactly top class entertainment.

For a long time it looked as though the Town would grind out a victory, and even after County equalised on the hour mark, they had chances to wrap it up. The better football came from the Town.

But there was not enough conviction at the end of promising moves, and the pain was increased when Paul Hughes was sent off as stoppage time began, for his second yellow card, both for dissent. "We are playing some decent stuff and should have won," said the Town manager. "But we didn't really get started for the first 35 minutes. It wasn't until we got the goal, against the run of play, that we decided to play. We were pleased to go in a goal up at half time because we hadn't played well until then.

But we turned them around much better in the second half. But if we had played anything like we are capable of we would have won."

County looked the more threatening in the first half, with an edge of desperation about their play in a tough match which saw seven yellow cards shown. The third was for Darren Caskey, for a cynical foul to stop Emmerson Boyce driving into the penalty area after a determined pacey break. Punishment was immediate: Gary McSheffrey floated in a delightful diagonal free kick, and Chris Coyne headed in his first goal of the season.

County huffed and puffed early in the second half, and won a series of corners which were defended fairly comfortably, before an equaliser came out of the blue. Tony Barras tried his luck from around 30 yards, and his drive flew into the net. Perhaps Rob Beckwith should have got to it, said the manager, but more to the point Barras should have been closed down before he shot.

Oddly, the goal lifted the Town more than the home side, and while direct threats were few and far between, the best came from the Town, and County were pinned back in the closing minutes. With two to go McSheffrey robbed Ian Baraclough and played in sub Dean Crowe, but the goalkeeper saved at his feet, and as the clock hit 90 minutes a cracking Town move involving Crowe, Matt Spring and Kevin Foley ended with Coyne upfield and looking for his second goal. Caskey stopped him, with the Town screaming for a penalty. It wasn't given and Hughes, booked for dissent half an hour earlier, was vociferous enough with his protest to collect his second yellow and the automatic red.

Match Details

TOWN: Beckwith; Boyce, Coyne, Bayliss, Neilson (Davis 80 mins); Foley, Spring, Hughes, Brkovic (Crowe 71 mins); Howard, McSheffrey. Unused subs: Forbes, Showunmi, Brill

BOOKED: Steve Howard and David Bayliss for fouls, Paul Hughes twice for dissent

SENT OFF: Paul Hughes for two yellow cards, 63 and 90 minutes.

COUNTY: Mildenhall; Bolland, Livesey, Barras, Richardson; Baldry, Caskey, McFaul (Stallard 67 mins), Baraclough; Heffernan, Platt. Unused subs: Garden, Nicholson, Riley, Francis.

BOOKED: Tony Barras, and Ian Richardson for fouls, Darren Caskey for dissent.

REFEREE: Colin Webster, Tyne and Wear.

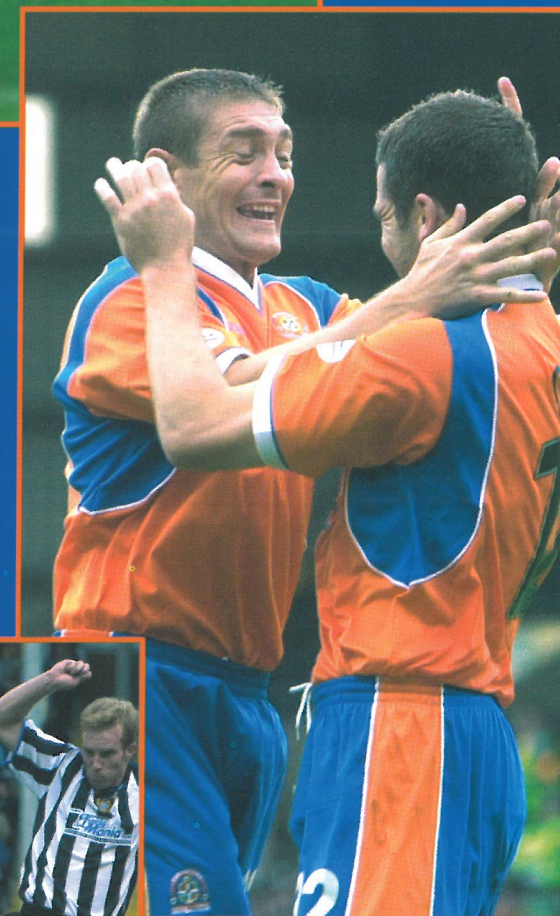
ATTENDANCE: 7,505, easily County's highest of the season, thanks to visitors from dozens of other clubs, fans keen to show support in County's hour of need, and including 1,215 from Luton.



FLASHPOINT: The moment when the Town thought they should have had a last-minute penalty, with Chris Coyne sent cart-wheeling by Darren Caskey. The ref would have none of it, and the protests ended with Paul Hughes booked for dissent for the second time in the game.

RIGHT: You beaut! David Bayliss is first with the congratulations after Chris Coyne headed the Town into the lead.

BELOW: Putting his best foot forward is Matthew Spring, in a midfield confrontation with Paul Bolland.



Town Teaser

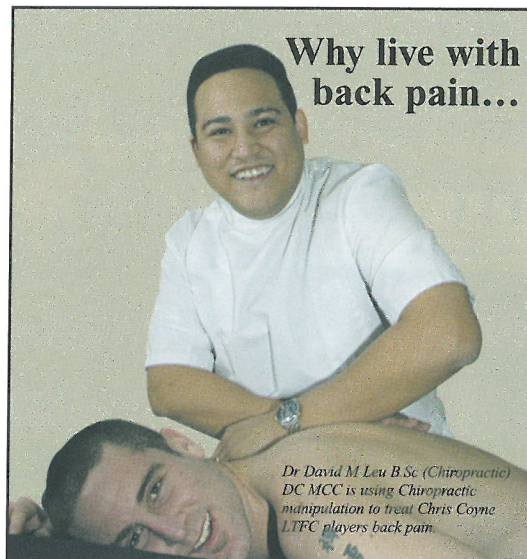
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At the last home game we asked the identity of a player who once turned out for Hartlepool, scored against them on their previous visit and ended the season with the Third Division's Golden Boot award. The answer was easy, with Steve Howard later embarrassing Hartlepool further with two more goals against them.

You will need a longer memory to answer this evening's brain-teaser.

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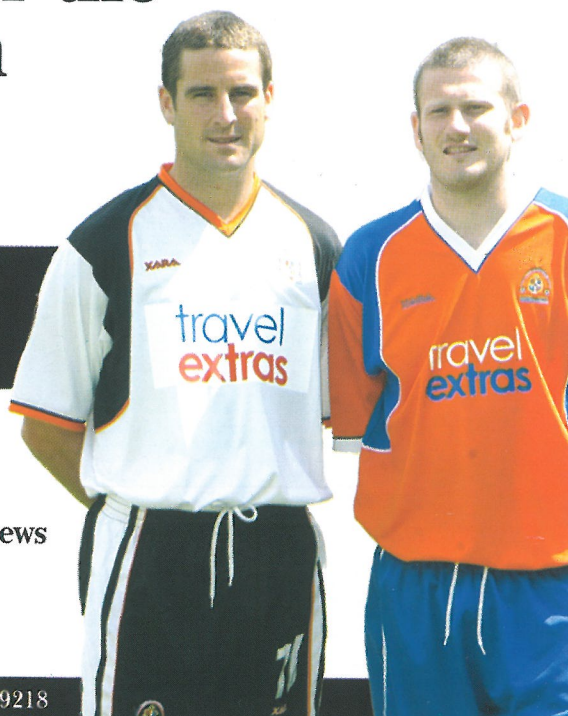
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Brighton	727
Notts Co	1,215

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Grimsby	318
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WHILE victories are always welcome, I was disappointed that we did not take the chance to run up a big score against poor opposition. We were well in command, and got our second goal ten minutes into the second half, and at that stage I wanted to see us kick on and murder the opposition, but we were not ruthless enough up front.

We deserved to win, because we must have had at least 90 per cent of the play and our keeper hardly had a save to make. I think our players found it too easy, and before the end they let themselves down by wanting to take too many touches. In tight games you get an edge to your play, but there was no danger of that happening here.

Motivation continues to be a problem with some of our senior boys: previously they knew that if they did well at this level they could hope to force their way into the reserve side, but that incentive is no longer available. Ahead of them is the first team squad or nothing, but young players must learn to motivate themselves. They have to remember that they are playing for their futures, and whatever the situation

within the club hard work and dedication is needed to earn contracts.

I was pleased to see Richard Mansell get our opening goal after 15 minutes. He was under orders to get into the box more often from his wide left midfield position, and he did so with a well-taken goal, hitting a sharp left-foot drive at the far post.

He might have had a hat-trick, with two tremendous strikes and a very good header bringing good saves from the keeper, Cheltenham's man of the match. Mansell, coming from Gloucester, was particularly keen to do well against Cheltenham, but we told him to forget about local rivalry and play with his brain. He did, and he was one of the few players I was happy with on a day when too many were below par. Ten minutes after the interval Curtis Davies headed in from a corner, and after that we should have gone on to annihilate the opposition. Instead we had to many Fancy Dans and posers on the ball and Cheltenham were allowed to escape a real battering. But overall it was a reasonable performance, with a decent defensive display on a day when we were never in danger of losing. Unfortunately we were not positive enough after stamping our authority on proceedings to go on and score the six or seven goals we might have had.

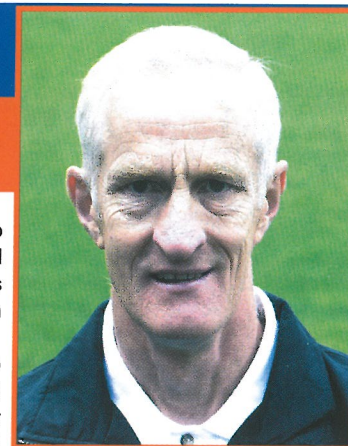
Luton Town: Barrett, Howell, Mountford, O'Leary, Deeney, Barnett, Davis, Judge (Wright 79 mins), Andrew (Freeman 75 mins), Keane, R. Mansell.

WE WERE away to Walsall on Saturday, and a report will be in the QPR programme. Next Saturday we are at home to Oxford. We play at Luton Rugby Club's ground at Newlands Road, Farley Hill, kick-off 11am, and spectators are welcome.

APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets): Barnett 4, Howell 4, Mountford 4, Keane 4, R. Mansell 4, Judge 3(1), Andrew 3(1), Deeney 3(1), Davies 3, Ridgway 3, O'Leary 3, Maitland 2, Godfrey 2, Barrett 1, Lamb 1, Wright 0(2), Freeman 0(1).

GOALS: Judge 3, Andrew 1, Barnett 1, Mansell 1, Davies 1

John Moore



Football League Youth Alliance Under-19 South East Conference

August

9	Rushden	H	3-2	Judge 2, Andrew
16	Cambridge	A	1-2	Barnett
23	Kidderminster	H	1-1	Judge

September

6	Cheltenham	H	2-0	Mansell, Davies
13	Walsall	A		
27	Oxford	H		

October

4	Northampton	H		
11	Alliance Cup 1			
18	West Brom	A		
25	Cheltenham	A		

November

1	Walsall	H		
15	Oxford	A		
22	Alliance Cup 2			
29	Northampton	A		

December

6	West Brom	H		
13	Rushden	A		

January

10	Cambridge	H		
17	Alliance Cup 3			
24	Kidderminster	A		
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FOR reasons no-one can explain, games between these two clubs at youth level are invariably scrappy and flat, and this was no exception, a forgettable match brightened only by two excellent strikes which gave Cambridge victory.

They were rare moments of quality, and were the difference between the sides. We never looked like winning after conceding a goal on 30 minutes. Before then Stuart Richardson had a couple of chances, but hit a long-range shot wide and then smashed in a terrific volley which went straight to the goalkeeper.

The opening goal came from an excellent shot, and right on half time we conceded another. We did not put enough pressure on their overlapping

left back and from his diagonal ball their man got in between our central defenders and finished really well.

For the second half we switched from 4-4-2 to 4-3-3 to put the brakes on their fullbacks' runs, and to try to get an early goal to put us back in the match. We almost got it, but Ben Robinson's low shot brought a very good save from the keeper, and neither side created a real chance after that 46th-minute effort.

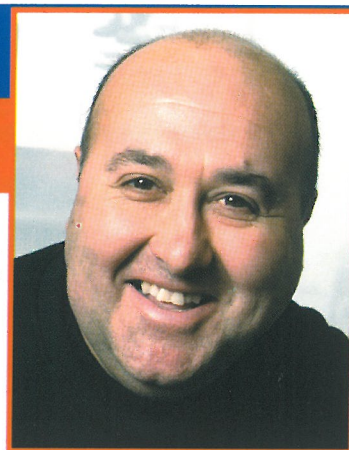
The attitude of our lads was all right, but it was not an inspiring game to watch between two sides who cancelled each other out. Our set pieces were not as effective as usual, mainly because Cambridge had a giant of a goalkeeper, and he played very well. The pitch was bone hard, which made it difficult to get the ball down and play, and I would not fault our team for their effort. Our major problem so far this season is the inability to finish off what we are creating, but to be honest our young side created very little in this match, against big, strong opposition.

Luton Town: Goodchild, Smyth, Pendleton, Burrows, Green, Tague, Hanley (Asafu'Adjaye 70 mins), S. Sinclair, R. Sinclair (Robinson HT, Preston 70 mins), Clark, Richardson.

WE WERE away to Portsmouth on Saturday, and a report will appear in the next matchday magazine. We are at home this Saturday, to Leyton Orient, and kick-off at Luton RFC is at 11am. Spectators are welcome, and admission is free.

APPEARANCES, as sub in brackets: Smyth 4, Green 4, Tague 4, Pendleton 4, S. Sinclair 4, Burrows 4, R. Sinclair 3, Richardson 3, Goodchild 3, Preston 2(2), Hanley 2, Clark 2, Farrell 1, Potter 1, Kelly 1, Field 1, McNaly 1, Asafu'Adjaye 0(3), Foley 0(1), Robinson 0(1)

Goals: Burrows 4, Preston 1



Mark Ridgway

Football League Youth Alliance Under-17 South East Conference

August

9	Brentford	A	1-2	Burrows
16	Brighton	H	1-2	Burrows
23	Rushden	A	3-1	Burrows 2, Preston

September

6	Cambridge	A	0-2	
13	Portsmouth	A		
20	L. Orient	H		
27	Southend	A		

October

4	Northampton	A		
11	Colchester	H		
18	Oxford	A		
25	QPR	H		

November

1	Gillingham	A		
8	Wycombe	H		
15	L. Orient	A		
22	Southend	H		
29	Northampton	H		

December

6	Colchester	A		
13	Oxford	H		

January

10	QPR	A		
17	Gillingham	H		
24	Wycombe	A		
31	Brentford	H		

February

7	Brighton	A		
14	Rushden	H		
21	Cambridge	H		
28	Portsmouth	H		

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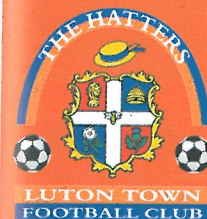
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7.25 Team Line Up Announced

7.35 Town Teaser
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7.45 THE BIG KICK OFF

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With The Luton Town Belles

THE FA Cup draw appeared to have been unkind to the Town when they were given a difficult away match against SE Premier League outfit Haywards Heath Town. But the young Belles were not fazed in the least, and took the lead after five minutes when Sam Mather found Fay Howell with a through ball and she controlled her shot well, firing into the bottom corner. The advantage was doubled Heath after ten minutes, when Michelle Byrne played a one-two with Fay Howell before going on to wrong-foot a defender to shoot too powerfully for the keeper, who could only push the ball high into the net. Luton played some neat passing football and were unlucky not to extend their lead when Rhiannon Morgan's shot was well parried by the keeper and then cleared off the line. Five minutes before half time captain Kim Hide extended the lead further, scoring direct from a 25-yard free kick from near the corner of the area. With the keeper anticipating a far post cross she brilliantly curled the ball over the wall into the near post top corner for her

first goal of the season. The 3-0 half-time lead was richly deserved, fair reward for perhaps the best half of football produced by a Belles side to date.

Heath's anticipated second half onslaught was repelled by a solid defence superbly marshalled by Becky Clark, and Heath were rarely a threat until some slack marking in the Town defence allowed the home side to pull a goal back with a well-taken volley from a corner. Belles bounced straight back and the hardworking Michelle Byrne forced indecision in the home defence and in a scramble poked the ball to Kim Hide who stroked the ball into the net from 10 yards to seal the tie at 4-1.

Town's reward is an early opportunity to avenge their play-off final defeat, when they visit Wycombe Wanderers in the next round. The opening league fixture against Leighton Linslade saw Town earn a point in a 1-1 away draw. Several first-half chances went begging as Luton created the better scoring opportunities but the home side almost grabbed the lead on the break and Town were grateful to keeper Sarah Gaitely for an excellent stop with her legs. Within 30 seconds of the restart Luton went ahead when Fay Howell raced to the bye line and player of the match and debutante Michelle Byrne converted her dangerous cross. With six minutes left and the points looking safe a glaring defensive error gifted Leighton the equaliser. Despite pressing hard Belles were unable to grab a winner although Kim Hide's injury time free kick tantalisingly dipped narrowly over the bar.



CLINCHER: Kim Hide slots home to make it 4-1 after Michelle Byrne (grounded) won the ball in a scramble.

Dave Baker

LUTON Belles organises football for girls of all ages, from six upwards. If you want to know more, or fancy being involved, e-mail Dave Baker at lutonbelles@hotmail.com. The Belles also have a website - pay a visit to www.lutontownbelles.com. Home matches are played at Stockwood Park athletics stadium, under-10 to senior on Sundays and under-10 and under-12 mini soccer on Saturdays. Fixtures details can be found on the website.

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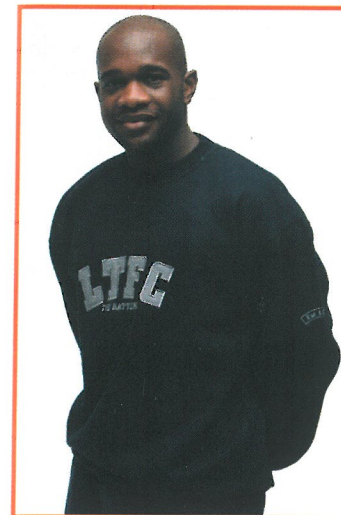
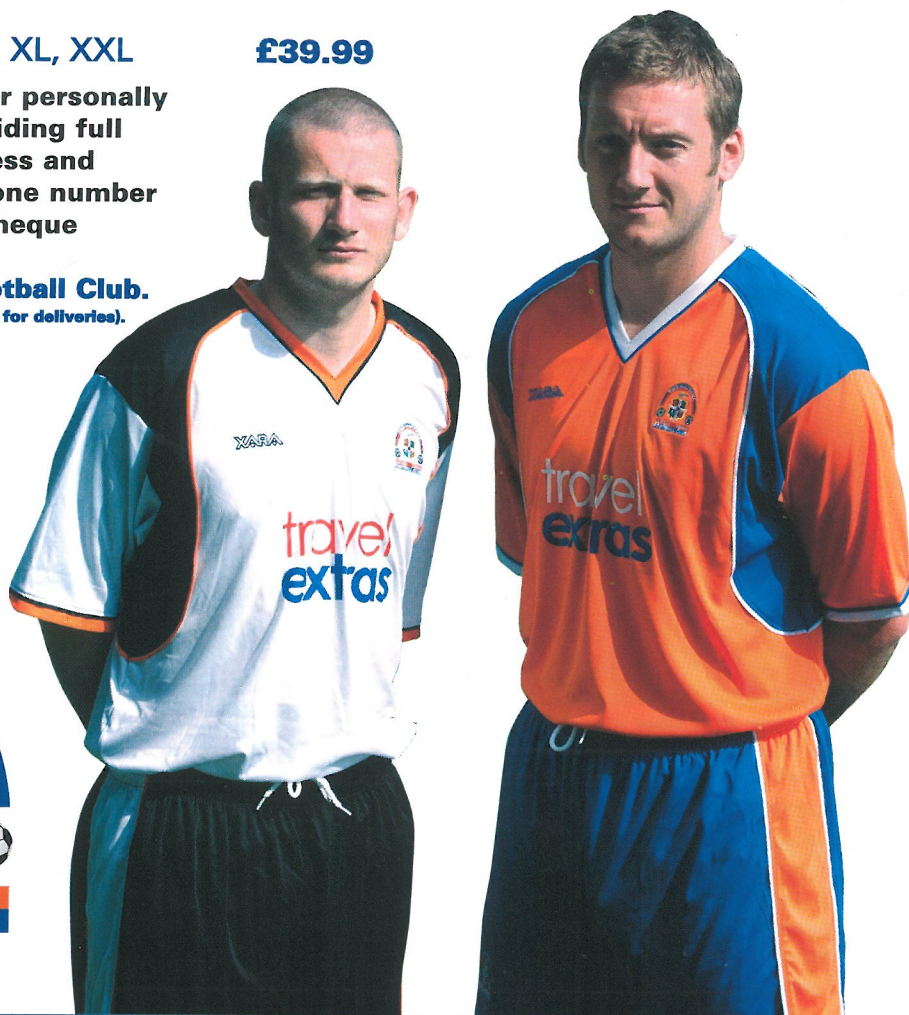
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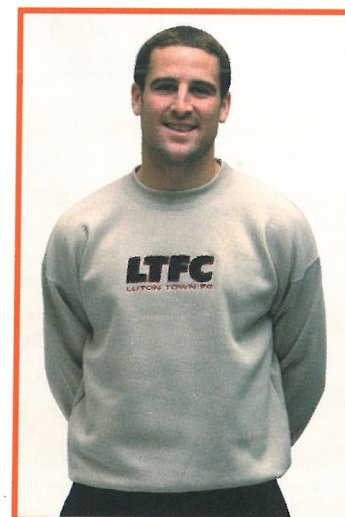
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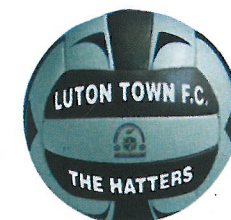
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Junior Hatters With Happy Harry



IT'S NICE to be back home again after two away games, although we enjoyed going to see the Town play at Nottingham and Plymouth.

We were able to organise trips to both games, and for the long trip to Home Park we joined forces with Town on Tour, and thank them for their co-operation. It's the longest journey of the season, and not

surprisingly we could not fill a Junior Hatters coach by ourselves, but thanks to ToT we were able to have a good day out.

We are not sure when we can next enjoy an awayday excursion, but we have an invitation to go to Ashton Gate when the Town play Bristol City on November 1. That is traditionally one of the best Junior Hatters trips of the season, and we will give you more information about it nearer the date.

Meanwhile, don't forget that we also offer a very good day out for home games as well, through the Saturday Club.

It kicks 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 during half time, and then at the end of the match, and all activities are fully supervised. The price is a bargain: £6 for Junior Hatters with season tickets, or £12 including a match ticket. There are occasional visits to the cinema and bowling alley, for a small extra charge. To book for Saturday Club please call 01582 391927 before 12 noon on the Friday before the match.

Happy Harry



VIP PARTY: Pictured before kick-off at the game against Hartlepool are the match officials and skippers as they gathered for the toss of the coin. And with them, getting a very close look at proceedings, is Aaron Coleman, 14, who was the Junior Hatters Mascot. The other young Town fan in the picture is James Beesley, the afternoon's commercial mascot.

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. There are lots of advantages, including value for money trips to away games, and the chance to be picked out as mascot at home matches - the choice is made at random from the membership list. We often also have mascots at away games, and they are picked out of the hat during the journey. For more information please call the Junior Hatters headquarters in the Community office, on 01582 391927.

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LTFC in the Community



FIRST of all today I would like to thank everybody who stayed behind after the Hartlepool match to watch the amputees international match. The England team won the game 3-0, and overleaf you can see photographs of the action.

Those who didn't stay missed the opportunity to see an overweight Community Officer struggling in goal, covering for the unavailable England keeper.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody that made our summer course so successful. The number of people that attended was by far the best response we have had so far, and this was in no small measure due to the fact that we offer the best product around, supported by appearances of players. To them I am very grateful for the time they gave up to assist me. I would also like to thank Mark Southam and Des Mahoney of Luton Borough Council for the support, financial and otherwise, to set up activities.

One of these activities was the 'Chillin' programme delivered on behalf of Luton Borough Council at Barnfield College.

The youngsters also spent a day at the ground, where they had the opportunity to meet Alan Neilson and Mike Newell, who presented their certificates and awards for the week. They also enjoyed the opportunity of a tour of the ground.

THIS summer holiday saw the first activity on the new FLAG-sponsored MUGA surface at Farley Hill Junior School. As Farley Hill is a Sports Action Zone and eligible for grant support from the Sport Action

Zone Fund, Des Mahoney and Toni Chivers were able to provide financial support for the project. Thanks to them we will be able to offer more subsidised events in the area.

These will begin with a series of evening sessions beginning later this month. If you live on Farley Hill and would like to participate please call the office on 01582 391927.

I would like to finish today with some excellent news, I have managed to secure a joint sponsorship deal from two companies A.M.A. Austin Ltd and GLO Hire and Sales, and thanks to their generosity both the Junior Hatters and The Community Department will be able to benefit. They have also expressed an interest in discussing a more long-term arrangement, which will benefit us financially and also use the expertise of their workforce.

Their first offer is to decorate and renovate the Junior Hatters room. I am grateful to Justin Horne of A.M.A. Austin and Neon Lane of GLO Hire and Sales for their support. I would also like to pass on my thanks to the committee of Trust in Luton for their assistance in brokering the sponsorship.

We will again be able to Sportsmatch this sponsorship, under which we receive a pound for pound donation administered by the Institute of Sports Sponsorships on behalf of the government and Sport England to boost grass roots sport.

More good news is that our application for Sportsmatch on the sponsorship earlier this season from GIS Windows, of Sundon Park, has been approved and we will be presented with the Sportsmatch cheque on the pitch at half time tonight.

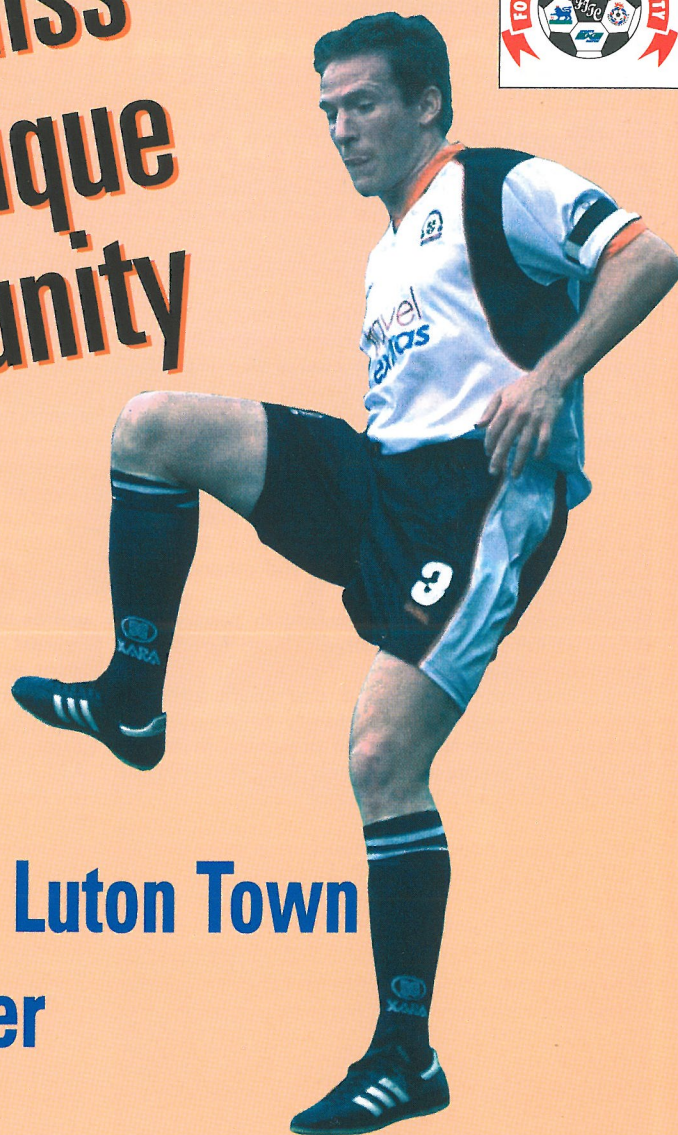
Stuart Smith



EVERY ONE A WINNER: The boys and girls who attended our 'Chillin' programme, pictured at Kenilworth Road. Mike Newell and Alan Neilson are in the back row.



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Coaching From Luton Town First Team Player Alan Neilson

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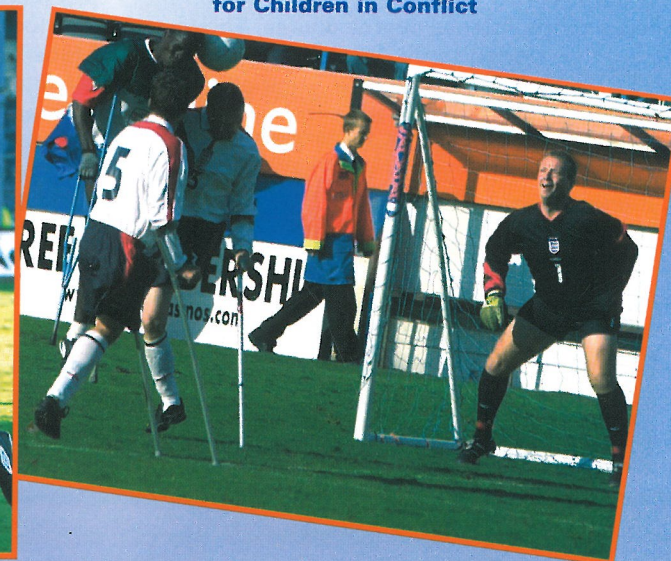
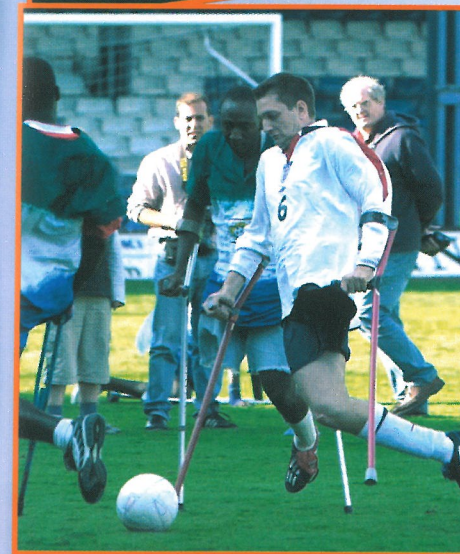
Amputee's International Football Match England 3 Sierra Leone 0

A HAT-TRICK hat from Campbell Coe guided England home in a match which demonstrated astonishing agility and skill by players who showed how apparently overwhelming physical difficulties can be overcome.

England controlled the game throughout and the only blemish was the conceding of a penalty, which was blazed over the crossbar.

The match was warmly received by the crowd and media personnel – look out for the match report in December's Four Four Two magazine.

England captain Steve Johnson was delighted with the team's performance and with the hospitality of Luton Town FC, and he would like to bring the team back for another game in the not too distant future.



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Stuart Smith
Football in the Community Officer
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8th Sept 2003

Dear Stuart Smith

On behalf of the AFC team and the Sierra Leone Amputee Team, I would like to thank you for providing free tickets for the Luton Town v Hartlepool United match, for hosting the exhibition match and for providing refreshments. It was an exciting day, and the amputees enjoyed every moment of that day! It has most definitely formed some positive memories. After the tour they went home with a pride in their step and as one of the amputees said 'We are no longer just victims of conflict but ambassadors for peace!'

It may interest you to know that the Play 4 Hope tour was a success. The Sierra Leone Amputee Football Team played in total 6 matches against Southend Amputee Football Team, Everton Amputee Football Team, the Mini-tournament, and the international team against England Amputee Football Team.

Unfortunately they didn't win any of the matches, but the purpose of the tour was not about winning but to act as a catalyst leading to a long-term improvement for the amputee community and disability sports Sierra Leone. The scores were:-

- v Southend Amputees 2:1 to Southend
- v Everton Amputees 3:0 to Everton
- Mini-tournament won 2, lost 2
- Exhibition match 3:0 to England
- v England Amputees 4:1 to England

Once again, thank you so much for your support in helping these young men defy all odds of survival after brutally losing their limbs at the hands of the rebels in the vicious ten-year civil war in Sierra Leone!

With warm regards,

Julie Tsang

Julie Tsang
Development Executive

Shirley House, Luton

**Letter of thanks received from Action
for Children in Conflict**

Chattering Hatter

WITH his leading scorer suspended and captain injured and unavailable for anything up to three months, Town manager Mike Newell was yesterday looking at possibilities to bring in at least one new player.

In view of the Town's circumstances, the Football League have relaxed their transfer embargo enough to enable the boss to sign one player on contract. He can also bring in one on loan, as a replacement for Courtney Pitt, who has gone back to Portsmouth for treatment for an Achilles injury.

Steve Howard completes his two-match suspension this evening, but on Saturday Paul Hughes will miss the QPR match, serving a one-game ban.

Howard's replacement at Plymouth was Londoner Enoch Showunmi, a 21-year-old trialist we first saw in pre-season games. Lanky and awkward for defenders to handle, he is a non-contract player, and put himself about a bit, to the ire of Plymouth's players and fans. He was booked for persistent infringement of the rules on 27 minutes after tangling with Paul Wotton, and after a clash of heads with Graham Coughlan, Plymouth's other centre-half, home fans expected – and demanded – a red card. The ref settled for a long lecture, but the manager then subbed the striker. The boss said afterwards that he felt Showunmi did not have a fair crack of the whip from the officials. Unattached to any league club after completing a sports science degree course, Showunmi could be signed to fill one of the two "vacancies" acknowledged by the Football League. But with his transfer dealings restricted so much, the boss has to get any decision exactly right. The Town are in a situation where the manager cannot afford to make a mistake when he chooses recruits – one loan and one contract is all he can do, with no question of going for a second option if one doesn't work out.

Kevin Nicholls is recovering from a knee operation to cure a problem which had been bothering him for some time. The surgery, eight days ago, went well, but the skipper could be out of action for between eight and 12 weeks.

Steve Robinson has come through a successful operation to clear up scar tissue from a previous back injury, and the manager said: "The signs are that it has done the job."

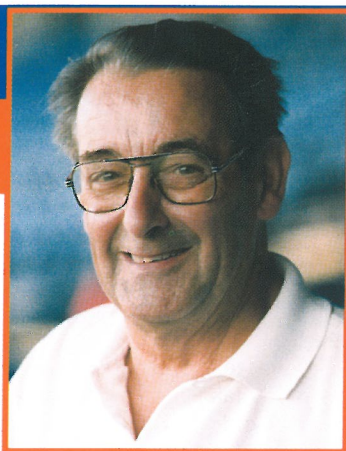
Lee Mansell has recovered from an ankle ligament injury, and was on the bench at Plymouth, and Russell Perrett should be in training this week to complete his recovery after a groin operation.

The injury to Pitt was a blow to the player and to the Town, because the boss was delighted at the way he slotted into the side, and it looked as though the midfielder's loan would be extended by mutual consent. It was due to end after the game at Notts County, but Pitt was injured in the previous match, against Hartlepool, and until the extent of his injury absence is known the player will remain with Portsmouth. He might be available for a nominal fee.

Rumours continue to abound about other clubs trying to snatch Town players. Sheffield Wednesday were turned down when they offered £150,000 for Steve Howard, with the striker having the crucial say in that decision. Ironically, Wednesday then signed Adam Proudlock from Wolves, who was named by Joe Kinnear last season as a player he wanted to bring to Kenilworth Road.

Brian Swain

A full report and pictures of the Plymouth game will appear in Saturday's programme.



The Second Division Vale Riding High

BEATEN only once this season, Port Vale come to Kenilworth Road this evening as league leaders, and with Brian Horton, one of the best skippers the Town ever had, proud owner of September's manager of the month award.

It is a prize which traditionally sees its recipient promptly fall from grace, but not so in the case of 53-year-old Horton, who was brought to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1981 to captain the side which won the old Second Division championship. Midlands-born, his previous clubs had included Port Vale. He returned to the club as manager in January 1999.

The former midfielder and inspirational skipper has survived some rocky times at Vale Park, including administration and major financial problems, but this season Vale have hit a purple patch.

Saturday saw them earn a crucial victory. In third place, Vale entertained league leaders Barnsley, and replaced them at the top with a 3-1 victory. It was Barnsley's first defeat of the campaign.

Down at the other end of the table Notts County, given a three-month reprieve by the Football League to come out of administration, celebrated

with their first win of the campaign, 1-0 at Chesterfield. Paul Bolland's strike was only the third league goal County have managed so far this season. Chesterfield, who are now the only team in the Second Division without a win, replaced County in bottom spot in a table where one or two results can still make a huge difference.

The Town's defeat at Plymouth dropped them to 12th place, but only one win away from the top four. The weekend's most astonishing result was at Hartlepool, where the team who had to go three down at Kenilworth Road before they started to play showed a very different side to their character. They went 4-0 up in the first 31 minutes against Grimsby, before running out 8-1 winners, the season's biggest Second Division win so far. Paul Robinson, who converted a penalty at Kenilworth Road, tucked away another as part of a hat-trick, and the victory sent Hartlepool up eight places, to fourth.

Promotion favourites Sheffield Wednesday, playing in front of home crowds averaging 23,600 will be hoping the Town can do them a favour tonight. Wednesday, including Paul McLaren, let a two-goal lead slip and had to settle for a point from a home game with Stockport on Saturday. That left them second in the table, one of eight teams who have lost only once in the first seven outings.

Port Vale's only reverse was 2-0 at Hartlepool three weeks ago. In their other away games they beat Grimsby 2-1 and drew 2-2 at Stockport, and they have a 100 per cent home record, with victories over Bournemouth, Colchester, Brentford and Barnsley.

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Tonight's Other Second Division Games

Barnsley v Oldham
Bournemouth v Sheffield Wednesday
Brentford v Blackpool
Brighton v Chesterfield
Bristol City v Tranmere
Grimsby v Swindon
Notts Co v Rushden & D
Peterborough v Plymouth
Stockport v Hartlepool
Wrexham v QPR
Wycombe v Colchester

Luton Town League & Cup

2003/2004 Date	Opponents	D2 Last Season (LT first)	Venue	Kick Off Time/Result	Score (LT first)	Attendance	Competition/Position	Referee	Yellow Cards (LT first)	Red Cards (LT first)	Goalkeepers																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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NEXT AT KENILWORTH ROAD
Nationwide League Division Two
Luton Town v Queens Park Rangers
Saturday September 20, kick-off 3pm

Penalties 1 (S) scored 0 (M) missed = 100% Success 23 Aug K.Nicholls (S)	Attendance Statistics (All Competitions) Highest Home 6,878 Average Home 5,639 Lowest Home 4,337 Highest Away 9,894 Average Away 7,142 Lowest Away 4,566	Started Match 8 0 0 Substitute (Used) 0 0 0 Total 2003/2004 Apps 8 0 0 Total 2003/2004 Goals 0 0 0 Substitute (Unused) 0 8 0 Single Yellow Card 1 0 0 First YC leading to RC 0 0 0 Second YC = RC 0 0 0 Straight Red Card 0 0 0 Total LTFC Career Apps 12 0 0 Total LTFC Career Goals 0 0 0 Squad Number 47 33 Position Goalkeepers	Alan NEILSON 6 8 8 Kevin FOLEY 1 1 1 Chris COYNE 1 1 5
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2003-2004 Statistics & Fixtures

Defenders															Midfielders										Forwards					Own Goals			
17	22	24	23									4	8	21	14	18	44	7	38	32							9	19	34		25	16	
Emmerson BOYCE	David BAYLISS	Sol DAVIS	Ian HILLIER									Matthew SPRING	Kevin NICHOLLS	Paul HUGHES	Courtney PITT	Ahmet BRKOVIC	Parys OKAI	Adrian FORBES	Michael LEARY	Lee MANSELL								Tony THORPE	Steve HOWARD	Dean CROWE	Gary MCSHEFFREY	Enoch SHOWUNMI	
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Tonight's Squads



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Manager: Mike Newell

Manager: Brian Horton

3	Alan NEILSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Matthew SPRING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Russell PERRETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Adrian FORBES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Kevin NICHOLLS	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Steve ROBINSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Chris COYNE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16	Enoch SHOWUNMI	<input type="checkbox"/>
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18	Ahmet BRKOVIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19	Steve HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Paul HUGHES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22	David BAYLISS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23	Ian HILLIER	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Sol DAVIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25	Gary McSHEFFREY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
32	Lee MANSELL	<input type="checkbox"/>
33	Dean BRILL	<input type="checkbox"/>
34	Dean CROWE	<input type="checkbox"/>
38	Michael LEARY	<input type="checkbox"/>
39	Steven O'LEARY	<input type="checkbox"/>
41	Kevin FOLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
43	Matthew JUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	Parys OKAI	<input type="checkbox"/>
45	Leon BARNETT	<input type="checkbox"/>
47	Rob BECKWITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1	Mark GOODLAD	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	George PILKINGTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Ian BRIGHTWELL	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Andreas LIPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Michael WALSH	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Sam COLLINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Neil BRISCO	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Michael CUMMINS	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Stephen BROOKER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Steve MCPHEE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Marc BRIDGE-WILKINSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Dean DELANEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	Levi REID	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Mark BOYD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15	Ian ARMSTRONG	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Steve ROWLAND	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Chris BIRCHALL	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Billy PAYNTER	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Simon ELDERSHAW	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Adrian LITTLEJOHN	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Liam BURNS	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Ryan BROWN	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Joe MOLLOY	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Jonathon BRAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tonight's Officials

Referee: Joe Ross, London

Assistants: Ray Lee, Essex (red and yellow flag)

Chris Francis, Cambridgeshire (yellow flag)

Fourth official: Patrick Miller, Bedfordshire

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